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\*Edward "Gus" Galley  
\*Ann Hill



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## South Amboy and Sayreville Police Memorial Service



The South Amboy Police Department held its annual memorial service on May 16th. Pictured with Patrolman Christopher Norek (l) and Police Chief Darren LaVigne (r) is the family of Late Chief of Police Leroy Kurtz. The family placed the wreath in front of the Officer Mourning monument. (Photo/info by Brian Stratton)



The Borough of Sayreville Police Dept. held its annual Memorial Service on May 12th. Police officers are pictured standing at attention during the ceremony, while spectators who were on hand to honor the deceased policemen are also shown. (Photo by Officer Charlie Teator, Sayreville P.D.)

### American Legion Fundraiser

The members of Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy are conducting a fundraising event honoring fallen veterans, our members, families, friends and supporters. The funds raised by this program will be used to help with the building of a new post. We will be selling through a

custom order a 4" x 8" or 8" x 8" brick that will allow 4 lines of engraving. Supporters can have their family's names (first and last), or a comment (in memory of) etc.

On behalf of the entire membership of Luke A. Lovely American Legion Post #62, we thank you for your support.

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For more information contact Robert W. Moglia, 732-236-1596 or Gary Poland 2-470-7527.

### 1st Annual Food Truck Festival

On June 18, 2022 Enterprise Fire Co. Truck 8 will host a food truck festival from 11am to 7pm at 107 George St., South Amboy. The event will include music, vendors, kids events a beer garden and of course great food! Come on out and support the Enterprise Fire Co.



### Flag Retirement Service-June 14

American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post & Unit 62 of South Amboy will hold their annual Flag Retirement Service on Tuesday, June 14th, 6 p.m. at the Fisherman's Beach in South Amboy. All are invited to bring their used flags for the service.

### Sayreville War Memorial High School Hall of Fame



The 2022 Inductees into the Sayreville War Memorial High School Hall of Fame are (left to right): William D'Amico Class of 1973; Chris Beagan Class of 1990; Farrah Reilly Class of 1994; Steve Casano Class of 1985; M. Harrick (accepting for) Matthew Lynch, deceased Class of 1985. (Photo/info submitted)



Mayor Fred Henry is pictured near the renovation of the Allie Clark Athletic Complex in South Amboy. (Photo/info submitted)

### Athletic Field Renovation Reaches Critical Milestone

Yesterday was a pivotal day in the ongoing renovation of the Allie Clark Athletic Complex in South Amboy when representatives of Land Tek began the installation of the new artificial turf.

"While the project will not be completed until July 1 the installation of the turf is a visual representation of just how hard we have worked over the winter to deliver this state-of-the-art athletic facility for South Amboy's youth", said Mayor Fred Henry.

With the generous support of the Middlesex County Board of Commissioners, who provided 1.5 million dollars in matching funds, the project will result in the complete

re-construction of three of the five fields at the complex. Future phases will include the renovation of the two remaining fields at the complex.

"During the winter months there was a great deal of excavation on site and it was difficult to appreciate just how comprehensive this improvement would be" said Mayor Henry. "We are very excited to cut the ribbon on this project this summer".

The complex, which is named after NY Yankees Allie Clark, is home to the South Amboy Youth Athletic Association and is a mainstay in the City's youth recreation program.

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**Getting Together Again**

(Photos/info by Tom Burkard)



Pictured above (l-r) Frank Notaro, former varsity baseball coach at Cardinal McCarrick HS, Bill "Biff" McKeon, of Indiana, a former pro baseball player, MLB scout, educator, high school baseball coach, and much more, Marge Gorczyca, "Biff's" sister, who hosted the reunion/get-together, and Elizabeth McKeon, "Biff's" wife. Everyone had a great time reminiscing and catching up.

**Talk Of The Towns**

By Tom Burkard

**Colleen's Kitchen Outstanding Catering**

Carol Johnson owner of Colleen's Kitchen in South Amboy, and her staff did an outstanding job catering at the Celebration of the life of William J. "Billy" Scully on May 7th at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Hall on Fourth St. Over 50 people attended, and everyone loved the large selection of tasty foods and desserts. Great job, Carol and crew!

**Great Future For Elias Point**

Elias Point, 18-year old son of former South Amboy Police Office/Attorney-At-Law Robert "Bob" Point and Jasmin Point is a tremendously talented young man, who is a well-known singer, actor, model and host in the Philippines. The future is looking very bright for this young man who has appeared on TV and many other events over the last few years.

**Deibert To Leave St. Mary's**

Christopher M.C. Deibert, Director of Music at St. Mary's Church for over 23 years, has accepted a new position as Director of Sacred Music for the Cathedral of St. Francis Metuchen. Bishop Checchio appointed him to the role of Diocesan Liturgical Director, starting the third week of June. Best of luck, Christopher, and thank you for your outstanding work at St. Mary's.

**A PRAYER FOR HEALING**

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

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**Pleasant Little TRIVIA** By Tom Burkard

- In 1981, where was Hubbard's Cupboard located in South Amboy?  
a. South Stevens Ave. b. South Broadway c. North Broadway
- What year did the Skate Park open in Sayreville?  
a. 1987 b. 1999 c. 2003
- This pizza place was located on North Stevens Ave., South Amboy in '81?  
a. Eddie's Casino Pizza b. Downtown Pizza & Subs c. Starbright
- The 2006 Grand Marshal of the Sayreville Memorial Day Parade?  
a. Joe Rudy b. Joe Ziemba c. Roy Place
- This bar was located on the corner of South Broadway and John St. in 1981?  
a. The Sligo House b. Lions Den c. English's Pub
- Commander of the Sayreville VFW Memorial Post 4699 for 1997-98?  
a. Bob DeLucia b. George Monks c. Ken Kelly Sr.
- Elected Commander of American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post 62, South Amboy in 1982-83?  
a. Charles Reilly b. Walter Lucovitz c. Dave Boyd
- In 2012, what section of Sayreville was Mondello's II Pizza & Italian Restaurant located?  
a. Melrose b. Morgan c. Oak Tree
- What year did St. Mary's HS have its 1st Annual Golf Outing?  
a. 1939 b. 1997 c. 2014
- Selected Sayreville Business Leader of the Year for 2012 by the Old Bridge-Sayreville-South Amboy Chamber of Commerce?  
a. John Lincoln b. Mary Kranitzky c. Dennis Bello
- \*Bonus Question: In '97, where was Pepperhead's Pub & Steak House located?  
a. South Amboy b. Laurence Harbor c. Sayreville

Answers 5c 6a 7a 8b 9b 10c 11b

## South Amboy Middle/High School



**Congratulations!**



Throughout the school year, the Middle/High School teaching staff nominate students for the student of the month award. The nominations are based on character, school spirit, and academic integrity. For April, we are happy to announce our winners. Pictured from left to right: Principal - Dr. P. McCabe, students: J. Almazo Delgado - 6th grade, E. Kelly - 7th grade, L. Jean - 8th grade, G. Pierre - 9th grade, C. Grace - 10th grade, K. Carroll - 11th grade, and J. Sanco - 12th grade. (Photos/info submitted)



Kevin Duncan (President of the Middlesex County Construction and Building Trades Council), Anthony Conrad, Mayor Fred Henry, Stephen Santola (Executive Vice President of Woodmont Properties), Eric Chubenko (Executive Director South Amboy Redevelopment Agency). (Photos/info submitted)

### Woodmont Industrial Partners & Jingoli Celebrate Groundbreaking In South Amboy

Ground-up project to bring Class A warehouse space to redevelopment zone

Woodmont Industrial Partners (WIP) and Joseph Jingoli & Son, Inc. (Jingoli) held a groundbreaking ceremony today at 111 Main Street in South Amboy, New Jersey. Located in the Broadway/Main Street redevelopment zone, the site spans 22 acres and will comprise 152,100 square feet of Class A warehouse space at completion.

"The development at 111 Main Street will benefit South Amboy both economically and socially for years to come," said South Amboy Mayor, Fred Henry. "We're thankful to have Woodmont and Jingoli involved in the revitalization of this area of the City. We look forward to the redevelopment generating quality union jobs and providing necessary environmental restoration to the site."

In addition to ample square footage, the development will include 22 dock doors, with an additional 22 knock-out doors available if desired by a tenant; abundant trailer and car parking; and a 36' clear height.

"It's been a pleasure working with the City of South Amboy, which continues to demonstrate the importance of a forward-thinking municipal government that understands market trends and economic development. Woodmont shares the City's vision for the project as well as the importance of local redevelopment," said Stephen Santola, Executive Vice President

of Woodmont Properties. "We look forward to the completion of 111 Main Street as well as our ongoing expansion in New Jersey and beyond."

"South Amboy offers employers an appealing Central New Jersey location, less than 10 minutes from several main thoroughfares," said Anthony Amadeo, Vice President of WIP. "With the construction of 111 Main Street, we're able to capitalize on this prime location and bring high-quality industrial space to an area that is experiencing unprecedented demand for the asset class."

WIP and Jingoli joined forces several years ago to develop the property. In late 2021, the South Amboy Planning Board unanimously approved the project.

Over the past year, WIP has executed several key acquisitions in the most active industrial growth markets in the country, adding approximately 8 million square feet to its portfolio. The team breaks ground on projects in South Brunswick and Woodbridge, New Jersey this summer. In early 2022, WIP also acquired 2401 West Emmaus Avenue in Allentown, Pennsylvania consisting of a 91,350-square-foot building on 13.75 acres, with plans to reposition the site into a state-of-the-art Class A facility that will meet the Lehigh Valley market's demand for industrial space as vacancies hit a record low.

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## Yearbook-St. Mary's 1977

By Tom Burkard

As St. Mary's senior class of '77 returned to school for its final year in Sept. 1976, they probably heard the top hit, "You Should Be Dancing," by The Bee Gees. At the Augusta Street school, Father McConnell was pastor, Sister Joan Gavron, principal, Sister Geraldine, vice principal, and Gary Schreiber, disciplinarian. Other faculty members included Sister Rosemary Malauge, Adele Baluk, Andrew Joyce, Rosemarie Koroluk, Brother Vincent Gartland, Francis Norek, Gary Linderoth and Sharon Lee. In Nov. '76, Jimmy Carter narrowly won the presidency over Gerald Ford, and while at the Eagles Den...The "Happening" was tons of fun for everyone, as was the Faculty vs. NY Yankees basketball game...Some of the Eagles' fine coaches were: Sister Donna Campbell, gymnastics; Steve Nestinger, girls cross country, and girls basketball; Mary Jo Kugle, softball; Kevin Boises, boys tennis; Jim McConville, golf. Fabulous seniors, selected randomly included: Lizabeth Avellan, Martin

Biancamano, Robert Bulman, John Carroll, Thomas Caterina, Ann Marie Cattano, James Cosentino, Joseph Creed, Susan Cook, Barry and Brian Davies, Michael Durnye, Cathy Downs, John Dibling, Cheryl Gorczyca, Michael Harvey, Anna Holton, Sheila Kress, Teresa Lupo, Chris & Lynn Meade, Eleanor Munk, Mary McQuade, Tim O'Malley, Nora O'Connor, Donna Pearson, Warren Rapplea, Tom Rogers, Tom Reilly, Ellen Smith, Lauren Space, Richard Szaro, Linda Toto, Douglas Volosin, James Vona, Catherine Zebro, James Grover, Patricia Scarangelo, Linda Bernhardt, Patricia Grieco...Some of the top senior athletes included: Steve Blaha, Francis Cheeseman, Tim Connor, John Connors, Michael DeJoy, John McNamara, Jeffrey Wilusz. St. Mary's HS Class of 1977 was a wonderful group of fascinating personalities, with so much to offer to the big world that awaited them after graduation. It's been 45 years, but this class will always be remembered!



## South Amboy Beach Cleanup Draws Hundreds

(Photo/Story Submitted)

Hundreds of volunteers descended on the South Amboy beachfront today to participate in a large-scale beach cleanup. Participants from the International We Love You Foundation, Amazon employees, and local residents pitched in to remove debris, pick up litter, and even plant wildflowers at the City's Fisherman's lot.

"We are very grateful that the hundreds of volunteers gave freely of their time today to participate in this event. The positive energy and "can do" attitude of the volunteers was simply amazing!", said Mayor Fred Henry.

City Council President Mickey Gross echoed that sentiment when he said "We are thankful to The International We Love You Foundation and the Amazon employees who volunteered today. Our waterfront is

a precious natural resource, and our Green Team/Clean Communities Coordinator works constantly to bring events like this to South Amboy."

South Amboy is home to approximately one mile of shoreline on the Raritan Bay. As part of their ongoing redevelopment efforts the City is planning to move forward with the construction of an additional waterfront walkway this year to provide additional public access to Raritan Bay.

"Our goal has been and will continue to be the transformation of vacant waterfront property into a comprehensive publicly accessible recreational area to complement all of the growth we have worked so hard to achieve." Said Mayor Henry.

## Veterans Plaza Project

The City of South Amboy is in the working stages of the construction of a Veterans Plaza which will be located on Bordentown Ave. on the abandoned lot next to the gazebo park.

Back in 2020 the property was donated to the city from the Estate of the Lilian Applegate Family to be utilized by the city for a park or other neighborhood friendly space.

The plaza will designate all branches of the United States Military, flag poles, a bronze inscription plaque with wordage thanking the men and woman from South Amboy that served in the military, a Purple Heart Monument, in addition, the marble soldier statue that has stood guard over the city for many years will be moved from city hall to the center of the plaza where he will continue to do his duty. On the base of the soldier monument will have the names of the men that gave the ultimate sacrifice,

their lives for our freedom. The plaza will be landscaped with lighting, bushes, shrubs and benches to add to the serenity of the plaza.

A groundbreaking ceremony will take place before the Memorial Days Service at the gazebo on May 29, 2022. The American Legion Service commences at 9 AM. The official dedication ceremony for the plaza will take place on Veterans Day in November 2022. More information will follow as it occurs.

In addition, American Legion Post #62 is holding a fundraising project to generate funds for the construction of a new American Legion building. 4x8 or 8x8 bricks can be purchased thru the American Legion Post #62 with an etching with the veterans or family names and will be placed at the new Veterans Plaza.

This Veterans Plaza will only add to the beautification of the city's open spaces.

## CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

South Amboy First Aid & Safety Squad, Inc. will be hosting a Car Wash fundraiser June 11th 2022 from 9am-3pm. Cost is \$7.00 per vehicle. All proceeds will go directly to South Amboy First Aid Squad, Inc.

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## Remembering 1982

By Elaine Holton Scott

40 long years have passed by since 1982....for those of us who can remember, our youth has passed us by, too. Let's just take a look at how life was back then.

In 1982, the average income was \$21,000; Average cost of a new house \$82,000 and an existing house \$67,800; Average rent/month \$320; Average cost of a new car \$7,999 to the more expensive \$13,500, while a gallon of gas cost 91 cents, and a pack of name brand cigarettes 60 cents.

40 years ago, a gallon of milk cost \$2.24; eggs 79 cents a dozen; Apples 79 cents/lb; a pint of Strawberries 59 cents; 16 oz. pack of Bacon \$1.79; name-brand 32 oz. bottle of ketchup 99 cents.

From checking the newspaper ads available under Archives on the dowdell.org site, via the old Citizen, the now defunct Foodtown was advertising Sirloin Tip Roasts, Shoulder Roasts and Boneless Chuck Roasts all for \$1.67 per lb, Top Roasts, \$1.87, Rump Roasts and Eye Round Roasts for \$1.99 per lb., Polska Kielbasy 16 oz. \$1.99, Soup Chickens 69 cents per lb. Deli sliced Boiled Ham \$1.99 per lb. Sold by the pound: Chicken thighs \$.89, Chicken drumsticks \$.99, and Pork loin \$1.39. From the same issue, Foodtown was selling a 5 lb. bag of flour for 79 cents, a 16 oz box of spaghetti for \$.39, a 5 lb. bag of Baking potatoes \$.89, Cottage cheese 16 oz. for \$.99, and a whopping FIVE cents for a can of Campbell's Chicken noodle soup!

In 1982, while Ronald Reagan was in the White House, the top news story was the UK's Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, sending warships to stop the unrest in the Falkland Islands without a moment's hesitation. Another headliner was Monaco's Princess Grace losing her life when the car she was driving in Monte Carlo plunged off a cliff when going around a sharp curve. She died the next day, September 14th, from her injuries. Princess Grace, originally the movie star Grace Kelly, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was only 52 years old at the time of her death.

Four decades ago, the #1 song of the year was Michael Jackson's Thriller. #2- Eye of the Tiger by Joan Jett & the Blackhearts along with charting at #3- I Love Rock 'n' Roll. #4- "Don't You Want Me?" by the Human League. #5-Ebony & Ivory by Paul McCartney and Stevie Wonder. #6- Down Under by Men (one of my top favorites) at work.

The most popular TV shows in 1982, a time when watching TV was FREE, were: Mash, Little House on the Prairie, Columbo, Cheers, Alice, The Dukes of Hazzard, Three's Company, Barney Miller, Dallas, Laverne & Shirley, T.J. Hooker, Dynasty, Different Strokes, Taxi, Family Ties, Hart to Hart, Mork and Mindy, Cagney and Lacey, Wild Kingdom, Knott's Landing, and the British comedy, 'Allo, 'Allo.

Top Box Office Hits: Tootsie, Blade Runner, Victor/Victoria, Ghandi, The Thing (remake from the original 1951 movie), 48 Hours, The Verdict, E.T., the Extra Terrestrial, Diner, Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan, Conan the Barbarian, Annie, Rocky III, First Blood, An Officer and a Gentleman, Grease 2, Poltergeist, The World According to Garp.

Top Fashion 40 years ago for young females: Cheap was "in"....cheap looking "puffy" dress clothes, puffy hair, bright pink lipstick, bright colors. For adult women the "power look was "in" thanks to the TV shows Dallas and Dynasty....dramatic but expertly applied make-up, coiffed hair, padded shoulders on expensive suits.

At the same time 4 long decades ago, men dumped the cheap Leisure suits, shirts with long pointy collars and gold chains. "Out," too, were the badly imitated Beatles' kind of hair cuts and Afros. "In" was athletic styles for casual wear for both young and old. The most popular style of all was the Don Johnson preppy look, only complete with well-groomed hair and, of course, Boaters minus the socks.

"Those were the days, my friends, we thought they'd never end..." but they did.

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## Sayreville Fishing Derby

(Photos/Story Submitted)



After a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19 pandemic related gathering restrictions, Sayreville Recreation's annual Fishing Derby returned to Kennedy Park on Saturday, May 14.

Nearly 100 young anglers ages three to 15 cast their fishing lines into the pond trying to catch the biggest fish.

Also at the event was the Sayreville Police Community Outreach team who provided lessons and assistance to those new to fishing, led by Officer Fischer.

"We are thrilled to be able to bring back this annual tradition and event to our schedule," said Sayreville Recreation Director Brian VanDongen regarding the fishing derby. "It is a perfect day for fishing."

Prizes of fishing poles, tackle boxes, and fishing nets were awarded in five age groups in addition to an overall champion.

Samantha Braun was the grand champion for catching a 13" catfish, the biggest fish

caught amongst all the age groups.

### Age group place winners were:

#### Age 3 to 4:

1st place: Emma Aich; 2nd place: Chase Doby; 3rd place: Athena Olivero

#### Age 5 to 6:

1st place: Noah Poulsen; 2nd place: Kelly DuChemin; 3rd place: Liam Poulsen

#### Age 7 to 8:

1st place: Luca Grasso; 2nd place: Jacob; 3rd place: Jmavie Murphy

#### Age 9 to 10:

1st place: Austin Yu; 2nd place: Daniel Murphy; 3rd place: Colin Maher

#### Age 11 to 12:

1st place: Anna Barreiro; 2nd place: Jaden Phillips; 3rd place: Chase Markowski

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## FIREWORKS SHOW TO RETURN OVER THE RARITAN BAY!

Joint cities' announce their citywide events celebrating Independence Day.

Mayor Helmin J. Caba of the City of Perth Amboy and Mayor Fred Henry of the City of South Amboy announced today the fireworks display and local festivities as part of the traditional 4th of July celebration on Saturday, July 2, 2022, along the Raritan Bay. Barry Rosengarten, Chair of Celebrate Perth Amboy, co-chairs Mickey Gross, Council President of South Amboy, and William Petrick, Council President of Perth Amboy, also joined with Father Ivan Turyk of Assumption Catholic Church, city staff, and sponsors at the Cornucopia Cruise Line's Charles Riverboat (dockside).

"Our July 2nd Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks Spectacular would not be possible without the generosity of all of our sponsors," stated Barry Rosengarten. "They invest in our event, but more importantly, they invest in our communities and become a part of it."

The 25-minute fireworks program, scheduled for 9:20 PM over the Raritan Bay, will launch over 3,000 shells and effects, including glittering, strobe, and whistling, with various colors synchronized to a patriotic musical compilation produced by Garden State Fireworks. The Mayors announced, along with this year's fireworks program, local celebrations, including food trucks, arts and crafts vendors, and live music starting at 3 PM on Sadowski Parkway in Perth Amboy and at the Raritan Bay Waterfront Park in South Amboy.

## Local Law Enforcement Families Thru The Years-Part 3

Schnyderite, Raymond- NYPD-patrolman; Robert-NYPD-detective; Richard- New Jersey State Police Officer.

McKeon, Capt. Edward-South Amboy PD; Edward's granddaughters-Sandy Crowe-NJ Transit (retired); Melissa Candurra-Old

"We are ready to celebrate with a renewed sense of hope and a salute to our country's bravery and extraordinary achievement," stated Mayor Helmin J. Caba. Thanks to our generous sponsors, and the City of South Amboy, we continue this great tradition.

"We are happy to partner with the City of Perth Amboy, stated Mayor Henry. "We are looking forward to a great Independence Day Celebration, especially since it falls on July 2, just as our second President John Adams envisioned it."

The best views to enjoy the Celebrate Stars & Stripes Fireworks Spectacular Show will be from Sadowski Parkway in Perth Amboy, the Raritan Bay Waterfront Park in South Amboy, or the comforts of home on Facebook Live @cityofperthamboy from the Raritan Yacht Club. Fox Sports New Jersey 93.5 FM/ 1450 AM will be airing the soundtrack synced to the fireworks display.

"I am proud to be a part of our Independence Day Celebration, stated Mickey Gross. "The collaboration between Perth Amboy & South Amboy is one of deep respect and appreciation."

Following the press conference, a luncheon was held to recognize the sponsors. For more information to become an official sponsor of the Celebrate Stars and Stripes Fireworks Spectacular or a vendor, visit [www.celebratestarsandstripes.com](http://www.celebratestarsandstripes.com).

Follow us and participate in the excitement on our various social platforms via Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @cityofperthamboy and hashtag #StarsandStripes2022.

## Happy Birthday



Caroline Faccone of Sayreville celebrated her 102nd birthday on May 25th. She is pictured celebrating with her 4 daughters who said, "She is the heart and soul of motherhood, so gracious, full of joy and goodness growing old inside and out. (Photo/info submitted)"



**Remember to thank our Veterans on Memorial Day**

## St. Mary's High School Class of 1967 Mini-Reunion For Our 55th

Come "down the shore" and celebrate our 55th! This is a casual meet for drinks on the beautiful Atlantic in Long Branch. Continue the fun with dinner afterwards. WHEN : Sunday, June 12, 4:30 pm on... WHERE: Avenue Le Club, 23 N Ocean Ave, Long Branch. WHO: Everyone. RSVP: [Pru@SoftSyn.net](mailto:Pru@SoftSyn.net)

snacks. Let me know if you plan to attend so I can give them a count.

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### What is Memorial Day

Memorial Day, which was originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance in honor of America's war dead. Decoration Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1866 by General John Logan, National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. It was first observed on May 30, 1868. May 30th was chosen specifically because it was not on the anniversary of a major battle. Federal law recognized the holiday as "Memorial Day" in 1967. In 1971, a law was passed moving the date from May 30 to the last Monday in May.

# Memorial Day SERVICES - May 29th

Starting at 9am at the Gazebo on Bordentown Ave. and continuing to local cemeteries and ending at City Hall at 12 noon with placement of the Memorial Wreath.



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## The Dowdell Library Joins Libraries Statewide in Telehealth Program

The Dowdell Library received a grant to provide the community with telehealth services. The ongoing pandemic has spotlighted inequities in the healthcare system, especially among the most marginalized members of the community. Those who suffer most are new immigrants, the elderly, and people from lower incomes who lack access to medical care, technology, and health information necessary to make informed choices about their health.

They are confronted with barriers to health equity, such as finding health information in a language or reading level that they can understand to ask their medical provider the right questions. Other barriers, such as the high cost of medical insurance or the need to work irregular shift hours, exclude some people from seeing a doctor during normal office hours. The Dowdell Library is playing a role in leveling the playing field through NJHealthConnect@Your Library so that everyone has an equal chance to live the healthiest life possible.

NJHealthConnect@Your Library addresses health inequities in the community

by providing iPads that are preloaded with apps and links to telemedicine sites for doctor appointments, multilingual health information, places for mental health support for adults and teens, the latest COVID updates, and crisis hotlines in New Jersey.

Telemedicine is a more affordable, portable, and convenient lifeline for people with or without medical insurance to connect with a doctor. Telehealth is a skyrocketing trend that grew out of the pandemic and is here to stay with its proven patient satisfaction. It allows people, especially those most vulnerable, to obtain an early-stage diagnosis, prevent illness, seek early treatment intervention, and obtain and renew medications so that health equity is within the grasp of everyone.

Telehealth iPads are available for private telehealth appointments for South Amboy Library cardholders. Just make a reservation to ensure a time slot. Contact the library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. Additional information about this state program can be found online at www.njstatelibr.org/njhealthconnect.



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Former South Amboy resident, singer/songwriter, E.J. Campbell, recently performed in Ireland for the second time in his career. E.J. was a huge hit at the legendary Pedar O'Donnell in Derry, Ireland, where he entertained a packed house. He previously played there in 2019 with the National AOH and LAOH.

### #1 Country Hits May 28

- 2002-Drive (For Daddy Gene)-Alan Jackson
- 1999-Please Remember Me-Tim McGraw
- 1985-Radio Heart-Charly McClain
- 1974-No Charge-Melba Montgomery
- 1962-She Thinks I Still Care-George Jones
- 1959-The Battle Of New Orleans-Johnny Horton

### #1 Pop Hits-May 28

- 2007-Buy U A Drink-T-Pain w/Yung Joe
- 1994-I Swear-All-4-One
- 1988-One More Try-George Michael
- 1971-Joy To The World-Three Dog Night
- 1966-When A Man Loves A Woman Percy Sledge
- 1957-Butterfly-Charlie Gracie

### One Hit Wonders 35 Years Ago

- 1987-Respect Yourself-Bruce Willis;
- Right On Track-The Breakfast Club; Funky Town-Pseudo Echo; Heart and Soul-T'Pau;
- Kiss Him Goodbye-The Nylons; Luka-Suzanne Vega; Touch of Grey-The Grateful Dead; Casanova-Levert.

### Rare Album Sells For \$10 At Show

The SA Times Poet Laureate Al Gomolka reported that he sold a mint-condition 1987 vinyl, 5-song EP for \$10 at the recent Allentown, PA Paper Show. The album was released by local rock band, "The Lincoln Conspiracy" and was titled "Like A Zombie." Gomolka, who back then had a striking resemblance to Abraham Lincoln, was the inspiration for the group's name. Other members included drummer Dave Bruno (who worked at South Amboy Memorial Hospital for several years), Tom Burkard-lead vocals/rhythm guitar; Paul Papandrea-lead guitar; Ralph Eberspacher-bass guitar, and

Sue Gomolka-vocal harmonies. The album received some airplay on major college radio stations throughout the U.S.A., and peaked at # 44 on the Top 50 Albums playlist January 19, 1988, on KSCR, the University of Southern California (USC) Campus Radio station. On the same playlist, "The Red Hot Chili Peppers," who many years later went on to be inducted into the Rock 'N' Roll Hall of Fame, were ranked behind the local rockers at the #50 slot. The "Eurythmics" were #1 that week, followed by George Michael, #2 with his album "Faith."

### Vendor & Music Fair

South Amboy Columbiettes are holding an outdoor Music and Vendor Fair Saturday June 18 from 10 AM to 4 PM at the Knights of Columbus parking lot 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Vendors can rent their space for \$25.

Live music will be performed by the Cellar Dwellers from 12 Noon to 2 PM. In case of rain the event will be held inside the K of C hall. For more information call Vicki at 732-598-6910.

## RUMBLES FROM THE ROCK AND ROLL REUNION

By Clem Skarzynski

Hello again Rock n Rollers..Seeing light at end of the live music tunnel..Finally!!.. Clem and Friends will be out again with a line up of the greatest local Musicians once again. Saturday July 2nd will have them at the City of South Amboy's 4th of July Fireworks Celebration, at Waterfront Park..It's gonna be an all day gathering, but the musical entertainment will begin around 5pm or so, with 2 bands on tap..more info as to the 2nd Band and times of performances will follow in the next edition of the Times..Forward to Friday September 30th, and along with Host D.J. Richie Hart and the Justus Cruisers, Clem and Friends will be at Sayreville Kennedy Park for the Boro's Rockin Custom and Hot Rod Car Show..Fun Begins at 4pm, with D.J.Richie spinning your favorite Tunes, and Central Jersey's #1 Oldies/Classic Rock Band," Clem and Friends, providing the "Live Rock n Roll Classics" from the 50's thru the 80's, till 7pm..C'mon out and check out the awesome "rides"and vote for your favorite, listen to the music that made the 50's 60's and 70's an unforgettable time of the best music ever..More info to follow in next issue of the

S.A.Times..Then onto Sunday Oct.30th to the 2nd Annual "Blast from the Past" St.Stans Car Show and "Trunk or Treat" show..Scheduled from 1 to 4pm at the St.Stans Church Lots.. again featuring D.J. Richie Hart, the "Just Us Cruisers" Car Club, and "Clem and Friends' 'providing the live Oldies and Classic Rock once again..a lot more info coming on this show, so,stay tuned..

Kudos to Spider Daniels, Dave Silva, Dr.Jim Campbell, Matt D'Esposito, and Jeff Rofallo. "JD LAW ".Blues Band..already done a couple of gigs at the Blue Moon, here in So.Amboy already, to appreciative crowds! Bassist, Matt D'esposito, and drummer Dave Silva, also do their thing with "Clem and Friends"..I've had the absolute pleasure of sharing the 6-string duties with Spider Daniels onstage with his band, and that's how Matt came on board with "Friends".. AND...that's how musicians hook up with each other..."Chance"! Next JD LAW Show at "The Moon"..Friday, June 17th.. Remember...next Issue..More info on all upcoming outdoor shows for "Friends"... Stay tuned...

### Patriots BBQ & Fireworks August 6

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 sponsor an outing Saturday August 6 to see the Yankees Double A farm team Somerset Patriots host the Mets Double A farm team Binghamton Rumble Ponies in a 7:05 PM game. Cost of \$40 includes game ticket, all you can eat barbeque for three innings with hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot

dogs, pulled pork, veggie burgers, macaroni & cheese, potato chips, cole slaw, David's fresh-baked cookies, assorted self service fountain soda, and condiments. Post game fireworks will be displayed after the final out. For reservations call Steve at 732-727-1707.



### May Crownings



Left to Right Mary Ann Szczepanik, Darlene Halthausen, are pictured in front of Father Stanley Gromadzki, following the crowning of the Blessed Mother statue at Sacred Heart Church. The annual crowning was sponsored by the Sacred Heart Rosary Society. (Photo/Info by Steve Schmid)



Christa Suchcicki crowns the Blessed Mother's statue at the Knights of Columbus. Heavy rain and high winds caused the South Amboy Columbiette rosary and prayer service to be moved inside following the outdoor crowning. (Photo by Peggy Dombrowski, Info by Steve Schmid)



Pat Mancini (l) crowns the statue of the Blessed Mother statue assisted by Marge Gallagher. The May crowning was held at Msgr. Dalton Hall and was sponsored by the Our Lady of Victories senior group. (Photo/Info by Steve Schmid)

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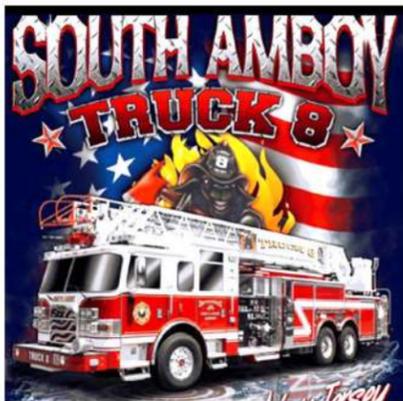
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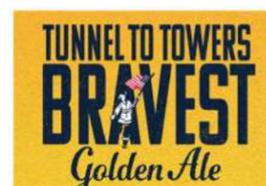
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The Dowdell Library offers free virtual classes through the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. Some courses offered in June include Stress Reduction through Imagery, Stretch It! Chair exercising, Say Yes to Fruits and Vegetables, and Eat Smart, Live Strong. For a complete list of available classes, visit [Dowdell.org](http://Dowdell.org). For more information or to pre-register, please email [kathleen.johnson@rwjbh.org](mailto:kathleen.johnson@rwjbh.org).

June is Audiobook Month! Hitting the road this summer or taking to the skies on a tropical getaway? Download and listen to a great audiobook during your travels. Audiobooks are available on eLibraryNJ and Hoopla (now compatible with the iOS CarPlay app!). Those who enjoy audiobooks on CD, feel free to stop by and browse our selection or have us request one from a local library. Whether you're a devoted listener or new to audiobooks, we encourage you to test this format! Learn something new, or make your story come to life!

Ms. Maryanne will host Storytime twice in June. Monday, June 6, 10:30 am - 11:30 am, and Monday, June 20, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Hear stories, play games, and make a craft!

The Teen Advisory Board will meet on Friday, June 3 & 17, from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm. Teen members will be planning summer programs and creating crafts, as

well as exploring fundraising ideas. For more information or to join TAB, contact the Dowdell library at 732-721-6060 or [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org)

Readers of all ages will dive into the ocean depths this summer as The Dowdell Library presents "Oceans of Possibilities". Activities will include Watercolor classes, ocean-related crafts, and science and engineering experiments. What's it Worth? An antique appraisal program will take place on Thursday August 4, 6:30-8:30 pm. Limited seating! Also, don't miss the outdoor concert featuring New Jersey's premier classic rock band - The Paul Nagy Project on Tuesday August 9, 6:30-8:30 pm: bring beach chairs! Rain date 8/23. The 2022 Summer Reading Program is open to everyone, preschool through adults. Visit [Dowdell.org](http://Dowdell.org) for more information and to view the summer calendar.

The Senior Book Club will meet on Monday, June 27, at 10:30 am. Contact the Library to pick up this month's book.

Finally, mark your calendars for the Adult Summer Kick-off Program on Tuesday, June 28 at 6:30 pm. New Jersey authors Peggy Ehrhart and Eileen Watkins will join forces to talk about the contemporary "cozy" mystery books. The night of the event there will be an opportunity to have your book signed, enjoy refreshments and have an opportunity to win a door prize.

Curious what else is going on at your local library? (We can never fit everything here!) Stop by in-person or visit our website [dowdell.org](http://dowdell.org) to sign up for our newsletter and view adult and children's activity calendars, which are updated on a monthly basis.

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## Remembering Our First Responders

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, MS

As Memorial Day approaches, let us not forget the true meaning of the day. It is the day that is set aside to remember our fallen heroes, those who have died while fighting for the freedoms we enjoy each-and-every day of our lives here in America. On this day, take a moment and reflect on what it took to give YOU those freedoms. Patriots have died for that cause and for what freedom represents. They are our true heroes! People throughout the world struggle to come to America so they can enjoy what so many Americans take for granted.

On this Memorial Day we also remember our local heroes, those first responders who have devoted their lives to serving their community. These brave men have risked their lives so that others may live without fear of danger. They have now answered their final alarm. Since Memorial Day 2021 we have lost the following firefighters:

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**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

## Mechanicville Hose Company Wet Down

On June 25th, the Mechanicville Hose Company will be having a Truck Dedication for its new E-One Typhoon Pumper. A Wet Down will follow. It will be held at the George Street Firehouse. It will begin at 1:00 PM and run until 5:00 PM.

A party will ensue featuring

Entertainment, Food, Beverages, 50/50's and Door Prizes.

The public as well as visiting Fire Companies are welcome. We ask that out of Town Fire Companies RSVP to [Engine10SAFD.Gmail.com](mailto:Engine10SAFD.Gmail.com).

## St. Mary's 50 Year Class Reunion

St. Mary's High School Class of 1972 will have its 50th Reunion on Saturday June 11 at the South Amboy Elks at 601 Washington Ave. If you are a member of the class of 1972 (or know of a friend or family

member from the class of 1972) and would like more information, please contact Chris Norman at [degendlek@comcast.net](mailto:degendlek@comcast.net) or call Cheryl Ruszczuk at 732-727-1707.



Can you identify these two rockers? Send your answer to [satimes@aol.com](mailto:satimes@aol.com) by June 13th. 1 point for each correct name. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

## Who is it?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

Last month's who is it was a tough one, but the answer was (l-r) Joe Szaro, Allie Clark and Frank Notaro. The following got some of them right: Edna Mazur Pilch (2), Michael & Irene Kilcomons (1),



Joe Szaro, Allie Clark and Frank Notaro.

## LETTERS

Hi Tom,  
**Re: 100 Year Old Photo?**

The bicycle is a Harley Davidson motorcycle. 1919? I saw one like it on American Pickers. The box on top of the gas tank is a tool box. PS loved the color photos!

Jay Osnato



Hello,

The “bicycle” on Page 16 is actually a motorcycle! It looks like an old Harley or Indian from around 1912 or so. The extra suspension connected to the front fender, the shifter on the left side of the tank and the long, wide “boulevard” (handle)bars all point to early MC!

**John Arden, Daytona Beach, FL 32118**

**Born in South Amboy, graduated SWMHS 1965**



Hi

I believe that the photo of the “Can you identify “test is Christ Episcopal Church on MainStreet.

I enjoy reading your paper each month, especially John “Flip” Phillips’ column. He was in my high school class. I always remember him as a nice guy and a good athlete. His recent column reminded me that some kids would go to Astarita’s after school and some of us would go to Kenny’s on Stevens Ave!

It’s fun to remember those times and yes, John, I do remember Make Believe Ballroom and the other shows you mentioned. Also, St Mary’s High School where we got a good education. I live in Concord near Boston, but I am always grateful for those years in South Amboy. If any of my friends are in the area, it would be fun to see you.

**Mary Lou (Reese) LoVecchio**

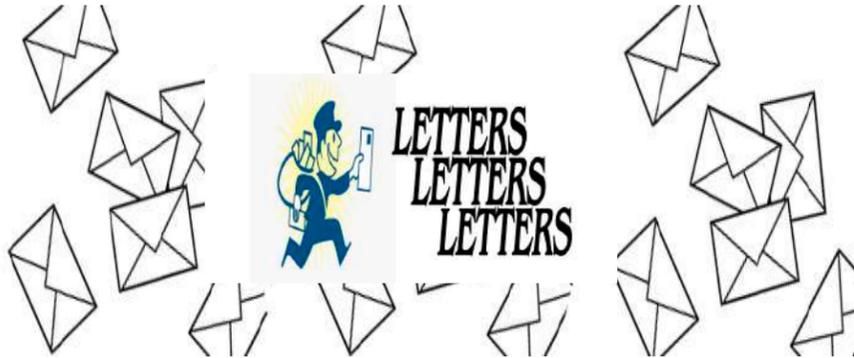


Hello

Just want to express my condolences to Joyce, Jennifer, Jodi, John Jr., Joanne, Jimmy and the entire Wojcik Family. Thanks also to all our teachers, teammates, classmates, coworkers and friends who came and showed that love and support for John and his entire family. I know the family was overwhelmed by all those that came and showed that love and support for John. When you play a team sport, you build relationships that last a lifetime. John did that with so many of us. There are teammates and then there are Special Teammates. John was definitely a Special Teammate. John, you will be missed, but the memories we shared together will always remain in our hearts.

So John, in your own words “You’re a good Egg.” You are a Teammate 4 life.

**Steve Makwinski**



## The Vintage Car Contest

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



We are mixing it up this month, the vehicle has only two wheels. We are looking for the make and model. Also if you ever had one let us know! Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by June 13th.

Last month the vintage car was a Ford Mustang ii (2) Cobra. As you can see from the photo Farah Fawcett drove one in the original TV series Charlie’s Angels. The following got it right: Patti Tengelics, Eleanore Westerholm, Ginny Severino, Kathy Jjo Engelhardt, John Gelsonin, Thomas Harrigan, Karen Kieselowsky, Vincent Farina, Betty Leveille, JoAnn & John French, Dermot Scales, Bruce Grankowski, Pete McIntyre, Pat Scully, Steve Laskiewicz, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Steve Villig, Bruno and Anne Szatkowski and Fred Leppig, Mark Moniello, Gary Feret, Edna Mazur Pilch, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Dane Colburn.

### April Vintage Car



Ford Mustang ii (2) Cobra

### Customer Appreciation Day



Pictured (l-r) Customer Wander Rodrigues, Benjamin Moore Rep Al Relucio, and Owner Alessandra Cortes are pictured at Total Hardware in Sayreville, for the store’s recent Painter & Customer Appreciation Day Bucket Sale. (Photo by Steve Schmid)

## Speaker Coughlin Statement on Leaked Supreme Court Roe v. Wade Opinion

Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin (D-Middlesex) issued the following statement in response to the leaked SCOTUS opinion that would overturn Roe v. Wade:

“I was disturbed to learn last night that the Supreme Court is prepared to take the unconscionable step of overturning a woman’s right to choose, which has stood for

nearly 50 years. Such a decision would have a profoundly adverse effect on women across the nation. I remain committed to protecting access, which is why we acted to codify the right to reproductive freedom in New Jersey. As a Legislature, we will keep working to maintain confidence in a woman’s right to safe and accessible reproductive healthcare.”

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. - R.S., A.S., H.S., L.S.



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### St. Stan's School (Photos Submitted)



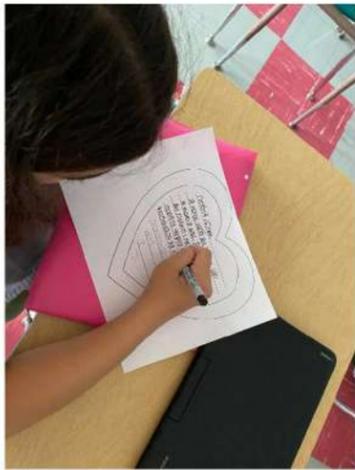
Twenty-one students from St. Stan's School and their Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Program (CCD) made their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

Sam Davis, a George Washington impersonator, gave a presentation to St. Stan's students in grades 4-8 about the Revolutionary War. (Photo by Jennifer Taylor)



Grace Rispoli (pictured) was one of the many students that hand selected flowers at St. Stan's School to create Mother's Day bouquets. The HSA fundraiser was made possible by flowers and materials that were generously donated by the Barber Family.

St. Stan's students used Google Translate to write letters of hope in Ukrainian so that the team from Blankets of Hope, a non-profit organization, can deliver them and other essentials to the people at the Ukrainian border. (Photo by Irene Foret)



### Sayreville and South Amboy Police Departments Honored

(Story/Photos by Jamie Norek)



Members of the South Amboy Police Department are pictured at the Middlesex County 200 Club Awards ceremony on May 18th.



Borough of Sayreville police are also pictured at the awards ceremony.

On May 18th members of the South Amboy and Sayreville police departments joined other state, county municipal law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMS along with local officials and business leaders at the Carteret Performing Arts Center for the annual Middlesex County 200 Club Awards ceremony.

South Amboy Police Detective David Keegan received a Valor Award and Capt. Joseph Matarangolo, Sgt. Michael Kelly, Sgt. James Charmello, Sgt. Steven Clark, Ptl. Christopher Norek and Ptl. Marvin Deausen received Meritorious Service Awards for dealing with a intoxicated suicidal subject, armed with a loaded hand gun on March 22, 2021. These officers were able to coordinate a response and contain the subject, who was eventually disarmed and taken for treatment.

Sayreville Police Captain Jack Fitzsimmons and Sgt. Dan Ellymer along with 2 detectives from the MCPO received Meritorious Service Awards for their efforts, with reopened murder case of Nancy Noga in 1999. Through the dedicated work, the murderer was finally apprehended, bringing a close to a 22-year murder case.

Sayreville Police Sgt. Shawn McGrath, Ptl. Thomas Pizzillo, Ptl. Jennifer Braun,

Ptl. Kevin Cebulski, Ptl. George Lestuck Jr. and Ptl. George Lestuck Sr. received Meritorious Service Awards for dealing with an emotionally disturbed injured subject, armed with a rifle, that was in the process of beating another person. Through coordinated efforts, the officers were able to engage with the subject, disarm and subdue him, render aid to the injuries and prevent more injuries.

Sayreville Police Sgt. Angela Moat, Ptl. Kieth Grausem, Ptl. Joseph Bartlinski, Ptl. George Lestuck Jr., Dispatcher Brian Tierney, Sayreville EMS EMT Anthony Olison, and EMT Eugene Johnson received Meritorious Service Awards for rescuing a male, trapped under a van on July 22, 2019. With coordinated efforts the victim was extracted from under the van and resuscitation actions taken saving the victim.

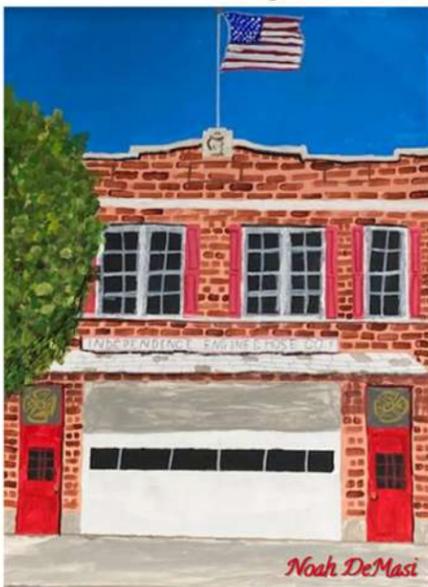
Sayreville Police Chief John Zebrowski was also honored for service within the community and various organizations.

South Amboy First Aid Squad long time member James "Doc" Ryan was honored with the Community Service Award for serving 63 years on the First Aid Squad, answering well over 15,000 calls, leading and inspiring many younger members. Congratulations to all from The SA Times!

### "Your Art – Our History" Contest (Photos/Info Submitted)



Winners Noah DeMasi and Carolyn Grace stand beside their posters with Historical Society of South Amboy member and contest organizer George Francy (l) and President Mary Szaro (r). Congratulations to both winners!



### Sanitization Of The English Language

By Steve Schmid

Over the years the English language has changed the meaning of many words so they offer a more pleasant meaning for readers. Law enforcement perhaps offers the most changes as jail guards are now called correctional officers. Jails or prisons are correctional institutions. Prisoners are now inmates. If you're imprisoned, you are now incarcerated. Rahway State Prison is now East Jersey State Prison. Trenton State Prison is West Jersey State Prison. East Paterson is now known as Elmwood Park and West Paterson is called Woodland Park. The workplace has seen changes. The secretary is now an administrative assistant. A steward or stewardess is a flight attendant. A Janitor is a custodian. Garbage collectors are sanitation workers. New York City calls its garbage

collecting department the Department Of Sanitation. If you're fired from your job, you are let go or terminated. A waiter or waitress is now a server. Sports has also seen changes. Players don't fumble, they put the ball on the ground. A game winning hit is now called a walk-off hit. Sports teams have also sanitized their names. The Washington Redskins are the Washington Commanders. The Washington Bullets are the Washington Wizards. The Cleveland Indians are the Cleveland Guardians. Colleges have also changed their nicknames for the times. The Stanford Indians are now called the Stanford Cardinals. Through the 21st century we are likely to see more changes to the English language we grew up with.

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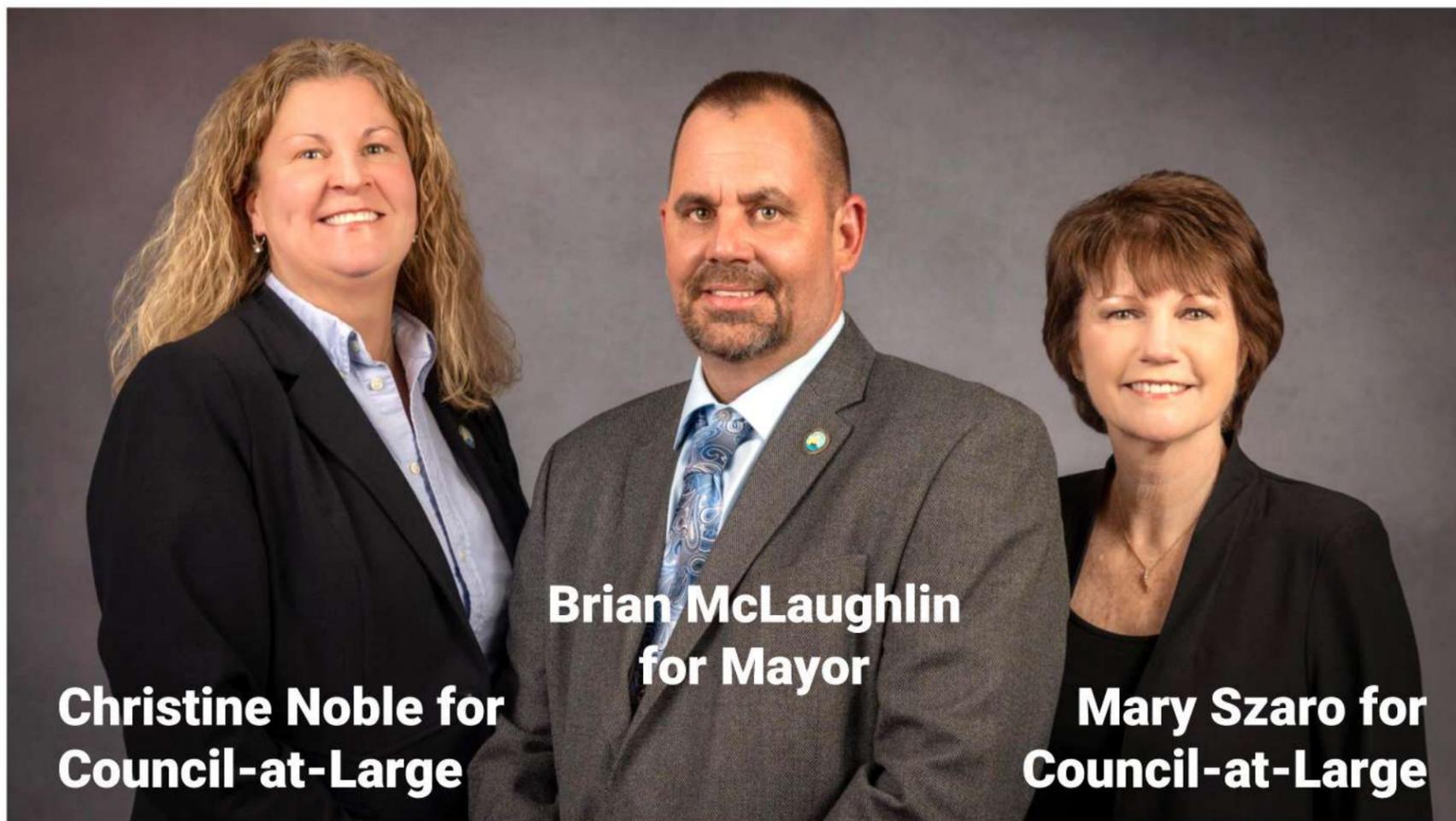
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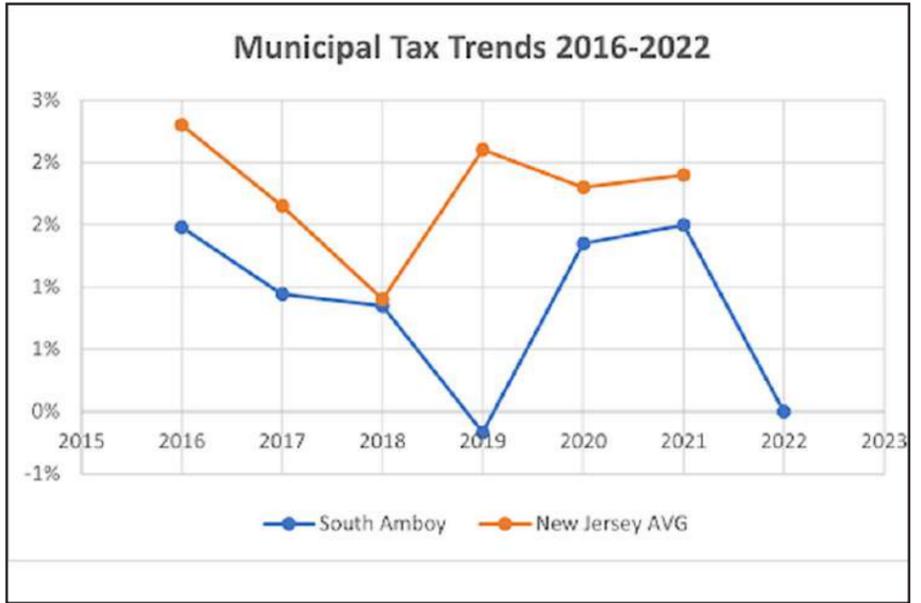
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## No Municipal Tax Increase in South Amboy This Year

By a vote of 4-0 the South Amboy City Council adopted its 2022 budget last night and the news is good. With no cuts to services or personnel the City delivered a fiscal plan with no increase to the municipal rate for 2022.

“Like every resident, local government has to contend with increased costs of goods and services.” Said Mayor Fred Henry. “However, our hard work to deliver new streams of revenue through redevelopment has begun to pay us dividends that allow us to keep our municipal tax rate as low as possible.”

According to Dan Balka, City Chief Financial Officer, the South Amboy tax rate has been trending below the state average since 2016. The average tax bill will remain

at \$3,339.14.

Council President Mickey Gross thanked the Mayor, the CFO, and the Business Administrator for their hard work on the budget and added “I am happy we were able to keep the rate at zero without cutting any services and hope that with this new revenue we can repeat this success next budget year”.

South Amboy has experienced a great deal of redevelopment over the past several years including both residential and commercial projects, particularly near the waterfront. The City expects to be proceeding with the construction of their long awaited Intermodal Transportation Center/Passenger Ferry complex this year.

## National Day Of Prayer

(Submitted by Rita Priolo)

On May 5th, St. Mary’s Church joined 20,000 other groups around the country to pray for our nation. We feel safe in our area of the world, yet secularization of our culture has had great influence. The nation struggles with the economy, racial issues, crime and

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10. Empty Nest

**Spin Off**

- a. Rhoda
- b. The Simpsons
- c. Grady
- d. Family Matters
- e. Green Acres
- f. Mork and Mindy
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## The Smoke Column

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

In my February, 2022, Smoke Column article, I had discussed the dangers of Lithium-Ion Batteries (LIB's). I tried to impress to my readers the hazards that these batteries pose. Due to the many recent deadly and serious fires involving LIB's, I feel that additional information should be provided to our first responders. Many of our local firefighters have yet to respond to one of these fires. It is only a matter of time before they encounter a LIB fire and it is essential that they know in advance the procedures necessary in attacking this type of fire/explosion. LIB fires are not like any other type of burning material fires. As I draft this article, I am aware of the death of a FDNY Firefighter who died in a fire on April 24, 2022. Brother Firefighter, Timothy Kline, died in the Line-of-Duty while fighting a fire in a residential structure in Brooklyn. Firefighter Kline was the nozzleman on his crew when the evacuation signal was sounded for a possible building collapse. Unfortunately, as he and his crew attempted to evacuate, Firefighter Kline was trapped in the collapse and died as a result. RIP Firefighter Timothy Kline! Besides his death, a civilian also died in the fire and 10 other FDNY Firefighters were injured. I am not concerned with the intensity of the fire or how severely the structure was damaged as I

am with the cause of the fire. It is just awful that Firefighter Kline had to lose his life in another fire that was caused by LIB's. I cannot emphasize enough the dangers that LIB's cause and that the users of these LIB's need to be made aware of those dangers. Just because a product is on the market, does not always mean it is safe. Science and Technology has developed these LIB's and BUT they may not be safe in all situations. They serve a function, have a purpose, and are efficient in the devices they are designed to be used in. It is when they malfunction that a serious and dangerous situation occurs. Refer to my February, 2022 Smoke Column for a list of some of the devices that use LIB's. You can expand on that list by going to the internet. You would be very surprised by the amount of devices that contain LIB's.

For our Firefighters, below are some of the "Tips from Training" that the FDNY has presented to their Firefighters when dealing with LIB's and the dangers/hazards they present. If you must move a LIB, use a non-conductive tool, a shovel with a wooden handle, or any other method that does not require carrying the LIB in your hands. If the fire involves a mobility device (scooter, E-Bike, skateboard, hoverboard, etc.) and the device can be safely moved inside a

dwelling, it should be placed in a bathtub with all the cells fully submerged in water. If batteries, that are small enough, are involved in a fire, they can be submerged in water filled containers. The idea is to extinguish the fire and/or prevent a fire from occurring. If it is impossible to remove the burned device from the structure, safely move it to a non-combustible area and protect it and the surrounding area with a charged hose-line. When using a handline to extinguish a LIB fire, it will be necessary to use copious amounts of water to extinguish the fire and keep the LIB's cool. Continually apply water to the device until conditions are dormant and no more flames or smoke are being released from the LIB's. If the LIB's have exploded, it is possible that loose cells may be strewn across the explosive area. Be careful as these tossed batteries may also explode and catch fire due to any heat or fire they may have been exposed to. Fire departments should have adopted procedures dealing with LIB fires BEFORE they are encountered. Be prepared, be safe!



## Acoustic Friday

By Jerry Smith

South Amboy Arts Alliance welcomes singer/songwriters Bernie Drury and Dave Krasnow to its Acoustic Friday program on June 24, 2022.

Based in Budd Lake, Bernie Drury began his music career in 1976 as a busker in Paris. He is a member of the Skylands Songwriters Guild in Morris County, and he is the co-host of a Songwriting Circle. Bernie's 2018 EP is called "Tools of the Songwriter." He plans to release a full-length CD in 2022. Find Bernie at [www.facebook.com/berniedrury songwriter](http://www.facebook.com/berniedrury songwriter).

Dave Krasnow was a well-known performer and open mic host in the Raleigh, NC music scene before moving to South Amboy three years ago. His CD entitled "In the Shadows" reflects country and jazz influences. Besides his original music, Dave performs covers of the 70s, 80s, and 90s. Visit his website: [www.krasmusic.com](http://www.krasmusic.com).

The Alliance is 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 light refreshments will be available.

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

## Stop Complaining

By Al Gomolka Jr.  
Times Poet Laureate  
c.2000

Taxes are too high  
My husband's a lazy bum,  
Gas prices keep rising  
I can't afford  
to live-comfortably,  
For Pete's sake  
stop complaining!  
I'm always  
so tired,  
It's too hot,  
it's too cold,  
My job is  
too demanding,  
For crying out loud-  
stop complaining!  
A minnow  
in the ocean  
Though it may  
storm above  
Floats and glides  
along with the flow  
In silence,  
it has no tongue. . .  
Here I am  
complaining  
about complaining!  
Cut it out-stop  
complaining!  
Oh, wait a minute,  
Doctors and lawyers  
make a living  
from complainers,  
Repairmen and dentists  
and police  
do too,  
I guess  
we need  
to complain.. .a little

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

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## South Amboy Resumes Swim Program

(Story/Photos Submitted)



Swim Instructors join (l-r) Dr. Martin Gurczeski, Council President Mickey Gross, President of the WMES – YMCA Rose Cushing, Mayor Fred Henry, 3rd Ward Council Member Zusette Dato, Board of Education VP Anthony Conrad, and Board of Ed President Patrick Walsh.

After an interruption due to the Pandemic the City of South Amboy in collaboration with the Board of Education and the South Amboy YMCA has resumed its very popular water safety program for 2nd grade students in the district. There was a great deal of excitement as the children were greeted by officials from the City, Board of Education, and the YMCA.

Conceived in 2019 by Council President Mickey Gross, this program offers free swim lessons to all 2nd grade pupils in the district. “We are a waterfront community”, said Gross, “and we have an obligation to teach our children how to be safe in and around bodies of water”.

According to acting School Superintendent Dr. Martin Gurczeski, this year the program will serve over eighty students all of whom are very excited to visit the YMCA and learn the basics of water safety and swimming.

The YMCA of Metuchen, Woodbridge, Edison, and South Amboy operates the City Community Center at 200 John T. O’Leary

Boulevard and has been a mainstay in the City’s recreational programs for many years.

“The opportunity to enhance the safety of our children and provide them with the ability to swim is one we are proud to endorse”, said Mayor Fred Henry. “And to see all of these smiling faces today is just icing on the cake”.



Mayor Fred Henry and Board of Education Vice-President Anthony Conrad greeted the arriving pupils.

## South Amboy – Sayreville Rotary Little Library Project

This week the Mayor Henry was pleased to announce the installation of a “little library” at the entrance to the City beach courtesy of the South Amboy/Sayreville chapter of Rotary International.

Embracing the Rotary motto of “service before self” the local club donated four of the small lending libraries which will be located in various locations throughout the towns.

Spearheaded by club president Mike Poll, a long-time educator in both communities, the idea is quite simple. If you need a book, take a book. There is no fee and all that is asked is for persons “borrowing” to return the books to the “little library” when done.

“This is a fantastic addition to our beach front. There aren’t too many places more suited to relaxing while enjoying a good book. I am grateful to the Rotary for their hard work on this project,” said Mayor Henry.

In addition to the beachfront location the

Rotary has also installed the libraries at three other sites including John Street in front of the South Amboy Board of Education offices, at the Woodside Mall near Karen Street, and at the Sayreville Board of Education complex/ Selover School in the Morgan section.

Rotary is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. The South Amboy/Sayreville chapter is composed of local professionals, business leaders, and dedicated volunteers all working to promote positive change in their communities.

For more information about Rotary International or to join your local chapter please visit <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary>.



Pictured (left to right) Singer/Songwriter Christian Beach, local musician, Jerry Smith, and Bassist/Vocalist Mike Balog performed at SA Arts, Acoustic Friday Show on April 22. The popular monthly program brings acoustic-oriented music to the community. (Photo/info submitted)

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## Spring into a Healthy Exercise Program

With the arrival of warm weather, it is time to change your sedentary habits. Most spinal problems are related to the muscles and joints which support the back.

Tense, chronically contracted muscles can start a chain of physiological events which can lead to many different kinds of back, hip and neck pain. Excessive tension in muscles creates rigidity which diminishes blood and oxygen circulation causing the muscles to become inflexible and more susceptible to sprains, strains and tears. This stress causes imbalances to these muscles and joints. Muscle imbalances can put unnatural demands on tissues and ligaments of your spine causing damage to discs, ligaments and nerves of the spine. Musculoligamentous health and balance depends upon a delicate balance between muscular strength and ligaments suppleness. Exercise such as yoga, and Tai Chi promote muscle relaxation and flexibility through slow breathing and stretching. They can also promote spinal stabilization and balance coordination.

Essential elements of a successful exercise program

1. Wear comfortable clothing.
2. Keep movements long and slow, and gentle.
3. Move with your breath. Inhale when you stretch. Exhale when you curl or fold your body.
4. Concentrate on your movements.
5. When it signals pain, ease up and don't force the movement.
6. Exercise regularly in a pleasant and quiet environment.

As always, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!

### Dear Mother

By Robert W. Eginton

I can't remember  
a time in my life  
When you were  
not around.  
You held me close  
at the time of birth  
And never put me down.  
May the good Lord  
caress you  
With His warm  
and gentle grace  
And may  
He know because  
you are there  
That Heaven  
is a better place  
May He give  
to you a special love  
A love that's  
like no other,  
And I will thank  
Him each and every day  
For making you my mother.



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O Glorious St. Theresa, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and counsel mankind, I invite your miraculous intercession. So powerful are you in obtaining every need of body and soul, our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a "prodigy of miracles, the greatest Saint of modern times." Now I fervently beseech you to answer my petition (mention here) and carry out your promise of doing good upon earth of letting fall from heaven a shower of roses, henceforth, Dear Little Flower, I will fulfill your plea to be made known everywhere and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen.

Say prayer every day for 9 days. By the 4th day ask for a sign, if prayer is to be answered between 4th and 9th day you will see a rose in a magazine, tv, picture or receive roses. Must promise publication. L.F, M.L, L.E, C.E.

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# WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



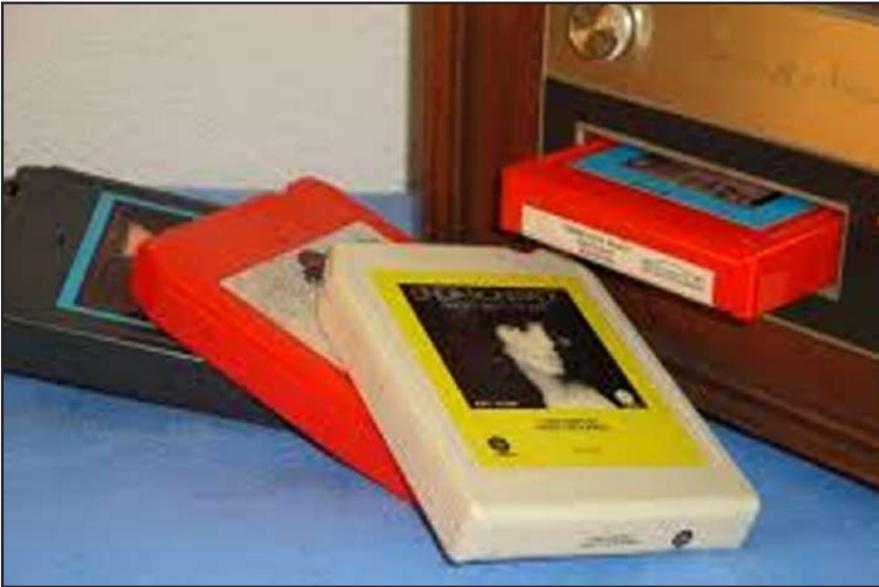
Can you identify this object? Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by June 13th.

## April What Is It? 8-track tape

The answer to last month's what is it? Was the 8-track tape (formally Stereo 8; commonly called eight-track cartridge, eight-track tape, and eight-track) a magnetic-tape sound recording technology that was popular from the mid-1960s to the early 1980s, when the compact cassette tape, which predated the 8-track system, surpassed it in popularity for pre-recorded music.

The following had the correct answer: Patti Tengelics, Eleanore

Westerholm, Ann Marie Pedersen, John Gelsinon, Karen Kieselowsky, Chelle Martin, Ed and Katie Elichko, Betty Leveille, JoAnn & John French, Dermot Scales, Bruce Grankowski, Jeanmarie Podolak, Joe Tortora, Pete McIntyre, Pat Scully, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Steve Villig, Lynn Loy, Marisa Szamreta, Mark Moniello, Gary Feret, Edna Mazur Pilch, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Dane Colburn, Don Munn.



## Where's The Turkey?



The following were able to see the turkey on the 2nd post of the fence. Eleanore Westerholm, Betty Leveille, JoAnn & John French, Dermot Scales, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Edna Mazur Pilch, Michael & Irene Kilcomons. \* Incorrect answer-On the roof.

### PRAYER TO THE BLESSED MOTHER

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



## Where in NJ?

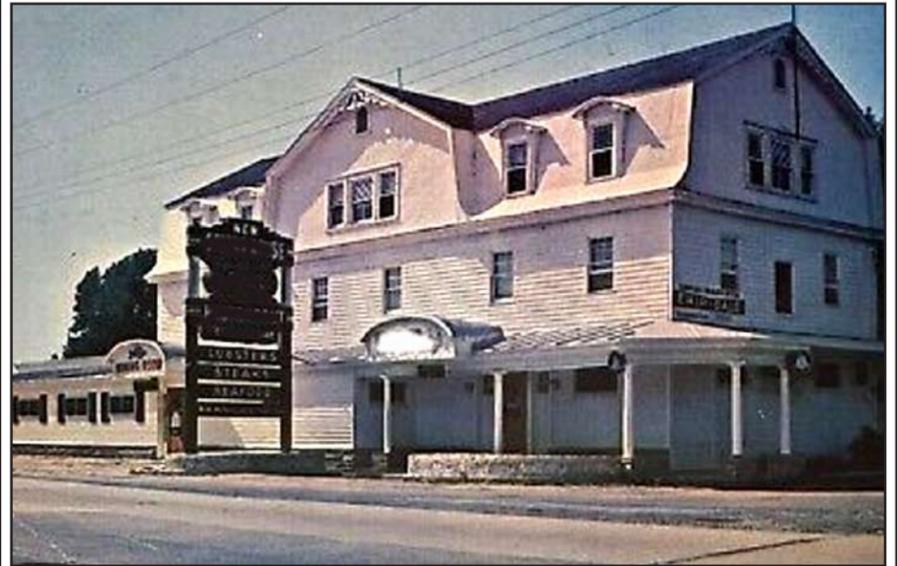
By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



This bridge starts in NJ and will take you to a very historic city. Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by June 13th.

Last month the Where In New Jersey was George Vivians New Gretna House Restaurant New Gretna, N.J. The following got it right: Thomas Harrigan,

Karen Kieselowsky, Betty Leveille, Pat Scully, Mark Moniello, Gary Feret, Edna Mazur Pilch, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Dane Colburn.



George Vivians New Gretna House Restaurant



## What Exit?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

### April What Exit:

Last month the correct answer was GSP exit 50 or 52. The following correctly identified it: Thomas Harrigan, Karen Kieselowsky, Betty Leveille, Pat Scully, Mark Moniello, Gary Feret, Edna Mazur Pilch, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Dane Colburn.



### April What Exit..

We are mixing it up a bit and going with the other super toll road in New Jersey, the Turnpike. This exit will get you on the bridge in this month's Where In NJ. Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by June 13th.



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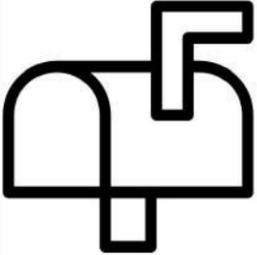


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## Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



**Salt Water**

Striped Bass continues to be caught in Perth Amboy near the Victory Bridge. I saw one nice keeper about 30 inches taken there. Shore fishing is improving in Raritan Bay at Cliffwood beach. I saw another nice keeper caught there and other anglers were missing bites. All of this could change as Bluefish have invaded the Manasquan River and south Jersey surf and bay areas. Some Blues are big, up to 8 pounds and they can show up at any time. With Fluke season now open more keeper Fluke with the liberal regulations of 2 fish at 17 inches allowed are available. The 3rd fish of the bag limit must be 18 inches. Barnegat Bay and Great Bay are the best spots now. Some Fluke have been caught at Shark River and they should start soon at Sandy Hook. Party boat fishing is still some Ling, a few cod, Blackfish and the first Sea Bass. Regulations on Sea Bass are stricter with 2 fish at certain times and ten fish at other times. Later on, in the season, more keepers will be allowed. In the LBI surf Striped Bass, Bluefish and a few Black Drum can be found as well as Flounder in the Shark River.

**Fresh Water**

High water conditions continue with heavy rainfall feeding our rivers and streams. The main Raritan off of RT 287 has been very high as are most upstate streams. I gave it a try one afternoon a few days after opening day at the North Branch in Far Hills. I found high water conditions but did manage to catch an average size Trout. Shad are in the Delaware River which remains high. The Lewis Brothers were not able to drop their nets as debris from the high water was a hindrance.

### Walk The Waterfront



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry addresses 50 people who turned out for the Walk The Waterfront With Mayor Henry at Raritan Bay Waterfront Park. Henry said he wanted to get people out to enjoy the park which he called the jewel of Middlesex County. Council President Mickey Gross, and Councilwoman Zuzette Dato also participated in the walk (Photo/Info by Steve Schmid)



Color Guard Members of the Sayreville American Legion placed American Flags on all Veterans grave sites at St. Stans Cemetery, in honor of Memorial DaY. (Photo Submitted)

# Radio and Television Yesterday

By John "Flip" Phillips  
Part 2 Television

The first time I remember watching television was 1947. My neighbor and friend Frankie "Tank" Leonard and I watched the World Series between the Yankees and Dodgers at his Aunt's house on lower David Street on an 8-inch television. Yes, 8 inches! We got to see South Amboy's Allie Clark who played for the Yankees pinch hit for Yogi Berra. Maybe the only time Yogi was ever pinch hit for. Television started to appear in more and more city homes as we moved into the early 1950s. In South Amboy a lot of families purchased their TV from Frank's Radio and Television on Broadway. There you could buy a TV on-time for monthly payments. A TV could cost hundreds of dollars depending on the size of the screen. A 12-inch screen would cost around \$150 to \$200 and consoles with bigger screens up to \$500. Soon along came a combination: Television, Radio and Record Player all in one unit, really a piece of furniture and a lot more expensive. Our first TV was a Philco 12-inch screen, and it came with Rabbit Ears. (remember them?) My brother Joey (Pinger) and I would take turns "playing" with the darn thing trying to improve the picture. For an additional \$50 dollars Frank's Radio and TV would install an antenna on the roof. The brands I remember were Admiral, RCA, GE, Zenith, Philco, Dumont, Sylvania, Westinghouse and Fada. Today the best sellers are Samsung, Sharp, LC, and Sony. The only TV made in America is Vizio! And there are more but I think these are the most popular.

Like radio we had a lot of programs to choose from. Here are some of the ones I remembered. I bet you can add a few.

**The Colgate Comedy Hour-** Every Sunday night at 8 O'clock we got to watch some of the best performers of our time: Bob Hope, Martin & Lewes, Jimmy Durante, Eddie Cantor, Abbot and Costello and more.



**The Honeymooners** I would run home early on Saturday evening to watch my favorite TV show starring Jackie Gleason. Ralph and Alice Kramden, Norton and Trixie. The antics of Ralph would always make me laugh.

**I Love Lucy** One of the most popular TV series ever! Lucy, and husband Desi Arnez along with neighbors Ethel and Fred Mertz were always involved in something funny, usually started by Lucy.

**Gunsmoke** Marshall Dillon, Kitty and deputy Chester moved from radio to television.

**The Red Skelton Show** Also moved from radio to TV and became a very popular comedy show. One of my favorite characters was Freddie The Freeloader.

**The Milton Berle Show** Uncle Milte became known as Mr. Television as the Texaco Star Theatre topped the ratings year after year. The show had a South Amboy connection as one of the weekly characters was Marco Marcella who lived on Catherine Street. When Uncle Milte called for make-up, Marco would run on to the stage and hit him in the face with a large powder puff.



**Your Lucky Strike Hit Parade** On Saturday night you could see and listen to Snooky Lanson, and Dorothy Collins

sing the weekly hits. Russell Arms, Gisele Mackenzie, June Valli and Johnny Desmond were added as the show went from a half hour to one hour. A few #1s from the 50s you might remember: If Perry Como 1951, R&R Waltz Kay Starr 1955, Because of You Tony Bennett 1951, Too Young Nat "King" Cole 1951, Cry Johnnie Ray 1951, Heartbreak Hotel Elvis 1956 and Cold Cold Heart Tony Bennett 1951. To name just a few.

**The Nightly News** Ralph Edwards, John Cameron Swayze, and the Huntley-Brinkley Report told us what was happening in the world. And Carol Reed the weather girl told us if it was going to rain, snow or be nice tomorrow.

**Arthur Godfrey Talent Scouts** Every Monday night we got to see up and coming entertainers. A few notables included Tony Bennett, Patsy Cline and Bat Boone. A few notable rejects included Buddy Holly, The 4 Freshmen, and surprise... Elvis Presley! (Remember Julius LaRosa? Godfrey "fired" him while on the air!)

**Howdy Doody** Every day at 5 O'clock it was Howdy Doody Time...who could forget Howdy, Buffalo Bob, Clarabelle and Mr. Bluster doing their "thing" making kids in the studio and those watching TV laugh. Probably one of the most watched children shows ever.

**American Bandstand** Every day after school Philadelphia teens danced to the top 40s, and guests performed their hit songs. The Coasters, Freddy "Boom, Boom" Cannon, Danny and the Juniors, Connie Francis, Bobby Darin- the list goes on. Hosted by Dick Clark

**The Early and Late Show** Black and white movies primarily from the 40s. The early show 5:30? And the Late show after the 11pm news.

**Sports**  
**PRO Baseball, Football ,Hockey, Basketball** The Yankees and Giants were on WPIX Channel 11, and the Dodgers were on WOR Channel 9. The New York Rangers Hockey games were also on WOR. The Knicks were on WPIX. The football Giants away games were on CBS Channel 2, their home games were on radio only until the home game TV black out was lifted by the NFL.

**College Basketball** WPIX televised local teams from Madison Square Garden. Including St Johns, NYU (New York



University) CCNY (City College New York) and LIU (Long Island University). WPIX also televised the Holiday Festival in December and the NIT (National Invitational Tournament) in March. Newark's channel 13 televised Seton Hall. A lot of basketball was on TV, and that was OK with me!

Now some other TV shows you might remember: **The Life of Riley, Alfred Hitchcock, Maverick, Burns and Allen, The Goldbergs, I Remember Mama, Leave it to Beaver, Have Gun Will Travel, Dragnet, Walt Disney's Disneyland, The Perry Como Show.** We had a lot to watch didn't we?

So ends my trip back to Yesterday's Radio and Television. I hope it brought back a few memories, and a smile as you remembered those days of our youth. A lot has changed over the years hasn't it? Beautiful Color vs Black and White, 75 inch and bigger Screens and Remote Controls that do everything by clicking a button that we had to do manually.

# Sayreville Public Library News

**Sayreville Toastmasters Club**  
Saturday, June 4, 10AM, Toastmasters International is meeting at Sayreville Library and is always looking for new members. Come and join in and learn tips for public speaking and leadership abilities.

Send an email to toastmasterssayreville@gmail.com to become a member, or call 732-993-9581

**Adopting A Plant Based Diet**  
Saturday, Jun. 4, 1PM, Ever thought about adopting a plant based diet but didn't know where to begin? This seminar is for you. Join us for a viewing of the documentary "What the Health" along with a discussion of how a plant based diet works and affects your health.

**Pencil Sketching with Komal (Virtual)**  
Monday, Jun. 6, 6:00 PM, Join Komal for another fun art session. This month: Learn how to make beautiful pencil sketches. Materials will be provided. This is a Virtual Session. Registration is required to get the Zoom Link. Register online, or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.

**The Great Garage Clean Out with Jamie Novak (Virtual)**  
Thursday, Jun. 9, 6 PM, Join best selling author Jamie Novak for another seminar. This time she shares her top 5 tips to reclaim space in any garage. Get ready to clean up like never before. This is a virtual event. registration required to

get the zoom link. Register online, or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.

**Guided meditation with Barbara (Virtual)**

Monday, Jun. 13, 6 PM And Monday, Jun 20 6 PM. Join Barbara Brown, an expert in stress reduction meditations for this virtual meditation session. Ease your mind and relax with some deep relaxed breathing and focused mediation. This is a virtual event. Registration is required to get the Zoom Link. Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112. Please be sure to be in a quiet room where you will not be disturbed and be seated in a chair with your feet flat on the floor.

**Oil Pastels with Komal (Virtual)**  
Thursday, Jun. 16, 6PM. Join Komal for another fun craft night. This time, learn the basics of oil pastels and make some really colorful designs. This is a virtual event. Registration is required to get the Zoom Link

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

**Tuesday Movie Matinee**  
Tuesday, Jun. 21, 1PM. Join us for our monthly movie matinee. This month: House of Gucci, a crime drama starring Lady Gaga, Jeremy Irons, Al Pacino, and Salma Hayek. Rated R-Running Time 158 minutes.



Pictured (l-r) are Marge Gorczyca, Sandy Silva, Lorraine Kennedy, Linda Henry, South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry, Ceil Gosford, Venetian employees Melissa Weismann, and Annette Abolt. They were part of a luncheon, healthcare information and bingo games held for South Amboy senior citizens at Venetian Healthcare. (Photo/info by Steve Schmid)

# 140 + Years Ago



Late 1880's-This was the home of Alexander C. Davis, Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Railroad and Coal Docks. The estate was located between Raritan Bay and the Railroad on lower John St. in South Amboy.



American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post and Unit 62 members are pictured at St. Mary's Cemetery, where they placed flags on the graves of all veterans, as a tribute to them for Memorial Day. Pictured (l-r) Gary Poland, Bob Moglia, Brian McQuade, Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak, Joe Crowe, Tom Noble. (Photo/caption by Tom Burkard)



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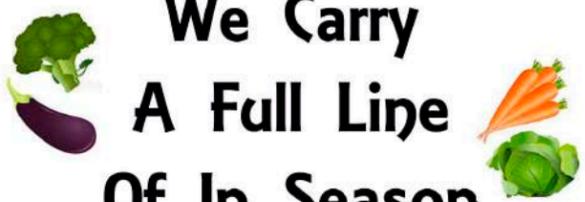


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## Pallone Statement on Suspected Woodbridge Cancer Cluster

Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) issued the following statement on the suspected cancer cluster in Woodbridge, New Jersey: "The questions raised by local advocates and families require serious scrutiny from health and environmental experts, which is exactly why I personally convened state and federal agencies on April 4 and asked them to investigate these serious concerns. So far, the experts have provided the community with important scientific consultation, but I still have not seen enough action.

"The community is lucky to have Mayor John McCormac who refused to wait and instead pressed ahead with his own environmental reviews. My understanding is that those results will be ready later this month, which will help guide our next steps.

"We still need environmental research to see if there is evidence for concern. We also need to verify reported cancer cases and determining based on the specific timing, type, and frequency if they are statistically higher than normal rates. "That's why I have called on the state to take two very specific actions. First, I've asked the Department of Environmental Protection to show its commitment to the community and its concerns by reimbursing Woodbridge for the cost of the environmental studies and by taking over any subsequent tests if they are necessary in the future. "Second, I have asked the New Jersey Department of Health to create a process to collect and verify the cases so health experts can complete a scientific evaluation. There's a reason the state has a cancer registry and epidemiologists. It is my understanding that the state has agreed to work with Mayor McCormac to create a portal to collect the necessary information.

"In addition, federal agencies have committed their full support should the state request their assistance."

## Coughlin, Lampitt & Jasey "Working Class Families' Anti-Hunger Act" Advanced by Committee

Designed to expand student eligibility for free school meals, the Assembly Appropriations Committee on Thursday advanced legislation putting New Jersey on course toward universal school breakfast and lunch. Sponsored by Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin, Assemblywoman Pamela Lampitt, and Assemblywoman Mila Jasey, another 26,463 K-12 students stand to benefit from the "Working Class Families' Anti-Hunger Act" (A-2368).

"This bill is critical to meeting the needs of many working families and puts us on a direct path to feeding breakfast and lunch to every child who needs it," said Coughlin (D-Middlesex). "Exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, many New Jersey residents experienced unemployment and faced food insecurity as a result. Many are still struggling to keep up with bills, which means helping keep money in people's pockets while ensuring their most basic needs are met has never been more important."

Families with an annual household income of up to 200 percent the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), raised above the current eligibility of 185 percent of FPL, would benefit from free of charge breakfast and lunch at school under the bill. For a New Jersey family of four with two kids in school that could amount to \$240 or 22 percent in savings on their monthly food bill, according to ALICE estimates of a minimal family food budget that is around \$1,000 a month.

"Ensuring children have access to proper nutrition is critical not only to their overall health, but also their academic success," said Lampitt (D-Camden, Burlington). "As many working families continue to feel the financial toll of the COVID-19 pandemic, it can be difficult at times to put food on the table. By expanding eligibility for free breakfast and lunch programs, this legislation provides families with the support they need in times

of financial uncertainty and helps to ensure that no student is forced to go hungry."

Importantly, the bill also seeks to address hunger among students in potentially more affluent communities. It does that by expanding the number of school districts in New Jersey serving school lunch and breakfast with changes to school meal program participation thresholds, which would require schools to offer breakfast if ten percent of the student population is income eligible and to offer lunch if five percent of students are eligible.

"Ensuring they have a healthy start in the morning and are nourished throughout the school day sets our children up for academic success," said Jasey (D-Essex, Morris). "By expanding the requirements for these free school meal programs, we can reach more children around the state and assist more families in their time of need."

The legislation would require the State to provide funding to each school district, as needed to reimburse the costs of providing free meals to middle-income students who are federally ineligible under the National School Lunch Program or federal School Breakfast Program. This would amount to an annual cost of \$19.4 million to the State.

This measure is part of a larger legislative package put forward to combat hunger and expand programs for working-class families, seniors, and disabled residents.

In a major milestone for this long-awaited project the New Jersey Department of Transportation is soliciting bids for dredging in preparation for the construction of the South Amboy Intermodal Transportation Center/Radford Ferry. Bids for this 100% State funded project will be opened on May 26th.

This important phase of the project will include the dredging and removal of 19,100 cubic yards of material to increase the depth at



## Pallone Receives Federal Legislator of the Year Award from NJ SEED

Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) today received the Federal Legislator of the Year Award from the New Jersey Society for Economic, Environmental Development (NJ SEED). NJ SEED is a coalition of New Jersey's labor and business organizations. Pallone also participated in a roundtable on infrastructure with representatives from NJ SEED.

"I'm honored to receive this award and am grateful to NJ SEED for their support of my work to help New Jersey rebuild and repair its infrastructure. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is already delivering federal funds to New Jersey to improve public transportation, ensure everyone has access to safe drinking water, clean up Superfund sites, reduce carbon emissions, and lower consumer costs," said Congressman Pallone. "I'll continue to fight for the resources New Jersey deserves so we can build on this

success together."

"NJ SEED is a coalition that brings organized labor and business groups together that may not otherwise work together if not for an important reason or cause. Today we recognize the unique accomplishment of Chairman Pallone's success in bringing together the necessary leaders in Congress and stakeholders across the nation to fund New Jersey's infrastructure needs at unprecedented levels," said NJ SEED President Ronald Sabol. "The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will create new high skilled construction and science jobs, advance our economy, and improve our environment all at the core of NJ SEED's mission. The Congressman fought tirelessly to ensure this bill delivered for New Jersey, and NJ SEED is grateful for his efforts and commitment and proud to recognize him today."

## Dredging For South Amboy Ferry to Proceed

the project site. Work is expected to begin this summer as the City prepares to advertise bids for actual construction in upcoming weeks.

"This is an important first visible step in the construction of this long-anticipated facility", said Mayor Fred Henry. "As we await the notice to proceed for construction of the land element of the facility in the upcoming weeks, this is a good indication of the importance placed on the project by

the State".

The City is still awaiting notification from Federal authorities which is expected in the upcoming weeks. "Once we receive the final authorization my administration will be ready to advertise bids to identify the general contractor who will bring this outstanding facility from the drawing board to reality" said the Mayor "I am pleased that at long last we will see the fruits of our long labor".

# The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

## From The Sports Archives



1997- Sayreville, captured the Home News & Tribune Senior League title. Pictured bottom row (l-r) Matt Rubio, Rob Wrobel, Andrew Rodriguez, Vincent Porcaro, John Bell. Top row (l-r) Matt Aikens, John Jackson, Ken Hays, Charlie Bowden, John Denuto, Coach (rear Center), Joe Vigilante, Coach Mike. (Photo/info submitted)

## Sayreville Crowned Champs

Sayreville's super Home News & Tribune Senior League baseball team captured the league playoff championship with a thrilling 5-4 win over powerful St. Joseph's. Trailing 4-2 in the bottom of the seventh, with 2 outs and the bases loaded, Kenny Hays drilled a single up the middle

to drive in two runs and tie the game at 4-4. Joe Vigilante then came through with the biggest hit in his career, a clutch, pressure-packed base hit to the opposite field to score John Bell from third, and give Sayreville a walk-off victory and the championship.

## Diamond Dust

**1969 South Amboy Little Fellas League** Lions 8 Jo-Tom's 1-Bruce Richmond was the winning pitcher with a 2-hitter, and also belted a single and double. Joe "Moose" McCarthy rocketed a homer for Jo-Tom's. Daylight Bakery 14 Modern Trans 8-Winner pitcher Bob Scupp tossed a 2-hitter, struck out 13, and blasted a single, double and triple to drive in 5 runs.

**1969 South Amboy Babe Ruth League** Komars 5 Sacred Heart 3-Ron Croddick hammered a single, double and homer to knock in 3 in support of winning pitcher Charlie Steuber.

South Amboy Trust Co. 10 Raritan River Railroad 0-Bill D'Amico was the winning pitcher and fanned 11. Rich Krzyzanowski smashed a double and triple to drive in 2 runs.

**1982 South Amboy Little Fellas League** Modern Trans 18 K of C 3-Winning pitcher Mike Grover struck out 15. Steve Chrzaszcz and Doug Gumprecht drilled 4 hits apiece. PBA 4 English Chevron 2-Winning pitcher Carl Nemeth struck out 15, and drove in all 4 runs for the victors.

Enterprise 18 Daylight Bakery 5-Winning pitcher Andy Nicorvo was a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate.

## 60 Years Ago

**1962**-In Game 1 of City Series baseball action, St. Mary's nipped Hoffman, 7-6 in 8 innings. Art O'Donnell ripped the game-winning single in the extra frame for the Eagles. Joe Pohl smashed 2 singles and a double to support winning pitcher Ray Riddell, who defeated Paul Nagy. Over 200 spectators filled Veterans Field for the hometown rivalry.

## 500 + Home Runs



2003-Florida Marlins rookie, Miguel Cabrera is pictured before a game against the NY Mets at Shea Stadium. Cabrera got his big chance in MLB thanks to Manager Jack McKeon, who recognized the raw talent and huge potential in the talented youngster, and inserted him into the starting lineup. The Marlins went on to beat the NY Yankees to win the World Series that year. Fast forward to 2022, Cabrera recently blasted his 500th career homer, and is also a member of the 3,000 Hits Club. He is one of few elite players in history to have hit 500 home runs, and had over 3,000 hits. (Photo from the Tom Burkard Archives)

## Glory Days In Local Sports

1955-Hoffman topped Rumson, 6-4 in baseball action. Winning pitcher Bob Bloodgood struck out 6, and Mike Charmello blasted a double and triple...1967-Fred Henry was the winning pitcher, and fired a 6-hitter, as St. Mary's downed a tough St. Patrick's of Elizabeth team, 5-2. Tom "Red" Kelly hammered 2 singles and a triple...1976-Sayreville girls softball squad nipped Piscataway, 5-4 in the Middlesex County Softball Tournament. Winning pitcher Karen DeSiena upped her record to (14-1), and belted a three-bagger. Janet Murray drove in 2 runs, and Barbara Hennessey had an RBI...

1984-In CJ Group IV, first round play, Sayreville nipped East Brunswick, 1-0, behind Chuck Frobosilo's 3-hitter. In the 6th inning, Jim Hauber walked, stole second, and

scored the only run of the game on an error...

1994-Jim Christie fired a beautiful, 6-inning no-hitter, and struck out 6, as St. Mary's ripped New Brunswick, 10-0. John Rios drilled 3 hits, while John Letteriello and A.J. Wentz added 2 hits apiece...2007-The Sayreville Bombers baseball club stopped Scotch Plains, 9-6. Winning pitcher Mike Rochford had a single and RBI triple. Nick Ruszala smacked two doubles and drove in a run, Ed Goldmann was 3-for-3 with 2 RBI, Robert Pearson stroked 2 hits and contributed 3 RBI, while Jim Foley notched the save with 2 scoreless innings...2011-South Amboy boys baseball team won its season opener, 3-2 over Spotswood. Dustin DeVoe was the winning pitcher and struck out 11. Matt Lavan unloaded a 2-run homer for the Guvs.

## Mets Trip July 23

For all of you baseball fans, the South Amboy Knights of Columbus are running their annual trip to beautiful Citi Field to see the National League contending Mets host the San Diego Padres. Game time is 7:10

PM and the cost of \$150 includes round trip motor coach transportation, game tickets, refreshments, and \$24 of Mets Money that can be utilized anywhere in the ballpark. For reservations call Steve at 732-727-1707.

## Champions



Our Lady of Victories Cheerleaders competed in the Eastern Cheer and Dance Hershey Open Nationals, and captured 1st Place and the National Championship at Hershey, PA on April 23rd. Congrats to all! (Photo/info submitted)

## 90 Years Ago

**1932**-Winning pitcher Stan "Sweets" Jankowski struck out 4, and also blasted the game-winning homer in the 10th inning to lead St. Mary's to a 7-6 victory over Immaculate Conception. He also had a single in the contest. Benny (Budniak) Kolodziejki ripped a single and triple, Dowling added a single and double, and Frank Conroy got 2 hits for the Saints.

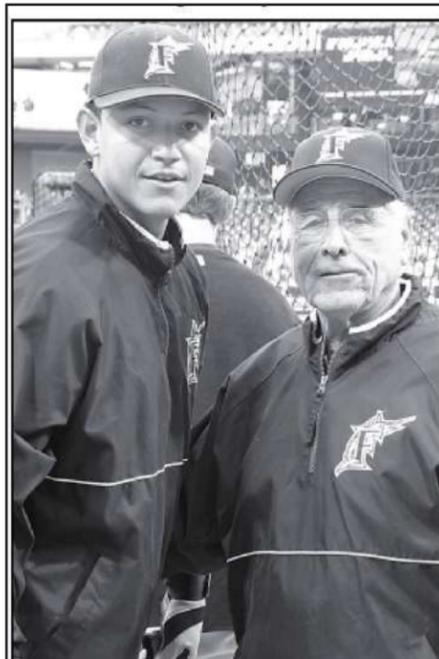
## 40 Years Ago

**1982**-Mark Thompson fired a 2-hitter and struck out 11 to lead Hoffman to an 8-0 victory over Green Brook. Peter Smith blasted a 2-run double, and Frank Wahler added a 2-run single for the Guvs.

## 55 Years Ago

**1967**-Bob Keister fired a 3-hitter and struck out 9 to lead Sayreville to a 5-2 win over East Brunswick. Catcher Mickey Roberts had a single and RBI triple. Nick DeBiase had a perfect 2-for-2 game.

## 3,000 + Hits



2004-Miguel Cabrera (l) is pictured during his second season in MLB with Florida Marlins' manager Jack McKeon (r), a South Amboy native. Cabrera's outstanding career should get him elected to the hall in his first year of eligibility, after he decides to retire from the game. Miguel now stars for the Detroit Tigers club. This photo was taken at the Philadelphia Phillies Citizens Bank Park. (Photo By Tom Burkard)

## 25 Years Ago

**1997**-The South Amboy (SA) 9-Year Old All-Stars captured 2 tournament championships. SA won their own tourney by beating Monroe in the final, and finishing with a perfect (4-0) record in the event. Our locals also went across the bridge to win the Perth Amboy Tournament in 4 straight games, taking the final over Irvington.

The talented team was managed by Alex Rodriguez, and his coaches were: Scott Gumprecht, Joe Bartlinski and Steve Szatkowski. The championship roster consisted of Joe Bartlinski, Jared Mundy, Adam Szatkowski, Brian Seres, Tom Szatkowski, Tim Reilly, Alex Rodriguez, Derek Miller, Mike Jukus, Ryan Miller, Joe Magnifico, Justin Gumprecht, Mike Ostrander.

## Pro Baseball Report

Pitcher Brandon Bielak (Sayreville) is currently (2-1) with the Houston Astros AAA farm team, the Sugar Land Space Cowboys. He has pitched in 7 games, 28.3 innings pitched, 28 strikeouts, and a 2.36 ERA. Keep up the good work, Brandon!

## School Sports

(As of May 11)  
By Tom Burkard

### Baseball

#### South Amboy (10-2)

##### Top Hitters

Runs-Gabriel Albarron 21, Steven Evanski 19, Anthony Vella 19; Hits-Albarron 24, Vella 21, Evanski 20, Benjamin Hernandez 19; Doubles-Evanski 5; Triples-Vella 4, Evanski 3; RBI-Evanski 23, Nigel Johnson 16, Hernandez 14; Home Runs-Evanski, Hernandez, Jeremy Vasquez 1 apiece; Stolen Bases-Angel Barillas 13, Vella 9; Batting Avg.-Albarron .558, Vella .500, Benjamin Smith .470, Hernandez .463, Vasquez .461, Evanski .454.

##### Pitching

Innings Pitched-Evanski 19, Brandon Gasiewski 16, Christian Smith 14.1; Strikeouts-Evanski 29, C. Smith 25, Gasiewski 23.

#### Sayreville (3-13)

##### Top Hitters

Runs-Michael Colonnello 10, Aayush Mehta 8; Hits-Michael Novak 17, Hunter Almeida 14, Colonnello 13, Jake Romanello 13; Doubles-Almeida 3; Triples-Many tied with 1; RBI-Almeida 9, Novak 8; Stolen Bases-Colonnello 9 Novak 5; Batting Avg.-Novak .309, Colonnello .295, A.J. Zapotoczny .289.

##### Pitching

Innings Pitched-Ryan Anthony 33, Whitford Dennis 26.2; Strikeouts-Dennis 32, Anthony 29.

### Softball

#### South Amboy (9-5)

##### Top Hitters

Runs-Evalise Perez 24, Jada Berry 21, Emma Kalantis 21, Brianna Sweatt 20; Hits-Sweatt 19, Kalantis 19, Berry 16; Doubles-Kalantis 7, Perez 3; Triples-Perez 3, Kalantis 3; RBI-Sweatt 21, Kalantis 17, Perez 13; Home Runs-Perez 2; Stolen Bases-Berry 23, Perez 18, Iyanni Twigg 16; Batting Avg.-Kalantis .487, Sweatt .372, Berry .364, Twigg .359, Perez .351, Maggie Whiteley .321.

##### Pitching

Innings Pitched-Perez 59.1, Sweatt 32; Strikeouts-Perez 87, Sweatt 38.

#### Sayreville (7-10)

##### Top Hitters

Runs-Caydence Barton 18, Jessica Wasko 12, Megan McKay 12; Hits-Madison Szatkowski 26, Barton 22, Hailey Kilpatrick 17; Doubles-Szatkowski 7, Rose Joseph 5; Triples-Szatkowski 1, Joseph 1; RBI-Szatkowski 19, Wasko 14; Home Runs-Szatkowski 3, Wasko 1; Batting Avg.-Szatkowski .490, Joseph .400, Barton .355, Kilpatrick .309, Wasko .302.

##### Pitching

Innings Pitched-Barton 46, Wasko 45.1; Strikeouts-Barton 54, Wasko 23.

## GMCT Softball (1st Round)

South Amboy 15 Highland Park 1-The Lady Guvs routed the Owls in a 5-inning, mercy shortened contest. Evalise Perez was the winning pitcher, allowing only 1 hit, and striking out 12 batters. She also drilled 2 singles, a double, and had 3 RBI to lead the team. Emma Kalantis went 3-for-3 with 2 RBI, Iyanni Twigg stroked 3 singles, and Jada Berry stole 2 bases and scored 4 runs for the winners.

#### (Quarter Finals)

South Amboy 16 Piscataway 15-Winning pitcher Evalise Perez ripped 2 doubles, drove in 2, and scored 4 runs, and Sarah McLaughlin stroked a 2-run single for the Lady Governors.

## CJ Group I State Tourney (1st Round)

South Amboy 12 Woodbridge Academy 2 (5 innings)-Brianna Sweat belted a double and triple, for 2 RBI, while stealing a base to lead the offense. Also contributing big time was Jayleen Quintana with 2 hits and 2 steals, winning pitcher Evalise Perez, who smacked a 2-run double, and Kyleigh Millette 2-for-3 with an RBI.

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

## Bombers Blast North Brunswick

Sayreville girls softball team pounded North Brunswick, 21-1 in a 4-inning mercy ruling game. Jessica Wasko went a perfect 5-for-5 with a homer and 6 RBI. Caydence Barton was the winning pitcher and struck out 7.

## Governors Hammer Highland Park

Coach Dan Poulsen's South Amboy powerhouse baseball squad destroyed Highland Park, 18-4. Gabriel Albarron had a perfect 3-for-3 performance, scored 4 runs, and drove in 2. Benjamin Hernandez went 4-for-5, with a double, 4 runs, and 3 RBI, and Jeremy Vasquez drilled 3 hits, and knocked in a run. Steven Evanski was the winning pitcher.

## Sayreville Junior Bombers

Join Us! Registration is open for the Fall 2022 Football & Cheer Season! Athletes & Coaches, register here: <https://bit.ly/RegisterSJB>

STUNTING CLINICS for current and future Sayreville Junior Bombers Cheerleaders. Athletes Ages 7-14, register here: <https://bit.ly/RegisterSJB>



Alexandra Fields (standing) and Senem Kaptan. (Photo/Story Submitted)

## Middlesex College Awarded 2022 ACLS Sustaining Public Engagement Grant

Grant Made Possible by Support from the National Endowment for the Humanities Supports Outstanding Publicly Engaged Humanities Programs

Middlesex College has received an American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Sustaining Public Engagement Grant, as part of a \$3.5 million funding program made possible by the National Endowment for the Humanities' (NEH) Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan (SHARP) initiative.

Middlesex College has been awarded \$148,400 for "Breaking Barriers: Humanities Discourse within Carceral Settings," which will repair the disruptions caused by the pandemic across two detention centers located in New Jersey through comprehensive humanities programming centered on an inside-out learning model. In turn, this will also revitalize interest in the humanities for current College students while bridging the gap between traditional college students, faculty members, and detained and incarcerated youth.

The members of the principal project team are Dr. Alexandra Fields, professor of English, and Senem Kaptan, program manager, Center for Justice-Impacted Students at the College.

"Before the pandemic began, our Middlesex College students and Juvenile Detention Center residents shared how much they loved engaging in English Composition classes together, and through these funds, we can now bring that opportunity back to



When we first started WWW.? The idea was given to us by a reader, the late "Jimmy" Gray, and it has proven to be a very popular part of the paper. WWW stood for What, When, Where which has evolved to the Where being the main focus. This month we are giving you the When and are looking for What and Where. When is 1968 can you tell us what business was here and where it was located. Hint, the business lasted a couple of years and was home to a very popular hobby. Send your answer to [satimes@aol.com](mailto:satimes@aol.com) by June 13th

## WWW.? Winners April

Last month's WWW.? was Christ Church located on Main Street in South Amboy. The following correctly identified it: Patti Tengelics, Eleanore Westerholm, Dennis Quinlan, John Gelsinon, Mary Lou (Reese) LoVecchio, Leon Credico, Mary Agnes Morris, Joan Fulham, Betty Leveille, Thomas Harrigan, JoAnn & John

French, Dermot Scales, Pete McIntyre, Pat Scully, Steve Laskiewicz, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Steve Villig, Bruno and Anne Szatkowski and Fred Leppig, Lisa Grankowski, Lynn Loy, Marisa Szamreta, Mark Moniello, Gary Feret, Joan Gorczyca, Edna Mazur Pilch, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Dane Colburn, Barb Bockus.



Christ Church - (Photo by Tom Burkard)

detention center residents and traditional Middlesex College students," Dr. Fields said.

Middlesex College is one of 24 grantees, representing outstanding public programs based at a variety of public and private institutions from 18 states and Puerto Rico. Awarded programs have demonstrated a deep commitment to the co-creation of knowledge with diverse communities outside of academia and promising approaches to addressing the most pressing issues society faces today.

"The National Endowment for the Humanities is grateful to the American Council of Learned Societies for administering American Rescue Plan funding to speed economic recovery within the higher education sector," said NEH Chair Shelly C. Lowe. "Our colleges and universities are important centers for public humanities, with immense potential to serve their communities through educational resources and public programs that reach broad audiences. These ARP awards will expand public access to new information and discoveries in the humanities, and foster greater collaboration between academic institutions and community partners."

ACLS President Joy Connolly said the organization is proud to support these examples of publicly engaged, community-centered scholarship.

"Direct engagement with communities beyond the walls of academia is essential to the continued creation of knowledge for the public good," she said. "At the same time, these programs will help in expanding our definitions of humanistic scholarship and in contributing to solutions for a brighter future for all."

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 appropriated supplemental funding to the NEH to provide emergency relief to cultural organizations and educational institutions and organizations working in the humanities that have been adversely affected by the coronavirus pandemic. The Act recognizes that the humanities sector is an essential component of economic and civic life in the United States.

#### A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

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## Obituaries

Caracappa, Anne M., 69, of South Amboy died on April 12.  
 Chuilli, Florence C. Cross, 98, formerly of South Amboy died on April 19.  
 Cline, Marianna H., 68, of South Amboy died on May 2.  
 Cole, Larry W., 66, of Sayreville died on March 30.  
 Czarnecki, Stefan, 79, of Sayreville died on May 5.  
 Daly, Joan, 93, formerly of South Amboy died on May 4.  
 Danku, William, 75, formerly of Sayreville died on May 4.  
 Didik, Lou Ann Dominick, 68, of Sayreville died on May 8.  
 Dowd, Kenneth W., 69, of Sayreville died on April 7.  
 Falkowski, Mary Komosinski, of South Amboy died on April 23.  
 Gallery, Edward "Gus," Sr., 82, of South Amboy died on April 21.  
 Hill, Ann, 98, formerly of South Amboy died on April 14.  
 Klimek, Josephine Kwiecinski, 99, of Sayreville died on May 4.  
 Kovach, Kenneth K., 49, formerly of Sayreville died on May 10.  
 Lee, Sharon A., 69, formerly of South Amboy died on April 27.  
 Lordi, Angela R., 78, formerly of

Sayreville died on April 7.  
 Mancini, Domenica, 95, of Parlin died on May 13.  
 Marques, Jose A. de Silva, 73, of Sayreville died on April 25.  
 Montemurro, Donald J., 83, of Sayreville died on May 4.  
 Pashley, Kathleen M., 83, of Parlin died on May 9.  
 Patel, Vinubhai, 89, of South Amboy died on April 19.  
 Sankner, Robert, 75, formerly of Sayreville died on May 13.  
 Scheid, Janet Sweeney, 84, of Parlin died on May 17.  
 Supak, Victoria, 96, formerly of Sayreville died on May 12.  
 Thompson, Gisselene, 81, of South Amboy died on May 9.  
 Tischler, Thomas, 67, of Sayreville died on May 7.  
 Williams, Anna, 72, formerly of Sayreville died on May 9.  
 Zammit, Angela M., 70, of Morgan died on April 27.  
 Zihala, Richard "Rick," 65, of Sayreville died on May 8.  
 Zrebiec, Louis G., 99, of South Amboy died on May 8.

## In Memoriam

Victoria Supak, 96, formerly of Sayreville died on May 12. She served as President of Sayreville VFW Memorial Post 4699 Ladies Auxiliary, back in 1964-65.

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## Ann Hill

Ann Hill 98 of Hilton Head Island passed away on Thursday, April 14, 2022. She is preceded in death by Joseph Charmello and her husband Donald Hill, her siblings; Evelyn Dolan. Harry Cohan, Shirley Cohan. She is survived by her children; Angela Anderson Toonder and Nicholas Charmello (Joyce Kenny Charmello), Step-children; Donna Devine, Donald Hill, Cheryl Hill,

Mimi Natarcola, Grandchildren; Joseph Charmello, Kate Charmello, Britta Anderson, Janney (Mac Janney), Great Grandchildren; Cora Ann Janney, Joseph Anderson Janney, her siblings; Leona Diebold, Eleanor Munck, Judy Neumann, Dolores Cohan. She will forever be remembered with many memories of love.

## Josephine Kwiecinski Klimek

Josephine Kwiecinski Klimek, age 99, passed away peacefully, at her home, surrounded by her loving family. Born in South Amboy, she had lived in Sayreville most of her life. Josephine was a homemaker and enjoyed spending time with her family. She was a member of the St. Stan's Seniors and a former communicant of Our Lady of Victories RC Church in Sayreville. She is predeceased by her parents John and Josephine Kwiecinski, her husband

Alfred Klimek, and her brothers Edward and Stanley Kwiecinski. Surviving are her loving children Arline, Alfred, and Gerard, her granddaughters Adrienne and Brittany Anne, her great-grandchildren Olivia and Leo, and her brother Paul Kwiecinski. Funeral services were held at Maliszewski Memorial Home 121 Main Street. The burial was held at St. Stan's Cemetery on Pulaski Ave. in Sayreville.

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



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

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

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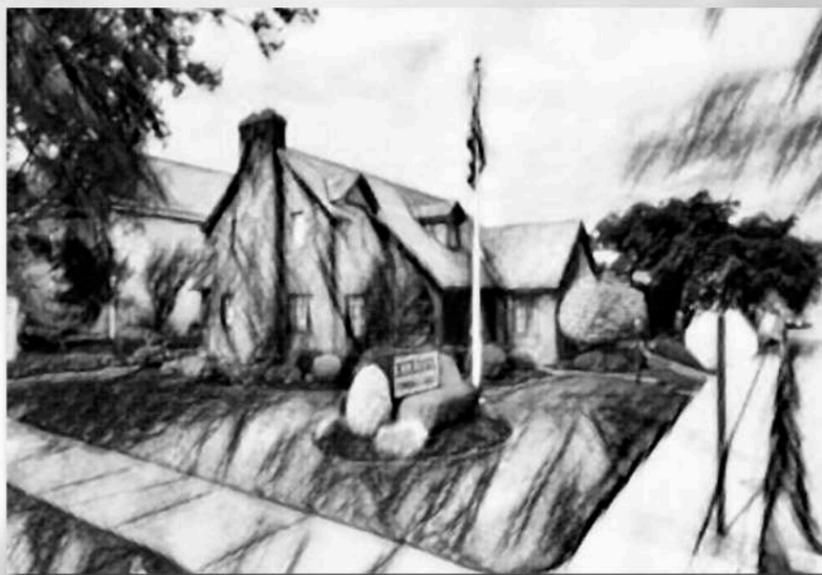
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OR VOTE ON ELECTION DAY: JUNE 7TH

After a long career as an educator, Mayor Fred Henry was first elected to the South Amboy City Council in 1992.

Looking to make an even greater impact on our city, he was elected as Mayor for the first time in 2010.

Since then, Mayor Henry has delivered results for South Amboy families on the issues that matter most, like keeping taxes stable and investing in our city.

- ✔ Introduced budget with a zero tax increase that was **unanimously supported by the City Council.**
- ✔ Introduced an ordinance that **increased the size of our police force** and allowed for four promotions.
- ✔ Secured a **\$1 million grant to revitalize the city's waterfront walkway**, adding new lights and cameras.
- ✔ **Stood up to developers**, preventing the construction of a new industrial port near our neighborhoods.
- ✔ Invested \$300,000 in redevelopment funds for **new laptops for South Amboy students.**

## MICHAEL "MICKEY" ANTHONY GROSS & CONRAD

Democrats for Council At-Large



### RE-ELECT COUNCIL PRESIDENT MICKEY GROSS

- ✔ First ran for South Amboy City Council in 2010 because he wanted to make sure **South Amboy stayed a great place for our families**
- ✔ Has served as City Council President since 2015, **delivering results to increase investment in our downtown**
- ✔ Currently serves as the chairman of the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade, co-founder and co-chair of the South Amboy Irish Festival, and much more
- ✔ He is also a licensed New Jersey Health Officer, and he and his wife are proud grandparents

### ELECT ANTHONY CONRAD

- ✔ Currently serves on the School Board where he has been a tireless advocate for South Amboy public schools, including **spearheading efforts to fully fund the 1-to-1 Chromebook Initiative**
- ✔ Now running for City Council because he knows there's still a lot of progress to be made
- ✔ Anthony can be trusted to use his **financial expertise to make smart investments in our community** while keeping taxes stable
- ✔ A proud husband and father to three children
- ✔ He also serves as the South Amboy YMCA Board Chairman and volunteers as a local youth soccer coach

## FRED HENRY FOR MAYOR MICKEY GROSS & ANTHONY CONRAD FOR COUNCIL

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