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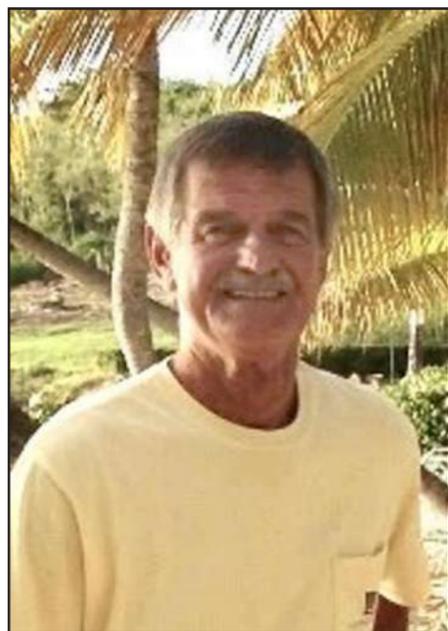
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*Joseph "Smitty" Smith
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NJ 101.5's Bill Spadea Honors Off-Duty Cop

By Steve Schmid

New Jersey 101.5 FM morning host Bill Spadea recently honored an off duty officer who rescued a man on the Route 9 bridge linking Sayreville with Perth Amboy. On his March 12 Blue Friday segment, Spadea said off duty New Jersey Correctional Officer Faustino Saucedo of Perth Amboy is a hero because officers are always on duty even when they hang up their uniform after a shift. He said Officer Saucedo was on his way to Carteret to pick up his wife when he noticed a man at the side of the Route 9 bridge. He quickly pulled over and his quick decision was the difference between life and death. He noted Saucedo grabbed the man's arms preventing him from falling and held him long enough so bystanders could pull him to safety. He added Saucedo is a shining example of the heroism seen every day from our local law officers. Every Friday Spadea holds the Blue Friday segment honoring police officers.



Mark Bratus

Virtual Tricky Tray

Sacred Heart Church will be having their first virtual tricky tray! Drop off tickets to play in person at Memorial Hall, 531 Washington Avenue South Amboy, but then enjoy virtually, while ticket pulling starts at 6pm, with family and friends at your homes on Friday, April 23, 2021, live streamed from our website and Facebook page. Purchase a PRE-sale bundle NOW at \$50 to save \$10. (NO bundle packs will be sold at the door!) Drop off ticket days and times are as follows...Saturday, April 10th and 17th, 3pm to 6pm...Sunday, April 11th and 18th, 8am to 1pm... Wednesday, April 14th and 21st, 6pm to 8pm. Ticket sheets and additional raffles available at the event, CASH ONLY! Due to coronavirus, the following precautions will be implemented: Non contact temperature check at door, mask required, social distancing with limited people allowed in at one time. Any questions, more details or to order your Pre-sale bundles, please contact the parish office at 732-721-0040 or email sheart224@aol.com.

Van Note Joins 1,000 Points Club



Sayreville's standout basketball star Stephanie Van Note became a member of the school's elite 1,000 points club by firing in a career-high of 30 points, as the Bombers defeated Edison, 55-50. Van Note connected on 8-for-15 from the floor, and 13-for-18 on the free throw line. Congratulations on your great accomplishment, Stephanie! (Photo Submitted)

Remembering Mark Bratus

By Jim McCloud

On March 7, 2021 South Amboy's storied sports history lost one of the contributors to that history - Mark Bratus. Mark and I were classmates and teammates in grammar school, high school and college. In the 1960s St Mary's Grammar School only had an 8th grade team. Mark was precocious with his ability on the court, and he was the first 6th grader in school history to make the 8th grade team.

The overflow crowds at Monsignor Sullivan Gymnasium were a true testament to the support that the town of South Amboy gave the 1968-1969 St Mary's team. We went 21-4, and were undefeated at home! Mark was a true leader of that team, and was the prototypical NJ Catholic School point guard: heady, great ball handler, tough defensively, and a reliable scorer. Mark was selected to the All-County Third Team. Much to our chagrin we lost in Atlantic City in the State Tournament (still stings to this day!).

We both then received basketball

scholarships to play at Biscayne College, Miami Florida. Here are just a few quotes from the team's Basketball Guide describing Mark's play: "heady backcourt general... excellent defensively...best guard handling pressure defenses...adept at finding the open man". Some highlights of Mark's college career were playing in the NCAA DII Tournament in 1972, and playing against two NCAA DI Final Four teams - Jacksonville University (Artis Gilmore) in 1970 and Florida State in 1972.

Aside from his achievements on the court, Mark was known for his great personality. He was unassuming, humble, well-respected, very likable, all with his laid back demeanor.

We're always going to have great memories of Mark to hold in our hearts. Great classmate...Excellent teammate... Better friend! We're all going to miss you Mark! May you Rest In Peace!

*See other story, photos on page 17.

Golf Outing April 30

(Article submitted)

The Sayreville Fire Department 6th Annual Golf Outing will be in full swing on Friday, April 30, 2021 at Pebble Creek Golf Club. Breakfast, a buffet lunch, beverages, and awards ceremony is included. Tee time will be at 9:00 AM and is a shotgun start. This golf outing is exciting, featuring door prizes, on the course beverages, and a 50/50. Additionally, prizes will be awarded for closest to the pin, longest drive, not to mention hole in one wins a car. This golf outing provides numerous sponsorship opportunities for you to support this event. Your participation and sponsorship of this

golf outing helps to support the Sayreville Fire Department's training and specialized equipment. Dress Code: No metal spikes. Players must wear proper golf attire. Cut offs, jeans, gym shorts, and swim wear are not permitted No coolers are permitted on the course.

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South Amboy, Sayreville To Get Stimulus Share

New Jersey Senators Bob Menendez and Cory Booker said that our state will receive the 8th largest share, nearly \$10.2 billion of the \$350 billion for local governments in the American Rescue Plan Act that President Joe Biden signed on March 11.

The Borough of Sayreville will receive \$5,520,940.84, and the City of South Amboy will get \$901,378.78. The funding will help pay for COVID-19 expenses, aid residents and local businesses and other uses.



After a year of a pandemic Girl Scouts is still going strong! Megan Corby, an Ambassador Girl Scout from the Sayreville-South Amboy service unit worked on her Gold Award last year as the restrictions allowed. She established a new division in the local Sayreville Little League called the Challenger Division. This was for all special needs children with any physical or intellectual disabilities, from ages four to eighteen. With Megan's program the children would have an opportunity to play baseball with the help of peer volunteers. Megan and her group of volunteers had a successful season. With baseball season approaching, and hopefully the pandemic soon ending, Megan is ready to continue her Challenger Division this year. With the completion of this year's season Megan will complete her Gold Award, which is the highest award earned in Girl Scouts. (Photo/Info Submitted)

Take-Out Fish Fry

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are holding a take-out Fish Fry Friday March 26 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the K of C parking lot at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Members will take your order and deliver your food to your vehicle. Cost of \$12 includes fish and chips plus more. For more information call Gary at 732-512-8923 or Jan at 732-553-9060.



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Sgt. Mackiel (l) is pictured with his wife and children following his promotion ceremony with the South River Police Dept. (Photo/info submitted by Ann Brennan Mackiel)



Retired South Amboy Police Dept. Captain David Kales (c) stands proudly with his sons, Ptl. Timothy Kales (l) of the South Amboy Police Dept., and Ptl. Nicholas Kales (r) of the Sayreville Police Dept. (Photo/info submitted)



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Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Mackiel Promoted To Sergeant

Bernard Mackiel was promoted to Sergeant on the South River Police force recently. He has followed his dad, the late Bernard Mackiel Jr., who rose through the ranks in the South Amboy Police force all the way to captain. Congratulations Sgt. Mackiel!

Patrolman Kales Joins Sayreville Police Force

Patrolman Nicholas Kales recently began working with the Sayreville Police Dept. His father is retired South Amboy Police Capt. David Kales, and his brother is South Amboy Patrolman Timothy Kales. Congratulations Ptl. Kales!

Maxfield Retires

Len Maxfield recently retired from the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office after over 25 years of dedication and service. Congratulations Len on a job well-done!

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY

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



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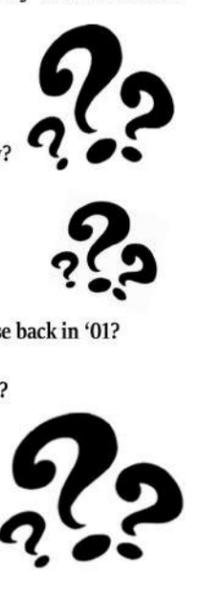
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Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- This event was held in South Amboy and was a benefit for BIC?
 a.SA-Sayr Stock b.Arts/Seafood Fest c.Toddstock
- Chosen Sayreville Library Director in 2001?
 a.Hannah Hawkins b.Mariola Makiewicz c.Joseph Lyons
- In '91, this furniture store was located on South Broadway in South Amboy?
 a.Above All Furniture b.Broadway's Best c.SA Furniture & More
- Where is Bello's located in Parlin?
 a.Washington Rd. b.Roosevelt Blvd. c.Jernee Mill Rd.
- South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 Grand Knight in 1991?
 a.Steve Schmid b.Fred Whiteley c.Mike Mooney
- This automotive/heating/cooling specialist was located on Rt. 35 in Melrose back in '01?
 a.Mike's Hot & Cool b.Edison Bridge H & C c.Melrose Heating & Cooling
- In 1991, this archery shop was located on North Broadway in South Amboy?
 a.Bull's Eye Inc. b.Vincent Mancini's Archery Plus c.Robin Hood & Company
- This popular warehouse was on Raritan St. in South Amboy in 2001?
 a.Holiday Treasures Inc. b.Kastle Kreations c.Willie's Warehouse
- In 1991, this monument works was located on Scott Ave. in Sayreville?
 a.E. Gabel b.Top-Notch Grave Monuments c.Scott Ave. Sculptors
- What section of Sayreville was The Sandbox located at?
 a.Morgan b.Parlin c.Melrose

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



Business Of The Month
J & S Pizza



Pictured top (l-r) J & S Pizza owners Diana (l) and Frank Mashkuli (r), and their children Jasmine and Sara.

J&S Pizza is a family owned business serving up authentic Italian food with over 30 years experience! J&S opened in August 2017, and the shop's name was inspired by Frank and Diana's daughters Jasmine and Sara, and so they started on their journey in Morgan, and almost 4 years later made many great customers/friends. J & S is located at 337 S. Pine Ave. in the Morgan

section of Sayreville bringing "A Taste of Brooklyn" to town!

They have been featured twice in "NJ.com" and also the "Home News Tribune!" J & S Pizza has also been so giving during the start of these trying times, and they held an event in which they handed out free "DIY" pizza kits for the kids!

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100th Birthday

Josephine Starosciak (nee Kuc) celebrated her 100th birthday at St. Joseph's Senior Home in Woodbridge NJ surrounded by her family. Pictured in the photo are her son Frank and his wife Linda, and her grandson David. Also in attendance were her godson and wife Richard and Emily Adamecs and her niece Christine DeHanes. Granddaughter Amy Starosciak Iannacci and her husband Anthony participated via Zoom from Florida. Josephine attributes her long life to her faith, family, simple living, laughter, and bingo. She loved cooking Polish Christmas and Easter dinners for her family.

She lived in South Amboy all her life and attended Sacred Heart School, loved taking the bus & SA Senior van to go shopping on Broadway. She was a member of SA Seniors, and Sacred Heart Rosary Society.

The sisters, staff and her family sang happy birthday and the Polish Birthday Song 'Sto lot.' (Photo/story courtesy of Frank Starosciak)



Students OF THE MONTH
Congratulations!



The South Amboy Middle/High School teaching staff has nominated the students of the month for February, 2021. The nominations are based on character, school spirit, and academic integrity. For February, we are happy to announce our winners. Pictured in a virtual classroom setting are: From left to right: top row: J. Finnegan (grade 9), C. LaVigne (grade 11), E. Perez (grade 10), Z. pyle (grade 12). Bottom row: N. Cruz (grade 6), T. Gardea (grade 7), and C. Muniz (grade 8). Congratulations to all of the students of the month. (Photo/Info Submitted)

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Yearbook-Hoffman 1991

By Tom Burkard

During the first week of school in September 1990, the local band, Bon Jovi was topping the national music charts with "Blaze of Glory," and Hoffman High's Class of '91 was gearing up for its big final year of high school glory. William Beattie was school principal, and some of his talented faculty consisted of: John Bernosky, Mrs. Rim, Mrs. Inman, Richard Gore, and Miss Folis. Mrs. Donnelly was the School Nurse. The yearbook, titled "Endnotes," was dedicated to Rich Klein and Joe Miceli. Tangereen Kraus and Nancy Van Reed were Editors-In-Chief of the yearbook. Senior Class officers were: President-Jim Hoehman; VP-Tangereen Kraus; Secretary-Stacey White; Treasurer-Ken Krass. Gary Kuhn was President of the National Honor Society. Spirit Week was held Dec. 17-22, 1990, and everyone had a blast. The week featured Toga Day, Purple & Gold Day, and other great activities. The Mr. Hoffman contest was held on Feb. 28, 1991, and Ryan Tooker was the winner. HGHHS also offered many clubs and organizations such as the Ski Club, Peer Leadership, Newspaper, Lighting Club, Band, Prom Committee, National Honor Society, Ecology Club, Decathlon of Knowledge, Math Contest, Literary Magazine, Chorus,

History Club, SADD. Some of the 42 seniors randomly selected include: Stephen Ala, Belinda Baran, Debra Barnes, Charles Brinkerhoff, Cheryl Cieslarczyk, Marco Cavallo, Tracy Darabos, Christine Forrer, Maria Gaito, Carolyn Guikoff, Jason Ingstrup, Gustave Kaiser, Jamie Lynn Kane, Michele Lang, Mary Malinowski, Deborah McCloud, Sherilyn Milochik, Scott Murphy, Cherice Read, Tracy Parfianowicz, Donald Roberts, Robert Stegway, Maria Skrzylnarz, Tara Tingle, John Wranovics. In early '91, the U.S. was involved in Desert Storm, and patriotism was at a high level everywhere, including Hoffman HS. Top notch senior athletes included: Erin Arnold, Robert DeLude, Bobbie-Jo Hermes, Melissa Herrick, Jim Hoehman, Richard Hulsart, James Keegan, Colleen Kozak, Anthony Kosmoski, Kenneth Krass. Gary Kuhn, (who scored over 1,000 points in his basketball career, captured the Middlesex County scoring title), Ronald Andrew Sabine, Allison Stickle, Stacey White. Mariah Carey's "I Don't Wanna Cry" was the #1 hit in the nation as Hoffman High's Class of 1991 attended its commencement exercises. HGHHS Class of '91 was a fine and dedicated group, with very bright futures ahead.

Dowdell Library

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South Amboy, NJ – The Sadie Pope Dowdell Library has been serving the South Amboy community for more than 107 years and is proud to serve as a destination for the community. Whether offering entertaining cultural and educational programs - in-house, or virtually, there has always been something for everyone. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the library briefly closed and reopened at Governor Murphy's edict, following CDC protocols. The library initially offered contactless service - then quickly pivoted and expanded services by opening the building, even though libraries of similar size only offered curbside service—and still do! Keeping staff and the community healthy was a priority, so social distancing protocols, personal protective equipment, Plexiglas shields, and additional cleaning was initiated. Dedicated staff also attended training webinars, communicated via Zoom meetings, presented virtual programming, and conducted business remotely. An eNewsletter and social media posts kept the community up to date on library services, small business grant opportunities and pandemic updates.

The demand for remote services increased, as many worked or studied at home, limiting their exposure to others due to the pandemic. To continue to serve the community, the library adjusted the dial and began offering virtual programming such as Test Kitchen, technology tips, Storytime, and art exhibitions through the YouTube Channel. Take-home kits from Sadie's Studio were offered. An outdoor "drive-in" music program was held featuring the Paul Nagy Project. It was a robust mix of virtual and in-person programming – a library without walls.

The Dowdell Library also increased digital content to include more downloadable eBooks, eAudio books, current magazines and music and streaming movies. Wi-Fi was available 24/7 whether used inside or

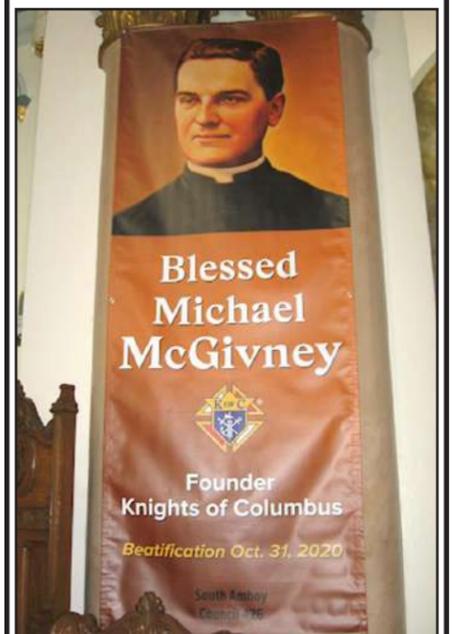
outside the building. JerseyClicks provided 24/7 accurate and timely information services from dowdell.org. The online BrainFuse program offered live tutoring, GED, SAT and citizenship test prep assistance, financial assistance tips for college applicants, career resources, etc.

Other library services included having public computers available (sanitized between uses); free library cards, faxing, printing, notary services, tax preparation assistance, home delivery for our elderly population, and a cooperative membership in the regional LMxAC Consortium.

The Dowdell Library was awarded one of the Best of the Best libraries in Middlesex County last year due to their service oriented staff and devoted Library Board. So, drop in or visit dowdell.org to make use of the above free services. The magic of your library is awaiting!

Contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School. Due to all services being staff-assisted, walk-in service is available Monday 10 am-5 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 12-5 pm and Thursday 12-5 pm and 6-8 pm.

South Amboy Knights of Columbus New Banner



The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 recently unveiled this banner of Blessed Michael McGivney next to the altar at Sacred Heart Church. The Knights also have one which was placed at St. Mary's Church. (Photo/info courtesy of Jan Williams)

ESL Conversation Group (Virtual)

ESL conversation classes meet Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Typically, they meet anywhere from 10 am - 8:30 pm, depending on the availability of the tutor and students. Please contact Lauren Sergeant for more information, at lsergeant@literacynj.org or fill out an online application form at <https://literacynj.org/middlesex-student-application>.

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



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In The Beginning...

By Elaine Holton Scott

Everything has a beginning...even the Old Testament starts with the words, "In the beginning," in the Book of Genesis. Whether it's the world, religion, life, civilizations, the SATimes, or the food items found in our kitchen cabinets, everything has a beginning. So, let's just take a look at a few of those familiar food products which we all have eaten one time or another in our lives:

***Ritz Crackers:** In 1934, in competition with Sunshine Biscuits, the National Biscuit Company, later to be known as Nabisco, began selling their new Ritz Crackers. In 1935, during the Depression, 5 billion boxes had been sold for 19 cents per box. In just 3 years, Ritz Crackers became the best-selling cracker in America. Well-known for their Mock Apple Pie recipe makes many people believe this recipe had started with Ritz Crackers, but that's not true. Housewives had been making a mock apple cracker pie since the mid-1800s, if not even sooner.

***Pop Tarts:** Post had a great idea back in early 1963 which would keep food items with a cake texture and have a long shelf life. Unfortunately, Kellogg heard about it and almost in a flash, the Kellogg Pop-Tarts were being made and marketed. That was in 1964. Sold as a breakfast item, sugary sweet, fruit-filled Pop-Tarts could be described as flat cakes or flat cookies. Although there has long been a push for healthy eating, Kellogg's Pop-Tarts are still just as popular now as they had been 57 years ago.

***Spam:** There are usually a lot of snickers when Spam is mentioned in a conversation... but that's by the "ignorant masses" who have never tasted it. We, who have eaten this somewhat unidentifiable meat, which happens to be pork, aren't ashamed to tell anyone that it actually is very good, especially when eaten fried with sunny side up eggs. Spam made its debut on July 5, 1937, and ended up in G.I. rations during WWII and the Korean War. To help with food shortages, our government supplied the people in the Philippines and Hawaii with enough cans

to feed them through the war. To this day, Spam is Hawaii's favorite food, while in the Philippines, it's considered a Cultural symbol.

***Heinz Ketchup:** When you think of ketchup, Heinz usually comes to mind, although the "57 varieties" continues to be marketing "baloney." Terri Heinz Kerry, wife of the politician John Kerry, had inherited the Heinz fortune upon the death of Senator John Heinz, whose grandfather had started making and selling ketchup in 1876. In 1907 alone, Heinz sold 13 million bottles of his ketchup. Terri Kerry is worth an estimated \$1,000,000,000 (yes, 1 billion dollars).

***Stove Top Stuffing:** Kraft began marketing Stove Top Stuffing in 1972, selling 60 million boxes the very first year. Women who couldn't cook; women who didn't want to cook; and women who had little time to cook treated this "belly filler" as though it were "the best thing since sliced bread," as that old saying goes. Many still do.

***Sliced bread:** The first loaf of wrapped, machinery sliced bread was sold in 1928. It was advertised as being, "The greatest forward step in the baking industry since bread was wrapped."

Polish Platter Fundraiser

Back by popular demand! The St. Stan's HSA is having their 2nd Polish Platter Fundraiser on Saturday, April 17th. The curbside pickup is available from 3-6pm in back of the school. The platter contains some of your favorite St. Stan's carnival foods: 4 potato/cheese pierogi, 1 stuffed cabbage, kielbasa & sauerkraut, rye bread, & Chrusciki. Pre-sale ticket platters are \$17. They are available after Masses, in the Church office or by calling/texting Gina at 732-277-2552. Reserve today! Drive-up platters for \$18 will be available until supplies last!



Happy Easter To All



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South Amboy Elks Lodge # 784 awarded it's Beacon grant to the Godly Heritage Learning Center, a Shelter Hearts endeavor. This Learning Center has been created to have children in their facility. The success in its mission where priority is safety and proper care, with reliable learning, and most importantly a safe environment. The grant monies will allow them to hire a part-time aide, with the function of cooking, cleaning, and caring for the children, as they go on break and lunch. In the photo from left to right are: CEO and owner of the Boyd House shelter Marybeth Olive, South Amboy Exalted Ruler Ginger Olszewski, Executive Administrator of Shelter Hearts Taina Rosario, and South Amboy Elks Lodge Chairman of Elks National Foundation, Valentine Tarr. Let the great heart of elkdom swell and throb. (Photo/article submitted)

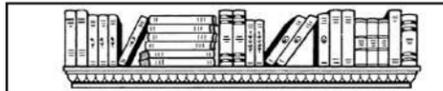
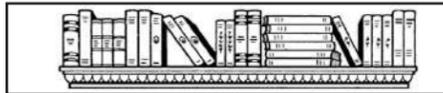
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WWW.?

By Tom Burkard



Does this look familiar to you? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by April 17th.

WWW.? Winners February

The correct answer for last month's Mystery Photo is Auto Team, or also the previous business, Gomolka's Auto Body on Rt. 35 South in Morgan. The winners who correctly identified the business are:

Rich Gray, Chuck Pickard, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Mary Agnes Morris, Barb Bockus, Maryanne Matarangolo, Pete McIntyre, Joan Fulham, Lisa Grankowski, Edna Mazur Pilch, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Lynn Loy, Paul Conlon, Steve Laskiewicz, Joan Gorczyca, Cynthia D'Meo, Steve Mages, Don Zrebiec, Eleanore Westerholm, Kurt Kapes, John Gelsinon, Marie English and Ed English, Jim Sissick, Dennis Quinlan, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Leon Credico, Peggy and Steve Yuhas, Berry Leveille, Gary Feret, Ed Puchalski, Pat & Bill Scully, Adele

O'Hara, Karen Kieselowsky, Steve Villig, Mark Moniello, Dane Colburn. Incorrect Answers- Weber's Auto Body; John Auto.

NOTE: Last month we omitted Mary Agnes Morris who correctly identified Mel's Pet Parlor.



February WWW?
Auto Team RT 35 South

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Dowdell Library

Spring into reading this month at the Dowdell Library. Our April schedule is blooming with fresh new programs and services.

The month kicks off with National Library Week! Show off your creative side and design a bookmark. Stop by the library and pick up your blank bookmark starting April 5. Return it anytime during the month to have it displayed and judged! Winners from different age categories will be announced May 3.

Test Kitchen is back in April with an all-new recipe. Tune in to watch Dennis and Maryanne make Haluski, Polish cabbage and noodles. This delicious and easy recipe is a spring favorite. You can find the video on our webpage Dowdell.org or watch it on YouTube. Do you have an easy recipe you would love Dennis and Maryanne to make on Test Kitchen? Please email it to comments@dowdell.org or drop it off at the library during business hours. We would love to hear from you!

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, in collaboration with RWJBarnabas Health, is offering new virtual medical programs. Attend Stretch It!!! Hosted by John Lancaster. This class will help you improve your mobility and flexibility. Classes are held on April 1, 8, 15, and 29. Nadine Roberts, a stress management practitioner, will present A Virtual Guided Imagery Relaxation Session on April 13 & 27. Join us for a virtual relaxation session of guided imagery and creative visualization. Each one-hour session will begin at 1 pm. You must be registered to attend any class. To register, email Kathleen.johnson@rwjbg.org

April 22 is Earth Day! Water pollution causes a serious threat to our local wildlife and our wellbeing! Our very own Director Elaine Gaber has put together a fun virtual program even the youngest viewers can enjoy. This program will bring awareness to the impact water pollution has right here in our town. Don't miss this engaging program!

Take-home crafts are going green this month too! Stop on April 19-30 to grab a recycled art craft kit. You never know what

you'll get because we are handing out a little bit of everything. Get creative and see what you can make!

The Library will be presenting a unique and engaging Virtual Exhibit in April. Joined by Suzanne Ryan, a small business owner and Victorian era expert, the Virtual Exhibit will dive into a lesser-known history subject. Suzanne will be displaying her extensive mourning jewelry collection and explaining the history behind the different pieces. Watch virtually on YouTube but then stop into the library to see the collection in person! The in-house exhibit will run through April.

Watch this program along with our many other fun and informative virtual programs on the Dowdell Library YouTube channel. You can find a link to the most current videos at Dowdell.org or search the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library on YouTube.

Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School. Due to all services being staff-assisted, walk-in service is available Monday-Friday 12-5pm and Thursday 12-5pm and 6-8pm. Grab & Go Service by Appointment- Monday morning 9:30-10:30am.

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The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, BA, MS
The Dangers of Car Fires Part 2

In part 1 on car fires we discussed some of the dangers associated with bumpers, pistons, struts, and the polyurethane foams used in the manufacturing of the new vehicles. Part 2 will investigate the hidden dangers that we must be aware of each time we respond to a vehicle fire. Responding to a Volkswagen fire in the 1960's was a rude awakening for many firefighters. Attacking a Volkswagen fire in the same manner as any other vehicle fire could be disastrous because the Volkswagen engines were made from Magnesium. Applying water to a burning Magnesium fire will cause a violent explosive reaction. In recent years we have seen this type of exotic metals used in different vehicle parts that we would never have thought of in past years. We have all heard of "MAG WHEELS" which are expensive Magnesium rims used on sporty cars. Today Magnesium can be found in the powertrain, suspension, chassis, steering wheel armatures and brackets, gear boxes, clutch housings, and oil pans. Burning Magnesium is easy to spot because it will burn with a brilliant white glow. To extinguish this fire, it may be necessary to extinguish the burning material surrounding the Magnesium first which may result in a cooling effect on the Magnesium. A Class D extinguisher may be necessary to completely douse the burning metal.

Air bags pose another hidden hazard as they can be located anywhere throughout the vehicle's interior. Their inflator devices can activate in 0.03 seconds by the high temperatures of a fire. There is NO advanced warning and NO time to react! Victims pinned inside vehicles can be seriously injured by an inadvertent exploding airbag as well as firefighters attempting to rescue them.

Many buses and trucks are now being powered by Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). These vehicles have pressurized cylinders containing natural gas which when ruptured or involved in fire becomes extremely

dangerous. The cylinder can rupture and fly through the air with great speed causing severe damage. Sometimes it may be wiser not to approach a burning CNG vehicle fire and rather let it burn itself out.

We are constantly being bombarded with advertisements for all electric or hybrid vehicles which will someday in the future replace combustible engines for good. These vehicles are powered by batteries or a combination of batteries and gasoline. Fighting a fire in a vehicle powered by batteries has two dangers that we must be concerned with. First is the material itself that is burning and must be extinguished. The second danger is in the electrical wiring and the high voltage generated by the batteries in the vehicle. Under fire conditions it may not be so easily identified. These high voltages can KILL!

So, what do we want to take away from these car fire articles? When responding to a vehicle fire be prepared for the unexpected. Identify as much of the vehicle and its make and model as possible. This may give you the answer as to how the vehicle is powered which will determine how you fight this fire. Has the vehicle been modified with after-market parts or specialty products? Does it look like the common family SUV or can it be carrying some types of hazard material or illegal items? Recognize and familiarize yourself to what you may expect on your next alarm BEFORE the next alarm. And ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS wear all your PPE as it was designed to be worn. This may be the most important step that will save your life.

I would like to thank Captain Steven Schnaudt of the Robbinsville Twp. Fire Department for providing the factual information for this article.



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Let This Be My Epitaph

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c. 2006

*He may not of been
the wisest,
Or one possessing
great knowledge
Or physical features,
But, he owned a
special caring,
He wanted to
do God's will,
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on all of God's creation,
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blessing to his people,
And he loved and
appreciated life
And all of whom
he shared it with,
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just smart enough
To know that
God knows best...
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Middlesex College Joins Campuses Nationwide in Effort to be "Voter Friendly"

Middlesex College is one of more than 200 colleges and universities in 37 states and the District of Columbia designated as a "Voter Friendly Campus." The initiative, led by national nonpartisan organizations Fair Elections Center's Campus Vote Project (CVP) and NASPA – Student

Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, held participating institutions accountable for planning and implementing practices that encourage their students to register and vote in the 2020 election and in coming years.

The mission of the Voter Friendly Campus designation is to bolster efforts that help students overcome barriers to participating in the political process. Middlesex College was evaluated based on a campus plan about how it could register, educate, and turn out student voters in 2020, how it facilitated voter engagement efforts on campus, and a final analysis of its efforts – all in the face of the upheaval caused by a global pandemic. The designation is valid through December 2022.

As part of the effort to be designated a voter-friendly campus, the MCC Votes! Team spearheaded creation of an internal webpage with voting information; service-learning classes partnered with the League of Women Voters; and the College participated in New Jersey Secretary of State Tahesha Way's 2020 Ballot Bowl, placing third, the only community college to place. The team was second with its "Get out and vote" video

Remember When



Early 1930's-South Amboy Policeman Anton "Molly" Maliszewski is ready to go out on a call during a snowstorm that hit the city. Maliszewski also served as St. Mary's HS varsity baseball coach for many years during the 1920's and 30's. (Photo courtesy of Al Gomolka)

Name This Church



Here's a challenge for you! Can you tell us the name of this beautiful church and where it's located? Send your answers in to: satimes@aol.com. Good luck! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Spring Means Baseball!



These children are all smiles and eager to learn the game of baseball. (Photo Submitted)

submission.

Diana Osorio, a member of MCC Votes! Action Team through Democracy House, the College's civic engagement initiative, said it was a valuable experience.

"I learned about the power of voice, as a single voice can raise many voices, and many voices have the power to overcome any type of challenge, only if it is done collectively," she said.



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Song Shoot-Outs #2, #3, #4

#2-Feb. 16-23

Top 10

Songs selected randomly and posted on my Facebook page with the most views:

- 1.I'm So Glad-Cream 29;
- 2.In A Godda-Da-Vida-The Iron Butterfly 27;
- 3.You Keep Me Hangin' On-The Vanilla Fudge 25;
- 4.Cherish-The Association 24;
- 5.The Sound of Music-Julie Andrews 23;
- 6.Amie-Pure Prairie League 23;
- 7.Piano Man-Billy Joel 18;
- 8.The Summer of '69-Bryan Adams 15;
- 9.Baby Come Back-Player 15;
- 10.Hush-Deep Purple.

#3-Feb. 25-March 4

Top 10

- 1.Teach Your Children-Crosby, Still, Nash & Young 24;
- 2.Here Comes The Sun-The Beatles 16;
- 3.In The Year 2525-Zaeger &

- Evans 16;
- 4.Cats In The Cradle-Harry Chapin 13;
- 5.Taxi-Harry Chapin 13;
- 6.Pictures of Matchstick Men-Status Quo 10;
- 7.Seasons In The Sun-Terry Jacks 9;
- 8.Wasted On The Way-Crosby, Stills & Nash 9;
- 9.Circle-Harry Chapin 9;
- 10.Do You Believe In Magic-The Lovin' Spoonful 7.

#4-March 4-15

Top 10

- 1.Morning Has Broken-Cat Stevens 25;
- 2.Fire & Rain-James Taylor 18;
- 3.Diary-Bread 18;
- 4.The Living Years-Mike & The Mechanics 17;
- 5.Longer-Daniel Fogelberg 13;
- 6.I Started A Joke-The Bee Gees 9;
- 7.At This Moment-Billy & The Beaters 8;
- 8.Sentimental Lady-Bob Welch 6;
- 9.Toast & Marmalade For Tea-Tin Tin 5;
- 10.I Love You-People 4.

#1 Country Hits-March 27

- 2003-Travelin' Soldier-The Dixie Chicks
- 1994-No Doubt About It-Neal McCoy
- 1986-What's A Memory Like You-John Schneider
- 1972-My Hang-Up Is You-Freddie Hart
- 1969-Only The Lonely-Sonny James
- 1957-There You Go-Johnny Cash

One Hit Wonders 45 Years Ago

- 1976-Baby Face-Wing & A Prayer Fife & Drum Corps;
- The White Knight-Cledus Maggard & The Citizen's Band;
- Love Hurts-Nazareth;
- Junk Food Junkie-Larry Groce;
- Welcome Back-John Sebastian;
- Fooled Around And Fell In Love-Elvin Bishop;
- Happy Days-Pratt & McClain;
- Movin'-Brass Construction;
- Afternoon Delight-Starland Vocal Band;
- The Boys Are Back In Town-Thin Lizzy;
- I'm Easy-Keith Carradine;
- Turn The Beat Around-Vicki Sue Robinson;
- Play That Funky Music-Wild Cherry;
- Wham-Bam-Silver;
- A Fifth Of Beethoven-Walter Murphy & The Big Apple Band;
- Disco Duck (Part 1)-Rick Dees & His Cast Of Idiots;
- Nadia's Theme (The Young & The Restless)-Barry DeVorzon & Perry Botkin Jr.

#1 Pop Hits-March 27

- 2004-Yeah!-Usher w/Lil' Jon & Ludacris
- 1999-Believe-Cher
- 1983-Billie Jean-Michael Jackson
- 1975-My Eyes Adored You-Frankie Valli
- 1966-The Ballad Of The Green Berets-SSgt. Barry Sadler
- 1958-Catch A Falling Star-Perry Como



John Sebastian

WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton
March What is it?



Can you identify this item? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by April 18th.

The What Is It for February was a Seeburg Wall-O-Matic Table Jukebox found in diners across the country.. Many readers commented that they used to put their quarters in to play three songs at the PeterPank Diner. Some even nicknamed it the PeterPank player. Those who correctly identified it were: Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, John "Abe" Tremel, Marlene Letwenski, Chuck Pickard, Mary Agnes Morris, Orlando Chiappetta, Maryanne Matarangolo, Joan Fulham, Liza Palestrini, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Alice Walsh, Lynn Loy, John & JoAnn French, Steve Laskiewicz, Kurt Kapes, John Gelson, Ray Andrejewski, Joe Tortora, Marie English and Ed English, Dennis Quinlan, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Eleanore Westerholm, Edna Mazur Pilch, Leon Credico, Ed Puchalski, Peggy and Steve Yuhas, Pete McIntyre, Betty Leveille,

Pat & Bill Scully, T.J. Albanese, Adele O'Hara, Karen Kieselowsky, Steve Villig, Bruce Grankowski, Mark Moniello, Dan Colburn, Marlene Letwenski, Anthony Carlo Chelle Martin.



February What Is It?
Seeburg Wall-O-Matic Table Jukebox

Henry Re-Releases Album

Talented local singer/songwriter Jean Marie Henry recently re-released her album "Goodbye Reality." She also has an EP titled "Mama's Rising" available. Best of luck, Jean Marie!

Pint And Sip Fundraiser April 25

"Discover Your Inner Artist" at the South Amboy Columbiettes Paint and Sip Fundraiser Sunday April 25 from 2:30 to 5 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Cost of \$40 includes all supplies, glass of wine, coffee and door prize. Bring your own snacks. Bar on premises. Limited seating, Mask and social distancing required. Prepay by April 1. Call Vicki at 732-598-6910. to reserve your space and for more information.

Roast Pork Dinner

The Trinity United Methodist Church at 815 Bordentown Avenue in South Amboy is holding their Roast Pork Dinner on Saturday, April 17 from 4 pm – 6:30 pm. The dinner is TAKE OUT only and includes Roast Pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, green beans, applesauce and a homemade dessert. Call Lori at 732-763- 6232 to place your orders starting April 1. Delivery options. Tickets are \$14.

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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. M.L..

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MUSIC TRIVIA By Tom Burkard

Grammy Winners 1950's-2020

- 1.Look Away
- 2.Gangsta's Paradise
- 3.Hanging By A Moment
- 4.Love Will Keep Us Together
- 5.Happy
- 6.Sugar, Sugar
- 7.The Battle Of New Orleans
- 8.God's Plan
- 9.Bridge Over Troubled Water
- 10.Careless Whisper

- a.Drake
- b.Lifehouse
- c.Chicago
- d.Johnny Horton
- e.Captain & Tennille
- f.Wham
- g.Coolio
- h.Simon & Garfunkel
- i.Pharrell Williams
- j.The Archies

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

Local Wildlife



A Bald Eagle visiting Morgan, NJ., most likely from a nest in Cheesequake State Park. (Photo by Ed English)



Squirrels are everywhere, and here's a friendly one affectionately named "Sammy" in South Amboy. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

LETTERS

Letter to the Editor,

It was a wonderful surprise to read your February edition and see a photo of my great aunt Sophie from her high school days. As Sophie no longer lives in the area, I mailed her a copy and it absolutely made her day! She recalled winning that election by just one vote. Sophie also remembered the parades and football games she attended as majorette as being some of her happiest days.

This past year has been difficult for Sophie, as one of her secrets to a long life is getting out for exercise daily. It was nice to be able to send her a bit of cheer (pun intended) from NJ.

Side note: Sophie is also the sister-in-law of basketball Coach John Gutkowski, my grandfather, also pictured in your most recent edition. John married Sophie's oldest sister Mary.

Thank you!

Jennifer Larsen



Spring Clean Your Life!

As conductors of our own life's symphony, choreographers of our own life's dance, painters of our own life's landscape, authors of our own life's story line, how do we begin living the life we want and how do we keep on living it through stress, chaos, loss, and setbacks?

To compose, to choreograph, to author our own future, we need to incorporate awareness, acknowledgment and action into our daily lives. The topics include habit formation, cognitive theory of change, mindfulness, acceptance, responsibility and implementation.

Connie Hallinan Lagan hosts this virtual webinar sponsored by Sayreville Public Library on Thursday, April 1st at 6:00PM.

Register on the Sayreville Public Library Events Calendar on our website: <http://www.sayrevillelibrary.org> so we can send you the Zoom link



Vendors Wanted

We are looking for vendors for the annual Flea Market at the First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville. Our Flea Market will be held on September 18, 2021. The time is 8am to 2pm. The rain date is September 25, 2021. We are located at 172 Main Street, Sayreville-directly across from the Borough Hall. Spaces are available for \$15.00 for one space, \$25.00 for two. There are a limited number of tables to rent for an additional \$5.00. No food vendors please. For information please leave a message on the church answering machine at 732-257-6353 or email us at churchoffice172@optimum.net.

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..

The Vintage Car Contest

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Have you ever seen one of these cars? If you know what it is send your answer to satimes@aol.com by April 18th.

Last month's vintage car was a 1958 Edsel Citation. The Edsel was part of the Ford Motor Company and named after Henry Ford's son Edsel. They were manufactured between 1958 and 1960. Those who correctly identified the car were: Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Marlene Letwenski, John "Abe" Tremel, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Ginny Severino, Steve Laskiewicz, Thomas Harrigan, Mark

Kapes, Vince Farina, Dave McCleery, Eleanore Westerholm, Kurt Kapes, Marie English and Ed English, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Edna Mazur Pilch, Peggy and Steve Yuhas, Pete McIntyre, John & JoAnn French, Gary Feret, Berry Leveille, John Bender, Pat & Bill Scully, T.J. Albanese, Karen Kieselowsky, Bruce Grankowski, Steve Villig, Dane Colburn, Marlene Letwenski, Anthony Carlo.

February Vintage Car



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St. Stan's School

(Photos/Info Submitted)

Kindergarten student, Matthew Krempecki, dresses as Pete the Cat for Storybook Character Day and reads Pete the Cat: Play Ball! to his classmate, Ava Balagot, who is learning from a distance. (Photo by Catherine Mundy)

Officer Charlie Teator and Sergeant Angela Moat of the Sayreville Police Department teach the fifth grade students about how to make choices by weighing the positives and negatives of different scenarios during a D.A.R.E. class.

Principal, Mrs. Lori Hodder, visits the 3rd grade class to read to them in celebration of Read Across America Day and Dr. Seuss's birthday. (Photo by Lisa Grover)

As a Lenten service project, the school was able to raise funds in three days to purchase 144 blankets for the needy. (Photo by Lisa Grover)



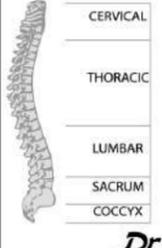
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The Spinal Column
By
Dr. John Misiewicz

Spring into a Healthy Exercise Program

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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!

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Fishing Flashes
By Teo "Weebles" Weber



Salt Water

The bays and rivers have opened up to fishing. In Raritan Bay it's slow. The people I saw at Keansburg and Cliffwood beaches had no bites or any fish caught. I did hear of a keeper Striped Bass weighing about 18 pounds from Union Beach. There have been some Striped Bass caught in the back areas of LBI. Some Winter Flounders have been caught in upper Barnegat Bay and Shark River, it's not great, but most of the Flounder caught are quite large. Party boat fishing is a pick of a few Cod and Ling. Far offshore trips are still catching big Porgies, some Cod, Pollock and a few Bluefish too There are no Mackerel being caught at this time. Fluke regulations and seasons are the same as last year. Three fish at 18 inches and a late May to mid-September season. A later season from the end of May to late September adding 3 extra days, is what most people wanted, but the Marine Fisheries council voted otherwise.

Fresh Water

Streams and lakes that are stocked with Trout are closed for stocking until April 10th opening day at 8AM. There will be no in season closures as in previous years for restocking. Stocking will be on a random basis to discourage crowds due to Covid 19 Pandemic regulations. I have not heard of any holdover Trout caught anywhere. Snow Piles melting and water runoff may be a factor. Stokes Sport Shop in Sussex county reported Walleye fishing in the upper Delaware has been poor.

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

South Amboy Elementary Academic Achievement For Trimester 2-2020/2021

FOURTH GRADE-HONOR ROLL WITH DISTINCTION

Adam Koziej, Caleb Sipsis and Brooke Sofilkanych

HONOR ROLL

John Bixby, Michael Chambers, Aidan Diaz, Rafael Espinosa, Juliana Gluck, Amelia Guthrie, Robert Guthrie, Mateusz Kosinski, Malani Lombardi, Tiarra Muskelly-Garland, Riley Patrick, Alyssa Pellet and Wesley Rucker.

FIFTH GRADE-HONOR ROLL WITH DISTINCTION

Mackenzie Conroy, Hadiya Farooq and Mila Rodriguez.

HONOR ROLL

Adam Chihab, Kariana Conde, Christopher Dejesus, Daria Dobrin, Gary Gragg, Gabriel Kisiel, Hailey McCloud, Lia McNulty, Maximus Ortiz, Aidan Pieklo, Kayla Radich, Reagan Restiano, Alfredo Sanchez Campos and Alexander Sempertegui.

Middlesex College Earns 2021-2022 Military Friendly Designation

Middlesex College has earned the 2021-2022 Military Friendly® School designation for 2021-2022.

The list was developed by Victory Media, which annually highlights colleges, universities and employers that are military friendly. Institutions earning the Military Friendly School designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. Over 1,200 schools participated in the 2021-2022 survey with 747 earning the designation.

The 2021-2022 Military Friendly® Schools list will be published in the May issue of G.I. Jobs magazine and can be found at www.militaryfriendly.com.

Ratings measured the institution's ability to meet thresholds for student retention, graduation, job placement, loan repayment, persistence (degree advancement or transfer) and loan default rates for all students and, specifically, for student veterans.

Michael Barany, coordinator of the Middlesex College Veterans Center, said he was proud of the designation, which the College has earned numerous times, and he was grateful for the generous support of the Willard T.C. Johnson Foundation, which has funded the Center since its inception in 2012.

"The Foundation has allowed us to make a huge difference in the lives of these men and women," he said. "I'm so proud of them and their success."

Dr. Barany highlighted several center initiatives.

"First is the formal training we give

to faculty and staff that allows them to understand what our military-affiliated students have been through," he said. "We also offer academic advising, tutoring, and we have a VetsSuccess counselor on campus. All this helps our students succeed, and it also alleviates stress as they map out their future."

Another plus is the Veterans and Servicemembers Association, a student organization that develops extracurricular activities for veterans and promotes community service opportunities. In the past the group has visited veterans in local nursing homes and participated in Operation Shoebox, in which they packed food and hygiene items that were delivered to troops overseas.

Kayla Lopez, national director of military partnerships for the Military Friendly program, said schools that achieve this designation have much of which to be proud.

"Military Friendly is committed to transparency and providing consistent data-driven standards in our designation process," she said. "This creates a competitive atmosphere that encourages colleges to consistently evolve and invest in their programs. Schools who achieve designation show true commitment and dedication in their efforts. Our standards assist schools by providing a benchmark that promotes positive educational outcomes, resources, and support services that better the educational landscape and provide opportunity for the military community."

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YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy to Host Golf Classic

The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy will be hosting their annual Richard Hale Memorial Golf Classic on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at the Metuchen Golf and Country Club in Edison, NJ. This fundraiser supports the Y's Send a Kid to Camp Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships to children from underserved families in the community. "Summer is the ideal time for kids to get up, get out and explore, especially this summer", said Rose Cushing, President & CEO of the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy. "But for some kids, summer means no access to recreational or educational activities because of the cost. That's where we come in." In 2020, the Y provided over \$12,000 in camp scholarship funds which provided peace of mind for families facing economic challenges. With

these scholarships, campers are less likely to experience summer learning loss and become inactive. Camp provides access to STEAM programming, swimming, sports, arts and crafts and more.

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School Sports

By Tom Burkard

Boys Basketball

Sayreville (1-4)

Scoring Leaders-Aidan Ryan 54 points,
Danny Golaszewski 52, Stephen Farley 37.

South Amboy (1-11)

Scoring Leaders-Brandon Gasiewski 215,
Anthony Vella 62.

Rebounding Leaders-Vella 75, Gasiewski 66.
Steals-Vella 12.

Girls Basketball

Sayreville (7-7)

Scoring Leaders-Stephanie Van Note 249
points, Brooke Holland 143.

Rebounding Leaders-Holland 127, Chisom
Ejikeme 87.

Steals-Van Note 47, Holland 23.

**Sayreville Wins
Consolation**

In the GMCT Consolation Bracket of the
Jackson Pod, the Sayreville Bombers won
their first game of the season by pounding
Piscataway Tech, 71-56. Aidan Ryan poured
in 21 points, and Stephen Farley tossed in 14
to lead the victors.

**Boys Basketball All-
Division Selections**

Gold Division-1st Team-Brandon
Gasiewski, South Amboy; White Division-
2nd Team-Danny Golaszewski, Sayreville...
The Sayreville Bombers team was selected
for the Sportsmanship Award in the White
Division...Coach of the Year for the White
Division was former Sayreville basketball
coach Ed Breheny of North Brunswick.
Congratulations to all!

Varsity Coaches

The varsity basketball coaches this
season for our local teams were:

Boys

Sayreville-John Wojcik
South Amboy-Matt Wiater

Girls

Sayreville-Janet Cook;
South Amboy-Linda Lewis.

**Zebrowski Gets 6
First Place Finishes**

Senior Jessica Zebrowski has had an
outstanding swimming season for Shore
powerhouse, Trinity Hall (3-0). The
Sayreville resident has notched an impressive
six first place finishes in the team's three meets
so far, winning twice in the 50-Free, twice in
the 100-Fly, and once in the 100-Free, and
also the 200-Free. Congratulations Jessica!

**Men's Senior League
Basketball Teams**

35 Years Ago

1986-East Division-Landmark; Piazza's Pub;
B/S Brewers; Matty's Auto Parts; Smiley's
Deli. West Division-Eagle Sports; Lions Den;
John's Halfway House; Dooling Electric;
Bottle Stop.

40 Years Ago

1981-Sanitary Fuel; Dooling Electric;
Hubbard's Cupboard; English's Pub;
Underdogs; Lions Den; Pine Liquors; Sled
Dogs; SA Razz.

45 Years Ago

1976-77-Kavemen; South Amboy A.A.; E
& C Maintenance; My Wife's Place; Dirty
Dozen; Kelsey; Merritt Ave.; Buck's A.C.;
Pilots Roster; Bottle Stop; Foxy Lady;
English Chevron; Libby's Boys; Vince's
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and seek your aid. On Earth you always fulfilled God's
designs, help me now to do the holy will of God. Implore
the Master of Life, from whom all paternity proceeds,
to render me fruitful in offspring, that I may raise up children
to God in this life, and in the world to come, heirs to the
Kingdom of His Glory. Amen.. S.P. & M.W.

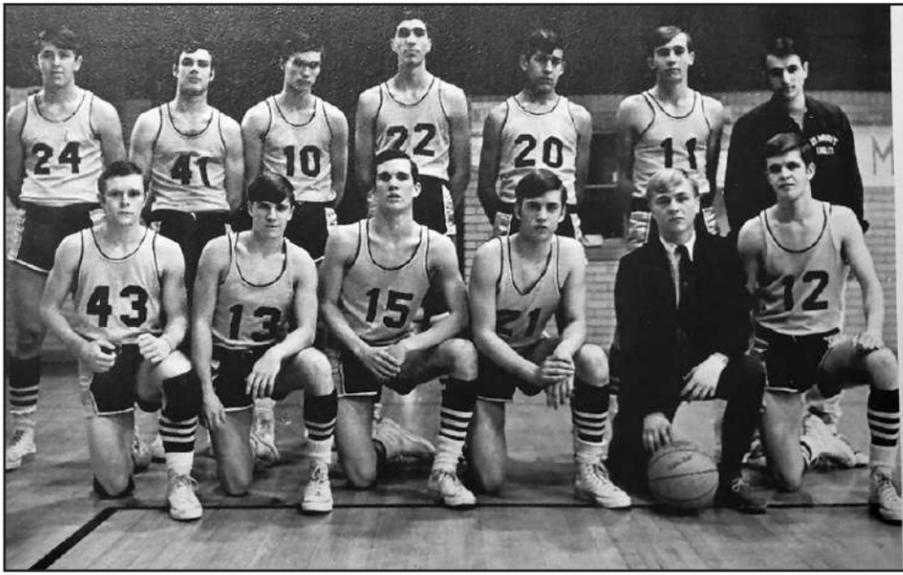
PRAYER TO THE BLESSED MOTHER

(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. -S.S.

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Sports Archives



1968-69-St. Mary's HS boys basketball team was one of the best in the school's history, finishing (21-4), and advancing to the Parochial B state championship at Atlantic City, before dropping a heartbreaking 69-65 contest to Gloucester Catholic. The Eagles, pictured top row (l-r) George Krzyzanowski, Bob Paulukiewicz, Bob Howarth, Jim Day, Ted Krzyzanowski, Jim McCloud, Coach Don Coveleski. Bottom row (l-r) John Ammon, Tom Grabert, Nick Charmello, John Clark, Doug Sprague, Mark Bratus.

Mark Bratus: Talented Athlete & More

By Tom Burkard

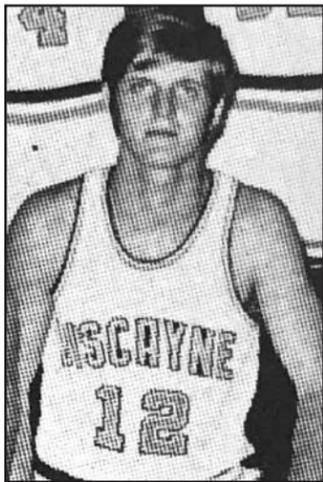
Former St. Mary's HS great, Mark Bratus, 70, died on March 7. If you were around South Amboy or Sayreville back in the 1960's, you probably knew or heard of Mark, who was respected and admired by all. Most people remember him for his outstanding basketball abilities, but he also excelled in baseball, and after his college days, became a top-notch Slow Pitch Softball player.

My first memories of Mark go back to St. Mary's Grammar School in '65 when he and Jim McCloud starred for the 8th Grade basketball team, leading a strong Blue & Gold squad. The dynamic duo of Bratus and McCloud would continue to team up right through senior year, and become two of the best players in Middlesex County.

Not too many people associate Mark with being an excellent baseball player, but I was honored to be his teammate on the legendary Mechanicsville Fire Co. South Amboy Babe Ruth League champs of 1964-65-66, and saw first hand what a top-notch baseball player he was. He was a fine second baseman who made some excellent plays, and I was right next to him playing first base in '66, along with so many other great teammates including former Major League Baseball Manager Tom Kelly, who guided the Minnesota Twins to 2 World Series crowns in '87 and '91.

In addition to his sports prowess, he was a born leader, possibly the most popular guy in the graduating class of '69, who was elected Senior Class President. Everyone in the school knew him, and respected his easy-going, and friendly personality.

As a junior, he broke the school's single-game scoring record by pouring in 35 points, and the record lasted until his buddy, McCloud broke it with 36 points the following season. Those were the days, back in the 60's, when St. Mary's gym was



Mark Bratus pictured during his senior year at Biscayne University in 1973.

completely packed, to follow the Eagles powerhouse basketball team, and especially during the 1968-69 season, during which the Blue & Gold finished with one of the best records in the school's history (21-4), losing a heartbreaker in the state championship game at Atlantic City's Convention Hall.

Mark and Jim McCloud both received scholarships to Biscayne University in Florida, where they played varsity basketball against some of the best players in the country, including Artis Gilmore, of Jacksonville University, who went on to a stellar NBA career. Following graduation, Bratus spent most of his career in the education field, and along the way, was elected to the South Amboy Board of Education. In addition, Mark coached his alma mater, St. Mary's boys varsity basketball team for a couple of years. God bless Mark, a great who will never be forgotten.

Toth Excelled At Sayreville

Danielle M. Toth graduated from Sayreville War Memorial HS in 1991, after an outstanding school girl career both scholastically and athletically, where she received many accolades and honors. Some of her great accomplishments included being selected to the All-State Group 4 Field Hockey team; All-North Jersey; All-Middlesex County; Scholar-Athlete for

Sayreville War Memorial HS. Danielle was one of the captains of the Field Hockey team, and as a sophomore, was chosen Sayreville's Player of the Week after scoring a hat trick. In addition, she was awarded a tuition scholarship to Central Michigan University, a Division I college, where she starred in Field Hockey for all 4 years.

60 Years Ago...

1961-Hoffman boys basketball squad won its second game of the season, wrecking Rutgers Prep, 83-51, as Gene Lopez tossed in 20 points to lead the way. Carl Wernett added 17, Bob Poetsch 16, and Jerry Drill 15 for the winners.

T.H.E. Game

Year-1962

Sport-Basketball

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

Recap-Before an overflow crowd of 650 fans at the Hoffman High "Band Box," the Eagles took a commanding 15-2 lead after the first quarter, but Hoffman fought back and cut the lead to 26-22 at halftime. The Blue and Gold upped it to 40-33 after 2 quarters, and held on for a hard-fought 52-47 victory. Joe Jankowski topped the Saints with 15 points and Jay Derent added 13. Jack Kreiger turned in a phenomenal defensive game, as he held Hoffman's top scorer, Bob Poetsch, who was averaging 17.8 ppg, to 4 points. The Guvs John Lange took the game's scoring laurels with 16 points, and Dennis Wood chipped in with 12.

Co-Players-Of-The-Game-Jack Kreiger, Joe Jankowski, and Jay Derent.

Boxscore

St. Mary's 52

Jankowski 15 Derent 13 Jack Kreiger 9 Tom Fitzmorris Bob Suminski 6. Also seeing limited action Joe Chodkiewicz and Bill Tibbitt.

Hoffman 47

Lange 16 Wood 12 Manny Formoso 9 Bob Poetsch 4 Jerry Drill 2 Urbanik 2 Macalak 2.

10 Years Ago...

2011-Cardinal McCarrick's standout girls basketball star, Olivia Gorczynski joined the elite 1,000 Point scoring club by leading her team to victory over South Plainfield.

20 Years Ago...

2001-St. Mary's junior superstar, Kaitlyn Katko poured in 36 points to set a new single-game school scoring record, as the Lady Eagles blasted Middlesex, 77-63. Katko's stellar performance shattered the 24-year old mark set by sports legend and St. Mary's Hall of Famer, Kathy Redding, who scored 35 points in a 62-41 triumph over Perth Amboy St. Mary's as a junior in 1977.

30 Years Ago...

1991-The talented Sayreville football squad clobbered Cedar Ridge, 20-7. Quarterback Harry Nakielny fired 2 touchdown passes, a 20-yarder to D.J. Cleary and 13-yard pass to Brian Rathbun. Nakielny also raced for a 6-yard TD. Eric Warden racked up 136 yards rushing on 24 attempts, and notched 2 extra points for the Bombers.

50 Years Ago..

1971-The Hoffman HS basketball powerhouse under the genius of Coach Ray "Butch" Tomaszewski cracked the 100-point barrier for the third time during the season, as they destroyed Croydon Hall, 100-72. The Guvs scoring attack was paced by Gary Lange with 33 points, Dan Paone 24, Ron Croddick 18, and his brother Jim Croddick with 10.

55 Years Ago...

1966-The Hoffman boys basketball team finished with an overall (14-7) record. The top 5 scorers with their point totals and averages were: Curt Wood 378 points, 18.9 avg.; Billy Clayton 371, 18.6; Greg Havlusch 236, 11.8; Bob Keegan 193, 9.7; Edwin Witkowski 133, 7.0.

70 Years Ago..

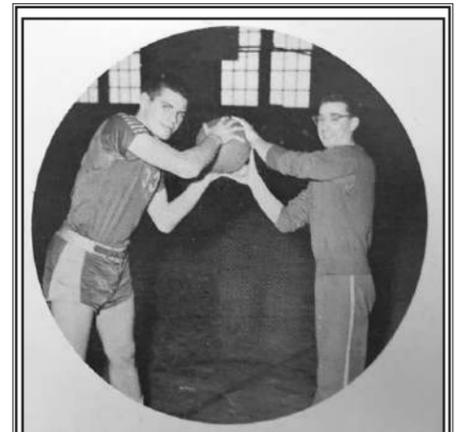
1951-The Sayreville Bombers nipped Hoffman, 58-57 on a Vic Krolik free throw with only 0:07 left, to capture their first CJ Group I championship, in a contest played at Rutgers Gym. The Governors led early, and at halftime held a 33-26 lead, but Sayreville bounced back and led 46-44 after three stanzas.

The top scorers for the Bombers were Rudy Balaskiewicz with 17 points, Charlie Kolakowski 14 and Vic Krolik 10. Also seeing action were Al Noble, Stan Bonczek, and Gene Malkiewicz. Hoffman was paced by Charlie Koerner and Marvin Wood, who scored 17 points apiece, and John Ciol with 12. Also contributing were John Kovalski, George Busch, Bill Bouchard, and Jim Inman.

Glory Days

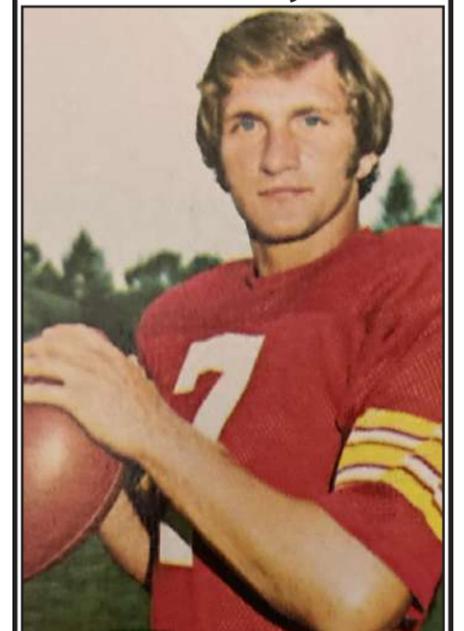
1957-St. Mary's hammered Cardinal Dougherty (Philadelphia), 65-47. Paving the way to victory was Tom Pristavec with 17 points, John Phillips 11, and John Graber 10...***1969-The Eagles ripped Red Bank Catholic, 83-71, as co-captains Jim McCloud and Mark Bratus poured in 29 and 25 points respectively...**1973-Mater Dei topped Hoffman in a high-scoring contest, 103-86. The Guvs scoring was led by Henry Wortley with 22 points, followed by John Szatkowski 17, George Bongiorno 15, and Bob Stillwagon 14...1984-Sayreville girls basketball team blasted Perth Amboy, 57-23, as Kate Briody led the Bombers with 18 points. Caryn Lukie popped in 14 points, had 10 steals and 5 assists, while Terry Lockwood fired in 12 points and hauled down 16 rebounds...1998-Hunterdon Central pounded the Sayreville Bombers football team, 35-14 in the CJ Group IV semis. Antwine Simmons broke loose for a 73-yard TD run, and Ira Gilmore raced 38 yards for another score. Quarterback Charlie Bowden connected on 10-for-19 passes, and 107 yards...2007-Cardinal McCarrick opened its boys basketball season with an easy 80-58 romp over JFK. Mike Burwell had an awesome game by burning the nets with 44 points, getting 17 rebounds, and 5 assists. Jose Rosario scored 13...2014-South Amboy girls basketball team, seeded #24 in the GMCT, upset #9 seed Dunellen, 56-52 in first round play. Amanda LaVigne pumped in 34 points, and Beth Ann Kudelka contributed 13.

***Remembering one of many great games the late Mark Bratus played in.**



1953-Sayreville Bombers superstar captain Joe Rudy (l) and Coach John Gutkowski posed for this classic photo before a Bombers practice.

South River HS History



Joe Theismann was another outstanding high school athlete at South River HS in the late '60's, and many of our Sayreville, Hoffman, and St. Mary's HS athletes faced him in football, baseball, and basketball. After a stellar collegiate career at Notre Dame University, Joe went on to star in the Canadian Professional Football League. In 1974, he signed with the Washington Redskins in the NFL, where he had a near Hall of Fame career, before retiring after the '85 season. In his career, he threw for 25,206 yards, and 160 touchdowns for Washington, and is the only starting quarterback to win the Super Bowl, and also a league MVP award, not to be selected for the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Prayer to St. Therese

St. Therese, the little Flower, please pick me a rose from the Heavenly Garden and send it to me with a message of love. Ask God to grant me the favor I thee implore and tell him I will love him each day more and more. -L.F.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

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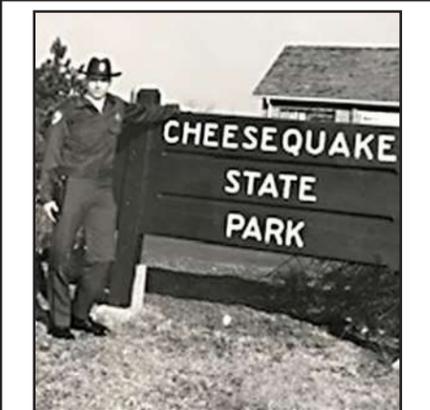
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Mark Bratus

Mark Bratus, 70, of South Amboy died peacefully at home on Sunday March 7, 2021 surrounded by his family. Mark was born on February 21, 1951 in South Amboy, where he lived most of his life. He attended St. Mary's through high school and was a member of the basketball team. He received a basketball scholarship and graduated from Biscayne College in Florida and later attended Kean University, earning a masters degree. Mark spent most of his career in education beginning in South Amboy and retiring as Director of Special Education at Union County Vocational Technical Schools. He was a member of St. Mary's R.C. Church, South Amboy and coached basketball for many years. Mark was passionate about college basketball and spending time with his family and friends. He was a husband, father and friend who will be missed by all who loved him.

Son of the late Mary Lenahan Bratus he is also predeceased by his brother Dennis Bratus. He is survived by his wife Patricia Hagerman Bratus; his children Mark and his wife Lauren, Meredith Sappington and her husband Jeffrey and Michael; his grandchildren Amelia and Abigail as well as his extended family including Rev. James Hagerman, Jeanette Kassay and her husband George and their children, and Craig Poulson and his wife Jennifer and their children.

Funeral services were held from The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church. Interment was at New Calvary Cemetery, Parlin. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sisters of Mercy, McAuley Hall Health Care Center, 1633 Highway 22, Watchung, NJ 07069.



William "Billy" Holton

William "Billy" Holton, 77, formerly of Matawan died on March 5. Although not a South Amboy guy, he loved "The Pleasant Little City," where many of his relatives live, and he also was an avid reader of The SA Times. In addition, Billy was a top-notch historical researcher, who worked for many years at Cheesequake State Park. Billy was a wonderful and most generous man, who touched many lives with random acts of kindness throughout his life, and will always be remembered for his good works on earth.

Thank You

We wish to extend our sincere thanks for the many kindnesses, condolences and support we have received. Jack was truly a special guy, and it shone through by the words and actions of all he touched.

Sincerely,
The Family of John "Jack" Mulvey
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Barbara Elizabeth Evigan

Barbara Evigan passed away on March 11, 2021. She was born Barbara Elizabeth Koperski on January 24, 1927 in Newark, New Jersey and raised in Hillside, New Jersey, not far from her birthplace before moving to the Morgan/Sayreville area.

Barbara's greatest passion growing up was her love for music. It was expressed in many ways but mostly when she played the piano. She became very accomplished as a classical pianist. One of her finest musical moments was when she performed



the "Rhapsody in Blue" by George Gershwin on the piano. Growing up as a child of Polish Immigrants, she learned the value of a dollar at a young age. Her first job was at the Bell telephone

company. She was also an accomplished seamstress. During the 70s and 80s she was a branch manager for the Sarah Coventry jewelry company, winning many awards within the company.

Barbara was ambitious, tenacious, and loved to compete. She set an example for women who felt they belonged in the workplace and not just at home. If she was born today she would've been part of a women's movement for sure. In that way she was ahead of her time. But when it came to family and friends there was nothing she loved more than being with her children and her grandchildren. She will always be cherished for her warm soft-spoken heart and the spirit of love and friendship she gave to us all. She met and married Ralph Evigan, also born in New Jersey. Ralph sang and Barbara played the piano. That was the beginning of their partnership and a romance that lasted both their lifetimes.

She is survived by her two children, son, Gregory Evigan and daughter, Sandra Hecht, as well as her four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

She will be missed by all, but her memory and the example of the way she lived her life will be forever in our hearts and minds.



Francis J. (Frank) Matarangolo

Francis J. (Frank) Matarangolo, age 86, of the South Amboy, peacefully passed away at his home on Monday, March 15, 2021 with his loving wife by his side. A native of South Amboy, he was a graduate of Middlesex County Vocational School in



Perth Amboy and served 4 years in the U.S. Airforce serving in Korea and Japan. He was employed for 25 years with National Lead in Sayreville as a Lab Tech and BASF Corp. in South Brunswick for 15 years before

his retirement in 1999. He was a member of St. Bernadette's Church in Parlin and a member of St. Mary's Food Pantry and also a member of the South Amboy Senior Citizens Club and was an avid Bocce player. Frank was a great Yankees fan.

Francis is predeceased by his parents Samuel & Katherine Matarangolo and his brother Joseph who died in 1998. Surviving is his beloved wife of 62 years Mary Ann (Britt); his adored children and their spouses Cathy & Craig Biesiada of South Amboy and Susan Schween of Freehold; he was affectionately known as "Pop" and loved by his grandchildren; Dr. Brittany Biesiada and her husband Dr. Patrick Love of Freehold and Nicholas Biesiada of South Amboy and Samantha Schween of Freehold and Daniel Schween of Old Bridge and several nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Frank's life was celebrated at the Carmen F. Spezzi Funeral Home, 15 Cherry Lane, Parlin, followed by a funeral mass at St. Bernadette's Church in Parlin. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Frank's name to the St. Mary's Food Pantry, 256 Augusta Street. Completed arrangements and letters of condolence to the family may be found by visiting www.spezzifuneralhome.com.

Frank R. Ketcham

Frank R. Ketcham, age 66 of Keyport, passed away on March 6, 2021. Born in Newark, he lived in Keyport most of his life, which he loved dearly.

He was employed by Di Milla Construction Company before retiring. He was a member of Keyport Senior Citizens and an usher at St. Mary's Church in South Amboy. Frank enjoyed playing golf with his friend Steve Vargas and watching football with his best friend, Peter Rosenthal.

Former St. Mary's Teacher Remembered

Frank Yusko, one of the most popular teachers of all-time at St. Mary's HS, died on March 10, after years of battling MS. He was a former boxer, who went on to teach history at St. Mary's, and later Spotswood HS, where he also connected with countless students. Frank was a great historian/researcher, and created films about the two South Amboy explosions. In addition Yusko was a specialist in Holocaust studies and more. He also was involved with the Historical Society of South Amboy, and a huge contributor to the autobiographical presentation about one of South Amboy's most noteworthy citizens, Albert Heim.

*A special thank you to George Francy who provided most of the information about Frank.

Kenneth L. Murphy

Kenneth L. Murphy, 78, of South Amboy was lifted to the heavens above with all the family's prayers and love on Monday March 15, 2021. Ken served in the United States Air Force from 1962-1966 during the Cuban Missile Crisis, mostly stationed in Alaska. He worked at Hercules in Parlin, like his father, as a plant electrician for many years. He was a member of the Melrose Blackhawks Drum & Bugle Corps.

He was predeceased by his parents Leo George Murphy in 1959 and his mother Margaret Murphy in 1966. He is survived by his loving wife Kathleen Murphy; his sons Kevin Murphy of South Amboy and Kyle Murphy and his wife Erica of Kendall Park; his twin grandchildren Donovan and Kayla Murphy; his brother Donald Murphy and his wife Bobby of Colonia; his cousin Marie Strawn; nieces and nephews and family in Onset, Massachusetts.

Cremation was private under the direction of The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy.

He will be sadly missed by his devoted friend of many years, Margaret Poulson of South Amboy.

Funeral services were private under the direction of Bedle Funeral Home in Keyport. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Keyport Ministerium Food Pantry, 42 Elizabeth Street, Keyport, NJ 07735. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.bedlefuneralhomes.com

In Memoriam

Elaine Ciecko, 83, of Sayreville died on Feb. 17. She was a crossing guard for 27 years, and mainly stationed at the corner of Washington and Ernston Roads, close to the high school. Robert Remode Jr., 67, of Parlin died on Feb. 21. He was a fire patrolman for the New York City Fire Patrol for 27 years, and a hero on 9-11 as a first responder. Joan Lytkowski, 90, of Sayreville died on Feb. 23. Before retiring, she and her husband Andrew owned and operated Village Apothecary in Sayreville. Joan was an active member of the Sayreville Lions Club. Joseph "Joe" "Smitty" Smith, 82, of Parlin died on Feb. 24. He worked for the USPS in Parlin for many years prior to his retirement. "Smitty" was an avid golfer and also served as an usher/counter for Sacred Heart Church. George Kolb, 68, of Sayreville died on March 3. He was involved with Sayreville Boy Scout Troop 68 for 20 years. He owned George's Auto & Truck Repair in Parlin for 37 years. Albert "Al" DeLucia, 92, of Sayreville died on March 10. Prior to retiring, he was the longtime owner of Amboy Fuel Oil better known as Amboy Mobil on Rt. 35 South in South Amboy. Francis "Frank" Matarangolo, 86, of South Amboy died on March 15. He was a wonderful neighbor, who was always helpful and friendly, and really loved the NY Yankees, and playing Bocce. Frank will always be remembered. Kenneth Murphy, 78, of South Amboy died on March 15. He was in the U.S. Air Force 1962-66 during the Cuban Missile Crisis, mostly serving in Alaska. Ken was also a member of the Melrose Blackhawks Drum & Bugle Corps. Frank Ketcham, 66, died on March 6. He was a dedicated and well-liked usher at St. Mary's Church, and will be missed by all.



John "Jack" Mulvey

John "Jack" Mulvey, 92, of South Amboy died on Sunday February 28, 2021 at home. Born in South Amboy, he lived there all his life. An active life member of the South Amboy First Aid Squad, he served for 62 years, reaching the rank of captain in 1965. A member of St. Mary's R.C. Church, South Amboy, he served as an usher for many years. Before retiring he was employed as an electrician for National Lead. A veteran of the United States Air Force, he was an avid fan of Colonel D.B. Kelly Pipes and Drums as well as Villanova baseball. He served as Deputy Grand Marshal of the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade in 2008.

Son of the late John and Julia Howley Mulvey, he is also predeceased by his brother James Mulvey in 2019. He is survived by his wife of 72 years Ann Ballo Mulvey; his children Susan Heimall, and Tom Mulvey and his wife Carole; his grandchildren Lauren Stolte and her partner Ryan Villig, Mark Stolte and his fiancée Lynnette Aucone, Kevin Mulvey and his wife Athena, and Dr. Erin Mulvey and her husband Len D'Andrea; his brother Butch Mulvey; his sister Kathleen Varano; his great-grandchildren Jack and Max Mulvey and Maverick Stolte; his dear friends Eileen and Jim Ryan and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held from The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church. Interment was at St. Mary's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the South Amboy First Aid Squad, PO Box 328, South Amboy, NJ 08879.

Obituaries

Alvarez, Belkis L., 82, of Sayreville died on March 10.
 Barneburg, Janet L., 69, of Parlin died on Feb. 12.
 Baumann, Joan A., 87, of Sayreville died on Feb. 24.
 Braine, Kristen L. Ambrosio, 45, of Sayreville died on March 7.
 Bratus, Mark, 70, of South Amboy died on March 7.
 Ciecko, Elaine, 83, of Sayreville died on Feb. 17.
 Conlon, Sharyn Ann, 61, of Sayreville died on Feb. 22.
 Creed, Elaine Jankowski, 74, of South Amboy died on March 12.
 Crosby, Judy L., 61, of Parlin died on Feb. 20.
 DeLucia, Albert R., 92, of Sayreville died on March 10.
 Dugan, Stella, 79, of the Parlin section of Old Bridge died on March 13.
 Evigan, Barbara Elizabeth, 94, formerly of Sayreville, died on March 11.
 Forschini, Arlene, 81, of South Amboy died on March 13.
 Gugliuzza, Anthony, 98, of Parlin died on Feb. 27.
 Halupka, Nancy A. Skarzynski, 69, of South Amboy died on Feb. 17.
 Holton, William "Billy," 77, formerly of Matawan died on March 5.
 Hrankowski, Judith A. "Judy," 79, of Sayreville died on March 5.
 Huguenin, Michael, 63, of South Amboy died on Feb. 25.
 Ketcham, Frank R., 66, of Keyport, died on March 6.
 Kolb, George W. Jr., 68, of Sayreville died on March 3.
 Krauss, Evelyn Walsh, 78, of South Amboy died on March 3.
 Lambert, John F., 82, of South Amboy died on Feb. 24.
 Lynch, Janice, 78, of Sayreville died on March 13.
 Lytkowski, Joan, 90, of Sayreville died on Feb. 23.
 Matarangolo, Francis J. "Frank," 86, of South Amboy died on March 15.
 Matthews, Francis W. Jr., 89, of Sayreville died on March 16.
 McCullum, Teresa A. "Terri," 65, of Parlin died on March 2.
 McSpadden, Alice, 90, formerly of Sayreville died on March 6.
 Mulvey, John "Jack," 92, of South Amboy died on Feb. 28.
 Murphy, Kenneth L., 78, of South Amboy died on March 15.
 Pikus, Helen A., 89, formerly of Sayreville died on March 7.
 Ratajczak, Norbert W., 79, of South Amboy died on March 9.
 Remode, Robert J., 67, of Parlin died on Feb. 21.
 Smith, Joseph T. "Joe" "Smitty," 82, of Parlin died on Feb. 24.
 Smith, Margaret, 86, of Sayreville died on Feb. 23.
 Stueber, George, 55, of Parlin died on Feb. 25.
 Remode, Robert J. Jr., 67, of Parlin died on Feb. 21.
 Russ, Jerry, 75, of Parlin died on March 1.
 Tauber, Edward J. "Red," 85, of Sayreville died on Feb. 18.
 Trotter, John "Jack" Sr., 74, formerly of South Amboy died on March 2.
 Van Horn, Jean M., 83, of Sayreville died on March 9.
 Yusko, Frank, died on March 10.
 Zaczek, Helen, 90, formerly of Sayreville died on Feb. 26.
 Zavila, Florence, 95, of Sayreville died on March 2.



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 -MJC & EMP.

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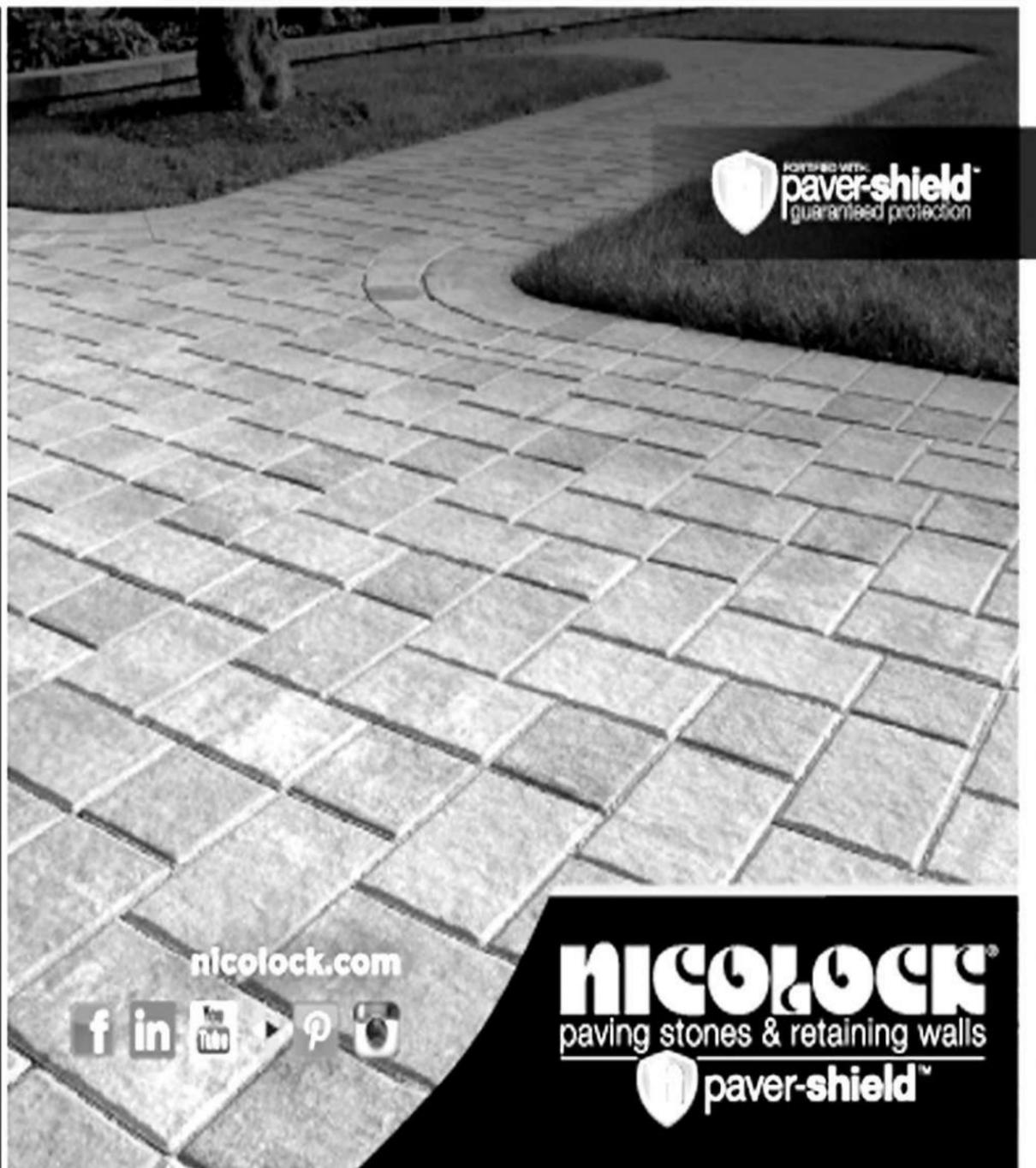
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