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Republicans Win Two Council Seats In Sayreville

The Borough of Sayreville Council will have two new members on January 1, 2022. Republican newcomers Christian Onuoha and Eunice Dwumfour were the top vote-getters with 5,480 and 5,435 votes respectively winning over Democrat incumbents Kevin Dalina 5,106, and Damon Enriquez 5,075 votes.

Martin Ran For Mayor

Former South Amboy resident Steve Martin ran for Mayor of Monroe, and put up a good fight before losing to Interim Mayor Stephen Dalina, a Democrat. Martin, a Republican candidate, grew up in South Amboy and is a Sacred Heart Grammar School, and St. Mary's HS graduate. He also ran a successful business in "The Pleasant Little City." Dalina tallied 10,339 votes to Martin's 8,664.



American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post 62 of South Amboy held their annual Veterans Day Service in front of South Amboy City Hall. Pictured in photo is Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak, Mayor Fred Henry, and other Legion members. The memorial wreath was placed by veterans Tom Noble and Bill Tierney. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Five Unopposed For South Amboy Board Of Education

There were 5 unopposed candidates who were on the ballot in the South Amboy Board of Education election. Three incumbents ran

for three (3) year terms. John Dragotta had the most votes with 1,150, and was followed by Anthony Conrad 888, and Lynn Kasics

799. Incumbent Laurie Guthrie had 1,196 for the unexpired 2-year term, and Janet Kern notched 1,273 votes for the unexpired 3-year term.

Champions



South Amboy Hurricanes USABL Champions

The City of South Amboy boasts a long legacy of baseball champions. That legacy grew on Sunday November 7th, when the South Amboy Hurricanes 14U Travel Baseball team won their championship game against the Southern Ocean Baseball Academy, 11-1. Capping a fall season record of (10-1), the Hurricanes had little rest between their semi-final victory against Howell on Saturday where they prevailed 4-3, to secure their championship berth.

In the title game, Ben Smith pitched 4 strong innings before Isaiah Mercado came in to shut the Revolution down the last 2 innings.

Ben and Isaiah also starred at the plate with Ben going 3-4 with 4 RBIs, and Isaiah chipped in with 2 hits and 2 RBIs. JJ Healey also had 2 hits and 2 stolen bases.

The championship roster for the Hurricanes includes: Ben Smith, Charlie

Baxter, Daniel Evanski, Isaiah Mercado, Jack Clements, Jadel Vasquez, Jeremy Vasquez, JJ Healey, Joseph Foreman, John Kelly, Matt Murphy, Nigel Johnson, and Vaughn Pelkey. The manager is Eric Mercado, and coaches are Brice Johnson, John Healey, and Hugh Foreman.

The City of South Amboy has a very inclusive and active baseball program that has been a mainstay of local recreation for many decades. Manned entirely by local volunteers and supported by the Mayor and City Council the program continues to grow. Five legacy players from South Amboy, Allie Clark, John and Ed O'Brien, Jack McKeon, and Tom Kelly went on to Major League Baseball. Clark won 2 World Series rings in 1947 and 1948; Kelly won 2 in 1987 and 1991, and McKeon won 2 in 2003 and 2019 (with the Washington Nationals).

Friends Of South Amboy Annual Basketball Tournament

The Friends of South Amboy are proud to announce the return of our Annual Charity Basketball Tournament Saturday, December 18th at South Amboy Middle High School

Staying true to our mission statement, the funds raised will be used to assist needy families in our community. (In addition to the games we will be selling 50/50 Tickets. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Michelle Kuhn at 732-310-4204. The winning ticket will be pulled at our charity event.

As in years past the event will feature local high school basketball games, as follows:

- 2 pm South Amboy girls vs Highland Park
- 4pm SouthAmboy boys vs Spotswood
- 6 pm Sayreville boys vs Johnson High School
- 8 pm St. Thomas Aquinas boys vs St. Joe's Metuchen

Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Esposito, Walsh, Rice Pieloch Selected

Incumbents Anthony Esposito and Patrick Walsh topped the voting in the Sayreville Board of Education election with 4,788 and 4,734 votes respectively, and Danielle Rice Pieloch garnered 4,266 to

top a field of 8 candidates for three (3) year terms. Following the winners were Richard Nemschick 2,213, Anthony Sposato 1,900, Jane Zaleski-Pabon 1,717, Syed Muhammad Ali 1,046, and Rodmyr Plantin 509.

Charity Cornhole Tournament

Sayreville PBA 98 and the Sayreville Fire Dept. will sponsor a Charity Cornhole Tournament on Sunday Dec. 5th in support of Dispatcher Anthony Magliocco's battle against cancer. The event will be held at President Park Firehouse, 5 Roosevelt Blvd.,

Parlin. Entry deadline is Nov. 27th. Team entry fee is \$100; General Admission-\$20; Children 12 & Under-FREE. There will be food, music, beer, prizes, 50/50. To enter email: Glestuck@sayreville.com or P Brennan@sayreville.com.

Scarecrows at the Train Plaza



The 2021 Scarecrow contest was sponsored by our South Amboy YMCA under the direction of the Facility Director, Mr. Joseph Cohen. The South Amboy Arts Alliance helped with their efforts to bring a

little bit of Halloween to all! Mr. Cohen started to get ready for next year's event so start thinking now...What will your scarecrow look like? Additional photos on page 19. (Photo/info Submitted)

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The Historical Society of South Amboy held its annual Cemetery Tour at Christ Church recently. Pictured are members who portrayed historical personalities who are buried there. (Photo courtesy of Mary Szaro, President)

Talk Of The Towns
 By Tom Burkard
Evigan To Star In Christmas TV Movie
 Actor Greg Evigan, who was born in South Amboy, and is a Sayreville War Memorial HS graduate will be featured in the upcoming Lifetime movie, Blending Christmas, which will be shown on the Lifetime channel, December 12th at 8 p.m. The rest of the notable cast includes well-known actors Christopher Knight, Barry Williams, Susan Olsen, Haylie Duff, and Mike Lookinland. Greg also appeared in a 2020 Hallmark Christmas movie The Christmas Listing, which had an original title of Christmas Inn Farmstead. Be sure to catch this one with our hometown acting standout.

Brunch With Santa December 19
 South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their annual Brunch with Santa Sunday, December 19 at the Council Home at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. Bring your camera so your child can be photographed with Santa Claus. For more information call Gary at 732-512-8923 or 732-721-2025 and leave a message.



Laura Toth is pictured following the completion of the New York Marathon, in which she finished in 4 hours and 1 minute. This was her second marathon in a month, and next on her schedule is the Chicago Marathon. Congrats and best of luck, Laura! (Photo/info submitted)

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 1976 became the Rabbi of Ohav Shalom in Parlin?
 a. Rabbi Abraham Nishwicz b. Rabbi Robert Port c. Rabbi Isaac Horwitz
- In '92, where was Carriage House Manor located in Sayreville?
 a. Morgan b. Melrose c. President Park
- This deli was located at 101 North Stevens Ave., South Amboy in 1992?
 a. Dee Dee's b. Smiley's c. Don's
- In '95, this bakery was not located in South Amboy?
 a. Fatla b. Daylight c. Sun Glow
- In '97, where was Georgie's Restaurant located in Sayreville?
 a. Bordentown Ave. b. Washington Rd. c. Main St.
- What year did Talkin' Heads Hair Salon have its grand opening in South Amboy?
 A. 1991 b. 1995 c. 1998
- President of Memorial Medical Center in 1998?
 a. Frank Kurzawa b. Irv Diamond c. Isaiah Matullah
- Superintendent of South Amboy schools in '96?
 a. James Tustin b. Robert Dicker c. Robert Bloodgood
- Exalted Ruler of South Amboy Elks Lodge #2555 in 1999?
 a. Joe Damion b. Greg Lewis c. Susan Longley
- St. Stan's principal in '97?
 a. Mary Shinn b. John Scarmone c. Roseann Johnson
- Top vote-getter in the Sayreville Board of Education election in 1999?
 a. Ronald Van Tine b. Joseph Bera III c. Joseph Bellan
- Our Lady of Victories pastor in '99?
 a. Rev. Lawler b. Rev. Gallagher c. Rev. Madura

Answers
 1b 2a 3c 4c 5b 6c 7a 8b 9a 10c 11b 12a

Business Of The Month Nana's Pizza Restaurant

By Steve Schmid



The staff at Nana's Pizza take a break from preparing meals and pizza. Pictured from (l-r) are owner Gina Djonovic, staff member, Kiki Djonovic, Al Djonovic owner, Adam Djonovic, staff member. (Photo by Steve Schmid)

Nana's Pizza, a family owned business, is pleased to welcome customers to its new Parlin location at Shop Rite Plaza. Nana's offers authentic Italian food including Cheese, Grandma, Margherita, Medium Buffalo Chicken, Veggie, Meat Lovers, and Nana's Special Pizza. Gina and Al Djonovic have over 30 years of restaurant experience and their son Adam, daughter Ariana, daughter in law Kiki, and others work hard to prepare your dine-in or take-out meal. They prepare old family recipes and use grande Mozzarella cheese, the best available. Nana's offers many traditional Italian meals such as Veal Parmigiana, Veal Francese, Veal Marsala, Veal & Peppers, Veal & Mushrooms, Eggplant Parmigiana,

Eggplant Rollatini, Meatball Parmigiana, Shrimp Parmigiana, Shrimp Scampi, and Shrimp Francese. They also feature baked dishes such as Lasagna, Baked Ziti, Sicilian Stuffed Shells, Manicotti, and Ravioli. Nana's also has cannoli and other fine desserts. Bring your own bottle if you wish to dine in. Nana's is open Monday-Thursday 11 AM-9:30 PM Friday & Saturday 11 AM-10 PM Sunday 12 Noon-9 PM. They accept all major credit cards. They're at 2909 Washington Rd. Parlin at the ShopRite Plaza. Their phone number is 732-707-3900. They will also deliver. Stop in soon for some good food and friendly service.

South Amboy Middle/High School



Throughout the school year, the Middle/High School teaching staff will nominate students for the student of the month award. The nominations are based on character, school spirit, and academic integrity.



For September, we are happy to announce our winners. Pictured from left to right: Principal - Dr. P. McCabe, students: M. Conroy - 6th grade, S. Hernandez - 7th grade, A. Moran - 8th grade, L. Torino - 9th grade - not in photo, S. Cabral - 10th grade, G. Albarran - 11th grade, and P. Garno - 12th grade. (Photos/Info Submitted)



For October, we are happy to announce our winners. Pictured from left to right: Principal - Dr. P. McCabe, students: N. Moran - 6th grade, B. McNeany - 7th grade, A. Zannou - 8th grade, L. Barreto - 9th grade, J. Moreno Valencia - 10th grade, M. Moskal - 11th grade, and M. Borkowski - 12th grade.

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Yearbook-Sayreville 1981

By Tom Burkard

"Sailing" by Christopher Cross and "Upside Down" by Diana Ross were the top songs in the nation when Sayreville War Memorial High School's Class of 1981 returned for its final go round in September 1980. . . Dr. Marie Parnell was in her final year as principal. Some of the teachers were: Patti Borak, Laura Lang, William Doll, Eileen Nowicki, Carol McCormack, Sherry Popowski, Patrick Dineen. The yearbook was titled "Ups 'N' Downs," and the editors-in-chief were Don Ferenci and Laura Saltzman. There were countless school-sanctioned clubs, and some of the noteworthy events included: the School Spirit Association's Blue & Gray Week; Drives for the March of Dimes; Unicef fundraiser; Heart Fund fundraiser; holiday door decorating contest; 1981 "Almost Anything Goes." Cindy Farver was Homecoming Queen. Laura Kawalec and Sharyn Bloodgood were Drum Majorettes. The school's fall production was "Bad Seed." The spring musical was "West Side Story." The following is a random selection of seniors from this very huge class: Janice Albert, Laura Anderson, Brian Anthony, John Antonucci, Ed Bailey, Laura Bailey, Rich Baumann, Kathy Beyer, Bryan Bottomly, Adrienne Binda, Robert Burns, Thomas Carney, Terence Cooney, Debbie Coyle, Patricia Crummy, Liz DeBiase, Robert Davis, Christina DiPoalo, Judy Dodge, Sue Down, David During, Michael Dzergoski, Alexis Eberle, Estelle Elwood, Claire Farrell, Robert Fingerlin, Kathy Fig, James Flakker, Brian Freid, George J. Gawron, Lynda Giovenco, Tom Gallagher, Kelly Ann Gorka, Stephen Gulick, Elise Green, Nancy Jasko, Carol Kierst, Patricia Kirk, Stephen Klapy, Thomas Kotula, Christine Kupsch, Jim Lasko,

Judy Loughman, Kathleen Lyons, Cynthia Mancini, Edward Meirose, Maria Michalik, Michael Moe, Donna Modzelewski, John Montefusco, Ann Moskwa, Elaine Nelson, Kathy Noviski, William Olszewski, Lynn Phillips, Mandy Phillips, Louis Ploskonka, Sandy Peterson, Michelle Rappleyea, Mike Reagan, Jeanne Rogers, Joseph Rudy, Brian Pritchard, Anita Ryan, Douglas Ryan, Kim Sabine, Ken Sadowski, Michael Scanlon, Ted Sieminski, Debby Seres, Debra Spiecker, Cheryl Skutnik, Lisa Sprague, Dawn Sutter, Kevin Sweeney, Keith Testa, Michael Tevis, Tracy Tierney, Brian Ust, Maureen Triggs, Laurie Unkel, Matthew Weber, Ron Wines, Jim Wilson, Sue Witkowski, Stephen Yuhass, Jeffrey Zadlock, John Zebrowski. The Student Council President was Judy Kalicki.

In high school athletics, the Bombers' boys gymnastics squad finished (10-2), 3rd in the state tournament. Coach Jerry Carney's boys cross country team went a perfect (11-0), and ran its unbeaten streak to 40, while winning the CJ Group IV title. Dan Ogborne scored his 1,000th point in hoops. The girls basketball team was terrific, (18-4). Junior, Cindy Allman scored her 1,000 point, and also broke Rhonda Rompolo's assists record with 124. Varsity track was also a perfect (11-0), finishing 1st in the county relays.

Some of Sayreville's fine athletes selected randomly were: Tony D'Arpa, Gary Aich, Thomas Cannon, James Comerford, Steven Cunha, Ed English, Douglas Haley, Neil Hourahan, Mark McSpadden, Bob Nanco, Scott D'Aloia, Gregory Faczak, Nancy McFeely. "Bette Davis Eyes," by Kim Carnes ruled the airwaves at graduation time, 1981. The Sayreville Class of '81 was truly sensational in so many ways.

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Amboy Bank Food Drive

Halloween Kicked Off Amboy Bank's Annual Food Drive All Amboy Branch Locations Accepting Donations the Entire Month of November Every fall, Amboy Bank holds its annual Food Drive, collecting gift cards and shelf stable foods across all 22 local branches and the administrative office throughout the month of November. Amboy kicks off its efforts every Halloween with each Amboy branch dressing up for a bank wide costume contest, helping to propel community enthusiasm for an extremely worthwhile cause. Food insecurity in the Garden State has continued to be a pervasive, devastating challenge, and the emergence of Covid-19 has only exacerbated the problem. In 2018, an estimated 775,000 New Jersey residents reported difficulty putting food on their table at some point during the year, and that number is now projected to grow by more than 60%, or a total of over 1.2 million NJ residents. According to Amboy Bank's President and CEO, Greg Scharpf, "our Amboy branches have had years long partnerships with the food banks in the local community and understand how impactful, especially during the holiday season, every

donation has the potential to make for families in our neighborhoods. While we publicly kick off our Food Drive at Halloween, most of our branches are already actively putting together baskets and accepting items well in advance, knowing how much our customers, as well, support our shared goals of providing relief to anyone who may need it." Amboy thanks the local communities for the ongoing participation and support in their annual food drive during the entire month of November. "We appreciate how everyone pulls together in our joint efforts to continue to help combat the persistent problems of food insecurity in our local communities," said Scharpf, adding, "our branch's themed costumes are so well anticipated every year, many of our customers came into our branches with their donations on Halloween just to check them out." All donations are delivered to local organizations, including Old Bridge Food Bank, Lunch Break of Red Bank, Elijah's Promise in New Brunswick and Open Door Food Bank to name a few. For more information on Amboy Bank and their partnership with local food banks, please visit AmboyBank.com or stop by any Branch.

Food Drive



346 non-perishable food items collected at Trinity's Fall Festival were dropped off to Messiah Lutheran Church Food Pantry on Oct. 29th. Messiah's Blessing Box is open 24/7. If anyone is in need please drive up and take what you need, OR drop off to help others. Located in their front parking lot (3091 Bordentown Avenue). Additional Food Pantry hours are the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6-8 pm & the 3rd Saturday of each month from 12-2 pm. Any questions please contact Messiah's Church Office at (732) 721-8493. (Photo/Info submitted)

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Andrew Fedorka for 16yrs, Frank Greco and Thomas Szatkowski Jr. 15 yrs. each. President Larry Parsons (right in each photo) presented each honoree with a token of the company's appreciation and Fr. Stanley Gromadzki blessed the food and all attendees, and Mayor Fred Henry congratulated all the honorees. (Photos by Jamie Norek)



Andrew Fedorka



Thomas Szatkowski Jr.



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Thomas Parsons

Devils Outing January 22

For all of you hockey fans, Saint Mary Church and the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are running an outing Saturday, January 22 when the young and hungry New Jersey Devils face off against the Carolina Hurricanes at Prudential Center.

Puck drop is 7 PM. Cost of \$79 includes game tickets and a \$10 voucher for food and beverages. Deadline to reserve tickets is December 17. For reservations call Chris at 732-735-1737 or Steve at 732-727-1707.



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The SA Times Front Page News Thanksgiving Issues Thru The Years

By Tom Burkard

5 Years Ago

2016-Sayreville Democrats Dan Buchanan and Ricci Melendez won council seats on the Borough Council...South Amboy Democrat Brian McLaughlin won the only contested race for council, while Dems Tom Reilly and Zusetta Dato were unopposed... Longtime South Amboy city workers Mary Sue Gosford and Mary Kate Vacca retired... Patrick Walsh became the first South Amboy HS runner in history to win a cross country sectional title...Anthony Puccio, owner of SA Pizza, was selected South Amboy Businessman of the year by the Old Bridge-Sayreville-South Amboy Chamber of Commerce...Sayreville Police Detective Douglas Sprague retired after over 30 years of service...

10 Years Ago

2011-Incumbent Republican Mayor Kennedy O'Brien, and Democrats Mary J. Novak and Lisa Eicher all won in the Borough's election...A bullet proof vest was donated to the Sayreville Police Dept. by a local businessman...Former South Amboy resident Michele Charmello won a council seat in Woodbridge...Former Sayreville resident Jon Bon Jovi opened a new restaurant Jon Bon Jovi Soul Kitchen in Red Bank to help feed the hungry...

15 Years Ago

2006-The Democratic ticket of Mayor Jack O'Leary, and councilmen Fred Henry and Joe Connors swept to victory in the election...The SA Times staff member Steve Schmid was selected 2005-2006 Knight of the Year by South Amboy Knights of

Columbus #426...Sayreville Dems Stanley Drwal and Kathy Makowski won council seats in Sayreville...

20 Years Ago

2001-The South Amboy City Council changed the 1-year term of Fire Chief and 2 assistants to run with the Fiscal Year rather than the Calendar Year...Sayreville Democrats Tom Marcinczyk and Tom Pollando won council seats...Christopher Riley and Barbara Dula of South Amboy HS were named AP Scholars...

25 Years Ago

1996-The new Dowdell Library in South Amboy was still closed due to problems with the building...Sayreville Republicans Kennedy O'Brien and Joseph DiBella won Borough Council seats...The South Amboy-Sayreville Times in affiliation with South Amboy Knights of Columbus #426 announced plans for its 2nd Annual Christmas Dinner for the underprivileged...

30 Years Ago

1991-John J. Kelly won the election for 2nd Ward Councilman in South Amboy, and Russell Stillwagon was unopposed for the 1st Ward seat...Former Sayreville resident/ St. Mary's HS Class of '68 graduate, Tom Kelly managed the Minnesota Twins MLB team to the World Series championship...The Republican ticket swept Sayreville, as John B. McCormack captured the mayoral race, Ken Olchaskey and John Pascucci won council seats...The South Amboy Cup soccer games between St. Mary's and Hoffman HS were back, and growing in popularity...

Wind Creek Trip January 29

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are running a trip to Wind Creek Casino in Bethlehem PA Saturday, January 29. Cost of \$35 includes \$30 in slot money, round trip motor coach transportation, and refreshments. Motor coach leaves from

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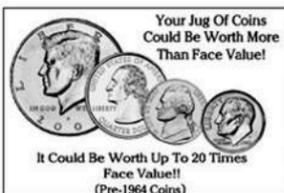
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Turkeys, Pigs and Ducks

By Elaine Holton Scott

There was a lonely turkey hiding in the bushes which surround my backyard. I could hear this poor soul sometimes when I was sitting on the patio. He was big enough to be a male and should have a harem of females. "Why is he alone?" I used to ask myself. Then I'd see a large family of hawks flying overhead looking for something to eat and think I know the reason why. Male turkeys will risk their lives trying to protect their females and babies, but unfortunately they are no match for a hawk. Even when I don't see the hawks in the sky I know they are there by the silence. If a predator is around, birds will call out to other birds and small animals and all of them remain well hidden and quiet. Turkeys, then, are the vulnerable ones, no matter how fast they may run.

Seeing that lonely turkey scurry from the bushes to eat the bread and everything else I threw out had grabbed my heart. How I had wished he would find a female for himself which was hopeless as there is always one male and one Alpha male only. That's nature, and nature can be hard indeed. Not long after I wrote this, that lonely soul had disappeared too.

I can remember when turkeys appeared in supermarkets right before Thanksgiving and through Christmas. If anyone had wanted a turkey, it would have to be a special order at the Farmer's market in Perth Amboy. That all changed in the mid 1970's when, I guess, the grocery stores began offering ground turkey, no doubt, trying to use up the whole turkeys which had been leftover. In that time before Google, the first pack I bought, I had no idea what to do with it. So I made up my own recipe for turkey meatballs, not anything like beef meatballs, simmered in cream of chicken soup. I still use that recipe all of these decades later.

Years ago, having a turkey on the table was really special. Since Thanksgiving always falls on the third Thursday of the month, we, Catholics, couldn't eat any leftovers the next day as it was a sin back then to eat meat on Fridays. Being half Polish, Christmas was a time for smoked hams, fresh and smoked kielbasa, always from the Polish butcher, red and white horseradish, brightly colored boiled eggs,

and Babka....homemade Babka, of course. I was only 19 when I started baking it, using an old recipe passed down from my maternal Polish grandmother, Franceska Wiczorek Primka, who had passed away in 1918 from the swine flu. She had been living in a house in Bergen Hill when she died. My paternal grandmother, Margaret Holton, also had died from that same Spanish flu but she and my grandfather and three toddlers had been living in a boxcar as squatters in Melrose at the time. Thanksgiving really was the only day we ever had a turkey. Although I'm half Irish and half Polish with a little "Slover" thrown into the mix, we usually always ate the Polish way during the rest of the year. Fried cabbage with bacon, if any was around, onions, salt and pepper served with cooked egg noodles was a common dish growing up, probably because it was cheap, especially without the bacon. There had always been lots of cabbage.

Going to the Farmer's market in Perth Amboy brings back another memory I've carried ever since I was only 4 years old. There had been no need to go for the produce they had sold since Joe Jaskowiak did that for us selling it from his converted old, dark green painted school bus. I remember seeing a duck in a wooden crate and putting my little finger through the bars. Soon, the butcher grabbed the duck, twisting something around his legs before hanging it upside down from a hook. With the duck squirming wildly, I watched in horror as his throat was cut, the blood running into a container underneath it. When he went quiet, I surely didn't, as I couldn't stop screaming. With my mother carrying the dead duck and the container of blood, we boarded the Marathon Bus with, no doubt, the man all of us would later get to know as Red the Bus Driver at the wheel. The next day, my family, except for the little girl I once was, eagerly sat down to enjoy one of the most favorite Polish soups of all, Czernina Zupa (Cha-nina Zoo-pa), known as Duck's Blood soup, a dark, brackishly, ugly soup usually with a big bayleaf floating on top.

Turkeys, pigs, and ducks....whatever you may enjoy eating for the upcoming holidays, I want to wish everyone Happy, Happy!!!

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Honoring South Amboy's Oldest Veteran Buddy Vanni

By Mary Szaro, President of The Historical Society of South Amboy

The historical events of WWII are primarily taught in school and read about in history books - unless you've lived through them. Few people can share firsthand stories of what it was like to graduate from Hoffman High School eighty-two years ago, be drafted, and then sent overseas a few years later to fight in one of the largest and deadliest wars in history. Francis Albert Vanni, known as Buddy, is one of those people.

Born one hundred years ago this past September, Buddy's parents Primo and Vincenzo were Italian immigrants who settled down in the area known as Bayview Manor just over the city limits off Old State Highway 35. The 1930 city directory records his father Primo working for the Terra Cotta Corporation in South Amboy. Buddy attended school in South Amboy and was a part of the 1939 graduating class of Hoffman High School. A photo of his senior class trip hangs on the wall in his living room, capturing the class posing proudly in front of the Capitol building in Washington, DC.

Drafted on November 27, 1942, less than a year after the attack on Pearl Harbor that propelled the United States into WWII, he was off to Bootcamp in Camp Maxey north of Paris, Texas. With a reminiscent grin, he shared a story of how at the end of a 7-day furlough, he missed the train back to Texas due to bad weather and was almost declared AWOL.

On September 12, 1944, a few months following the June 6th D-Day Allied invasion of Europe, his unit was sent overseas as part of the 102nd Infantry Division, landing in Cherbourg, France, in late September 1944. PFC Vanni served in the European Theater under the supply Sergeant in the 37th Engineer Combat Battalion, Company B, driving supply trucks. As part of the Ninth Army, they advanced into France, just south of Paris, to the Ardennes region of Belgium, where they held the line near the Battle of the Bulge and then into the heart of Germany. On April 12, 1945, the 102nd advanced

toward the Elbe River, about 50 miles north of Berlin, and remained there until the war's end. When I asked him where he was on V-E Day (May 8, 1945, Victory in Europe), he replied, "meeting with the Russians at the Elbe River." With their last battle fought the day before, the 102nd ended the war at 3:00 pm on May 7, 1945, on the banks of the Elbe River in Germany.

Following post-war occupation duties providing security in the extensive area under Allied control, Buddy returned to the United States in January 1946. Like many soldiers, he brought back military items, including weapons taken from the Germans. Buddy brought back a Luger pistol that he traded for an engagement ring to give to the girl in South Amboy who waited so long for him to return home.

Buddy met Irene, the daughter of Italian immigrants Dominick and Philomenia Abbatiello, a few years before joining the military while working with his father picking up building blocks. On June 21, 1947, Irene and Buddy married in the backyard of her parents' home on Prospect Street. After the couple left for their honeymoon, the two families continued the celebration, which turned into a tradition for the annual family reunion that lasted over fifty years.

Buddy and Irene moved into a home on Parker Avenue and raised their family surrounded by their large Italian families. He described the area near the house that was once an open field filled with peach trees and vines that grew the grapes for his father Primo's homemade wine.

My sincere thanks to Buddy, his daughter Joan and son-in-law David for the wonderful opportunity to meet with them and share their family history.

Thank you to ALL the South Amboy military veterans and our men and women in uniform, past, present, and future. May their remembrance be as long-lasting as the land they honored.

A Sailor's Story

By John "Flip" Phillips

I really enjoyed reading Rich Kosmoski's article about his time in the Navy. And the many experiences and feelings he had being a sailor on board a fighting ship of the United States Navy. I share some of Rich's feelings. His story brought back long forgotten memories of my time(s) "at sea". As a Marine I have been on more than a few ships. Of course, they were the amphibious part of the fleet, not the combat ready blue water ships that Rich sailed on. I have been on Attack Transports (APA's), Landing Ship Tanks (LST's) and Landing Ship Dock (LSD's) and others....more than a few times. I remember climbing over the side and down the net of APAs into the small boats for the ride to the beach to practice ship to shore invasions. I did not like LST's...it was like sailing in a rowboat in rough waters....up and down, side to side. The sailors always got a laugh at us seasick Marines. My favorite ship was the LSD. Imagine a ship out in the ocean that lowered itself aft (the rear) to take on water to

allow two large personnel ship to shore boats to enter. Then the ship slowly closed up and the water was expelled. To launch the boats the process was reversed. Another ship I was on only once was a Command Ship, a CG. I did not like this one....too many officers.

Like Rich I loved being at sea. As a communicator I always volunteered for the "Mid Watch" the 12am to 4am duty. The Marines always had a small communication section top side across from the ship's main communication center. The sailors would always share with us the always plentiful "Mid-Rats," fresh baked rolls, pastry and lunch meats brought up from the mess deck. I agree with Rich: to look out over the ocean as the sun rises with the ocean breezes in your face, and to wonder in awe at the star-filled nights on a calm sea are experiences to be enjoyed and remembered.

Thanks for the memory trip Rich. I really liked your story.

The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, MS

The November "Smoke Column" is going to be presented as a safety reminder for all you culinary experts who intend on roasting the "Big Bird" on Thanksgiving for family and friends. Many cooks plan to go all out for Thanksgiving dinner, usually cooking enough food for the entire town. In doing so, please remember that safety in the kitchen should be your number one priority. In a past Thanksgiving article, I reported on a fire call I responded to years ago at approximately 11:30am on Thanksgiving Day. The call was reported as a working kitchen fire. Pulling up to the house, heavy black acrid smoke was pouring out the front and back doors. It looked at first that the fire was well on its way to being a disaster. Luckily, the culinary mishap happened when the cook was only pre-heating her oven but forgot she had stored her Tupperware collection inside the oven, and never checked inside before turning it on.

I want to note some statistics for fires occurring on Thanksgiving Day as recorded by the U.S.

Fire Administration. For each year from 2017 to 2019, an estimated average of 2,300 residential Building fires were reported to fire departments in the U.S. on Thanksgiving Day. These fires caused an estimated annual average of five fire deaths, twenty-five injuries and \$25 million in property loss. The average number of reported residential building fires on Thanksgiving Day was more than double (2.3 times more) than the average number of fires in residential buildings on all other days. The average losses for these fires, however, were less than the same measures for non-Thanksgiving Day fires in residential buildings. In my opinion, these lower losses were due to the fires being contained within the stove and kitchen area. There also may have been more family members home at the time of these fires and helped to contain it to the point of origin.

Cooking fires in residential buildings occurred more often on Thanksgiving Day

than any other day of the year. Cooking was by far the leading cause of all Thanksgiving Day fires at 74% followed by heating at 7.7% and then all other causes.

It is not surprising to note that over half (54%) of Thanksgiving Day fires occurred from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., when many people are preparing Thanksgiving dinner. Fires then declined throughout the evening hours. This stands in contrast to the rest of the year, when residential building fires peaked during "normal" dinner time hours of 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. In 75% of Thanksgiving Day fires in residential buildings, the fire was limited to the object of origin. An additional 11% of the fires were limited to the point of origin. Unfortunately, the other 14% of the fires extended beyond the room of origin. These reported statistics show that most Thanksgiving Day fires will occur in the oven or on the stove top and be contained to this point of origin. What would YOU do if a fire occurred in your oven? The oven is an enclosed box where a fire is normally occurring to heat the oven. If a fire does occur in YOUR oven, do not open the door. If possible, shut off the gas, leave the kitchen, and call 911. We are only minutes away!

A word of advice to those culinary experts who intend to deep fry your turkey. Make sure the turkey is thoroughly defrosted. Then slowly place it in the hot oil so as not to create a spill or have the oil overflow the pot. Do not cook on a wooden deck, inside a garage, or near any structure. If the oil spills over the top of the pot, IT WILL come in contact with the open flame and cause a fire to erupt that you WILL NOT be able to control. It may also extend to the structure due to its extreme temperature and can melt/burn vinyl siding off of a home quickly. HAVE SAVE AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE "SMOKE COLUMN"



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Mon-Thurs 11am-9:30pm
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#1 Pop Hits-Nov. 25

2006-My Love-Justin Timberlake with T.I.
 1993-I'd Do Anything For Love-Meat Loaf
 1988-Bad Medicine-Bon Jovi
 1972-I Can See Clearly Now-Johnny Nash
 1960-Stay-Maurice Williams/Zodiacs
 1955-Autumn Leaves-Roger Williams

#1 Country Hits- Nov. 25

2003-I Love This Bar-Toby Keith
 1998-Wide Open Spaces-The Dixie Chicks
 1986-You're Still New To Me-
 Marie Osmond/Paul Davis
 1974-Trouble In Paradise-Loretta Lynn
 1966-I Get The Fever-Bill Anderson
 1950-Goodnight Irene-
 Red Foley/Ernest Tubb
 1945-Shame On You-
 Lawrence Welk Orchestra/Red Foley



Trinity United Methodist Church Holiday Bazaar

Please join us on Saturday, December 4 from 9 am to 3 pm for a fun filled Bazaar. We have 15 vendors including crafts, Scentsy, Pampered Chef, Touchstone Jewelry, Soaps by Gee, Pens, Wood Items, and many homemade crafts. We will have a Tricky Tray, a Bakery, Children's Room and a Christmas Room. We have a raffle with a Homemade Queen quilt, Lenox and Dinner tickets. Our cafe will be open for lunch. Stop by and do some early shopping.

Our Thrift Shop is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9 am to 11 am. We sell clothes, household items, toys, and Christmas items. There is a drop off that is open at all times.

We are collecting socks for the local shelters - drop off bin in the front of the church. 'Tis the season to share your blessings. God is good all the time!!!

Song Shoot Out

There were 181 songs on our Facebook Page from Oct. 13-Nov. 13th. The Top 25 songs viewed were in the following order: 1-Love Potion Number Nine-The Searchers; 2-Annie's Song-John Denver; 3-The Ballad of the Green Berets-SSgt. Barry Sadler (U.S. Army Special Forces); 4-I Fought The Law-The Bobby Fuller Four; 5-December, 1963-The Four Seasons; 6-Cara Mia-Jay & The Americans; 7-Brandy-The Looking Glass; 8-I Got You Babe-Sonny & Cher; 9-Lucky Man-Emerson, Lake & Palmer; 10-Julie, Do Ya' Love Me-Bobby Sherman; 11-Moon Shadow-Cat Stevens; 12-You've

Made Me So Very Happy-Blood, Sweat & Tears; 13-Gloria-Them; 14-Should I Stay Or Should I Go-The Clash; 15-Through The Years-Kenny Rogers; 16-If You Could Read My Mind-Gordon Lightfoot; 17-Precious and Few-Climax; 18-We're All Alone-Boz Scaggs; 19-The Power of Love-Huey Lewis & The News; 20-Brown Eyed Girl-Van Morrison; 21-Just The Way You Are-Billy Joel; 22-What Time Is It-The Jive Five; 23-Surf City-Jan & Dean; 24-Mony, Mony-Tommy James & The Shondells; 25-How Can I Be Sure-The Young Rascals.

30th Anniversary Congratulations From Our Loyal Readers

(Continued from last month)

***Bill "Biff" McKeon-**"Congratulations on 30 years of great, great, great service to the people of South Amboy and Sayreville. I enjoy reading The SA Times online, here in Indiana, and I think it was the greatest thing to happen to South Amboy and Sayreville when you started it. The McKeon family really appreciates all you've done for 30 years, in helping us with your headlines and expert knowledge. Thank God you're running the newspaper. You're doing a great job!"
Elaine Gaber-"Congratulations on 30 years of quality reporting!"
Greg Wyzkowski-"Congrats on 30 years of a great product!"
Ken Revolinsky-"Great job, Tom and staff! Here's to another 30!"
Bill Coman-"Great hometown publication. Happy 30th!"
Walter Starzec Jr.-"Congrats on 30 years, and look forward to another 30 and more. God Bless!"
Barbara Russell-"Tom, Congrats on 30 years! Love the paper and news you share!"
Camille Tooker-"Congratulations Tom! Our favorite read!"
Jeanine Ann Sieber-"Happy Anniversary to an awesome newspaper! The only one that I care to read!"
Julian Favaretto-"It's been about 10 years now since you printed my goodbye letter to the people of South Amboy, as I retired from UPS. I enjoyed some great feedback from the townspeople and your readers as a result. Thank you for that opportunity and all the great articles throughout the years, Tom."
Bob Graber-"Happy Anniversary to you, Tom. Your newspaper brings past memories into focus. I hope you have many more anniversaries."
Eileen Coman-"Wow, 30 years! Congratulations Tom and Team! I look forward to it every month."
James A. Nemeth-"Great paper! Happy Anniversary!"
Jerry Kotula-"Outstanding! Great read!"
Mark Ellvinger-"Greatpaper! Congratulations on 30 years of interesting reads."
Anthony Conrad-"Congratulations! Absolutely essential to the life of our South Amboy community."

James Riehl-"Congratulations on 30 years of great local reporting. Keep up the great work for many more years."
Wendy Dennen Erickson-"Congratulations! Always a GREAT read!"
Rose Mosakowski-"Happy Anniversary cuz! You know I love the paper! You work so hard on it. Many more great years to you."
Ruth Bloodgood-"Congratulations Tom. I love the paper!"
Mary Agnes Morris-"Congratulations Tom on 30 years of great reporting! Love The SA Times!"
Jerry Pizzillo-"Good job, Tom and staff. Keep it up."
Sharon Pawlowski-"Nobody could do a better job than you. Happy Anniversary and thank you for all your hard work."
Octavia Zampella-"Hard to believe it's been 30 years!"
Cathy Keays-"Wishing you and your staff a Happy 30th!"
Norine Croddick Switzer-"Congratulations Tom and staff and a big THANK YOU!"
Kim Carling-"Yay, Tom! Congrats to you and your paper for 30 years!"
Maripat Lauritsen Zupko-"Thank you Tom for getting our reunion photo in this issue. Happy Anniversary, you're the best!"
Dolores Sepulveda-"Tom, you are the best. We will always look forward to reading The SA Times. Congratulations too."
Holly Chance McDonald-"Congratulations Tom. Fabulous job all these years."
Peggy Yanuzzelli-"Awesomeness. Congratulations! Great read!"
Lisa Egan-"Congratulations Tom, and thank you for all your hard work and dedication."
Patricia Hagerman Bratus-"Congratulations, always great, and look forward to the next publication."
*****A BIG Thank You** to the many, many readers and others who took the time to send their congratulations for The SA Times and myself on our 30th Anniversary of serving the wonderful people of South Amboy and Sayreville. May God Bless you all, and I hope you have a beautiful holiday season. Thank you all for your tremendous outpouring of support to **The South Amboy-Sayreville Times!**

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MUSIC TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard



States

- Kentucky Rain
- California Nights
- Ohio
- Arizona
- North To Alaska
- Mississippi Queen
- Georgia On My Mind
- Carolina In The Pines
- Massachusetts
- Indiana Wants Me

- Mark Lindsay
- Johnny Horton
- The Bee Gees
- Elvis Presley
- Ray Charles
- Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young
- R. Dean Taylor
- Michael Murphey
- Mountain
- Lesley Gore

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



Five Middlesex College departments and student clubs worked together to hold a Winter Coat Drive for students and also to benefit Jersey Cares. (Photo courtesy of Middlesex College)

Middlesex College Holds Coat Drive (Submitted by Middlesex College)

The Middlesex College Department of Business and Computer Science, the College Foundation, Alumni Association, the Hub Community Resource Center and Food Pantry, and Volunteers in Action collected 137 winter coats from the College community. Students may then visit the Business and Computer Science Department in Edison Hall Room 123 to select the coats they need. It will be open weekdays from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. In addition, the room has other clothes for students to select – for both men and women in all sizes.

Here, staffing a drive-through collection site, are members of Volunteers in Action, from left: Savannah Cook (Piscataway), Jason Delgado (South Amboy), Alison Wong (Woodbridge), Katherine Rodriguez (New Brunswick) and Lauren Denton (Edison). Francesco's Pizzeria & Restaurant provided pizza and drinks for the volunteers.

Anyone who would like to donate a new or gently used coat can bring it to collection bins in the lobbies of Edison Hall, College Center, West Hall, and Raritan Hall on the Edison campus. (Photo/Info Submitted)

Treasures of the Church Exposition December 18 By Steve Schmid

The Advent season is very important for Christians as they look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus. Our Lady of Victories Church is offering something special this year. The church is hosting a Treasures of the Church Exposition Saturday night December 18 following the 5 p.m. Mass. Pastor Father Robert Pinnisi is thrilled to host this special event. He said he was watching Mass on TV from Rockville Center New York when he saw Father Carlos Martins talk about Treasures of the Church which attracted his interest and attention. He soon got a letter from Father Carlos who was hoping to bring the exposition

to Sayreville. Treasures of the Church is a ministry dedicated to evangelization and is run by Father Carlos of the Companions of the Cross. The exposition begins after Mass with a multimedia presentation on the Church's use of relics that is devotional leading to a renewal of the Catholic faith for many. After the teaching, those in attendance have an opportunity to venerate the relics of some of their favorite saints at Msgr. Dalton Hall next to the church. Our Lady of Victories Church is located at 42 Main St. in Sayreville. For more information you can visit treasuresofthechurch.com.

Remember When?



You would go up to the front of the church to the altar and kneel side by side, as the priest gave you Holy Communion. This photo was taken at St. Mary's Church way back in 1947. If anyone looks familiar, please let us know.



November What Exit.

This month's exit will take you to a university named after a former New Jersey Governor. Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by December 8th.

What Exit?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

October What Exit:

Last month's exit that will take you to Turtle Back Zoo was Exit 145. The following knew where they were going: Barbara Anderson, Dennis Quinlan, Helen Petriello, Maryann Raymond, Tom Kemp, JoAnn & John French, Betty Leveille, Pat & Bill Scully, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Betty Leveille, Edna Mazur Pilch, Marie & Ed English, Craig Yetsko, Gary Feret, Vincent Farina.

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Magic Of The Holidays Art & Craft Show

This show brings you a mix of Exquisite & Eclectic of all things Festive. Come out to shop local; the show begins on Black Friday 11/26 and runs through Sunday 11/28 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. The event is open to the public with no admission fees. Our friendly small business vendors are bringing you home made and crafted artificial flower arrangements, swags, wreaths, wooden signs, Christmas trees, tree skirts, fleece blankets, and ornaments, as well as original artwork. You will also have your choice of beautifully crafted jewelry along

with MaryKay Gift Packages and Touchstone Crystal for giving! The South Amboy Arts Alliance event will be held at the South Amboy Arts Gallery. We take all precautions for your safety. The South Amboy Arts Gallery is located on 141 North Broadway, South Amboy, NJ. Free parking can be found behind South Amboy City Hall (Entry on Augusta Street) or South Amboy Train Station. For more info: Email: SAarts141@gmail.com or Call: 732-727-4600 ext. 5971.

Paint & Sip Fundraiser December 3

South Amboy Columbiettes are holding a Paint & Sip Fundraiser Friday night, December 3 from 6:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m. (seating at 6 p.m.) The event will be held at the Knights of Columbus council home at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. The theme is "A Partridge In a

Pear Tree." Discover your inner artist. Cost of \$35 includes all supplies and a complimentary drink. Bring your snacks. Bar on premises. Limited seating. Prepay by November 28. For more information call Vicki at 732-598-6910.

WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Do you recognize this object? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by December 8th.

October What Is It? Fishing Bobbers

Last month's object was a fishing bobber. See the letters from our readers for information on them. The following were able to identify the bobber: Dennis Quinlan, Ray Andrejewski, Elaine Fedor Balzamo, Marlene Letwenski, JoAnn & John French, Eleanore Westerholm, JoAnn Niestempski, Jim Malkiewicz, Valarie Beshada, Diane Mauro Dudas, Steve Brandon, Betty Leveille, Pat & Bill Scully, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Betty Leveille, Edna Mazur Pilch, Mark Moniello, Marie & Ed English, Craig Yetsko, Gary Feret, Lynn Loy, Steve Laskiewicz, Ann Charmello Hill.



LETTERS

From our reader Ray Andrejewski
Dear Brian and Phyllis,
 Those are BOBBERS! By Crackee!
 I can feel the excitement of fishing for snappers with these, back in the day. The anticipation of waiting for the bobber to "bob" was what fishing was all about.
Ray Andrejewski

Hi,
 It's a fishing bobber!
 My Dad Gene Fedor taught us how to fish using them, many years ago!
Elaine Fedor Balzamo

From the all-knowing Google...
 What is the purpose of a bobber in fishing?
 Whether you call them bobbers, floats or corks, these simple devices have several useful functions. They suspend your bait at a depth where fish are feeding. They let you know when a fish bites. They add weight for casting small lures, reduce snags and enable you to maneuver your bait to prime fishing spots.



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Fall Festival/Trunk Or Treat (Photos submitted)



I am extremely thankful for the wonderful turnout at Trinity's Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat on Saturday Oct. 23rd. It would not have been possible without all of the love & support from Pastor YoungHak, members of my congregation, family, and friends. Words cannot express the thanks I'm giving to all of the organizations & businesses that participated and helped put smiles on so many children's faces (& keep their dentists in business}

Thank you to everyone who participated in our contests, we had over 150 entries in each category! Definitely kept our judges busy!

Congratulations to all our winners: Candy Jar- Suzanne (guess 24 / actual 24), Corn Jar- Mario (guess 340 / actual 334), 1st Place Coloring- Benjamin, 2nd Place Coloring- Kinsleigh, 3rd Place Coloring- Brooklyn

Steven Wegrzyn
Sunday School Superintendent

Where Have You Gone, Bob Graber?

By Tom Burkard

Bob Graber grew up in South Amboy, and in the mid-1950's, played and starred for the First Aid Little League baseball team, and also found time to serve as an altar boy at St. Mary's Church. He was a very talented athlete, and went on to St. Mary's HS, where he excelled in baseball and basketball, and graduated in the class of 1960. In his junior and senior years, he played for legendary coaches Luke Lenahan in basketball and Bill "Smokey" Ryan in baseball.

Bob continued his education at Newark State College (now Kean University), and then entered the teaching field, spending 31 years at Grace M. Breckwedel School, where he taught 6th grade social studies, and at John F. Kennedy School, for 8 years, teaching 5th grade science, until retiring in 2005. His love of sports continued throughout his career, and he was the 7th-8th grade boys soccer coach at the Middle School for 22 years, and girls soccer for 2 years. Many of his players went on to win state championships on the Monroe HS team. He also coached varsity basketball at Jamesburg HS for 8 years, and was the last coach before the school closed in 1979, and students began attending Monroe Twp. High School.

Taped on the wall of one of his classrooms at John F. Kennedy School for his students to read was the quotation, "Find a job that you love and you'll never have to work a day in your life." This certainly rang true for Mr. Graber, who truly enjoyed working with the youth of today. He said that, "I've always loved my job, and still get Christmas cards from my former students."

For his outstanding teaching ability, he was selected Teacher of the Year in New

Jersey in 1990 and also 2005. In '90, he was honored to have the opportunity to have lunch with Governor Jim Florio and Saul Cooperman, the Commissioner of Education.

Graber, 78 years young, is in outstanding shape, and credits the rigorous training regimen instilled in him by his basketball coach, the late Luke Lenahan, for inspiring him to continue working out throughout his life. Bob, who lives in Old Bridge, is a huge New York Giants football fan, and has been a season ticket holder for over 40 years.



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toothpaste, Aquanet hairspray and pictures of Jimi Hendrix and the Beatles were among the prizes that were awarded to certain classmates. All in all, it was definitely a blast from the past, in which everyone had such a great time! (Photos/Info Submitted)



Group photo of the class of 1971 at their 50th reunion.



The 50th Reunion Committee (l-r) Joan Kemble, Andy Kuziemski, Mary Casey Griffin, Stephanie Fitzsimmons Sexton, Pattie Mulvey Balon and Kevin O'Connor.



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On Saturday, November 6th, members of the Sayreville Fire Department went to the home of one of their own, 911 Emergency Dispatcher Anthony "Moogs" Magliocco. They went to show their support for "Moogs" as he fights his battle against cancer because "No One Fights Alone." Also responding was the pink fire truck called "Morgan" in support of all cancer patients. (Photo/Info Submitted)

Thank You



The Rone family would like to thank everyone who participated in the 4th Riley's Touch A Truck Fundraiser, benefitting the Hugh Riley Rone Scholarship Fund, especially Coach Dan Poulsen and the South Amboy High School Baseball Team. Whether you made a donation, provided a truck, volunteered your time or came out for a fun day with your family, it means the world to us. We hope you had fun and look forward to doing it again next year!

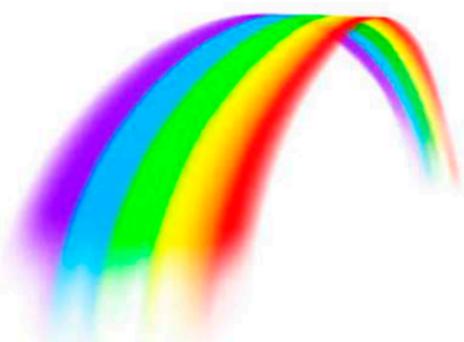
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Who is it?



Can you identify these two musicians? One point for each one you can identify. Hint both play the Bass and have played in major Beatle tribute bands! Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by December 8th. Good Luck. (Photos by Brian Stratton)

Who is it?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

Last month's mystery people were award winning composer Marvin Hamlisch and star of Broadway and the original wicked witch in Wicked Idina Menzel. The following know who they were: Tom Kemp, Lucy Major, Nanci Deverin, John Knudsen, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Julian Favretto, Eleanore Westerholm, Edna Mazur Pilch, Marie & Ed English, Louella Albert.



Marvin Hamlisch and Idina Menzel

Sayreville Fire Dept. MVX Drill

(Photos/Info by Ex Chief Rich Kosmoski)



Firefighter Joe Temenski, Lt. Nick Luciano, and Assistant Chief Matt Johnsen discuss techniques during an extrication drill held for the Sayreville Fire Department.



Captain Paul Conlon, Captain Mike McCarthy, and Lieutenant Clinton Rowe perform major disentanglement of a crashed vehicle during a recent MVX drill.



Ex-Chief George Gawron and Firefighter Robert Bartlinski make preparations to remove the roof of a crashed vehicle during a recent MVX drill.



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The Church Of The Sacred Heart 125th Anniversary



(Photo by Dr. Jorge L. Gonzalez-Gomez)



Metuchen Bishop James Checchio recently celebrated the Mass at Sacred Heart Church (Photo by Cheryl Schmid)



Sister Mary Gomolka (seated) joins fellow Georgian Court University graduates (standing l-r) Donna Sloan, Cheryl Schmid, and Kelly Whiteley. The Court girls extended congratulatory wishes to Sister Mary on her 70th anniversary as a Sister of Mercy. (Photo by Steve Schmid)



The Gomolka family, one of the founding families of Sacred Heart Church, gathered at the church's 125th Anniversary Dinner, and used the occasion to celebrate Sister Mary Gomolka's 70th anniversary as a Sister of Mercy. (Photo by Steve Schmid)



Special guests at the Sacred Heart Church's 125th Anniversary Dinner include (l-r) St. Mary Deacon Rich O'Brien, St. Mary Deacon Steve Laikowski, South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry, Sacred Heart Pastor Father Stanley Gromadzki, St. Mary Ostrabrama Pastor Father Michael Gromadzki, Sacred Heart Parochial Vicar Father Lukasz Blicharski, St. Mary Ostrabrama Deacon Mark Henniecke, St. Mary Ostrabrama Deacon Tom Dominiecki, Former Sacred Heart Deacon Serge Bernatchez (Photo by Steve Schmid)

The Church Of The Sacred Heart 125th Anniversary

By Dr. Jorge L. Gonzalez-Gomez

The Church of the Sacred Heart South Amboy, NJ celebrated their "Quasiquincentennial Jubilee" (125th) on Sunday, November 7, 2021 at a 3:00 PM Mass celebrated by The Most Reverend James F. Checchio JCD, MBA, Bishop of the Dioceses of Metuchen. The Mass was con-celebrated with SHC Pastor Rev. Stanley Gromadzki, SHC Parochial Vicar Rev. Lukasz Blicharski, St. Mary's S.A. Pastor Rev. Dennis Weezorak, St. Bernadette Parlin Monsignor Andrew Szaroletta, St. Mary of Ostrabrama S.R. Rev. Michael Gromadzki and Deacons Rev. Richard O'Brien St. Mary's SA and Rev. Gregorio Rios OLF PA.

During the Bishop's homily, he touched upon the sacrifices made by the founding

families in 1877 to establish Sacred Heart Church. The founding families were Andrew Primka; Casimer Biesiada; and Gomolka. Later the church grew and was influenced by the efforts of Machuski, Nowicki, Novak, Walczak, Paczkowski and countless others. The Bishop touched upon how Sacred Heart Church today fosters many faith based groups such as the Council of Catholic Women, Holy Rosary Society, Youth Ministry, Boy Scout Troop 95, Sacred Heart Love Life Group, Catholic War Veterans, Knights of Columbus Council #426, Holy Name Society and lastly, the Spanish Ministry, which continues to grow with weekly mass service in Spanish.

Mass was followed by a very formal and well attended dinner at Memorial Hall.

Flags For Heroes

By Steve Schmid

St. Stanislaus Kostka School in Sayreville is showing strong support for U.S. military personnel home and abroad. The school is flying flags around the school and parish property. The flags also show support for local heroes such as police, firefighters, EMS and front line workers. Third grade teacher Lisa Grover organized the Flags for Heroes Fundraiser and is thrilled with the community support. She said the school has raised \$7,000

to help repave the back lot where students play during recess and gym. Another \$900 will be going to the Menlo Park Veterans home in Edison. She got the idea for this fundraiser by seeing many American flags flying in the area. The flags were blessed at an outdoor ceremony November 8 by St. Stan's Church Pastor Father Ken Murphy, in front of a crowd of students, residents, and veterans. The flags will fly until December 18.



Students at St. Stanislaus School participated in the blessing of the Flags for Heroes by singing the National Anthem and God Bless America (Photo by Steve Schmid)



Members of the Sayreville American Legion Lenape Post 211 gather at the flagpole as they prepare to participate in the St. Stan's annual Veteran's Day Services. (Photo by Rich Kosmoski)



St. Stanislaus Kostka Church Pastor Father Ken Murphy blesses the Flags for Heroes at a recent outdoor ceremony (Photo by Steve Schmid)

OLV Seniors December Meeting

The OLV Seniors will hold their December meeting on Friday, December 3, 2021 at 1:00 PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall. At this meeting dues of \$15.00 will be collected. All new members are welcome. After the December meeting we will not accept any new memberships until next year. The Christmas Luncheon will be served at the end of the business meeting. The cost of the Christmas luncheon is \$15.00. Please call Carmen Delikat at 732-254-9425 if you

have not ordered the Christmas luncheon no later than November 20, 2021. Due to the constant presence of Covid 19 wearing of masks is an optional choice if you are fully vaccinated. If you have not been vaccinated, please wear a mask. If CDC rules change our group will follow their guidelines.

Donations of non-perishable food for St. Vincent de Paul will continue.

Any questions please contact Teri Yetsko at 732-727-7639.



Have A Safe And Happy Thanksgiving



The Vintage Car Contest

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Do you recognize this car? We are looking for the name of the vehicle and the builder's name. Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by December 8th.

Last month's car was a Mercury Lynx. The Lynx was a Subcompact car produced by Mercury from 1981 to 1987. The Lynx replaced the Mercury Bobcat. It was a more upscale version of the Ford Escort.

The following identified the car: Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Cathy

& John Bartlinski, JoAnn & John French, Ginny Severino, Eleanore Westerholm, Mark Moniello, Marie & Ed English.

Some incorrect answers: 1981 Chevy Citation X, Pontiac Grand Prix, TOYOTA Sprinter Trueno, Chevy Vega,

September Vintage Car



Mercury Lynx

Scarecrows At The Train Plaza

Continued from page 1 (Photos Submitted)



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The Sayreville American Legion Post 211 and V.F.W. Post 4699 held their annual Veterans Day service in front of Borough Hall. Pictured (l-r) Joel Bloom, Commander of Post 211; Ken Kelly, VFW Honor Guard Captain; Mayor Vicky Kilpatrick; Carmen Delikat, Commander of Post 211 Auxiliary, and Auxiliary President of VFW 4699; Ed Strek, Captain of Post 211 Honor Guard; Harry Pachkowski of VFW Honor Guard. (Photo by Robert Fallo)

South Amboy Arts Alliance Halloween at the 'Y'

Halloween at the 'Y' was a fun night! Many families attended with great costumes to show off the spirit of the season. The South Amboy Arts Alliance partnered with the YMCA to bring in some crafts for all to enjoy. Over 60 individuals or groups entered our Halloween Costume Contest. All entries were posted on the South Amboy Alliance,

South Amboy PTO and YMCA Facebook Pages for voting. We would like to announce our winners: The Scary Dino, The Funniest Smiling Ms. Mouse, The SAHS Adventurers and our own Ms. Poppins. The winners can contact us to receive their prize by emailing: SAarts141@gmail.com or Calling 732-727-4600 x5971. (Photos/Article submitted)



Congratulations South Amboy Varsity Cross Country Team!



The South Amboy Varsity Cross Country Team was honored at the October 2021 South Amboy Board of Education meeting. The Team is the Blue Division Champions. Pictured above (l to r) Mr. Eriksen, AD, James Jamolawicz, Daniel Evanski, Steven Evanski, Jack Smith, Coach Mecca, Gabriel Albarran, Rafael Albarran, Joe Jamolawicz, Guinevere Kennedy, Mr. Diaz, Superintendent. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Congratulations!



Jim Sissick and Debbie (Scarfi) Brinker of South Amboy were married on Sat., Oct 2nd. The ceremony was held in their backyard on Charmello Drive, and attended by 80 guests. The wedding was performed by Mayor Fred Henry. The celebration took place at the AOH Hall on Stevens Ave. (Jim grew up on First St., Debbie on Barkalow St.) A true South Amboy wedding!

The couple honeymooned in Niagara and Saratoga Springs NY, Portsmouth, NH, and Bar Harbor, Maine. (Photo/info submitted)

Don't Quit

(Author Unknown)

When things go wrong as they sometimes will
 When the road you're on seems all uphill
 When your funds are low and debts are high
 And you want to smile but you have to sigh
 When care is keeping you down a bit
 Rest if you must, but don't you quit!
 Life is strange with its twists and turns
 As everyone of us sometimes learns
 And many a failure turns about
 When we might have won had we stuck it out
 Don't give up, though the pace seems slow
 You may succeed, you never know
 Often the goal is nearer than
 It seems to a faint and faltering man
 Often the struggler has given up
 When he might have captured the winners cup
 And he learned too late when the night slipped down
 How close he was to the golden crown
 Success is failure turned inside out
 The silver tint of clouds of doubt
 And you can never tell how close you are
 It may be near when it seems so far
 So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit
 It's when things seem worst
 You must not quit!



Blood Drive-Dec. 5

St. Mary's Church will be holding a Blood Drive on Sunday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Stevens Ave. between Augusta St. and Second St. (school cafeteria). Appointments are recommended. For an appointment go to: <https://nybc.org/newjerseydrive> sponsor code 07743 or call 800-933-2566.

We would love to hear from you!



or



or

Guestbook



Local Wildlife



This Bald Eagle was seen flying over South Amboy recently. (Photo by Maria Wagner)



How many readers saw a grasshopper over the summer? Once upon a time, long ago, they were very common around here, but now are quite scarce. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



This friendly squirrel strikes a great pose for The SA Times. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



This is a chocolate runner duck, and has a long neck, similar to a goose. This very special duck is known by many people who admire her, and is a rarity (one of a kind) at an area lake. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



The chocolate runner duck is always in the company of two male mallard ducks. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Slow Down For Sara Walk

Please join us in our 9th Annual Slow Down for Sara Walk, which will begin on November 28th and run until December 12th. This year we are doing a Virtual Walk, so you can participate anytime and anywhere during this time period. The link for the walk and to donate your \$10 registration fee or whatever amount you wish to contribute is: <https://givebutter.com/sara21> An email will be sent to the foundation to keep track of anyone who donated and a mask will be given to you as soon as possible. We would appreciate it if you take a picture of yourself

when you walk with your mask, and post it on the event page on Facebook 9th Annual Slow Down for Sara Walk (Virtual). You may also donate by mailing a check to the Sara Dubinin Memorial Foundation, 16 Wilbur Terrace Sayreville NJ 08872. With your \$10 registration fee, your name will be entered into a drawing for two \$50 gift cards and several surprise baskets! Thank you for walking with us to honor Sara, and to promote awareness of Sara's Law. Enjoy your Walk!

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

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SAYAA & The City of South Amboy

Trunk or Treat (Photos by Brian Stratton)



Mayor Fred Henry and wife Linda were on hand to greet the Trunk or Treaters.



Buzz and Woody with their Best Friend!



Cute little chicken.



Jessie, Rex & Scarecrow.



SAEA Pride.



Three Rex!

Assembly Panel Clears Quijano, Jasey, & McKeon Measure to Establish Postconsumer Recycled Content Requirements

To bolster our recycling industry and reduce the number of microplastics in the environment, Assembly Democrats Annette Quijano (D-Union), Mila Jasey (D-Essex, Morris), and John McKeon (D-Essex, Morris) sponsor legislation to establish post consumer recycled content requirements. The measure was approved by the Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee on Monday.

The bill (S-2515/A4676) would establish post consumer recycled content requirements for rigid plastic containers, glass containers, plastic beverage containers, paper, and plastic carryout bags, and plastic trash bags. Post Consumer recycled content is defined as a material or product that has completed its intended end use and product life cycle, and which has been separated from the solid waste stream for collection and recycling. Under the bill, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protections (NJDEP) would be authorized to review and adjust any of the post consumer recycled content requirements based on changes in market conditions, availability of recycled material,

and capacity of recycling infrastructure.

Upon committee approval of the measure, Assembly members Quijano, Jasey, and McKeon issued the following joint statement:

“This measure is a multifaceted approach toward tackling the issues surrounding our recycled waste industry, while also reducing the amount of microplastics introduced to the environment. Over the past few years, other countries such as China have decided to no longer buy most plastic waste content. New Jersey has an opportunity to enhance our market for plastics, and this bill will allow us to be at the forefront of a transitioning recycling industry.”

“Microplastics are very harmful to our environment, especially our oceans. This measure will allow us to further protect the aquatic animals along our coastline and mitigate the effects harmful plastics have on our ecosystems.”

The sponsors of the measure will continue to hear concerns from stakeholders.

Middlesex County Office of Health Services Rabies Advisory

The Middlesex County Office of Health Services is reporting that a skunk tested positive for rabies in the Township of Old Bridge, Middlesex County, in the vicinity of Vail Drive and Hunter Court.

This is the seventh rabid animal reported within Middlesex County for 2021 and the first rabid animal in Old Bridge.

On Saturday, November 13, 2021, a resident of Old Bridge’s pet dog attacked and killed a skunk in the resident’s back yard. The animal was picked up by the Animal Control Officer and was then taken to the New Jersey Department of Health Laboratory for testing. It was reported on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 that the animal tested positive for rabies. The resident’s dog is currently vaccinated for rabies and was instructed to follow up with their veterinarian. The resident was notified to consult with a physician regarding any rabies post exposure treatment.

The Middlesex County Office of Health Services continues to monitor rabies cases within the municipality. Residents should report wild animals showing signs of unusual behavior to the Police Department. Additionally, it is recommended that residents should avoid contact with wild animals and immediately report any bites from wild or domestic animals to your local health department and consult a physician as soon as possible. Finally, be sure that all family pets are up to date on their rabies vaccinations.

Rabies is caused by a virus which can infect all warm-blooded mammals, including man. The rabies virus is found in the saliva of a rabid animal and is transmitted by bite, or possibly by contamination of an open cut. New Jersey is enzootic for raccoon and bat variants of rabies. Bats, skunks, groundhogs, foxes, cats and dogs represent about 95 percent of animals diagnosed with rabies in the United States.

Rabies Prevention Guidelines
The Middlesex County Office of Health Services is advising residents to follow these

guidelines to prevent rabies from being transmitted to themselves or their pets:

1. Immediately report a bite from a wild or domestic animal to your local health department. Wash animal bite wounds thoroughly with soap and water as soon as possible after the bite. Contamination of open cuts and scratches with saliva of potentially rabid animals should also be washed off immediately. Consult a physician as soon as possible.

2. Immediately report any wild animals showing signs of unusual behavior. Signs of unusual animal behavior could be that the animal may:

- Move slowly
- May act as if tame
- Appear sick
- Have problems swallowing
- Have an increase in saliva
- Have increased drooling
- Act aggressive
- Have difficulty moving
- Have paralysis
- Bite at everything if excited

Residents should avoid any contact with the animal and call your local animal control officer or local police department.

3. Be sure that all family pets are up to date on their rabies vaccination. If unsure, please call your veterinarian. Call your local health department for free rabies vaccination clinic availability.

4. Animal proof your home and yard. Make sure all garbage containers have tight fitting lids, do not leave pet food or water outside, do not allow rainwater to collect in outdoor containers or equipment and keep yard free of garbage and debris.

5. Do not feed or handle wild animals.
6. Avoid contact with stray animals or pets other than your own.

7. Try to prevent your pets from coming into contact with wild animals.

8. Screen off vents to attics and other areas that could provide shelter for bats

Delight in December At Dowdell

Tis the season! Mark your calendars now for some great programs this month!

Kick off December with the Holiday Biz Fair on Monday, December 6th from 4-8pm! This is a holiday shopping opportunity that is not to be missed. Drop in for hot chocolate and gift opportunities. Holiday cookies will also be sold. Interested in promoting your business? It may not be too late. Contact the library ASAP at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

Storytime with Ms. Maryanne continues in December. Join the fun with stories, games, activities, and crafts, Monday, 12/13 and 12/20 from 10:30-11:30.

Decorate your home with the December Drop-In crafts. Holiday projects will include a Hanukkah Paper Candle, 12/1-12/3 from 3:30-4:30, Christmas Paper Wreath, 12/20-12/23 from 3:30-4:30, and Kwanzaa Beading 12/27-12/30 from 3:30-4:30. All ages welcome!

The festivities continue with our Family Holiday Party on Monday, December 27th from 6:30-8pm. Join us for games, cookies, decorating, and holiday music. Get ready to ring in the New Year!

Do the holidays have you running in every direction? It’s more important than ever to make time for your health. As always, the library is here to assist with our virtual health programs through Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital/Barnabas Health. Programs like Stretch It, a stretching and flexibility workshop meets online Thursdays in December. Why not try a Virtual Guided Imagery Relaxation Session to help release the stress of the season. Online sessions will be held on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month (12/14 & 12/28) at 1pm. To register for either program please email kathleen.johnson@rwjhb.org.

Check out the championship round of the fall Video Game Challenge! Kids ages 0-10 will compete on 12/16 from 4-5pm, while teens ages 11-18 compete on 12/14 from 4-5pm. Adults ages 18+ will also finish off

the competition on 12/14 from 6:30-7:30. A winner from each category will be crowned with a prize!

Teens ages 12-17, are you interested in having a say in what the library does for you? Would you like to have some fun and earn community service hours while you do it? Join the Teen Advisory Board! Meetings will be held monthly beginning on December 17th from 3:30-4:30. Hop online and fill out your application today.

Seniors, are you looking for a good read to cozy up with as the winter season heads our way? Join our Senior Book Club! The city of South Amboy and The Dowdell Library have partnered to form the club which will meet the last Monday of the month at 10:30am in the library. The city will provide transportation as needed. Masks are required. Register today and discover the title of our latest selection. Tell us your preferences!

Is English a second language for you? The English Conversation group will continue in December as well! Join us on Mondays in December from 6-8 pm.

For more information on these or any other programs, or for general comments, queries, compliments please contact us at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. Visit us online at www.dowdell.org. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 am - 8 pm, Wednesday & Friday 10 am - 5 pm, and Saturday 12-4 pm. The library is located off John O’Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School.

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



Advent Study and Discussion December 2

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 will hold an Advent Night of Recollection with Sister Hosea Rupprecht Thursday December 2 at 7 PM at St. Mary

Church at 256 Augusta St. South Amboy. Sister Rupprecht will talk and discuss film clips relating to the Advent season.

Be Thankful
Poet Unknown

**Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire.
If you did, what would there be to look forward to?
Be thankful when you don't know something,
for it gives you the opportunity to learn.**

**Be thankful for the difficult times.
During those times you grow.
Be thankful for your limitations,
because they give you opportunities for improvement.
Be thankful for each new challenge,
because it will build your strength and character.**

**Be thankful for your mistakes.
They will teach you valuable lessons.
Be thankful when you're tired and weary,
because it means you've made a difference.**

**It's easy to be thankful for the good things.
A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who
are also thankful for the setbacks.
Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive.
Find a way to be thankful for your troubles,
and they can become your blessings.**

Happy Thanksgiving

THE DAY OF INFAMY-EIGHTY YEARS LATER

By Rich Kosmoski

In a few days we will be celebrating one of the most infamous events in our country's history, the 80th Anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. There are very few people alive today who witnessed those events or were able to hear the live radio broadcasts from Pearl Harbor as the attack was occurring. I am talking about one of the most deadly and cowardly acts ever to be inflicted on the United States of America. It was the sneak attack by the Japanese Imperial Navy against the United States Pacific Fleet and the military bases in and around Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. For three long hours, these areas were ravaged by Japanese torpedo planes, bombers, and fighter planes as wave after wave of these planes came over the mountains with their destructive armament.

The United States was not at war with the Japanese or any other country during this time, nor was it planning to do so. There may have been implications leading to war but no formal declaration made nor anticipated.

The home port of the United States Pacific Fleet moved from California to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and was the reason so many ships and personnel were stationed in and around that area. Pearl Harbor is situated in such a way as to protect



Sailors in their dress white uniforms jumping into the harbor and attempting to evade the incoming Japanese fighter planes.

the shipping inside the harbor from attacks coming from the sea. Being there is only one entrance/exit to the harbor, it was easy to protect. Unfortunately, this single entrance/exit prevented ships from leaving their berths and escaping the deadly attack. Sunday mornings aboard Navy ships in port is usually a relaxed atmosphere during peacetime. Sailors not on duty get to sleep later than usual and instead of breakfast there is a later brunch. This morning, sailors were still ashore from Saturday night liberty or preparing to attend religious services on

board the ships in port.

At 7:40 am on December 7, 1941, the first wave of Japanese attack planes flew over Hawaii and at 7:50am, the deadly attack on Pearl Harbor commenced. Japanese bombers came from the aircraft carriers which were located 230 miles north of Oahu. These aerial attacks continued until all their bombs were dropped on the selected targets. The American military fought bravely and heroically to save their fleet of ships and their fellow sailors. Over 2,200 sailors were killed in the attack, many while still sleeping in their bunks below decks. The largest loss of life came from the battleship USS Arizona where 1,177 of her crew were killed and entombed inside their ship.

Within an hour after the first wave of attacks ended, a second wave launched. The first wave came from the western side of the island while the second wave surprised everyone because it originated from over the mountains on the eastern side of the island. As sailors attempted to rescue their shipmates trapped from inside their burning ships and those thrown into the fuel, which was ablaze in the harbor, they were continuously attacked by the incoming bombers.

The first Naval Line Officer to die in World War II was Rear Admiral Isaac Kidd. He was killed on the bridge of the USS Arizona during the attack. His badly burned body was unrecognizable and his remains were only able to be identified by his Naval Academy class ring which was found melted to the ship's deck plates. His son, Isaac Kidd Jr. was attending the US Naval Academy as a cadet during the attack. He also went on to become an Admiral. His grandson, Isaac Kidd III is currently a Captain in the US Navy.

Americans back in the States woke up on

Monday morning, December 8, 1941, to read the headlines in the newspapers that, "Japan Declares War on U.S." On that morning, President Franklin Roosevelt delivered a speech to Congress and the world where he declared war on the Japanese. His address to Congress and the entire country started with, "Yesterday, December 7, 1941---a date which will live in infamy---the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan."

For how disastrous these attacks were on the United States Pacific Fleet, it could have been worse. You ask how could that be possible? The Japanese Commander, Admiral Nagumo, had planned this attack for months. Even though he was successful in destroying a substantial portion of



The USS Arizona after the aerial bombardment by the Japanese Naval Forces.

the Pacific Fleet, much of the military infrastructure was left intact. He had hoped that the United States would surrender following these attacks but instead, he was only to "Wake a Sleeping Giant." What he failed to destroy were the carriers, the largest and most effective warships in the fleet. These ships were out at sea during the attack and escaped unscathed. This allowed the US Navy to quickly counterattack with carrier-based warplanes against the elusive Japanese Naval Fleet. Without these carriers it would have been impossible for the US Navy to counterattack for at least a year or more.

The Japanese bombers failed to bomb the Navy oil supply tanks which held millions of gallons of fuel to supply the warships. The Japanese' reasoning behind their failure to bomb these targets is that once they were bombed and caught fire, they would emit massive amounts of black smoke. This black

smoke would obscure their targets from view and they would not be visible to attack.

The third mistake that the Japanese made was by attacking on a Sunday morning. Yes, sailors were "sleeping in" and were killed but others survived because they were ashore on liberty for the weekend and in areas not under attack.

After President Roosevelt declared war, American industries re-tooled rapidly to build military equipment and supplies. Almost immediately, people enlisted in the

various branches of the military. Factories were working around the clock to build armament, tanks, ships, supplies, and the infamous Jeep. Soon the American forces were on the offensive both in the Pacific and in the European Theater of Operations under

General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

On December 7, 2021, we will be remembering those killed in the attack at Pearl Harbor, the event that forced us to enter World War 2. We must remember all our American Patriots of "The Greatest Generation" who fought in this war, those who made the ultimate sacrifice with their life in the pursuit of freedom and those who returned home with the scars of battle, scars that they carried their entire life.

Will we ever forget this horrendous sneak attack? For those who experienced those events, it is impossible to forget. As time passes, those people pass on, memories fade, and history rewrites a new chapter. As American patriots, we must NEVER FORGET nor should we ever apologize for our actions. May we always remain a proud nation and be proud of our heroes who have allowed us to do so!

South Amboy Arts Alliance 2022 Preview

(Article submitted)

Before you know it, 2021 will be over and 2022 will bring us into a new year. We, at the South Amboy Arts Alliance wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving and want to share some of the special programming we will be offering you in the new year. It is our commitment to bring 'Art to All' in as many genres that will interest you and our city families. By sharing common interests, we begin to see so many similarities amongst us while differences in point of view, skill or technique helps us grow and learn while enriching our lives. Here are some of the activities on our 2020 calendar:

For the artist or an up and coming one,

become a member and have opportunities to show your work in our galleries. Perhaps, you may want to share your skill in a special lesson or weekly class for adults or children, let us know if you are interested.

If you like music, the second Saturday of each month you will find scheduled entertainment from local musicians in a Coffee House Environment. If reading or writing is your pleasure, join our Book Club where you will be able to learn from our great discussions. Email: SAarts141@gmail.com or call 7320727-4600 x5971 for any questions, comments or interests in being a part of one of our events

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This Moment

(Author Unknown)

I may never see tomorrow
 There's no written guarantee
 And things that happened yesterday
 Belong to history
 I cannot predict the future
 I cannot change the past
 I have just the present moment
 I must treat it as my last
 I must use this moment wisely
 For it soon will pass away
 And be lost to me forever
 As a part of yesterday
 I must exercise compassion
 Help the fallen to their feet
 Be a friend unto the friendless
 Make an empty life complete
 The unkind things I do today
 May never be undone
 And friendships that I fail to win
 They never more be won
 I may not have another chance
 On bended knee to pray
 And thank God with humbled heart
 For giving me this day.



LETTERS

Sharing SA Times Staff Comments To Elaine Holton-Scott
 Re: "The Halloween Which Wasn't"

"One of your best! Halloween was right up there with Christmas back in the 50s' for us kids. I remember the parade the town had, and the fun carrying a "pillow case" to collect enough candy (and if lucky a few nickels or dimes) to last a month. And it was safe! Times surely changed."

John "Flip"Phillips

"I found your story right on. Halloween is not like it used to be. We never had to worry about razor blades or pins inside the candies. "THEY" just took all the fun away. Today we don't find kids outside playing anymore. Growing up, we knew everyone on the block and surrounding streets. Today we may not know who lives next door! Times Are A Changing as Dylan said."

Rich Kosmoski



St. Stan's Car Show

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Eileen Ust (2nd from right), wife of the late and beloved Sayreville Recreation Director Jerry Ust, along with several family members, presented the Jerry Ust Trophy for the "Best In Show" to Mike Parfianowicz (r). Another trophy for "Best In Show" honoring the late Tommy Samuel, was presented to Mike Bailey.



The Ust family turned out for the great St. Stan's Car Show, which honored late Sayreville Recreation Director Jerry Ust / Tommy Samuel. The Car Show was the first at St. Stan's and a huge success, drawing 111 cars. Congratulations to the Committee of Tony Jackowski, Brian Jackowski, Chris Bardsley, Dan and Sissy Hockenjos, and the Falcons Nest Food Stand, (a group of St. Stan's alumni, who did the excellent cooking for the event).

WWW.?

By Tom Burkard



What is this building? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by Dec. 8th. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

WWW.? Winners October

The Mystery Photo was Pat's Pub on Washington Rd. and outlook Ave. in Sayreville. It was previously Ryan's Pub, and prior to that, also a bar, and it became known as just "The Bar." Going way, way back in time, the building was a convenience store known as Burdak's.

Those correctly identifying the structure: Ann Marie Pedersen, Bridget Connor, Don and Dawn Lewis, Dennis Quinlan, Lee Szatkowski, Leon Credico, Joan Gorczyca, Stash Synarski, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Walter Starzec Jr, Suzy

Switzer Kiefer, Donna Roberts, JoAnn & John French, Joan Fulham, Jim & Debbie Sissick, Chuck Pickard, Betty Leveille, Pat & Bill Scully, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Eleanore Westerholm, Betty Leveille, Mary Agnes Morris, Edna Mazur Pilch, Mark Moniello, Marie & Ed English, Craig Yetsko, Gary Feret, Don Zrebiec, Barb Bockus, Lisa Grankowski, Lynn Loy, Pete McIntyre, Steve Laskiewicz, Vincent Farina.

* Joan Fulham was inadvertently omitted as a September winner.



October's WWW - Pat's Pub

Where in NJ?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Can you identify this building? It's closer than you might think! Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by December 8th.

Last month's Where in NJ was Maple Leaf Gardens in Manalapan. This was a tough one as we had no winners.



Maple Leaf Gardens in Manalapan.



St. Stan's School

(Photos/Info Submitted)



St. Stan's School collected over 300 bags of clothes and sneakers from their school family and parishioners for their recent drive to support the school. (Photo by Lisa Grover)



All students at St. Stan's School participated in filling Blessing Bags for the homeless to support the Blessing Bag Brigade charity. Items for the bags were donated through the support of the the students and parishioners. Pictured are the third grade students filling the bags with toiletries, socks, and a small snack as Mrs. Lisa Grover, third grade teacher and coordinator of the event, oversees their work.



On Wednesday, September 29, forty-one students from St. Stan's School and Parish were confirmed by The Most Reverend Bishop James F. Checchio, Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen.



New Playground: Kindergarten students smile for a group picture on their newly renovated playground. Special thanks to Mr. Paul Castillo, father of student Liliana, for his time and talents, and the coordination of Mrs. Lisa Grover, third grade teacher. (Photo by Mrs. Paula Giannace)

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Myia Williams Tapped to Be Coach for Newly-Created Men's Volleyball Program at Middlesex College

Middlesex College has appointed Myia Williams to be the coach of the new men's volleyball program, which is set to begin in Spring 2022.

The College was among 15 two-year institutions chosen for a \$10,000 grant by the NJCAA Foundation and First Point Volleyball Foundation to start a new men's volleyball program.

Williams holds a bachelor of science in communication from Mitchell College and is a professional graphic designer.

She served as head volleyball coach for Immaculate Conception High School in Montclair.

In addition to her professional coaching experience, Williams brings to her new role the perspective of someone who has played competitively at the collegiate level.

She played on the women's volleyball team throughout her four years at Mitchell College, an NCAA Division III school.

Her love for volleyball can be traced back to her middle school where she was introduced to the sport.

"I picked up my first volleyball around 7th grade and haven't put it down since," she shared.

She credits her college major – communications – for playing an important part in her approach to coaching and team building.

"Communication is key if you want to have great chemistry with your team on and off the court," Williams stressed, adding, "If you can't have a conversation with someone then it's going to be hard to have a conversation on the court."

As she steps into her new position and prepares to put a team together, she says she is eager to work with students who are passionate about the sport.

"That's my biggest thing. Come ready to play, come ready to learn," she said. "We're going to have some ups and downs, but that's not going to defeat us. I like to tell my students that we didn't take a loss yesterday, we took a lesson. When we take a lesson, we learn something from it and come back better than what we were."

Sayreville Public Library Events

Transferable Job Skills-virtual will be held on Thursday, December 16th @ 10AM.

Sayreville Public Library is working with Middlesex County Office of Career Opportunity as part of the Libraries TEACH program to present this virtual seminar on Job Skills. Learn more about how to develop job and career skills that you can take with you from job to job.

This is a virtual event via Zoom. Please register at www.sayrevillelibrary.org.

10 Quick and Easy Last Minute Holiday Tips With Jamie Novak-Virtual on Thursday, December 2 @ 6:00 PM

To-do list too long? Feeling stressed? You won't want to miss this online program with Organizer and Author Jamie Novak. She'll share her top 10 quick and easy last-minute holiday tips to get it all done this season.

By the end of the program, you'll feel on top

of your to-do list and ready for an enjoyable holiday season!

This is a virtual event. Please register by calling 732-727-0212 or go online to www.sayrevillelibrary.org

Holiday Trifle Demonstration Learn how to make a beautiful layered Dessert-Virtual on Monday, December 13 @ 6:00PM.

Ever wanted to learn how to make a beautiful layered dessert like you see on TV or magazines? Well here is your chance by joining us in this virtual workshop! Learn how to put your own touch on this classic dessert with almost endless flavor combinations of cake, fruit, custard, and toppings. Along the way, you will pick up tips for making a variety of beautiful dishes for the holidays!

This is a virtual event. Please register by calling 732-727-0212 or go online to www.sayrevillelibrary.org



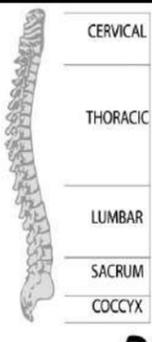
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Congratulations!



Les Wilson (l) Past Grand Knight of the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 is presented with a plaque by current Grand Knight Gary Lattanzi, honoring Les for serving a two-year term as Grand Knight, at a dinner held in Les's honor. (Photo/info by Steve Schmid)

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

School Sports

By Tom Burkard

Team Leaders

Boys Soccer

Sayreville (9-10)

Goals-Kevin Appau 11; John Kovalchuk 10; Kofi Darbo 10. Assists-Victor Osei-Mensah 9; Kovalchuk 8. Points-Kovalchuk 28; Darbo 25; Appau 24.

South Amboy (2-10-1)

Goals-Angel Barillas 7; Joel Diaz 2; Giovanni Pepe 2. Assists-Diaz 2; Points-Barillas 15; Diaz 6; Pepe 5. Saves-Anthony Vella 18; Isaiah Mercado 17; Dave Chen 15.

Girls Soccer

Sayreville (2-13-1)

Goals-Adrianna Westcott 10; Abigail Mayer 3; Jaylin Evans 3. Assists-Evans 4; Julianna Daniels 2; Shriya Meda 2; Westcott 2. Points-Westcott 22; Evans 10; Mayer 7.

South Amboy (0-12)

Goals-Airam Lorezo-Volquez 2; Eleny Lenor-Aleman 1; Faith Nemeth 1. Assists-None; Points-Lorenzo-Volquez 4; Lenor-Aleman 2; Nemeth 2. Saves-Maggie Whitney 62.

Sayreville Falls In Semis

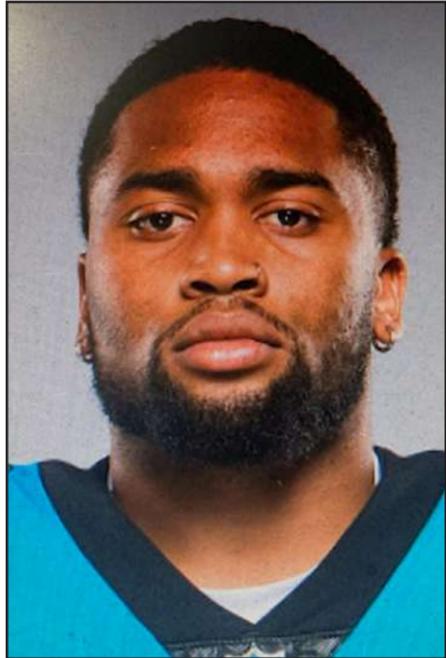
The Sayreville Bombers excellent football season ended on a sad note, as they were eliminated by Middletown South, 17-8 in the North 2 Group 4 semifinal. Zaimer Wright, had 76 yards on 19 rushes, with a TD, and 2-point conversion for all of the Bombers scoring.

Sayreville under the brilliant coaching of Chris Beagan and his staff, finished (8-3) their first winning record since 2018, and will return several key players for 2022. Superstar Zaimer Wright, who finished the season with an incredible 1,403 yards rushing and 25 touchdowns, will lead the locals next year.

Pro Basketball Report

Two former area basketball stars are playing professional basketball in Europe. Marques Townes (Cardinal McCarrick), and Jehyve Floyd (Sayreville) have been competing overseas for the last couple of years. Townes plays for Pieno Zvaigzdes Pasvalys in the Lithuanian League, while Floyd plays for Panathinaikos in the Euroleague. Townes has played in 5 games, and is averaging 12.8 ppg., 4 assists, and 3.6 rebounds. Floyd, has seen limited action in 7 games and averages 3.1 ppg. And 2.1 rebounds.

Pro Football Report



Myles Hartsfield (Sayreville) of the Carolina Panthers NFL team has returned to action after being out since injuring his wrist on September 12th against the NY Jets. He came back on November 7th, playing against New England, and notched 2 solo tackles and one assisted. In his 2 games this year, Myles has 5 total tackles that include 3 solo and 2 assisted.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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Sayreville Football Report

The Bombers blasted New Brunswick, 28-9, as Zaimer Wright raced for 203 yards (his second straight 200-yd. game), 3 touchdowns, and also went over 1,000 yards rushing for the season, an outstanding accomplishment. Quarterback Michael Colonnello connected on a TD strike to Delvin Mills. The defense was tough as always, with Caidan Holmes leading the way with 9 tackles, followed by Rodney Acquah who had 8 total tackles...

The Sayreville squad took a forfeit win over St. Joseph's of Metuchen because one of their players tested positive for COVID...

The red-hot Bombers walloped Old Bridge, 32-7, as Zaimer Wright once again led Coach Chris Beagan's team by racking up 4 touchdowns and a 2-point conversion, gaining 98 yards on 26 carries. Quarterback

Michael Colonnello added 79 yards on 7 carries, and scored a TD for Sayreville. The Bombers special team unit contributed greatly to the victory by engineering 3 onside kick recoveries...

In a North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 quarterfinal contest #3 seeded Sayreville pounded #6 Middletown North, 18-0. This marked the Bombers first shutout in over 2 years. The talented Wright once again excelled, as he gained 53 yards rushing and had 2 more touchdowns. Santana Fonseca added a field goal, and Claude Blagoege had a 2-point conversion reception. Colonnello gained 36 yards rushing and 45 yards passing. Tim Mayer caught 2 passes for 20 yards, and also had an interception on defense. Fonseca and Brian Clyne also had interceptions for the Bombers standout defense.

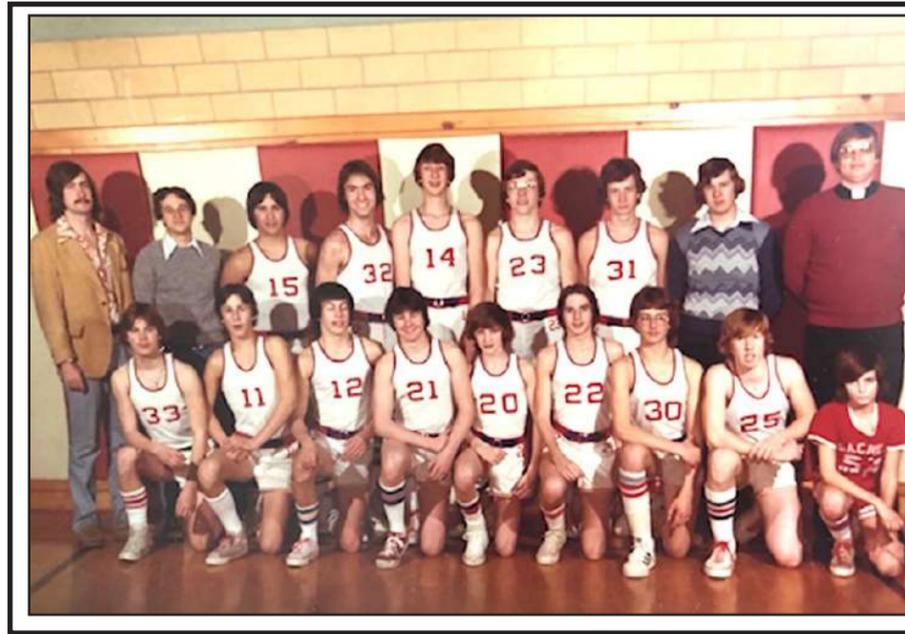
Champions



Congratulations to the Sure-Hit Home Improvements men's softball team from South Amboy for winning the Greater Middlesex County Fall Weekday championship. This Sure-Hit team went undefeated in their quest to capture the crown. The games were played at the Middlesex County Warren Park complex in Woodbridge on Nov. 2nd. The champs are pictured as follows: Top row (l-r) Team sponsor Thomas Ryan, Matt Ryan with son Matthew, Bob McCall, Shawn McCormick, Dave Matthews, Jared Mundy, Dave Masi. Bottom row (l-r) Ryan Sheryka, Christian Geant, Brian DeJoy, Tim Adams, Joe Cesaro.



Congratulations to the South Amboy Hurricanes 8u Travel Little League team on being invited to play in the Kid2 Pro Sports Stadium Game Events at the Somerset Patriots TD Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater Twp. on Oct. 9th. The kids had a memorable day playing South Plainfield Tigers 8u Travel Team. The game ended in a 6-6 tie after 6 innings of play. The Hurricanes are pictured as follows: Top row (l-r) Head Coach Dan Astarita, Assistant Coaches Sean Murphy, Terry Dittmar, Matt Ryan, Bill Hauser, Al Quintana. Middle row (l-r) Matthew Ryan, Patrick Russer, Chase Vaccaro, Matthew Serrano, Alijah Quintana, William Hauser. Bottom row (l-r) Colton Murphy, Giovanni Mortensen, Daniel Astarita, Colin Clark, Braden Dittmar, batboy Jacob Quintana.

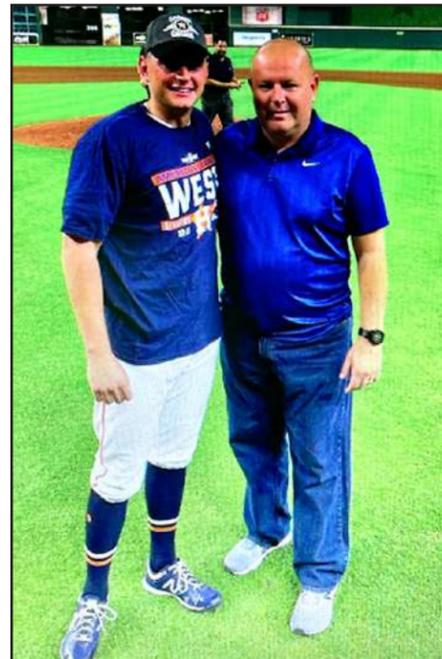


Congratulations!



Guinevere Kennedy of South Amboy High School placed 6th place out of 136 girls at the NJSIAA Group Championships qualifying her for the Meet of Championships in Holmdel N.J. This is a huge accomplishment! No other girl on the South Amboy Cross Country team has ever made it this far. Congratulations! (Photo/Info Submitted)

MLB Report



Houston Astros pitcher Brandon Bielak (l) is pictured with his father Brian Bielak following the Astros West Division title clincher in Houston. Bielak, who is from Sayreville, had a fine season, pitching in 28 games, 50 innings, with 46 strikeouts, and a 4.50 ERA. He was (3-4) with one save, and hopes to see even more action in 2022.

Holiday Sock Drive

A Holiday Sock Drive sponsored by the Trinity United Methodist Church's Sunday School is now being held thru Dec. 20th. Socks are the #1 requested items at a homeless shelter. All sizes of new socks are needed for infants, children and adults. Please drop off your donations at Trinity United Methodist Church, 815 Bordentown Ave., South Amboy. For more info contact Steven Wegryzn at 732-309-6616.

1970's-The talented Sacred Heart 7th-8th Grade basketball team pictured top row (l-r) Coach Bob Short, Coach Gary Sheryka, Dan DiPoalo, John Kopko, Joe Weber, Rich Rysinski, Dan Doherty, Coach Greg Wzykowski, Father John. Bottom row (l-r) Jim Jadecki, Larry Martin Jr., Ted Pecchini, Vince Iuzzolino, Adam Lovely, Joe Silva, Bob Lodzinski, Keith Wren, Dave Sabo. (Photo/names courtesy of Larry Martin Jr.)



The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

Bombers First Football Team



1942-This is the Sayreville Bombers first varsity football team. Vince Abbatiello was the head coach, and his letterwinners were: Rufus Anderson, Walt Ardenowski, Bill Bailey, Ned Callahan, Nick DiBiase, Jim Dolan, Bob Dolan, Bob Geiger, Steve Jannos, John Kotarski, Walt Kwitkowski, Rich Litz, Bob MacFarlan, Lou Maciorowski, Gil Miller, Art Nowak, Andy Paprota, Archie Prusakowski, Joe Prusakowski, Ed Rajek, Vic Roskowski, Tom Wisniewski.

From The Sports Archives



Late 1960's-Our Lady of Victories talented 8th Grade basketball team consisted of top row (l-r) Ray Miklos, Ralph Simmons, Dave "Red" Kwitkowski, Ed Perez, Rich Spille, Jim Rucki, Dennis Coyle, Tom Ricci, Jeff Hashagen. Bottom row (l-r) Jeff Lehman, John Perez, John Kugel, Wayne Brewer, Mark Reardon, Rob Miller, Walt Rondesko, John Wojcik. (Photo/names courtesy of Walt Rondesko)

20 Years Ago

2001-The Bombers of Sayreville topped the South Amboy Governors, 3-0 in the season opener for both soccer clubs. Herbert Obeng, Brock Vazquez, and Dan Fiorentino each scored a goal for Sayreville. The Purple & Gold managed only one shot the entire game against the stingy Sayreville defense, and goalie, Rob Galante stopped it for a 1 - save shutout. Ken Batiuk turned back 15 shots for SA. The game was a milestone for South Amboy Coach Tony Gonsalves who began his 25th year at the helm, and also most memorable for Bombers rookie Coach Nick Cifelli, who debuted.

T.H.E. Game

Sport-Football

Year-1962

Teams-Sayreville vs. Carteret

Recap-The Bombers upset unbeaten Carteret, 25-6, as Bob Anderson broke loose for touchdown runs of 77 yards, 4 yards, and 59 yards. Marty Szarvas ran for a 2-yard TD, while quarterback John Karlowitz passed to Ed Gorchinski for an extra point.

Player-of-the-Game-Bob Anderson of Sayreville.

60 Years Ago...

1961-62-St. Mary's first girls varsity basketball team in modern times consisted of: Coach Mrs. Dale Churner; players-Carol Surman, Penelope Dohan, Eileen Soden, Maureen Farrell, Joan Wisniewski, Elizabeth Leppig, Susan Charlton, Kathleen Covert, Kathleen Ertle, Denise Hayes, Mary Henry, Gail Henson, Lynn Montalbano.

30 Years Ago...

1991-Sayreville boys soccer club smashed St. Mary's, 8-1. Joe Ferraro found the net for 2 goals, and Ben Kloc chalked up 2 assists for the Bombers...Sayreville girls soccer squad halted Hoffman, 4-0. Melissa Jones led the way with 2 goals and 2 assists, and Karen Hill added 1 goal and an assist.

Back In Those College Days

Frank Minnick Sr. (St. Mary's) was Captain of the Fordham University baseball team in the 1940's...Tom Michaels (Sayreville) starred in football for the University of Delaware in the early 1960's... Mike Popowski (Sayreville) was outstanding on the Rutgers University baseball team... Rich Klein (South Amboy) played baseball for Wentworth Institute of Technology... Torey John Zollinger (Sayreville) was a District Champion in the Javelin while at Middlesex County College. Fisher (Sayreville)-basketball for Ocean CC... Rachel Rodis (Sayreville)-swimming for Paterson College.

70 Years Ago...

South Amboy Won County Tourney

1951-The South Amboy All-Stars captured the Middlesex County Freeholders Junior Baseball Tournament for the fourth time in five years by downing the South River Recreations, 9-7. Winning pitcher Jack Vail struck out 4, and beat South River legend Joe Servon. (Servon started high school at St. Mary's, and transferred to South River, where he was outstanding in baseball and basketball. He went on to become a professor at Middlesex County College in the 1970's).

Vail and Jim Inman led the champions with 2 hits apiece.

The South Amboy All-Stars lineup: Schmitt (Sayreville) 2b John Kovaleski 3b Vail p Bill "Biff" McKeon c George Spiecker cf Vic Krolik (Sayreville) 1b Lacity ss Inman Bill Bouchard lf. Reserve-p-Kenny Clebak (Perth Amboy).

Did You Know?

In 1962-63 John Croddick was a member of the C.B.A. Colts boys varsity basketball team, and played against St. Mary's. The Croddick family is a well-known and highly-respected South Amboy family, who turned out great Hoffman HS athletes including Jim Croddick Sr., Jim Croddick Jr., Ron Croddick, and Dottie Croddick.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1954-Hoffman easily-defeated Atlantic Highlands, 10-3, behind winning pitcher Ray "Butch" Tomaszewski, who fired a 3-hitter and struck out 11. Roger Lambertson went 3-for-3 for the Guvs...1965-St. Mary's boys basketball team rocked Raritan Twp. 95-46 in the semifinals of the Msgr. Sullivan Tournament at St. Mary's. Paul Jankowski led the scoring with 17 points, followed by John Quigley 16, Bob Knight 10, Rick Ragula 10...1971-St. Mary's girls track team bowed to J.P. Stevens, 62.5-32.5. Kathy Birmingham set a record in the 440 with a 73.2 showing, and Paula Grabko won the shot put...1984-Sayreville girls basketball team downed Edison, 47-39, as Terry Lockwood and Patty Cumber each scored 12 points and grabbed 11 rebounds...

1999-South Amboy boys soccer club stopped Perth Amboy Tech, 3-0, behind an 8-save shutout by Chris Ball. Ken Peschi led the scoring with 2 goals, and Chris DeLuca added another score...2006-A 2-point conversion pass from quarterback Mark Margres to Mark Dobiszewski with 0:33 left in the game, gave Sayreville a thrilling 21-20 victory over Woodbridge. Margres completed 20-of-27 passes, and 3 touchdown strikes to Rasheim Clark, a 35-yarder, and 7 yard touchdown throws to Michael Knight and Reinaldo Rodriguez...2010-South Amboy boys soccer squad pounded Piscataway Tech, 5-1 for Coach Tony

Gonsalves' 300th victory in his 34th season as Head Coach. Bryan Caprio topped the Guvs with 2 goals, and also scoring 1 apiece were Tony DeMaio, Steve Herdman, and Mike Ramirez...2010-South Amboy girls soccer team nipped South River, 2-1 on a winning goal by Pauline Musialek. Ashley Buczek also scored for the Lady Governors.



Sayreville Bombers quarterback Gary George, who was an All-County 1st team selection in 1968, fires another TD pass.

Name The Players Contest



Here is another South Amboy Sabres Pop Warner Football team. How many of the players and coaches can you identify? Send your answer in with the players number and name, and also the coaches to: satimes@aol.com. 1-point for each player correctly identified, and 2 points for the year of the photo.

Henry, Drahos Combined For O-Hitter

April 1, 1968-current South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry and Mike Drahos combined to fire a no-hit, no run baseball masterpiece, as St. Mary's trounced St. Joseph's Toms River. 6-0. Henry started and pitched hitless ball for 2 1/3 innings before suffering a muscle pull, after singling in a run for the Eagles. He had to leave the game, and Drahos came in and struck out 6 of the 8 batters he faced, before the game was called after 4 1/3 innings because of darkness. Henry said, "As I recall, it would have been a perfect game, except the first batter reached on an error and was then thrown out stealing." Tom Kelly (former manager of the Minnesota Twins), and second baseman, Bill Farrell were the hitting stars for the Saints. Kelly had a bunt single, and also crunched a 3-run homer to right-center in the second inning. Farrell ripped a single and triple.

Local Athletes Played At Other High Schools

In 2001, St. Joseph's of Metuchen varsity baseball team featured three Sayreville players including Ryan Scott, Brian Travinski, and Brian Volosin...St. John Vianney also had a standout athlete, Tami Coyle (Sayreville), who starred in softball and basketball...Jamie Soltys (South Amboy) was a star pitcher for Bishop Ahr...The following three baseball players starred for St. Joseph's of Metuchen: Corey DeBlis, and Joe Reilly of South Amboy, and Rick Harrigan (Sayreville)...Christopher Rose (South Amboy) starred in basketball and volleyball at St. Joseph's...Shaun Rose (South Amboy) played volleyball at St. Joseph's...Catie Rose (South Amboy) was a 2-sport star in basketball and volleyball at Bishop Ahr/St. Thomas Aquinas...John Zollinger (Sayreville) was an All-State javelin thrower at St. Joseph's HS...

20 Years Ago...

2001-Sayreville's track & field team had a fine showing in the GMCT, as Jesse Mesina captured the 400 championship in 49.7, and his brother Robin Mesina finished 2nd in the

800. The Sayreville 4x400 team composed of the Mesina brothers, Ken Smith, and Anthony Reid won the title in 3:24.3. The Bombers finished the GMCT 3rd as a team.

20 Years Ago

2001-The powerful Sayreville Bombers under Coach George Najjar opened the 2001 season with a 40-12 romp over the East Brunswick Bears. Dejon Spruill scored 3 touchdowns which included a 58-yard punt return, and TD receptions of 45 and 12 yards from quarterback Dan Huff, who also fired a

scoring strike of 30 yards to Junior Jabbie. Huff had a fine performance, completing 9 of 16 passes for 139 yards. Also breaking loose for TD jaunts were Mike Phelan from 18 yards, and Kenny Smith on a 1-yd. drive. Mike Assenza kicked 4 extra points for the Bombers.



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Walk to Bethlehem December 12

By Steve Schmid

The third annual Family Walk to Bethlehem will be held Sunday, December 12 at 2 PM. Everyone will assemble at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. The stops along the way include scripture readings, homilies, and Christmas carols. Stops will be at Christ Episcopal Church at Main St and Broadway. Everlasting Ministry at 239 Second St. The First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy at 1250 Broadway. St. Mary Roman Catholic Church 256 Augusta St. and Church of the Sacred Heart 531 Washington Ave. Everyone will return to the South Amboy Knights of Columbus for light refreshments. You can walk the journey or drive. Dress in fashions of old or Christmas attire. For more information call Gary at 732-512-8923, Pat at 732-727-2768, Elaine at 732-721-7851 or Lois Ann at 732-266-9195.



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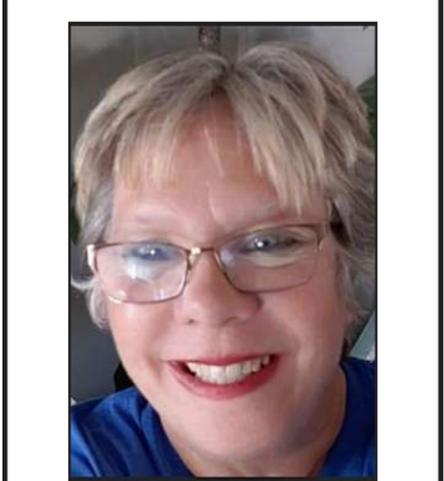
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Patricia Susan Bongiorno

Patricia Susan Bongiorno, 58, passed away on September 2, 2021 peacefully with her loving family by her side. Daughter of William and Marcella Jackson of Sayreville, she is survived by her husband Frank Bongiorno, her son Joseph Bongiorno and his wife Christine, her Daughter Gina Bongiorno and her partner Willy, and grandson Xander. Three sisters, Beverly, Marcia, and Regina, and numerous nieces and nephews and friends.

Patti worked for Middlesex County Sheriff's Department where she served proudly for 10 years. She studied and received her degree as a paraprofessional where she then began working with children with special needs and children with autism in the Sayreville School System. From there she and her family moved to Florida where she continued her special works at The Learning Center at The Els Center of Excellence, Jupiter, FL. The family would like to express a deep gratitude for the outpouring of love and support they have received..she will be missed by all who knew and loved her.



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Lillian C. Connolly

Lillian C. Connolly (nee Felice) 89 of Tinton Falls died on Sunday, November 14, 2021. She had the support of her family throughout recent health challenges. Lillian was born and raised in Jersey City. Her family spent their vacations in Point Pleasant Beach where she met the love of her life, John H. Connolly. They married in 1955 and raised 7 children while living in Old Bridge and Point Pleasant Beach. Lillian loved her seven children, their spouses, her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her home was always open to family and friends, where she loved to have parties and entertain with her beautiful singing voice. She loved spending time at Frog Hollow Swim and Tennis Club, having dinner parties with friends, and family gatherings at the beach, where there was always room for one more.

She also enjoyed gardening and crafting. To occupy her time during COVID lockdown she designed and created jewelry for anyone who fancied a piece of her creations. She had many jobs in her life but

her favorites included working in a jewelry store and being a Home Health Aide. In their later years John and Lillian were lucky enough to spend their winters in Jupiter, Florida. There they made new friends and wonderful memories.

Lillian is predeceased by her husband John, parents Sam and Anne Felice, and her daughter-in-Law, Trish Connolly. She is survived by her son John Henry, daughter Melinda and husband William Shea of Point Pleasant, son Robert and wife Janet of Sayreville, son Thomas and wife Cathy of Shrewsbury, daughter Anna Mae and husband Edward O'Connor of South Amboy, son Paul and wife Yami of Leonardo, son Patrick and Susan Plant of Asbury Park, Wendy Halliwell of Pt. Pleasant, grandchildren Brooke Bingaman and her husband Joseph, Grant



Shea, Shane Connolly, Courtney Shea, Daniel O'Connor, Luke O'Connor and his wife Christine, Jacob Connolly, Micah Connolly, Jack O'Connor, Hannah Connolly, Mia Connolly, Brian Howellsdel Rio, Danny Lloyd, Jr., Elizabeth Lloyd, Thomas Lloyd, Natalie Sigismondi, Nicholas Sigismondi, Madison Schwartz and her great grandchildren Elliana, Jacob and Dakota Bingaman and many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her brother Frank Felice of Venice, Florida, and sister Barbara and her husband Ed Rodi of Yardley, PA.

A funeral mass was held Friday, November 19, 2021 at St. Anthony's of Padua, Red Bank. Interment followed at St Catharine's Cemetery in Sea Girt.

Robert J. Morgan

Robert J. Morgan 90, formerly of Sayreville, passed away Oct. 26, 2021. Born in Perth Amboy, N.J. He was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Perth Amboy N.J. He was scoutmaster of Troop 90 Sayreville and a volunteer fireman and President of Melrose Hose Company. As an ironworker he worked on the original construction of the World Trade Center. A Loving husband and Father. He is survived by his wife Marilyn, sons Robert and Daniel and daughter-in-law Eailne. He had numerous nephews, nieces and grandchildren.

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. -MS, SS, SP, NP

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



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. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. By the eighth day your prayer will be answered. Original sentence to end it: It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you, St. Jude C.P.

In Memoriam

Richard Mytnick, 79, of Sayreville died on Oct. 19. He worked at Hercules in Sayreville for 34 years, and retired as a supervisor. Mildred "Millie" Crosby, 73, formerly of South Amboy died on Oct. 26. She worked as a waitress many ago at Spezzi Restaurant in Parlin. Mary Tauber, 83, of Sayreville died on Oct. 28. She was a past PTA President; Brownie/Girl Scout leader; Manager of a girls softball team, and involved in many more Sayreville organizations. Before retiring, she was a marketing education teacher at Middlesex County Vocational School in Piscataway. Thomas "Tom" Connor, 88, of South Amboy died on Nov. 5. He was a Crossing Guard in South Amboy from 2000-2019, a Little Fellas League baseball coach many years ago, and also volunteered at St. Mary's Food Pantry. Dolores Jaremba, 89, of Sayreville died on Nov. 12. Before retiring, she worked for USPS at Sayreville and Perth Amboy. Carol Hoffman, 57, of South Amboy died on Nov. 11. She previously was employed as Truant Officer for the South Amboy Board of Education.

Eileen L. "Sis" Madeline Martens

Eileen L. "Sis" Madeline Martens, 81, of South Amboy died on Saturday October 23, 2021 at home. Born in South Amboy she lived there all her life. Before retiring she was employed by Consumers & Singer Distributing. She was a member of the Luke A. Lovely American Legion Post 62 Ladies Auxiliary.

Daughter of the late Samuel and Eileen Maher Madeline she is also predeceased by her brother Joseph Madeline. She is survived by her daughters Lisa Payne and her husband Richard, Sharon Martens and Eileen Marcinczyk and her husband Michael; her brother and sister-in-law Bill and Christine Madeline; her sister-in-law Marcella Madeline; her grandchildren Aaron and his fiancée Melissa Fusoni, Ryan and Andrea Payne and Samantha and Michael Marcinczyk and several nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary's R.C. Church. Cremation was private under the direction of The Gundrum Service. Donations may be made to the South Amboy First Aid Squad, PO Box 328, South Amboy.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

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

Edward S. Gorczynski Sr.

Edward S. Gorczynski 89 years old of Toms River passed away November 1, 2021 at his home. Born in South Amboy Ed was an Administrator for Cranford Health & Extended Care, Cranford, NJ. and served in the United State Army during the Korean War. He loved traveling, cooking, and most of all spending time with his family. Predeceased by his daughter Sharon Loftus and her husband Kevin and brother in law Jerrold Boychuk. Edward is survived by his wife Rita Balcon Gorczynski, his ex-wife Irene Gorczynski; his children Elaine Costanzo (Mark), Edward (Marisa), Brian (Maricel) and Lisa Curley (Robert); His loving grandchildren, Amanda Costanzo (fiancé Seth), Cameron Costanzo, Mark Costanzo, Olivia Schlentz (David), Alex Gorczynski, Ethan Gorczynski, Brianna Gorczynski, Lauren Curley and Sean

Obituaries

Cannata, Antonietta P. "Toni," 94, of Sayreville died on Oct. 24.
 Christensen, Sharon, 56, of South Amboy died on Oct. 20.
 Connor, Thomas V. "TV," 88, of South Amboy died on Nov. 5.
 Crosby, Mildred "Millie," 73, formerly of South Amboy died on Oct. 26.
 Diaz, Maria, 91, of Sayreville died on Nov. 4.
 Emolo, Christine, 46, of Sayreville died on Oct. 29.
 Fischer, Dolores, 90, of South Amboy died on Oct. 27.
 Galvin, Michael J., 58, of Sayreville died on Oct. 20.
 Gorczynski, Edward S. Sr., 89, formerly of South Amboy died on Nov. 1.
 Hager, Beatrice G. Rock, 97, formerly of Sayreville died on Aug. 13.
 Hoffman, Carol, 57, of South Amboy died on Nov. 11.
 Jaremba, Dolores Piskorski, 89, of Sayreville died on Nov. 12.
 Kijowski, Dorothy G., 94, of South Amboy died on Oct. 28.
 Martens, Eileen L. "Sis" Madeline, 81, of South Amboy died on Oct. 23.
 Milgram, William H., 91, formerly of Sayreville died on Nov. 2.
 Morgan, Robert J., 90, formerly of Sayreville, died on Oct. 26.
 Mytnick, Richard F., 79, of Sayreville died on Oct. 19.
 Newcomer, Constance J. Szarejko, 89, of Sayreville died on Nov. 12.
 Osmond, Ronald J., 56, of Sayreville died on Oct. 22.
 Shalkauskas, Theresa, 93, of Parlin died on Oct. 29.
 Shotwell, Sandra, 64, of Sayreville died on Oct. 29.
 Sult, James, 68, of Parlin died on Oct. 25.
 Tauber, Mary, 83, of Sayreville died on Oct. 28.
 Trabalka, Ronald, 63, of Sayreville died on Oct. 20.
 Urbanski, Tina, 39, of South Amboy died on Oct. 31.
 Ziesemer-Flynn, Neil, 33, died on October 21.



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