

On the Campaign Trail

Area candidates gear up for November election

By Katherine L. Shawaryn

With Election Day on Tuesday, Nov. 3, area candidates were asked two questions.

- 1. What concerns would they first address if elected to office?
- 2. Why should residents vote for them? Their answers are highlighted below.

Paulsboro

In the borough, two council seats are open this fall. Democratic incumbents Theodore D. Holloway II and Joe L. Kidd are both seeking re-election to three-year terms.

Greenwich Twp.

Two candidates are running for the three-year term of mayor in Gibbstown. They include Democratic incumbent Vince Giovannitti and Carmen Zampaglione.

Vince Giovannitti

Currently in his sixth term as councilman, Giovannitti said he will continue to work with council, the planning board, and the Delaware River Partners to develop the former DuPont site if elected mayor.

“We have to make sure development of the site is not rushed, but done in a timely manner that benefits all involved and especially protects the residents that live in and around the redevelopment zone,” said Giovannitti.

As mayor, he also plans to continue to support budgets that keep the best interest of taxpayers and enables Greenwich Township to run efficiently.

“In the last three municipal budgets, mayor and council approved budgets that maintained all of our municipal services with a zero tax increase,” said Giovannitti.

“I am proud to be part of an administration that has maintained all services, hasn’t had to furlough any employees, and has over a \$2-million surplus during the Covid-19 pandemic.

“As mayor, I will continue to lead the Business and Economic Development Committee,” he

added. “The committee will work to market all of the benefits of owning a business in Gibbstown and work with current business owners and look to recruit new business to our wonderful township.”

Giovannitti said residents should elect him as mayor because of his experience as a councilman, accessibility to all residents, and ability to make tough decisions.

“I feel that my experience is an asset that cannot be discounted,” said Giovannitti. “Gibbstown is facing difficult times that need disciplined, focused decisions that come from experience.

“I do research and prepare myself to be as informed as I can be when it comes time to vote on these issues. I pledge to the residents of Gibbstown that I will continue to work hard and base all of my decisions on what’s best for Gibbstown.”

Carmen Zampaglione

If elected mayor, Zampaglione said Greenwich Township will continue to push forward as he strives to continue low property taxes for families.

“My vision of prosperity aligns with our current mayor,” said Zampaglione.


“I will work across the table with transparency and personal availability, while adhering to a fiscal conservative movement that provides for clean commercial growth with continued development of local business.

“As a former business owner, with a background in construction and planning board experience, I understand the hurdles and obstacles local business owners face adhering to checks and balances while allowing for growth.

“Gibbstown is home,” said Zampaglione, when asked why residents should elect him mayor.


“I will ensure that all residents of Gibbstown have a voice in the future endeavor’s of our township.”

**Greenwich Township**



**Vince Giovannitti**  
**Party:** Democrat  
**Employment:** School counselor, Paulsboro High

School; partner/owner, Above All Engraving  
**Education:** Master’s and bachelor’s degrees from Rowan University; associate’s degree, Gloucester County College; PHS ’84  
**Family:** Wife, Ann; son, Carlo; and daughter, Marcella



**Carmen Zampaglione**  
**Party:** Republican  
**Employment:** Equipment operator, Gloucester County Utilities Authority  
**Education:** PHS ’82

**Vote on Tuesday, Nov. 3.**

Fond memories inspire stories from the past

By John Kalnas  
Special to The Record Today

A couple of years ago, Paul Morina wrote a wonderful article on his Scoutmaster Berton Faulkner. (See The Record Today, Winter 2017.) I found it very compelling because Mr. Faulkner or “Bucky” as I

knew him was a close family friend. He grew up next door to my house, living with his older sister, Jeanette, after both their parents had been killed in accidents. He was close friends with Mike and Andy Hanko, who lived across the street from them on Forrest Street.

After reading Paul’s article, I started to reminisce about the past and wonder who Bucky would have looked up to as a boy. It didn’t take long to come up with a name. It was the same person everyone looked up to back then. As a boy growing up, I heard many stories of the feats and adventures of George Hanko, who was my uncle. There was a reverence about him when people referred to him. It was as if he wasn’t as man at all, but some mythological creature. From what I heard, it was obvious his mental and physical abilities

were of a superior nature.

When George died in 1971, he left the 12 acres he lived on to Gibbstown for a park. When the town named the park Neuhaunsey, Bucky was so upset he made a plaque saying Hanko Lane and attached it to the park sign that is still there almost 50 years later.

Born in Hungary, George came to America in 1913 at the age of four with his parents and older sister, Mary, who was eight. The family originally lived in Paulsboro then moved to Gibbstown.

Paulsboro High had undefeated football teams from 1926-1928. The 1926 team had Eddie Dobzanski and future Temple All-American John Geston in the same backfield. The 1927 team was the best, only giving up one touchdown the whole year. This team starred the 5’6,” 195 lbs., George Hanko.

He was a block of granite, rippling with muscles. Paulsboro High lost no time in arranging George a scholarship to West Point. After acing the written test, George failed the physical. A boss at Dupont, named

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Sports Corner

List highlights top athletes at Paulsboro High School

By Steve Anuszewski

As the sports writer for The Record Today, I decided for this last issue to submit an article on the top five athletes who played sports at Paulsboro High School over the last 100 years.

After reviewing the biographies, however, I could not stop at five. With so many great athletes, there was no way I could cut the list to any less than six athletes. However at six, I would have shown a huge gender bias.

So here is a list based on my opinion on the 10 absolutely best athletes to play in PHS history.

I am sure that before long, someone will point out on Facebook, another four or five athletes that should have made the top 10. It is always up for debate and that is what makes it fun!

Note: Athletes are listed alphabetically.

Willie “Flipper”

Anderson ’83 – A star on offense, defense and special teams during his three varsity football seasons at PHS, he was a threat to score any time he touched the football. Anderson was All-South Jersey as a wide receiver his junior year and his senior year at quarterback.

In track, he won the NJSIAA Group I title in the 100 and 200 meter dashes as a senior. He was also an outstanding basketball player.

After high school, Anderson attended UCLA on a football scholarship and All-PAC 10 and honorable mention All-American. Drafted by the Los Angeles Rams in the second round, Anderson played 10 seasons in the National Football League (NFL), and holds the league record for most receiving

yards and yards from scrimmage in a game, with 336 yards on 15 receptions with 22.4 yards per reception average.

Lavon Childress ’11 – An all-time leading scoring leader in girls basketball with 1,859 points, she was South Jersey All-Group I selection twice. She was a four-time NJSIAA Group I State Champion in the shot put and also placed at the state level in the discus.

Tom Curl ’02 – A four-year, two-way starter in football, he was selected to All-State teams as a junior and senior.

In wrestling, he won four district, four region and two NJSIAA state titles at heavyweight. Curl won the NJSIAA State Group I Championship in both the shot put and discus his senior year.

Karen Damminger Cuzzupe ’82 – A recipient of four varsity letters in field hockey and basketball, Cuzzupe was an All-Conference hockey player and made second team Group I All-State selection.

In basketball, she was the first girl in PHS to score over 1,000 points in her career. Her 1,436 points was a PHS school record until 2011. A three-time All-State Group I selection, Cuzzupe earned a basketball scholarship to the University of Massachusetts where she was All-Atlantic 10 selection.

Joe Gattuso ’50 – An outstanding football player, he was an All-South Jersey running back as a junior and senior. He also earned four varsity letters in basketball, baseball and track at Paulsboro. Gattuso enrolled in prep school at Wyoming

Seminary for one year before being appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy where he played football and baseball and decided to go out for the wrestling team. He won the Nation Prep Championship.

At Navy, he was the MVP of the 1954 Army Navy game and the 1955 Sugar Bowl. He was named to the All-American team. Gattuso continued to wrestle for the midshipmen and won 2 EIWA titles and placed third in the NCAA Division I Championships twice.

Gattuso passed away in 2015.

Kevin Harvey ’96 – Setting the career state scoring record in football with 101 touchdowns, he was the starting quarterback at Paulsboro for four seasons. His teams went 43-1. Harvey also threw 48 touchdown passes and was All-State as a junior and senior.

A four-year starter in basketball, he scored 2,161 points and was All-State as a senior, when the Raiders won a state championship. Harvey received a football scholarship from Temple University where he played quarterback, defense back and punt returner.

Jon Kalnas ’98 – A three-year starter as an offensive and defensive lineman at PHS, he was All-State as a senior and Paulsboro never lost a game during his high school career. Kalnas won three NJSIAA state titles in the shot put and finished third in the Nike Outdoor Nationals as a senior.

In college, he was a three-time NCAA Division I All-American.

Isaac Redman ’03 – A three-time, All-South Jersey selection, Redman was named first team All-State. He holds

the PHS career rushing record (5,255 yards). In wrestling, he won the 215 lb. NJSIAA state title as a senior. He played football at Bowie University and was selected All-CIAA twice. Redman signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers as a non-drafted free agent in 2009. He played four seasons in the NFL. Redman rushed for 1,148 yards as a pro and scored seven touchdowns. He was a member of the 2010-11 AFC Championship team and played in Super Bowl XLV.

Kevin Ross ’80 – A 5’9” 155-pound middle linebacker, Ross was an All-State selection. He earned a varsity letter in wrestling as a freshman, but switched to basketball and lettered as a junior and senior. Ross earned a football scholarship to Temple University and was an All-Big East and second team All-American defensive back. Drafted in the seventh round by the Kansas City Chiefs, he had a 13-year NFL career. He played in two Pro Bowls. In 2011, he was inducted into the Chiefs Hall of Fame.

Lou Samuels ’43 – Known as “the Ghost in the Open,” Samuels led South Jersey in scoring his junior and senior seasons in football. A two-time, All-South Jersey and state All-Group III selection in football, he also excelled in track. He passed away in 1978.

Athletes who made my honorable mention list include: Alex Dobzanski, ’54; Glenn Howard, ’77; Bill Kneller, ’63; Quincy Lee, ’92; Euridee McCormick, ’87; Carmel Morina, ’75; Jim Paulsen, ’80; Joe Redman, ’88; Jermaine Ruffin, ’97; Fred Sharpe, ’98; Alex Silvestro, ’07; and Dana Sizemore, ’03.