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My Pal's Dream

By Al Gomolka Jr.

SA Times Poet Laureate, C. 2016

"Do it! Do it," said I to he
As he to I said, "it's my dream"
Now we are pleased as punch to see
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we cheer,

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The dedication of he and his staff
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as it is known

And of it this is true
A kindred spirit is its tone
As read by me and you.

A ministry of sorts does he
God's calling it may seem
To make us all one family

Let's celebrate my pal's dream.

Note: Al Gomolka Jr. has been contributing his outstanding poems since the newspaper began 25 years ago.

SWMHS Hall of Fame

The Sayreville War Memorial High School Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations for its 2017 Induction Awards Banquet next April.

Nominees must be living graduates of Sayreville High School who have made
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Two City of South Amboy Employees Retire

By Jerry Pizzillo

This past summer the City of South Amboy had two of its longest employees retire. It was a bittersweet time for Patricia "Patty" Spangenberg and Antoinette "Tony" Manion who submitted their retirement papers, and walked out of city hall for the last time as employees.

Patty was hired in 1972 to create a "new and efficient" records bureau for the city's police department. When Patty came on board the records keeping system had become outdated and with the addition of new and modern techniques for police records it was apparent the city needed to update their record keeping. Patty started from scratch and initiated a whole new system, which in fact is still used to this day. Patty reached out to the Township of Old Bridge and inquired how they kept their police records. After conferring with Old Bridge, she created a whole new system. I asked Patty what she felt as was an important



South Amboy employees, Patricia Spangenberg (l) and Antoinette "Toni" Manion (r). (Photo submitted)

part of her tenure with the City of South Amboy and the Police Department, and she stated that she felt that her job was just as important to keep efficient records, as was for the policemen who patrol the city.

Tony was hired by the City of South Amboy in 1974. As an employee of the city, Tony wore many hats. She was assigned to the water department, the tax department, and was a crossing guard, then finally assigned to the records bureau for the police department. Under Patty's watchful

eye, Tony followed the set procedures of the records bureau, and both ladies worked out an efficient and pleasant work environment. I asked Tony what she felt was an important part of her tenure with the City of South Amboy and the Police Department, and she stated that she always felt that all the guys and girls of the city were always there for one another, and it was like a family, if a

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The South Amboy High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team honor the memory of Riley Rone by wearing shirts with his name imprinted on their sleeve. (Photo Submitted)

Sayreville Man Gets WW II Medals

Sayreville resident John Garbowski had a long wait to get the medals he so deserved for fighting in World War II, but after more than 60 years, was presented with them by U.S. Representative Frank Pallone Jr.

John was unaware that he had the medals coming to him, but thanks to his daughter Ann, Pallone was notified, and he was only too happy to help secure the medals from the National Personnel Record Center, and present them to the proud veteran. Garbowski, 89 years old, received the World War II Victory Medal, the Army of Occupation Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, the Honorable Service Lapel Button, and the Marksman Badge with Rifle Bar. Congratulations John!

Celecki Honored Posthumously By National Firefighters

By Tom Burkard

Gerald M. "Bear" Celecki, beloved South Amboy firefighter, who died in the line of duty on Oct. 14, 2015, while directing traffic at the scene of a fire call, was honored at a national memorial service at the 35th annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland on Oct. 9th.

Jerry and four other New Jersey firefighters who died in 2015 along with 74 others from across the nation had their names added to the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial on the academy grounds. Their families will receive flags flown over the U.S. Capitol and the National Memorial. Members of fire service, honor guard and pipe and drum units from all over the country performed at the tribute.

Jerry, a Perth Amboy native, worked at Public Service Electric & Gas from 1980 until his retirement in 2007. He married Rose Tarloski in 1977.

His volunteer fire service spanned 40-plus years in the communities where he lived. He started out as a member of the McClellan Engine Co. #3 in the Perth Amboy Fire Dept. and was a firefighter there from 1975-1985. He and Rose moved to South Amboy, and in '85, he became a member of the Progressive Fire Co. in South Amboy. He served as a lieutenant in 1992-1993, and as a captain in 1994. He also served as fire company president. He was a member of the Perth Amboy Relief Association and both the Perth Amboy and South Amboy Exempt Firemen's Associations. Jerry was mutual aid fire coordinator with the South County Mutual Aid Association of Middlesex County



South Amboy Mayor and Council approved a blue line down Broadway to show support for their Police Department and all Law Enforcement.



Jerry "Bear" Celecki

"Bear's Bucket Brigade." He also served on the board of directors of the Frog Hollow Swim Club in South Amboy.

Jerry was an avid N.Y. Yankees fan, and also enjoyed cooking, fishing, trains, making stained-glass art, and monthly breakfast and lunch meetings with the PSE&G retirees. Jerry "Bear" Celecki got his nickname from his huge presence and big, lovable size, always with a smile or a kind word to all he met. He had a contagious laugh, and was always ready to serve the community he lived in.

Jerry was one "very special" man, who was respected and loved by all, and will never be forgotten. He is probably looking down from Firefighters Heaven and very proud of his most-deserved honor. God bless Jerry!



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The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 recently installed its officers for the 2016-17 Columbian year in ceremonies at their hall. Pictured in the second row left to right: Pete Kennedy, Jim Koczon, Steve Schmid, Insurance agent Tito Lopez, Dan Ryan, Peter Luccarelli, Al DiGuilio, Deacon Rich O'Brien, Ray Suchcicki, Kevin Scupp, Ken Smetana, Les Wilson, Jan Williams. Pictured in the front row left to right: Father Stanley Gromadzki, District Warden Edgar Troche, District Deputy John Brower, Grand Knight Jack Mieczkowski. (Photo/names Submitted)

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Lounge, 117 N Broadway. \$20 VIP admission includes concert ticket and complimentary buffet with cash bar at RTB Lounge.

Net proceeds to benefit Driven By Heroes and South Amboy ARTS, non-profit organizations. Reserve your ticket by calling 732.753.9486 or email info@southamboyarts.org.

Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Toye Retires

Dan Toye of South Amboy retired on Sept. 16th from Schweitzer-Mauduit in Spotswood after 37 years of hard work and dedication. Dan was featured in The SA Times Sept. issue in an exclusive interview, and also had his great new CD release, “Goin’ Home” reviewed. Congratulations on your retirement Dan!

In Memoriam

Joan Belenski, 92, of Melrose died on Sept. 18. She was a member of the South Amboy Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, and a very pleasant and caring lady. Grace Holton Pavich, 95, of South Amboy died on Sept. 23. Before retiring, she worked at E.I. DuPont Co., Parlin, and previously at Charles Komar & Sons, South Amboy. She was one of the kindest ladies you could ever meet, and truly helped to make the world a better place. Eleanor Kosh Beshada, 94, of South Amboy died on Sept. 23. In the late 80's she was a school crossing guard in South Amboy for 20 years. Kathryn McCloud, 82, of South Amboy died on Sept. 26. She was very active at St. Mary's Church as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, and for many years trained altar servers, in addition to organizing an annual Novena to St. Anthony of Padua. In 2001, she was honored by the Diocese of Metuchen with the Regina Nostra Award for service to her parish. Robert “Bob” Schein, formerly of Melrose died on Sept. 29. Bob was a '67 St. Mary's HS graduate, and one of the many “good guys” from the Melrose section of Sayreville. Charles “Chuck” Winkler, 90, of Parlin died on Oct. 3. He was a dedicated usher at St. Bernadette's Church,

and also a 4th Degree member of Knights of Columbus #8478. Michael Switzer, 60, of South Amboy died on Oct. 4. He played for Manager Russ Stillwagon's Mechanicsville Hose Co. Babe Ruth League baseball champs in the early 1970's. Mike was also an avid reader of The SA Times. Kenneth Yates, 56, of Sayreville died on Oct. 10. He was owner/president of Destiny Tattoo Studio in Morgan. Marie Vanni, 94, of South Amboy died on Oct. 12. Prior to retirement, she was employed by Chas. Komar & Sons in South Amboy.

May these wonderful people always be remembered.

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PLEASANT LITTLE TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

1. South Amboy Police Chief in 1988?
a. Gerard Pizzillo b. Leo McCabe c. Steve Pavich
2. Where was Happy's Pub located in '76?
a. Ernston Rd. b. Bordentown Ave. c. Washington Rd.
3. Pastor of Our Lady of Victories Church in 1999?
a. Msgr. Dalton b. Rev. Michael Cuddahy c. Rev. Terrance Lawler
4. What year was the groundbreaking for Shore Gate Village?
a. 1984 b. 1995 c. 1997
5. Sayreville's PBA President in 1997?
a. Chuck Kelly b. Doug Sprague c. Tim Brennan
6. Commander of Sayreville American Legion Post 211 back in 1997-98?
a. James Mulvey b. Edward Strek c. Rich Kosmoski
7. President of the O.L.V. Columbiettes in '77?
a. Mary Wagenblast b. Margaret Woods c. Suzanne Pilarchick
8. St. Mary's HS principal in 2000?
a. John Gloss b. Sister M. Madeline c. Dr. Frank Ianniruberto
9. South Amboy HS Homecoming King in '99?
a. Joey Scarfi b. Ryan Novak c. John Kane
10. In '87, this person was named director of the SAYAC?
a. Tony Gonsalves b. Randy Neumann c. Brian O'Connor

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

Business Of The Month
Monaghan House



Monaghan House owners Rich McCutcheon, (3rd from left) and his wife Sharon (c), along with their outstanding staff, are proud to be selected as Business of the Month for The South Amboy-Sayreville Times 25th Anniversary issue. Monaghan House is the only business to advertise for 25 consecutive years, covering 301 issues! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Monaghan House located at 400 South Pine Ave., South Amboy is one of the most popular bars/eateries in the area. The business which is owned by Rich and Sharon McCutcheon, has many great offerings throughout the week. The bar is open from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m., and the kitchen hours are 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.

On Sundays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bloody Marys and Vodka drinks are \$2. NASCAR fans are always welcome. NFL fans can catch all the games on 12 large flat screen TV's in HD, and enjoy a FREE football buffet Sun. and Mon.

Happy Hour is held Mon.-Fri. From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. with \$2 domestic beer pints. On Monday, Monaghan features a large pizza special for only \$7.95. Tuesday is \$2 Tuesdays where you can get a domestic bottle of beer for just \$2. A Clam special is \$ 5.95, and shrimp special is \$5.50. Tacos are 3 for \$5, beef/chicken on hard or soft shells. On Wednesday, try the always popular bar pie special for \$3.95, and drafts are \$2 all day & night. Thursday is Rib Night, and Friday is Fish Night. Another popular item is the homemade pierogies,

either 12 regular or 6 dessert pierogies to choose from.

Monaghan House will hold its annual Thanksgiving Eve Bash starting at 8 p.m. with the JJO's.

Special Beer Buckets- 5 for \$12.50 domestic; 5 for \$15 imports--Mon.-Fri. 6 p.m. to 2 a.m., Sat. & Sun.--all day & night. Watch for daily food specials!

Monaghan House has a UPA pool league on Tues. & Thurs., and TAP on Wed. The dart teams play on Monday, and Monaghan House has won the championship 5 out of the last 6 years. Good job, guys!

Monaghan House has been selected the Business of the Month for our very special 25th Anniversary issue because they have been our longest running advertiser, not missing a month (301 issues) since our 1st edition was published on October 18, 1991.

Owner Rich McCutcheon said, "Advertising with The SA Times has been a rewarding experience, as we try to cater to the locals, and The Times is the perfect vehicle to get the word out to South Amboy and Sayreville people."

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If anyone has any information on the following missing classmates, please advise.

Wayne Carroll, William Curtis, Barbara Gawron Wiederkehr, Marlene Irwin, Dale Kurowski, Janet Logan, Rosa Ramos, Gail Rhodes Sand, Victoria Volman and Stanley Zebrowski.

SWMHS Hall of Fame

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outstanding contributions to their profession, organization, or community. Briefly list the individual's accomplishments, year of graduation if known, and contact information, including email address.

Call Elaine Kubacz at 732-727-0192 for information, or submit nomination letters to: SWMHS Hall of Fame Committee, 20 Holly Drive, Parlin, NJ 08859, before November 11, 2016. Nominations can also be emailed to barb.anderson2@verizon.net, orepkubacz@verizon.net.

The Hall of Fame program provides two cash awards to graduating seniors each year, while its previous inductees serve as role models for current students at the high school.

Rosarian of the Year



Rosarian of the Year Rev. Kenneth Murphy, pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church smiles with Rosarian of the Year, Mrs. Ruth Buffalino. (Photo Submitted)



Sayreville Memorial High School's 2016 Homecoming King and Queen, Raeanne Suchcicki (l) and Brandon Cenci (r) both Seniors. (Photo by Amy McLaughlin)

Brian O'Connor School Of Music

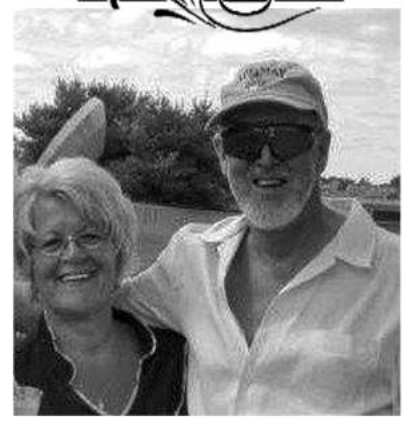


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50th Anniversary



Kathy & Dennis O'Leary will celebrate their 50th Anniversary in November. Family & friends will join in the festivities.

Yearbook-St. Mary's 1971

By Tom Burkard

When the St. Mary's Class of 1971 began its final school year in September 1970, Edwin Starr's song, "War" topped the pop charts in the U.S., while St. Mary's HS was a happenin' place to be for the Class of '71.

Popular teachers were: Sister Mary Innocent, Michael Fabiszewski, Kathryn Fitzmorris, Rosemary Harrigan, Andrew Joyce, Richard O'Brien, Maryann Ropelewski, Jay Ziznewski, Carol Bohinski.

John Alvarado and Florena Brown were co-Editors-In-Chief of the yearbook, which was dedicated to Charles Nuziale. Jeanne Kurowsky was Editor-In-Chief of the school newspaper. Andrew Kuziemski was Student Council President, Anthony Mauro-V.P., Marge Kurtz-Recording Secretary, Bridgette Hulihan-Corresponding Secretary. Rick Sciora was Senior Class President.

Who could forget the 1st Annual Homecoming game against Hoffman, and the Homecoming Dance on the next day? Patricia Bergold was chosen Homecoming Queen. The 11th Annual Christmas Festival featured the play "The Christmas Star." School Clubs and their presidents were: Science-John Alvarado; Photography-Thomas Madura; Blue Literary Magazine-James Graff. The Christmas Ball was held in December 1970 in the cafeteria, and the theme was "Old Fashioned Christmas." Music was provided by the band Banana Cream. There were many assemblies that year ranging from GM's scientific advances to Ben Johnson's "Volpore." The Halloween Parade was also a blast. The school play was "Mame."

Some of the Class of '71 selected randomly were: Daniel Ballance, Susan Birmingham, Francis Regis Bulman, Maureen Carroll, Mary Casey, Al Chodkiewicz, Vincent Coakley, Gary Costanzo, Gerard Crowley, Kathleen Farley, Joyce Henderson, Dennis Henry, Margaret Higgins, Daniel Jones, Jane & June Fleming, Peter Kenny, James Kilcomons, Camille Kowaleski, Mary Krotosek, Jeanne Kurowsky, Margaret Kusic, Stanley Kusic, Jamie Lang, Vincent Mackiel,

Maryanne Madura, Kathleen Maine, Kevin McCormack, Linda Messenger, Jacqueline Miller, Joan Morrison, Thomas Mulvey, Margaret Nash, Patricia O'Brien, Helen O'Neil, Stephen Pavich, Joseph Pasquale, David St. Amour, Francis Sciallo, Denise Sullivan, Richard Sullivan, Kathleen Sumski, Thomas Thomas, Daniel Toye, Robert & William Weissman, John Wilusz, William Hall, Donna Zientek, Joan Kemble, Claire Zebro.

On the SM sports scene, Coach Tom Otto's baseball club posted an impressive 15-5 mark. The girls' basketball squad, led by co-captains Terry Gulick and the late Ellen McCarthy compiled a fine 11-5 record.

Talented senior athletes included: Doug Batruk, Kevin Bergin, Walt Binkowski, Bob Carroll, Brian Flannery, Jim Graff, Terry Gulick, John Gryl, Bob Hawes, Brian Kelly, George Krzyzanowski, (who became SM's first 1,000 point scorer, and set the single game scoring mark of 50 points that still stands today), and was an All-County, All-State selection. Other senior athletes were: John Kugel, Marge Kurtz, Mike Luczkow, Dan MacKay, Bob Miller, Ed Perez, Jim Phillips, Rick Sciora, Bob Short, Charlie Steuber, Bernie Tabasko, Ed Windas, Dave Wisniewski, Bob Zlotnick, Andy Kuziemski, Eileen Crummy, Patricia Foley.

On graduation day 1971, the seniors undoubtedly heard the #1 hit in America, "Brown Sugar" by the Rolling Stones, played in their cars on the way to the ceremony.

St. Mary's Class of 1971 was truly a spectacular group of young adults, ready to change the world!

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..

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Confirmation: Most Reverend James F. Checchio, Bishop of Metuchen, confirms young adults at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. (Photo Submitted)

Raritan Bay Jamfest

South Amboy ARTS presents the First Annual Raritan Bay "Jamfest" Basketball Tournament on November 19 and 20, 2016 in South Amboy, NJ.

The event is sponsored by the City of South Amboy as a fundraiser for the South Amboy arts district. Garden State Basketball, with its 25 years' experience in tournaments and championship games will produce and coordinate Jamfest.

The tournament is open to all Boys & Girls Teams grades 3 through 12. Registration fee is \$340 and includes a 3 game guarantee tournament plus championship games featuring online scheduling, scores and standings, stop clock games, state certified officials and score keeper, t-shirts to all championship teams and much more.

Jamfest is a terrific opportunity for

many newly forming High School, CYO, Town Travel and Middle School teams to get in some games before their seasons start. AAU teams are also welcome. All divisions are competitively balanced. Scheduling is flexible and there are multiple team discounts for Clubs & Towns entering more than one team.

Registration is currently open and the first 100 teams will be accepted, so please register early. Games are played at South Amboy YMCA and South Amboy Middle/High School/Elementary School.

For Registration details visit www.gardenstatebasketball.com or call Bob Cerrato at 973-615-7332 or bobcerrato@usa.net

Tom Michaels at 973-462-1623 or thomas.michaelsjr@gmail.com

Brooklyn Christmas Light Tour

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the world famous Christmas Lights and Decorations of Dyker Heights on Friday, December 16, 2016. The cost of the trip is \$165 which includes a delicious dinner at the

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Woman Recalls Role In Fire Rescue

(Foreword by Tom Burkard)

Kim Carlson, secretary at St. Stanislaus Kostka School in Sayreville played a major role in helping to rescue a family that was trapped in a burning fire 2 months ago, in a home very close to St. Stan's Church. Kim was so kind to give us her first-hand memories and thoughts about this nearly-catastrophic blaze.

Kim said, "I was leaving school to go home, when I saw smoke coming out of the house. I called 911, and after I hung up, stood screaming in front of the house to see if anyone was inside. I heard voices from the other side of the house, and walked over. Then I saw them with their heads screaming for help, and they said they were going to jump. I looked around their house and neighbors to see if there was something to climb down with, but there was nothing. One of the girls, Jailyn screamed that the room was filling up with smoke, and said she was going to jump. I ran over to the window to help her break her fall, and she jumped, and was okay. Her aunt yelled that she had a newborn and had to drop the baby to me.

At that time I saw two young boys on the next street over, and I yelled to them to

come help, as people were jumping out the window. As the boys were coming over, Police Officer Brian Gay arrived. He was looking for another way for them to get out of the fire, and he realized the only exit was where the fire was. The Assistant Fire Chief George Gawron arrived on the scene to help, and so did Dan Hockenjos. They all came to help.

I took the children that were out of the house already across the street. George Gawron gave me the newborn, and once the others were safely out of the house, I took them over to the church. I stayed with them and comforted them while EMS came and checked them over."

The children and staff from St. Stan's did a fundraiser for the family and raised \$500.

Publishers Note: This is truly an amazing and heroic story, and the community and everyone is proud of Kim Carlson for aiding her fellow human beings in their time of desperation and need. With her quick response and cool-headedness, tragedies were surely avoided. Congratulations Kim, and all the others who played a role in rescuing the family!

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Left photo-The heroism of these Sayreville residents helped rescue a family of five from a house fire on Jacobson St. They were presented with awards at a recent Sayreville Bombers football game. Pictured (l-r) Assistant Fire Chief George Gavron, Kimberly Carlson, Police Officer Brian Gay, Robert Kern, Tyler Wood. Right photo-Kimberly Carlson is congratulated by Assemblyman John Wisniewski after receiving her award. (Photo/info submitted)



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Student Council Installation: Rev. Kenneth Murphy pins eighth-grade student, Jiya Passey into St. Stan's Student Council. (Photo/info Submitted)

Me And My Long-Handled Umbrella

By Elaine Holton Scott

Monday through Friday before leaving the house, I'd check the sky to see what was what. If there was even a hint of rain like a gray cloud in the horizon I'd get my long-handled umbrella. I just couldn't take the chance of it raining and having my hair turn to a gluey mess from all the Aqua Net hairspray I used. Making sure my wristwatch was wound, I'd grab my pocketbook, and, to be on the safe side, my umbrella, before starting the long walk down Conover Street in Mechanicsville to get to the corner bus stop on Ridgeway Avenue. Through rain, wind, sleet, snow, the heat of summer and the cold of winter, I'd leave at 7:45 a.m. to catch the Marathon bus to my job in Perth Amboy. I really didn't have to hurry as Red the Bus Driver always came around 8:15 for his 8 o'clock pick-up time. So, I'd wait alone on the corner, often feeling like a block of ice in the winter, for Red's bus to appear from the Hole-in-the-Wall. On the morning run, most of the time, I'd be the only passenger.

Lead Dutch Boy sign off to the left, then, riding by the Drive-in, we'd start crossing the old drawbridge. Knowing I had minutes to spare before my job started at 9 a.m., I really didn't care if we had to wait when the bridge was open to let some tall-rigged boat pass under it. I'd spend the time watching the tug boats and the rest of the water traffic below me on the polluted Raritan Bay. Got to admit, the water, as well as, the air, had been really polluted back then.

After putting my quarter fare into the meter, I'd always sit in the same torn leather seat on the left side of the bus next to the window. Except for the usual noisy, rattling sounds the bus always made, Red and I would make the trip in total silence.... both of us lost in thought. Onward we'd go, passing Johnny's Halfway House, called that because of the property being located half in Mechanicsville and half in the Melrose section of Sayreville. Less than half a minute later, Red would make a right turn onto Scott Avenue where Check's Tavern was located on the corner. Except for a few houses, a little park, and Andrejewski's Jewelry store, Scott Avenue was really sparsely developed at that time with a lot of nothing to see. At the intersection at the end of the street, right across from Abie Korb's junkyard, the bus would make a left turn as it headed towards the Victory Bridge. Passing the National

Turning right onto Smith Street where the Phillip Carey building occupied the corner, the Marathon bus would head down the street, already bustling with activity, until I finally pulled the strap "telling" Red to stop the bus. Why I just didn't tell him vocally, I really don't know. Pulling the strap was the way we all had done it...even if we were the only passenger. Braking to a stop across from Woolworth's, I'd hurry down the metal steps to the street, then, jay "run" to the other side. In about a minute, my young legs would have me on the 5-corners opening the door to the bank where I worked. Eight hours later, when the work day was done, Red would be there, albeit late, to take me and my long-handled umbrella, home again.

I had ridden with Red to my job at the Perth Amboy National Bank in 1966 and part of 1967 until I had saved enough money to buy a Volkswagen. Never having said "good bye," I sometimes wonder if Red, as he drove the Marathon bus lost in thought, had ever wondered what happened to his young passenger, the one always carrying a long-handled umbrella.

****Happy 25th Anniversary to Tommy Burkard's SA Times!!!! Tom and his "right hand man", Brian Stratton, keep doing a better job each and every month. I'm so proud to be a member of the team!!!

OLV Seniors November Meeting

The November meeting of the 2016-2017 OLV Seniors will be held on Friday, November 4, 2016 at 1 PM in Monsignor Hall. After our business meeting, we will have our members-only Thanksgiving Luncheon which is the free luncheon. Dues must be paid for all regular and new members to participate in the luncheon. Call Mary Bouchard at 732-727-5056 to make a reservation. No reservations will be taken after October 28, 2016.

Deposits/payments will be taken for trips, Jonah, Azalea trip, Brooklyn Christmas Lights, Resorts show, and the Hunterdon Playhouse shows. The trip dates to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA are February 26 and March 19. The group is also sponsoring a trip on April 6th to Sight and Sound to see Jonah. The last trip is the Azalea Festival from April 27 -30. The Brooklyn Lights trip is December 16, 2016 and the Resorts trip is December 5, 2016. Deposits of \$20 for a day trip and \$50 for a multi-day trip are due upon signing up for the trip.

Non-perishable food items are needed for the St. Vincent de Paul Society food bank. For further information, please contact Teri Yetsko at 732-727-7639.

SA Employees Retire

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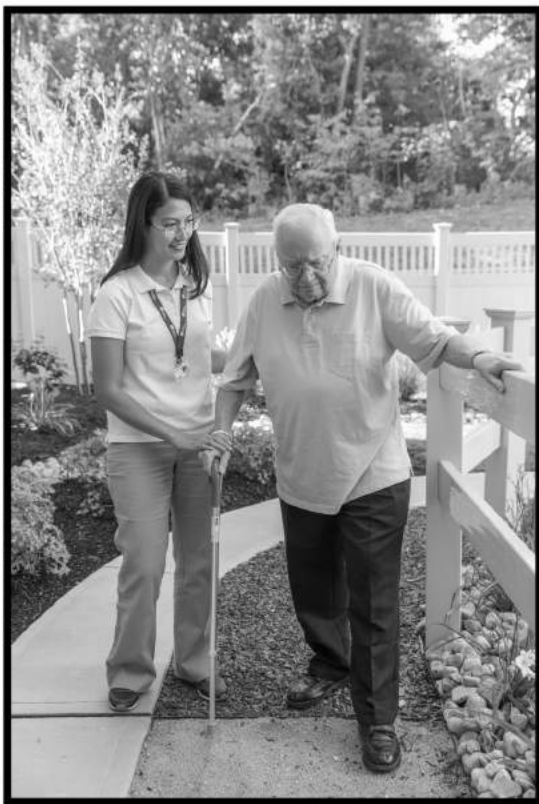
problem came up it was always worked out.

Both lovely ladies will be sadly missed by their fellow employees and their dedication to the residents of the community, but as time marches on, Patty and Tony are looking towards the future, and spending more time with their families, especially their grandchildren. On a personal note I would like to add that not only did I enjoy working with these two extraordinary ladies, but we all attended St Mary's High School and graduated from the Class of 1970. Good Luck Ladies!

Christmas Trip to Resorts International

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Resorts International on Monday, December 5, 2016 for a spectacular show of Christmas Memories featuring the gifted 20 piece Latshaw Pops Orchestra complete with singers and dancers. The price of the trip is \$100 which includes the show, bus transportation, bus gratuity, \$10 slot play bonus, meal voucher, and snacks on the bus. For further information or reserve a seat, contact Carmen at 732-254-9425.

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Congratulations were extended by the Historical Society of South Amboy to Diana St. John (c), Executive Director for the South Amboy Arts Center on the opening of the arts facility. Diana indicated this will be a tremendous boost for the city's talented citizens, as well as other talented artists from various areas of New Jersey. The Arts Center District will be a great inspiration for all talented artists to show their works to the public who are interested in the arts. Pictured (l-r) are members of the Historical Society of South Amboy, along with Mayor Fred Henry (r). (Photo/story by Joe Lotkowitz)

SA Times Again Salutes Steven Tarr III

By Steve Schmid

The South Amboy-Sayreville Times once again congratulates Steven Tarr III for being named Commander of the nuclear powered attack submarine the USS "Topeka." We inadvertently published the photo of "Topeka's" preceding commander David Lammers in our September issue. David Lammers is an outstanding Navy submarine leader and we also salute him for his service. Commander Steven Tarr grew up in South Amboy and graduated from Sayreville War Memorial High School. Steven is the son of Steven and Lorraine Tarr formerly of South Amboy and is the nephew of Valentine Tarr of Sayreville.



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Time Capsules Unearthed

Story/Photos by Brian Stratton

Twenty years ago Debbie Rivera's gifted and talented class at South Amboy buried several time capsules filled with items selected by the students to represent things that were important to them at that time. The capsules were buried on the grounds of the not yet completed Middle/High School. It was quite an event back then with the local television stations covering it. Two time capsules were unearthed this past June and last month two more were unearthed and an evening was planned that included a slide show of the unearthing process presented by Middle/High School Principal Dr. Patrick McCabe. There were also guest speakers that included: Mayor Fred Henry, Assemblyman Craig Coughlin, Police Chief Darren

LaVigne, Melissa Brinamen and Ms Rivera.

Emily Drill, a Middle School student performed "The Wind Beneath My Wings" followed by a group of Middle/High School students who performed "The Greatest Love of All". Both songs were favorites of the late Joanne Frank who was the school principal when the capsules were buried. The evening was dedicated to her.

Then everyone gathered in the cafeteria to view the contents which included: a TV Guide, Video Games, Newspapers (The SA Times was one), Bubble Gum, a McDonald's Hamburger and Fries and many more items. This was a great project and it was nice to see the alumni that were involved in this project at the unearthing.



This Time Capsule shows the results of being underground for 20 years!



Ms. Debbie Rivera addresses the crowd.



Pictured (l-r) Emily Drill, Cassie Taggart, Lucia Racioppi, Zoe Liptak, Ashley Rodriguez, Melissa Hoehman and Skylar Honimar who did a great job singing for the crowd.



Melissa Brinamen was the host for the evening.



George Kern found something he had not seen in 20 years!

The school cafeteria was filled with excitement as the huge crowd viewed the items.



No one could believe it has been 20 years since the Time Capsules were buried!

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South Amboy Police Sergeant Dan Holovacko along with his wife and children had a great time at the BBQ Showdown. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Seraphs Attend the International Day of Peace

Twenty-three Mater Dei Prep students and seven St. Mary Elementary School students were honored to attend the International Day of Peace at the United Nations headquarters in New York City on Friday, September 16th. This was the second year that Mater Dei Prep students from the Emerging Global Leaders Program were invited to attend this conference and the first year for St. Mary Elementary School. The International Day of Peace began in 1982 and is dedicated to world peace, specifically the absence of war and violence.

This year Mater Dei Prep students were chaperoned by the Emerging Global Leaders coordinator George Anthony, English teacher Elana Maloney, and St. Mary Elementary School Guidance Counselor Katie Anderson. Mr. Anthony has been attending the International Day of Peace for the past fifteen years and has developed a strong relationship between the United Nations and the Mater Dei Prep Emerging Global Leaders Program. Every member of the Emerging Global Leaders program has played an active role in the United Nations organizations and will continue to support their mission of promoting a message of peace.

Mr. Anthony shared his thoughts on the conference, "All the messages at the conference were to inspire our youth to take action and to make a difference. Their voice and vote matters, but more importantly, they need to get involved and be the difference. There are many organizations throughout the world that will support their cause."

Mater Dei Prep students were able to hear speeches presented by the General Secretary of the United Nations Ban Ki-Moon and U.N. Messengers of Peace Dr. Jane Goodall, Michael Douglas, Midori Goto, Leonardo DiCaprio, and Stevie Wonder. Students also had the opportunity to video conference with other students throughout the world to discuss

ways on how to promote the message of peace throughout their communities.

Katelyn Grano, a junior at Mater Dei Prep was moved and inspired by the U.N. Messengers speeches. "To attend the International Day of Peace at the United Nations headquarters in New York City was an extraordinary experience that sparked so many ideas and dreams that I have. Many of the U.N. Messengers like Leonardo DiCaprio, Stevie Wonder, and Jane Goodall were extremely inspiring and uplifting. When Leonardo DiCaprio explained that when he took his position as Messenger of Peace for Climate Change he wasn't sure if it was too late to make a difference, but he took the position anyway and started to work towards helping with climate change. He explained that it's never too late to make a difference and to work towards the common good. This message truly inspires me not to give up on something that I have a passion for," said Miss Grano.

In addition to hearing members of the United Nations and U.N. Messengers address the audience, the Mater Dei Prep scholars were able to take part in the ringing of the Peace Bell ritual. This ritual is performed every year on the International Day of Peace. General Secretary Ban Ki-Moon rings the bell, which is made out of melted down bullets and various metal from past wars to symbolize the beginning of International Peace Day and to pray for peace.

The Mater Dei Prep Emerging Global Leaders Program will continue to be active players within the United Nations organizations with continued support from organizations such as U.N. NGO Pathways To Peace. Seraph scholars look forward to attending many events throughout the upcoming school year and working on many group projects in hopes to promote the United Nations message of peace.

Trip to Norfolk's Azalea Festival

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Azalea Festival in Norfolk, Virginia from April 27 - 30, 2017. The trip includes 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts, and three full course dinners. Shows include the Virginia International Tattoo Show and the NATO Parade of Nations with reserved seats. Passengers will also visit the Norfolk Naval Base, MacArthur Memorial and more. The price of the trip is \$590.00 which includes the above plus bus transportation, bus gratuity, and snacks. For further information or to reserve a seat, please call Carmen at 732-254-9425



Pancake Breakfast Saturday Nov 12

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OLV Parish Trip to the National Shrine

Our Lady of Victories is sponsoring a pilgrimage trip on Saturday, November 19, 2016 to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. Bishop Checchio will lead the pilgrimage which will conclude the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy and celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the creation of the Diocese of Metuchen by St. John Paul II.

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Trip to Sight and Sound - Jonah

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Sight and Sound to see the play Jonah on Thursday, April 6, 2017. The price of the trip is \$150.00 which includes the show, lunch at Shady Maple, bus gratuity, and snacks. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.



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Middlesex County Clerk Named President

(Photo/article submitted)

The Middlesex County Clerk's Office would like to announce that County Clerk Elaine Flynn was named President of the Constitutional Officers Association of New Jersey (COANJ).

She was sworn in by Assemblywoman Pat Egan Jones at the Annual COANJ conference on September 29. "I am honored to have been nominated for this position and given this incredible opportunity," said Middlesex County Clerk Elaine M. Flynn.

The COANJ was first organized in 1920 and includes all Registers, Surrogates, Sheriffs and County Clerks in the State. These officials work together to promote the best practices in each County office. The goal of the COANJ president is to share with the public any and all impending issues that may affect them.



Elaine Flynn

They also submit and advocate legislation in relation to the conduct of all the statutory requirements and duties relating to their offices. "I would like to congratulate Elaine

Flynn on this achievement," said Middlesex County Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios. "Her commitment to keeping the public informed, and to working directly with them, is admirable. This quality has helped her truly earn this title and all future responsibilities."

Ms. Flynn has been County Clerk of Middlesex County for 20 years and has directed the continual improvement of services to the public.

For any further information, contact Elaine M. Flynn via the Middlesex County website www.co.middlesex.nj.us.



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Diana St John is a resident of South Amboy. After leaving the Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank where she was the Director of Marketing and Public Relations for over eight years, Ms. St. John decided it was time to pursue the dream of creating an arts district right in her hometown. She and colleague, Susan Pellegrini approached Councilman Mickey Gross about the prospect of starting an arts hub on Broadway. Mickey saw the vision, contacted Jack O'Leary and Mayor Fred Henry and together the dream became a reality.



Diana St John

Following months of working on the concept and design, the brick building across from City Hall is now the home of South Amboy ARTS and Broadway Gallery. With support from the City of South Amboy, this

space will be the hub for all things arts related within the downtown district. A façade mini-grant provides funding for the front of the building to upgrade the entrance and enhance the appearance.

From concerts to book signings, film presentations, workshops and classes, the Broadway Gallery will feature a comprehensive calendar of events for the community and visitors.

"South Amboy has it all" said St. John. "Our proximity to the train station located in a beautiful downtown is the envy of other communities. The arts district project and the positive effect it will have for residents and businesses will become a model for other towns in New Jersey" she added.

For more information on South Amboy ARTS, visit www.southamboyarts.org

The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, B.A., M.S.

Each October I like to remind our readers of some very important fire safety tips, habits, and precautions. The first week of every October is designated as Fire Prevention Week which I consider a misnomer because we need to practice fire prevention every day of the year and not just during this one week.

At the local grammar schools during Fire Prevention Week, students are given information on fire prevention programs such as the Stop, Drop, and Roll project. This program teaches you to STOP immediately if your clothes catch on fire, DROP to the ground, and ROLL over and over extinguishing the burning clothing. Remember, as you are rolling, be sure to cover your face with your hands to prevent facial burns. Another lesser known program but just as important is Exit Drills In The Home (EDITH). This is where the entire family together discusses how and where to exit the home during a fire situation. Discussed and practiced are the various routes to take to a safe location or meeting place where everyone can meet up and verify that all family members are out of the house when a fire occurs. This meeting place must be decided upon beforehand because during a fire situation, confusion will only lead to disaster. Examples of meeting places could be the garage, neighbor's porch, telephone pole, mailbox, etc.

The children who went through these recent school programs become some of the best fire department advocates and are encouraged to bring this information home to their families. As parents, take the time to listen to them and what they have to say about fire safety. This valuable information just might save a family member from a fiery death.

This is also the time of year when you first turn on your heating system for those cool chilly nights of autumn. But, before doing so, did you check your smoke detectors to be sure they are in working order. Have you replaced the battery lately, a chore commonly overlooked?

Don't forget to also check your Carbon Monoxide (CO) detector which is just as important or more important than the smoke

detector. CO detectors have a lifespan of 10 year's maximum at which time the sensor for CO will not function. Each unit has a date stamp, so if your unit is approaching the time limit, or close enough, REPLACE IT! Most new units come with a 10 year, non-replaceable battery so that after the 10-year life-span, it becomes a throwaway item and has to be replaced.

Most everyone can sense the smoke, smell, and heat from a fire but Carbon Monoxide is different. CO is a colorless and odorless gas, therefore, you don't know you are being poisoned as it enters your respiratory tract until it may be too late. Unfortunately, CO poisoning is more common during the fall/winter heating season due to malfunctioning equipment. A medical fact to keep in mind is that the symptoms of CO poisoning are the similar to those of the FLU which is common during the same time period. These results, if misdiagnosed, could lead to death in the case of CO poisoning.

It never fails that during every heating season you will read about or watch on the local news, some family who were either killed or severely injured from CO poisoning because of a malfunctioning CO detector or maybe none at all.

Don't allow your family to be overcome by CO. If you suspect a malfunctioning piece of heating equipment, call 911 and the fire department will arrive to relieve your suspicions. Many people get embarrassed when the big red truck arrives at their doorstep for a malfunctioning CO detector, but you know what? It is even more embarrassing to have the County Medical Examiner come out to investigate an unavoidable carbon monoxide death. Think about the consequences!

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..



Old friends from St. Mary's High School Class of 1976, met at the BBQ Showdown, and had a fun time, recalling their school days 40 years ago. In photo (l-r) Noreen Illes Kusic, Teri Meade Szallai, Jean Faircloth Parente. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Letters



Dear SA Times,

I am a senior living in Parlin and I love your newspaper. I get it by visiting my favorite bakery in Sayreville, Dads Royal Bakery on Washington Ave. Unfortunately, sometimes I miss an issue as the paper disappears fast there. I have just moved to the area in the last year and this paper gives me so much info about happenings around town. Do you offer a subscription rate? Or mailing? Please let me know. I will try to always get the paper at the bakery, but sadly I am not always successful. Know that you are doing many people a good service by having this paper.

Thank you in advance.

A loyal Reader.

Kevin J Fay

Kevin, we do not offer mailed subscriptions, we do however offer electronic subscriptions. I will add you the list and you will be notified when the latest issue is on our website www.thesatimes.com. You can also see every issue back to #1 from October 1991. Thanks for reading.

Brian Stratton, Associate Publisher

**Pancake Breakfast-
Nov. 6**

St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Council #10281 of Lawrence Harbor will hold a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 6 at Saint Lawrence Church Parish Center from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The menu features eggs, pancakes, ham and sausage, orange juice, coffee, and tea. Please attend and enjoy the morning with friends and neighbors. Admission: Adults-\$8, Kids (under 12) \$4.

Vendor Show

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians will be holding a vendor show on Sunday October 23rd from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the AOH hall located at 271 Second St., South Amboy, 2nd Floor. So grab your friends and family and join the ladies for an afternoon of shopping and mingling. Great event to begin your Christmas shopping!!!! Vendors include: Wild Tree, Thirty One, Tupperware, Premiere Jewelry, Jamberry Nails, Pampered Chef, Scentsy, Jewelry in Candles, Younique, Heaven Scent Candles, My Barefoot Sandals and many more. For more information contact Jo-Anne at 732-586-0074 or email: applesanni@aol.com

God Break

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate

c. 1995

Timeout! Hold your horses! Chill out!

Calm down! Count to 10!

Take a God-Break

Bills to pay. Important dates. Driving everyone everywhere. Doctors, lawyers, taxes, crime. Take a God-Break

Demands, demands. Work, children, spouse. Confusion, agitation, disillusion.

Take a God-Break

Headache, worry, turmoil.

Uncertain, unsafe, undone.

Take a God-Break

Soothe, restore, heal. Close your eyes.

In the light of your mind, whisper;

"Please God? Thank you, God!"

That's the God-Break.

**Madura Pharmacy
Memories**


We received the following memories last month from two local ladies who correctly identified Madura Pharmacy as the mystery photo in the WWW.? contest. Dorothy Zarzyczny said, "When I was 16 years old, Mr. Madura hired me to work behind the soda fountain, making ice cream sundaes, cones, and sodas. I never forgot--it was my first job!" Judy Guilfoyle said that "I loved going there and getting a shake or dish of ice cream at the fountain. I picked out Valentine cards there to give out in class at Sacred Heart School too."

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Clem & Friends rock 'n' roll band is pictured at the Sayreville Recreation Department's Blast From The Past Car Show & Concert. (Pictured l-r) is Frannie Fee, Tim Fee, Matt De'Esposito, Gerry Mokar, Rich Standowski, Clem Skarzynski. (Photo courtesy of Holly Fee)

Rumbles From The Rock And Roll Reunion

By Clem Skarzynski

A ton of congrats and thank you's going out to Sayreville's Rec. Dept., Jerry Ust and his staff for a super successful 8th Annual Blast From The Past Car Show & Concert on Sat., Sept. 17th, and also to Patti Burch, Elyse Barone and their staff for a sensational Sayreville Day on Sun., Sept. 18th. To all the acts and organizations that took part. To Mr. Richie Hart and the "Just Us Cruisers" Car Club, and all car show participants, with an awesome showing of 200+ cars! Phil Quigley and his Sayreville Parks Dept. staff! Superb job, all of you. My thanks to Tim and Fran Fee, Rich Standowski, Matt D'Esposito, and Jerry Mokar for 2 days of awesome fun "crankin' out the Live Classic Rock" with "Clem and Friends." The boys can rock. And, Amy & Emmie Jones at Basement Audio, as always, thanks for "thee sound!"

Best wishes to South Amboy songwriter Jerry Smith! On the mend! Get well Jerry.

#1 Pop Hits-Oct. 22

2005-Gold Digger-Kanye West with Jamie Foxx

1996-Macarena-Los Del rio
1982-Jack & Diane-John Cougar
1975-Bad Blood-Neil Sedaka
1966-Reach Out I'll Be There-The Four Tops



The Day I Met My Hero

By Michele Leonard

The day started early, I guess you could say I didn't sleep much. Left the house early to head out to Philadelphia, stood out in the street for about 2 and a 1/2 hours in the chilly windy rain just waiting for the moment I've waited soooooo long for. We got in the door and were explained the rules of the day (of which I took a copy of the rules that was pasted on the wall), got my ticket scanned, bracelet put on my wrist and handed an autographed copy of Springsteen's autobiography Born To Run. As I turned the corner and saw him standing there I was smiling ear to ear, WOW there he is just 5 feet away from me, my wife started to videotape him with me in the foreground, and then the nice lady walked up



Michele Leonard (r) and Bruce Springsteen (l).

to me and took my phone to take the picture of me and Bruce together. As the tears started flowing from sheer excitement she asked if I was ok and I said yes, please hit burst on my phone, she agreed and ended up taking about 20 pictures for me!! Then a guy took my arm and told me to stand on the x, I was next. I could feel myself smiling from ear to ear with tears flowing down my cheeks, he looked at me and with a very serious tone asked if I was going to be ok. Yes, I've waited 38 years for this moment, and with that I stepped forward right into Bruce's

waiting hug as he wrapped his arm around me and said "Thanks for coming darling ". I wrapped my arm around his waist and said absolutely nothing as I turned into him with my other arm squeezed him tight and laid my head into his shoulder, tears flowing the whole time. We both turned to the camera and had our picture taken. Then a gentle touch from another assistant who lead me down the step to retrieve my phone and other belongings. But I managed to turn back around and shake Bruce's hand and just smiled. I think the whole thing was like 15 seconds, but it felt like life was going in slow motion. All the people helping had the biggest smiles on their faces watching me and as I

turned to exit, the security guard looked at me and said, "wow, now that's love" and he hugged me. For the record I was told by other fans that I was probably the only one crying tears of happiness. Just a few feet away was the exit door where I was greeted by a press photographer who wanted to take my picture because he said I was someone that just looked so super excited and happy to have just met Bruce Springsteen. And he was absolutely right!!! What an experience and a memory to last the rest of my life!! Thank you Bruce Springsteen for everything!!

Good to see you at the Open Mic! Congrats to acoustic balladeer Mr. Danny Toye on his new CD "Home Again." Finally Danny! We've all been after you to do this for years! Great job!

Speaking of the Open Mic at South Amboy K of C Hall, nice turnout. I, the writer had the pleasure of playing bass for "Split Decision." "Square Mile" rocked the house for sure! Awesome energy guys!

And friends, Oct. 26th at the Starland Ballroom, the "Lyrics for Lucas" benefit concert, featuring "Glen Burtnik & The Weeklings," "Split Decision," and "Moondoggie," will be held starting at 7 p.m. Cost is \$25 per ticket. There will be a silent auction, food trucks, and all ages are welcome. This benefit is all for the SVDC Foundation. For more info call Al DiGiulio at 732-988-8850, ext. 401 or 732-609-7365

Music At St. Mary's

A Festival of Organists will be held on Nov. 20 at 4 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. Organ virtuosi Brenda A. Day, James Little, Anthony Nardino, and Christopher Deibert return to St. Mary's to play the church's historic 1883 Jardine and Sons Pipe Organ. Hailing from Middlesex County, these fine musicians represent some of the very best performers in the state. Don't miss this opportunity to hear some of New Jersey's finest! A free Meet-the-Artist reception will follow the concert. Suggested donation for the concert- \$15.

Local Businessman Meets "The Boss"

By Tom Burkard

Jim Dieker, owner of Dieker's Farm, 801 Bordentown Ave., South Amboy, recently ran into rock legend, Bruce Springsteen next to one of the fields that he farms in the Freehold area. Jim said, "I thought I recognized him, and pulled up in my truck and told him he looked an awful lot like Bruce Springsteen." He replied, "You drove down my street just to tell me that." Then after explaining to Bruce, who he was and what he was doing in the area, Dieker says, "We chatted, and I told him I had tickets for his concert, and he asked if they were expensive. I told him

they were given to me, and he said that's a good way to go through life. I told him I was going to see one of his shows at Met Life, and the last time I saw one of his shows, he did "Rosalita" as an encore. I asked if he was going to do it at Met Life, and he said he was thinking about doing it again. He then asked me if there was another song I'd like to hear, and I said, "The Land of Hopes & Dreams," and he said he'd talk it over with the band, but they didn't play it. Bruce covered almost everything from his first 5 albums at the concert."

One Hit Wonders-40 Years Ago

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

Open Mic Friday October 28

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold an Open Mic Friday October 29 beginning at 8 PM at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Anyone who can sing, or play a musical instrument is invited. Plug-ins are available for your guitars. No cover charge. Snacks and refreshments are available. For more information call 732-721-2025.

#1 Country Hits Oct. 22

2005-Better Life-Keith Urban
1995-She's Every Woman-Garth Brooks
1988-Strong Enough To Bend-Tanya Tucker
1970-Sunday Morning Coming Down-Johnny Cash
1969-Since I Met You Baby-Sonny James

10th Anniversary For Bon Jovi Charity

By Steve Schmid

Jon Bon Jovi's JBJ Soul Foundation is observing its 10th anniversary of helping people living on a prayer. The Sayreville native was recently praised for his work in the community at a recent gala held at the Garage in Manhattan's West Side. Former President Bill Clinton, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, Hall of Fame football star Michael Strahan, former CBS anchorwoman Katie Couric, Hall of Fame tennis player John McEnroe, and NBC "Today" show co-anchor Savannah Guthrie were among those who showed up to support the Jersey

rocker's charity. The JBJ Soul Foundation has helped build over 500 homes for the needy and has recently opened restaurants in Red Bank and Toms River where payment is optional. Bon Jovi said he wanted to help the poor and is proud that his restaurants have served 59,000 meals. He said he saw a homeless man sleeping in Philadelphia and it dawned on him he had to do something. He added the homeless issue affects young and old, Republican or Democrat. That was when the foundation started building a lot of houses.

Music Trivia

By Tom Burkard

1. Celebration ___
2. Time Is On My Side ___
3. Celebrate ___
4. Time Has Come Today ___
5. Time Won't Let Me ___
6. I Don't Want To Spoil The Party ___
7. The Times Of Your Life ___
8. What Time Is It? ___
9. I've Had The Time Of My Life ___
10. Time For Livin' ___
11. Time Of The Season ___
12. Time Is Tight ___
13. Time After Time ___
14. Time In A Bottle ___
15. Time Passages ___



Anniversary Special

*Thank you for playing Music Trivia!

Answers

1! 2e 3k 4b 5d 6a 7g 8l 9m 10u 11f 12h 13i 14c 15n.

- a. The Beatles
- b. The Chambers Brothers
- c. Jim Croce
- d. The Outsiders
- e. The Rolling Stones
- f. The Zombies
- g. Paul Anka
- h. Booker T. & The M.G.'s
- i. Cyndi Lauper
- j. Kool & The Gang
- k. Three Dog Night
- l. The Jive Five
- m. Bill Medley & Jennifer Warnes
- n. Al Stewart
- o. Sly & The Family Stone

School Sports

(As of Oct. 14)

By Tom Burkard

Football

Sayreville (4-1) The Big Blue keeps rolling along with its highly-explosive offense and tough defense. This Sayreville club is ranked #2 in Middlesex County behind Piscataway, and should fare well when it comes time for the state tourney.

Girls Soccer

Sayreville (9-2) The Bombers continue to be one of the top clubs in the area, and have been getting plenty of offense from Eliza David, Lauren Attardi, Erin Wimmer, Brianna Barbosa leads team with 10 assists, Kaitlin Esposito, Stephanie DeOcampo, Jamie Jurkiewicz, Victoria Barreiro. Jordan Wilson looks tough in her goalie post.

South Amboy (1-12) Despite a tough year so far, goalie Sarah Knapik with 176 saves is #9 in the state. Alissa Bikowski, Alexa Noone, Jayana Correa, Lauren Breigle, and Ashley Rodriguez have been providing some offense to the Lady Guvs attack.

Boys Soccer

South Amboy (9-2) Conrad Grygoriew, Mike Sauls, Daniel Pena, Jeremy Pena have lit up the scoreboard for the Guvs.

Sayreville (6-7-1) Joey Martinez, Ope Olaoko, Kevin Sousa, Brandon McCoy,

Dawud Mbenga, and Tyler Barreiro have been providing some offense recently.

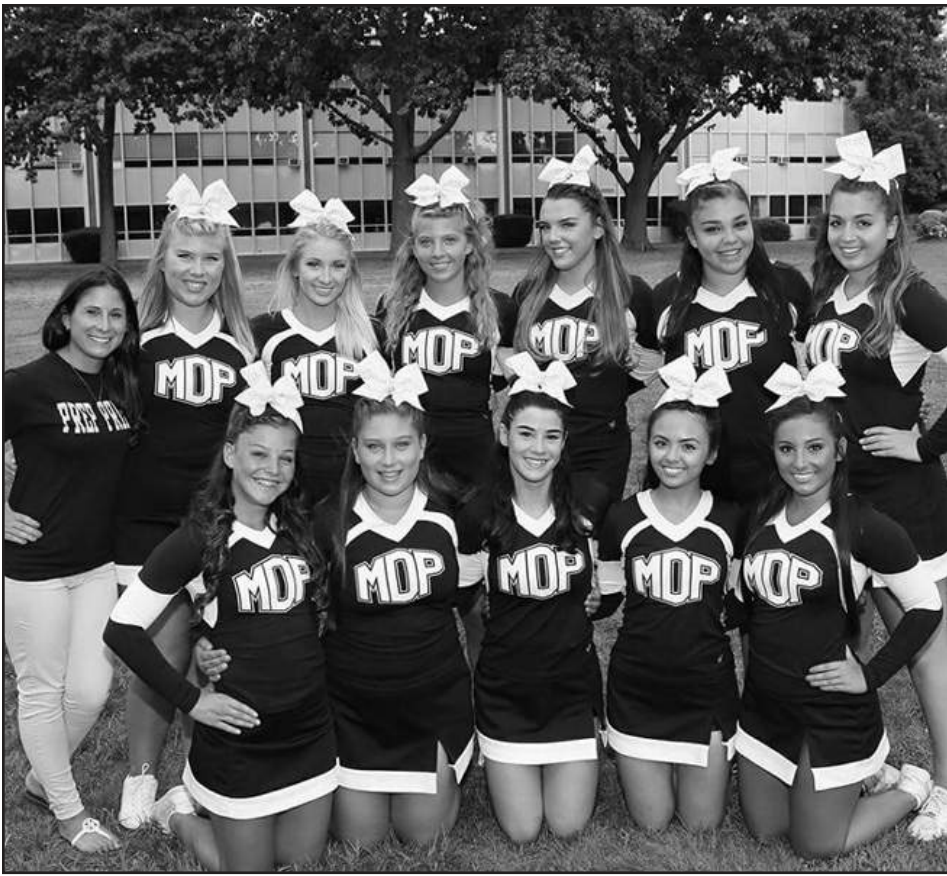
Girls Tennis

Sayreville (9-2) The Bombers under Coach Mike Provenza have turned in an outstanding season, and have battled for the GMC White Division crown, with only one loss to date in division play. Won-Lost records are as follows: 1st singles-Kathleen Beben (8-3), 2nd singles-Arkitha Dindigal (3-7), 3rd singles-Kate Sudol (8-3), 1st doubles-co-captain Jasmine Van Note and Liana Masangkay (10-1), 2nd doubles-has utilized 3 players, Nirali Patel, Shruti Sheth, Alecia Richardson and they have produced a (7-4) record. Swara Sheth is a talented backup at doubles.

South Amboy (7-4) Coach Brian Wohlt's Governors are off to a great start. Individual records are as follows: 1st singles-Kathleen Schnell (7-4), 2nd singles-Mary Whiteley (6-5), 3rd singles-Amberly Mount (6-5).

Field Hockey

Sayreville (1-12-1) Allison Attardi, and Ashley Edwards, have been having a fine season, while goalies Megan Polomene and Diana Rodriguez were working hard stopping opponents shots.



Mater Dei Prep Cheerleaders Have Award Winning Trip To NCA Camp. Student athletes on the Mater Dei Prep competition cheerleading squad attended the National Association of Cheerleaders Camp on August 18th – 21st in Honesdale, Pennsylvania. This year our Seraphs competed against twelve other schools which included over 250 cheerleaders and received many team and individual awards. Mater Dei Prep would like to congratulate our competition squad and all the individuals that were honored at the NCA Camp this summer. Below is a list of all the team and individual awards that were awarded to our Seraphs! **Team Awards:** Performance Top Team Trophy - 3rd Place Two Blue Superior Ribbons - A team that displays strong technique, leads the crowd well, and performs with no noticeable mistakes. **4 Spirit Sticks** - The Spirit Sticks are presented to the teams showing the most sincere spirit and enthusiasm for the day, while taking into account attitude during classes, promptness, cooperation, relationships with other teams, and leadership. **1 Super Spirit Stick** Herkie **TEAM Plaque**- Awarded to the team that shows true team spirit, unity, and leadership throughout the week. Teams that win this award will have the opportunity to travel to one of the NCA Special Events. **Stunt S.A.F.E Certificate** - Awarded to teams for displaying excellent technique in safety, spotting and stunting. **Technical Excellence Certificate.** Bid for NCA Nationals in Dallas, Texas **Individual Awards:** Jessica Mandile '17 - Individual Leadership Plaque - Awarded to the individual that displays excellence in leadership throughout the week and in Captains Class. Coach Stefanie - HERKIE Coach Certificate. **8 All-American Nominees** - These outstanding individuals display superior cheerleading techniques in any of the following areas: jumps, tumbling, stunting, motion technique, leadership and dance. Jessica Mandile '17, Amanda Zeuschner '17, Claire Connelly '17, Andrea Connors '18, Alyssa Digregorio '18, Juliann Gallo '17, Sabrina Leff '17, Franchesca Zilinski '18, Sabrina Leff '17- **Top Gun Dancer.** **3 Pin It Forward Recipients:** Amanda Zeuschner '17, Claire Connelly '17, Jessica Mandile '17. (Photo/Info Submitted)

Chiefs End Bombers Unbeaten Streak

In a football battle featuring Middlesex County's #1 ranked Piscataway, and #2 Sayreville, the Chiefs, opened a big lead early, but had to hold on in the final quarter to hold off a determined Bomber squad, and top Sayreville, 27-21.

The Big Blue was trailing 27-7 in the fourth stanza, but rallied back with two beautiful scoring strikes from quarterback Jayson DeMild to Jahsim Floyd covering 4 and 30 yards, to cut the lead to 27-21, with

time running out. The clock showed 0:44 seconds left, when DeMild tried to find Floyd, his favorite target, but the pass was picked off, and the Bombers suffered their first defeat of 2016, after winning 4 straight. Colton Redding pounced on a Piscataway fumble in the end zone for Sayreville's first score of the day.

DeMild completed 22-41 passing, with 294 yards.

Bombers Blast Brick

The powerful Sayreville Bombers football club pounded Brick Memorial 28-0 to capture its fourth consecutive victory without a loss. Michael Liberti and JaQuae Roberts rushed for 2 touchdowns and over 100 yards each to lead the way.

College Notebook

Two former Sayreville Bombers football stars, Corey Clark and Coray Williams are playing college football. Clark, a 5-8, 188 lb. linebacker is at Delaware Valley University (4-1). Clark resides in South Amboy. Williams at 6-3, 205 pounds is a wide receiver at Wesley College in Delaware (2-2).



Sabrina Leff (2nd from left) and Claire Connelly (2nd from right) Seniors from the Mater Dei Prep Varsity Competition Team performed during Halftime routine at the Rutgers Football Game vs. New Mexico on September 17, 2016 as part of the NCA Rutgers Day Spirit Team. Also pictured are the National Cheer Association (NCA) trainers. (Photo/Info Submitted)

Champions



20 Years Ago-Back in 1996, the South Amboy 11-year old All-Star baseball team won 4 out of 5 games and defeated Matawan, to capture the South Amboy Youth Baseball Association's 2nd annual tournament championship. The proud champions pictured kneeling (l-r) Robert Bruno, James Kenderish, Wayne Youngmans, Nick Shaw, Billy Seres, Craig Damochi. Standing (l-r) Mgr. Randy Neumann, Ken Batiuk, Ben Bajkowski, Coach Walter Youngmans, Brian Idyk, Robert Seikendick, Coach Bob Damoci. It seems like it was just yesterday, doesn't it?

In Memoriam



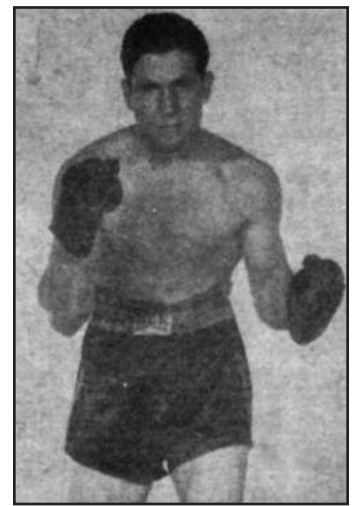
John "Jack" Jankowski

Jankowski Remembered

John "Jack" Jankowski, 75, formerly of Sayreville/South Amboy, died on Aug. 31.

In 1959, he led the Sayreville Bombers HS baseball team with a .462 batting average, and also topped the Blue & Gray in hits with 31, and 5 triples, while being selected team MVP. In '59, he accomplished a rare feat by hitting for the cycle against Perth Amboy HS. Jack, a talented standout in the outfield as well, was a 1st Team All-State Group II selection.

Following high school, "Jake," as he was affectionately known by his guy friends, was an excellent and respected softball player.



Anthony "Tony" Pappa

Pappa Remembered

Longtime South Amboy resident Anthony "Tony" Pappa, 93, died on Sept. 13th. He was an outstanding boxer in his younger days, and in 1940, while residing in Old Bridge, won the Middlesex County Welterweight championship by knocking out South River's Steve Bilko in 2:49 of the 1st round. The talented Pappa was also the 1939 Golden Gloves champ and 1940 Diamond Belt Champion in the 126 pound class. He went on to win his first 13 pro bouts, and 18 of his first 19, losing only on a TKO because of a cut between his eyes, in a fight that he was easily winning.

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

Champions-50 Years Ago



The 1966 SOUTH AMBOY BABE RUTH CHAMPIONS - MECHANICSVILLE FIRE CO. were the only team in South Amboy Babe Ruth League history to win 3 consecutive league pennants and championships from 1964-1966. Standing (l-r) Asst. Coach Frank Jankowski, Bill Cheeseman, Rich Muchanic, Mike Powers, Jim Tingle, Fran Vanni, Mark Bratus, Tom Kelly, Joe Jaskowiak, Tom Burkard, Ron Sturgis, Joe DeLucia, Coach Joe McCarthy. Kneeling: Billy Parsons, Joe Vigilante, Jim Pavlonnis, Joe Wallis, Batboy Joe McCarthy Jr., Ray Downs, Ken Kokoszka, Ray Leonard, Tom Ruzsala. Missing from photo Asst. Coach Joe Kelly.

Sports Legend Interview-Joe McCarthy

By Tom Burkard

***NOTE:** This interview was done for our Premier Issue of The South Amboy-Sayreville Times which hit the newsstands on Oct. 18, 1991. Our Coach Joe McCarthy was highly-respected and loved by all who knew him and will never be forgotten.

TB: It's hard to believe that this August marked 25 years ago that your Mechanicsville Fire Co. Babe Ruth baseball team won an unprecedented third straight league pennant and playoff championship. What do you remember about that '66 team?

JM: How eager the kids were to play ball. It was unbelievable the way they'd want batting practice. Even though I worked shifts at the time, the kids always wanted to know if I was home. They wanted to go down and practice even during the day, and also if there was a game that night. This team wanted to practice. Once the season starts these days, kids don't want to practice anymore. Our kids just wanted to spend time on the ballfield. It paid off, because we won three straight titles, which is almost unheard of. In '64, we had a lot of rookies, kids out of the Little League, and they developed. They had enthusiasm to play ball.

TB: Did you play sports in your youth or in high school? How were the teams?

JM: I played baseball for the Boys Vocational school in Perth Amboy. I was an outfielder. At that time, the Vocational schools had just began competing, and we were weak.

TB: As a youngster, who were your favorite teams and heroes?

JM: I liked the Yankees. One of my heroes was my uncle, Frank McCarthy, who coached and was AD at Carteret High School for many years, and I looked up to him. He was a rough and tumble kind of coach.

TB: What kind of coach were you back in those glorious '60's?

JM: I coached Mechanicsville from 1954-67, and we won three championships, and ended up second quite a bit. I enjoyed coaching, and think that I was pretty good at it. Young Frank Jankowski and Joe Kelly, Tommy's father helped me out quite a bit, and both were very knowledgeable about the game. I also managed some outstanding all star teams that did very well in tournaments.

TB: Mechanicsville always seemed to get the very best players in the Little League draft. How did you know who to pick, and how did the draft work back in those days? Did you pick according to territories, or what?

JM: Coaching Mechanicsville, I was sort of obligated to pick a boy whose father was a member of the company. After that, we took turns picking. If you were first place the year before, you got last pick. Sacred Heart could pick from Little League, and anyone who went to Sacred Heart Parish. I also spent a lot of time watching Little League games,

and knew who I thought would be good. I scouted them out, and picked them in the draft. Sometimes other coaches didn't pick the good ballplayers, and just passed them by. Some drafts were unbelievable! I got down to my last pick, and there were still some excellent players left.

TB: Why did you give up coaching in the Babe Ruth League?

JM: My son started Little League around 1967, and one game when I was coaching third in the Babe Ruth, and he had a game in the other field, I was trying to peek over to see how he was doing, and our runner on third asked me what the count was, and I had no idea. Right then. I said to myself, "Joe pack it in."

TB: You've also been an umpire for many seasons. What do you like and dislike about it?

JM: I enjoy working with kids immensely. I've been umpiring now for over 30 years, and really enjoy it. Sometimes in Little League, you get too much guff, and hope a coach would step in. If I've thrown three kids out of games in my life it's a lot. If you're a coach, I feel that we're friends when we go into a game, if we argue, okay, but let's be friends when we leave. My son Joe and I were the first father-son team to umpire a South Amboy Little League game. It was really a nice experience. We took a little heat, but "Moose" knew his baseball, and with his reputation in the sport, we had no problem.

TB: You had the opportunity to coach Tom Kelly, highly successful manager of the Minnesota Twins. What was he like back then? What memory stands out from when he played for you?

JM: Tommy was very knowledgeable of baseball, even as a youngster. I assume he got this from his dad and grandfather, who really knew the game inside out. Tom never had too much to say, he just went out and did his job. He loved to play. He was a good hitter and you couldn't fool him. Even today, he loves the game. He's a players manager. He's a very private person, and I respect that. In the final game of the '66 championship, Jim Tingle was pitching, and got tired. Kelly was playing centerfield, and had played for the AAABA that day, but I asked him to pitch, and he came in and struck out the side, and we won the championship again.

TB: Where have you worked, and what are you doing these days?

JM: I worked at American Smelting and Refinery in Perth Amboy from age 17, and retired five years ago after 37 years with the company. I worked myself from laborer to Department Superintendent, and with a college education, I might have done better. They shut the plant down five years ago and retired me. Now I'm a Maintenance man at McCarthy Towers in South Amboy, and love

40 Years Ago

Cleary Wins It For Eagles

1976-Mike Cleary connected on 4 clutch free throws in the last 0:22 seconds of the game to give St. Mary's basketball squad, a hard-fought 71-68 victory over Cedar Ridge. John Miller topped the Blue & Gold with 26 points, and teammates John Belmonte and Matt Stolte chipped in with 16 and 11 points respectively.

Redling Leads St. Mary's

St. Mary's softball superstar Kathy Redling hit a sacrifice fly in the 7th to win it, 12-11 over St. Thomas Aquinas. The talented slugger also crunched 2 home runs to drive in 7 runs for the day in support of winning pitcher Sue Wilson.

55 Years Ago

St. Mary's Nips Keyport

1961-Soph pitching ace Joe Pohl fired a nifty 3-hitter, as the Eagles nipped Keyport, 2-1. Joe Jankowski blasted a clutch RBI triple for the Saints.

Sayreville Defense Tough

The Sayreville Bombers football club shutout Keyport, 12-0, as Ray Fielek scored on a 30-yard punt return, and Ricky Paprota fired a 20-yard touchdown pass to Bill Podgers.

80 Years Ago

Hoffman Romps

1936-Hoffman blasted Metuchen, 29-10 in baseball play, as winning pitcher Henry Conroy ripped 3 hits. Pete Pavich and Ed Lagoda added 4 hits apiece, while Jensen and the Maxwell brothers contributed 3 hits each.

Lawrence Excelled in '96

Sayreville's Kevin Lawrence was the ace pitcher for Bishop Ahr HS, and turned in an incredible season racking up some huge stats. On the mound, his numbers read: innings pitched-86, strikeouts-125, ERA-1.53, Won 12 Lost 0, while offensively batting .291 with 14 RBI, and leading the club in sacrifice bunts.

Diamond Dust

20 Years Ago

1996-Home News & Tribune Senior Baseball League

Sayreville 12 Edison Reds 2-David Santiago upped his record to (4-0) by firing a 3-hitter and striking out 7.

Madison Park 6 Milltown 4-Joe Tarallo blasted a 2-run homer to lead the winners.

it, as much as umpiring.

TB: Would you tell us about your family?

JM: I'm married to Rose Kudelka for 39 years, and we have a son Joe, who went to Sacred Heart and he played basketball there, and also went to Hoffman High, where he set all kinds of home run records. As a sophomore and junior, he made all county and all state, and in his senior year, made all state all groups, quite an accomplishment. We were very proud. He's now married and has three children, and is living in Connecticut. He's coaching soccer, and hopes to coach baseball next Spring, if his job gives him the time.

TB: When you coached, how did you pick your starting team? What was your overall best team in your 13 years of coaching?

JM: I gave anybody a fair shot at any position they wanted to try. Then I'd select who I felt was the best. I also prided myself in getting the most of the kids in the ballgame. The 1966 team was the overall best team I ever had. They could do everything. That team really developed. If they had stayed together through high school, they would have been unstoppable.

TB: Is there one single game or event that stands out in your coaching career?

JM: My Babe Ruth all star team was in the state championship game in Paramus. We were ahead 2-1, last inning, 2 outs, and runners on second and third. Curt Wood was pitching, and had two strikes on the batter. He pitched him in tight, and the batter backed out, the ball hit the tip of the bat, and blooped in over shortstop for a single, scoring the two

T.H.E. Game

Year-2003

Sport-Boys Soccer

Teams-South Amboy (7-2-1) vs. Cardinal McCarrick (7-3) in the South Amboy City Cup Match.

Recap-The Eagles, who led 1-0 at halftime, went on a scoring rampage, notching 6 goals in the second half to give them an easy 7-0 victory over their crosstown rivals. Conrad Symber paved the way with 5 goals, while Alex Freitas and Andrew Rios scored one apiece. Dan Ferreira dished out 4 assists, and goalie John Russo stopped 5 Purple & Gold shots for the shutout.

Player-of-the-Game-Conrad Symber, Cardinal McCarrick.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1959-St. Mary's basketball team stopped South River, 63-50. Tom "Tex" Leonard led the way with 21 points, followed by Pat Mullane 12, and Dan Bailey 10. 1965-Hoffman trounced Croydon Hall, 16-8 behind Harold Dennen's 3 hits and winning pitcher Curt Wood. 1971-St. Mary's Eaglettes girls basketball team nipped St. Joseph's Toms River 39-38, as Cathy Durnien lit up the scoreboard for 23 points.

1985-Hoffman beat East Brunswick Tech, 6-3 in baseball action. Steve Chrzaszcz ripped 3 hits to support winning pitcher Tom Skarzynski. 1994-Sayreville girls soccer squad stopped Monroe's 10-game unbeaten streak, 3-1. Shannon Farinick scored 2 goals and Jessica Painchaud 1 goal for the Bombers. 2003-Jessica Antonucci scored Sayreville's 3 goals, including one in OT, to give the Bombers a 3-2 win over South Plainfield.

South Amboy Finished 8th In 1964

SA Times feature writer John "Flip" Phillips researched the talented 1964 South Amboy AAABA baseball team, and found that the squad finished 8th at the tournament in Johnstown, PA. Our locals lost their first game, won 2 in a row, and then was eliminated by a team from Milford, CT. John said that, "A team from Detroit won the tourney, and Buffalo, NY came in 2nd."

The Cheerleaders

1961-62 St. Mary's varsity cheerleaders were Colette Solinski, Evelyn Gandy, Penny Dohan, Pat Mulligan, Annette Paczkowski, Judy Frunzi, Joan Minnick, Kathleen O'Brien, Angela Charmello, Peggy Keating.

runs and we lost. If we had won, we would have gone to play in Washington, D.C., and possibly onto the nationals in North Dakota.

TB: You recently won a seat on the South Amboy Board of Education. What was that like? **JM:** It was a unique experience. I enjoyed the 10 or 12 months that I was on it.

TB: Who are your favorite teams and players in the majors today?

JM: Right now, it's Minnesota. I like to see young Tom Kelly doing well. I wish him the best in the world. Player-wise. I like Don Mattingly, and young Knoblauch of Minnesota.

TB: What advice would you give someone who wants to go into coaching?

JM: I'd highly recommend it. Young people keep you sharp and on your toes, aware of what's happening in that time era. At times you have to be very stern and other times lax, but you have to be fair.

TB: Who influenced you the most in your life? What are you most proud of?

JM: I'd have to say my mom, and after I got married, my wife. When I was growing up, we were a very close-knit family. My mom was a philosophical person, and kept us straight, and tried to make us honest people. I think it all rubbed off on me.

TB: How would you like to be remembered?

JM: As an honest person, who wasn't afraid to give to the community when asked or as a volunteer. I worked for Sacred Heart CYO for many years, in basketball, and also with the youth in South Amboy for well over 30 years.

Poplowski Was Great Coach

The late Joe Poplowski, who was from Sayreville went on to play basketball at St. Peter's HS in New Brunswick. Following a fine schoolboy career, he played hoops for Mount St. Mary's University. He became a well-known and highly-respected boys' basketball coach at Immaculata HS and Bernards HS, and was selected Coach of the Year in 1975 and 1976. Joe was inducted into the NJ Scholastic Coaches Hall of Fame in 2009. Joe Poplowski died on Oct. 12, 2010, but his legend lives on.

Back In Those College Days

Drew Sabine (Hoffman)-Delaware Valley, basketball; Joe Poplowski from Sayreville (St. Peter's)-Mount St. Mary's, basketball; Kevin Lawrence from Sayreville (Bishop Ahr)-Rider College, baseball; Rich McCutcheon (Sayreville)-Middlesex County College, baseball; Mike McSpadden (Sayreville)-Middlesex County College, baseball.

Pop Warner Football

Leprechauns Top Sabres

1964-The Sayreville Leprechauns spoiled the South Amboy Sabres Pop Warner football team's home opener, 18-0 at Veterans Field. In the first quarter, Sayreville quarterback Tim Rhatican handed off to Bill Coyle, who bolted into the end zone for the first touchdown of the game. The Leprechauns upped their lead to 12-0 in the second stanza, when Rhatican connected on a long 47-yard TD pass to Tom Angeloni. Rhatican tried a quarterback sweep for the extra point, but was stopped with a hard tackle by Dennis Nardone.

Midway through the third quarter, Ricky Popowski picked off a pass by Walt Peterson, and ran it back 30 yards to the 9-yard line. Coyle then ran the ball 3 times for 7 yards, and Rhatican pulled off a quarterback sneak from the 2-yard line for the final score of the game.

Despite the setback, a local paper praised Sabres players Al Gomolka, Marty O'Connor, and Bruce Buckiewicz for being "Bright spots shining, despite defeat."



On October 9th members of South Amboy Fire Dept. gathered with hundreds of other firefighters and loved ones from around the country to honor the 112 firefighters that died in the line of duty in 2015 at Emmitsburg Md. home of U.S National Fire Academy. SAFD members honored South Amboy firefighter Jerry " Bear " Celecki who died on October 14th, 2015 at the scene of a reported gas leak. Also in attendance for the service was Bear's wife Rose and family members. Each honoree's family was presented a folded American flag and a red rose as their loved one's name was read. The American flags were flown above the U.S. Capitol building and the memorial of the U.S National Fire Academy. There was also a candlelight vigil the night of October 8th. In addition, names of each honoree are placed on a plaque with year and state of the line of duty of death. Also present were members of Keasbey FD to honor Keasbey FD(Woodbridge Twp.) Deputy Fire Chief Thomas "TK" Kolarick who died in the line of duty on November 11th, 2015. Perth Amboy Fire Dept. Honor Guard Unit also preformed honor guard duties at the service. The memorial service is organized and sponsored by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. In addition to the memorial service the foundation also provides support and assistance to families for several years after the lost of a loved one. (Photo/info submitted)*See other story/photo Celecki Honored Posthumously on page 1.

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426

Open Mic Night (Photos by Tom Burkard)



South Amboy recording artist Dan Toye flashes a big smile after another standout performance.



Everyone was so happy to have singer/songwriter Jerry Smith back in action, performing "South Amboy U.S.A." and many other tunes.



This new, local band rocked the house, they are pictured playing "Rock This Town" by The Stray Cats. In photo (l-r) is Richie Foley-lead guitar, Tim Kelly-drums, and John Dembowski-bass.



Enjoying the music at Open Mic Night are Don Peterson and Fran Kurtz.



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WWW.?



This business is located in South Amboy or Sayreville. Can you guess the name and location? Please send your answer in to: satimes@aol.com. Good luck! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

September Winners

The correct answer to last month's WWW.? is Maureen's Candy & Cake Supplies, located at 384 Washington Rd. in Sayreville. Loyal readers mentioned previous names for the storefront. Gary Feret said that, "It was Frank's Meat Market back in the 60's." Ken Sumski, owner of R & R Printing in South Amboy, recalled that, "It was Russ' Pizza. I worked there washing dishes when I was younger." Lisa Grankowski said, "It was Frank's Market, and owned by Frank Strugala. Walter Starzec Jr. said that, "When I was a kid, it was Strugala's Market, later Russ' Pizza, and I also think the Gondek family may have began their Confectionately Yours business in this building." Two contestants both incorrectly identified it as the Sun Glo Bakery in Sayreville.



September WWW.?

Congratulations to the following winners: Chuck Pickard, Gerry Sherry, Joanne Niestemski, Pat Minnick, Dennis

Quinlan, Joan Gorczyca, Dane Colburn, Gary Feret, Sheila Knudsen, W. Tom Kross, Edna Mazur Pilch, Ken Sumski, Don Zrebiec, Judy Guilfoyle, Dorothy Zarzyczny, Elizabeth Leveille, Lisa Grankowski, Joan Fulham, Peggy Yuhas, Bill and Pat Scully, Mary Agnes Morris, Joan Stoddard, Dennis & Kathy O'Leary, Ed Bender Jr, Dawn Roberts & Kevin Kania, Nancy Berry, Ed Bender, Ed Puchalski, Lynn Loy, Scott V. Farina, Walter Starzec Jr., Jack Piskorski, Lorraine Krause, Ron Twardos, Maryanne Matarangolo.

Where in New Jersey?



October's location might prove to be a challenge, but it is a very inventive place. Send your answer in to: satimes@aol.com or scan below by November 7th. (Photo by Phyllis Stratton)

September Information

Where in New Jersey?

By Brian & Phyllis Stratton



The correct answer was The Edison Memorial Tower located in Menlo Park. Correct answers were received from: Joanne Niestemski, Dennis Quinlan, Adele O'Hara, John Gelsinon, Gary Feret, Edna Mazur Pilch, Jackie Oshman, Judy Guilfoyle, Eleanore Westerholm, Lina Dreesen, Micheline Bonnefin, Elizabeth Leveille, Lisa Grankowski, Joan Conway, Joan Fulham, Peggy Yuhas, Bill and Pat Scully, Kathy Antonitis, Kitty Bowers, Dennis & Kathy O'Leary, Joan Stoddard, Marie English, Lynn Loy, Pete McIntyre, Marlene Feldman, Thanks to everyone who played.

of Recorded Sound (November 1877), and the site of the world's first practical incandescent lamp-light bulb (October 1879). The tower's pinnacle is meant to represent an incandescent light bulb. A very historic site and so close to home, worth a trip to check it out. Without Edison's inventions we might not be walking around with a device we can communicate with, listen to music with or light our way!
www.menloparkmuseum.org/

September Where in New Jersey? The Edison Memorial Tower



Edison Memorial Tower
The Thomas Edison Center at Menlo Park, also known as the Menlo Park Museum / Edison Memorial Tower, is a memorial to inventor and businessman Thomas Alva Edison. The tower was dedicated on February 11, 1938, on what would have been the inventor's 91st birthday. The tower marks the location of Edison's Menlo Park laboratory, the world's first organized research and development site. Menlo Park is known as the Birthplace

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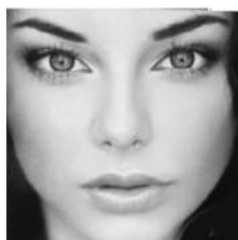
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Locals Had Great Careers With State Police

By Tom Burkard

Two South Amboy natives, who have retired from the New Jersey State Police (NJSP) had most interesting assignments during their illustrious careers.

Trooper Mike Deitche graduated from St. Mary's HS in '74, and Mike Downs was a '74 graduate of Hoffman HS. Both men went on to Biscayne College (home of the Miami Dolphins), and graduated in 1978.

Deitche served in the NJSP from 1978 until 2004. He was assigned to the Governor's Security Unit for 10 years, and served under Governors Brendan Byrne, Tom Kean and Jim Florio. In addition, he guarded President Jimmy Carter during his visit to New Brunswick in 1979, and also Pope John Paul II at Giants Stadium in 1995.

Downs served in the NJSP from 1981 until 2006. He was assigned to the Governor's Security Unit, serving under Governors Tom Kean, Jim Florio and Christie Whitman.

Both retired at the rank of Lieutenant.

Note: Other local state troopers who guarded Pope John Paul II in 1995 were Rich Schnyderite and Bill Reilly.

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I Knew A Soldier Once

By Chrysy Krueger



Sgt. Benjamin Sebban

Sgt. Benjamin Sebban first came into our lives when my husband was assigned to Ft. Bragg, NC in 2006. Immediately, Ben watched over us, telling us where the good neighborhoods were (and the bad ones, too), or calling if he saw a car for sale-anything that could help us settle in faster. Then he found out our second baby was due in July, the same time my husband was set to deploy, and he realized my husband would miss another birth due to deployment. Without hesitating, he volunteered to swap units--My husband would deploy to Afghanistan in Jan. 2007, and Ben would deploy to Iraq in July 2006. Ben was the answer to my prayers.

Before he left for Iraq, he came over our house for dinner. I was very pregnant and he told me that he had children--that all his soldiers were his children. And he told me that even though my husband was the same rank, and that they were in different units, he still felt that he had to take care of him. That was who Ben was.

I've worried about many deployed soldiers, but I never worried about Ben. I always thought God would bring him back so that he could live as an example of how people should be. God knows we need more kindness in this world. But I was wrong. God took him home on March 17, 2007. I cried many tears. I thought we were going to have many years with Ben, and I felt robbed. In reality, we didn't need the years because it wasn't time that bonded us. It was friendship; a friendship my husband and I will carry with us until the day God takes us home.

I knew Ben for only a short time, but long enough to have an indelible mark on my life. I think about him every day, not just on Memorial Day, and I hope to visit him soon in Arlington. My youngest son bears his name, but I pray all my boys grow up to be fine men-men with a selfless heart like the soldier I once knew.



Vietnam War 50th Commemoration-Former Commander Rich Kosmoski of the Sayreville American Legion Lenape Post 211 is shown conducting a memorial commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War for all the brave men and women who served with solemn reverence, valor, and honor, and made the supreme sacrifice for their country. (Photo/story by Joe Lotkowitz)

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St. Mary's Annual Animal Blessing

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Rev. Dennis Weesorak, Pastor of St. Mary's Church blesses dogs with holy water.

SA Times Staff Trivia

1. Cut President Grover Cleveland's wife's hair__
2. Served as President of Middlesex County College Alumni Association__
3. Past Grand Knight of South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426__
4. Graduate of Middlesex County Police Academy/former Sheriff's Officer__
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11. First job was at Foodtown of South Amboy__
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13. Selected as Polish Man of the Year 2016__

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| a. Phyllis Stratton | h. Fran Fitzmorris |
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| c. John Phillips | j. Clem Skarzynski |
| d. Joe Lotkowitz | k. Richard Kosmoski |
| e. Brian Stratton | l. Dr. John Misiewicz |
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Answers

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Mayor Fred Henry and his wife Linda were on hand to have their pet blessed.



Many local dog owners brought their beautiful pets out for Father Dennis' blessing.

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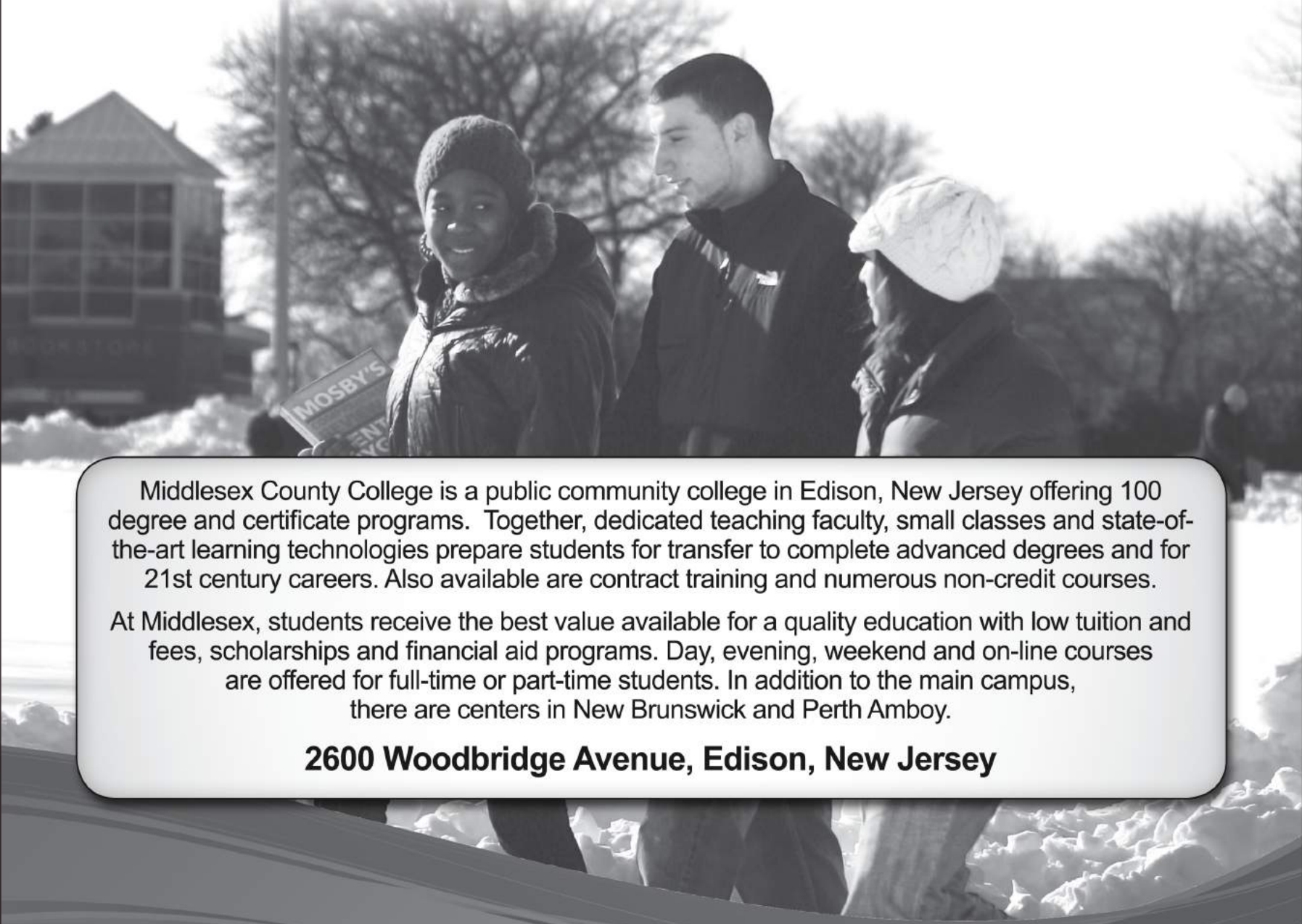
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The Vintage Car



1974-Jim Kopysteky is pictured standing by his 1966 Ford Thunderbird 2-door, hard-top coupe. He was going to the Sayreville War Memorial HS Prom with his date Louise Tier. (Photo/info courtesy of Jim Kopysteky)

Mr. Bear Cools Off

By Bill Garnett

The Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge lies 12 miles inland from the Outer Banks, along the Charles Kwralt Trail in Dare County, North Carolina. The Refuge was established in 1984, and contains 152,000 acres of habitat important to black bears and red wolves. The black bear population is estimated to be around 300 living in this area. There are alligators in this area also and to view them you would have to enter the swamp and you might not come out!

While on a family vacation at the Outer Banks this past July, I took a trip over to the Refuge to look for black bears. This is a yearly event I look forward to each year. The first two days, I saw nothing, not even a glimpse of a bear in an open field. On the third day, I spotted a large bear sitting on a berm in an open area about 80 feet away. When I reached for my camera and binoculars, it was then that I realized in my haste I left both items back at the beach house (This is like going hunting without a rifle). Cursing my stupidity, I drove back to the house only to be asked by my grandson, "Poppy, did you see any bears?"

Hoping for lightning to strike twice, I went back the next day. The temperature had already reached 95 degrees that afternoon. I arrived back at the same location and sure enough, the black bear was cooling off in the creek about 40 feet from my car. I tried to get the bear's attention, and he showed no interest in me, he just wanted to cool off. I exited the car leaving the door open and began to take pictures. We were separated by about 40 feet of water and a 15-foot berm leading up to the road. We were the only two living creatures in the area and the bear was not threatened by me nor was I threatened by him. I got into the car and drove 7 miles and came across two more bears. Upon my return to the original sighting, I found a bear sitting on top of the berm, and he decided to give me a treat and re-enter the water, affording me the opportunity to take the greatest wildlife pictures that I have ever taken.

I cannot wait to get back there next year and see if I can duplicate this feat. A special thank you to my neighbor, Gary Brown for identifying the bear as being a male around 350 lbs.



South Amboy's Bill Garnett took this great photo of a huge black bear going to cool off at the Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge, 12 miles from the Outer Banks in North Carolina.



The black bear is pictured taking a swim on a 95 degrees day this past summer. (Photos by Bill Garnett)



Photos by Brian Stratton



Ryan (l) and Barbara Tooker (r) were ready to answer your Real Estate questions.

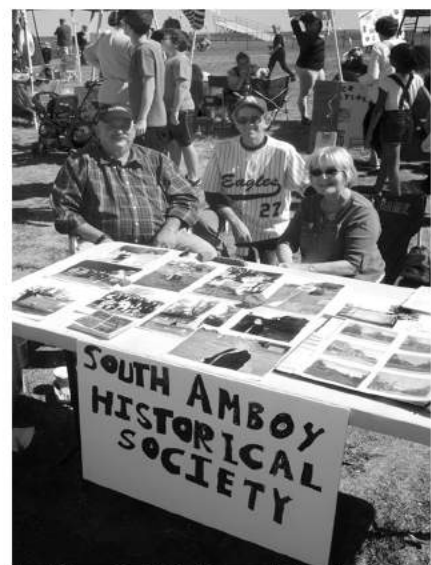
A long line for this vendor's delicious offerings.



There was something available for everyone.



Another popular food vendor.



The Historical Society of South Amboy had a very informative display setup. Pictured (l-r) Jerry Pizzillo, Mike Reilly and Joyce Elyea.



The Campbell's (l-r) Erin, Pam and EJ (and EJ's Puppies) had a great time.

**Harold G. Hoffman High School Multi-Class Reunion
At Mara's Restaurant In South Amboy
(Photos by Tom Burkard)**



Hoffman alumni gathered together for this great shot.



The Reunion Committee once again as always did an outstanding job with this great event. Pictured (l-r) Roger Dowling, Susan Mattsson, Len Ambroziak, Frank Starosciak, Ed Szatkowski.



Anna Harris Friberg Class of 1938, and Pearl Flynn Class of '42 shared many memories of their high school days.



Alumnus Gus Galley models this fun tee-shirt for those in attendance.



The Class of '71 celebrated its 45th year since graduation. Pictured (l-r) Cathy Marczak Sydlosky, Debbie Cahill Murawski, Peter Dobrzynski, Judy Jonason Rowley, Karen Anne Johnson.



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Wedding Celebration in Seaside Park Goes On Despite Bombing

Caileigh Ryan Giovenco and Christopher Michael Fazzini were married on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at the Union Church in Seaside Park, NJ. Caileigh is the daughter of Eileen Downs Giovenco and George

the Barnegat Bay and at Rooftop Mini Golf at Casino Pier, a favorite location of "date night" for the couple. A wedding reception was held later that evening at the Spring

Lake Manor for friends and family. The couple has made their home in Sayreville and they are looking forward to their upcoming honeymoon in Hawaii.



Giovenco - Fazzini
and was attended by many guests who persevered to arrive on the barrier island, even after the Seaside Park bombing closed off traffic coming into the community. After a lovely ceremony, the couple and their bridal party posed for many photos along

Catholic War Veterans Upcoming Events

The Catholic War Veterans, Sacred Heart Memorial Post 578, South Amboy, NJ request the following information be published in the October, 2016 edition.

Saturday/Sunday, October 29/30, 2017 CWV National Calendar Sales, front of Sacred Heart Church, Washington Avenue, South Amboy before and after all Masses. Calendar cost \$25.00. "365 WINNERS". Only 3000 available Nationally!

Monday, November 7th, 1:00 PM,

Charity Basketball Game

The 5th annual Friends of South Amboy charity basketball games at South Amboy high school. December 17th. Proceeds from this event will benefit Breanna Hathcock, a local resident and South Amboy Middle High School graduate who is currently battling cancer.

2:00 pm - South Amboy Middle School Boys -vs- Calvary Christian

Membership Meeting, Sacred Heart Memorial Hall, Meeting Room Lower Level. All Catholic Veterans invited to attend.

Friday, November 11th, 8:00 AM Veterans Day Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Washington Avenue. All Catholic Veterans invited to attend.

Friday, November 11th, 11:00 AM, Veterans Day Services, Sacred Heart Cemetery, Johnson Lane, Parlin. Public invited to attend.

4:00 pm - South Amboy Girls Varsity -vs- Calvary Christian
6:00 pm - Sayreville Boys Varsity -vs- Bishop Ahr
8:00 pm - South Amboy Boys Varsity -vs- Calvary Christian

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Giovenco Wins Award

Daniel Philip Downs Giovenco, son of Eileen Downs Giovenco and George Giovenco, Jr. of Sayreville, NJ was recently named as a recipient of the prestigious NIH Director's Early Independence Award, a \$1.25 million grant from the National Institutes of Health. Danny is an alumnus of The College of New Jersey ('10) and later earned his Master of Public Health (MPH) and PhD from the Rutgers School of Public Health. Currently, he is working in research at Rutgers University, and in November, Danny will begin his tenure as an Assistant Professor at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, NYC. As one of only 16 scholars across the country to receive this award, Danny's research has uncovered how community characteristics influence racial and ethnic disparities in substance abuse, specifically how tobacco marketing in communities influences health disparities.



25th Anniversary Congratulations and Best Wishes From The SA Times Readers

Tom,
Congratulations on 25 years. Time sure flies! Great "Summer Memories" story in the August issue!

Dennis Quinlan - Tennessee
 (Formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville)

Dear Tom,
 You covered everything in the excellent story you did about my sister and I titled, "Dixie Sisters Were Talented Singing Duo. We performed at many places including the current site of the Brick House in Sayreville, when it was known as Kelly's. I kept the article, that appeared on page 16 in the Feb. 22, 2003 issue of The South Amboy-Sayreville Times."

Yvonne Coyle - Sayreville

Hey Tom,
Thanks for 25 years of preserving history, renewing past times and having fun with forgotten memories of The Bayshore Area.

An article about me and my then recently restored former Sayre & Fisher Mack truck appeared in the August 5, 2000 issue of The Times.

Thanks for all you do for all of us.

Al Baumann - Sayreville

"I love that you put the paper in digital format. I look forward to the sports section every month!"

Bill Wanko
"I just got mine sent to my phone. It's a good, informative paper." Jackie Rooney

"Congratulations on 25 years of great writing and keeping South Amboy alive. You are an inspiration to all that know you! Awesome paper!"

Elizabeth Leveille
"Congrats Tom on going out and getting the news. Great paper!" Diane H. Damion

"Tom, I can't tell you how much I look forward to your creative publication each month. Thanks for all the hard work."

Mary Casey Griffin
"My mom saves this paper for me, and I read it every time I stop by. Love the articles from the past too! Always recognize someone." Susan Skiba-Petzold

To The SA Times,
 The South Amboy-Sayreville Times has the best local newspaper publisher this side of the Mississippi. It's been a pleasure knowing you these last 15 years!

Dear Tom,
 Thank you for 25 years of wonderful memories. We get older and forget all of the good times, but you remind us of the good old days in every issue. Your hard work shows up in every issue. We love you so much!

Fran Kurtz/Don Peterson - Sayreville
 Tom,

Congrats on your big anniversary! You have done a great job over the years, and many people look forward each month to read the latest issue. I recall the picture of "Butch" Tomaszewski and myself in the Dec. 17, 2011 issue on page 18. This is a picture I really enjoyed. Again congratulations!

Artie Birmingham - (Formerly of Sayreville)
 "Thanks and congratulations! Time...it does fly by!" Mary A. Snover

Have always loved reading the South Amboy/Sayreville Times. Congrats on 25 years of excellent reporting. This paper has always been fair to everyone. That's why you are still around and everyone enjoys reading your paper! Thanks Tom and to your staff.

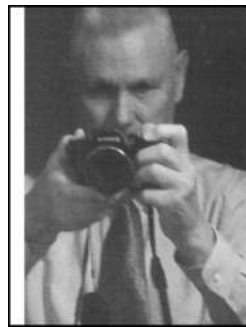
Nellie Malet - Sayreville

Congratulations on 25 years of great service to our Great Little Town for supplying us with only the best Little Paper in the State!!!!!! We all appreciate the work and time that you and your staff devote to it. Thank You!! Lynn Loy

"Tom, congratulations on your 25th Anniversary. You single-handedly keep the spirit of South Amboy alive! Thank you!" Eileen Coman

"Thanks for 25 years of great service to the community. We are now living in Florida, and would like to get paper delivery." Jimi Jensen

"Congrats, Tom! Job well-done." Mary Carroll Olah



**Congratulations
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 Joe R. Lotkowitz**

Tom & The SA Times Staff,
The South Amboy-Sayreville Times is such a great paper! I really look forward to it coming out, and read it from cover to cover!

Joan Ogorek - South Amboy

"Such a great newspaper, Tom! Thank you!"
 Connie Cappetta Modzelewski

"Tom, the paper has become a staple to the community. Even when people move away, they can still read about what's going on in our little town at your website on the internet. And, you have always been supportive with all of the charities/fundraisers. Just want to say, "Thank you, and best of luck with the next 25 years." Dave Silva

"Thanks for publishing and sharing such a good newspaper. I love reading it every month from afar." Susan Grzankowski Bischoff

Tom,
Congratulations! I look forward to reading The SA Times every month. Keep up the great work!
 Jeanne Rogers (Formerly of South Amboy)

"If you're ever in the South Amboy/Sayreville area, pickup The South Amboy-Sayreville Times anywhere they sell newspapers. It's the best paper on the shelf! You can also go online and find the link and connect to the current issue, and every other one since the paper started 25 years ago in Oct. '91. It's publisher/founder Tom Burkard works hard to keep that paper great and FREE. It's filled with current events, yet doesn't get political (and that's always a feature I love). But, mostly I love the nostalgia pieces Tom and so many others contribute. It really is a terrific paper, and I check in with it every month. Kudos to Tom and all those that contribute!" Patrick Douglas

"Last month was another terrific issue, Tommy. Great interview with that local singer/songwriter in particular. Thanks for being there for South Amboy/Sayreville all these years!" Bob Toye

"I look forward to The SA Times, and always learn something new about my lil' adopted hometown."
 Sandor Schneck

25 Years Of "Priceless" Local News Congratulations Tom...

By Clem Skarzynski

My writing "career" began in the spring of 1996, when I was approached by S.A. Times Publisher Tom Burkard, while doing my daily exercise "run" at Kennedy Park. Tom was planning for what was to be The S.A. Times "Largest multi-part series" ever, and was seeking any and all info on our twin cities "History of Local Music Bands From The 50's Thru The 80's," such as members of bands, names of bands, instruments played, how and when they all started. Being a local musician myself, since 1963, I was "honored" that Tom had come to me for help. Immediately, I went to work, and under Tom's guidance, began to learn journalism. And, with that, Tom gave me "the full reign" to compile and begin, what was to become a 7-part series, which took over a year to gather all info, before the series became print in the March 22, 1997 issue. Not only did Tom's idea for such an "original and local" story become The SA Times largest-ever

multi-part series, but allowed me to pursue a multi-themed idea to reunite all those bands and their members for a "Benefit Rock 'N' Roll Reunion," which Tom helped to organize thru his gem of a newspaper!

We, as his monthly readers, have been "blessed" with his monthly contribution of "priceless" local news, trivia, sports, and current events, but most of all, his concern for us as individuals, always ready to "Give ink to everyone" for whatever their needs or reasons, and always being there to cover an event or make sure our local residents be recognized in their newspaper-- The South Amboy-Sayreville Times. So, Tom, for giving me a chance to be a part of your "Masterpiece," and your life's legacy, I sincerely thank you, and like your readers and writers, keep it going...Until the 50th!

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Sister Carol Ann Celebrates 50th Anniversary

By Fred A. Henry

Sister Carol Ann Henry recently celebrated her 50th anniversary as a member of the Sisters of Mercy, having entered the community in 1966 in Watchung, N.J. after graduating from St. Mary's High School in South Amboy. Sister Carol is the oldest of four children born to Ann and Fred Henry of South Amboy. Her siblings are Fred, Jr., Bill, and Lynn Ann. She went on to graduate from Georgian Court with a bachelor's degree in elementary education, earned a master's degree in music from Trenton State College, and a master's degree in social work from Rutgers University.



Sister Carol Ann Henry 1966

As a result of her hard work, she founded Mercy Center in Asbury Park in 1982. This agency serves thousands in Monmouth County with a variety of services including a full-time food pantry and an Emergency Services program which includes drug and alcohol counseling. As a result of the vital role she played in helping the poor and homeless who arrive daily at the center, Sister Carol was presented the 1990 Woman of Mercy Award by the Mercy and St. Charles Hospitals. This award is presented annually in recognition of those individuals whose efforts to share the spirit of Mercy on a national, state, or local level have been particularly distinguished.



Sister Carol Ann Henry 2016

Sister Carol's teaching career began in St. Joseph School in Trenton. From there she taught at Sts. Philip and James School in Phillipsburg, St. Mary's Academy in Lakewood, and finally at Cathedral Elementary School in Trenton. "I taught for 12 years," Sister Carol Ann said. "And I was at an inner-city school in Trenton, and I began to realize that education wasn't enough, that the children came late to school, that they hadn't had breakfast, that they weren't properly clothed. There were just so many other needs they couldn't learn."

With so many needy and suffering, she requested and received permission to create a

social service agency. In 1997, Sister Carol established the Sisters Academy, an 11-month, extended day middle school for girls in Asbury Park and the Family Resource Center, which offers social services to keep families safe, stable and together. Sister Carol Ann's service was recognized by the Asbury Park Chamber of Commerce, and she was awarded the 2011 Humanitarian Award.

To this day, she continues God's mission through her tireless work for the poor and needy.

Women Voting Before The Nineteenth Amendment

By Fran Fitzmorris

On August 26, 1920, all women over the age of 21 received the right to vote with the passage of the nineteenth amendment, also known as the Women's Suffrage Amendment. This amendment removed the word "male" as the only sex allowed to vote in elections up to that day. However, I discovered, to my surprise, that at least three states, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Vermont and perhaps others, had previously given the right to vote to women in town elections to help to determine town budgets and elect others to local school boards.

On July 25, 1894, the first two women in South Amboy to be given the honor to vote were Mary L. LaRue and Mrs. Van Cleff who were teachers in the school system. For reasons I couldn't find, they were the only two who were supposed to vote. What happened? A meeting was being held at St. Mary's Hall for about two hundred women

from the town who were planning a picnic to help celebrate Salt Water Day. Coincidentally, the election for the school board was to be held at 3:00PM. The election was to be held at the borough hall then located on John Street. About two hundred men were waiting in line. The first vote was delayed because no paper, on which to record the votes, could be found. A messenger was sent out to a local store to buy paper. There was a delay of almost an hour before the voting began. Many of the women at the Salt Water Day meeting rushed over and cast ballots. This had never happened before but it was all legal. By the end of the day three hundred women had voted. Some of the men complained that the "girls" were not all 21 years of age, but vote they did.

I have to believe that the barriers, not allowing women to vote in school elections, were eliminated from this point on.

October

By John (Flip) Phillips SMHS 1958

What does October mean to you: Autumn, trees turning red and gold, warm days and cool nights, Halloween, big bright moons, football? Yes, and it means those things to me as well. However, it also meant the annual football game between Hoffman and St. Mary's played on Columbus Day up at Veterans field. No challenge was necessary. It was a given that on that day football was played between the two city schools. Now, it was not football as you see on TV or at the high school fields today. It was fun!

The teams did not have uniforms or full football equipment. But, everyone had at least a borrowed helmet and shoulder pads. I said it was fun and it was. We knew each other. We hung out at the same soda shops around town. You would be surprised at the number of people who came to watch. And, girls even acted as cheerleaders. I was

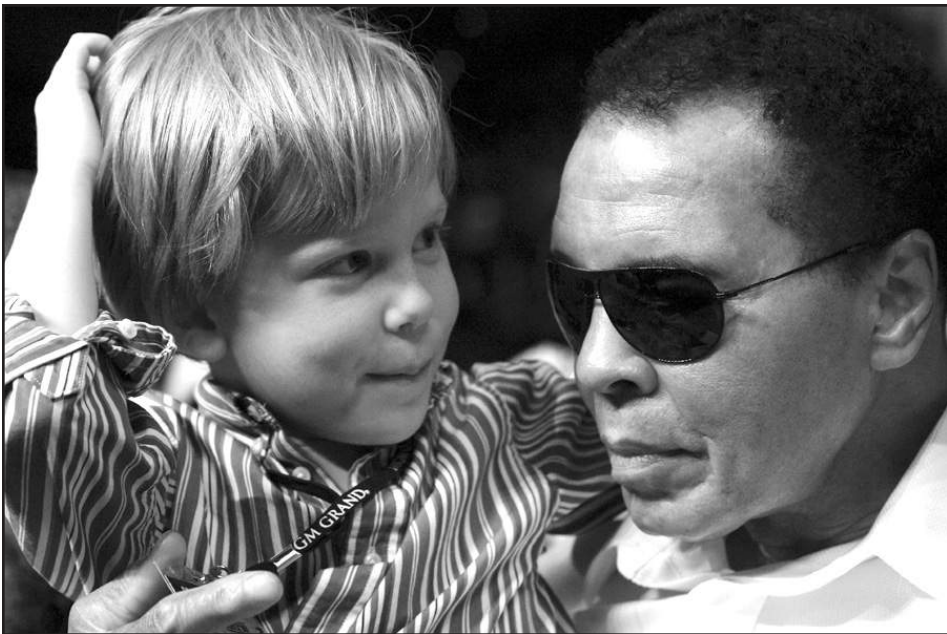
the quarterback for the 1957 team. I threw a touchdown pass to my buddy Ed (Ned) Moran. I think we won 14 to 7. And, after the game we gathered together to "discuss" the game and went away as friends. Now it was time to get ready for the basketball season. The next day same guys you played against on the football field were your team mates on the basketball courts around the city.

Now there is no St. Mary's, and there is no Hoffman. I wonder when the last game was played. Things change, that's a given: "Time and tide wait for no one". However, long ago memories of the things we did back in my day come back to me more frequently as the time clock moves ahead. Perhaps the same or similar things are happening today. I surely hope so. It was a lot of fun growing up in South Amboy. We did not have much but somehow made things happen.

Attention South Amboy / Sayreville Residents:

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age or older, be able to pass a criminal background check and possess a valid New Jersey driver's license. Interested applicants can download an application from: www.sayrevillepoliceaux.org



Former South Amboy resident Lori Hann Rogich sent this photo of her son Siggy with the late Muhammad Ali. The photo was taken at the Floyd Mayweather and Shane Mosely bout at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas on May 1, 2010. Lori said that, "My husband Sig and Ali's friendship went back to the days when Sig was Chairman of the Nevada Athletic Commission. Our little guy met Ali for the first time in the above picture, and Ali, who was sitting ringside invited Siggy to sit with him. We love this photo as it shows how Siggy was in such awe of Ali. He stayed with the champ the whole fight, falling asleep in his arms."

The Veteran

By Rich Kosmoski-USN

Within the next two weeks we will be celebrating Veteran's Day in recognition of the sacrifices of all who have worn the uniform of our country. What will you do to show your appreciation and thanks for what these brave men and women have done for you and our country? For longer than we have been a country, our American Patriots have been fighting wars and battles for our independence, freedom, democracy, and our American way of life.

American Patriots have fought in the Revolutionary War, The War of 1812, The Mexican War, The Civil War, The Spanish-American War, World War I also known as the "Great War" and the "War to End All Wars", World War II called the "Big One", The Korean War, The Vietnam War, battles in Lebanon, Grenada, Bosnia, The Iranian War, The Afghanistan War, and many other battles in the Middle East. You can plainly see that America has been involved in protecting democracy and freedom since its infancy. America has always been ready to help other countries in need of military support in defense of their homelands. But at what sacrifice must our American Veterans endure in paying the price of freedom?

Here are a few examples of the cost of freedom:

The office worker working in his comfortable office complains that it is a little too warm in the complex and asks for the air condition to be set a little lower. But how about the soldier on patrol in the Afghan desert where temperatures can reach 120 degrees, while wearing a 60-pound knapsack on his back, a flak jacket, combat boots, helmet, and carrying a weapon in one hand all this while walking in an IED infested remote area. Remember also that the enemy is well hidden out there just waiting for these troops to arrive. What would this soldier's first sergeant say if he complained that it was a little too warm on this patrol? I am sorry but I can put his response in print.

Then there is the other side of the coin where an employee feels that it is a little chilly and would like the heat increased. The soldiers fighting in the Korean War would be able to comment on this request. Many soldiers were stationed at the Frozen Chosin Reservoir where temperatures were consistently below zero. As they laid in the frozen wind-blown snow, their extremities

were being subjected to frost bite. Unable to stand-up or escape for fear of being shot by the North Korean soldiers lying in wait in the mountains above, they had to remain still under these abusive conditions. There was nothing they could do to keep warm.

Everyone knows of cases while down the shore of being annoyed by those green head flies or being bitten by mosquitos in your backyard. This in no way compares to the Marines in Vietnam who had been crawling through flooded rice paddies during the monsoon season for a week in wet clothes and boots. After this short period of time in the dirty water foot-rot and disease set in. While hunkering down in these jungles so as not to be shot by the Viet Cong snipers. In order to survive, these soldiers had to lie perfectly still while leeches and other jungle insects crawled all over their bodies.

Yes, these are just a few of the difficulties we had to endure as Veterans. There is no truer saying as, "All Gave Some and Some Gave All." When we joined the military we all signed a document to uphold the Constitution of the United States. By doing so, we signed a blank check made payable to The United States of America in the amount of "our life", meaning that we were offering up our life to defend freedom, not only at home but throughout the many countries in the world. We say that we were willing to die for our country but I think it should be said differently such as, we are willing to fight and live for our country. A quote from General Patton in reference to the enemy soldier, "No bastard ever won a war by dying for his country, he won it by making some other dumb bastard die for his country. The first duty of a soldier is to make his enemies die for theirs." We weren't trained to die in battle, but to fight bravely and kill the enemy BEFORE he killed us.

One way you could show your appreciation to a Veteran this year is simply by saying "Thank You for Your Service." You could also ask him about his wartime experiences and you just might be overwhelmed and surprised at the answers you get. That simple "Thank You" will mean so much to an American patriot whether they are older World War II vet or a young Veteran of the War on Terror.

For God and Country

St. Mary's Alumni Reunited At Frog Hollow Race

By Ralph Scully

It was fitting that September 11 was selected as the date for this years Frog Hollow 5K Run Walk since proceeds benefited the city of South Amboy's Fire and First Aid Departments.

Some friends from St. Mary's High had a reunion at the race. Mayor Fred Henry '68 delivered opening remarks honoring the Fire

& First Aid volunteers and all first responders and then joined the racers. Bob Paulukiewicz '69 ran. I ran and represented the class of '67.

It was a beautiful run along the Raritan Bay Waterfront, a bit toasty at 82F at race time. About 100 runners and walkers enjoyed themselves and contributed to a good cause.



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Sayreville Public Library
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 October/November

Halloween Movie Night - Children ages 4 and up accompanied by a parent/caregiver are invited to join us for a movie in our meeting room. Wear your Halloween costume to get in the spirit while watching "The Dog Who Saved Halloween". Sayreville Public Library, Thursday, October 27 at 6PM. We ask that ONLY ONE parent/caregiver attend with child (ren) as space is limited. Register online by visiting: www.sayrevillelibrary.org or for more information please call Marie at 732-727-0212 ext. 26.

Pirate Pete's High Seas Hygiene Show - Muscle Man Mike & Fit 4 Kids present Pirate Pete's High Seas Hygiene Show! This amazing show will teach children about how important it is to take care of their bodies with proper hygiene. Brushing their teeth, washing their hands, combing their hair and using tissues to blow their nose can all be a hassle for children. Let Muscle Man Mike use his magic to make all of this FUN along with his sidekick Pirate Pete! Sayreville Public Library, November 15 at 6PM Registration online by visiting: www.sayrevillelibrary.org or for more information please call Marie at 732-732-0212 ext. 26.

Teen Zombie Party - Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for sweets and treats at the Sayreville Public Library. Make your own zombie t-shirts, get "zombie-like" temporary tattoos, face painting with realistic wounds and scars, games and prizes. Thursday, October 28 at 3PM register online by visiting: www.sayrevillelibrary.org or for more information call Marie at 732-727-0212 ext. 26.

Grave Blanket And Wreath Sale

St. Stan's Rosary Altar Society will be taking orders for grave blankets and wreaths on the week of November 12 & 13, and November 19 & 20. Three sizes are available: Small 2 1/2 - 3 ft. - \$23.00, Medium 3 1/2 ft. - \$28.00, Large 4 - 4 1/2 ft. - \$38.00. Wreaths - \$22.00.

The deadline for orders will be Sunday, November 27th. Payment is due when order is placed, please make check payable to: St. Stan's Rosary Altar Society. Please mail to: St. Stan's Church - Grave Blanket, 225 McArthur Ave., Sayreville, NJ 08872. Kindly include your name, address & phone number. You will be very pleased with your selections. Pick up date is Sunday, December 3rd, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm in the parking lot behind St. Stan's School.

For information please call: Bernadine 732-257-3077, Julie 732-254-4908 or Alfreda 732-257-4839.

Feeling Lucky?

Get out of the house and off the couch - come enjoy an evening or afternoon playing Bingo. St. Stan's Parish, 225 MacArthur Ave., Sayreville - has Bingo each Thursday evening, with doors opening at 6:00 PM and games beginning at 7:30 PM. We also have Sunday afternoon Bingo each week, with doors opening at 12 Noon and games beginning at 1:30 PM. Our kitchen is open for great homemade lunch and dinner specials along with a nice selection of snacks to munch on. Please call our Parish Office at (732) 254-0212 for more information. See you there!

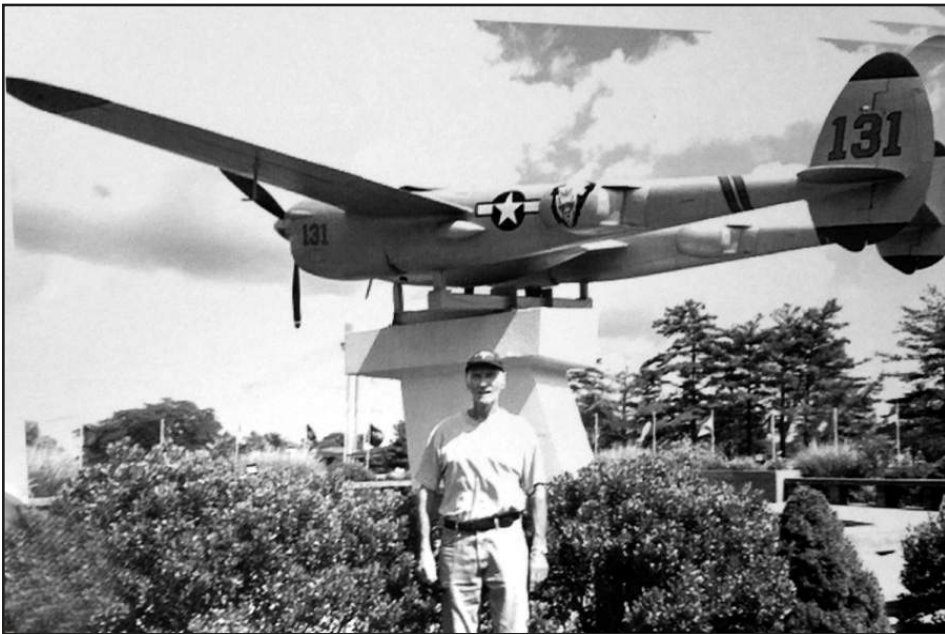
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Long Standing Pride



Nov. 1968-South Amboy's Jerry Covell is pictured after finishing the final touches on the memorial p-38 aircraft that was dedicated to Thomas B. (Pudgy) McGuire for being the most decorated American fighter pilot and the 2nd highest scoring American ace of WWII. He was killed in action Jan. 7, 1945. Jerry, who was the last man on this plane in '68, worked for JCP&L, who had its equipment there for this ceremony. (Photo/story by Joe Lotkowitz)



Sept. 2016-Jerry Covell revisits the memorial site to see how this p-38 aircraft was refurbished and updated in honor of Thomas B. (Pudgy) McGuire, and to check if his work from 1968 was still intact

Our Lady of Victories Happenings



Our Lady of Victories third grade making rosary beads as part of its' religious education enrichment program. (Photos Submitted)



Our Lady of Victories School third grade posing in front of Sayreville fire truck during fire safety day. (Photo Submitted)

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The Spinal Column
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Six Terrific Ways To Catch The Flu Or A Cold

1. Make sure your immune system is not functioning properly: Avoid eating fruits and vegetables. Forget your daily 30 minutes of exercise. Fill your life with added stress and limit sleep to five or six hours a night.

2. Smoke cigarettes. Smokers are more prone to viral infections. They also contract more upper respiratory problems.

3. Hang out with the crowd! Stay in crowded malls and elevators, where people are coughing and sniffing.

4. Don't wash your hands, shaking hands, picking up a common phone, and touching doorknobs, can transfer live cold and flu viruses onto your hands.

5. Rub your eyes, nose and mouth frequently. This is one of the most effective ways of helping a live cold or flu virus make its way from your hands to respiratory system and into your bloodstream.

6. My favorite, the Flu Shot. Should you get yourself and your children vaccinated against the flu? The Vaccine is not a good match for the mutated strains circulating now. CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden said, during a news briefing. As with all medications, there are potential risks, some are minor and some more serious.

Consider these suggestions along with the above information regarding risks versus benefits before getting a flu shot this year and of course, talk to your doctor for more information. As always an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



Salt Water

Fluke season closed for this year. Most of the fish were already on their way offshore. The fishing was not that great. Porgies and lots of them have replaced the Fluke in the bay and ocean. Most of them are medium size, 10 inches and bigger, but there are also some big Shad Porgies 2 to 3 pounds. Surf fishing is mostly small Bluefish and a few short Stripers. To our south it's the same plus a few Kingfish. I gave it a try at Spray Beach at LBI in mid September. I was hoping for a stray Pompano but only managed a small Bluefish and one Kingfish. I didn't see too much caught in the rough surf conditions either. The big jumbo Blues finally arrived and the party boats are catching them not too far offshore. Fish are 10 to 15 pounds and False Albacore are mixed in. The recent storms have hampered the fishing making it difficult.

Fresh Water

Fall Trout stocking starts October 11th. The first week will be stocking major streams. Some streams, like the Black River and upper reaches of the South Branch, will not be stocked due to low water conditions. Hybrid Stripers are still hitting in Spruce River and Lake Hopatcong. The Delaware River is low but lots of small, Small Mouth Bass are being caught.

Wisniewski On Crash

Assembly Transportation Committee Chairman John S. Wisniewski issued the following statement Thursday September 29th on the NJ Transit train crash at the Hoboken station:

"My heartfelt sympathies go out to the families of those who lost their lives in this morning's fatal train crash. Our continued thoughts are with all those who have been injured and we wish for a speedy recovery.

"In times like these we are all the more grateful for the courage and tenacity of our first responders. While their work continues, and the investigation unfolds, I think it's important that we fully understand what happened first before anyone starts calling for solutions," said Wisniewski (D-Middlesex).

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From The Publisher

Twenty five years, wow! That's hard to believe, but this issue marks our 25th Anniversary of bringing you The South Amboy-Sayreville Times (The SA Times) your "good news" newspaper. This "priceless" publication that you are now reading happens to be a record-breaker for our largest paper ever--40 pages, topping our previous mark of 36, which we reached on three occasions. That sure is a long way from back in our early days, when our premiere issue, Oct. 18, 1991, was just 12 pages.

The SA Times success story has to be attributed to all of you who played a significant role in making us your favorite local newspaper. I have to sincerely thank our wonderful advertisers, faithful readers, of course my Associate Publisher Brian Stratton, and our talented staff of voluntary writers and contributing photographers for helping me to publish a masterpiece each and every month for 25 years.

We have always, and I promise to continue to keep my newspaper "Priceless," absolutely FREE, and will also offer FREE publicity (news releases) to local non-profit organizations, such as schools, churches and other fine groups in South Amboy and

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The SA Times readers pay me far beyond any money with their many wonderful compliments on a story, photo, or just by saying that they really enjoy reading The SA Times, and spread the word by sharing their copies of the paper with their friends, neighbors and relatives. It's such an amazing feeling for me, when I know I've made someone's day a little brighter by rekindling a happy memory from years gone by, or mentioning successful people or local students in different articles. Readers, your kind words, compliments and confidence in my advertisers and myself, make creating this newspaper each month, all worthwhile.

If you happen to miss a month of The SA Times, remember you can get it online at our website: www.thesatimes.com and you will also be able to go back in time to view every issue back to Vol. 1 Issue 1 in Oct. 1991.

Again, a big THANK YOU to everyone who has helped make The South Amboy-Sayreville Times your favorite local newspaper!

God Bless You, Tom Burkard, Publisher

Car Show A Big Success

The South Amboy-Sayreville Rotary Club held its 8th Annual Car Show on September 25th at Oasis Chevrolet. The weather was great and there was an excellent turnout. Proceeds from the show will help

support the club's Project Dictionary Program in South Amboy and Sayreville. Rotary is focused on maternal and child health, literacy and education.



Pictured (r-l) Burton Wilkins and Jen Zollo presenting Randy Beetz of Sayreville the trophy for car voted best in show by his peers.



Pictured (r-l) Jen Zollo and Burton Wilkins presenting Richard Kost of South Amboy with the trophy for Best in Show. (Photos/info submitted)

Sayreville American Legion Lenape Post 211 Memorial Service For Vietnam Veterans Commemorating 50th Anniversary Of Vietnam War

(Photos/Captions by Tom Burkard)



Pictured (l-r) following the Memorial Service are former American Legion Commanders Ed Strek, Rich Kosmoski, Jimmy Hickson, Membership Chairman of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 233, which encompasses Middlesex County, Ed Marczak, President of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 233, Sayreville American Legion Lenape Post 211 Commander Larry Doyle.



Featured guest speaker, Ed Marczak, President of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 233, addresses the crowd at the Memorial Service.



Joe Castellano (l) receives a commemorative 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War pin from Rich Kosmoski.



Joe Rudy (l) receives his commemorative pin. All veterans present received a pin and also a proclamation signed by President Barack Obama.



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Obituaries

Aucone, Robert 78, of South Amboy died on Oct. 12.

Applegate, Willis R. "Bill," 81, of South Amboy died on Oct. 1.

Batko, Edward R., 86, of Sayreville Sept. 30.

Belenski, Joan, 92, of Melrose died on Sept. 18.

Belitsis, Gerasimos, 84, of South Amboy died recently.

Beshada, Eleanor Kosh, 94, of South Amboy died on Sept. 23.

Burzawa, Anna, 91, of Parlin died on Sept. 20.

Currie, Samuel V., 71, of Sayreville died on Oct. 5.

Figuroa, Jaun, 72, of South Amboy died on Sept. 23.

Gerleit, Robert A., "Bob," 66, of Parlin died on Oct. 11.

Jankowski, John "Jack," 75, formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville died on Aug. 31.

McCloud, Kathryn, 82, of South Amboy died on Sept. 26.

Nelthropp, Chelsea, 24, of South Amboy died on Sept. 26.

Paul, Diane G., 64, of South Amboy died on Oct. 6.

Pavich, Grace Holton, 95, of South Amboy died on Sept. 23.

Robe, Charlotte, 72, of Parlin died on Sept. 22.

Schein, Robert "Bob," 66, formerly of Melrose died on Sept. 29.

Switzer, Michael, 60, of South Amboy died on Oct. 4.

Szatkowski, Agatha N., 91, of Sayreville died on Sept. 26.

Vanni, Marie, 94, of South Amboy died on Oct. 12.

Winkler, Charles John "Chuck", 90 of Old Bridge died on Oct. 3.

Wlodarczyk, Catherine "Kate," 81, formerly of Sayreville died on Sept. 23.

Yates, Kenneth A., 56, of Sayreville died on Oct. 10.



Sacred Heart Altar Rosary Society executive board from left: Anne Szatkowski, Vice President; Emma Sumski, Treasurer; Fr. Stanley Gromadzki, Moderator; Virginia Zrebiec, Interim President; and Dorothy Benson, Secretary.

Communion Breakfast Held

The Sacred Heart Altar Rosary Society sponsored its annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, October 9. The event began with the members meeting for Corporate Communion at the 9 AM Mass, which was concelebrated by Fr. Stanley Gromadzki, Pastor and the organization's Moderator, and Fr. Marian Drozd, Parochial Vicar. The installation of officers and new member Lynn Cooper took place during the Mass.

Officers are: Ann Marie Tauber, President; Virginia Zrebiec, Interim President; Anne Szatkowski, Vice President; Emma Sumski, Treasurer; and Dorothy Benson, Secretary. Clare Moskwa is the Spiritual Officer.

Over 60 members and guests attended the breakfast in Memorial Hall afterwards. Ann Marie Tauber was named Rosarian of the Year. She has served as President for the past 14 years and has achieved many accomplishments in that time. Due to illness, she is now home bound.

The South Amboy All Stars-1948, 1950, 1951

By John Flip Phillips

Something special happened in the summer of 1948, 1950 and again in 1951. A group of young guys 18 and under brought excitement to the whole city. Back then in the spring and summer baseball was the name of the game. In the spring there was almost always an afternoon game being played at Veterans field by either Hoffman or St. Mary's. When school was out baseball continued. There were several summer leagues: there was the Senior League, the Junior League

by Jerry Connors and Bill (Biff) McKeon best explains how they got the money and some of the "living" arrangements:

Jerry: "Once we won in Newark we put on a full court press to collect money. *We went door to door with cardboard beer containers, and the containers were put in all businesses. The Star Ledger and the City gave money also. We had enough to get top quality uniforms, caps and jackets. Also, sanitary socks which we never had before."



The 1948 South Amboy All Stars Baseball Squad.

and a Midget League. Baseball was being played every day on fields throughout the city. Out of this came three teams that earned their way to the prestigious All American Amateur Baseball Association (AAABA) tournament in Johnstown Pennsylvania. The story will be done in two parts. Part 1 will focus on the 1948 team, and Part 2, (1950 & 1951) will follow in a future edition. Here, based on a lot of memory from some of the guys who participated, is how it happened. At the end of these stories I will try to name everyone from those teams. A lot of those guys are no longer with us, but they are part of the history of South Amboy and should be recognized and remembered.

Part 1 1948

The team was formed on the front porch of the McKeon family home on upper John Street by brothers Jack and Bill. The team was made up of some of the best players from Hoffman and St. Mary's and was called The Goveagles. Back then Hoffman's nickname was the Purple and Gold Governors to honor South Amboy native Governor Harold Hoffman who graduated from the school in 1913? And of course St. Mary's was the Blue and Gold Eagles.

First off the All Stars won the Middlesex County Freeholders Tournament. They beat the American Legion team from Perth Amboy to win the tournament at Johnson Park, Highland Park. This got them invited to play in the Newark Star Ledger N.J. State Amateur Tournament. They won that as well by beating St. Lucy's CYO, Newark and the Newark Black Sox to get to the championship game. Ray Stockton was the winning pitcher and Jerry Connors drove in the winning run in the St Lucy game. In the win over the Newark Black Sox Jerry Connors was the winning pitcher. The final game was played against a team from Irvington at Ruppert Stadium, home of the New York Yankees AAA farm team, the Newark Bears. I am told there was a big South Amboy following at the championship game, and the game was sold out. The final score was 14-2. The winning pitcher was Ray Stockton, and Johnny O'Brien, Leo Kedzierski and Jack McKeon led the hit parade with three hits each. Jack McKeon and Eddie O'Brien were selected to the All-Tournament Team. Now it was off to Johnstown PA.

Before the team left for Johnstown the Ryan brothers (Rich and Bill "Smokey") were asked to be the official coaches of the team. The team left South Amboy in a Marathon Bus (remember them?) and headed up to Newark to get the train that would take them to Johnstown. A large crowd gathered to see them off and the police escorted the bus to the city line. To get there and cover expenses required money. The hotel, transportation and meal expenses were provided by the Newark Star Ledger and the AAABA. However, new uniforms and equipment was the responsibility of the invited team. Before I get to the games I think the following memories

They collected over \$1,200, (in today's dollar that's about \$12,000.) The train to Johnstown, hotel and food was paid for by the AAABA. (Here is how Jerry described some of the living arrangements): **"We stayed in the Hendler Hotel (2 stars at best). In '48 we had a few rooms. In our room we had 8 players. The 2 McKeon's in one bed, the 2 O'Brien's in one bed, Zawacki on a cot between the beds, Skeets, Kedzierski and Connors in the open space." (picture that!)

*Every week the old South Amboy Citizen ran a column that listed "every" contribution by name regardless of the amount donated.

Bill: **"The 1948 All Star Team stayed in some downtown hotel that didn't have air conditioning. We ate in some downtown restaurant where "Skeets" and I ate cantaloupe and ice cream every meal. I ended up in the Johnstown Hospital one night by ambulance with a bad stomach. In the restaurant we ate with meal tickets worth x amount for breakfast/dinner/supper as a team and at a certain hour. We generally played (2) games per day so there wasn't much time for anything else. As we looked out our hotel window we could see beer signs lit up in the mountains. Some of the games were played up in the mountains. We used the large Tram that carried both people and vehicles to get to the ballpark." **No air conditioning and up to 8 guys in a room, and it was August!

The Games

The winner of the 1948 Tournament was a team from New Orleans (St. Aloysius). The SA All Stars finished in fourth place with a record of 3 and 2. They won the first three games besting Amsterdam (NY) 10 to 2, Harrisburg (PA) 15 to 1, and Concord (Mass) 7 to 2. Then in a late night game (9PM) they lost to New Orleans by a score of 12 to 4. And on a Sunday afternoon they lost to a team from Washington DC and were eliminated from the tournament by a score of 4 to 3.

Game 1: The All Stars blasted 3 home runs on their way to the 10-2 win over Amsterdam NY. Jack Zawacki, Eddie O'Brien and Leo Kedzierski belted the homers and Jerry Connors was the winning pitcher.

Game 2: Again the All Stars romped to a 15-1 win. And, set a tournament record for the most hits in a game, 21! They also belted another three home runs to set another tournament record of 6 homers in two games. The homers were hit by Eddie O'Brien (2 in two games), twin brother Johnny O'Brien and Ray Wisniewski. Jerry Connors had three hits and 5 RBI's while Jack Zawacki went a perfect 4 for 4. Ray Stockton was the winning pitcher with 5 strong innings and 8 strikeouts. Lefty Alfie O'Connor pitched a near perfect 4 innings of shutout ball allowing only 1 hit.

Game 3: The third game followed the same pattern as the first two. The All Stars beat a team from Concord NH by a score of 7-2. Once again Ray Stockton was the winning pitcher allowing only 5 hits

Pet Blessing At Sacred Heart Church

(Photos/info by Joe Lotkowitz)



Pictured near the Sacred Heart parking lot by Memorial Hall, is the crowd of animal lovers who came to get their pets blessed by Rev. Marian Drozd.



Rev. Drozd blesses a dog, as other owners wait to have their pets blessed.



Rev. Marian Drozd of Sacred Heart Church blesses the animals.

and striking out 8. Leo Kedzierski hit a grand slam home run in the 9th inning to "ice" the game, the homer was his 2nd of the tournament.

Game 4: Now they were in the quarter finals. Only three more wins to take the tournament and things looked good. However, they drew the eventual winners of the tournament St Aloysius of New Orleans and lost by a score of 12 to 4 in front of over 6000 fans. The first inning was a "nightmare" with 6 errors leading to 7 runs. They fought back but the first inning could not be overcome. The rest of the way it was a 5-4 game. The New Orleans pitcher was a lefty named Larry LaSalle who started the game by picking off Eddie O'Brien and Leo Kedzierski in the first inning. He went on to pitch for the Boston Braves and Pittsburg Pirates. (Biff still to this day says he balked)

Game 5: Since the tournament was 2 losses and out they had to win two games in the semi-finals to get to the championship. However, they ran up against a red hot team from Washington DC and lost a close one 4-3 and were eliminated. They got a standing ovation from the crowd as they left the field.

Note: The two games they lost were to the winner of the 1947 tournament, Washington DC, and the winner of the 1948 tournament, New Orleans. If only that first inning against New Orleans did not happen.

When the team arrived back in South Amboy after the tournament they were met by a large crowd and rode around town with horns blasting. The city was very proud of that team made up of Hoffman and St. Mary's young guys and what they were able to accomplish. Three guys from the team were inducted into the AAABA Hall of Fame: Eddie O'Brien, Johnny O'Brien

and Jack McKeon.

The Team: Coaches, Richie and "Smokey" Ryan. Players, Jerry Connors, Eddie and Johnny O'Brien, Jack and Bill (Biff) McKeon, Ray Stockton, Leo Kedzierski, Jack Zawacki, Ray Wisniewski, Alfie O'Connor, Bob Kenny, "Ace" Hennessey, John "Poncho" Kovaleski, John "Skeets" Skarzynski, Jerry Hoban, Jack Larkin and Jim "Troubles" O'Brien scorekeeper etc.

The Booster Club: Charlie Eppinger (President), John Mullane (Treasurer), Richie Schultz (Secretary), and Frank Kurzawa (Donations Chairman), plus a host of volunteers.

A lot of the names above are gone now but they will always be remembered by us "old timers" who grew up in the Pleasant Little City by The Bay during this special time: South Amboy.

Now it's off to try and do a story about the 1950 and 1951 All Stars. Some of the same guys will be on the team along with newcomers like George Spiecker, Billy Bouchard, Joe Bonczek (Sayreville) and more.

A special thanks to Bill (Biff) McKeon and Jerry Connors for helping me put this story together.



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