

Sayreville Dems Select McGill

David McGill, a Democratic councilman for the Borough of Sayreville has been endorsed by the Sayreville Democratic Organization to oppose longtime Republican Mayor Kennedy O'Brien, who will face a primary challenge in the June 2 election, from former Councilman Frank Bella, who calls himself "Time for a Change" Republican.

Also running in the November 3rd general election for council will be Incumbent Democratic Councilman Ricci Melendez and Steven Grillo, a newcomer. The Republican candidates for the council seats are Pat Lembo and David Lewis.

Ciak Elected Secretary/Treasurer Of NSBA

Former Sayreville Board of Education president and member of the district's Board of Education, Kevin E. Ciak, was recently elected Secretary/Treasurer of the National School Boards Associations (NSBA). Ciak, who was first elected to the Sayreville Board of Education at age 19, has now been a member for 21 years.

From 2011 to 2015, he was the northeast region representative to the NSBA, and in 2013, Ciak was selected New Jersey Board of Education Member of the Year by an out-of-state judging panel. Congratulations and best of luck, Kevin!

Captain Farley Dies

Leo Farley, 77, of Sayreville died on March 20. He was a well-respected member of the Sayreville Police Department from 1962-1996, and retired as a Captain. In addition, he was a boys' basketball coach for Our Lady of Victories, and also a member of the Sayreville Youth Guidance Organization.

Local Businessman Dies

By Tom Burkard

Well-known businessman Vincenzo "Vinny," Covello, 66, of Parlin died on April 12. He was a highly-successful chef/restaurantier, who had several businesses starting with Pizza Party, and then followed by Covello's Restaurant & Pizzeria for 11 years. It later became Covello's Restaurant at Wally's Bar in Sayreville, and most recently Covello's Italian Seafood Restaurant in Morgan.



Vinny Covello

"Vinny" was respected in the local communities, and praised by many for his high-quality home-made dishes, which were based on traditional Covello Sicilian family recipes. "Vinny" will be missed and never forgotten.

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The C-Town fire one hour after the fire alarms were heard. Firefighters utilized all of the city's equipment and received assistance from surrounding area's to combat this five alarm fire. See more photos on page 20. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

C-Town Destroyed By Fire

By Tom Burkard

The C-Town supermarket on Borden-town Ave. in South Amboy was hit by its second fire since January, but this time, the building was totally demolished in a blaze that sent thick black smoke over much of the City of South Amboy during the two-hour inferno. Firefighters from South Amboy, Sayreville, Laurence Harbor and other parts of Middlesex and Monmouth counties bravely battled the huge blaze, which was fueled by a 20 m.p.h. wind, but was under control at 7 p.m. A South Amboy firefighter suffered heat exhaustion, was treated at the hospital, and released.

C-Town suffered damage in January when a fire began in the attic, caused by an electrical short in the wiring, according to officials. The store had been closed at the time, with no injuries, and the fire was ruled accidental.

C-Town opened in 2013 in South Amboy, following the longtime landmark, South Amboy Foodtown, which started in 1966. The late Frank Paczkowski started

the original Frank's Meat Market, 87 years ago. His son Ed Paczkowski is the owner, and had run Foodtown until Hurricane Sandy and the economy were too much to overcome, as the store lost \$200,000 worth of perishables because the store had gone 15 days without power, and was reimbursed only \$50,000. Sadly the business was closed in 2012, but in 2013, Paczkowski leased the store to Nasser Nasser, who presently operated C-Town. Ed Paczkowski was devastated by the loss of the business that was so important to the Paczkowski family, but locals are hoping that it will be rebuilt in the future. When reached for a comment Ed said that, "Our family is heartbroken. The business was started by my father back in 1928. We've always been treated well by the people and the local towns, and we're sorry this happened. We certainly didn't want it to. Right now, we're concerned with getting the property cleaned and then we'll see where we stand."

Demolition/cleanup of the building's remains is currently underway.

Memorial Day Parade May 17th

The South Amboy Memorial Day Parade will be held on Sunday, May 17th, starting at 2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Council #426, on Fourth St. and North Stevens Ave. Anyone wishing to participate is more than welcome.

South Amboy Road Collapsed

By Steve Schmid

Middlesex County Water Company employees worked throughout the day and night to stabilize the ground around Gordon St. March 24. The street collapse at the end of Gordon St. was originally reported as a sinkhole that swallowed up a car and forced the evacuation of three homes. South Amboy Fire Chief Mike Geraltowski said the hole was filled with rock, dirt and other objects. He said a new retaining wall will stabilize the road area and prevent further erosion. Geraltowski said the road collapse was caused by a water main break which loosened the soil. Geraltowski said it was lucky the street collapse occurred when it did, since the Gordon St. area was used as a staging area for the city's St. Patrick's Day parade two days earlier. See photo on page 4.

Annual Police Memorial Ceremony

On Monday, May 11, 2015 at 11:00am, 140 North Broadway a memorial service is held to honor the departed officers of our local police department. Family members, past and present law enforcement officers and all interested members of the public are cordially invited to attend.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER will be held on May 7, 2015. People of all different faiths will gather on that day to pray for the nation and its leaders in front of the South Amboy City Hall on Broadway at 12:00 noon.

City Wide Yard Sale

The City of South Amboy will hold a City Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, June 20, 2015, 8AM-4PM. There is no cost to City residents, the event will be advertised in local papers and the internet. Just tie balloons in front of your home. For information on this event, please contact EVENTS@SOUTHAMBOYNJ.GOV or contact Amy at 732.525.5960.

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American flags were proudly displayed everywhere during the Sayreville Little League's 2015 Opening Day festivities. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Enthusiastic children and their coaches are pictured by the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426, prior to the start of the South Amboy Youth Athletic Association's Opening Day parade. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Don't Miss The Grand Opening!

Colleen's Kitchen will be having its Grand Opening real soon at 115 South Broadway, South Amboy, so be sure to check it out! Owner Carol Johnson is known for her outstanding food, and with a very convenient location in downtown South Amboy, should satisfy the appetites of hungry patrons. Watch for more info in the May 23rd issue of The SA Times.

Happy 90th Birthday, Harold!

Popular South Amboy resident, Harold Dennen celebrated his 90th birthday on April 9th. Harold, a proud military veteran, is a great local man, who has been active in many organizations including American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy, and has also served as an active volunteer firefighter for many years. In addition, he has coached many South Amboy youngsters in youth league baseball. Happy Birthday, Harold, and thank you for all you've done for so many people through the years!

In Memoriam

Vincent Kupsch, 85, formerly of Sayreville died March 20. He was the former owner/operator of Vince's Rental Center in Sayreville for 19 years before retiring in 1990. Patrick Grimley, 50, formerly of South Amboy died on March 23. He was a good guy, and real gentleman, who played for St. Mary's baseball team in the early 1980's. Adelaide Wallis, 95, of South Amboy died on March 29. She was a fine lady, who always had a kind word for everyone. Frank "Smiley" Mioduszewski Jr., 63, formerly of South Amboy died on March 30. He was one of the good guys, and of course always had a smile on his face. He recently retired from DuPont's after 44 years of service Cynthia "Cindy" Gunnell-Vuocolo, 61, of Parlin died on April 1. She was a former member/past president of Our Lady of Victories School HAS.

Pleasant Little Trivia

By Tom Burkard

1. What year did Kennedy O'Brien become Mayor of Sayreville? a. 1991 b. 1995 c. 1999
2. In '79, where was Webb's Auto Body Repairs located in Sayreville? a. Washington Rd. b. Ernston Rd. c. Rt. 35 Morgan
3. Exalted Ruler of the Sayreville Elks Lodge #2555 in 1982? a. Joseph Damion b. Paul Popovich c. Edward Schaaf
4. In what section of Sayreville is Oak St. located? a. Morgan b. Melrose c. Woodside
5. In 1975, where was Hurricane Model Raceway located in Sayreville? a. South Pine Ave. b. Rt. 9 North c. Jernee Mill Rd.
6. In '83 what section of Sayreville was On The Rocks located? a. Melrose b. President Park c. Morgan
7. In 1982, this person was appointed to the South Amboy Housing Board by Mayor J. Thomas Cross? a. Joseph McCarthy b. Steve Hamilton c. Daniel Lewis
8. South Amboy's City Council president in 1990? a. Craig Coughlin b. Richard O'Connor c. Edward Defort
9. The adult winner of the South Amboy Recreation Dept. annual Fresh Water Fishing Contest in 1988? a. Rick Shingola b. Phil Kurtz c. Charlie Koerner
10. President of South Amboy PTA in 1985-86? a. Beverly Kovacs b. Virginia Stillwagon c. Mary Lobritski
11. Superintendent of South Amboy Public Works Dept. in 1986? a. Charles Thompson b. Richard Muchanic c. Gerald Garnett
12. St. Mary's HS Spring Production in 1990 was called? a. Evergreen b. The Sound of Music c. My Fair Lady

Answers

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



Steve Abrams visited students recently at St. Stanislaus Kostka School to explain different forms of puppetry. The children had lots of fun at the assembly. (Photo courtesy of Magdalene Florczak)

Trip to Dover Downs May 31

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 sponsor a trip to Dover International Speedway Sunday, May 31 to see the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race featuring top NASCAR drivers. Cost of \$110 includes race ticket, roundtrip motorcoach transportation, snacks and beverages. Motorcoach leaves the parking lot at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy at 7 a.m. For reservations call Ray Suchicki at 732-721-2025.

Mets Trip Saturday June 13

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 sponsor an outing to beautiful Citi Field to see the Mets battle their division rival Atlanta Braves in a 4:10 p.m. game. Cost of \$80 includes field level reserved seat, David Wright replica jersey, roundtrip motorcoach transportation, voucher for a free hamburger, or hot dog, or pizza slice, with french fries and soda. Snacks and soft drinks are also available.

Motorcoach leaves the parking lot at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. For reservatons, call Steve at 732-727-1707.

Music At St. Mary's

"MASM is pleased to present its final concert of the season. The Saint Mary Chamber Orchestra, under the baton of Maestro Christopher M.C. Deibert, will perform Mozart's Symphony #31 (Paris) and Symphony #38 (Prague). The concert will also feature Horn Concerto No. 4, one of Mozart's most famous concerti; featuring Kyle Anderson French Horn. Come and help us toast the middle of springtime with this marvelous music. Sunday-May 17th; 4:00 pm, at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy NJ, 08879! Free admission (\$15 donation suggested). A special celebratory wine and cheese reception will follow the concert."

Golf Outing May 14

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their annual golf outing Thursday May 14 at Cruz Farms Golf Course in Farmingdale. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with tee-off at 9 a.m. Cost of \$90 includes 18 holes of play, golf cart, lunch, dinner, and many prizes. For more information call Ray at 732-721-2025 or Wayne at 732-406-2340.

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Tom Ryan (r), owner/founder of Sure Hit Home Improvements and his son Matt (l) provide outstanding home service for all of your needs. Sure Hit will be starting its 48th year in business this June. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

South Amboy native Tom Ryan started his Sure Hit Home Improvements business 48 years this June, and along with his son Matt, plus a fine work crew, is still going strong as one of the area's top home improvements businesses.

Dedication, hard work, perseverance, and top quality workmanship have made Sure Hit Home Improvements the highly successful business it is today. Sure Hit's motto is "Better because we want to be."

Sure Hit Home Improvements offers a large variety of home services, with specialties such as roofing, siding, remodeled kitchens, finished basements, decks, replacement windows, custom cabinets, additions, bathrooms and much more. In addition, they also handle state and local code violations.

Tom and Matt Ryan have been active supporters and sponsors for local baseball

and softball teams for many years, and Sure Hit Home Improvements men's softball team has captured numerous championships through the years.

Tom Ryan proudly stated that "Sure Hit Home Improvements has been serving the local communities for six generations." When asked why Sure Hit has been so successful and so many others have failed in the past, Tom said that "I'm always honest to people, and competitive. I always try to work within their price range."

The Ryans really love their work, especially in the local communities, and Tom said "The city has been good to me, and God has been good to me and my family."

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Coming up—summer reading! Ask your teachers what books you'll need so that we could make sure they're available for you!

Windows 8 for Beginners

For everyone who still remains befuddled by Windows 8, come down to Sayreville Public Library on Monday, May 4 from 6:00 to 8:00PM. Bring your device if you are able to so that you can walk away with a better understanding of this system.

To register, contact Alaina at alainad@lmxac.org, call 732-727-0212 ex. 25, or register online at www.sayrevillelibrary.org!

Sadie Studio Programs:

Teens, choose from ten different models to build your own Remote Control Kinect Cars on April 2, and April 16 at 3 pm. Fight off Ogres and complete mazes using Coding Commands with the Coding RPG Program every Thursday in April at 4 and 6 pm. Learn how to make Recycled Bead Bracelets using strips of magazines, newspapers, and colorful paper April 9, and 23 at 3 pm. Build a battery operated Robot that will doodle designs on April 30 at 3 pm.

Adults are invited to join the Knitting Club, which meets the first and third Tuesday of each month. Free, drop-in eBook help is available every Thursday from 6:15 -7:45 pm. Adult Code4Fun programs will be scheduled, so contact the library for the next available program.

For more information, visit the library online at www.dowdell.org or contact the library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The library is adjacent to the South Amboy High School on O'Leary Boulevard.



Veterinarian Dr. Joseph Spinazzola (l) administers a rabies shot to a beautiful dog, as the owner looks on during the clinic held at Independence Fire house on North Broadway, South Amboy. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



There was a huge street collapse at the end of Gordon St. in South Amboy on March 24th. The sinkhole swallowed up this car and forced evacuation of 3 homes. (Photo by Dawn Matthews)

Sayreville Businesses Recover From Fire

By Steve Schmid

Businesses at the 881 Main St. Sayreville strip mall continue to recover from the February 26 fire. The first business to reopen at the mall is Quick Check which reopened April 14. “I’m very happy to be open. I missed our customers very much,” store manager Susana Henriqu said. The store has been renovated, a new Q Cafe introduced. The store is also donating 25 cents for every sub and wrap sandwich to the Sayreville Fire Department until May 13. Manhattan Bagels also plans to reopen in the coming weeks. Owner Hamed Barzak said they need to get electricity back and complete repairs. He misses his customers. Owner Ru Lian of Peking Garden & Kenny’s Sushi said she misses serving customers and also plans to reopen in the

coming weeks. Isabella’s Hair Salon has re-located to 152 Main St. Sayreville. Furry N’ Fabulous Pet Salon also moved to 152 Main St. Sayreville. Both businesses were lucky to find space quickly. They have the same phone numbers and are happy to be back in businesss. Be Be Nails has moved to 1009 King Georges Ave. Colonia. They invite their customers to visit them there.

Understanding Your Android Tablet or Phone

Did you recently get a tablet or phone that has an Android system? Do you feel overwhelmed and intimidated? Android is an operating system for mobile phones and tablets, in much the same way that PCs run Microsoft Windows as their operating system. It’s maintained by Google, and comes in a few different versions. You can download apps, play games, send email, browse the Internet, listen to music, read books, and more all on your Android device! Let tech gadget guru, Hank Loch, help you understand your device when he discusses the basics so that you can start enjoying it! Join Hank at Sayreville Public Library on Monday, May 18 from 6:00 to 8:00PM.

Folks who have devices by manufacturers such as Samsung, Google, Sony, Asus, and Amazon are invited to come. Apple products will NOT be discussed. Participants should bring their devices. If you are unsure if your device is an Android device, call Alaina and she can help you figure it out!

To register, contact Alaina by phone at 732-727-0212 ex. 25, email alainad@lmxac.org, or register online at www.sayrevillelibrary.org!

**Please note that this is not a one-on-one class, but rather an introductory lecture meant to highlight some of the basic features of devices. Folks who have iPads or iPhones are invited to join us at a different class scheduled for May that is yet to be announced! **

Yearbook-Sayreville 1985

By Tom Burkard

The new school year was barely a month old, when on Oct. 2, 1984, teachers, secretaries, and cafeteria workers went on strike that would last for 2 weeks...

Some popular faculty members at SWMHS were: Barbara Johnson, Carol McCormack, Max Kitzke, Shelly Logan, Patrick Marotta, Charlotte Carosh, Monica Newton, John Riker, and Dorothy Grudziecka was Special Education Supervisor...The Student Council was made up of President-Cindy Fingerlin, Vice President-Al Budny, Secretary-Sherri Martin, Treasurer-Joe Condiracci...

The school’s heavy social schedule began with the Spanish Club’s Fall Festival in Oct. ’84...The Fall Pep Rally started the Homecoming celebrations. Sherri Martin was chosen Homecoming Queen...On the national scene, Ronald Reagan defeated Mondale for President. Mondale’s running mate, Geraldine Ferraro was the first woman ever to seek the vice presidency...While back at Sayreville, do you remember the 3-act play “The Skin of Our Teeth,” which ran on Dec. 7-8, 1984?...The Christmas Concert was a great event, and during the Christmas season, Student Council members dressed as Santa and his elves, and brought good will to Middlesex General Hospital...

Other social happenings at the school were School Spirit Week; The Almost Anything Goes; Foreign Language Week; the Senior Class Prom, which was held at Westmont C.C., where teenagers danced to the music of the band, “Flossy.”

Some clubs and presidents were Ecology/Biology-Regina Ferraro; DECA-Sue Schaaf; Spanish-Stacey Gardner; French-Jacqueline Kuran; National Honor Society-George Evanego; Library Council-Stacy Hellinger...Shaun Ferguson was Editor-in-Chief of the school newspaper, “Echo Lites”...Editor-in-Chief of the yearbook,

“Quo Vadis,” was Stephanie Wasik...Gregg Pachkowski and Ann Marie Lajewski were Drum Majors; Cheerleader Captains-Sherri Martin and Cindy Fingerlin, and co-captain-Michelle O’Hare...

A few of the many talented senior athletes were Derek Haley, Cliff Repetti, Bob Tomaszewski, Phil Esteves, Lisa Grankowski, Vanessa Carney, Terry Lockwood, Tony Castronovo, Gerard VanPell, George Evanego, Andrew Napurano, March Caruso, Reyne Borup, who won the county diving championship 4 years in a row, Kevin Hourahan, Tom Lasko...

A group called Band Aid released a video called “Feed The World,” and USA For Africa comprised of music superstars released a song, “We Are The World.” Both projects brought in millions of dollars for the needy...In NJ, a tough new seat belt law went into effect, and regulations for drinking and driving were tightened.

Some members of Sayreville’s fine graduating class of ’85 included: Gregory Baran, Renee Blanda, Dan Buckler, Mary Casey, Mike Chiofalo, Sharon Cholewa, George Christie, Brian Coyle, Jim Duffy, Michael Erdek, Stacey Gondek, Michele Goodspeed, Dawn Graff, Lisa Harkins, Nancy Hockenjos, Jennifer Jablonski, Stacy Jablonski, Jackie Kenny, James Kiernan, Jacqueline Kuran, Chris Kurtz, Tom Laniewski, Michael Moran, Joel Nieminski, Brooke Noble, Michael Nordling, Dennis O’Leary, Michael Olchasky, Anthony Pistilli, Dan Rysinski, Billie Jo Spain, Scott Spiecker, Frank Sinatra, Jill Skwira, Joyce Starace, Tony Vella, Fred Whiteley, Colleen Wagner, Gary Wysocki, Jerry Condiracci, Robert Saunders.

SWMHS Class of ’85 was a most talented group of motivated individuals destined for success!

Clothing Drive

Spring Break means Spring Cleaning..... Clothing Drive Starts now....The CMHS Varsity Cheerleading team is collecting clothing, shoes, bedding, blankets, towels, stuffed animals etc. All items can be dropped off at St. Mary’s/CMHS parking lot in South Amboy (there is a shute) right against the building towards the 2nd St entrance of the lot! Collection ends May 15th....thank you in advance!

Spring Planting

Celebrate Spring! Join us in beautifying the grounds around our library. Children of all ages welcome. Sayreville Public Library, May 9, at 9:30 AM. Event is made possible in conjunction with the International Cultural Education Center. (ICEC) Plants and gardening supplies will be provided. To register please visit: www.sayrevillelibrary.org or call Marie Chuntz, Youth Services Associate at 732-727-0212 ext. 26.

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Darren Ventre is a motivational speaker, author, and a mental skills coach, who inspires people of all ages around the country with his message, “There is no neutral in life; we

either hold back or go all out!” He is the author of the book, Quitters Always Win: 99 Behaviors You Need to Quit. Darren teaches powerful life messages through meaningful props, re-enacting movie scenes, performing magic, and reciting inspirational poems. He has even been seen walking on glass! He has spoken at such prestigious locations as The Borgata, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Verizon Wireless Headquarters, Seton Hall University, and Rutgers University.

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Our Lady of Victories Living Stones in conjunction with the St. Vincent dePaul Society (and lots of help from the Knights of Columbus and many volunteers, held their 10th Annual Friendship Meal on Saturday March 28. Over 600 meals were served to the homebound in the surrounding area and a standing room only crowd of very happy guests. There was no charge to anyone, and all the food and supplies were donated. (Photos/info submitted)



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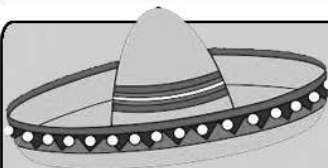


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This car accident happened on Bordentown Ave. March 24. The driver of the car was taken to the hospital for medical treatment. The electric pole the car hit had to be replaced, and it left traffic snarled for several hours. (Photo/info submitted)

Save The Date!

St. Stan's Rosary Altar Society is presenting an evening with Elvis! The Elvis Tribute will feature the famous Las Vegas headliner Craig Newell. The event will take place on Sat., May 16 at St. Stan's School Gym, 225 MacArthur Ave., Sayreville. Doors open at 6 p.m. and Buffet is at 6:30 p.m. The show begins at 8 p.m. and runs to 10 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person, cash bar, casual dress. Bring back all of your favorite Elvis memories. You will be in for an unforgettable show with Craig as Elvis. Please reserve your table early. A night to remember! For tickets and information please call Connie 732-651-6391; Bernie 732-257-3077; Church Office 732-254-2012. We would like to thank you for your support.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

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

Way, Way Back When

By Tom Burkard
112 Years Ago

John E. Montgomery was a Republican state Assemblyman from South Amboy... William Dey, also from South Amboy was the Sergeant-At-Arms in the state Assembly, and Michael Welsh was from South Amboy, and served as a Middlesex County Freeholder... Sayreville also had a county Freeholder, Joseph Allgair... Each of the officials received a salary of \$500 per year!

Circle Motor Lodge Plans To Reopen

By Steve Schmid

General Manager Amin Satani is working hard to get the Circle Motor Lodge back in operation. The 71 room hotel at 1 Victory Plaza Sayreville was heavily damaged from a January 7 fire. Satani said they plan on re-opening 50 rooms of the hotel next month. He said they have to clean up the rooms to make them ready for occupancy. He praised the Sayreville Fire Department for their efforts in saving the hotel from worse damage.

Autism Awareness Swim-A-Thon

The third annual Autism Awareness Swim-A-Thon, coinciding with "Autism Awareness Month" in April, takes place from 9 a.m. – Noon on Saturday, April 25 at the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission's Aquatics & Fitness Center, 333 Cheesequake Road, Parlin.

Proceeds from the Swim-A-Thon will benefit Autism New Jersey, the state's leading Autism resource, which is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Autism New Jersey provides essential information, advocacy and support to children and their families about Autism Spectrum Disorder.

To participate or make a donation to the Swim-A-Thon, please contact Katelyn Dauphinee, Aquatics Coordinator, at (732) 317-0333 or KDauphinee@mresc.k12.nj.us. Additional information about the Swim-A-Thon or Autism New Jersey can be found at www.mresc.k12.nj.us, and www.autismnj.org respectively.

The Aquatics & Fitness Center, located in MRESC's Center for Lifelong Learning, features a recreational and lap pool, gymnasium, strength training and cardiovascular equipment, and is open for community use. The CLL is one of MRESC's seven schools which provide a range of services for student's ages 3-21 with autism, multiple disabilities and at-risk behavior, and facilitates a clinical support program for students 5-21 years old. Founded in 1977, the MRESC also manages a Co-op Pricing System, the largest state approved cooperative, coordinates transportation services for over 14,500 students in New Jersey, and recently launched a Superintendent Search Service.

Photo: The 3rd Annual Autism Awareness Swim-A-Thon is Saturday, April 25th at the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission's Aquatics & Fitness Center, 333 Cheesequake Road, Parlin.

Teen Volunteers

Students who will be entering grades 9-12 in the fall are invited to attend an orientation explaining our Teen Summer Volunteer Program, taking place from June 20 thru August 20. Volunteers will work in the Children's Dept. and help with our very busy summer reading program. Volunteers interested in applying must attend one of the two orientation sessions being offered. A limited number of spaces are available. Acceptance into the program will be based on performance on a library skills test. Volunteers must hold a Sayreville Library membership in their name and be in good standing! Orientation will take place at the Sayreville Public Library on June 4, 2015 at 2:45 PM and 6:00 PM. For more information call Marie Chuntz, Youth Services Associate at 732-727-0212 ext. 26.



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Ray Rupp (l) and his wife Andy Rupp (c), former owners of Rupp's Ace Hardware in Sayreville, have retired, and sold their business to Alessandra Conte-Petrozzino (r), and her husband, Alfonso Petrozzino, who was not present for photo. The name of the business has been changed to Total Hardware and Garden, but the service will be excellent as it always has been. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Rupp's Changes Owners

By Tom Burkard

Rupp's Sayreville Ace Hardware which has been a household name in the Borough of Sayreville since 1953, has new owners and a different name—Total Hardware and Garden. The very popular and beloved owners Ray and Andy Rupp have officially retired, and sold their business to Alfonso and Alessandra Conte-Petrozzino, who plan to continue the wonderful hometown feel and tradition established by the Rupps, as well as to implement new ideas such as featuring a garden center and hosting fix-it seminars and workshops.

Ray said that, "I'll miss dealing with the people. Our customers were like friends to us. We were a third generation family business. We were successful because of the customers for 62 years, and we appreciated their patronage. We served Sayreville, South Amboy, Old Bridge and South River. We have so many fond memories through the years."

Ray and Andy Rupp touched many local lives in a very positive way, and while I was waiting to take their picture, a gentleman came up to Ray and shook his hand, wished him luck, and told him that he had given him his first job as a teenager, and he appreciated everything that Ray had done for him. The man is now in the teaching field. Other customers came in, and chatted with Ray and Andy, and wished them good luck in their retirement.

I was very fortunate to get to know Ray and Andy on a professional basis, as they were faithful SA Times advertisers for many years, and to speak with both of them through the years was a joy and delight. I will certainly miss them, and would like to sincerely thank Ray and Andy for their advertising, and priceless friendship. Congratulations, and may God Bless you both in your retirement!

Health Benefits Of Honey Bee Products

Apitherapy, the medical use of honey bee products such as honey, pollen, propolis, beeswax, royal jelly, and bee venom therapy (BVT) will be explored by beekeeper, farmer, and health enthusiast, Dr. Petrusia Kotlar, at Sayreville Public Library on Saturday, May 9 from 1:00 to 2:30PM. She will discuss the benefits of these gifts from the honey bee on human health and vitality. She will also bring a variety of samples, honey comb, honey, and other products for the audience

to try!

Dr. Petrusia Kotlar is a healthcare provider, specifically a chiropractor in practice for 30+ years. She is also a member of the American Apitherapy Society and a beekeeper as well. You can read more about her and apitherapy at her website www.thehealthyhive.com.

To register, contact Alaina at alainad@lmxac.org, call 732-727-0212 ex. 25, or register online at www.sayrevillelibrary.org!

Seniors Thursday Club Trip To Resorts Casino

The Sayreville Seniors Thursday Club is presenting a trip to Resorts Casino on Sunday, June 14. Music will be performed by Vincent Talarico. The cost is \$25 per person, and includes show ticket and \$10 slot play. Bus leaves Sayreville Senior Center, Main St. at the back parking lot at

11 a.m. and returns approximately 9 p.m. Non-members are welcome. For more information or to reserve a seat, please call Ann at: 732-254-7263. Checks are to be made out to: Ann Floersch, 12 Nimitz Pl., Sayreville, NJ 08872.



Pictured is just a small glimpse of the thousands of motorcyclists who participated in the 12th Annual Bikers Rally for BIC, which was sponsored by the South Amboy Elks Motorcycle Club. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry is ready to cut the ribbon at the Grand Opening of Justine's Italian Ices & Ice Cream located at 147 North Broadway in South Amboy, telephone number 732-721-3400. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

ROAST PORK DINNER – APRIL 25


Trinity United Methodist Church at 815 Bordentown Avenue in South Amboy is hosting a Roast Pork Dinner on Saturday, April 25 from 5 pm to 7 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 per person and include all you can eat pork, mashed potatoes, carrots, green beans, applesauce, rolls, drinks and homemade desserts. Take outs are available. Please call Lori at 732-763-6232 if you have any questions or want to place an order. All proceeds are donated to local community food banks.

Car Blessing May 26


South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold the annual car blessing Tuesday May 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at St. Mary's school parking lot. Bring your vehicle and pray for a safe summer driving season. For information call Steve at 732-727-1707.

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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Happy 90th Birthday



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Harold Denney

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Sayreville Republican Councilman Art Rittenhouse (l) and Mayor Kennedy O'Brien (r) are pictured at the Sayreville Little League Opening Day. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Sayreville Democratic Councilmen Dave McGill (l) and Dan Buchanan (r) are shown prior to the Sayreville Little League Opening Day ceremonies. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

**Breakfast With The Easter Bunny
At South Amboy Knights of Columbus
Council #426**

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Grand Knight Ken Smetana (l), Co-Chairperson PGK Steve Schmid (r), and Co-Chairperson Cheryl Schmid (seated) did an excellent job organizing the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny.



Everyone was happy to see the Easter Bunny at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426, especially Stacy Hicks-Murray with her sons and unidentified girl.



Great Swing! This young girl's powerful swing broke the piñata, and the candy is pictured falling out to the floor, where the many children dove on it to pick it up. The breakfast was great, and everyone had lots of fun!



Members of the Honor Guard of American Legion Lenape Post 211 along with members of the Sayreville/South Amboy Girl Scouts recently honored veterans of the Marine Corps and Navy at a ceremony held at the Mickey Sedlak Center. Honor Guard members in rear are (l-r) Artie Valentino, Ed Pedersen, Edward T. Streck. (Photo/info submitted)

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March Winners

The picture from March was of the Costa Verde Restaurant in the Melrose section of Sayreville. It was originally Georgette's, and in the 1980's The Silver Fox. Congratulations to the many winners who correctly identified the photo! Chuck Pickard, W. Tom Kross, Charlotte Sadowski, Pat Minnick, Shiloah Sanford, Pat & Bill Scully, Joan

Fulham, Rosanne Nizolek, Sabrina Nero, Don Zrebiec, Debbie Konopka, Joe Prusik, Gerry Sherry, Joan Gorczyca, Mary Agnes Morris, Lisa Grankowski, Dennis Quinlan, Pat Douglas, Kelly Heinz. There was one incorrect answer: the Circle Motor Lodge, Rt. 35, South Amboy.

Raritan River Railroad Bridge

Don Zrebiec, an avid SA Times reader reports that "the old Raritan River Railroad bridge at the end of Elm St. in South Amboy, and used to cross over the old Pennsylvania Railroad tracks has been demolished. It was built in 1907." The bridge served as a shortcut for over 100 years for anyone walking from the Mechanicsville section of South Amboy to lower Elm St., and vice versa. Many locals used this quicker route to attend Mass at Sacred Heart Church or to go to the Sacred Heart Carnivals.

Whatever Happened To?

Well, last month was a complete washout on the names of people we were looking for. Guess no one knew where they disappeared to. So, now we're wondering whatever happened to Jeff Montgomery, Bobby Decker (Not the St. Mary's priest), George Frothingham, Walter Conklin, Jimmy Leach, Bob Cavanagh, Bill Holtz, Bob Keegan, Bill Keegan, Jim Keegan, Ken Lyon, Brian Kreiger, Robin Johnston, Janice Kreiger. If there is anyone who knows any of these people, or their whereabouts drop us a line at: satimes@aol.com, and let us know how they're doing and what they've been up to through the years.

Résumé & Cover Letter Help

If you currently have a resume that you feel is not getting you the interviews you desire then this workshop is for you! Join Dr. Colleen Georges at Sayreville Public Library on Wednesday, May 13 from 6:30 to 8:00PM as she shares critical tips with you to ensure your cover letter and résumé sparkle.

Please note that this is not the same as the on-on-one critique sessions. This is a general overview of what to include in a cover letter and résumé.

For more information or to register, contact Alaina at 732-727-0212 ex. 25, email her at alainad@lmxac.org, or register online at www.sayrevillelibrary.org!

Tom
Congratulations on another great issue. I am both humbled and honored by your including me on your sports page. Indeed, I am truly amazed and thankful. I am proud to call you my friend.
Kindest Personal Regards,
George A. Fuller
South Amboy

Hi Tom,
Wow, nice blast from the past article and Hippy pic! I love it. Thanks so much for the service you do for the community. It's great to see what some athletes have done after High School. It's also good to know I have better character now than I had back then, Ha.
Thanks Again Tom,
Dennis Yanoski
(Formerly of South Amboy)

SA Times Scavenger Photo Hunt

We're willing to bet that no one out there in SA Times readership land has a photo of 1950's TV star cowboy, Lash LaRue, who entertained thousands at a South Amboy carnival in the mid-1950's with his fancy whip tricks. The carnival we're looking for was believed to have been held at a vacant lot on the corner lot of Fourth St. & North Stevens Ave., which became the current site of the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426.
Also, in the early 1960's, Jolly Jelly Bean, who was the star of a children's TV show visited South Amboy's Briggs Chevrolet Car Sales showroom on Main St. We would love to see a picture of this event too. If anyone has a photo of either of these to share with SA Times readers, you will receive a special prize. Call us at 732-727-0398, or e-mail photo to: satimes@aol.com.



Ray Rupp (l) and his wife Andy Rupp (r) former owners of Rupps Ace Hardware, proudly show a picture of Ray's father, John E. Rupp, who founded the hardware store in Sayreville back in 1953. Ray and Andy have retired after a wonderful run of serving our local communities. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Students Sought For County Youth Conservation Corps

Applications are now being accepted for the Middlesex County Youth Conservation Corps, whose mission is to protect and preserve natural areas from misuse, polluters and the forces of nature at the more than 7,500 acres of Open Space owned and maintained by Middlesex County.
Conservation Corps crew members earn \$8.50 per hour and will work Monday through Friday from June 29 through Aug. 21. Work will primarily take place at County open spaces in Old Bridge, Monroe and South Brunswick. Students age 16 and over are encouraged to apply.
"Our Youth Conservation Corps members have been an incredible asset in maintaining and preserving our open spaces and trails," said Freeholder Charles E. Tomaro, chair of the County's Infrastructure Management Committee.
"This continues to be one of our more popular programs and with good reason," said Middlesex County Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios. "The youth corps is a responsible and economical way of carrying out our land management goals while introducing young Americans to conserva-

tion activities."
Activities include trail building, litter clean-up, invasive species removal and wildlife habitat improvements. Applicants should be enthusiastic, self motivated and willing to work and learn as a part of a team. Also, applicants must have the capacity to walk several miles and stand for extended periods of time, the willingness to get dirty and work outdoors in various weather conditions and the ability to use various hand tools.
Space is limited. Interested applicants should send a cover letter and application for employment to: Scott Meyler, Middlesex County Office of Parks and Recreation, PO Box 661, New Brunswick, NJ 08903. Applications can be downloaded at www.co.middlesex.nj.us/Government/Departments/Admin/Documents/EmploymentApplication.pdf and must be received in the office by May 8, 2015.
A full job description can be found at the Office of Parks and Recreation website, www.co.middlesex.nj.us/About/ParksRecreation/Pages/default.aspx. For more information, call Scott Meyler at (732) 745-3064.



Sayreville Little Leaguers carry a banner while marching on Washington Road on their way to the 2015 Opening Day festivities at the Little League field. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



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5 Years Ago-On Good Friday, April 2, 2010, the City of South Amboy was rocked with a loud explosion that was heard over a mile away. The blast leveled a small one-story rented home on South Feltus St., near Veterans Field, and damaged other homes in the neighborhood. Go to The SA Times website: www.thesatimes.com to see the feature story and photos in our April 30, 2010 issue. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

VFW Celebration

Sayreville VFW Post 4699 will be having a celebration honoring Auxiliary President Lorraine Rock and Commander Frank Straczynski on Sunday, June 7 from 2 - 6 PM at the Post, 575 Jernee Mill Road, Sayreville. Cost is \$25 PP which includes buffet and open bar.

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Parlin Dentist Rewards Good Deeds From Youths

Parlin dentist, Dr Mariana Blagoev wants to encourage youths in her area to do good deeds in their community. By rewarding such behavior, Dr. Blagoev intends to strengthen their minds and teach them to be kind and compassionate when they grow into adults. She believes this to be the basis for a healthy and rewarding life.

Dr. Blagoev set out to accomplish this by launching a Good Deed Contest. The contest is accessible to any youth 18 years of age and under. Youths are urged to submit their good deed entries in essay or video format on her Facebook page or website. The winner will receive a new laptop.

All videos and essays need to be submitted by April 30th with the winner announced shortly thereafter. The contestants are encouraged to tell about a single good deed and explain what inspired them to do that. The deeds can be either small or large, from helping a classmate with their homework to volunteering at a homeless shelter. The

contestants are encouraged to be creative, not only in their choice of good deeds but also in their videos or essays.

Blagoev's philosophy is simple and based on the basic psychological approach of classical conditioning. Acknowledge good behavior in the present child's life and the child will continue the kindness in the future.

"The kids of today need to feel significance through new achievements. A good deed project builds a sense of altruism and significance," says Dr. Blagoev, "If we can start early in helping the youth of today choose between right and wrong, then the possibilities are endless."

Do You Remember Your First Haircut?

If you do, who was the barber/beautician, approximately how old were you, and what year was it? Why not share this important event from your younger years with The SA Times readers? Send your memories to: thesatimes@aol.com.

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

Ladies Auxiliary #4699, Sayreville will hold its monthly meeting on April 26 at 7 p.m. at 575 Jernee Mill Rd. All members of the auxiliary are invited to attend. There will be an election of new officers for 2015-16. Please come and support your auxiliary. For more info call 732-264-3041.



The first New Jersey L.E.A.D. carnival, which was held at Kennedy Park in Sayreville was a huge success, with lots of rides, games, and fun for everyone. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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Young batter in action during the Opening Day of the South Amboy Youth Athletic Association's baseball/softball season. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Just A Child

Author Unknown

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Heart pounding fast
The bases are loaded
The die has been cast
Mom and dad cannot help
The player stands alone
A hit at this moment
Would send the team home
The ball nears the plate
It's a swing and a miss
There's a groan from the crowd
With some boos and some hisses
A thoughtless voice cries
"Strike out the bum"
The player's eyes fill with tears
The game is no longer fun
Remember it is just a child
Who stands there alone
So open your heart
And give them a break
For it's a moment like that
An adult you could make
Keep in mind when
You hear someone forget
They are just kids
Not adults yet.

Trip To American Music Theatre Lancaster, PA

On Tuesday June 9, The Sayreville Thursday Senior Club will be sponsoring a trip to see "Inspire-The Music That Moves You."

Music from "Inspire" features songs in the style of IL Divo, Celine Dion, Josh Groban, Sarah Brightman, Andrea Bocelli, Celtic Woman and many others. Lunch will be at the Shady Maple Restaurant for their famous smorgasbord. We have orchestra seats. Tickets are \$85.

For reservations or any questions, call Ann at 732-254-7263. Bus leaves behind the Senior Center, 423 Main St. at 9 a.m. and returns approximately 8 p.m. Make checks payable to: Ann Floersch, 12 Nimitz Pl., Sayreville, NJ 08872.

Local Vehicle Featured In 2015 Calendar

How does it feel to have your classic, custom, or restored vehicle selected to be featured in an award-winning calendar that is distributed worldwide?

Just ask Joseph Gatti, owner of Central Jersey Starter & Alternator, Inc./Weber's Garage on Rt. 35 South in Morgan. Snap-On Inc. has announced that his 1969 Chevrolet Camaro SS/RR is featured in the 2015 edition of the popular Snap-On @ Snap-Shots wall calendar.

The Snap-shots series of calendars was originally developed by Snap-on Tools in 1995 as a tribute to the dedicated professionalism of today's automotive technicians and hobbyists, who use Snap-on® products. Since then, the calendars have annually featured the skills and loyalty of Snap-on® customers by showcasing custom and classic vehicles they have created, restored, or maintained. The format of the Snap-shots calendars includes a wall calendar, Mini Snap-shots, which features additional cars and trucks in a compact format, and

Mini Bike-shots, just for motorcycles. Custom versions of the wall calendar are also published exclusively for international markets.

The Snap-shots calendars are a unique publishing venture from start to finish. First, Snap-on® franchisees and representatives invite customers to submit photos of custom or classic vehicles they own. Next, Snap-on® representatives gather to review hundreds of vehicle entries, and then narrow the entries down to a final select group for each of the calendar formats. The vehicle photo, make & model, and owner information are then incorporated into a professional calendar design. Once printed and distributed, the calendars provide a daily reminder of the imagination, dedication, and pride of vehicle enthusiasts worldwide. There's a dream vehicle somewhere for everyone!

Snap-shots calendars and 2017 official entry forms are only available from your local Snap-on Tools franchisee or representative.

A Penny For A Cadillac

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c. 1998

As a girl, we were poor, dirt poor
And though the many things we lacked
Dad had a dream he shared with me
Someday, we'll have a Cadillac!
A tiny shack rented on a farm
Was what I called my home
Dad picked, and mom was always sick
And doctors had to get paid some
I never even saved a penny
'Til I was about ten
Dad would always tell my mom
You'll get well, and we'll have our Cadillac then
I always wished I had a toy
Like the other girls and boys
I missed a lot of school you know
To watch over mom and cook and sew
Dad would come home late and sleep
A lot of times we wouldn't eat
Talking in his sleep he'd chat
Someday we'll have our Cadillac!
Mom got worse and died that spring
Dad wouldn't like to talk after that
Except to tell me now and then
Someday we'll have our Cadillac
On a walk I spied a penny on the ground
I couldn't believe what I had found
Real money, how lucky, what can I buy?
A cake? Some candy? At a store I'll try
The keeper watched as I walked thru his

shop
I saw a toy car on top of a sack
I yelled wow! How much is this?
A dime, he quipped, it's a Cadillac.
Stunned, I was staring at a Cadillac!
As if a dream was about to come true
Alas I had but only a penny
My eyes dimmed and the storekeeper knew
A hand patted my shoulder, I looked up to this man
With a halo around his head
This toy's on sale for you today
And it's only a penny instead
A penny I exclaimed! Here you are!
And I brought the car home for my dad
He was right, he always believed it would be
The time has come, won't he be glad
At first he frowned, than started to cry
Then hugged me and I hugged him back
I said you were right dad, I hope you're happy
And I paid just a penny for our Cadillac.

Vendors Sought For Monthly Yard Sale And Sports Card/Collectible Shows To Benefit Squad

The Sayreville First Aid Squad will hold Sports Card and Collectible Shows along with a community yard sale on the fourth Saturday of each month, through October, from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. The monthly events will be held at the First Aid Squad Building, 776 Washington Road, Parlin section of Sayreville.
The events are designed to help raise money for the volunteer squad. Members of the public are invited to attend. Sports

card/collectible dealer tables are available by calling 732-614-8639.
The community yard sales have spots available for \$20 in the lot, with vendors bringing their own table; or \$10, table only, in the garage. To reserve a spot for the yard sale, call Shikara at 732-216-8199.
Event dates are April 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, August 22, September 26, and October 24.



Bus Trip To Vermont/New Hampshire

Sayreville St. Stan's Seniors is sponsoring a trip to Vermont and New Hampshire from Aug. 31 to Sept. 4. Cost is \$795 per person. Call Joan Golaszewski at 732-257-6158 if interested.

Youth Group Fundraiser

St. Mary's Church South Amboy Youth Group will hold a Dining to Donate fundraiser at Ruby Tuesday's, Rt. 9 South, Old Bridge from Tues. May 5-Thurs. May 7. The Youth Group will receive 20% of each supporting purchase over the 3 days of the fundraiser. When participating, patrons are asked to tell their server that they are there to support St. Mary's South Amboy Youth Group. Proceeds are used to defray the cost of the many youth sponsored events held over the course of the year. For more info call John Kobiernicki at 732-406-8606.



Students from Cardinal McCarrick High School met with Pam Stenzel, internationally-known speaker on the topic the importance of chastity for the health and well being of young people, at the Diocese of Metuchen's annual conference for middle school students. The students from Cardinal McCarrick High School assisted at the conference, performing skits and modeling effective behavior to help prepare the 8th graders for high school."

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Mike Quirk: On The Rise As A Professional Actor

By Tom Burkard



Former South Amboy resident Mike Quirk (l) and his wife Lauren Quirk (r) are doing well in their acting careers in California. Mike and Lauren have a terrific Youtube.com series called "Meet The Quirks." Check it out. (Photo courtesy of Mike Quirk)

Former South Amboy resident Mike Quirk is doing very well with his acting career in California. His most recent project "Warigami" is an action web-series for New Form Digital, set in a world where some people can fold paper into deadly weapons. New Form Digital was created by Discovery, Ron Howard and Bryan Grazer, and creates scripted digital content. Mike said that, "We hope to see episodes of "Warigami" available for the public by the end of the year." You can currently see Mike in a series of commercials for Salonpas; they are airing on a number of channels daily. He also just shot a regional commercial which will be airing in 5 states including Florida and California. Quirk has also appeared in a number of industrials, which are videos produced by a corporation for use inside that corporation, for example: sales videos, training videos, conference videos. He said that, "I am presently working on a series of industrials for KPMG, and just shot another for Chase."

Mike moved to Los Angeles 2 years ago, and most of the work he's done has been in California. "I've been sent as far south as San Diego and as far north as Saint Luis Obispo for a shoot. I've also worked on a couple of famous movie ranches here in southern California. The farthest I have been sent is Las Vegas. I shot the concert opener for Toby Keith's Shut Up and Hold On tour. I spent 3 days shooting at the Rio in Las Vegas, and the surrounding desert with Toby Keith, Carrot Top and Michael Bailey Smith."

Mike and his wife Lauren have their own show called "Meet The Quirks, which they have written, and Lauren has directed, as they play caricatures of themselves in this great shorts show. Mike directed a few, and edited almost all of them. Quirk said that, "The show is a passion project for me and Lauren. We wanted to have the experience of producing our own content. Producing is a big job, especially when you're wearing many different hats. We were actors, producers, writers, directors, plus any number of the hundreds of other jobs on a film shoot, such as director of photography, script supervisor, lighting technician, catering. We were very busy! If we decide to have to continue to shoot new episodes of "Meet The Quirks," we will be sure to have a much larger crew." You can see all of season 1 at www.meetthequirks.com or by searching "Meet The Quirks" on Youtube.com.

Mike's wife Lauren was raised in Oakland, NJ and attended Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA, and has been singing and acting since graduating. "We met in May of 2008, and will celebrate our 4th wedding anniversary on May 21st." Mike graduated from Hoffman HS in 1995, and recalled "The thing I remember most about those days was how close everyone was. Coming from a small school in a small town, everyone knew each other and most people had the opportunity to try a number of different things. It wasn't odd for someone to be a soccer player or softball player and in a musical, or be on student government, and be a star on the basketball court."

Quirk said that, "I never thought I wanted to be an actor. I know I enjoyed acting and performing in the band and chorus, and in Tony G's Lyp Sync contests in high

school. I continued acting in college and in community theater, then I spent a number of years as an on-air talent in radio, but it wasn't until I decided to move to New York City and pursue my voice over career that I really thought that I could be an actor. It's the kind of thing that I just did. It was part of who I was. I remember Mrs. McDonnell saying to us in gym class one day, "It's hard enough to get up and go to work every morning, you better be sure you like what you're doing." I'm thankful every day, and sometimes a little surprised, that I get to wake up and do what I love to do."

During his first year of college, he took a professional training course for broadcasting (radio and TV), and that helped him get an internship at a radio station. He said, "I spent the next few years working in radio, while completing my degree in Communications. I produced a number of shows, worked on air, and planned and executed more events and contests than I can count. I left radio because emerging technology was making it possible for large companies to do more with less people for a smaller cost, so opportunities were limited. I had the good fortune to get hired as the Theater Arts teacher in Middlesex, NJ. I spent 8 years in Middlesex teaching Theater Arts in the Middle School and Audio/Video Production classes in the High School. I also directed a number of plays and musicals and worked closely with the High School's Robotics team. Plus, during those 14 or 15 years, I spent many a night rehearsing or performing in community theaters all over the Jersey Shore. I never thought that I would be an actor when I was growing up. This is my third career, and it took me a long time to get here, but now that I am here, I am very happy to call LA my home."

You can see Mike Quirk appearing in an episode of "My Crazy Ex" on Lifetime Movie Network (LMN); new episodes air Wednesdays at 9 p.m. Eastern on LMN. He will also be in the upcoming Syfy Channel feature "Flight WWII." Mike will play a history professor who uses his expertise to help guide his plane to safety after it is sent back to 1940. The trailer is available on Youtube.com, but release information is still forthcoming.

"My goal is to continue to be a working actor," said Quirk. "This is the best job I have ever had, and I want to do it for as long as I am able. I hope that means you will be seeing me on TV and in movies for a long time to come."

What advice would you give to a youngster who wants to be an actor someday? "Be a hard worker, learn all you can, and be a nice person. Making movies and TV shows is fun, but it is also a very slow moving and sometimes tedious process. The best way to get ahead is to be the type of person with whom other people are going to want to work with."

Mike has had some very memorable moments in his acting career including "Fighting with Don Quixote in the feature "Don Quixote: The Ingenious Gentleman of La Mancha;" chumming around with Toby Keith and Carrot Top while shooting Toby's "Shut Up and Hold On" tour movie; playing one of my favorite characters, Lt. Colombo, on stage; seeing a script that I wrote become

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On the weekend of March 20th, the annual Fest for Beatles Fans held its annual event at the Hilton in Westchester NY. On Sunday March 22nd, the Battle of the Bands was held which had an audience of 1,000 people or more. The bands each play one song, and are later judged by the audience's applause, and the winner plays an encore. This year as last, Yesterday and Today won for their performance of "Back in the U.S.S.R." Yesterday and Today is made up of 2 local members from Parlin, Mike Lefton (l) on guitar and vocals, and Alan Lefton (r) on bass and vocals. Rounding out the trio is Johnathan Pushkar (c) of Pittsburgh, PA on drums and vocals. They were thrilled to have won two years in a row and three out of the last four. The band says that they do not go out to win, but to play their best, entertain the audience, and to pay tribute to the Beatles who inspired them all as musicians. The band will be giving a concert in Freehold at Park Avenue Events on Sunday June 7 from 7-9 PM. Advanced tickets can be purchased at 848-667-1378. It is also rumored that there may be a special guest or 2 in attendance but they cannot commit to a name at this point. If you should go, "a splendid time is guaranteed for all."!!! (Photo/Story Sibmitted)

You Tube-In
1970's-"Mississippi Queen" by Mountain reached topped out at #21 in 1970... "Falin' In Love" cracked the Top #40 twice by different bands in two years. In '74, it was performed by The Southern-Hillman-Furay Band, and peaked at #27. The following year, Hamilton, Joe Frank & Reynolds took it all the way to the #1 spot on the Billboard Pop charts. Check both songs out on youtube.com.

1960's-Check out this garage-band instrumental recording—"Granny's Pad" by The Viceroy's. It's not too bad at all..."Evil Woman Don't Play Your Game With Me" reached #19 for a band called Crow in 1969...Also in '69, The Vogues turned in an outstanding cover of "Earth Angel," but only made it to #42...Check the name of this next group—Cat Mother and The All Night News Boys! A very strange name, but their only hit, "Good Old Rock 'N' Roll is really good, and made it to #21 in '69...And one last hit from 1969, "Baby It's You," by a band known as Smith went all the way to #5...

Country-Video to watch: "She Don't Love You" by Eric Paslay

#1 Country Hits On April 25

- 2004-When The Sun Goes Down-Kenny Chesney/Uncle Kracker
- 1994-If The Good Die Young-Tracy Lawrence
- 1980-It's Like We Never Said Goodbye-Crystal Gayle
- 1977-She's Got You-Loretta Lynn
- 1963-Still-Bill Anderson

Behind The Music VH1

There are some very interesting full length shows about your favorite entertainers on youtube.com. Just go to Behind the Music VH1, and you can see the following legendary performers: Bon Jovi, John Lennon, Harry Chapin, Jim Croce, The Monkees, Cher, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Journey, Neil Diamond, and Woodstock Behind The Music, and 70's Rock Revolution. In addition there are many more Behind The Music VH1 shows.

One Hit Wonders 50 Years Ago

1965-Leader Of The Laundromat-The Detergents; The Jerk-The Larks; Twine Time-Alvin Cash & The Crawlers; The Boy From New York City-The Ad Libs; The Birds And The Bees-Jewel Akens; Goldfinger-Shirley Bassey; Baby The Rain Must Fall-Glenn Yarborough; Eve Of Destruction-Barry McGuire; Laugh At Me-Sonny; Liar, Liar-The Castaways; Keep On Dancing-The Gentrys; Everyone's Gone To The Moon-Jonathan King; You've Got To Hide Your Love Away-Silkie; Don't Think Twice-Wonder Who?

The Doors At Asbury Park

Did anyone happen to see Jim Morrison and The Doors at Asbury Park's Convention Hall in either the summer of '67 or '68, and may have a great memory of the concert to share with SA Times readers? If you were there, please drop us a line at: satimes@aol.com.



South Amboy's George Fuller (2nd from right) recently met the legendary ZZ Top rock 'n' roll band. (Photo courtesy of George Fuller)

Bon Jovi Beats Springsteen

Former Sayreville resident Jon Bon Jovi is New Jersey's favorite rocker according to a poll conducted on the Asbury Park Press website app.com. Bon Jovi nipped "The Boss" in a very close contest with 11,140 votes (50.66%), to 10,851 (49.34%). Do you agree? Who is your favorite NJ rocker? Let us know at: thesatimes.com.

Hasselbrink-Stratton

Kaitlyn Hasselbrink, daughter of Kevin and Donna Hasselbrink and Kathleen Colon was married to Matthew Stratton on February 26, 2015. Matthew is the son of Brian and Phyllis Stratton. The couple reside in South Amboy.

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#1 Pop Hits On April 25

- 2006-Bad Day-Daniel Powter
- 1999-No Scrubs-TLC
- 1986-Kiss-Prince & The Revolution
- 1978-Night Fever-The Bee Gees
- 1962-Good Luck Charm-Elvis Presley
- 1955-The Ballad of Davy Crockett-Bill Hayes

"American Pie" Manuscript Nets \$1.2 Million

Don McLean, who wrote one of the most recognizable songs of all-time, "American Pie," recently sold his 16-page manuscript, which was handwritten lyrics and typed drafts, for would you believe, \$1.2 million. The auction was conducted in New York by Christie's. McLean, now 69 years old, still tours, and lives in Camden, Maine.

Rat Pack Flashback--the Music of Dino, Frank & Sammy!

Travel back in time at Sayreville Public Library to the days when the Rat Pack ruled the night. Dave DeLuca performs his one-man tribute to the swingin' sounds of the iconic Las Vegas trio - Dean Martin, Sammy Davis, Jr., and Frank Sinatra on Saturday, May 2 from 2:00 to 3:00PM. Dave's show, The Rat Pack Flashback, features classic songs from the Great American Songbook, such as "Ain't That A Kick In The Head," "That Old Black Magic," and "Summer Wind," all sung in the style of the men who made them famous - The Rat Pack!

A lifelong New Jersey native, Dave DeLuca has been a professional musician since 1977. In 1989 he placed first in the annual ASCAP New Songwriter's Competition in New York City and subsequently joined the Songwriter's Guild of America. After several stints playing guitar and bass and singing in several rock and punk groups throughout NJ and NYC, including the acclaimed hard blues band "Wild Life," he switched gears and became a jazz/pop singer. In 2011, Dave beat out several hundred hopefuls and won a starring role in the Count Basie Theatre's annual Sinatra Birthday Bash, where he was accompanied by the Red Bank Jazz Orchestra led by Maestro Joe Muccioli. In addition to the Rat Pack Flashback, Dave has created several other shows including the Star-Spangled Songbook - a patriotic tribute to the composers and lyricists whose body of work is known as the Great American Songbook - a DVD of which is currently in production for PBS.

For more information or to register, contact Alaina Dowd, Adult Services Librarian, at (732) 727-0212 ext. 25 or alainad@lmxac.org. Ages 12+up!

Music Trivia Male Solo Stars
By Tom Burkard

1. __All My Life's A Circle

2. __Peace Train

3. __Like A Rolling Stone

4. __I Feel Good

5. __Sundown

6. __Poor Side Of Town

7. __She's A Lady

8. __Cherry Cherry

9. __Kodachrome

10. __I'm Sorry

11. __Without You

12. __Fire And Rain

Answers
1e 2g 3i 4f 5h 6d 7l 8b 9j 10k 11a 12c

a. Nilsson

b. Neil Diamond

c. James Taylor

d. Johnny Rivers

e. Harry Chapin

f. James Brown

g. Cat Stevens

h. Gordon Lightfoot

i. Bob Dylan

j. Paul Simon

k. John Denver

l. Tom Jones

School Sports

(As of April 18)
By Tom Burkard

Sayreville Athletes Honored

The Home News Tribune selected the following Sayreville athletes to its All-Area 1st Teams: Indoor Track-440-Colin Winslow; Boys Bowling-A.J. Angotti, Chris DeCampo; Girls Bowling-Mary Kate Kersting; Wrestling- Anthony Porcaro, a Blue & Gray wrestling sensation in the 285 lb. class, was a 1st Team All-Area choice in Home News Tribune. He finished with a stellar (37-3) record, winning the GMC, District, and Regional championships, and placing 5th in the state wrestling tourney; Sayreville Bombers star basketball player Jehyve Floyd was selected to 2nd Team All-Group 4 by the Star Ledger, and also All-Area 1st Team in Home News Tribune. Congratulations to all on your fine accomplishments!

Welna Left His Mark

Matt Welna, 25, formerly of Sayreville died on March 20 in a tragic accident. A former soccer star for Sayreville HS, and later Rider University, he received many honor for his outstanding athletic ability. While at Sayreville, he played 4 years of varsity soccer, and helped the Bombers to a (50-25) record, by scoring 8 goals and adding 22 assists. He was an All-GMC selection in 2007, and graduated in 2008. Matt also played 4 years while at Rider, and was named to the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference All-Academic team 3 times. Matt Welna, was a successful young man at the age of 25, and prior to his untimely death, was a Monroe Twp. Auditor. He certainly left a wonderful mark and will always be remembered.

Mandala Leads Lady Guvs

Ashley Mandala blasted 3 hits including 2 home runs and 5 RBI to lead South Amboy girls' softball squad to a 14-6 romp over East Brunswick Tech. Emily Trzeciak had a perfect 3-for-3 with 3 runs and 3 RBI, and Shannon Tran drilled 2 singles to knock in 3.

Future Stars Basketball Camp

Coach Wojcik's Future Stars Basketball Camp will be held from July 6-July 10, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Friday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.), and July 13-July 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Friday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.) at Sayreville War Memorial High School. Future Stars Basketball Camp, which is under the direction of Sayreville Bombers varsity basketball Coach John Wojcik, is available for boys and girls entering grades 4th thru 9th.

For complete details and more info, call 732-213-0677 or email: coachwojbombers@gmail.com.



South Amboy High School slugger Tim Kales is ready for the next pitch versus Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's HS. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Riley Strikes Out 15 Drives In 5

Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's ace pitcher/hitter, Jackie Riley struck out 15 Mother Seton batters, and blasted a single and home run to drive in 5 runs, and lead the Lady Eagles to a 9-2 complete game victory.

Fitzsimmons Fans 16

Sayreville softball pitching ace Erin Fitzsimmons fired a 3-hitter, and struck out 16 Edison batters, as the Bombers romped to an 11-1 victory.

Bombers Golf Team 4-0

The Sayreville Bombers boys' golf team has jumped out to a perfect (4-0) record under Coach Tom McCloskey. Last year's club finished (9-6), and this year's Blue & Gray is loaded with talent. Some of the top golfers are Nick Behr, Don DeLucia, James Pasko, Andrew Surgent. Others contributing include James Langan, Tyler Jones, David Seville, R.J. Feola, John Perini, Derek Astarita, Shane O'Neill, Alex Perlazza, Mike Veron. Coach McCloskey's Assistant Coaches are Pete McLarney and Joe Beselinoff.

Guvs Top Eagles

South Amboy boys' baseball team topped cross-town rival Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's, 14-0. Tim Kales belted a single and double to drive in 4 runs, while Riley Rone drilled 2 hits and scored 2 runs for the Guvs.

Guvs No-Hit Timothy Christian

Jayson Olivares making his first varsity start combined with T.J. Moskal to fire a 5-inning no-hitter, as South Amboy triumphed over Timothy Christian, 11-0. Olivares struck out 8 in 5 innings, while Moskal struck out 2 of the 4 batters he faced in an inning of relief. Keith Warzecha and Tim Kales drilled 2 hits apiece, and Max Garcia drove in 2 runs. Riley Rone scored 3 runs for the Governors.



South Amboy High School pitching ace Jason Olivares delivers a pitch in the 1st inning against Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's HS/ (Photo by Brian Stratton)



Jackie Riley (Photos by Brian Stratton)

Riley Fires Perfect Game

Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's super pitcher Jackie Riley pitched a perfect game, as the Lady Eagles defeated Brooklyn Tech, 4-0. The senior standout struck out 19 of 21 batters she faced in the regulation 7 innings. This was truly an amazing feat, as most no-hitters these days accomplished in

Baseball

Sayreville (6-4) Pete Soporowski is pitching and hitting superbly, while Chris Eveigan, Josh Guarnera, Nolan Rivera, Dan Rodriguez, Jay DeMild, Chris Hauber, Sean McDonnell, and Brett Dzamba are slugging the baseball this season.

South Amboy (3-4) Tim Kales has been providing strong pitching and hitting for the Guvs, who are also getting plenty of offense from Riley Rone, Keith Warzecha, T.J. Moskal and Max Garcia. Jayson Olivares and Moskal have looked really good on the mound for SA.

Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's (1-2).

less than 7 innings, usually in games that are out of reach for the team that is trailing.

Jackie had plenty of hitting support from Melissa Adams, who rapped a single and double to drive in 2 runs, Katrina Bilakowski who hit an RBI double, and Alysa Piptione added a double and RBI.

Softball

Sayreville (3-1) The Bombers are getting plenty of hitting from Emily Cabrera, Mary Kate Kersting, and Kelly Duffy. Erin Fitzsimmons is the ace of the pitching staff.

South Amboy (3-3) Ashley Mandala, Emily Trzeciak, Jenna Makar, Vicky Reilly, Shannon Tran and Samantha Rios have been providing some power at the plate for the Lady Guvs.

Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's (2-2) Jackie Riley is once again the ace of the pitching staff, as well as one of the top hitters in the Blue & Gold lineup.



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The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

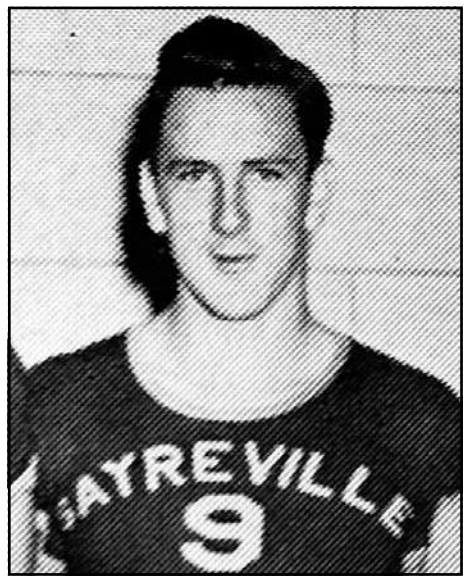
From The Sports Archives



1975-The Hoffman HS boys' cross country team pictured top row (l-r) Glenn Smith, Ron Keegan, Dave Newton, Coach Tom Magielnicki, Wayne Deak, Frank Kuziemski, Matt Halmi. Bottom row (l-r) Tom Garsick, Omar Fernandez, Jim Bright, Nick Allen, Warren Christensen, B. Davies.

1967 Frog Hollow Tennis Tourney

Way back in 1967 Frog Hollow Swim and Tennis Club held its very popular annual tennis championships. The categories included Boys Singles; Girls Singles; Men's Singles; Women's Singles; Men's Doubles; Mixed Doubles. The tennis coach was Jim Harkins, whose tennis lessons and enthusiasm helped the players immensely. Some of the top women players were Alice Culinane, Aurel Pittel, Jean Harrigan, and Betty Maher. Another talented performer, who suffered a fractured cheekbone prior to the tourney, was "Catty" Wallace. In the Boys' division, John Wortley, Brian O'Connor and Mike Harrigan hoped to dethrone the '66 champion Pat McDonough. The 1966 women's champion was Karen Kreiger. Leo Kedzierski was heavily-favored in the Men's Division, but experts felt that Vince Cannata and Jack McDonough would give him a run for the title.



Ben Zaleski

Zaleski Dies At 83

Ben Zaleski, 83, formerly of Sayreville died on April 11. He was a three-sport stand-out in basketball, baseball and football. He played for the Bombers undefeated football team, and also the outstanding 1949-50 basketball team which finished (17-3).



1966-St. Mary's talented second baseman Billy Bulman is ready for any ground balls hit in his direction.

Baseball Opening Day 85 Years Ago

1930-St. Mary's trounced Immaculate Conception of Trenton, 11-0. Winning pitcher Lou Lagoda fired a 9-inning no-hitter, the second of his career, and struck out 12 batters. Capt. Joe McGonigle blasted a triple for the Saints. The lineup for SM was Popowski ss Bulman 2b Kane c Cleary cf Switzer rf Ed Fleming lf McGonigle 3b Wallis 1b Lagoda p. The Coach was Anton "Molly" Maliszewski.

Diamond Dust

1950's-South Amboy Little League baseball All-Stars swept 2 games from Sayreville All-Stars, winning the first 9-4 behind pitcher John Wojie, and the second 1-0 on a beautiful 14-strikeout, 1-hitter by Jack Seaman

1970-South Amboy Little Fellas League

Jo-Tom's 3 Weiss 0-Winning pitcher Matt Kurtz struck out 13 and fired a 1-hitter, while Joe McCarthy blasted a 2-run homer.

K of C 3 Rotary 1-Winning pitcher Jerry McAndrew tossed a 4-hitter, and John Miller drilled 3 hits.

1971 Freeholders Babe Ruth League Tournament

South Amboy 4 Edison 0-Winning pitcher Steve Makwinski fired his third successive shutout. Mark Clark ripped a 2-run single, and Jeff St. Amour lace 3 hits for SA.

1971 Freeholders Little League Championship Game

South Plainfield 9 South Amboy 2-South Plainfield did something no other team could do at the time of this tournament. They defeated flame-throwing lefty George Bongiorno, who fired a 4-hitter and struck out 13. The setback snapped Bongiorno's phenomenal (18-0) record at that point in the season.

1977 South Amboy Girls Softball League

Jets 10 Royals 5-Sharon Coyle blasted 2 home runs and 2 triples.

Rangers 15 Giants 9-Janet Durski led the way with 2 singles and a double.

1977 South Amboy Little Fellas League

K of C 6 Parkway Fabricators 4-Larry Stratton blasted a 2-run home run for the winners.

1977 South Amboy Midget League Cards 4 Pirates 2-Tom Murphy ripped a triple for the Cards.

Sports Card / Collectible Show

The Sayreville First Aid Squad is holding a Sports Card / Collectible show on Saturday April 25, 2015 from 8:30am – 3:00pm in the First Aid squad building at 776 Washington Road. Please come out support the First Aid Squad. For more information and Dealer Opportunities please call 732-614-8639.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1962-St. Mary's baseball club nipped powerful Red Bank Catholic, 2-1, to snap their 10 game winning streak. Art O'Donnell lined the game-winning hit in the bottom of the 7th, and junior pitcher Joe Pohl hurled a strong game for the victory. 1973-Mike Kosmoski ripped the game winning single in the bottom of the 7th with 2 outs, to lead Sayreville to a 1-0 thriller over Perth Amboy. Winning pitcher Steve Makwinski fired a fine 4-hitter and struck out 8. 1984-Kevin Gorczyca unloaded a 3-run double in the bottom of the 7th to give Hoffman a nail-biting 7-6 come-from-behind triumph over Green Brook. John "Skeets" Skarzynski was the winning pitcher and had lots of other hitting support from Peter Smith who whacked a 2-run double, and Scott Gumprecht who hammered a double and triple. 1998-Sayreville girls' softball squad smashed South River, 14-0 in the 1st round of the GMCT. Winning pitcher Diane Catalano fired the shutout, and got lots of slugging support from Tara Rodriguez with 2 hits and 3 RBI, Jen Marshall, 2 hits, 2 RBI, and Justine Robe, who added a double and 2 RBI.

Guvs Won 3rd CVC Title

1980-Hoffman's baseball team won its 3rd consecutive Central Valley Conference (CVC) title, and finished with a (10-10) record. The club compiled a team batting average of .302, marking the 5th straight year the team hit over .300. The top batting leaders on the team were Pat DeJoy .361, Tom Mulligan .348, Daryl Munck .342, Tim Bloodgood .340, Frank Wahler .306. Mulligan was also a fine (4-1) on the mound for the Guvs.



1968-The Hoffman Governors senior baseball players with Coach John Zdanewicz. Pictured top row (l-r) Tony Saccone, Glenn White, Coach Mr. Z., Leo Dohan, Curt Wood. Bottom row (l-r) Mark Felice, Ron Dennen, Ernie Read, Alex "Jocko" Jakimowicz, Bob Keegan.



1969-St. Mary's freshman catcher Jay Thomas connects for a base hit in the opening game against CBA.

T.H.E. Game

Sport-Baseball Year-2004 Teams-Cardinal McCarrick (5-12) vs. South Amboy (13-3) in the Mayor's Trophy game. Recap-The Eagles, behind a fine 6-hitter by Pat Hackett upset the powerful Governors, 2-1 at Waterfront Park Field. Kevin Sartain blasted a triple, and Nick Scarillo drilled a double for the Purple & Gold. Player-Of-The-Game-Pat Hackett

55 Years Ago

1960-Sayreville clobbered St. Mary's 12-0. Pinch-hitter Frank Ruszala broke up winning pitcher Jim Hockenjos' no-hitter with a single. St. Mary's then got 3 hits in a row by Jim Zdanewicz, Al Ust and Jim Heffernan, but could not score.

65 Years Ago

1950-Sayreville sophomore pitching sensation Charlie Kolakowski finished (11-2) with two no-hitters, and batted .333. He tossed complete game no-no's, beating St. Mary's 4-0, and Metuchen 2-1.

75 Years Ago

1940-St. Mary's topped Tottenville, 6-3, behind winning pitcher Joe Conroy. Allie Clark and John "Mikey" Carroll provided plenty of power by belting a home run apiece.

Big Game Flashback!

1946-Hoffman High's Jim Croddick put on a one-man show by blasting 3 home runs, including a 3-run blast, and two 2-run homers, while driving in 7 runs. He was also the winning pitcher, tossing a 6-hitter and struck out 10, as the Guvs romped, 10-3 over Neptune.

Mike Quirk: On The Rise As A Professional Actor

(Continued from page 13)



Mike Quirk has been very busy in the acting field and doing all types of commercials, videos and much more. (Photo courtesy of Mike Quirk)

something that everyone around the world can watch and enjoy as an episode of “Meet The Quirks,” but the most memorable was the two and a half weeks I spent on set for “Flight WW II.” That was my first big role in a full length feature and I will always remember it fondly. The cast was incredible, the crew was great, and

the trailer looks amazing. I can’t wait for everyone to see it!”

When asked what his favorite role was, he responded, “My favorite role will always be Cogsworth in “Disney’s Beauty and the Beast” at Middlesex County Plays in the Park. Not only was it incredibly fun to play the tightly wound, major domo of the Beast’s castle, but the people involved made that a show that I will never forget. I still count many of the cast and crew among my friends, but most importantly, that is the show where I met the woman who would become my wife.”

Mike concluded by saying that, “I hope that I have the opportunity to try everything as an actor. I want to do movies and TV, comedy and drama, animation, video games and theater. Most of all, I want to keep doing what I love to do: creating characters and telling stories.

Mike Quirk is a terrific person, and has certainly done his hometown of South Amboy proud. He has shown what hard work, determination and dedication can do, and it is certainly paying off for him, as he continues to climb the ladder of success in the acting field.

I would like to thank Mike for taking the time with this thorough interview, and wish him the best of luck always!

NOTE: Keep up to date with Mike Quirk on his Facebook Fan Page at: www.facebook.com/mikequirkactor.

Softball Tournament To Benefit Pancreatic Cancer Research

The Middlesex County Department of Public Safety and Health, Office of Health Services, along with the County of Middlesex Board of Chosen Freeholders, The Chronic Disease Coalition of Middlesex and Union Counties, and The Edison Municipal Alliance are sponsoring:

The 7th Annual Pancreatic Cancer Walk on Saturday, May 30, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Johnson Park, on River Road in Piscataway, New Jersey. (Directions - <http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us/About/ParksRecreation/Pages/PR/JPDDirections.aspx>)

The walk is being held to raise commu-

nity awareness about pancreatic cancer; to raise funds to aid in research; and to support the work being done by the Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey to find a cure.

Individuals and teams are welcome to join the event. Registration for the 5K is \$25 per participant and for the walk, registration is \$15. Donations are encouraged. All proceeds will benefit pancreatic cancer research at Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey.

To register for the walk visit: <http://cinjfoundation.donordrive.com/event/pancwalk2015>.

Early South Amboy Basketball – Part II

By Fran Fitzmorris

I will begin with updates to Part I of my article on the beginnings of basketball in South Amboy. I found the name of one of the two women who refereed as early as 1914. Her name was Dorothy Watts. The other update has to do with the basketball rules being used. The teams were playing under Amateur Association Union (AAU) rules. All teams were still playing in halls. Gymnasiums were still a ways away in the future. The South Amboy school district had to be creative to get basketball started. The school building was older and the people in charge of sports decided to turn one of the classrooms into a practice facility for both the girl’s and boy’s teams. I have a hard time picturing this as a viable solution. This was probably an issue in many of the schools. The South Amboy district had no other option. Eventually a new school was built on John Street.

Some of the young men who played for the town between 1912-1918 were Ulmer Burkhard, Milton Rice, W. Forgottson, Robert Kerr, Frank Grace and Harold Hoffman. Some of the women were Miss Newton, Miss Christy and Miss Thomas. There were many more young men and women involved but, obviously, too numerous to mention. These games were played in the Knights of Pythian Hall and Columbia Hall in town. There were no athletic directors as such. The scheduling of games and getting at least one referee was the job of the coach. He did everything.

During these early years, South Amboy played the following schools from Middlesex County – Metuchen, Jamesburg, South River, Perth Amboy, New Brunswick and Keyport. The remainder of the schedule was filled

in with local amateur teams who probably wanted a “fee” in order to play the high school. On the other hand, little information was known about the “other” school in town, St. Mary’s., before 1919.

St. Mary’s opened their doors for the second time in 1893. It started out as a three year school and became a four year school in 1919. The school had three floors. The third floor or “the hall” was used for basketball. It’s almost impossible to judge the enrollment. I’m sure they had a basketball team but received no ink in the local paper. It had to be difficult to run a sports’ program only being a three year school until 1919.

World War I changed everything in South Amboy. The war took many of the seventeen and eighteen year olds to fight. Because of the war, both schools were left with only underclassmen for their sports’ programs.

The 1918-1919 season was the first time that Middlesex County decided to honor the best high school team. The first team to win that award were the St. Mary’s Juniors who finished with a 19-2 record. The team consisted of six players. They were led by my uncle John Fitzmorris, known for his ball-handling skills, George Moran, Delaney, Seagrave, Kennedy and Meacham. These six would play together for two more years and a Vail would be added and continue to do well with Charlie Eppinger as coach.

By 1922, South Amboy and St. Mary’s were playing each other twice a year, three times, if the first two games were split in order to decide the city championship. Except for the years, 1933-1939, the two teams played each other every year into the 1990’s.

1983 Tom Kelly Interview

By Tom Burkard

In 1983, Tom Kelly, at 32 years old, became the youngest coach in the Major Leagues. The following was an interview I did with him prior to his departure for his first Spring Training with the Minnesota Twins as their third base coach.

TB: How does it feel to be going back to Minnesota?

TK: I’m looking forward to Spring Training at Orlando, Florida, and also returning to Minnesota for the first time since 1975. I hope the team can get off to a good start, and we can put more people in the stands than in the past. I hope I can contribute my knowledge and abilities in making them a good team.

TB: Will there be any players in Minnesota that you have managed in the minors?

TK: Frank Viola, Gary Gaetti, Brad Havens, Tim Laudner, and Randy Bush. There were also many others playing in the Florida Instructional League, which I was in charge of for the past 3 years. The League was in Clearwater, Florida, and ran from October through November.

TB: What was your biggest thrill as a baseball player?

TK: Getting called to the big leagues after so much time in the minors. Also, playing for the Twins against the Yankees in New York.

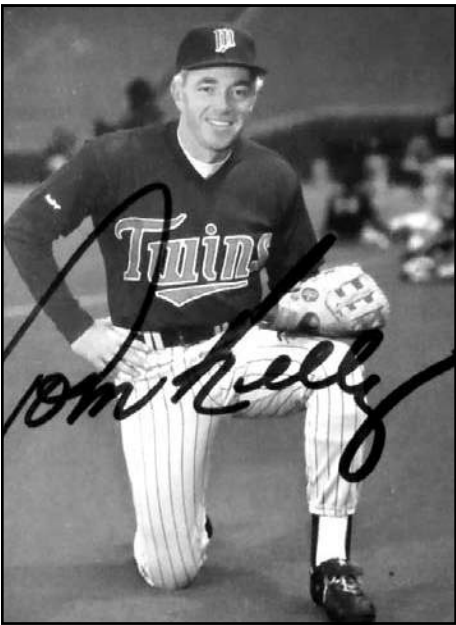
TB: What are your fondest memories of South Amboy?

TK: I remember that the Little League and Babe Ruth League were well run, and gave us plenty of opportunity to play.

TB: How do the Twins look this year?

TK: We need pitching. If the young guys come through and Castillo and Ron Davis do well in the bullpen, we could have a good year.

TB: Has owner Calvin Griffith changed



Tom Kelly

his low paying policy?

TK: Griffith has loosened up, but won’t come up with big money. Why pay millions? Our farm system developed some good future players in Kent Hrbek and Gary Gaetti. We did not participate in the free agent draft, but will have to come up with big money to keep from losing our young stars in next year’s free agent market.

TB: Do you miss being an active player?

TK: You get over it. I enjoy managing and coaching, because it is rewarding to teach, and then see progress. I can also relate my skills to younger players.

TB: What are some important differences in the minor and major league levels?

TK: In the majors, you fly in comfort, while in the minors you always ride on buses, and some trips can be very long. The big leagues offer more money and better health benefits.

Meet Your Neighbors! Celebrate Italian Heritage

The Sayreville Public Library will host Part 6 in our Diversity Series, Meet Your Neighbors!

On Saturday, May 16 from 1-4 PM we will celebrate Italian Heritage. The event will take place at The Sayreville Senior Center, 423 Main St., Sayreville. This program will be a fun, educational and cultural event for the whole family. Enjoy an olive oil tasting accompanied by fresh Italian bread and vote for your favorite! Light refreshments will be served as well. Musical entertainment by Sayreville’s own Patsy Palma! Patsy graduated cum laude from Rutgers Mason Gross School of the Arts in 2008 with a BM in Music Education (Vocal). He has been seen performing throughout the NJ/NY area singing at festivals, weddings, and restaurants, and theatres. Songwriting has always been a passion of Patsy’s as he has been writing songs for about 16 years.

Special guest Maria Mazziotti Gillian, a celebrated author and poet, will share stories and poems about growing up as an Italian-American in Patterson, NJ. Her work has been featured in the New York Times and her poems have been read by Garrison Keillor on The Writer’s Almanac. She has read her poetry on various NPR programs and has been featured on several PBS-TV shows. She is the Director of the Creative Writing Program and a professor of Poetry at SUNY Binghamton. There will also be a book signing after the event. The program is free and is funded in part by Middlesex Board of Chosen Freeholders, Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission with assistance thru a grant provided by New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Dept. of State. To register please visit: www.sayrevillelibrary.org or call Marie Chuntz, Youth Services Associate at 732-727-0212 ext. 26.



Pictured (l-r) is Anna Harris Friberg, a local historian who writes for The SA Times, her daughter Anna “Babe” Friberg Mamrak, son-in-law Rev. Dr. Bob Mamrak, and daughter Ethel Friberg Babcock. “Babe” and Bob were on a vacation in New Jersey, and came all the way up from Mississippi by train to visit mother. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Our Lady of Victories School in Sayreville eighth grade students portray the final journey of Jesus in the Stations of the Cross. Brianna Bates portrays Mary, and Michael Fraser portrays Jesus. (Photo/info submitted by Joanne Hockenjos)



This is a group picture of the eighth grade students at Our Lady of Victories School, who participated in the final journey of Jesus at the Stations of the Cross. (Photo/info submitted by Joanne Hockenjos)

SWEETWATER CONSTRUCTION CORP. BUILDS BETTER HOMES FOR SENIORS

Next-gen Housing for Seniors Offers Better Options for Purposeful Living

(Article submitted)

Sweetwater Construction Corp. recently turned over the keys to the next-gen nursing home and rehabilitation center it built near the South Amboy waterfront to owners Windsor Healthcare Communities. Now seniors and those making the transition from hospital to home are taking up residence in the Venetian Care & Rehabilitation Center, a three-story, 93,000 square foot building that features a different approach to long-term care.

“In this beautiful new home, seniors reside in ‘neighborhoods,’ each with its own common living area, a full kitchen and showering spa,” said Sweetwater CEO and President Ronald C. Witt Sr., BSMC, MBA, LEED AP. “We consider this approach the exemplar for quality living for seniors and for patients who aren’t quite ready to return home.”

The Venetian demonstrates that today’s seniors have better options than ever for leading purposeful lives once they move from unsustainable private homes, Ron said. “Warm communities bursting with opportunities for enrichment, friendship, new knowledge, growth and meaning are replacing the drab, institutional facilities associated with senior housing as the industry responds to society’s new views on aging.”

“The number of senior care building projects is growing, from construction of visionary new communities to reinvention of existing homes,” added Nancy Witt, vice president at Sweetwater, a dynamic general contracting and construction management organization.

The Cranbury-based company has built a number of leading-edge skilled nursing home projects that offer award-winning care throughout New Jersey. In fact, Sweetwater was recognized for its outstanding work at Venetian Care & Rehabilitation Center, receiving the “Best of the Best” award from the Associated Builders & Contractors of NJ in that organization’s 2nd Annual Excellence in Construction competition.

According to Nancy, renovation and new construction projects in senior living are increasingly designed to support care practices and ways of life that allow seniors to continue to write meaningful chapters in their lives, regardless of their age or level of infirmity.

To ensure the vision for a project becomes a reality, Ron said it’s important that an expert builder serve as construction

manager, working closely with the client and the architect. “We like to get involved with the architect as early as possible because we’re in tune with trends in senior care and can proactively manage the impact design has on construction schedule and budget,” he said.

Nancy added that the concept of “household living,” the foundation for the Venetian design, has literally reshaped the architectural plans for some skilled nursing homes. Each household throughout the building has its own dedicated kitchen, living area, library and activity area—a configuration that promotes stronger relationships and allows activities across the household to blend at the edges the way they would in any home.

As construction managers on senior living projects, Sweetwater teams address permitting, site requirements and scheduling elements as needed for each project. Once preliminary drawings are complete, Sweetwater develops advanced construction plans to meet scheduling and budget needs.

“Senior living construction projects require similar skill sets utilized in multi-family and hospitality construction. Constructing these sorts of facilities gives us a broader perspective about the best ways to offer our clients and their residents what they want in their new homes. That’s what these projects need to be successful,” Ron said.

“Our experience in multi-family and hospitality construction allows us to infuse that knowledge during the design process when building assisted living communities. Senior residents want to personalize their home according to their preferences and personality,” Nancy said. New and refurbished communities are now much more likely to look like high-end hotels or condominiums, offering choices of multiple floor plans and beautiful interior appointments. Additionally, personal living spaces are more likely to be thoughtfully constructed to enable residents to remain there for as long as possible as they continue to age.

“As the senior living sector evolves, the projects get more complex. But if your builder is experienced and willing to work hand-in-hand with you and your architect to realize your vision while keeping everything on track, the results can assure that residents enjoy a high quality of life,” Ron said.

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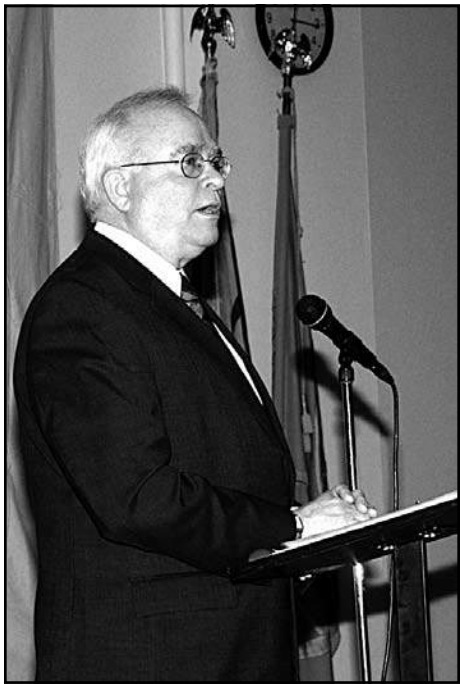
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Mayor Fred Henry’s State Of The City Address



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry delivers his annual State of the City address. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



Mayor Fred Henry (l) presented this beautiful bouquet of flowers to his wife Linda Henry at the big event. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



The South Amboy Fire Dept. was well-represented at the State of the City Address. Pictured (l-r) 2nd Assistant Chief Steve Szatkowski, Chief Mike Geraltowski, and 1st Assistant Chief John Kelly. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Mayor Fred Henry (c) visits with South Amboy Police Chief Darren LaVigne (l) and Captain Joe Matarangolo (r) following the State of the City Address. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Pictured at the South Amboy State of the City address are (l-r) Assemblyman Craig Coughlin, Mayor Fred Henry and Assemblyman John Wisniewski. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

SA State of the City: Finances Improving

By Steve Schmid

South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry spoke optimistically about the state of the city’s finances at the April 9 state of the city speech. Henry reported that Moody’s Investor Services affirmed the city’s A3 rating. He said Moody’s has also removed the negative outlook on the city’s GO rating. The A3 rating and removal of the city’s negative rating reflects improving city finances. The change greatly improves the city’s ability to secure bonding for improvement projects and it will save city taxpayers thousands of dollars. This year’s address was held at the Hoffman Senior Center on South Stevens Ave after being held at the YMCA. in recent years. Henry said they returned to the Hoffman Senior Center after improvements were made to the building. Henry also mentioned the Independence Day fireworks, which will be celebrated July 2 along the waterfront between South Amboy and Perth Amboy. This will be the third time the two cities will jointly work

to host the Raritan Bay fireworks. The first was in 2012 The two cities did not hold one in 2013 due to waterfront damage caused by Hurricane Sandy. He praised Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz for her cooperation. The South Amboy leader also gave an update on the Manhattan Beach Club project. Plans call for 1,750 luxury residential units, 88 affordable housing units, a restaurant, parking, an associated park, and associated commercial uses. The developer will also pay for the continuance of a waterfront parkway. Mayor Henry also praised city departments for their hard work. He congratulated the city department heads for their leadership. He also noted the Fire Department is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year with a parade in September. He also pointed out the library observed its 100th anniversary and was happy with the recent St. Patrick’s Day parade which was well attended despite the change of date. .



The Honor Guard of American Legion Lenape Post 211 prepare to fire a 21-shot volley during the Sayreville Little League Opening Day ceremonies. The Honor Guard (l-r) Joseph Rudy, Charles Marzano, Ed Pedersen, Joseph Myers, Robert Puchala, Michael Fischer, Frank Sullivan. (Photo info submitted)

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South Amboy's newest truck is put to the test fighting the flames from high above the blaze.



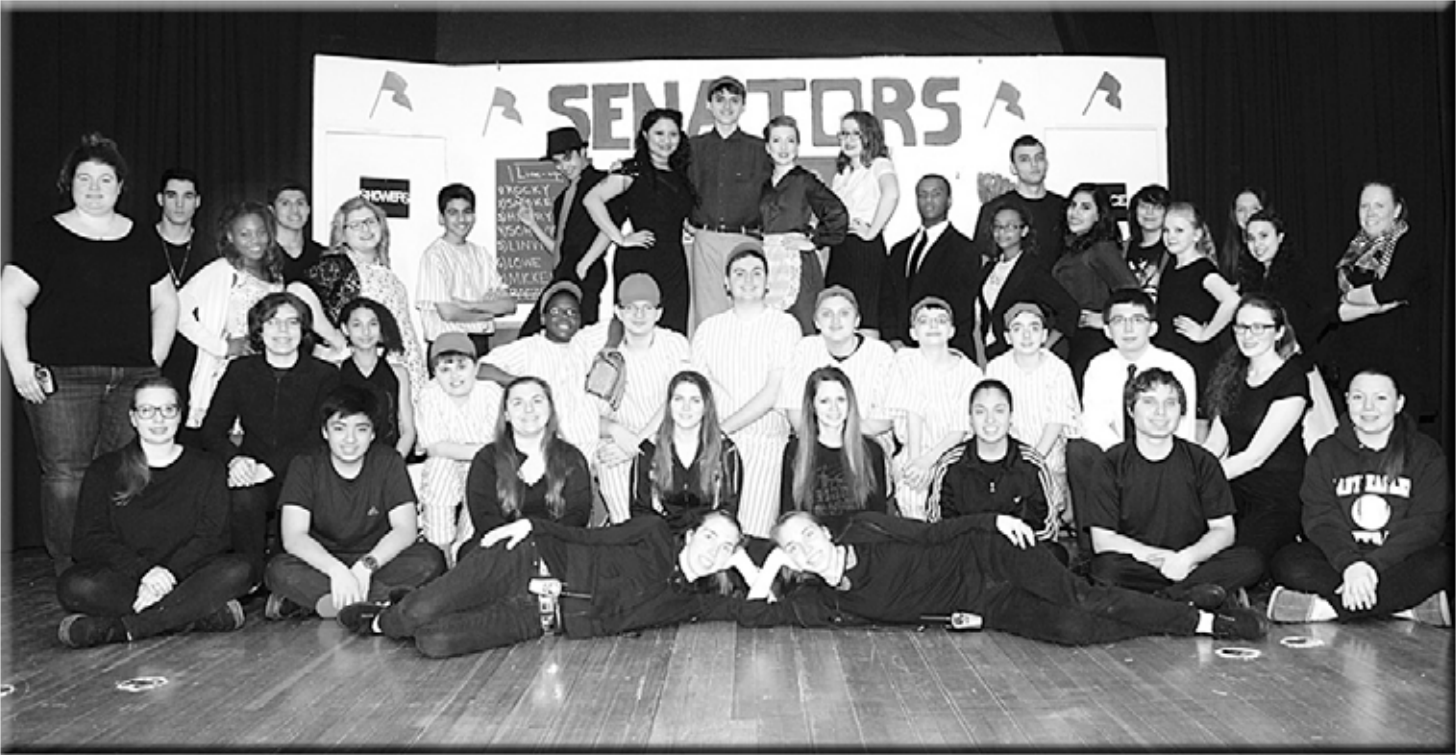
Fire fighters in action.



Flames burst through the front window and engulf the building.



The Aftermath!



Raritan Bay Catholic Preparatory School presented the musical Damn Yankees as their Spring Show. Students from Sacred Heart Elementary School and Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's High School put on a great show. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



The South Amboy High School Player's recently performed "Seussical" to very enthusiastic crowds who enjoyed seeing Dr. Seuss's characters: The Cat in the hat, Horton the Elephant, Jojo, the citizens of Whoville and many more come to life in this very complex and entertaining musical. A total of 120 students grades pre-k to 12th took part in the show. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



“EYE CANDY” OF THE 1960’s

By Elaine Holton Scott

Each year during the Holiday Season, Liz Taylor gets resurrected “from the other side” so she can advertise her White Diamond Perfume. Afterwards, she gets laid to rest again, probably going to the same place that Elvis did when he left the building. Even though Elizabeth Taylor and her big screen counterparts like Audrey Hepburn, Marilyn Monroe, Sandra Dee, and Grace Kelly, are no longer with us, there are many beautiful actresses from the decade of the 1960’s who are alive and well. Let’s remember a few of the bottled blondes who had lit up the screen:

Yvette Mieux was born in Los Angeles, California in 1942, and “in the business” until 1992. Always ladylike and reserved, Yvette had a starring role in the 1960’s movie “Where the Boys Are,” as well as, other films such as “The Time Machine,” “Diamond Head,” and “Toys in the Attic.” After quitting her acting career at the age of 50, Yvette Mieux became a real estate investor, a yoga devotee, and, surprisingly, an anthropologist.

Bridget Bardot, who was never described as being ladylike or reserved, was born in France in 1934 and “active” from 1952 to 1973. In 1952, “BB” married Roger Vadim, a screen writer, producer, director, “serial husband,” and future mate of Jane Fonda. Bardot and Vadim remained together until divorcing in 1965. Bridget Bardot has since devoted her life to being a vocal Animal Activist.

Joey Heatherton, with the shaggy short hair, was born in Long Island in 1944. Joey is best remembered, at least to the police, not for her dancing on-screen but for her

private life off-screen. In 1969, Joey Heatherton married Lance Rentzel of the Dallas Cowboys. Their marriage lasted until Lance was arrested for “not so” decent exposure in 1971. In 1984 Joey Heatherton was charged with theft for non-payment of a large hotel and spa bill. In 1985 she was arrested for bodily assault after slapping and pulling the hair of a clerk at a U.S. Passport Agency Office. In 1986 Heatherton was arrested for assault again...this time for stabbing a former boyfriend and manager with a steak knife. When her purse was checked at the police station, they found her stash of cocaine. Amen to her career.

Carol Lynley was born in Manhattan in the year 1942, and is best remembered for her lackluster roles in “The Poseidon Adventure” and “Return to Peyton Place.” Having baby-fine, straight blond hair, wispy bangs and a roundish face, she was always the on-screen innocent. Although her last role was almost a decade ago in 2006, Carol Lynley still lists herself as still being active in the business.

Connie Stevens nee Concetta Rosalie Ann Ingoglia was born in Brooklyn in 1938. Connie is best known for both her starring role on “Hawaiian Eye,” and for her hit song, “Kookie, Kookie.” From ‘63 to ‘67, Connie was married to actor James Stacy, who later married actress Kim Darby prior to his loss of one arm and one leg in a motorcycle accident and getting arrested a few times for being a “peeping tom.” Connie’s second marriage, from ‘67 to ‘69, was to Eddie Fisher who was Liz Taylor’s ex. May Ms. Taylor be resting in peace...at least until the yuletide season rolls around again.

The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski

“Mutual Aid” is a term that is heard of often and widely used throughout the fire service but what is it? Years ago, local fire departments handled most of their fire emergencies with the personnel and apparatus from within their own community. Additional manpower and equipment from neighboring communities was rarely requested except when a major conflagration occurred. Volunteer fire departments had an abundance of manpower available within their community to rely on in time of emergency. This was due to many local industries in the area having shift operations where their employees would work evenings or nights and be available during the day to answer fires. There was even a time when many of the “Main Street” businesses would allow their employees to leave work to answer fire calls during their working hours. Unfortunately both of these valuable resources have long gone by the wayside.

In the years preceding World War II, most if not all of the fire departments had a waiting list of prospective members to join. Some applicants had to wait many years before being allowed regular membership to the fire company. Those days too are long gone. There is probably not a single volunteer fire department that can say that they have a full quota of members and aren’t accepting new members at this time. Recruiting new members and retaining current members is an ongoing process. Many fire departments offer incentives to new and existing members in the form of a program called Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP).

Fires that erupted years ago did not burn as hot or as fast as they do today and a rapid response by the fire department usually handled the incident. Construction and building materials were made from natural products such as thick milled lumber and the home furnishings were of cotton, wool, or real wood. Fires that erupt today usually require an immediate response with quick fire fighting actions to knock the fire down or bring it under control. Today the buildings are constructed of pressed and glued wood components and the furnishings are mostly made in some form of plastic, both of which burn with great intensity.

When a fire occurs during the daytime hours, a time when most volunteers are at work, manpower is limited. Fortunately, most of our fire departments have “Mutual Aid” agreements with their surrounding

communities. These agreements allow neighboring fire departments to send additional manpower and equipment quickly to the scene of the incident when requested by the incident commander/fire chief.

Mutual Aid agreements can also be formed between communities and the county, between neighboring counties, and between states. Mutual Aid does not always have to be for firefighting, it can be used for any type of emergency. A lost or missing person, floods, a building collapse are but a few examples where mutual aid may be needed.

New Jersey received Mutual Aid from various states when hit with Hurricane Sandy. The State of Mississippi sent an experienced Incident Management Team (IMT) to Middlesex County because of the experience they acquired during Hurricane Katrina. This Team coordinated all county wide command operations for the month following Hurricane Sandy.

Having Mutual Aid agreements in effect provides a way for towns to prevent the duplication of equipment, which can be a cost saving benefit to the community and taxpayers. There is no reason to duplicate resources in neighboring towns if that equipment is rarely used and is of a specialized nature. It would be beneficial for neighboring towns to discuss their needs before purchasing expensive and unique equipment which can serve the needs of many communities during an emergency situation.

If a major catastrophic emergency occurs in Middlesex County, local communities can turn to the Middlesex County Fire Marshal’s Office for assistance. Under the auspices of the County Fire Marshal, additional fire equipment from throughout Middlesex County can be sent to the scene of the incident. The County Fire Marshal is aware of the status of every piece of firefighting equipment in the county and its availability. He is able to provide additional resources and equipment from anywhere in the county rather than stripping equipment from the local communities surrounding the incident. He can also request additional resources from surrounding counties, if necessary, during an emergency situation.

Mutual Aid is a valuable resource that is now being used frequently throughout Middlesex County and is used well! It would be difficult to predict what would happen if it wasn’t available.



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Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz was in attendance for South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry’s State of the City Address on April 9th. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowitz)

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YMCA To Honor Maria Tomaro

The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy will honor Maria Tomaro of Edison at its annual dinner May 6. Maria will receive the Charles S. Edgar Award for her outstanding work as a YMCA volunteer.

Maria has been a volunteer with the YMCA for almost 20 years and sits on the Board of Directors. She has served as chair of the Board Governance Committee since 2003 and is on the Strategic Planning Committee. During Maria’s time as a YMCA volunteer, she served on the CEO Search Committee, the Financial Development Committee, the Steering Committee to raise funds for capital campaigns, the Edison Branch Committee, and a Joint Committee of the Community Campus.

“One of my first responsibilities as a board member was to sit on the Charles S. Edgar Memorial Award committee, so it’s special to me to think that I would be grouped with the individuals who have received this award,” said Maria. “It’s an honor to me and I never thought it would come my way.”

Maria currently works as a dental hygienist in Metuchen, and is extremely active in the community. Maria is being honored for her work with the community. She is a lector in St. Francis Cathedral in Metuchen, a committee woman for Middlesex County Democratic Organization, a member of the Federation of Democratic Women, and a former member of the John F. Kennedy Medical Center Auxiliary.

“The YMCA helps so many people in our community and the work the organization does is so incredibly important,” said Maria.

“So many families need assistance and we are there for them when they need us the most. The YMCA really does strengthen the foundations of our community by focusing on mind, body and spirit.”

The Charles S. Edgar Award recipient is a person or organization who:

- Demonstrates leadership and is of the highest personal integrity
- Exemplifies community spirit at its best
- Has contributed to the community through a variety of organizations and in a variety of roles
- Is responsive to and interested in the work of the YMCA
- Has a record of long-term service
- Is recognized for his or her individual efforts, not on behalf of a group
- Whose acceptance will enrich the tradition of the Charles S. Edgar Memorial Award

“The YMCA has an open door policy,” said Maria. “No matter what stage you’re at, the YMCA has a program to help you achieve your goals. It’s a safe place for children to learn and be cared for. It’s a place where both children and adults can learn to swim. It’s a place for survivors of cancer to continue to get well and make friends with other survivors. The YMCA reaches out to those who are in need of its services.”

The 2015 Annual Dinner of the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy will celebrate 94 years of community service. The dinner will be held at 6 p.m., May 6 at The Pines Manor in Edison.



A huge crowd turned out to support the first New Jersey L.E.A.D. carnival at Kennedy Park. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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Bozzella Big East Coach Of The Year

Anthony Bozzella, Seton Hall University (SHU) women's basketball coach, was selected Big East Coach of the Year, after leading SHU to the Big East regular season title with a (15-3) mark.

Bozzella, who had his first varsity coaching job with St. Mary's girls' basketball team in 1987, turned in a school record-breaking (28-6), eclipsing the victories mark of 27, set by the 1993-94 team. Congratulations Anthony on your great accomplishments in only two years at Seton Hall U.!

College Notebook

Middlesex County College (MCC) women's softball team features 3 Sayreville and 2 South Amboy alumni on their roster. The Sayreville ladies include infielder Kathryn Dovidauiskas, utility player Gabrielle Cassiere, and pitcher/infielder Erin Stvan. Catcher Brittany Clayton (Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's), and outfielder Shana Anderson (South Amboy), should also contribute to MCC...The MCC baseball squad has Matt Lavan (South Amboy), who is off to a terrific start with a .533 batting avg., and .545 on-base pct., the best on the team. The MCC Blue Colts ace closer is Vincent Enea (Sayreville), who has pitched in 5 games and notched 2 saves...Jennifer Shereyka (Cardinal McCarrick) finished #2 on the MCC basketball team with 120 assists, and 3rd in points scored-379...Ramapo freshman, Amber Edwards (Sayreville), won the NJAC Rookie of the Week after finishing 6th place in the triple jump at the Roadrunner Invitational, with a 38-9 leap...Kristen Fitzsimmons (Sayreville) is having a fine year at The College of New Jersey. The junior outfielder has been ripping the ball for a .344 avg., #3 on the team...Christian Campbell (Sayreville) won his first collegiate game for Rutgers University (11-22) by hurling 3 shutout innings in relief, while striking out 3 in a victory over Fordham University...Jimmy Kraivec (Sayreville) has started 5 games for Centenary College and is (2-2), and in 23.1 innings has struck out a team-leading 28 batters.

Annual Jack Caffrey Memorial Golf Outing May 11

Cost: \$125.00 per golfer, Shotgun Start, 10:00am, breakfast and Registration, 9:00am. Price includes Lunch and beer at turn and soda & water stations. Also golf shirt, Dinner, open bar, & awards back at Knights Council 2061. Proceeds helps support our many Charity activities. Contact: Jim Revel 732-675-2884, Pat Revel 732-618-0103 or Joe Campbell 646-483-2883.

Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber
Salt Water
Striped Bass are finally being caught along the Bay shore. It's still slow but picking up. Most of the times that I checked Cliffwood and Ideal beaches, the few anglers there didn't do much. That's changing. I saw 2 nice keepers in the 30 inch range and heard of a few more, plus a few shorts. It looks like Bluefish have arrived in the south as there are reports of birds working over bait and bunkers with deep cuts in them. Flounder fishing is slow all over. The best fishing is in Barnegat Bay right now at Island Heights and the Forked River power plant. Hopefully it will get better. Party boat fishing for a few Cod, Blackfish and Ling is a slow improvement. Some good sized Cod have been caught but there hasn't been much action. Some commercial boats went far offshore to look for Mackerel but didn't find any.

Fresh Water
My wife and I got a late start for opening day Trout and reached the Black River around noon. There were a lot of people there, some did very well and others didn't. Between there and Peapack Brook, we managed to catch three Rainbows and a native Brown which I released back. We did however on the following week on Sunday at the Pequest, catch 4 Rainbows with my wife bringing in a nice one at 20 inches and about 3 pounds. Shad are in the Delaware River and also being caught at the Water Gap. It's just getting started up at Lambertville and Easton, these being the best areas.

Back In Those College Days Part 3

By Tom Burkard

Richard Wojciechowicz (Sayreville)-Trenton State College-football, 1960's; Bill D'Amico(Sayreville)-U.S.NavalAcademy, Annapolis-baseball 1974-77, soccer 1974-75; Matt Ryan (St. Joseph's)-Belmont Abbey, baseball (1990), Middlesex County College, baseball (1992-1993); John Wojcik (Sayreville)- Ramapo College, basketball

2003-2007; Brian Seres (South Amboy)-Brookdale Community College, baseball 2000's; Jeff Toth (Sayreville)-Middlesex County College-baseball, (2006), The College of New Jersey-baseball, (2007-2009); Matt Welna (Sayreville)-Rider University-soccer, 2008-2011.

Interesting Facts On Locals College Careers

(By Tom Burkard)

Richard Wojciechowicz (Sayreville) was a standout football player at Trenton State College in the 60's, and selected into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame. He was named Little All-American fullback, and also turned in one of the top punting averages in the country...Matt Ryan (St. Joseph's HS) played baseball for Belmont Abbey in 1990 and part of 1991, before attending Middlesex County College, where he helped lead the team to a national ranking in 1993. Matt was an All-Conference, All-Region outfield selection in 1992 and 1993...John Wojcik (Sayreville) led his Ramapo College team to 2 conference titles, and 2 NCAA appearances between 2003 and 2007. He has been the highly-successful basketball coach at

Sayreville HS for the past few years...Jeff Toth (Sayreville) was a NJCAA 1st Team All-American in 2006 while playing for Middlesex County College. He went on to star at The College of New Jersey from 2007-2009, and was a 3rd Team NCAA Division III All-American shortstop in '07. In '09, he was a finalist for NCAA Division III National Player of the Year, and finished 2nd place. Also, in 2009, he was #5 in the nation with a lofty .483 batting average. Jeff led the nation in defensive assists in 2007 with 172. His college career totals were: avg-.414, home runs-24, triples-24, doubles-45, stolen bases-72. He holds the TCNJ career record with 15 triples. Jeff went on to play professional baseball for 2 seasons...

Favorite College Sports Memories

Bill D'Amico (Sayreville) played baseball at the U.S. Naval Academy Annapolis from 1974-77. He also played 2 years of soccer. Bill shared some of his fondest memories with us. "In my freshman year, I was called up to varsity at the end of the year. My claim to fame that year came against Army for the neutral game. We swept them during the regular season, which counts in the league standings. Back in the mid 70's, Army and Navy were part of the Ivy League. A separate game was played for the neutral match. Up to that point, there was never a 3-game sweep between the two academies during the season.

Although I was called up to varsity, I had no expectations of playing. Army was winning going into the 9th inning, but we rallied to tie the score at 8 with 2 runs on a 2 out double by our catcher Joe Zeni. He was not a strong runner, and they pinch ran for him. I was summoned from the bullpen to run, but when they told me to warm up, I thought to pitch, so I got onto the bullpen mound to warm up. They yelled at me to warm up my legs and not my arm. In I went to pinch run. Our next batter drove a single up the middle, and I was waved around to score. The throw beat me to the plate, but I bowled over the catcher and the collision jarred the ball loose. I was called safe, and became part of history for scoring the run that allowed a 3-game series season sweep by a service academy team for the first time in their history.

My biggest thrill turned out to be my biggest disappointment. At the start of my sophomore year, Coach Duff finally allowed me to pitch. He was not impressed by my performance during winter indoor practices, and during the beginning of spring outdoor practice. But, I was just one of three left-handed pitchers, and did make the varsity squad. Initially, I came out of the pen, but a third of the way through the season, I got my first start, and pitched a complete game against the University of Pitt. I had a very strong sophomore year and tallied a 5-1 won/loss record heading into the final week of the season. The University of Penn finished the season with a (12-3) Ivy League record, and in the process, toppled 5-time Ivy League champion Harvard. But, we owned the tie-breaker, having beaten them early in the season. We entered the last weekend of the league season with a (9-3) record and had to win a single game against Dartmouth on a Friday, and a doubleheader sweep of Harvard Saturday, to match Penn's record. With the sweep, we would represent the Ivy League in the College World Series.

Against Dartmouth, Coach Duff pitched our captain and senior right-hander, Randy

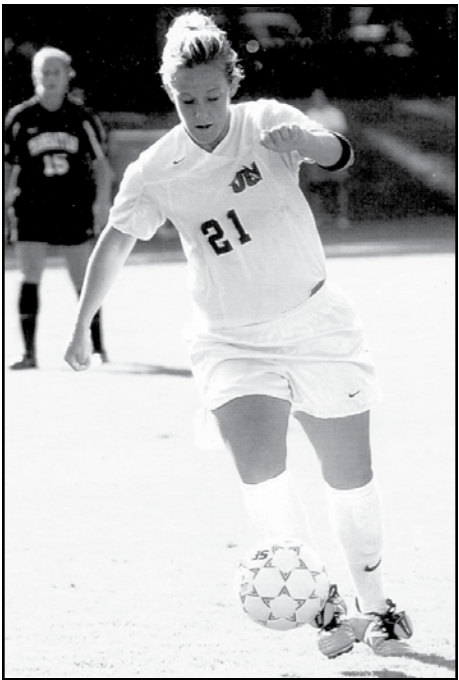
Young. We won big against Dartmouth, having scored double digit runs thanks to a grand slam home run by my classmate Eddie Abner, and a two-run shot in the later innings. Senior lefty, Lou Repucci was picked by Coach Duff to start the first game on Saturday against Harvard, and I was scheduled to start the second game. Lou was superb as we beat Harvard, in a low-scoring game, either 2-0 or 3-1 in our favor. Our Ivy hopes came down to the final game. We fell behind early by a score of 2-1. Harvard got 2 runs off me without the benefit of a hit. My sudden wildness and faulty defense led to the 2 unearned runs. Heading into the next to the last inning, we were still behind 2-1, and I still had a no-hitter going. With one out, I walked a batter, and Harvard bunted him to second. I walked the next batter, to face their number 3 batter who was left-handed. I fell behind on the count 2-1 and then 3-1. Coach Duff came out and pulled me from the game. The relief pitcher completed the walk and now had to face their cleanup hitter, who was also left-handed. On the first pitch, he blasted a grand slam home run to make the score 6-1. We came back in the last inning to score 4 runs of our own, but fell one run short. We lost 6-5 and our chance to get into the College World Series. It was difficult for me at the time, because it was the first time I ever lost a game without giving up a hit. Six runs on one hit is rare, but it happens sometimes.

I did play 2 years of soccer, but realized that my talent level was nowhere near where it needed to be in order to compete on the Division I level. I focused on baseball my final two years."



Matt Zebrowski

Regan Rone



Regan Rone (South Amboy) is pictured in soccer action while starring for Jacksonville University.

Klimchak joins Ohio Machine

Former Scarlet Knight attackman Scott Klimchak was recently signed by Major League Lacrosse's Ohio Machine. The 6'3" 220lbs Klimchak was a four-year starter at Rutgers from 2010-2014, and finished his career "On the Banks" with 124 goals, which ranks sixth all-time in Rutgers storied 100 year lax history. He helped the Knights to a top 25 national ranking during his senior season. The Clark, NJ native won the team's William Miller Trophy in 2014 ,awarded to the team member who has constituted an inspiration to his teammates and made the greatest contribution to the team in the season's play.

As a senior in 2014, Klimchak led the squad with a career high 38 goals and 43 points, while collecting 21 ground balls. His 38 goals tied for 10th on Rutgers single season goals list. He tallied 156 points in his career, the most for an RU player since 2005. Klimchak was named to the All Big East team in 2011 and also earned the Al Twitchell Award as RU'S most valuable freshmen.

College Sports Photos Wanted

Do you have a favorite photo of yourself when you played varsity sports in college? We sure would like to publish it in our May 23rd issue of The SA Times. If you would like to share that great time in your life, when you took your athletic talents to the next level, and played college sports, please e-mail the photo to: satimes@aol.com.



Mallory Kirchner



Mallory Kirchner is a 2009 graduate of Georgian Court University and has an MBA in Business from GCU. She is currently teaching business at Red Bank Catholic High School and is also coaching varsity softball and field hockey their. She is a resident of the Morgan Section of Sayreville and a graduate of Cardinal McCarrick High School. In 2009 she was selected to the NCAA Div II All-American Softball Team and during her time at GCU she participated in 3 NCAA Regional Championships and was also a participant in 2 CACC Championship teams (2007 and 2009). The 2009 team fell short of the NCAA Div II World Series by just one game.

Sayreville Memorial Day Parade

Sayreville will host its annual Memorial Day parade on, Monday, May 25th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The parade is sponsored by the American Legion Post 211 and the Veterans of Foreign War Post 4699. The parade will start at Elizabeth Street and Washington Road and conclude with a service at the Borough Hall on Main Street. In the parade line up will be veterans and their affiliated groups, color guards, distinguished bands, local officials, school, civic, community and church groups, marching units, scout troops, youth sports leagues, antique vehicles, local police, fire and emergency departments.

Memorial Day is a day for remembering and recognizing every veteran who has fought and those that are still fighting to keep our country safe and secure. This year, Vietnam veteran, Gary Wistuba, has been chosen by the American Legion Post 211 as the Grand Marshal. Gary has lived in Sayreville for the past sixty-eight years and in 1964 graduated from Sayreville High School. Upon graduation, Gary worked for DuPont until he enlisted in the United States Marine Corp in 1966. He trained in Parris Island and at Camp Lejeune. He served with the First Battalion 4th Marines as a mortar squad leader in South Vietnam along the DMZ in 1966 and 1967. He was awarded two Purple Hearts and a Navy Commendation with a Combat V for his heroism. Gary worked in the construction industry for over 30 years and was a part owner of a commercial and industrial masonry company until he retired. He has been married to his wife Linda for 44 years, and they have two daughters, Jessica and Kristen.

Any questions please contact Larry Doyle, Parade Chairman at ltd504@optimum.net or 908-705-3530.



Seton Hall University's fabulous freshman swimmer Matt Zebrowski, who won the gold medal in the Men's 200 Butterfly at the Big East Swimming & Diving championships recently, is pictured in action. (Photos courtesy of Seton Hall University Athletics)



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THE SPINAL COLUMN

By DR. JOHN MISIEWICZ

Walking For Your Good Health
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When you begin a walking program, keep in mind that you're in no big hurry. This is lifetime health, not overnight magic. At first, forget heart rates and stop watches. Just go walk at a comfortable pace slightly above a stroll.

You don't have to walk any particular way, but there comes a point when refinements offer definite benefits. The correct posture, arm swing and stride add up to higher intensity exercise and lower risk of injury.

Posture – when walking, lean slightly forward, from the ankles, not the waist. Leaning from the waist will only tire your back and make breathing harder. Keep your head level and your chin up.

Arm swing – keep your elbows firmly bent at a 90-degree angle, and swing your arms from the shoulder. Your hand should end its forward swing at breastbone height. On the backswing, if you're moving fast, the upper arm is almost parallel to the ground.

Stride – make your stride long and smooth. Borrow some moves from competitive race walkers: keep your supporting leg straight as your body passes over it, and let the hip rise and relax. As the leg moves to the rear, keep its foot on the ground as long as possible before pushing off.

Remember – the proper technique is not as important as getting out there and doing something. Keep in mind that healthy people are well overall; their activities help fend off heart disease and circulatory problems. The key is to stay active.

Keep it up – to make walking a habit, takes will power and sometimes a strategy. Schedule regular walks with a friend if you need an extra push, or walk first thing in the morning before other commitments crop up, or vary your routine to keep it interesting or get a dog!

Finally, try not to think of it as exercise. It's time you've set aside for yourself. Enjoy it.



Mayor Fred Henry and Library Director Elaine Gaber join children during the highly successful Makers Day at Sadie Pope Dowdell Library.



Bobby Tooker and his daughter Lucy had a great time at Makers Day. (Photos by Tom Burkard)

My Hometown, South Amboy

By John Phillips

God willing, I plan to write several stories about my growing up years in this Pleasant Little City. As I look back at those days from where I am today, I smile and wonder where the time went. However, before we get to my stories I want to tell you a little about the history of this little town and the part it played in the history of our state and country.

Today South Amboy is a mile square. Back in the 1800's it was much larger. It once extended as far as Cranberry and to the border of Monmouth County. It was a sprawling township of eighteen miles long and six miles wide.

The town grew out of the city across the Raritan Bay, Perth Amboy. Perth Amboy was a colonial port and the first capital of the area called East Jersey. It eventually became the capital of the Jersey colony until the 1776 Revolution. William Franklin was the last royal governor. He was also the estranged son of Benjamin Franklin. The area across the bay was called the South Ward of Perth Amboy and hence the name when it separated from Perth Amboy. South Amboy was a perfect connecting point for the travel from New York to Philadelphia. A ferry connected the Amboys to the long stagecoach road from South Amboy to Bordentown, the stagecoach road that continued the long journey to Philadelphia. That road still exists today and is called Bordentown Avenue. It begins at the water's edge of Raritan Bay and continues through the city on its way across the state.

Back in the colonial days the travel from New York City to Philadelphia took around five days. South Amboy was a perfect spot to rest and relax prior to continuing the journey. So, several hotels sprang up, and taverns for "socializing; thus began the long tradition of taverns in the city. In my day there were about 40!

During the Revolution it is reported that the town was used as a lookout for British ships in the bay, at that time called Amboy Bay. An important early resident was Major General James Morgan who was on Washington's staff and was responsible for patrolling and protecting the area. He is buried in the family cemetery on a hilltop overlooking a picturesque view of Raritan Bay. A section of the town is called Morgan in his honor.

South Amboy's economy was always directed to shipping, fishing and manufacturing. It had big clay deposits and a profitable pottery and terra cotta industry developed. There were once three terra cotta and pottery factories in town. I remember exploring the abandoned factories as a kid and finding pottery items that were still useable.

However, it was the railroad that was to become the greatest factor in the city's growth and development. The Stevens family owned property in both Perth and South Amboy. They would later settle in Hoboken where they founded Stevens Institute of Technology. John Stevens brought the first steam engine (the John Bull) made in England to New Jersey. His sons founded the Camden & Amboy Rail Road in 1831. Here again South Amboy's unique location became very important as the rail line followed the old stagecoach route. The Camden & Amboy railroad was the first of several railroads that passed through the city. Later there would be many: The New York & Long Branch, The Raritan River, Jersey Central, and of course, The Pennsylvania Railroad. The train whistles were heard throughout the day when I was growing up. Many of those trains brought coal from the Pennsylvania coalfields to be unloaded into barges for transport to New York City and power plants along the northeast coast. However, there were other types of goods transported to the city for further water distribution. One of these was military explosives that led to one of the major disasters the town experienced.

It happened on May 19, 1950, at the coal docks. Explosives (land mines) were being loaded onto barges for transport to a larger ship in the bay when something went

wrong. Thirty-one loaders were killed and debris was blown on the streets near the waterfront, and just about every window in town was blown out and many people were injured. The National Guard came into town that night to protect property and help restore calm. I lived on the waterfront and will remember that day for the rest of my life. My friend "Tank" Leonard and I were playing stickball down by the water when a large orange ball started to rise in the sky. We stood there looking at it with awe and wonder. Then the ground started to shake and a tremendous roar followed. I remember people coming out of their houses in shock and many were bleeding from the windows that shattered in their homes. Our house was a mess: there were no windows and the floor had caved in. We spent the next several days with relatives whose home did not suffer the damage that the waterfront houses did. I was not injured, but my brother and mother were. A plate glass window at a candy shop got my brother, and my mother was hit by flying can goods at the grocery store. My dad, who had a few Jameson's in him, slept through the whole thing. When he woke up, he asked: "What the hell happened?"

I could go on, but I think you have a pretty good picture of the town I was born and raised in. Now some lighter stuff!

A sample of some of our notable people:

Let's start with Harold G Hoffman, the 41st governor of New Jersey from 1934 to 1938. He enlisted as a private in World War I and served overseas rising to a captain and eventually a full colonel. While he was governor, he was fully involved in the Lindberg kidnapping case. He strongly felt that Bruno Hauptmann was innocent of the kidnapping and murder of the Lindberg child and did everything he could to commute the death sentence. He was unsuccessful and some say that was the end of his political career. However, to me his most important achievement was getting my father back into the country after he was deported for jumping ship. Except for him, I might not have come along!

For its size South Amboy was well represented in major league baseball:

Allie Clark played for the New York Yankees, Cleveland Indians, Philadelphia Athletics, and Chicago White Sox. He was a teammate of many famous players and had two World Series rings: 1947 with the Yankees, and 1948 with the Cleveland Indians. During the off-season he had a tavern called The Sportsman's Inn, and many of his big league friends would visit. I pestered him into giving me a Cleveland Indian hat. I had to fill it with paper to make it fit. He was a nice man who always had time for the kids. He died in 2012.

The O'Brian twins (Johnny and Eddie) put my high school -- St. Mary's -- on the map. They were outstanding basketball and baseball players. They got scholarships to Seattle University and put that school on the map. Johnny, only about five ten, scored 43 points against the Harlem Globetrotters in 1952. They were very instrumental in convincing Elgin Baylor to attend Seattle University. Both were All American basketball and baseball players. Bing Crosby, then a part owner of the Pittsburgh Pirates, signed them to a "Bonus Baby" contract. They were the first twins to play in the same game in major league history. And they were only one of four brothers in major league history to play second base and shortstop in the same game. They played for the Pittsburgh Pirates, St. Louis Cardinals and Milwaukee Braves. After they left baseball, they returned to Seattle and had very distinguished careers. Eddie died in 2014.

John (Jack) McKeon, famously known as "Trader Jack," had a long distinguished career as a major league executive and manager. He managed: The Kansas City Royals, Oakland Athletics, San Diego Padres, Cincinnati Reds and finally the 2003 Miami Marlins when they won the World Series. He was also the General Manager

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Lillian Switzer Age: 91 Formerly of South Amboy

Lillian Litka Switzer, 91, of Etters, Pennsylvania died April 1, 2015 at home. She was born in South Amboy and lived there until moving to Etters in 2004. Prior to retiring, she was employed by Charles Komar & Sons, South Amboy. A former member of St. Bernadette's Church, she was an excellent cook and avid reader. In addition, she enjoyed going to Atlantic City and playing the slots when she wasn't spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a wonderful lady with a great sense of humor, and always helpful to anyone in need.

Her parents were the late Michael and Josephine Moraski Litka, and she is also predeceased by her husband William Switzer in 1974, 3 sons, Eugene, Patrick, and William Switzer, and her grandson Timothy Moglia in 1994. She is survived by her children and their spouse, Robert and Sylvia of Philadelphia, PA, Michael Switzer, of South Amboy, Shawn and Norine Switzer of Sayreville, Keith and Gaye Switzer of South Amboy, Ann Fiore of Parlin, Lillian and Peter Horbatt of Inverness, FL, Linda and Stanley Zakrzewski of Etters, PA, Eileen and Thomas Zonkowski of Forked River, Colleen and Domenick Santucci of Etters, PA, Marlene



Lillian Switzer

and Robert Moglia of South Amboy, and Erin and William Koller of Parlin; 26 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" in South Amboy.

of the National League Pennant-winning Padres of 1986. There will be more about "butts" -- that's what we called him because he always had a cigar in his mouth. He was my first basketball coach in grammar school; and he was funny even back then. Oh, at the age of eighty he was the oldest major league manager since Connie Mack. Jack was also a graduate of St Mary's High School and was a teammate of the O'Brien twins on both the school's baseball and basketball teams.

Thomas (Tommy) Kelly was also a St. Mary's graduate. He was an All State baseball player and was signed by the Seattle Pilots. He eventually made the majors with the Minnesota Twins, but his real accomplishments were managing at the major league level. He managed the Twins from 1986 to 2001 and won two World Series. In 2012 the Twins retired his uniform number 10, and he is currently a special advisor to the team's general manager. I remember him as a nice kid who lived around the corner from my mother.

Finally, do you remember the Milton Berle show? I think it was on TV every

Tuesday night and was called the Texaco Star Theatre. If you do, do you remember the act when Uncle Miltie would yell for makeup and a tubby little guy, dressed in a funny costume, would run out onto the stage and smack him in the face with a large makeup pad? Well that tubby little guy's name was Marco Marcello and he was from South Amboy. He was a town celebrity and drove around in a big black Buick, and always dressed to the nines. He had a favorite tavern on Broadway and sometimes on a Saturday evening you could hear him belt out a lovely Italian song. He had a beautiful tenor voice.

Well, this is the end of "My Home Town Story". South Amboy was, and probably still is, on balance a "blue collar" town. As I remember, all religions were active. This small town had a lot of churches and an active synagogue. There is much more I could add, but I would be writing non-stop. I hope to add more stories in future Link editions to tell what it was like growing up in South Amboy, my hometown.

YMCAs Across New Jersey Hold Healthy Kids Day

To motivate families to have a healthy summer, YMCAs across the state are hosting a Healthy Kids Day over the next month, a free community event offering fun, creative and educational activities for kids.

From cities to suburbs, more than 10,000 children and families in New Jersey are expected to visit their local YMCAs on Healthy Kids Day to play games, exercise, dabble in arts and crafts, sample healthy snacks and discover that fun and fitness go together.

The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy will be hosting Healthy Kids Day Saturday, April 25, along with an open house for YMCA Summer Day Camp. Visit www.ymcaofmews.org for more details.

Nationwide, more than 1,500 Ys will be celebrating Healthy Kids Day, an initiative that aims to close the summer learning gap by inspiring kids to stay active and engaged after school lets out.

"Healthy Kids Day is more than a day of fun, active play and learning. It's designed to get kids started on a lifetime path to healthier living by emphasizing the importance of good health and nutrition," said Bill Lovett, Executive Director of the Trenton-based New Jersey YMCA State Alliance. "Part of our mission is supporting families in their efforts to instill healthy habits at home."

Healthy Kids Day is held annually to improve the health and well-being of families through fun and educational activities.

Make healthy the healthy taste test!

In celebration of YMCA's Healthy Kids Day, the YMCA offers the following tips to help families form healthy habits:

- Try, try, repeat -- There are many great tasting fruits and vegetables that kids have never heard of, let alone tried. Grab a new fruit or vegetable and encourage everyone in the family to try at least a bite.
- Play around town -- Challenge the family to play on a different playground every week. Identify playgrounds at a variety of parks; expand definitions of playgrounds to include nature trails, a nearby stream, and a bike path.
- Families at play for an hour a day -- From walking to gardening, or swimming to shooting hoops, make playful movement a part of your family's day. To get 60 minutes of moderate activity throughout your day just add 10 minutes here and 15 minutes there.
- Foster a passion for reading -- Read to and with your kids. Help children read at every age and every stage of their development.
- Make sleep a priority -- Doctors recommend 10-12 hours of sleep a day for children ages 5-12 and 7-8 hours per night for adults. Sleep plays a critical role in maintaining our healthy immune system, metabolism, mood, memory, learning, and other vital functions.

Ys hosting Healthy Kids Day can be found below, or at www.njymca.org/hk

Obituaries

Appell, Rose, 87, of Sayreville died on April 15.

Bansemer, Warren C., 75, of Sayreville died on April 14.

Blaszka, Olivia M., 72, of Sayreville died on April 15.

Brown, Linda, 66, of South Amboy died on April 12.

Casano, Steven, 75, formerly of Parlin died on March 18.

Cochran, Shaun, 48, formerly of Sayreville died on March 22.

Covello, Vincenzo "Vinny," 66, of Parlin died on April 12.

Farley, Leo J., 77, of Sayreville died on March 20.

Gerak, James B., of Sayreville died on April 4.

Gonzalez, Angel L., 61, of Sayreville died on March 29.

Gorman, John "Jack," of Sayreville died on April 14.

Grimley, Patrick P., 50, formerly of South Amboy died on March 23.

Gunnell-Vuocolo, Cynthia A. "Cindy," 61, of Parlin died on April 1.

Halasz, Adele Kielian, 85, of Sayreville died on April 16.

Hatalla, Candice, 64, of Sayreville died on March 23.

Horvath, Marie, 52, of Parlin died on March 31.

Kawalec, Mitchell, 66, formerly of Sayreville died on April 14.

Klein, Marian, 84, of South Amboy died on April 2.

Kupsch, Vincent G., 85, formerly of Sayreville died on March 20.

Lakatos, John Jr., 90, of Parlin died on April 4.

Leusenring, Elizabeth T., 86, of South Amboy died on March 30.

McGovern, John A., 50, of Sayreville died on March 28.

McNulty, Lynnette "Lynn," 55, of Sayreville died on April 3.

Mioduszewski, Frank "Smiley" Jr., 63, formerly of South Amboy died on March 30.

Morrissey, William J. Jr., 70, South Amboy died on March 26.

Perepolka, Julia, 92, of Sayreville died on March 29.

Ryan, Mary Ann, 77, of Sayreville died on April 11.

Sedlak, Frances Danku, 75, formerly of Melrose died on Jan. 14.

Smith, Joan "Joanie" M. Smith, 72, of South Amboy died on April 15.

Switzer, Lillian Litka, 91, formerly of South Amboy died on April 1.

Vee, John F., 88, of Parlin died on April 10.

Wallis, Adelaide M., 95, of South Amboy died on March 29.

Welna, Matthew, 25, formerly of Sayreville died on March 20.

Zaleski, Benjamin "Ben" Sr., 83, formerly of Sayreville died on April 11.

Zavattiere, John, 61, of Sayreville died on April 15.

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Members of the D.B. Kelly Pipe & Drums posed for this great group shot during their trip to Georgia for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. (Photo courtesy of Regan Rone)



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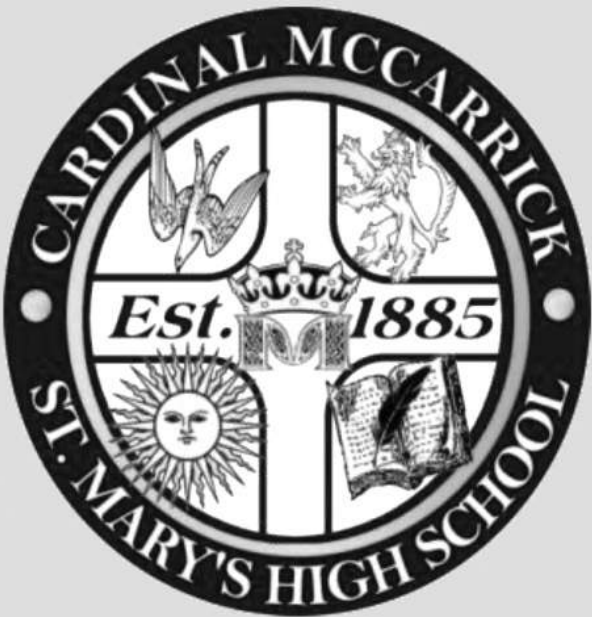
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