

C-Town Hopes To Reopen

By Steve Schmid

C-Town supermarket owner Nasser Nasser promises to reopen his South Amboy supermarket as soon as possible. The C-Town store on 611 Bordentown Ave. was damaged January 6 by a 10:52 p.m. fire which damaged the structure's roof. Nasser said he is devastated and can't believe the new year is starting off like this. Firefighters from South Amboy, Sayreville, Perth Amboy, East Brunswick and Iselin responded. Authorities said the fire began in the attic and was apparently caused by a short circuit in the wiring. Authorities credited the quick response of the firefighters with saving much of the building. The firefighters had to battle cold weather but were able to keep the fire from getting really bad. Authorities said an alert motorist noticed the flames shooting through the roof and called 911.

Circle Motor Lodge Gutted By Fire

By Steve Schmid

A quick moving fire fanned by cold and windy conditions badly damaged the Circle Motor Lodge at 1 Victory Plaza at the junction of Routes 9 and 35 northbound. Authorities said the fire left about 25 people without a home. The four alarm fire reportedly broke out around 10:58 a.m. January 7 and multiple fire companies rushed to the scene. Residents staying in the motel were evacuated safely. The Sayreville Office of Emergency Management and Middlesex County Office of Emergency Management plus the Salvation Army came to the scene to help displaced residents. Arrangements were made for the residents to stay at the nearby Knights Inn while others were relocated to other sites within the county. Fire officials said the fire was accidentally started by an overloaded extension cord and power strip.



Wayne McCormack Remembered

By Tom Burkard

A nicer, more genuine person you could never find, Wayne McCormack was all of this and more. Wayne McCormack, 70, of Sayreville died on Dec. 17th, and another shining light from our local communities was gone, but will never be forgotten.

Wayne was a 1963 graduate of St. Mary's High School, and went on to work for Raritan River Railroad. He was a very active gentleman in his community, church and the Knights of Columbus. McCormack served for over 30 years as a local Poll Clerk;

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Brave firefighters try to contain a huge fire on Main Street in Sayreville, which injured four family members. (Photo submitted by Rich Kosmoski)

CATASTROPHIC FIRE ERUPTS IN SAYREVILLE

BY EX-CHIEF RICHARD KOSMOSKI

One of the most catastrophic fires in recent years to erupt in Sayreville occurred over this past holiday season. At 3:19am on the morning of December 29, 2014, a general alarm fire was sounded for the Sayreville Fire Department to respond to a working structure fire at 451 Main Street with the possibility of occupants being trapped in the structure.

The announcement that came over the firefighters personal pager, alerting them of the fire that morning, is in all probability the most dreaded of fire calls. Knowing that at this time of the night most residents are asleep and can be trapped inside. It is at this moment that the unknown of what to expect and what steps will have to be taken, that those firefighters respond with an extremely elevated level of adrenaline. So many variables will be racing through their minds as they make their response. All firefighters are taught that their safety is

paramount in everything they do on the fire scene. But from experience, I can tell you that when there is a need to rescue people, firefighters will disregard their own safety for the lives of others.

Units arrived on the scene within 4 minutes of the first alarm and found all six residents in precarious situations and in need of rescue and suffering from severe trauma.

The residents of the home were all sleeping at the time the fire erupted. All were transported by the local first aid squad to Robert Wood John University Hospital in either serious or critical condition. Four of the family members were subsequently transferred to the Burn Unit at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston where they remain in critical condition as of this writing.

Firefighters stretched four lines into
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New Fire Chief-Pictured (l-r) after being sworn in by Mayor Fred Henry, is new South Amboy Fire Dept. Chief Michael Geraltowski, John Kelly, 1st Assistant Chief, Stephen Szatkowski, 2nd Assistant Chief, and the Rev. Father Stanley Gromadzki, new Chaplain of the South Amboy Fire Dept. The swearing-in ceremony took place at the City Hall on New Year's Day, and a huge crowd was in attendance. The South Amboy-Sayreville Times would like to congratulate all of these fine men on their wonderful accomplishments and wish them the best of luck! (Photo/story by Joe Lotkowitz)



Leading Scorers-Hoffman/South Amboy HS All-Time leading scorers, Lynn Ust (l), and Ed Behnen (r), shown holding his son were honored at the Benefit for Families in Need Basketball game. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Benefit Basketball Games A Big Success

By Tom Burkard

On Saturday, Dec. 20, at the South Amboy High Gym, hometown rivals, the South Amboy Governors took on the Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's Eagles in three basketball games for the benefit of families in need. The first game was junior varsity boys, followed by girls' varsity and in the finale, boys' varsity. The gym was pretty-well filled up with local residents who came out to see their teams in early season form, but most importantly to help a good cause—for

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Mayor, Council Sworn In

Mayor Fred Henry and Council at Large members Mickey Gross and Christine Noble were sworn in by Middlesex County Surrogate Kevin Hoagland at the swearing in ceremony and reorganization meeting on Jan. 5. The three incumbent Democrats were uncontested in the November election. Gross was selected Council President, and Noble Vice-President. Congratulations and best wishes to all!

Loughlin Chosen Sportscaster Of The Year

Matt Loughlin, who is the New Jersey Devils play-by-play announcer was selected New Jersey's top sportscaster by the National Sportscasters & Sportswriters Association (NSSA). Matt is a former resident of Sayreville, and a 1975 graduate of St. Mary's High School, who currently resides in Westfield. Congratulations Matt on a well-deserved award!

Sayreville Football To Return

By Steve Schmid

Sayreville residents finally got some good news about their troubled high school football program. School Superintendent Dr. Richard Labbe announced the Bombers will resume playing in the 2015 season. He announced this decision at the end of the January 6 Board of Education meeting. Labbe said football is a very important part of the athletic program and is very important to the local community. He said he made the decision after consulting with the Board of Education. Labbe canceled the rest of the 2014 season in early October when allegations of locker room hazing and sexual abuse became public. Seven Sayreville juveniles have been charged in connection with these incidents. The resumption of football this fall will give the Bombers a chance to continue their tradition of excellence which resulted in 18 straight appearances in the New Jersey state playoffs. Sayreville High School won three consecutive NJSIAA sectional titles from 2010-12.

The next question is who will coach this team. Head coach George Najjar who has led the team for 19 years, remains suspended with pay.

A decision on Najjar's status will be made by the school board. The Board of Education also announced the resignation of Sayreville High School athletic director John Kohutanycz. He is replaced by veteran administrator Nick Pizzuli who will serve on an interim basis

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Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Happy 95th Birthday

Birthday wishes go out to Henry Wojciechowski, who celebrated his 95th Birthday on Jan. 1st. Henry served the U.S. proudly in World War II. Thank you, Henry and stolat!

40th Anniversary

Happy 40th Wedding Anniversary wishes to South Amboy's John and Carolyn Letteriello. Congratulations to a wonderful couple!

In Memoriam

Richard Kelly, 50, of Parlin died on Dec. 12. He was the owner of Kelly Home Improvements for many years. Marion E. Karwatt, 84, of Sayreville died on Dec. 20. She worked for 40 years at PNC Bank on Main St., Sayreville, retiring 14 years ago as Bank Manager. Ruth White, 94, formerly of South Amboy died on Dec. 28. Well-liked by all who knew her, Ruth always had a kind word for all. Annamae Croddick Hall, 88 of South Amboy died on Dec. 29. She was a fine, very kind-hearted lady who will be missed by so many. Another wonderful lady, who was highly-respected throughout the community, Gladys Tice, 89, of South Amboy died on Dec. 29. She was a member of several local organizations and a founding member of Frog Hollow Swim & Tennis Club. Edwin Michalik, 92 of Sayreville died on Dec. 31. He was a World War II veteran in the Army Air Corps, serving in the 8th Air Corps, 92nd Bomber Group 246 Air Squadron, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

May they all be remembered for their kindness and caring for others.

ST. ANDREW

Hail and blessed by the hour and the moment in which the son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of his Blessed Mother. Amen. -- LG

Pleasant Little Trivia

By Tom Burkard

- Back in 1982, South Amboy's Fire Chief? a. William Leonard b. Larry Parsons c. Larry McMahon
- In '93, where was T & J Carpets & Design Center located in South Amboy? a. Bordentown Ave. b. North Broadway c. South Pine Ave.
- In '92, where was Taekwondo USA located? a. Washington Rd. b. Main St. c. Ernston Rd.
- President of the South Amboy PTO in 1992? a. Virginia Stillwagon b. Pamela Campbell c. Elaine Whitney
- South Amboy Democratic Municipal Chairman in '69? a. J.R. Wojciechowski b. Ray Tomaszewski c. Richard Schultz
- In 1970, what section of Sayreville was Bayview Hardware located? a. Rt. 9 South b. Morgan c. Melrose
- In 1950, where was Melrose Toy & Sports Center located? a. Parlin b. Melrose c. South Amboy
- What year did Bob Stry's Barber Shop open at 339 Main St., South Amboy? a. 1957 b. 1963 c. 1969
- Valedictorian of Sayreville HS Class of 1969? a. Joseph Adamca b. Judith Seaman c. Sue Jacobsen
- Sayreville High's school play in the spring of '73? a. The Way We Were b. Fiddler On The Roof c. West Side Story
- President of the Morgan First Aid Auxiliary in 1982? a. Sherry Sullivan b. Pat Walsh c. Mary O'Roarke
- In '76, Fine Organics, a Sayreville business was located at? a. Jernee Mill Rd. b. Bordentown Ave. c. Main St.

Answers

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



Big Day-South Amboy's new Fire Chief Mike Geraltowski (r) and his proud wife Mary Kate Geraltowski (l) are pictured outside of City Hall following the swearing in ceremony on Jan. 1. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowitz)

CATASTROPHIC FIRE ERUPTS IN SAYREVILLE

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operation in fighting this well involved fire. Firefighters entered the structure taking two attack lines to the second floor in an attempt to knock down the fire while two additional lines were placed into operation on the first floor to protect the firefighters working above. This valiant effort to fight the fire was compromised by the deteriorating conditions of the upper floor and roof. An imminent collapse became a reality.

Firefighters inside the structure were alerted by the sounds of blaring air horns from multiple fire engines which was signaling them to evacuate the structure due to the impending collapse of the floors above them. Shortly thereafter, the second and third floors collapsed onto the first floor. Due to these conditions, the chief determined that it was unsafe for any firefighters to be in close proximity of the structure for fear of a total collapse of the structure and changed tactics from an offensive attack to a defensive attack. Master stream aerial devices were set up and poured thousands of gallons of water into the structure in an attempt to put out the fire. Since this was an old building and was constructed using balloon construction, fire

traveled quickly throughout the outer walls and up to the roof which made it difficult to attack.

Fire units remained on the scene wetting down the structure for most of the morning while investigators attempted to determine the cause and origin. Due to the instability of the structure, no one was permitted inside. Later that evening, the Sayreville Fire Department was again alerted to respond to the scene as the fire rekindled inside the collapsed structure.

Our prayers go out to the family with hope of a speedy recovery for the entire family and to return to some sense of normalcy, if that is at all possible. In the upcoming weeks you will see various organizations conducting fund raising events for the family, please support this cause.

Praise goes to the Sayreville Fire Department for their rapid response to this incident and for their valiant rescue attempts. Due to their heroic efforts and complete disregard of their own safety, there was no loss of life or major injuries to these brave firefighters.

Great job to my brothers and sisters of the Sayreville Fire Department.

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Bill More (l) and his wife Annette More of More's Jewelry are pictured at their 80 Main St., Sayreville business, which is now celebrating its 41st year of serving local communities. Congratulations on your quality service and genuine care for your customers through the years! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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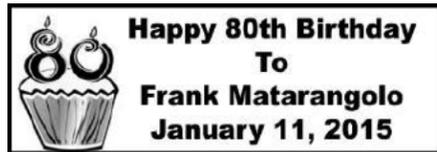
The Sayreville Seniors Thursday Club is presenting a trip to Resorts Casino "Hits of the 50's," featuring Michael McGeehan on Sunday, March 15. Cost is \$25 per person and includes show ticket plus \$10 slot play. The bus leaves Sayreville Senior Center, Main St., at the back parking lot at 11 a.m. and returns approximately 9 p.m. For more info or to reserve a seat, please call Jack or Ann at 732-254-7263. Checks are to be made out to: Jack Floersch, 12 Nimitz Place, Sayreville, NJ 08872.

OLV Senior Group
February Meeting

The OLV Senior Group will hold their February meeting on Friday, February 6,, 2015 at 1:00 PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall. After a short business meeting, we will have a guest speaker. Members are invited to wear their favorite Valentine attire. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the St. Vincent de Paul food bank. For further information contact Teri at 732-727-7639.



Mayor Fred Henry visits with Santa Claus before the South Amboy tree lighting. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Brian O'Connor's School of Music All Star Band performed another outstanding Christmas show for the Veterans Nursing Home on Dec 14th. The crowd, which consisted of more than 150 people, got to enjoy a wide variety of rock classics, which left everyone feeling great! That group of talented musicians and singers are as follows: Giovanni Spataro, Nick Zonak, Brendan O'Keefe, Michael Autunnale, Caitlin Autunnale, D.J. Crocker, Cynthia Corujo, Bryan Batista, Kevin O'Connor, Tyler McCormack, Anthony Pesch, Steven Steele, Rich Steele, Wayne Edmundson, Nicholas Magielnicki, Therese Lumapas, Kyle Bielinski, Louis Mastro, Chris Bufalini, Stephanie Bufalini, Michael D'Antico, Lance Kennedy, George Giovenco Anthony Cabahug, Aaryan Mehta and Brian O'Connor (Photo/Info Submitted) brianconnormusic.com

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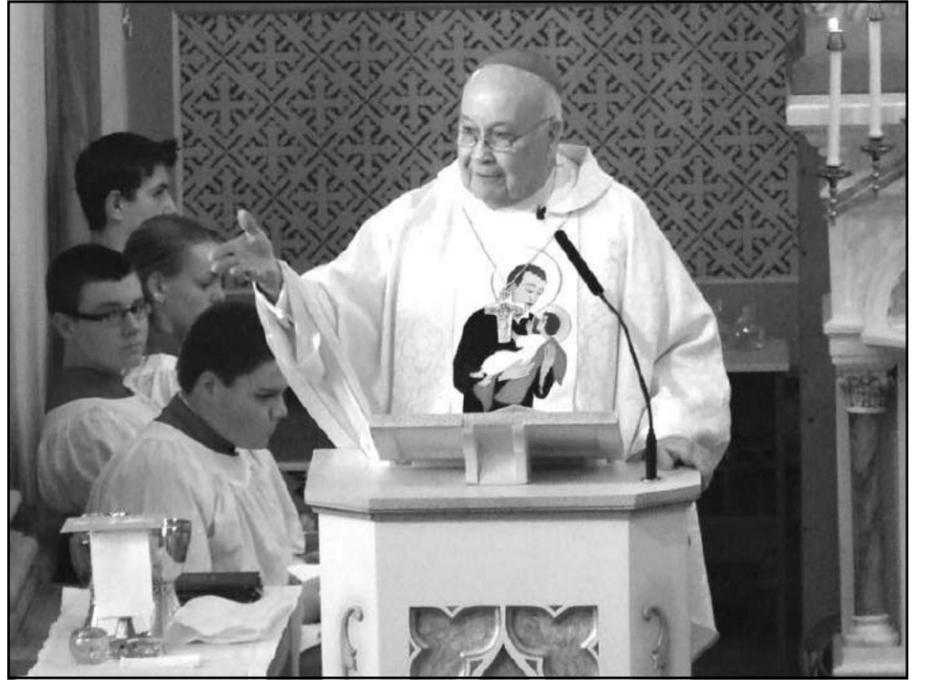
St. Stanislaus Kostka School's Home School Association (top row) Nella Mendes, Work Bond Secretary, Chris Tricoles, Corresponding Secretary, Jennifer Zappola, Vice President, (bottom row) Linda Kelly, Treasurer, Allison Laffey, Recording Secretary, and Gina Rispoli, President.



Mrs. Stella Stasiak dances up a storm with Mrs. Lorraine Krause at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church's 100th Anniversary Gala.



Debbie Samuel and Joan French dance the Domino Polka at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church's 100th Anniversary Gala held at the Grand Marquis in Old Bridge.



The Most Reverend Paul G. Bootkoski, Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen, addresses the parishioners during the Homily. (Photo courtesy of Magdalene Florczak)



Rev. Leon Aniszczyk (5th pastor), Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski (Bishop of Diocese of Metuchen), Rev. Sean Winters (Weekend Associate), and Rev. Kenneth Murphy (6th and current pastor) pray during the 100th Anniversary Mass of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. (Photo courtesy of Magdalene Florczak)

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ranks of Fire Line offices, past President, Married to his wonderful wife of 37 years Rose " Tarloski " Celecki, has supported him thru fire fighting, fire police duties ,and his new position as Chief of the Fire Police Assn . Bear and Rose owned their own Hahn Fire Engine that they paraded in various parades in Central New Jersey .we no longer have the Fire Engine but miss going to parades to see our friends that we made thru the years.

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

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.



Students from Cardinal McCarrick/ St. Mary's High School a division of Raritan Bay Catholic Preparatory School gathered recently to make sandwiches for a soup kitchen in Newark. With thanks to Shop Rite for donating the food, students were able to assist the St. Martin de Porres Soup Kitchen, located at Most Blessed Sacrament Friary in Newark, with their "Bible Study and Luncheon" program, which spiritually and physically feeds dozens of poor and at-risk families every week.



Students from Cardinal McCarrick/ St. Mary's High School recently participated in a day-long series of workshops on social justice issues at the annual "Voices That Challenge" conference, sponsored by the Newark Archdiocese's Office of Youth Ministry. Joining with hundreds of students from other Catholic high schools, CMHS juniors and seniors discussed and brainstormed ways that they could make a difference in pro-life issues, hunger and homelessness.

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Members of the South Amboy Food Bank, which is located in the Presbyterian Church are pictured receiving a \$1,000 check for its ministry from members of the Trinity United Methodist Church.

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

Trinity United Methodist Church Helps Food Banks

(Article submitted by Patricia Haltli)

Once again, Trinity United Methodist Church, (815 Bordentown Ave.), has been fortunate enough to provide both the South Amboy Food Bank in the Presbyterian Church and the Sayreville Food Bank located in the Senior Center with \$1,000 each for their ministry. These donations are enabled through our auctions, bazaar, and when applicable, dinners. We feel blessed that we can support our community for these wonderful causes.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

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Champions



South Amboy Lady Guvs front row (l-r): Alexis McGee, Kelsey Kuhn, Beth Noble, Chelsea Nebus, Emily Trzeciak, Amanda LaVigne. Back row: Beth Kudelka, Kyra Kuhn, Shannon Trann, Coach Greg Castello, Coach Patty Langan, Alexis Kohlhepp, Erica Policastro, Alissa Bikowski, Missing: Coach Linda Lewis, Coach Jen Braun, Gillian Roberts. (Photo/Info Submitted)

South Amboy Lady Governors Win Tournament

The Lady Governors came from behind to defeat the South River Lady Rams 65-57 in overtime to win the holiday tournament in South River. Amanda LaVigne took home MVP honors by scoring 26 points and dishing out 8 assists. Teammate Beth Kudelka, took home All Tournament Honors by chipping

in 14 points and 8 rebounds. The defense of Emily Trzeciak, Alissa Bikowski, and Chelsea Nebus shut down the Lady Rams guards to help force overtime. Sophomore Kelsey Kuhn helped by pitching in with 9 points. It was a hard fought battle and a great team win by the Lady Governors.

Sixties Night At K of C

Our Lady of Victory Knights of Columbus located at 775 Washington Rd will be hosting a Sixties Night on Saturday January 24th at their council home from 7 pm till midnight. The price of \$ 30.00 pp includes an open bar, a DJ playing all your favorite 60's music. There will prizes for best dressed, and other fun contests. The price also includes comfort foods such as hamburgers and hotdogs with all the fixings as well as French fries and onion rings.

Reservations are now being taken. Contact Wolfman Joe Campbell at 646-483-2883. No sales at the door.

Auxiliary Meeting

Sayreville Ladies Auxiliary 4699, Jernee Mill Rd., will hold its next monthly meeting on Jan. 27th at 7 p.m. All Auxiliary ladies are invited to attend. A light refreshment will be served. For more info, call 732-264-3041.

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WWW.?



This business has been closed for many years, after serving local communities. Do you know what it was called? Send your answers to: satimes@aol.com. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

December Winners

There were many winners for the December "Mystery Photo," and four answers were acceptable as being correct. Way back the building was Dominic's Grocery or Deli; then it was the Sabrett Wholesale Retail Outlet store; The Deli; and most recently John's Eatery, which closed 2-3 years ago. One incorrect answer identified the building as Jorgenson's Grocery Store in the Melrose section of Sayreville. Readers also said it was a cigar store, but no one gave a name so their answers were nullified. A few readers knew the location on the corner of Washington Road and Minnisink Ave. in Sayreville, but simply said deli or store with no name, and could not be considered "winners." You must give a name of the building or business when it appears in the WWW.? contest to win.

December winners were: Chuck Pickard, Yvonne Kronowski, Bridget Bourke, Ed Puchalski, W. Tom Kross, Pat & Bill Scully, Amy Jones, Claire Darroch, Mary Agnes Morris, Joan Fulham, Chelle Martin, Jim Malkiewicz, Lisa Grankowski, Pat Minnick, Dennis Quinlan, Bill Madeline, Tom Harrigan, Joan Gorczyca, Eleanore Westerholm,

Dawn Roberts & Kevin Kania, Don Zrebiec, Joe Prusik, Walter Starzec Jr, Mark Moniello, Debbie Konopka, and Bob "Tank" Nanco, who said, "I went there all the time on my way to Hercules where I worked in the 80's and 90's to get subs. They had great food and those Sabrett's were awesome as well as their onions! Wow, those were the days!"

Former South Amboy resident, now living in Lancaster, PA, Bill Madeline said that, "Dominic's was a great place to stop on the way to Duck's Nest in the '50's." Lisa Grankowski, recalled that, "As a little girl, I first remember this building as Dominic's, then Mr. & Mrs. Ballance owned it for the majority of my life as The Deli (and I always remember the clock that they had hanging in the front window). After they retired and sold the business, a few other businesses have come and gone. I remember there was a cigar shop there, and I believe there may have been another deli, and the most recent establishment was John's Eatery (as the sign is still hanging on the outside of the building). But, for me the building will always be The Deli." Congratulations to all!



Champions-The 2014 WWW.? Mystery Photo tri-champions braved a frigid early January day to pose for this photo. Pictured seated (l-r) is Three-time champions team Pat Scully, and husband Bill Scully. Standing (l-r) is Joan Fulham, Lisa Grankowski. The winners proudly hold up a copy of their favorite newspaper. Congratulations to all on naming 11 of 12 mystery photos correctly. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Three WWW.? Champions Crowned

By Tom Burkard

For the first time in the 7-year history of the very popular WWW.? "Mystery Photo" contest, there was a three-way tie for the championship. Bill & Pat Scully of Melrose, captured their third consecutive piece of the title by naming 11 of 12 photos for the year, and so did Joan Fulham and Lisa Grankowski, both residents of Sayreville. For 2-years plus, the Scullys named every "Mystery Photo," until their streak was snapped in July 2014, when they misidentified the picture of the old Colonel's Garter, submitted by Joanne Katko. They were not alone, as it was one of the toughest photos of all time for our loyal readers to identify.

Closely following the 3 champions were 4-time champion W. Tom Kross, who nailed 10 out of 12, Chuck Pickard 10, Mary Agnes Morris 9, Joe Prusik 9, Dennis Quinlan 8, Estelle Pluskota 6, Glenn Fallon 6, Walter Starzec Jr. 6, Scott V. Farina 5, Marie English 5, Don Zrebiec 5, Gerry Sherry 5, Pat Minnick 5.

Congratulations to the three champions on a job well done, and also to everyone who participated throughout 2014, and enjoyed the challenge each month, while having lots of fun. Fun—that's what it's all about! Thank you for playing the WWW.? "Mystery Photo" Contest and best of luck this year!

Winner Comments

Pat Scully said that "It's fantastic that we won again! I didn't think we were that smart. I don't mind sharing the championship." She also mentioned that "Billy and I enjoy everything about The SA Times, and the stories and pictures are more fascinating with each issue."

Lisa Grankowski said, "I was happy to be one of the winners. I enjoy looking at the flashback and historical stuff, as well as the yearbook. I love the newspaper!"

Joan Fulham stated, "It feels wonderful to be a winner. I love The SA Times and everything about it, sports and all! I enjoy every bit!"

WWW.? Mystery Photo Champions Thru The Years

- 2008-Marian Mills
- 2009-W. Tom Kross
- 2010-W. Tom Kross
- 2011-W. Tom Kross
- 2012-Co-Champs Bill & Pat Scully; Peggy Yuhas
- 2013-Co-Champs Bill & Pat Scully; W. Tom Kross
- 2014-Tri-Champs Bill & Pat Scully; Lisa Grankowski; Joan Fulham.

Cathy, Terri, Gerilyn, Lynn and Sue.
Sue Paul
Sayreville Care & Share Foodbank

Dear Tom,
My mom used to say that and every time I read your wonderful paper I think of that phrase. It used to be that I would recognize and remember a lot of people. As the years passed I would recognize some of the children of guys and girls I used to know. Then later on I would see a name and think: That must be so and so's grandchild. Last year when we came back to bury my wife's parents we decided to take a walk down Broadway to "check it out". We did not recognize a single person. However, the town looked great and just seeing some of the old buildings brought back a memory and a smile. It's still "The Pleasant Little City" and I am proud to say I was born and raised there.

John (flip)Phillips

Thank You

The Seig family would like to thank all the generous people who supported our toy drive. It made many children smile at the Rutgers Pediatric Hematology Oncology Outpatient Treatment Center in New Brunswick. Our Christmas lights not only lit up South Amboy, but also the lives of all the children who received those gifts. Also, we would like to thank Dawn Yuhas, nurse and assistant manager, in making this happen.



Dear Tom,
Thank you for the nice tribute to Joe Cross Krzyzkowski. The landscape along Washington Road will never be the same without his socks or Raiders jacket.

Anonymous

Thank You,

Thank you again to all the friends and organizations who have worked and supported the Sayreville Care and Share Bank. This year our list of needy people in town has grown from 50 families to over 70. But, because of caring people, we have been able to provide for them. This list includes all of the Sayreville Public Schools, The We Care and Christian Fellowship Clubs from Sayreville High School, Ladies Auxiliary Post 211 of the American Legion, the Amboy Bank, Trinity United Methodist Church and the United Church Women, Camelot at LaMer, The Rotary Club of Old Bridge/Sayreville, St. Stanislaus Kostka School, and bus drivers and bus aides from Sayreville, NJ, Ghana 7th Day Adventist Church, and many donors that wished to remain anonymous.

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(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Local school children were on hand to sing for the large crowd of locals who braved a very cold Dec. 17th.



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These two children really enjoyed talking to Santa Claus.



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Organists David McCarthy (l) and Chris Deibert (r) are pictured standing by the console keyboard after completing their incredibly entertaining and inspiring Christmas concert for the benefit of the MOC-USA 2 501c (3) public charity, which helps support missions, food pantries, and the homeless. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the sing-a-long of Christmas hymns and Christmas carols. The duo performed throughout the evening, and brought much happiness and Christmas spirit for those in attendance. (Photo/story by Joe Lotkowitz)

The Music Of Life

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c. 1997

The alarm's clanging off
A "good morning" whispered soft
I awake to the music of life...
The traffic's blaring horns
Crying babies are being born
All around plays the music of life...
God gives us good, but also the bad
He brings happy, but allows the sad
He leaves us to decipher thru hopes and fears
The song each day
We may like to hear
Crushing waves of the shore
Bustling shoppers in a store
A pity, to some, may be guns of war...
The cheers at a ballgame
The calling out of someone's name
A chorus or accapella lays claim...
The orchestra plays to the conductor's wand
The audience entranced as instruments bond
To hear is a gift of melodious sounds
If we just listen, life's music abounds.
The snoring begins
The night's quiet hums again
In the concert of the music of life.

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SELL YOUR TREASURES EVENT

The Friends of the Sayreville Public Library will hold a "Sell Your Treasures" Event on Sunday, January 18, 2015 from 1PM to 3PM in the library on Washington Road, Parlin.

Barbara and Richard Reid-Reinhardt of Barbara's Unique Antique Boutique, Jamesburg, will purchase coins, watches, and all types of jewelry. The boutique will donate 10% of the sales to the Friends to help support library programs and activities. For more information, contact Elaine at 732-727-0192.

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"MEMORABLE" MEMORIES FROM 1957

By Elaine Holton Scott

Sometimes, we have memories which are just more memorable than others. I guess it's in the way they had affected our lives...like three of mine from that long ago year of 1957.

It happened on the 5th of August at 3:30 in the afternoon. That was the day when American Bandstand went "National" on ABC's Channel 7. When it did, Dick Clark and Rock & Roll music were brought "live" from Philadelphia straight into our living rooms. Since this was in a pre-air conditioning time when homes became veritable sweat boxes at that hour of the day, and when television sets usually weren't turned on until nighttime viewing in order to save picture tubes, American Bandstand's popularity was extraordinary. The "Regulars" on the show soon became 1957's version of reality stars, with female viewers imitating the way the girls dressed, wore their hair, and, of course, their dance steps, while keeping track of the on-going love affair between Justine and Bob. Nothing had seemed more important than learning how to dance the Jitterbug, Calypso, and the Waltz, then, through the years, the Cha Cha, the Stroll, the Limbo, the Twist, the Pony, the Mashed Potatoes, the Locomotion, the Bristol Stomp, the Slop, the Chicken...absolutely nothing. We had never seemed to stop dancing after that.

I was almost 6 years old when a fire

AOH Trip To Sands Casino

Ancient Order of Hibernians in South Amboy will be offering a trip to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA. On Saturday February 28, 2015. The cost is 35.00 p/p and includes bus, beer, soda and snacks on Bus. Receive back \$20.00 in slot play and a \$5.00 food coupon. Bus leaves the AOH at 1:00 pm and we should be back by 10:00 pm. Interested parties should contact Joe "slots" Campbell @ 646-483-2883.

Casino Trips

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring casino trips for January 25, February 22, and March 22, 2015. The Group will be going to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The cost of the trips is \$35.00 with \$20.00 slot play and \$5.00 in a food voucher. For further information or to make a reservation, contact Geri at 732-257-4351.

President Grill Remembered

Only one loyal SA Times reader, Joan Fulham shared her memories of the President Grill. She recalled that "The President Grill was located on the corner of Washington Rd. and Roosevelt Blvd. in the President Park section of Sayreville. It used to be Schachel's Bar & Grill. Charlie Schachel was the owner. My uncle Bill Rapp used to bartend there. It was Bello's Sports Bar, and now it's Bello's Family Restaurant."

Thank you Joan for sharing your recollections with SA Times readers!

*Note you can go to our website at: www.thesatimes.com and see the December 2014 issue in which we ran an old ad from the December 21, 1934 copy of The Citizen announcing the "Formal Opening of the President Grill on Dec. 22, 1934, in which John Schachel was listed as the proprietor. If you missed the December 2015 issue, the ad can be found on page 21.

SA Times Associate Publisher Brian Stratton (Great Grandson of John Schachel) added the following:

John built the bar and ran it until his oldest son William (Bill) who with his wife Lillian ran the bar until they moved to Belmar at that time Bill's brother Charlie assumed ownership. The bar was sold and later was known as Lee's Shack, Simko's and now Bello's.

broke out in the latter part of the afternoon badly burning St. Mary's High School. That was in September of 1953 on the very first day of the new semester. It was also my very first day in 1st grade. This memory of mine, though, isn't about the fire. Instead, it's about what occurred exactly four years later, after the "new" St. Mary's Grammar School, built on the same spot where the old High School had been, opened its doors for the very first time. That day in September of 1957, the first day of 5th grade for me, shiny new, orange-colored school buses "came to town." When the bus doors slid open, out came the "bus kids," each with their "citized," mature ways and worldly attitudes far beyond their years. It was also the day I became a designated "walker"; the first day I was old enough to wear a navy school uniform with a white Peter Pan collar just like the big girls wore; and the day I met new friends...the ones who had come "from the city" before moving to one of the many new developments in Parlin, and the Madison Park/Old Bridge area. School just seemed more exciting with those "out of town" kids.

The age of bomb shelters, air raid drills, and fall-out shelters was soon to enter our young lives the day the United Soviet Socialist Republic launched a satellite into orbit. The date was October 4, in that year of 1957, and the Russian satellite was Sputnik, a name all of us will always remember. The successful launching of Sputnik would begin the "Space Race," while also intensifying the Cold War.

****SATimes contributor, Fran Fitzmorris, had been in that 1st grade class with me way back in September of 1953. Life really does go full-circle.

Memorare, Prayer To The Blessed Virgin Mary

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen. SAK

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NEW VENETIAN CARE & REHABILITATION CENTER WELCOMES FIRST RESIDENTS TO EXPERIENCE THE FUTURE OF LONG-TERM CARE

The first residents are recently moved into the new Venetian Care & Rehabilitation Center, a cutting edge rehabilitation and long term care center that embraces person-directed care, modern design and technology near the South Amboy waterfront. Venetian Care & Rehabilitation Center replaces the 1960s-era Briarwood Care & Rehabilitation Center in Sayreville and one of 10 Windsor Healthcare Communities located throughout New Jersey. Briarwood management and residents and indeed everyone who is part of the family-owned Windsor Healthcare Communities have been looking forward to the three-mile move to the Venetian.

"We're delighted to welcome the first residents to our newest community, which offers them a true home designed to provide person-directed care surrounded by the thriving South Amboy downtown and waterfront," said Hyman Jacobs, founder and CEO of Windsor Healthcare.

Venetian, located in the Southern Redevelopment Plan of South Amboy, is within walking distance of downtown South Amboy, the train station and two parks on the waterfront promenade, which offers scenic views and lots of entertainment. Venetian's immediate neighbors are the South Amboy YMCA, Frog Hollow Swim and Tennis Club, and new townhomes to be built by Woodmont Properties.

Windsor Healthcare Vice President Michael Jacobs describes the Venetian as a model for the future of transitional and rehabilitative care, is well as long-term care, with floor plans and lifestyles that allow residents more choice and flexibility throughout the day, creating an environment that does not feel institutional.

"You won't see endless hallways with disconnected spaces here," said Michael Jacobs. "We built the Venetian as a series of 'neighborhoods' with lovely bedrooms featuring big picture windows flooding the rooms with light because we want residents to feel at home."

Residents of each neighborhood have their own team of dedicated care partners trained to tailor daily life and activities to individual preferences.

Vice President Batsheva Katz noted that food choices and access to food are important to quality of life for nursing home residents, so in addition to community dining rooms, each neighborhood in the Venetian has a full kitchen with an oven, stove, microwave and refrigerator. Residents will be able to help themselves to a snack in between meals and help cook a meal on occasion.

Kessler Rehabilitation is providing

rehabilitation therapy services for both long- and short-term residents at the Venetian. A large state-of-the-art rehabilitation gym, an outdoor RehabPark, and a full-service kitchen will enable rehab residents recovering from an illness or surgery to undergo clinician-prescribed physical, occupational and speech therapy in preparation for returning home.

Kessler Regional Vice President Remko van der Voordt, PT, noted that all short and long term care residents have access to top-of-the-line rehab equipment and receive high intensity therapy at Venetian Care & Rehabilitation Center. The long-term care section of the rehab gym serves the specific needs of long-term residents, such as fall prevention, balance or wheelchair mobility training. In the occupational therapy section of the gym, residents focus on activities of daily living, regaining the necessary skills to prepare foods in the kitchen and operate a washer/dryer. They also receive training in cognitive functioning. In the RehabPark, residents will work on improving movement, balance, walking and even transferring in and out of a car.

Residents transferring from the Briarwood will be moving into Venetian in phases over the near term. Venetian is also accepting applications for new residents. Gina Kirchoff is the administrator for Venetian, and will be transferring from Briarwood, where she has also served as administrator.

About Windsor Healthcare:

A family-owned company, Windsor Healthcare Communities provides clinically sophisticated sub-acute care, as well as comprehensive nursing care, in ten homes located throughout New Jersey. The company leads the state in our adoption of a more enlightened philosophy of "life after adulthood." Windsor Healthcare Communities honor people first, value relationships, and treat Elders and employee care partners like family. This family commitment is Windsor Healthcare's measure for outstanding, quality care. Windsor Healthcare Communities strive to do things as residents would do them at home.

Windsor Healthcare Communities include Abingdon Care & Rehabilitation Center in Green Brook, Ashbrook in Scotch Plains, Briarwood in South Amboy, Buckingham at Norwood, Canterbury in Cedar Grove, Cornell Hall in Union, Llanfair House in Wayne, Windsor Gardens in East Orange, Merwick in Plainsboro and the Venetian in South Amboy.

Please visit www.windsorhealthcare.org for more information.



Anthony LaVigne (r) poses with Head Baseball Coach Mike Morgan of The Saint John Vianney Lancers the 2014 State Champions. Photo was taken following a ring ceremony on Dev. 22 during halftime of the boys basketball game vs RUMSON/FAIRHAVEN High School. Each player was presented with a Championship Ring and a copy of Proclamation from the New Jersey State Assembly acknowledging the teams accomplishments. A Championship Banner listing each players name was unveiled at the ceremony. The Banner will remain hanging in the schools gymnasium.

The 2014 Saint John Vianney Baseball Team; RANKED THE #1 TEAM IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RANKED THE #2 TEAM IN THE TRI STATE AREA, RANKED THE #23 TEAM IN THE NATION. (Photo/Info Submitted)

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Remember This?

(Photos by Anna Harris Friberg)



2002-This great photo was taken from the Sayreville side of the old Victory Bridge, facing Perth Amboy.



This picture shows the bridge keepers house on top of the old Victory Bridge.

THANK YOU!

We would like to express our most sincere thanks to the South Amboy Fire Department, First Aid Squad, Police and neighboring departments for their professionalism in curtailing the fire in our building on Bordentown Ave., occupied by C-Town Super Market.

The fire, though strong, was held to a small portion of the building due to the exceptional quick response and expertise of our firemen. Their quick actions saved the building from total destruction.

We are fortunate to have so many dedicated people, mostly volunteers, in our town to handle such emergencies. Again, to all that helped....THANK YOU!

The Paczkowski Family



South Amboy Police Chief Darren LaVigne (c) poses with the City's newest patrolmen at the tree lighting last month pictured (l-r) Alexander Miranda, An Wang, Chief LaVigne, Dane O'Grady and Robert Besner Jr. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude. -- LG

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.

Yearbook-Hoffman 1955

By Tom Burkard

The year 1955 marked the first-ever yearbook published in Hoffman HS. Senior Class President Irvin "Skip" House recently recalled that, "This was the first Hoffman High School yearbook, and Bill Lake made up the name "Notre Livre." They were the only two Latin words that he knew, and I think me too." The words Notre Livre have appeared on the cover of every Hoffman/South Amboy HS yearbook.

Hoffman's principal in '55 was Joseph Vail. A few members of the faculty included William Kurtz, Eleanore Dexheimer, Elizabeth Birmingham, Eugene "Jimmy" Dobrzynski, John Zdanewicz, and Louisita Reese.

Some of the senior students were Lucille Braun, August Charmello, Mary Ann Ewtushek, Robert Foley, Donald Fritz, Adele Galuska, Rudy Gunther, Ethel Heller, Jean Inman, Barbara Johnson, Ruth Larkin, Nicholas Laskiewicz, Joseph Lotkiewicz, Elnora Nagy, Elaine Nelson, Elaine Nemeth, Janet Nieltopp, Anita Dexheimer, Constance Septor, Sally Steeves, Robert Ware, Peter Whitehead, Jean Zoll, Joan Zoll, Elena Zulin.

Janet Nieltopp was Editor-In-Chief of the yearbook, while club presidents included: Drama Club-Adele Galuska; Biology-Physics-Chemistry Club-Elaine Nemeth; Glee Club-Connie Septor.

Some of the best known businesses in South Amboy in '55 were: Frank's Market, Briggs Chevrolet, Marathon Bus Line, Sanitary Ice & Coal Co., Miller, Bergen & Welsh Inc. (lumber yard), South Amboy Trust

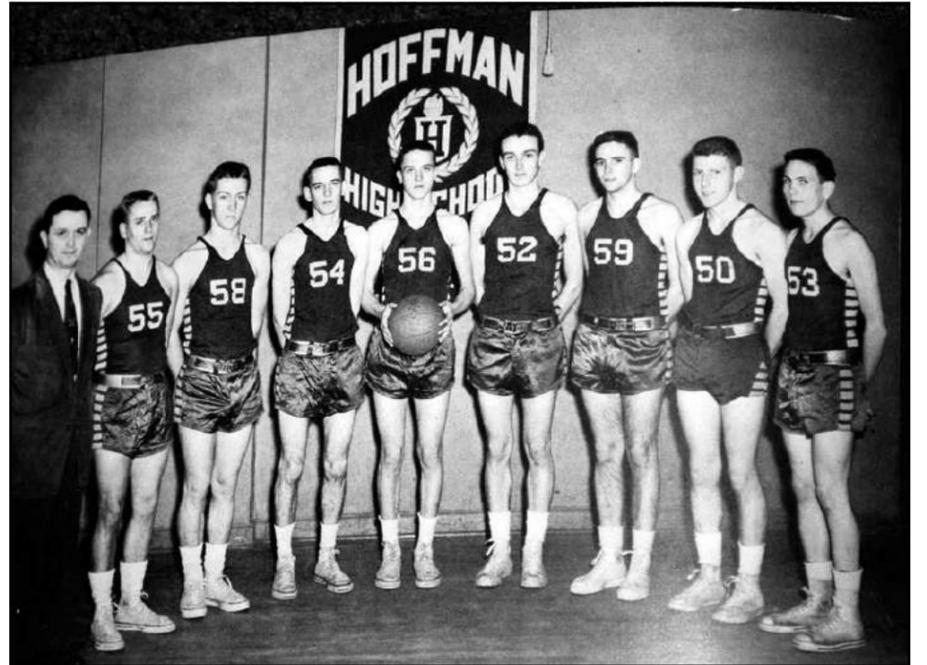
Co., Madura Pharmacy, Arky's Pharmacy, Peterson Pharmacy, The Gundrum Service, Kurzawa Funeral Home, Mason Funeral Home, Semer's Hardware, Straub's Market, Swan Hill Ice & Coal, Melrose Toy & Sport Center, Amboy Builders Supply Co., E.A. Morris Paint Store.

The Minstrel Show was a huge success and featured the following acts: Can Can; Be A Clown; Barbecue Maids; Chain Store Gang; Dormitory Dames; Buttons and Bows...The annual Senior Trip to Washington, DC was the experience of a lifetime for the Hoffman teenagers.

The talented senior athletes were Frank Grimley, "Skip" House, Jim English, Bill Lake, Steve Malkiewicz, Charlie Rehfuss, John Sten, Dave Switzer, Bob Turner... Varsity cheerleaders included Captain Ruth Larkin, Co-Captain Connie Septor, Elaine Nemeth, Lucille Braun, Adele Galuska, Janet Nieltopp.

In '55, the South Amboy Mayor and Council members were: Mayor William O'Leary, Councilman-at-Large-Leon Wisniewski, Councilman 1st Ward-Al Jankowski, Councilman 2nd Ward-James Van Deveer, Councilman 3rd Ward-John Howley, Councilman 4th Ward-Joseph Charmello. The City Clerk was John Triggs, and John Gleason was Chief of Police.

The top song in the nation at Graduation time, in June 1955 was "Unchained Melody" by Les Baxter. The 34 graduates in the Hoffman HS Class of 1955 were a fine group of young adults with plenty of potential and talent.



1955-Hoffman's basketball team included (l-r) Coach Eugene "Jimmy" Dobrzynski, Frank Grimley, Steve Malkiewicz, Jim English, Pat McCue, Bill Lake, Dave Switzer, Charlie Rehfuss, Frank Kitchen.



1955-Hoffman's varsity cheerleaders were (l-r) Captain Ruth Larkin, Elaine Nemeth, Co-Captain Connie Septor, Janet Nieltopp, Adele Galuska, Lucille Braun.



Pictured is the Sayreville Fire Department's new Fire Chief, Richard Mulligan (c), 1st Assistant Chief Vincent Waranowicz (l), and 2nd Assistant Chief George Gawron (r) following the swearing in ceremony on Jan. 12th at the Sayreville Borough Hall, with all of their loved ones in attendance. May God bless them! (Photo/story by Joe Lotkowitz)

Winter Long Ago



1950-Walter Timm who lived on Merritt Ave. in South Amboy is pictured in front of his house following a snowstorm. At the time, Merritt Ave. had only 9 houses that were completed by contractors. (Photo by Anna Harris Friberg)



1953-Al Gomolka Jr. is pictured standing proudly by the first snowman he ever made near his home in Morgan. (Photo submitted)



1950-Youngsters pictured (l-r) playing with their dog are Ethel Friberg, Walter Timm, and Linnea Friberg. This photo was also taken on Merritt Ave.

*Any readers who have local winter photos and would like to see them printed in upcoming issues, are welcome to e-mail them to: satimes@aol.com, or mail them to: The SA Times, PO Box 3027, South Amboy, NJ 08879 with an Self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE), if you would like them returned. (Photo by Anna Harris Friberg)

World War I Spies In South Amboy

By Fran Fitzmorris

The war officially began on August 1, 1914 when Germany and Austria-Hungary opposed England, France and Russia. Almost from the beginning, the United States was supplying England and France with munitions against Germany. Most Americans favored England and France because of our "closer" political and cultural ties over the years.

In this country, it wasn't easy for German-born Americans or immigrants already here before the war began. The adults had to register with the town or risk going to jail or possibly face being deported. Many single women of German descent, to avoid such possible consequences, married American men.

Locally, by 1915, there were over three thousand people working at the Dupont Powder Mills as well as the Union Gun Cotton Mill. The Hercules plant had also switched over by then to a wartime economy. It was believed that Hercules produced more munitions than any other factory in the United States during the war.

On July 31, 1915, railroad cars taking workers to the Hercules and Dupont plants derailed. An investigation showed that spikes had been placed on the rails with the purpose of derailing the trains. It was soon believed

to be sabotage. One hundred armed troops were stationed at each plant on twenty four hour duty. Things continued to change rapidly when another act of sabotage stunned the whole country. It took place in early 1916. It's known as the Black Tom Explosion. This explosion would have a long-term effect on Hercules, Dupont and the town of South Amboy.

On that day, railroad cars, belonging to the Lehigh Valley Railroad, were loaded with one hundred thousand pounds of TNT in Jersey City's harbor, on the Johnson Barge #17, awaiting shipment to England and France. At 2:00 A.M., the initial explosion took place. It severely damaged Jersey City and much of the surrounding area, including the city of New York. Soon after, the government ordered all munition plants from Jersey City to the north, closed. Because of this edict, major plants like Hercules and Dupont, took on added importance for both the Allies and the Germans. This decision also led to the appearance of T.T.;Lincoln, who many believed was Germany's most famous spy. He took charge and the threat of attacks on the powder in town increased. Would this happen? His story and the threat to South Amboy will be told in part two.



Jingle Belles-Christmas spirits were bright at Madura Pharmacy as the employees donned festive headwear. Pictured (l-r) RoseMarie Quackenbush, (Pharmacy Technician), Patti Janowski (Pharmacist), Carol Tomarch (Pharmacy Technician), MaryLou Harris (Pharmacist). (Photo/info submitted)

Library News

2015 is here and the Dowdell Library of South Amboy will be welcoming in its 101st year! The Centennial year was a year chock-full of events such as a children's Olympic Read-a-thon, a Centennial Bake-off, a Meditation program, a children's gardening program, the Centennial Celebration at the South Amboy YMCA, a super hero costume contest, a cooking demo by caterer Carole Semel, an Eyes of the Wild animal program, a Stephen Youll exhibition and reception, the Get a Job workshops, the I Love South Amboy Photography Contest (Grand Prize winner was Anne Wang and Runner-Up was Edward Hughes); as well as the South Amboy Historical Society's 1914 program commemorating the library's beginning!

The year ended with the warm Centennial Salute - Holiday Open House, in which Mayor Fred Henry proclaimed "the library is a destination for the community that honors the values and traditions of the past while striving to best serve the community to contribute to an even better future." He further congratulated and commended the library "in recognition of 100 years of exemplary community service." Furthermore, Senator Vitale and Assemblymen Coughlin and Wisniewski transmitted via a Joint Legislative Resolution that "the year 2014 marks the One Hundredth Anniversary of Dowdell Library, which is a highly esteemed organization within the Garden State community." Additionally, "the Dowdell Library has admirably served its community by providing an essential source of education and enjoyment..."

The Centennial Planning Committee consisted of the following members of the community: Marilyn Cipollari (staff), Marilyn Davidoff (MGD Enterprises), Elaine Gaber (Director), Jacqueline Julian (Jacqueline's Florist), David O'Connor (Library Board), Janet Simeone (staff), Marty

Tannenbaum (Innovative Document Imaging), Gail Tanski (Gail Tanski Photography), and Barbara Tobin (Library Foundation).

Library Director Elaine Gaber would like to recognize and express appreciation to all who have served as Library Directors, Trustees, and staff members, and acknowledge the Friends of the Library, the Library Foundation and the City of South Amboy for supporting and contributing to our amazing library for 100 years. The Dowdell Library is an "in demand" destination for the community due to those joint efforts and contributions. She went on to say that we are proud to be part of this remarkable institution and pleased to provide leadership and valuable services to the residents of South Amboy. Ms. Gaber also mentioned that "as we transform the library for a digital future, we will honor the values and traditions of the past and strive to best serve the community to contribute to an even better future. We envision that one hundred years from now, our commitment to responsible planning will enhance the library's role as a vital community hub for learning, growing and enjoying the expanding opportunities of our changing world. We will ensure the library's sustainability and continue to evolve to best serve the residents of our "pleasant little city by the bay."

Library locations through time: South Amboy Post Office (Broadway & David Street); South Amboy Trust Company (Broadway & Augusta Street); Calvary Methodist Church (Second & Stevens Avenue) and currently: South Amboy High School Complex (John T. O'Leary Blvd.)

Perhaps Barbara Bush, First Lady of the United States 1989-1993 said it best: "Libraries and librarians have definitely changed my life and the lives of countless other Americans."



Pictured at the Warsaw Uprising Program/Exhibition, which was held recently at Sacred Heart Memorial Hall is (l-r) Rev. Father Marian Drozd, Ralph Szeszko, a World War II veteran who fought in the Pacific Theater, Janina "Ina" Zadrozny, a Warsaw Uprising dispatch liaison, and Joanne Moczulski, principal of John Paul II Academy Polish Supplementary School at Sacred Heart in South Amboy.

The program was organized by John Paul II Academy Polish Supplementary School at Sacred Heart in South Amboy and was presented in Polish and English. There were also rare photos and artifacts of the Warsaw Uprising on display. (Photo/info submitted)

A 'Souled' Out Christmas

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Darlene Love belts out a terrific song at A 'Souled' Out Christmas concert at the Count Basie Theater in Red Bank.



The fabulous Felix Cavaliere & His Rascals had the crowd singing throughout his performance at a 'Souled' Out Christmas show at Count Basie.

Felix Cavaliere, Darlene Love at Basie

By Steve Schmid

December was a great time to see a Christmas show at the Count Basie Theater in nearby Red Bank. The December 21 Christmas Show featured two legendary superstars from the 1960s, Felix Cavaliere and Darlene Love. Felix was first up with his current band the New Rascals. Felix opened his part of the show with one of his all time hits "I've Been Lonely Too Long" and covered the old Wilson Picket song "In The Midnight Hour." He switched gears and did several songs from his new Christmas album including "Christmas Is Coming Soon," "Christmas In New Orleans," "White Christmas." "The Bells of St. Mary." and added "Run Run Rudolph." The Late Show Gospel Chorus backed up and performed "Go Tell It On The Mountain," "The First Noel," and "Silent Night." Felix looked and sounded great and you wouldn't even know he is now 72 years old with over 50 years in the music business. He thrilled the crowd and brought back memories with "Groovin' "A Beautiful Morning," "People Got To Be Free," "Mustang Sally" and wrapped up his part of the evening with his signature classic

"Good Lovin" which brought the crowd to its feet. After the intermission, Darlene Love took the stage and the 73 year old singer also sounded and looked like she was 50 years younger. She started off with one of her classics "Wait Till My Bobby Comes Home." She referred to her 30 years of marriage by singing "Today I Met The Boy I'm Gonna Marry." Darlene paid tribute to the great Marvin Gaye by singing several of his all time hits, "Ain't That Peculiar," "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," "You're All I Need To Get By." and "What's Going On." She then performed her famous Christmas song "Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)." She has done that melody on the "David Letterman Show" for 30 years and did it before coming to Red Bank. Darlene also covered the Mariah Carey classic "All I Want For Christmas Is You." She also went to her first smash hit "He's A Rebel," and also did "Da Doo Ron Ron." Darlene left to a standing ovation. Felix Cavaliere and Darlene Love were the perfect combination for Christmas.

Donald F. Lewis Sr.



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Death leaves a heartache no one can heal.
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.
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You are always with us.
The Lewis Family
Sandy, Jeff, Tammy, Joey & Don Jr.

#1 Pop Hits On Jan. 17

- 2007-Say It Right-Nelly Furtado
- 1992-Black Or White-Michael Jackson
- 1987-Shake You Down-Gregory Abbott
- 1974-The Joker-The Steve Miller Band
- 1961-Wonderland By Night-Bert Kaempfert
- 1958-At The Hop-Danny & The Juniors

Pasta Night

Come for Dinner, Stay for Music at Open Mic Night. Friday January 30, 2015 6pm-9pm hosted by the Columibettes at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus 308 4th Street, South Amboy..

Pasta Night..Spaghetti or Baked Ziti, Meatballs or Sausage, (1) beer, wine or soda, salad/bread/dessert and coffee....\$10.00 per adult \$7.00 per child children under 5 yrs old free....Please call Maria to purchase tickets in advance 732-313-6483...proceeds from event will be donated to a local charity

Classic Country & Rock Love Songs: A Concert by Nina Et Cetera

Join the duo Nina Et Cetera for this Valentine's Day Concert featuring songs of lust, mischief, murder, mayhem, and love... faithful, faithless, eternal, or fleeting! You will recognize hits by Johnny Cash, Patsy Cline, Elvis, Ray Charles and lots of others. The instrumentation includes Nina on vocals, guitar, harmonica, as well as Tim on bass and percussion. This program also includes a sprinkling of anecdotes which highlight the diversity and rich history of American Music! Sayreville Public Library on Friday, February 13 from 2:00 to 3:00PM.

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

You Tube In

2000's-Creed topped the charts with "Arms Wide Open" in 2000..."Hey There Delilah" by Plain White T's was #1 for 2 weeks in '07, and one of the best songs of the 2000's.

1990's-Check out Vanilla Ice's #1 hit "Ice Ice Baby" which came out in 1990...In '96, Celine Dion released a #1 song, the beautiful "Because You Loved Me."

1980's-Christopher Cross' "Sailing" is a beautiful reflective piece of music that hit #1 in 1980...Sadly, John Lennon did not live to see his "(Just Like) Starting Over" reach the top of the music world, a few weeks after he was killed.

1970's-A couple of One Hit Wonders worth listening to from 1974 are "Seasons In The Sun" by Terry Jacks, reached #1 for 3 weeks, and "Rock On" by David Essex went all the way to the #5 spot in Billboard...A cool 1970 video of Tom Jones singing "Midnight Hour" with The Rascals is worth a look.

1960's-Check out Jose Feliciano excellent singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" at a Chicago Cubs baseball game in the late '60's..."The Shape of Things to Come" reached #22 in '68 for Max Frost & The Troopers...In '69 Desmond Dekker's song, "The Israelites" became the first Reggae song to crack the Billboard charts.

1950's-Elvis Presley chart-toppers in 1956, "Heartbreak Hotel," "I Want You, I Need You, I Love You," "Don't Be Cruel," and "Hound Dog," are worth viewing/listening to.

Hey Bruce Fans

"The Boss," Bruce Springsteen was spotted in mid-December at Drew's Bistro in nearby Keyport! Think he'll ever get to South Amboy or Sayreville for a surprise visit or lunch?

Events At Count Basie

Box Office Phone: 732-842-9000

Sunday, January 18, 2015 3:00 PM NEIL BERG'S 100 YEARS OF BROADWAY

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 7:00 PM WHIPLASH (2014)

Tuesday, January 27, 2015 7:30 PM THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY LIVE ON STAGE **NEW DATE**

Saturday, January 31, 2015 8:00 PM MUMMENSCHANZ

Wednesday, February 4, 2015 7:00 PM THE THEORY OF EVERYTHING (2014)

Thursday, February 5, 2015 7:00 PM THE THEORY OF EVERYTHING (2014)

MIRACULOUS INVOCATION TO ST. THERESA

O Glorious St. Theresa, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and counsel mankind, I invite your miraculous intercession. So powerful are you in obtaining every need of body and soul, our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a "prodigy of miracles, the greatest Saint of modern times." Now I fervently beseech you to answer my petition (mention here) and carry out your promise of doing good upon earth of letting fall from heaven a shower of roses, henceforth, Dear Little Flower, I will fulfill your plea to be made known everywhere and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen.

Say prayer every day for 9 days. By the 4th day ask for a sign, if prayer is to be answered between 4th and 9th day you will see a rose in a magazine, tv, picture or receive roses. Must promise publication. LG

#1 Country Hits On Jan. 17

- 2003-19 Somethin'-Mark Wills
- 1995-Not A Moment Too Soon-Tim McGraw
- 1981-I Love A Rainy Night-Eddie Rabbitt
- 1978-Take This Job And Shove It-Johnny Paycheck
- 1966-Giddyup Go-Red Sovine
- 1957-Singing The Blues-Marty Robbins

Music Trivia Girls Names

By Tom Burkard

1. __ Shannon
 2. __Denise
 3. __Carrie
 4. __Donna
 5. __Cathy's Clown
 6. __Susan
 7. __Lay Down Sally
 8. __Sara
 9. __Dawn
 10. __Sandy
 11. __Alice Long
 12. __Aubrey
 13. __Mustang Sally
 14. __Carol
 15. __Rosanna
- a. The Everly Brothers
 - b. Wilson Pickett
 - c. Chuck Berry
 - d. Henry Gross
 - e. Bruce Springsteen
 - f. The Buckingham
 - g. Starship
 - h. Ritchie Valens
 - i. Bread
 - j. Randy & The Rainbows
 - k. 4 Seasons
 - l. Boyce & Hart
 - m. Eric Clapton
 - n. Toto
 - o. Europe

Answers

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

School Sports

(As of Jan. 9)

By Tom Burkard

Boys Basketball

Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's (8-0) The Eagles are off to a high-flying start under rookie Coach Gamble. Ralph Menard, Hodari Bazemore, Ny Quan McCombs have been leading the offensive production for the Blue & Gold.

Sayreville (4-4) Coach John Wojcik's Bombers have looked good so far, taking the consolation game in the Len Sepanik Memorial Tournament. In the consy game, Jehyve Floyd had a huge game by firing in 25 points, ripping 17 rebounds, 5 steals, and 3 blocks. Other big contributors are Jayson DeMild, Mike Valentin, and Zach Alessi.

South Amboy (3-5) Soph, transfer, Ryan O'Leary is the Guvs leading scorer, while Tim Kales and Julian Munoz are big time contributors.

Girls Basketball

Sayreville (6-1) First year Head Coach Janet Ust-Cook has the Bombers off to a superb start. Led by the scoring of Isi Enahoro, Sayreville is off and running while showing lots of talent. Also contributing to the offensive attack is Nora Sbeah, Renee Brush, Amanda Quintero, and Mornike Akinrefor.

South Amboy (5-2) Amanda LaVigne is the talented team leader and top scoring-producer, who can really light up the scoreboard. Beth Kudelka is the top rebounder and can also provide some scoring punch. Beth Noble and Kyra Kuhn are also playing fine basketball, and can hit double figures at any time.

Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's (2-2) The Lady Eagles, coached by Lynn Ust, have received some offense from Samantha Napoli and Joyce Loda, who also provides super rebounding. Maria Wise, Savannah Valentin, and Victoria Zayas have also turned in spirited play for CM/SM.

Wrestling

Sayreville (5-0) looks like another strong team for Coach Marcus Ivy after finishing (19-4) last year. Looking good so far in the 120-Dylan Taillefer, 126-Dylan Haltli, 160-Dylan Kelliher, and also Porcaro, Tyler Gilligan, and Tyler Lewis, who took 3rd place in last month's Neptune Classic. Coach Ivy recently named Haltli and Gilligan his co-wrestlers of the week.

Cardinal McCarrick Beats CBA

For possibly the first time ever, a Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's boys basketball team defeated perennial state powerhouse Christian Brothers Academy (CBA), 62-61 on a game-winning layup by NyQuan McCombs with 0:02 left in the contest. He finished with 16 points, while Gilberto Cue copped team scoring honors with 18 points. CBA, featuring superstar Kirk Robinson, played St. Mary's back in the early 1960's to packed houses, but the Eagles always had trouble with this talented team from Lincroft. Does anyone recall any SM/CM teams ever defeating the Colts? Please let us know.

Eagles Off To Best Start In Years

The Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's boys' basketball team is off to one of its best starts in many years, and has reeled off 7 straight wins without a defeat under first year coach Ben Gamble. The new head coach, who was previously an assistant coach for world renowned St. Anthony's of Jersey City coach Bob Hurley, certainly knows his basketball. Gamble is the third new coach since the great Coach Joe Lewis retired after the 2011-12 season, and when he arrived in the city of South Amboy, he had his work cut out for him to try and rebuild a program that produced a record of (7-16) last year. The Blue & Gold roster features 7 transfer students, all who were new to the program.

All of the transfers have talent and are led by NyQuan McCombs, who played fresh-

Eagles Capture Kearny Tourney

The undefeated Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's (5-0) boys' basketball squad breezed to the Kearny Holiday Tournament championship by blasting Belleville, 71-53. Ralph Menard took game scoring laurels with 18 points. Congratulations Eagles!

Bombers Cop Hillsborough Crown

The unbeaten Sayreville Bombers (4-0) girls' basketball team downed Delaware Valley, 57-49 to capture the Hillsborough Holiday Tournament. Tourney MVP, Isi Enahoro burned the nets for 17 points and added 5 assists. Amanda Quintero had a fine game with 12 points and 10 rebounds, while Renee Brush pumped in 12 points. Congratulations, Sayreville!

Did You Play College Sports?

We will be running a new feature column starting in February called "College Daze," and it will be about locals who have played any college sports, and their favorite memories or best games. So, if you would be so kind to e-mail us at: satimes@aol.com, and tell us your name, high school, college, and years attended (college), plus a special memory you have of competing on the college level, we would greatly appreciate it. Also, if you have a photo (Not necessary) of yourself in a college uniform, please consider sending that also by e-mail for inclusion.

Sayreville Wrestlers Win Tournament

The Sayreville wrestlers recently captured the Coaches vs. Cancer Tournament at Union City, winning the crown in the 10-team tourney. The Bombers had 11 wrestlers place in the Top 4, and 6 advanced to the finals. Two Blue & Gray wrestlers emerged champions, Dylan Haltli (126 lbs.), and Isaac Blagogee (145 lbs). Congratulations, Sayreville!

Thank You

The friends of South Amboy would like to extend their thank you to everyone who made the benefit for needy families on December 20th a huge success. The basketball games generated close to \$13,000 that will directly benefit those families in need. It was nice to see a small town come together in a time of need and show their real compassion and generosity when these families needed it most. Also a special thank you goes out to the businesses that purchased an ad for our program.

Benefit Basketball Games

Photos by Brian Stratton



The Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's Eagles winners of the boys benefit game.



The Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's Lady Eagles, winners of the girls benefit game.



The Honorable John T. O'Leary (far right) poses with this group of basketball players he coached in Middle School. All are playing Varsity at various schools.



Honorary Coaches for the Girls Varsity game, Sue Wilson (l) CHMS and Chris (Dill) Shereyka (r) SAHS.



Honorary Coaches for the Boys Varsity game, Bob Howarth (l) CMHS and George Krzyzanowski (r) SAHS.

College Notebook

FDU-Florham (1-10) freshman starter, Steve Herdman (South Amboy) has scored 87 points, 7.9 avg., and is #2 on the team with 26 assists, and #3 in steals with 13... FDU-Florham women's basketball team (11-0), features soph Alyssa McDonough (Sayreville), who is #3 in scoring with 125 points and an 11.4 avg., #1 in 3-point field goal percentage .432, and tied for first with 33 assists...Olivia Gorczyński (Cardinal McCarrick), is the standout performer on Chestnut Hill College team, (3-9). She leads the team in scoring with 181 points and a 16.5 avg., and is also #1 with 22 steals, and 3-point field goals made-30...Jenny Kuziemski Palmateer (Hoffman) is the head coach of

the women's basketball team at Monmouth University. Jenny's squad currently stands at (5-7)...Rhonda Rompola (Sayreville) longtime SMU women's basketball head coach is having a tough season with a (4-10) showing so far...Former St. Mary's girls basketball coach Anthony Bozzella has his Seton Hall women's team off to a fantastic (13-2) start...Soph, Tara Inman, daughter of former St. Mary's standout John Inman, is a talented reserve for Setonia...Jackie Rodriguez (Sayreville) is enjoying a fine freshman season at William Paterson (7-5). She is #2 in scoring avg. with a 12.4, and 87 points, and #1 with 20 3-point field goals. Jackie is hitting .833 on the free throw line.

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Denise Morgan is a Professional Yoga Instructor, Shaman, Lightworker, Medium, Certified Personal Trainer, and Exercise Instructor.

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THE SPINAL COLUMN
 By DR. JOHN MISIEWICZ



Six Terrific Ways to Catch the Flu or a Cold

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE SMOKE COLUMN

by Staff Writer
Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski

A big welcome to the new fire chiefs and officers of the South Amboy Fire Department. On January 1st, Chief Michael Geraltowski was sworn in as Fire Chief. Joining Chief Geraltowski was newly elected 1st Assistant Fire Chief John Kelly and 2nd Fire Chief Steven Szatkowski. Also, taking over as Captains are: Ralph Albarron of Mechanicsville; Tom Parsons of Protection; Gene Cox of Independence; Larry McMahon of Progressive; and Josef Berikakis of Enterprise. May God watch over them and the entire South Amboy Fire Department as you place your lives on the line in protecting the community.

In a recent interview with Chief Geraltowski he discussed the pride he has in serving his community and some of his more notable experiences in the fire service. The Chief was born in South Amboy Hospital on January 23, 1958 to Henry and Virginia Geraltowski. He grew up in Sayreville where he attended St. Stans Grammar School. He went on to graduate from St. Marys High School in 1976 and then Long Island University. The 1976 class of St. Marys High School also produced other notable fire chiefs such as Larry McMahon Chief of the South Amboy Fire Department in 1998, and Robert Bartlinski Chief of the Sayreville Fire Department in 1992.

The Chief has been a member of Mechanicsville Hose Company for the past 24 years having served as Captain on two occasions and held the executive position as secretary. He has served as chairman of the fire department carnival committee and is currently serving as chairman of the Fire Department's 125th Anniversary Committee which is a gigantic undertaking. The Chief has attended many diverse advanced firematic classes at the Middlesex County Fire Academy. He is an active member of the New Jersey Volunteer Fire Chief's Association, the New Jersey State Exempt Fireman's Association, Central Jersey Fire

chief's association, and the New Jersey State Fire Chiefs Association.

The Chief's most memorable fire occurred only five weeks into his term as 2nd Assistant Chief when a working house fire was reported on Catherine Street. This fire was the most serious structure fire to occur in South Amboy in five years. Other notable fires that the Chief has responded to during his career were: the infamous Durham Woods fire in Edison when a major natural gas pipeline burst and exploded in flames; and the Shell refinery fire in Woodbridge where the gasoline storage caught fire.

The Chief is also an associate member of the South Amboy First Aid Squad where during his career has made two CPR saves, one of which was an 8 month old baby who today is a healthy teenager. The Chief is also an active participant of the Melrose Blackhawks Senior Drum and Bugle Corps.

He is married to the lovely Mary Kate and together they reside on Dayton Street with their three furry children, dalmatians Mattidale and Halligen and their husky Blaise. For some reason Chief, these names are all terms related to the fire service?

This year we will be looking forward to you leading the South Amboy Fire Department at the New Jersey Fireman's Convention parade in Wildwood. You know that when YOU lead the parade you seem to stand little taller and your back is a little straighter because of the pride you carry with you. You do have some big shoes to fill as many of your ex-chiefs have won the Best Overall Appearing Department. We have the confidence that you can also bring home a truckload of trophies from Wildwood.

This year being the 125th Anniversary of the Fire Department, you have the honor of hosting the New Jersey State Exempt Fireman's Convention and parade in town. Looking forward to this gala event in October.

Wayne McCormack Remembered

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he was a member of the Sayreville Board of Health, and a 25-year member of the Local Board of Selective Service System.

He was very involved in Our Lady of Victories R.C. Church, and taught CCD Confirmation classes for 25 years, in addition to serving as a Eucharistic Minister. In 2003, he was selected by church officials to become a member of the Equestrian Order of the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem and elevated to the rank of Commander with Star.

Wayne joined the Knights of Columbus Council #2061 in 1989 and quickly rose through the ranks and became Grand Knight in 1994. He was totally dedicated to the Knights, and was asked to become part of the state organizational level as District Deputy, and then was promoted to State Warden, and then State Secretary.

Steve Schmid, who is a Past Grand Knight for the South Amboy K of C Council #426, and also Past Faithful Navigator for Msgr. John F. Brady Assembly #676, said, "He was very well-respected in the Knights of Columbus family, and will be remembered for his tireless devotion in advancing the Knights of Columbus in New Jersey."

I was honored to know Wayne for many years, and also had the opportunity to interview him for The SA Times about his illustrious career, and the many wonderful things he had done for his church, community, Knights of Columbus and others. Wayne McCormack will be missed by so many, but never forgotten for his caring and dedicated personality, and how kindly he treated others. May God Bless Wayne.

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This is a group presentation. Glenn will not give individuals one-on-one assistance.

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



How low can it go? That's a pretty good question, and everyone couldn't be happier to see the gas prices continue to dip. This picture was taken at the Delta gas station on South Broadway in South Amboy. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



On a bright, sunny afternoon early this month, adults and youngsters enjoyed playing ice hockey on the small pond at the South Amboy Water Works. (Photos by Tom Burkard)

Benefit Basketball Games A Big Success

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families in need.

Chris Dill, who was the first girl in Hoffman/South Amboy HS history to score 1,000 points was the Lady Guvs honorary coach, and Sue Wilson, who was the second girl in St. Mary's/Cardinal McCarrick HS to score 1,000 points was honorary coach for the Lady Eagles.

In the boys' varsity game, the great George Krzyzanowski, who was the first player in Eagles history to score over 1,000 points, and also coached for many years at Hoffman/South Amboy, was the honorary coach for SA. Bob Howarth, who played for St. Mary's and later coached the school to the South Jersey championship in 1980, was the honorary coach for the Blue & Gold.

Speaking of coaches, both boys' varsity teams featured first-year head coaches, John Zammit a former South Amboy player who graduated in 2008, and Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's Ben Gamble, who was an assistant coach to the legendary Bob Hurley at St. Anthony's in Jersey City.

The Lady Eagles of Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's fought off a valiant comeback by the Lady Guvs of South Amboy, and held on for a 58-51 victory. In the boys' varsity contest, the Guvs scored the first basket of the game on a shot from underneath by

Tim Kales, but the Eagles, utilizing a very fast game, ran off 17 straight points, and the Purple & Gold finally scored again on 2 free throws by Ryan O'Leary with 1:41 left in the opening quarter. Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's led 19-8 after 1 quarter, 35-16 at halftime, and 53-27, as they raced to a 68-31 romp over the Guvs.

Hoffman/South Amboy High School's All-Time leading scorers for boys and girls basketball, Ed Behnen and Lynn Ust were honored at center court during the boys' varsity game.

In addition to the exciting basketball games, there was a tricky tray, with loads of prizes, and several items donated by the New Jersey Devils for auction, including a stick signed by future Hall-of-Famer Jaromir Jagr.

The benefit, was the 3rd annual, and was originally organized by Friends of South Amboy, a group that was founded by Tom Reilly, former Mayor Jack O'Leary, retired Police Officer David Kales and Bill Lewis following the destruction of Hurricane Sandy in 2012. The 2014 benefit raised over \$13,000 to help families in need! Congratulations to all, who in any way made this an overwhelming success!

Way, Way Back When



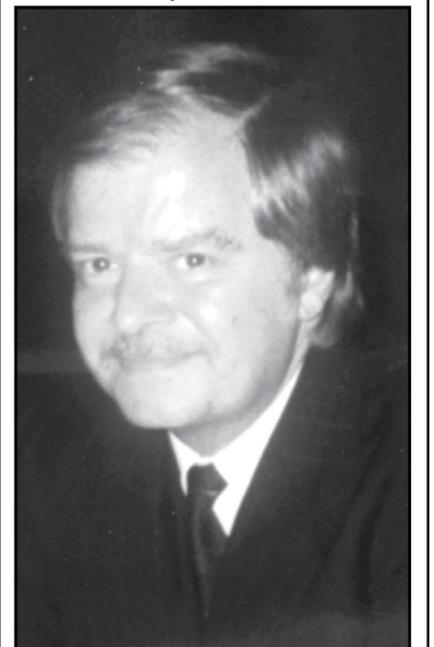
This is an old picture of North Broadway in South Amboy, believed to be taken back in the 1920's. Notice the Independence Fire Company on the left? (Photo submitted)

Obituaries

Bandurski, Edith, 89, of Sayreville died on Jan. 6.
 Disbrow, Ann Marie, 82, formerly of Sayreville died on Dec. 19.
 Epstein, Robert, 65, of Parlin died on Dec. 17.
 Golabek, Teresa, 86, of South Amboy died on Dec. 31.
 Hall, Annamae Croddick, 88, of South Amboy died on Dec. 29.
 Karaffa, Edward, 82, of Sayreville died on Jan. 6.
 Karwatt, Marion E., 84, of Sayreville died on Dec. 20.
 Kelly, Richard, 50, of Parlin died on Dec. 12.
 Klein, Josephine, 98, of Sayreville died on Dec. 22.
 Kolodziej, Joseph, 81, of Parlin died on Dec. 16.
 McCormack, Wayne J., 70, of Sayreville died on Dec. 17.
 Michalik, Edwin, 92, of Sayreville died on Dec. 31.
 Natusch, Michael, 37, formerly of South Amboy died on Dec. 31.
 Nelan, Peter, 75, formerly of Parlin died on Dec. 13.
 Ofsonka, Jeanette, 93, of South Amboy died on Dec. 17.
 Pappa, Mark, 56 of South Amboy died Jan. 5.
 Roman, Michael, 63, formerly of South Amboy died on Jan. 3.
 Smith, Rosemarie C., 75, of South Amboy died on Dec. 25.
 Tice, Gladys Dougherty, 89, of South Amboy died on Dec. 29.
 White, Ruth, 94, formerly of South Amboy died on Dec. 28.
 Wilson, Steve, 55, of Sayreville died on Dec. 19.
 Wistuba, Charles Sr., 70, formerly of Sayreville died on Dec. 23.

Michael Roman

Formerly of South Amboy
 Michael Richard Roman, 63, formerly of South Amboy, died Saturday, January 3, 2015 at home. He was born in Perth Amboy and worked for the New York City Probation Office for 25 years before retiring in 2014 as a Probation Officer and Investigator. He earned his BA from Fairleigh Dickerson University and his Masters in Economics from The New School in New York City. He loved Classic Rock, reading physics and economic books and Stephen King novels. He was an avid Yankees, Giants and Nets Fan. He enjoyed the beach and summering at the Jersey Shore. Surviving is his partner in life for 32 years, Paula Roman, daughter Stacy Roman, sons, Howard and Warren Holstein & wife, Ann Carr and sister, Lorraine Kennedy of South Amboy.



Michael Roman



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Join us at Sayreville Public Library on Friday, February 27 from 12:00 to 2:00PM for this special movie matinee today when we will be celebrating Jane Austen, not only by watching the movie adaptation of her famous novel, but also by sampling delicious sweets of the era. In addition, we will have a special prize giveaway!

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Adults only, please. Rated PG. 129 minutes. Contact Alaina by phone at 732-727-0212 ex. 25 or email alainad@lmxac.org to register, or register online at www.sayrevillelibrary.org!

Thank you to the Friends of the Sayreville Library for making the Movie Matinees of 2015 possible!

House Decorating Winners



The Seig Family (inset) pose in front of their home which won first place in the South Amboy House decorating contest. Great Job! (Photo by Brian Stratton)



Michael Scanlon's home was chosen the first place winner for first time entrants in the South Amboy house decorating contest. Beautiful!



The New Deluxe Diner, located at 528 Ridgeway Ave., South Amboy, closed its doors for the final time after serving locals for 25 years. Owners Irene (r) and Larry Andonatos (l) are pictured in front of their business on the final day. Irene said that "We will take care of the grandkids, but I'll miss the people I've known for so many years. We saw a lot of kids grow up, from when they were little and now are grown up adults. Everyone was so nice and supported us. Thank you to all." (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Terri Alirego of Morgan, who worked many years as a cashier for Foodtown, Key Food, and most recently C-Town Food where she retired from in December. Terri stated that, "Working with all the people from the various stores and the many customers she met and checked out at the register over the years, made working a great pleasure." She also said that she was looking forward to being retired to do the many things she always wanted to do. Good luck, Terri! (Photo/story by Joe Lotkowitz)

Breakfast With Santa

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Santa Claus talks to youngster.



Santa really enjoyed listening to this talented youngster and future "American Idol" singer, as he did a great job singing Christmas songs on the Karaoke machine.



This group of youngsters and adult had a great time singing Christmas Karaoke with the man in red...None other than Santa Claus!

DADDY-DAUGHTER DATE NIGHT

The South Amboy-Sayreville Rotary Club will sponsor its 10th Annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night on Friday, February 6th from 7-10 P.M. at the VFW Hall, Jernee Mill Rd., Sayreville. Proceeds will be donated to community activities and humanitarian projects. Dads, uncles, granddads and stepdads can escort their favorite special little girl to dinner, dancing and fun. Child-friendly buffet, raffles and gifts. Cost is \$55 per couple, \$25 each additional special girl if payment received by January 23. Limited seating, early reservations recommended. Call Greg at: (732) 721-0400 or email: greg@customfinancial.org.

Pancake Breakfast

St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Council #10281 will be holding a Pancake Breakfast at the Church Hall on April 12th from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The menu is as follows: orange juice, eggs, pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea, milk, and water. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. Chairman of the event is Kenneth Asmann (Treasurer). Contact phone number is 732-290-2567. Family and friends are all welcome to have a very good time and enjoy the food.

Valentine's Dinner Dance

Sayreville Riverdogs 11u Travel Baseball team will be hosting a Valentine's Day Dinner Dance at the Knights of Columbus hall in South Amboy on Saturday February 14th from 7:00 to 11:00pm. The cost per person is \$35 and includes dinner and beer, wine and soda. Proceeds will help the Riverdogs travel to Aberdeen MD to play at the Cal Ripken Experience.

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Salt Water

It's the Weeblemeister wishing all a great fishing season for 2015. Our current fishing picture looks like this...a very few short Striped Bass are in the surf, mostly off Island Beach. The Bay is closed until March! The few times I went there, nobody was fishing. That should tell you something. Some Mackerel were caught on the party boats along with Herring. It's too early to determine if a Mackerel run is starting. The Blackfish limit goes down to 4 fish. Fishing for them is spotty at best. Ling and a few Cod remain your best bet in the Mud Hole at this time. Winter Flounder was good in Shark River now it is closed until March. Off shore Sea Bass is also closed until March. More Regulations!! They say we overfished for Fluke yet it was hard to find keepers over the 18 inch size limit. They also want to cut the Striped Bass from 2 to only 1 fish at 28 inches. Too many big ones were caught. What else is new?

Fresh Fish

My wife and I started off the new year by taking the long ride up to Tilcon Lake on New Year's weekend. We did a lot of casting for quite a while but had nothing to show for it at the fog shrouded the lake. There is no ice on any of the major upstate lakes at this time. There are some Walleye being caught in the Delaware River. Holdover Trout are a possibility. Many of them may be small. Verona Park Lake was stocked with 50 large Brown Trout about 17 inches.

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1967-68-The talented Hoffman HS girls' varsity basketball team (l-r) Micheline Havlusch, Ruth Bloodgood, Wendy Romer, Donna Carter, Jane Casterline, Coach Miss Search, Kathy Bouchard, Carolyn McCarthy, Janet Shaluha, Benita Formoso, Kathy Baranowski, Barbara Shackleton, Karen White. Kneeling-Chris Zavodsky.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1951-St. Mary's defeated Perth Amboy St. Mary's, 50-47 behind Luke Lenahan's 15 points, George Spiecker 13, Bob "Don" "Pep" Bennett 11 points. 1967-In a first round CJ Group I state tourney tilt, Hoffman annihilated Allentown, 61-33, as Curt Wood poured in 24 points, and Billy Clayton added 18. 1974-The Guvs stopped South River, 48-43, as Bob Besner led the way with 15 points, and Henry Wortley added 11. 1985-Reyne Borup won the Middlesex County swimming championship for her fourth consecutive year, and was in the top 10 in the state. 1993-St. Mary's boys' basketball team dropped its opening game to Dunellen, 60-45, despite 18 points by John Kugel and Ross Hull's 10. 2001-Sayreville boys' basketball team opened its season with a 54-44 victory over North Brunswick. Samir Sanu and John Wojcik led the way with 17 and 13 points respectively.



T.H.E. Game

Sport-Basketball
Date- Dec. 12, 1975
Teams-Sayreville vs. St. Mary's in the season opener for both teams.
Recap-The Bombers controlled the boards and featured a balanced scoring attack, as they defeated the Saints, 62-48. Junior Ken Drwal led Sayreville with 13 points and received support from Mike White with 12 points and 9 rebounds, and Dave Ritter 12 points and 10 boards. John Miller copped game scoring laurels with 15 points for the Eagles, and John Belmonte popped in 14.
Players-of-the-Game-Drwal, White, Ritter.
Boxscore
Sayreville 62
Drwal 13 White 12 Ritter 12 Jim Wojcik 8 Klimkiewicz 7 Hart 4 Brand 4 Wisniewski 2 Brennan 0 Sutton 0 Stroin 0 Saccento 0 Gutkowski 0.
St. Mary's 48
Miller 15 Belmonte 14 Stolte 7 Mike Cleary 6 Mike Grimley 5 Szaro 1 Connors 0 Daigert 0.



30 Years Ago

1985-The Sayreville wrestling team under the guidance of Coach Len Zaleski won the District championship, finishing with an (11-3) record. Individual District champions were Tony Castronovo, Gerard Van Pell, and Mike Bouchard. Castronovo (21-4), was the first Bomber wrestler in 9 years to advance to the state tournament. Other team members were Butch Hoover,

Rich Lucas, Gary Wysocki, Dan Armetta, Vinnie Castronovo, Joe Mascali, Tom Viola, John Metz, Robert DeChiara, Bob Thompson. Team managers were Margaret Lake, Lisa Mergel, Jill Mergel. Coach Zaleski's assistant coach was Steve Fischer. At the time, Zaleski said that "This is the best Bomber team ever."

55 Years Ago Sayreville Won Basketball Title

1960-The Sayreville Bombers basketball team under the guidance of coach John Gutkowski and assistant coach John Wortley captured the CJ Group III basketball championship by downing a strong Neptune team, 56-48 at Asbury Park. Neptune led 15-13 after the first quarter, but the Blue & Gray bounced back to take a 28-24 lead at

the half, and upped it to 46-38 after three stanzas. Bill Mandy led all scorers with 24 points and was followed by teammates Joe Deerin 14, Fran Marchesi 8, Mike Osowski 7, Richie Mazur 3. Phillips also saw limited action but did not score. The win was the Bombers 13th straight.



1960-The Sacred Heart A.C. men's basketball team was reorganized. Pictured top row (l-r) Tony Miller, Mike Krajcovich, Ed Paczkowski, Stan Kojkowski, Marty Metzger. Bottom row (l-r) Ray "Butch" Tomaszewski, Ron Ciszewski, Tom Cross, John Kupcha.

City Series Long Ago 10 Years Ago

2005-Cardinal McCarrick did not meet South Amboy in regular season City Series competition this year, but faced off in the first round of the GMCT. The Eagles (18-3) ranked #5 in the tourney routed the Guvs (6-14) the #28 seed, 82-50. CM raced to a 29-13 first quarter lead, and upped it to 59-23 at halftime. It appeared the Blue & Gold would have a shot at cracking the 100-point mark, but Coach Joe Lewis substituted freely in the second half. South Amboy took advantage by outscoring the Eagles 13-12 in the third quarter, and final frame 14-11, but could not come close.

Kevin Oliveri copped game scoring laurels with 30 points. Teammates Donnie

Reid added 11 and Vince Rosario 10 points. J.V. Obaze ripped 11 rebounds for CM. The Guvs got 15 points apiece from Brian Seres and Joe Bartlinski.

Boxscore
Cardinal McCarrick 82
Oliveri 30 Reid 11 Rosario 10 Rolffi Canela 9 Ricky McCutcheon 4 Obaze 3 Romer 3 Alex Batista 2 Matt Wisneski 2 Kilduff 2 Steve Liberty 2 Mike Costello 2.
South Amboy 50
Seres 15 Bartlinski 15 Paul Tylek 6 Tom Szatkowski 4 Mike DeJoy 3 Jordan Dudley 2 Larry Lenahan 2 Fred Beaudry 2 Colin Krzyzanowski 1.

50 Years Ago

1965-In a memorable Game #2 of the City Series, Tom Triggs turned in the greatest game of his career, by setting three school records, and tying two others, to lead St. Mary's to an 80-61 romp over Hoffman. Triggs burned the nets for 34 points to eclipse the City Series record of 28, established by Eddie O'Brien in 1948. The 5-7 southpaw shooting guard scored 21 points in the first half, to break the school mark of 20 points, which was tied earlier in the season by Jimmy Doyle. Prior to Doyle's performance, the record was held by Jack Kreiger and Tom Farrell. Triggs' 14 field goals also established a new record, breaking the mark of 13, which was held by Kreiger, Joe Chodkiewicz, and Jim Smelas. The 34 points by Triggs tied the record for most points in the St. Mary's Gym, which was held by Farrell and Sayreville's Jeff Osowski. Tom also tied the mark for most points in a game by an Eagle, which he now shares with Farrell.

The Eagles flew off to a 21-13 first quarter lead, upped it to 38-28 at the half, and 58-47 after three stanzas. The victory was the 59th in the 79th City Series classic game. The Saints also established a high City Series mark for most points by a team, topping the old mark of 78, set by the 1958 St. Mary's club.

Tom Zalewski contributed 13 points and Fran Fitzmorris 10 for the Blue & Gold. Frosh, stalwart, Curt Wood led Hoffman with 19 points, followed by soph Billy Clayton 16, and soph Edwin Witkowski 14.
The Boxscore
St. Mary's 80
Triggs 34 Zalewski 13 Fitzmorris 10 Ed Suchcicki 8 John Quigley 7 Ricky Jarusiewicz 4 Dennis Bratus 4.
Hoffman 61
Wood 19 Clayton 16 Witkowski 14 Richie Gunther 4 Bobby Keegan 4 Leo Dohan 2 Ed Szatkowski 2.

15 Years Ago

2000-In girls City Series action, St. Mary's (17-4) topped South Amboy (15-6), 46-32. Kaitlyn Katko was the game's high scorer with 13 points for the Blue & Gold, while teammate Courtney Kowal scored 11. Kim Peterson topped South Amboy with 12 tallies.

20 Years Ago

1995-Shannon Kemble followed up on a missed shot, and also hit a free throw with 0:42 left to give St. Mary's (4-4), a nail-biting 46-43 victory over Hoffman (3-2). Robyn Palomo's 3-pointer tied the game at 43-43 with 2:19 remaining, setting the stage for Kemble's heroics. Palomo paced the Saints with 18 points, while Hanna Glomska garnered game scoring laurels with 19 points for the Lady Guvs. Teammate Kristy Parfianowicz popped in 16 markers.

50 Years Ago

1965-Hoffman's Harold Dennen saved his best for last. In the Governors final game of a lackluster year (5-13), they blasted Union Catholic, 81-67, as Dennen led all scorers with a career high of 20 points. He was followed by Curt Wood 19, Billy Clayton 14, and Edwin Witkowski 13.

50 Years Ago

1965-In a tune-up for the regular season, St. Mary's varsity walloped the Faculty, 70-36 behind John Quigley's 15 points. John Toscano was virtually unstoppable, and captured game scoring laurels with 18 points for the teachers.

60 Years Ago

1954-55-St. Mary's basketball team had a tough season, with a (4-18) record. The final scoring stats for the year are: Marty Metzger 403 points, Delaney 167 Bob Leslie 111 Norton 75 Leonard 67 Phillips 61 Adam Lovely 53 Higgins 51 Stader 20 Ed Paczkowski 11 Thalmann 8 Laricy 4 Meyer 3 Smith 2 Mania 2 Knoell 0. The Eagles were coached by the legendary Woodrow "Woody" McCarthy.

75 Years Ago

1940-In Game #2 of the City Series, Hoffman eased by St. Mary's boys, 23-18 in a contest played at St. Mary's Gym. The Governors' Karl Marks was the top scorer in the game with 7 points, while teammates Bubaltz and Chet Sprague hit for 6 apiece. Allie Clark paced the Eagles with 6 tallies, while Joe Conroy and Johnny Zebro pumped in 4 points each.

The Belly Of War

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c. 2003

Imagine each day is a blessing
With peace as the foundation
Living with war is a quandry
Filling one's gut with insecurity,
Despair, perturbation, panic, anger,
Incertitude, cowardice, heroism-
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As natural as breath
Since Eve and the serpent
And Cain vs. Abel
Life and freedom are gifts
Share their fortunes
A residue of war...

Gift Auction

Raritan Bay Catholic Preparatory School / Sacred Heart School in South Amboy is holding their 16th annual Gift Auction on Saturday, February 21st at Sacred Heart Memorial Hall. The hall is located on Washington Ave. across the street from Sacred Heart Church. This year's theme is "Art Deco". Doors open at 6pm and the first ticket will be drawn at 7:30 pm. Along

with numerous other gifts this year's prizes include a kayak, Go Pro Camera, CharBroil Grill, and an American Girl Doll Kit. Dessert and coffee will be served. All seats are reserved and this event will sell out, so don't delay! Tickets are now on sale for \$15. Please call Doreen Deegan at 732-583-8571 or doreendee@msn.com to purchase.



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Nicolò Aiello and Kurt Vranica, first grade students at St. Stanislaus Kostka School work together during the Hour of Code. (Photo Submitted)



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