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Oct. 3rd
(See Below For Details)**

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BBQ Showdown Sept. 27

The BBQ Showdown returns to South Amboy on Sunday, Sept. 27 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at Raritan Bay Waterfront Park (GPS) 1 Keenan Way, South Amboy, NJ, in this day-long feast of all things BBQ. The event is presented by the City of South Amboy and produced by iRun New Jersey.

BBQ Vendors include Dan's BBQ; Butch's BBQ; Brother Bear BBQ; Dinosaur BBQ; JT's Drive In; Ben's BBQ; CheezeN; Prime Stache; Miller's Ale; Empanada Guy; Oink and Moo; Pompier Catering; Stewarts; plus Cold Stone Creamery; House of Cupcakes (Winners of Food Network's "Cupcake Wars") and more!

Live music on stage with Mark Miklos, The Kentucky Rifles, A.J. Jansen and special guest, Kim Jenkins. Vendors and exhibitors will also be featured.

Admission is free; food and drinks must be purchased. Bring blankets or chairs and your appetites! Visit the information booth and vote for your favorite BBQ menu item.

Suggestion: Take the NJ Transit Train to South Amboy; free shuttle buses will run all day. The park will be closed to attendee parking the day of event, with the exception of handicapped parking.

For more information, contact info@irunnewjersey.com or call 855-478-6888.

New Academic Director at Sacred Heart School

By Steve Schmid

Sacred Heart School has a new director of academics. Principal Gil Pritchard appointed Kristy Rose to take this new position. Rose has been with Cardinal McCarrick High School for the last 11 years. She will be responsible for curriculum development, lesson plans, teacher observations, advanced education courses, and professional development. Rose earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rutgers University in History and English. She joined the faculty at Cardinal McCarrick High School in September 2004 as an English teacher. In 2008 she was appointed head of the English department. Her responsibilities grew in 2011 when she was named academic coordinator for the English, World History, and Art departments. She believes the skills she developed at the high school will be helpful in the elementary school..



South Amboy Fire Department's Chiefs, (l-r) 1st Assistant John Kelly, Chief Michael Geraltowski, 2nd Assistant Steven Szatkowski. All are proud to be serving during this landmark anniversary year. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

South Amboy Fire Department Celebrating 125 Years of Dedicated Service to the City

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski MS

On Saturday October 3, 2015, The South Amboy Fire Department will be celebrating 125 years of dedicated service to the community with a host of events.

Beginning at 9:00am, the New Jersey State Exempt Fireman's Association will be conducting their annual convention at South Amboy High School. This annual event is held at different locations throughout the state each year. In most cases the convention is held in conjunction with the host fire department celebrating an anniversary, which is the case here in South Amboy. There is usually a parade held following the convention.

This year the parade will have a two-fold purpose, both as the State Exempt Parade and the South Amboy Fire Department 125 Anniversary Parade.

The Parade will kick off at the Monaghan House on South Pine Avenue at 12:30 p.m.,

proceed down Bordentown to Stevens Avenue, continuing to Main Street and down to Broadway and ending at the Waterfront Park. All fire departments marching in the parade will be judged as they march during the parade and the best overall fire department in the parade will be awarded the Ellsworth Trophy, a mark of honor and distinction.

There will be many festivities at the park and they are open to the entire community of South Amboy.

The fire department parade committee has worked very hard over the past 5 years to host this event. They held golf outings, circuses, raffles, basketball games, and many other events in order to raise money for this celebration. Please show your support for the South Amboy Fire Department and come out to watch the parade and celebrate with them at this momentous event.

Late Bomber Soccer Captain Honored

Matthew Welna, one of the most beloved and popular students to attend Sayreville War Memorial High School, was honored posthumously prior to the Bombers opening soccer game on Sept. 8, with the retirement of his number 20. In addition, prior to Sayreville's first football game of the season, a dedication of a scoreboard bearing his name was held. Welna, who captained the Blue & Gray soccer squad, was killed in March, when he was hit

by a dump truck on Rt. 33 in Monroe. Welna, who was 25 years old was employed as an auditor by Deloitte in Princeton.

He was an outstanding young man with unlimited potential, and the Sayreville community remembered him. In his brief stay on earth, Matthew touched many lives, and was a shining star in the Borough of Sayreville, not only on the soccer field, but in the positive way he conducted himself and lived life.



A moment of silence was held at the remembrance service to honor those who perished during the terroristic attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. The service was held at the Eagles Pavilion Memorial at Waterfront Park, South Amboy/Sayreville, by American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy, and the South Amboy Elks Club #784. Pictured (l-r) Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak, Adjutant Phyllis Letteriello, Exalted Ruler Mike Green. See more photos on page 8. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

SAFD Anniversary Kick Off Party

The South Amboy Fire Dept. will hold a 125th Anniversary Kick Off Party featuring The Drunk Monkeys on Oct. 2nd, 9 p.m. at South Stevens Pub in South Amboy. Cost is a \$5 donation at the door, and there will be a raffle with a chance to win tickets for the Devils, and also 50/50's. Come out and support the SAFD with great music, food, drinks and people!

Patel, Cafaro, Bruno Business Leaders Of The Year

Harshey Patel, who has owned/operated Main Liquors & Wine in South Amboy for the past 25 years, has been named the South Amboy Business Leader of the Year by Old Bridge, Sayreville, South Amboy Chamber of Commerce. Receiving the Sayreville award will be Stan Cafaro, owner of Cafco Financial LLC, and Rich Bruno of Max Fitness will be the Old Bridge recipient. Awards will be presented at a dinner, which will be held on Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. at the Grand Marquis in Old Bridge. Tickets are \$80 p/p. To purchase tickets or place a congratulatory ad in the program journal, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 732-607-6340 or visit the website at: www.chamberofcommerceobssa.org. Congratulations Harshey, Stan and Rich!

Pritchard: From Athletic Director To Principal

By Tom Burkard

The beginning of the new school year found longtime St. Mary's/Cardinal McCarrick HS teacher, coach, and athletic director, Gil Pritchard in a brand new role as principal of Sacred Heart School in South Amboy. The highly-respected educator worked at St. Mary's/Cardinal McCarrick for 35 years, and built an outstanding reputation for himself in the AD role, which he served from September 1981 through June 2015.



Gil Pritchard

Gil initially began teaching at St. Pius HS in Piscataway in September 1977, and in 1978, Bob Howarth, who was St. Mary's AD, hired him as the freshman basketball coach. Pritchard said, "Ironically, after Bob left St. Mary's, and coached at St. Pius, I coached against him."

His teaching career at his alma mater Continued on page 6

This Issue Is Dedicated
In Memory of



Anna V. Sprague

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Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

In Memoriam

Philip Arnella, 86, formerly of Morgan died on Aug. 19. During the Korean War, he was a Telegraph Operator. Philip was a member of the Morgan AA, and ran an umpire school. In addition, he coached the American Legion baseball team for 10 years. Ruth Warden, 90, of Sayreville died on Aug. 19. She worked for 30 years at PNC Bank in Sayreville. Raymond Miklos Sr., formerly of Sayreville died on Aug. 21. He was co-owner/operator of Miklos Floral Shop in Sayreville

for 58 years prior to his retirement in '05. Pauline Dockiewicz, 99, of Sayreville died on Sept. 9. She was past president of the OLV Seniors, and past treasurer of the Altar Rosary Society. Donald Hewins, 87, of South Amboy died on Sept. 13. He was a lector at St. Mary's Church, and also a member of the finance council.

May they rest in peace and always be remembered.

Pleasant Little Trivia

By Tom Burkard

1. This local veteran is the Commander of the Middlesex County American Legion?
a. Larry Bishop b. Bob "Zak" Sekerak c. Ed Rappleyea
2. In 1993, this ceramics business was located at 141 North Broadway?
a. Oak Tree Ceramics b. Creative Ceramics c. Suzy's Ceramics
3. The current pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church is?
a. Rev. Thaddeus Kozlowski b. Rev. Kenneth Murphy c. Rev. Felipe Fantana
4. South Amboy Lions Club president in 1989?
a. Robert Pawlik b. James Mulvey c. Daryl MacKenzie
5. Selected Middlesex County's Guidance Counselor of the Year in 1988?
a. Edward Twomey b. Sister M. Valerian c. Jeanne Polinski
6. In 1977, the attorney for the South Amboy Planning Board?
a. Paul Jankowski b. John Lucitt c. Thomas Downs IV
7. This Sayreville resident ran as a Republican for Congress in 1976?
a. Samuel Collins b. James Daneski c. Charles Wiley
8. President of the Morgan A.A. president in '75?
a. Frank Bukow b. T.G. Huguenin c. Tom Pollando
9. President of the Sayreville Young Democratic Club in 1980?
a. John McCormack b. James Zagata c. John Wisniewski
10. Won the South Amboy election for mayor in 1976?
a. William "Doc" O'Leary b. J. Thomas Cross c. Theodore Lewandoski
11. Appointed director of the South Amboy Senior Citizens in 1988?
a. Mary Kay Noble b. Patricia Olexa c. Susan Sabo
12. In 1990, where was the Sayreville Paints Plus business located?
a. Rt. 35, Morgan b. Main St. c. Washington Rd.

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

Cake Sale

The Sacred Heart Right to Life "Love Life Group" will be having a cake sale on Oct 24-25 after all Masses at Memorial Hall Lower Level. Proceeds will go to the Love Life Group at Sacred Heart.

Please be so kind and help us out.

Open Mic October 30

South Amboy Knights of Columbus hold their next Open Mic Friday October 30 at 8 p.m. at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Anyone interested in singing or playing is invited. No cover charge. Refreshments are available. For more information call 732-721-2025.

Mater Dei Prep Opens Its Doors

Seven months ago the thought of 343 students walking through the front doors of Mater Dei Prep for the first day of the 2015-16 school year seemed far-fetched, improbable. But after facing closure as a parish school, Mater Dei Prep reorganized, raised \$1.5 million and reopened its doors recently as a private, Catholic high school. Over the past four months, the Mater Dei Prep Board of Trustees, led by chair Randy MacDonald (MDP Class of '74) has worked tirelessly creating by-laws, filing applications with federal and state agencies, hiring staff and teachers, negotiating with vendors, basically starting a school from scratch. One of the Board's first and most important decisions was hiring James Hauenstein as MDP's first president and principal. On the first day of school, Mr. Hauenstein stood on the steps of Mater Dei Prep and welcomed students at Convocation. "Be an ambassador for your school in all your actions...Be the symbol of our family by providing community service and acceptance. Be the academic student, striving to learn and achieve at the highest level..." Mr. Hauenstein went on to say, "And most importantly, as a testament to our past and the beginning of the future, in each of these excel. Go beyond and strive to soar higher in all you do. "As bagpipes played, the students processed in by class, seniors first, through freshman, all joyful to be continuing their educational journey as Seraphs. While the board prepared the school logistically this summer, staff members worked diligently to ensure enrollment would reach last year's numbers. With a freshman class at approximately 40 and 75 transfers across all other grades, MDP opens at the same size as the 2014-2015 school year. Mater Dei Prep welcomed many students from Cardinal McCarrick, a Catholic school in South Amboy, closed by the Diocese of Metuchen in May.

Mr. Hauenstein expressed relief at being able to support these student and families. "We are ecstatic in welcoming students from Cardinal McCarrick to the Mater Dei Prep family. In so doing, supporting them to continue their Catholic education and challenging them to excel as Seraphs." Also during the summer, new teachers were hired to complement the returning Mater Dei Prep faculty. All are committed to continuing MDP's inclusive culture and academic excellence. The school's flexible individualized curriculum remains focused on the college preparatory process, offering AP classes, college dual enrollment classes and the unique Center for Achievement which ensures each individual student's academic success. Mr. Hauenstein went on to say, "The Mater Dei Prep staff is also reviewing each of these unique programs with the vision to enhance or further the offerings to best match our students collegiate aspirations." Additionally, a revamped and upgraded technology platform provides for a new public website and secure modules for teachers, students and parents. All technology is now hosted, serviced, secured and backed up in the cloud by third parties, setting Mater Dei Prep on the cutting edge and guaranteeing technological flexibility and growth in the future. Randy MacDonald, Chair Board of Trustees shared his joy, "Today marks a new chapter in Mater Dei Prep's history. We look forward to continuing the special Mater Dei Prep inclusive culture while enhancing the flexible individualized curriculum that allows each student to excel." Mater Dei Prep hosts two Open Houses this fall, October 4 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. and October 7 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Prospective freshmen and transfer students are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, please visit the Mater Dei Prep website at www.materdeiprep.org.

Mechanicsville Fire Co. To Host Show

Mechanicsville Fire Co. will host "Murder At The Horror Awards" show on Oct. 17, 7 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Church Annex, in

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**Yearbook-Cardinal
McCarrick 2010**
By Tom Burkard

Jean Kline was principal at Cardinal McCarrick HS, and some of her fine faculty staff included Carol Moskwa, Armando Mendoza, Matt Pawlowski, Edward Zurawski, Sister M. Karolyn Nunes, Stanley Drwal, Nancy Fedor, Sister M. Benedicta Bourke.

The yearbook was dedicated to Mr. Zurawski. There were many wonderful activities at McCarrick such as Senior Retreat, Fall Pep Rally, Spring Musical-"High School Musical," Senior Trip to Orlando, FL, Homecoming Dance, Book Club, Peer Tutoring, Eagles Nest, Ping Pong Club, Science Club, National Catholic Forensic League, Catholic Schools Week, and the Fall Play, "Clue."

The Student Council was made up of President-Allison Smith, Vice-President-Mariela Batista-Moulton, Secretary-Bernadette Poerio, Treasurer-Haleigh Simon, Publicist-Alexa Tsaptsimos.

Some of the seniors selected randomly: Kara Albrecht, Vincent Bath, Rebecca Bowsky, Amanda Botnick, Brianna Brush, Jamie Buckalew, Amber Cerasani, Erin Conlon, Allison Dougherty, Kelli Eberle, Michael Farrell, Thomas Holovacko, Rebecka Guarino, Nicole Heil, Melanie Horvath, Brian Howarth, Kayla Jarry, Maureen Kenny, Sheri Malkiewicz, Jennifer McAndrew, Kyle Swisher, Andrew Zrebiec.

Rotary Road Show
The South Amboy-Sayreville Rotary will sponsor its Seventh Annual Rotary Road Show - 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., Sunday, October 4 at Oasis Chevrolet 1292 Route 9 South, Old Bridge. Rain Date is Sunday, October 18.

The show is open to all makes and models of cars, trucks, motorcycles and imports. More than 20 trophies will be awarded. Food and drink will be available.

Vehicle registration is \$10 in advance \$15 on day of show.

For vendor or vehicle registration, call Burton Wilkins at: (732) 721-4200.

Tricky Tray
MCVTS School of the Arts will hold a Tricky Tray on October 23, 2015 6-10PM at the MCVTS Votech Campus, 112 Rues Lane, East Brunswick, NJ. Prizes include, Nooks, iRobot, signed sport memorabilia, Keurig, gift certificates, Beats Studio Wireless, Samsonite luggage, 50/50 raffles, and birthday calendar. \$20 admission includes one sheet of small prize tickets and door prize. Advanced ticket purchase available. Adults only, handicap accessible, coffee and tea complimentary and refreshments available for purchase. Outside food allowed. No alcohol. melissad373@gmail.com for questions

**Hudson River
Foliage Cruise**
The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a Hudson River Fall Foliage Cruise on Saturday, October 17, 2015. The price of the trip is \$155.00 which includes the cruise, a buffet lunch, bus transportation, bus driver gratuity, entertainment on the ship, and snacks on the return trip home. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Geri at 732-257-4351.

**West Point Trip
November 21**
South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 is sponsoring a trip to beautiful West Point Saturday November 21 to see the Rutgers Scarlet Knights battle the Army Black Knights in a 12 noon game. Coast of \$85 includes game tickets, roundtrip motorcoach transportation, snacks, sandwiches, and beverages. Motorcoach leaves the parking lot at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. For information call 732-721-2025.

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Pritchard: From AD To Principal

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began as a math instructor. Gil remembered those first days as a teacher at St. Mary's, saying, "Steve Nestinger, my History teacher from high school was there and very supportive to me. It was a strange feeling to be back at the school, and now working on the same level with my old teachers."

Pritchard coached varsity basketball for 4 years from 1981-1985, compiling a fine mark of (54-42), as his team tied for one Gold Division title. He said that he believed the 1984-85 club was his best because of the talented duo of Randy Wilson and Joe Byrne.

Gil grew up in Sayreville, but said that, "I spent most of my time in South Amboy, and went to Sacred Heart Grammar School, and then St. Mary's HS." He also played High School CYO basketball for St. Bernadette's, and recalled being coached by his teammate Dennis Ryan's father. In addition he mentioned that Tim Rhatican was one of the St. Bernadette's players. He also said that "The first championship team I ever played on was Zajac's Sunoco baseball team in the Sayreville Midget League," he said.

Pritchard reminisced about his playing days at Middlesex County College. He along with fellow St. Mary's HS Class of '70 graduates, Ray Downs and Sonny Ostrowski, all made the varsity basketball team as walk-ons in the fall of 1970. "It was a great experience playing with Ray and Sonny. My best game was when there was 5 seconds left and i drove in and scored, and the team came out and picked me up off the floor and started celebrating, thinking we had won the game. The referee said the basket was good, but I committed an offensive foul, and he gave the other team a one on one, and the player hit both shots, and we lost."

When asked what he enjoyed most of his role of Athletic Director, he said, "I enjoyed being around sports and working with kids." He certainly did. In addition to his many duties in the educational field, Pritchard also drove the school bus to transport student athletes to away games and other events. He said that, "It was a great way to keep me around the kids. I really enjoyed the camaraderie."

Gil's heart and soul was totally committed to St. Mary's/Cardinal McCarrick, and he was quite shocked when he heard the school was closing. "The school closing was a very difficult day for me. People would talk about it, saying that it was going to close, but I never thought in my heart it would happen. I

thought people would rally around it. I went to school here, and my son's going here. I worked with so many wonderful people here."

His favorite part of teaching was "When you start at the beginning of the school year, and take it up to different levels, and at the end of the year, the students would say 'I get it.' This was very rewarding for me."

Pritchard said the difference between his new role as principal and when he was AD, is "As AD, you were third in line, now as principal, you're the first person. As principal, someone's always asking you if you've got a minute. More issues come up on a regular basis, three or four a day. As AD, it's only one or two a week."

Gil really enjoys his new post at Sacred Heart School, and said that "The two schools worked together for 2 years as Raritan Bay Catholic Preparatory School, and the people are wonderful here." His biggest goal this school year is to increase enrollment. "We have to get the word out that we're here, and we're a great school." He also said that it is most important to "get the community more involved with Sacred Heart School." Pritchard added that "The Catholic School spirit in the area is wonderful."

A modest man, Pritchard said that his greatest accomplishment in education, came athletically when he was AD. "Athletically, I never felt that I accomplished anything. It was the kids. The boys and girls winning the county championships was the moment I remember most."

He also credits his old high school History teacher Steve Nestinger with being his most inspirational teacher. "He really helped me when I started teaching."

Gil is very thankful to the local community for their support when he was the AD, saying that, "I'd like to thank all the people of South Amboy, the mayors, council, police department, SAYAA, the Recreation Dept., and the late Mary Lou DeBlis for all their help through the years. The town has always helped the kids. It's been a pleasure for me."

Gil Pritchard said that he would like to be remembered as "Somebody who cared about kids, and what was best for them, and really enjoyed what I did, and could probably do it for another 40 years."

Congratulations Gil on an amazing run as Athletic Director, and best wishes for continued success as principal at Sacred Heart School!

Trip To Radio City Christmas Show

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Radio City Christmas Show on Saturday, November 21, 2015. The price for the trip is \$165.00 which includes premium seating, a box lunch, bus transportation, bus driver gratuity, and snacks on the return trip. The bus will leave the OLV lower parking lot at 9 AM and return at approximately 6 PM. For further information or to reserve tickets, please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

Trip To Penn's Peak

The Sayreville Seniors Thursday Club will hold a trip to Penn's Peak on Wed., Oct. 7th, to see A Legend Lives On: The Glenn Miller Orchestra show and luncheon. Cost is \$85 per person. The bus leaves the Sayreville Seniors Center, Main St., from the back parking lot at 9 a.m. and returns approximately 6 p.m. For more information or to reserve a seat, please call Ann at 732-254-7263. Non-members are welcome. Checks are to be made out to: Ann Floersch, 12 Nimitz Pl., Sayreville, NJ 08872.



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THE YEAR WAS 1955

By Elaine Holton Scott

Warner Bros. Studio had known they had a hot property under contract, even before his big budget movies were released. This young man with his bad boy image had something more than the handsomest face ever to hit Hollywood. He also had an unabashed, earthy charisma, the kind that makes females of all ages go “weak in the knees” just seeing him. To promote the scheduled release of “East of Eden” in April of ’55, posters of their soon to be super star went on sale months before the movie’s opening.

I was just a young child when my mother bought my big sister, Nancy, a poster of James Dean. Hanging on the wall above Nancy’s twin bed, I can remember staring up at the really good looking guy in the first poster I had ever seen. Six decades later, in my mind’s eye, I can still see the way he was leaning against a convertible wearing a white t-shirt with a pack of cigarettes tucked under one rolled up sleeve, and a pair of blue jeans, the kind that were in style in the 1950’s with the leg hems turned up at the bottom. Little did anyone know that soon his life would be over...and, of course, my sister’s poster would quickly come down from its place on her bedroom wall. James Dean died in a car crash on September 30, 1955, after a guy named Donald Turnupseed pulled in front of his speeding Porsche. James Dean was just 24 years old. “Rebel without a Cause” opened one month after his death, followed by “Giant” a year later. This month of September marks the 60th anniversary of a Hollywood legend’s death.

In that year of 1955, the average annual

salary was \$4,130, rounded to \$79.50 a week. The minimum wage was 75 cents. The average new car could be purchased for \$1,900, and a gallon of gas for 23 cents. A loaf of bread cost 18 cents; a postage stamp cost 3 cents; a 16 oz. package of Oreo cookies sold for 39 cents; and a 2-bar package of Ivory Soap cost 29 cents.

Dwight D. Eisenhower was in the White House in the middle of his first term in office. All the “I like Ike” campaign buttons had been put away, only to resurface when Ike ran for a second term against Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic candidate Ike had beaten the first time. Richard Nixon would be Ike’s Vice President for both his terms.

Sixty years ago, 77% of all American households owned a television set. Some of the TV shows that year were: “Rin Tin Tin”; “Bilko”; “Fury”; “The \$64,000 Question”; “Gunsmoke”; “The Honeymooners”; “The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp”; “Cheyenne”; “The Ed Sullivan Show”; “The Jack Benny Show”; “Captain Kangaroo”; and “Lassie.”

Top movies in 1955 included “Oklahoma”; “The Night of the Hunter”; “The Seven Year Itch”; and “The Blackboard Jungle”; while the top six records were “Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom Time”; “Rock Around the Clock”; “The Yellow Rose of Texas”; “Autumn Leaves”; “Unchained Melody”; and “The Ballad of Davy Crockett.”

***Donald Turnupseed had only a few minor injuries from the crash. Dean’s passenger, Rolf Wurtherich, survived the accident but would die in a car crash in Germany in 1981.

OLV Senior Meeting

The OLV Seniors will hold their October meeting on Friday, October 2, 2015 at 1:00 PM in Monsignor Hall. \$10.00 dues are still being collected by Mary Bouchard, our membership coordinator. Trip money for the following trips is due: Hudson Foliage Cruise, Hunterdon Christmas Show, Radio City Christmas Show, and Cape May Christmas. Please remember to bring a food

donation for St. Vincent de Paul. After our business portion of the meeting, we will have a guest speaker. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Mary Bouchard will be collecting \$12 from members for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner in November. For any further information, please contact Teri Yetsko, OLV Senior President at 732-727-7639.

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(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Elks Club members show they are proud to be Americans at the 9/11 service.



Local dignitaries (l-r) South Amboy Councilman Thomas Reilly, Mayor Fred Henry, Elks Exalted Ruler Michael Green, American Legion Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak, Councilman Michael "Mickey" Gross are pictured prior to service.



Frank Wahler turns in an excellent performance on bagpipes.



A local Girl Scout Troop is pictured with a basket of flowers they presented in memory of the 9/11 victims.



Michael Green (l), Exalted Ruler of the South Amboy Elks #784, and Bob "Zak" Sekerak, Commander of American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy, greet each other prior to the service.



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"In our 14 years serving schools, this theme is by far our best yet, because we are bringing students in America inspiring stories from around the world," said Chris Carneal, Boosterthon founder and president. "Big World Recess promotes the side of sports we all love while giving students a rich global perspective."

The fitness theme features stories of six kid-athletes and illustrates the power of living out character in sports and in life. Students will be introduced to uplifting stories originating in New York City, Australia, Brazil, Japan, Switzerland and Kenya.

With a continued emphasis on multi-cultural education in American classrooms, Boosterthon students will experience up-close how sports bring people together. Documentary-style videos will teach students how to develop teamwork, curiosity, practice, humility, confidence and endurance through the every day stories of the six kid-athletes.

In addition to the character theme, Boosterthon's cutting edge fundraising program helps schools raise 70 percent more than alternative fundraisers. Schools select their service level, which has custom service options; Boosterthon Live, Boosterthon Event, or Fun Run You, a school-led innovation of

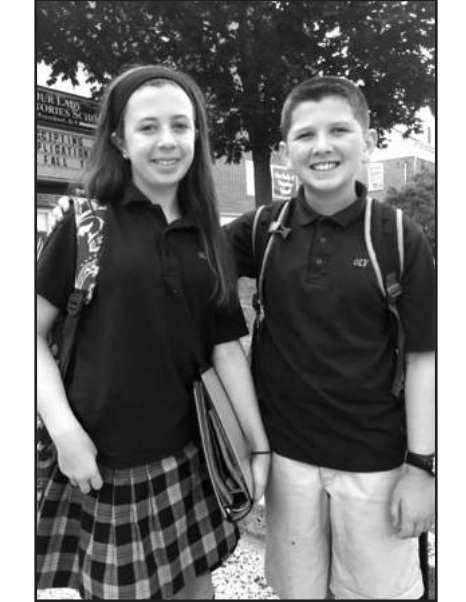
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First Day Of School...Long Ago And Today...



1951-Walter Timm (l) and his cousin Linnea Friberg (r) are all dressed up for their first day of school. (Photo by Anna Harris Friberg)



2015- Pictured at the first day of school at Our Lady of Victories School in Sayreville is Megan Delaney (seventh grade) and her brother Aiden Delaney (fifth grade) (photo submitted)

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The Phillips Family grave marker in Ireland.

My Irish Story

By John Phillips

A few months ago I wrote a story about my dad and the town he was born and raised in, Arklow, Ireland. Since he was the only one who came over to America from his family, I did not know very much, if anything, about my aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents. Well, I continued the search and finally found where the family grave site was located, and the street and house my dad was born in.

My daughter Cheryl's company is opening an office in Dublin, Ireland and she went over to help set up the opening specifics. So, off she went with my two grand daughters Lori and Kelly. They planned to spend time in Arklow looking for my dad's old home and to also find the family grave site. I am happy to say they found both! Cheryl told me that after over an hour looking for the grave in the old section of the Saint Gabriel's cemetery they were getting tired and frustrated. She told me she said to herself "if you want me to find, you show me the way". Then after about ten more minutes she came face to face with a big head stone. They called me on Father's Day with the news. One of the best Father's Day presents I ever had was to look at the pictures they sent over. A picture of the grave site is attached.

The row house still stands there very close to the Avoca River that flows down

the mountains in Wicklow County into the Irish Sea. My daughter talked to several people in the area but no one remembered the Phillips family. It's very hard to read the grave marker....here is what it says:

*In Loving Memory of My Parents
James Phillips-1914 Age 55 Years
Mary (Murphy) Phillips-1942
Age 82 Years*

*Grandmother Jane Murphy
1918 Age 85 Years*

Also on the marker it reads: In Memory of my Brother John who died in the USA on February 28, 1963 Age 63 Years. And, John was my dad, the happy go lucky Irishman.

It just so happens that February 28, 1963 is the same day my daughter Cheryl was born. I just got back from the hospital visiting Iris and our new daughter, a very happy guy, when I got a phone call telling me that my dad passed away. The grave marker was erected by my aunt Bridget. She was born in 1893 but I can't find anything about her other than what I read on the 1900 census, and the fact that she had the grave marker erected. I bet she is buried in that same cemetery and married with a different name. There was also a small wreath placed on the grave. Now I have two more mysteries to solve: Where is my aunt buried, and who put those flowers on the grave?

South Amboy Fire Dept. Way Back In 1926

(Researched by Anna Harris Friberg)

In 1926, the South Amboy volunteer fire department was completely equipped and responded to calls on a steam operated siren installed by the Gamewell Fire Alarm Co. The Fire Chief was Charles K. Freeman; First Assistant Chief-Michael Leonard; Second Assistant Chief-James J. Lyons.

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40 members, equipped with Mack hook and ladder, and chemical apparatus. Protection Engine Co. with 40 members, featured a Mack combination 500 gallon pump, chemical and hose apparatus. Mechanicsville Hose Co. had only 20 members, equipped with Stoughton combination 500 gallon pump, booster pump and hose apparatus. Progressive Fire Co. also had 20 volunteer firemen, equipped with Stoughton combination 500 gallon pump, booster pump and hose apparatus.

Father of SA Fire Dept.

According to an item in a 1940 newspaper, E. J. O'Connor was the Father of the South Amboy Fire Dept. Also a Police Justice, E.J O'Connor is credited as being the motivating force in starting the local volunteer fire department in South Amboy. We quote from the news item: "Eleven days ago, E.J. O'Connor, the man who selected the members of the first local fire department, passed on "The South Amboy fire department can be said to have been started as a hand-picked organization, and it was the late Police Recorder who picked the members. "Mr. O'Connor was one of those interested in the formation of the department, and had talked the matter over with Councilman Harry Green, who had been assigned by the council to organize the department. "At that time, Mr. O'Connor was a flagman at the railroad crossing at David Street, and each morning. Councilman Green and Mr O'Connor discussed fire department plans, while the former was waiting for his train to New York City. "Several days before the organization meeting was held, Councilman Green told Mr. O'Connor to pick the members of the new department, and notify them of the organization meeting, which Mr. O'Connor did."



1949-Linnea Friberg Stevenson has the best seat in the house as she sits on top of a South Amboy Fire Dept. truck. Notice the 1949 license plate. (Photo by Anna Harris Friberg)



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August Winners

Last month's photo was of the Sunnyside Diner on Main St. in Sayreville. Those who correctly identified it were: Pat & Bill Scully, Chuck Pickard, Don Zrebiec, Joan Fulham, Lisa Grankowski, W. Tom Kross, Mary Agnes Morris. Congratulations to all!



August WWW - Sunnyside Diner

**Vietnam Veteran
Remembrance
Service**

American Legion Lenape Post No. 211 will conduct a Vietnam Veteran Remembrance Service on Sunday, Oct. 11 at 5 p.m. at the Sayreville Borough Hall, 167 Main St. It will begin with the Massing of the Colors at the American Legion Post Home parking lot located at 240 MacArthur Ave. at 4:30 p.m. Participants will march to the Borough Hall where the service will be conducted. The public is invited to attend the service. The event will be held rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at the American Legion Post Home.

**Sayreville Gets \$345K
For Road Repairs**

The State Department of Transportation has approved a \$345,000 grant to fund much-needed road repairs on Andrewjeski Drive in Sayreville after strong advocacy on the issue from Council President Dave McGill. The funds will help improve road safety on the street, which is located in the Melrose section of the borough and contains a frequently-traveled overpass above Route 9. McGill worked closely with Assemblyman John Wisniewski (D-Sayreville) to secure the grant funding.

"As anyone who drives in the area knows this road is in severe need of repavement to reduce some of the chronic infrastructure problems that our residents face," said McGill, who is running for Mayor in the upcoming November 3rd election along with Councilman Ricci Melendez and Council candidate Steven Grillo. "The fact that we will now be able to finally fix this road without burdening our local taxpayers is a tremendous win for Sayreville and I am very pleased that the DOT will be providing these needed funds."

McGill wrote a letter to the State DOT pressing for the grant, stressing the dilapidated roadway's effect on local residents. Along with Assemblyman Wisniewski, McGill lobbied the DOT to approve the funding to provide for the repair without impacting Sayreville taxpayers.

Book Sales
Friends of the Sayreville Public Library are holding an October Book Sale on Saturday, 10/10 and Sunday 10/11 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. \$10.00 for full bag, must use bags provided or \$15.00 for box provided, On Tuesday, 10/13 Not for profit and Teacher Appreciation Day 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. Books and Media are FREE of charge, NFP/Teachers need to provide identification.

**St. Vincent de Paul
Walk/Run**

Our Lady of Victories Conference of St. Vincent de Paul will be participating in the National "Friends of the Poor Walk/Run" on Saturday, Sept. 26 beginning at 8:30. at Kennedy Park, Washington Road, Sayreville. All walkers/runners are welcome and all funds raised will be for the benefit of the poor served by OLV's Conference. Donations will be accepted at the event and can also be made by check, payable to OLV St. Vincent de Paul Society and mailed to the Parish Office at 42 Main Street, Sayreville, NJ 08872.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,
The Korean War Veterans Memorial (KWVM) was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on Oct. 28, 1986. The legislation (PL-99-572) expressly required acknowledgement of those killed in action during the war between June 25, 1950 and July 27, 1953. The legislation was followed by the design and approval process, where the KWVM Presidential Advisory Board proposed to show personal names of those killed during the war. The Advisory Board's arguments were rejected, mainly by the Fine Arts Commission (FAC). The FAC representatives did not want to see "another wall on the mall," alluding to the once controversial Viet Nam Memorial Wall, nearby. The officially approved design resulted in the current Korean War Veterans Memorial, which was open to the public in July, 1995.

This magnificent Memorial which honors veterans of the Korean War falls short of doing so in one very important omission. Nowhere, here or anywhere else in the U.S., are the names of the 36,574 American military who made the supreme sacrifice-of which 837 were citizens of New Jersey-by giving their lives to ensure that the free people of the Republic of Korea would not suffer the tyrannies of Communism. They paid the ultimate price which underscores the Memorial's theme "Freedom Is Not Free." We must show the human cost of war.

I am asking that we lend our support to two Bills that are currently in the U.S. Congress HR-1475 and in the U.S. Senate S-1982, which "authorizes a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow private contributions to fund the construction." Contact our two Senators, Senator Menendez and Senator Booker and ask them to support S-1982 in the Senate, and contact the Congressman representing your District and ask them to support HR-1475 in the House of Congress.
George T. Coyle Sr.
Sayreville
Korean War Veteran



Pictured is the beautiful Don Giovanni Italian Restaurant & Pizza Bar, located at 276 Main St. (Rt. 9 Extension) in South Amboy. (Photo/story by Tom Burkard)

Don Giovanni Comes To Town

By Tom Burkard

Don Giovanni Italian Restaurant & Pizza Bar has recently reopened to the delight of locals, under new owner John Primo of Sayreville. Primo has been working in the restaurant business since 1980, when as a 13-year old realized that this would be his career field. He has worked his way up through the restaurant business, gaining much experience and knowledge, and now owns four other restaurants in New Jersey.

Don Giovanni offers a large variety of delicious Italian cuisine, but takes pride in its incredible and famous pizza pie. The motto at this local eatery is “Now the best pizza in town.” Don Giovanni’s private, old-style Birch Beer, Root Beer, Black Cherry, Vanilla Cream, Ice Tea, and old-style Orange offer a cool and tasty treat for patrons. Customers can BYOB to the restaurant for now, until the license transferral is completed.

In honor of the South Amboy Fire Department’s 125th Anniversary, Don Giovanni is offering the city of South Amboy and surrounding cities 30% off all week long, on all specialty pizzas, and on Parade Day, Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 50% of all specialty pizzas!

In addition, there are special 10% discounts always for seniors, police, fire, and EMT workers. Don Giovanni’s is open 7 days a weeks for lunch and dinner with new specials Wednesday through Sunday. Business hours are Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday 12 noon to 10 p.m.

Don Giovanni’s is an Italian family business, and John Primo is very proud of his 5-year old daughter Carolina, and his wife Andrea, who is also involved in the day-to-day operation as official bookkeeper, and occasional hostess. Primo also praised his GM Jaime Wallberg for his hard work and dedication to Don Giovanni’s.

The Don Giovanni staff is very cordial, helpful, efficient and friendly, and has received a 5-star rating from recent customers, who have raved about this new South Amboy business.

Don Giovanni, located at 276 Main St. (Rt. 9 Extension), South Amboy, is convenient and nearby for local residents, and after one dining experience, you will surely become a regular patron.

The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski MS

PART 2. In last month’s “Smoke Column” I wrote about when and why it is necessary to replace fire apparatus. The condition of the vehicle, its age, and the safety standards that are in place at the time, all play a significant role in making the decision to purchase a new piece of fire apparatus. Each fire company in the department usually has a specific role so as not to duplicate specialty equipment. Where one company may carry vehicle extrication equipment, another may design a system where they can fill SCBA air bottles at the scene of a fire. Some apparatus have high powered lights to keep the scene of an incident well lit while others may carry extra foam to be used on hazardous materials incidents. Having a variety of apparatus and equipment is cost effective and eliminates the need for duplicating services.

Now we can discuss one of the most unpopular areas of the purchase, the price!

Prices of fire apparatus are as varied as the prices of cars. Just compare the price of a Fiat to a Cadillac or a Porsche. Fire apparatus are no different. Remember the old saying, “You get what you pay for.”

A quality fire engine that should last 20 years with very little down time during that period can cost upwards of \$400,000 and more likely be in the \$600,000 range. Now that will get your attention! This is a good reason why they should last for 20 years or more. For informational purposes, the Fire Department of New York replaces their fire apparatus after 10 years of service. There are approximately 70 fire apparatus replaced yearly at a cost of over \$100 million.

Every time that a new regulation or standard is passed or approved pertaining to fire apparatus, the purchase price increases. There are mandated minimum requirements for the amount and location of emergency warning lights, sirens, and many new safety devices. When the Environmental Protection Agency issues regulations to reduce the amount of hazardous emissions from the diesel engines,

additional devices must be added to the engine which also increases the price.

The pricing of a new ladder truck or aerial apparatus can vary greatly starting at \$1,000,000 and going up and beyond \$1,500,000 depending on the options selected.

All fire apparatus’ are custom manufactured to the specifications of the purchasing committee and the regulations in effect at the time of ordering. Design, construction and delivery is a minimum of 6 months but can take up to a year or more for specialty items. Some manufacturers have stock vehicles for emergency purchase or demo models at a reduced price. When an engine is delivered, the fire fighters must be trained on driving the engine and pumping operations. Aerial apparatus will usually take more time to train the drivers and operators because of its unique capabilities. If a ladder is not properly stabilized when set up, it could tilt over and become a catastrophic event. It is also necessary to train firefighters on climbing and using the ladder safely. Training on all new apparatus is an absolute necessity because so many things can go wrong and people will get seriously hurt.

The next time you drive by your local fire station and see the fire fighters cleaning their apparatus you will see the pride they take in maintaining their apparatus. A vehicle that is kept clean and well maintained will last for many years and save the taxpayers some money.

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

(To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, on far cases almost despaired of). Most holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the church honors and invokes you universally as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of, pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen. Thank You St. Jude. -E.P.



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Polka Party-Oct. 25

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Mater Dei Prep Open House Oct 4th and 7th

Mater Dei Prep is a private, Catholic high school located on an expansive 32-acre campus in Middletown, NJ. Opened in 1961 as the parish high school for St. Mary’s Church, Mater Dei Prep is now a separate institution, managed by an independent Board of Trustees acting as fiscal and operational stewards over the school. For over fifty years, Mater Dei Prep has attracted talented students who recognize the unique learning opportunities the school provides. Today the board, working with newly appointed President and Principal, Jim Hauenstein, and a dedicated faculty and staff, continues the MDP traditions of academic excellence, social consciousness and faith.

Mater Dei Prep’s relatively small size (350-400 students)—coupled with its myriad and varied opportunities for academic, physical and spiritual growth—means all students have the opportunity to pursue their own interests and dreams. Individuality is encouraged and supported by an engaged and interested staff. The feeling of “family” at Mater Dei Prep is pervasive throughout campus, allowing all students to “learn, grow, compete, and believe” in a welcoming and friendly environment.

At Mater Dei Prep, “College Starts Here.” Designed to challenge, the Mater Dei Prep curriculum encourages students to take risks and explore areas of true interest as they prepare for post-secondary education. The MDP College Advantage program allows students to take college-level courses at Mater Dei Prep through Seton Hall University and Brookdale Community College and graduate from Mater Dei Prep with college credits already on their transcript. Benefits of this dual enrollment program are two-fold: college admissions officers recognize the MDP student can handle college-level work and previous college credits can potentially mean a substantial savings to students on college tuition.

All MDP students are welcome at the Center for Achievement, a program unique to MDP. In the CFA, students receive academic support through instructional accommodations and strategies to insure academic success. Students are also encouraged to utilize the CFA for advanced and individualized studies.

Extracurricular activities play an equally important role in the development of a Mater Dei Prep Seraph. We encourage all our students to participate in one or more of our 21 varsity sports and to become involved in our award-winning performing arts program or take classes in our state-of-the-art dance studio. Many students also participate in the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol Program and over 33 clubs and organizations. There truly is something for everyone at Mater Dei Prep!

As a private, Catholic secondary school, Mater Dei Prep receives ecclesiastical guidance from the Diocese of Trenton. In an effort to fulfill the mission of the Catholic Church and as part of our Catholic identity, MDP students perform thousands of hours of community service throughout the year. Whether feeding the hungry, providing warm clothes in winter to the needy, traveling abroad to build homes and schools, or working with Habitat for Humanity to provide housing for the poor, Mater Dei Prep students always step in to fill a need. This attitude toward service and social justice often becomes a regular part of our students’ worldview, continuing throughout their lives.

We invite you to visit Mater Dei Prep during either of our two Open Houses for prospective students, October 4, 1-4 PM and October 7 6-8 PM. You can also call 732.671.9100 or visit materdeiprep.org to schedule a private tour or have any questions answered.

Money

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c. 1996

Seek not the almighty dollar
It yields almighty woe
To be rich is not what it seems
Live content within your means
Priceless is the gift of health
More than stardom, more than wealth
Work doing something you like
Raise your kids up right
Give more to others
For selfishness smothers
To have a home and food
And family and friends
Money is worthless,
Just a means to an end.

South Amboy-Sayreville Attorneys

Part 2

Here is a brief continuation from our July issue, of a list of locals who became lawyers, and the high school/year they graduated: Kenneth Benson (St. Mary’s 1985); Thomas O’Leary (St. Mary’s 1981); Sean Regan (St. Mary’s 1983).

Golden Rule Christian Center Now Enrolling

Golden Rule Christian Center, located at 815 Bordentown Ave., South Amboy, is currently enrolling for its Daycare and Pre-school (ages 2 ½ to 5). The center is open Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The entire staff is certified, and Golden Rule offers daily lessons and activities to engage and teach all children. Another great feature is the shady outdoor setting. Golden Rule Christian Center is a Mission of Trinity Methodist Church, and a fun place to play and learn. For more information, call 732-721-3887.

Animal Blessing-Oct. 4

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Mary’s will hold a blessing for all animals on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 1:15 p.m., at the back of the rectory. Please leash or crate your pet. All pets are welcome!

Fish And Chicken Fry

The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having a Fish and Chicken Fry on October 16th, 2015. Tickets are \$13.00 in advance and there are limited tickets available at the door for \$15.00. Chicken is available by advance order only. Take-outs will begin at 5:00 and dining room seating will be from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

For tickets please call 732-257-6353 or e-mail us: atchurchoffice172@optimum.net.

Firth Handbag Bingo

To benefit St. Mary Parish, South Amboy will be held on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2015 at the school cafeteria, Second Street & Stevens Avenue. DOORS OPEN 6:30 pm, and the first game is called at 7:30 pm. Coffee, tea and dessert will be served. BYO wine and refreshments. Admission is \$30.00 (includes 10 games), 50/50, TRICKY TRAY. For more information call 732-501-5133. You must be 21 years of age to attend this event.

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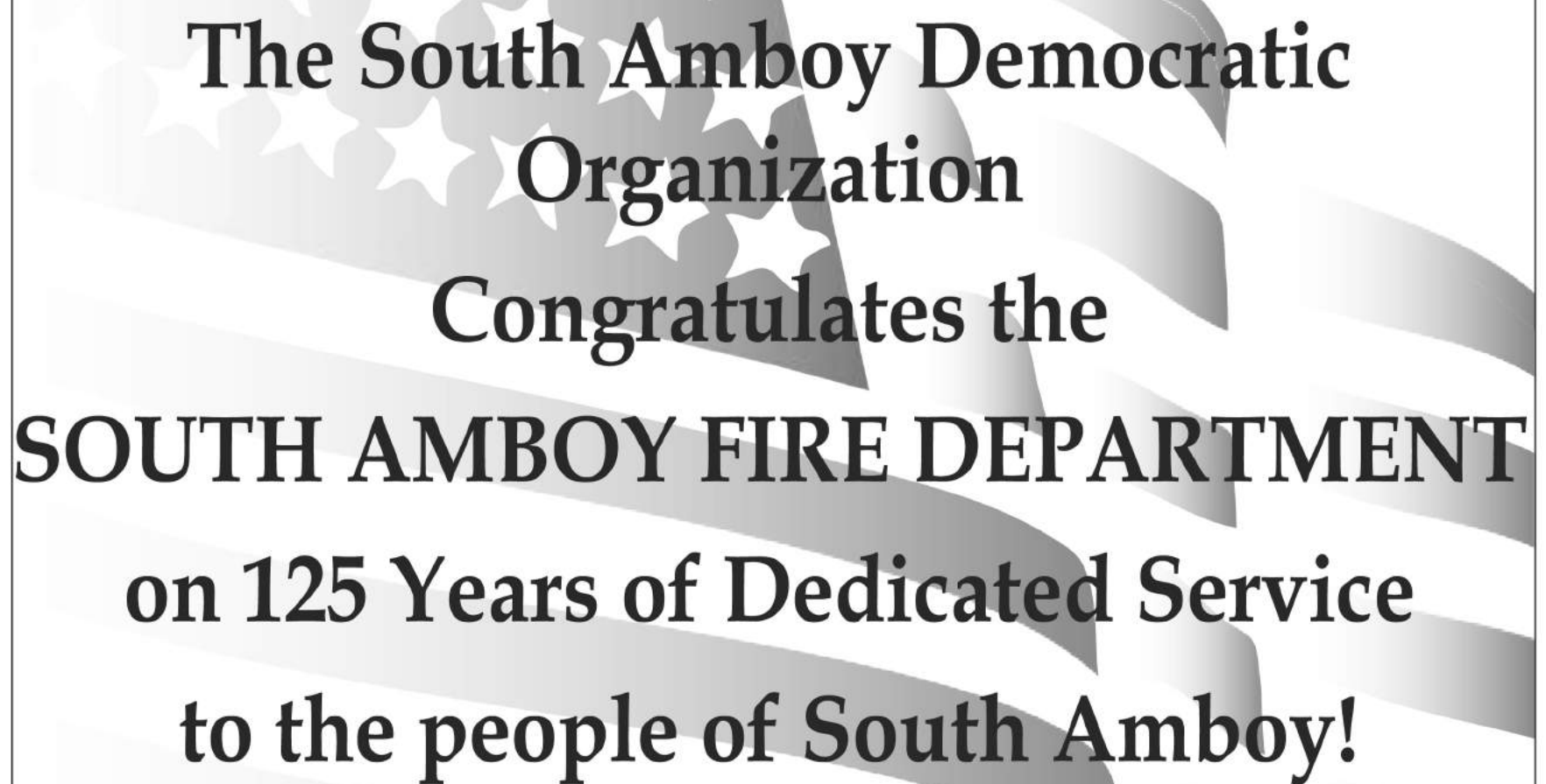
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The Dangerous Gentlemen Acoustic Jammers, consisting of (l-r) Lane Gingrich, Bill Hunt, and South Amboy's Sandor Schneck, are pictured at a Friday night "gig" at the Broadway Diner in South Amboy. The group did a fine job entertaining the customers in the diner with their excellent musicianship and selection of songs. Call or stop in the Broadway Diner to find out its upcoming entertainment schedule. (Photo/story by Joe Lotkowitz)

#1 Pop Hits-Sept. 26

2004-Goodies-Ciara with Petey Pablo
1997-Honey-Mariah Carey
1985-Money For Nothing-Dire Straits
1971-Go Away Little Girl-Donny Osmond
1962-Sherry-The 4 Seasons

#1 Country Hits-Sept.-26

2002-Unbroken-Tim McGraw
1998-How Long Gone-Brooks & Dunn
1983-Baby, What About You-Crystal Gayle
1977-I've Already Loved You-Conway Twitty
1964-I Guess I'm Crazy-Jim Reeves

Music Trivia - Sun, Sunshine, Sunny

By Tom Burkard

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|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. ___ The House Of The Rising Sun | a. The Kinks |
| 2. ___ Sunny | b. Bill Withers |
| 3. ___ Sunshine Of Your Love | c. The Walker Bros. |
| 4. ___ Don't Let The Sun Catch You Crying | d. Jonathan Edwards |
| 5. ___ California Sun | e. Gordon Lightfoot |
| 6. ___ Sunshine Superman | f. Gerry & The Pacemakers |
| 7. ___ The Warmth Of The Sun | g. Bobby Hebb |
| 8. ___ Sundown | h. The Animals |
| 9. ___ Ain't No Sunshine | i. Lesley Gore |
| 10. ___ Sunshine On My Shoulders | j. The Rivas |
| 11. ___ Sunny Afternoon | k. Cream |
| 12. ___ Sun Ain't Gonna Shine (Anymore) | l. The Beach Boys |
| 13. ___ Sunshine Girl | m. John Denver |
| 14. ___ Sunshine | n. Donovan |
| 15. ___ Sunshine, Lollipops, and Rainbows | o. Parade |

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



Concert At Sayreville

The Spathis Rockabilly Band will perform in concert on Wed., Oct. 7 at the Senior Center, Main St., Sayreville starting at 7:30 p.m. The event, sponsored by the Cultural Arts Council of the Borough of Sayreville, is FREE, with light refreshments. All ages are welcome. For more info call 732-690-4712.

Polka Party

The American Legion Post 214 of 246 Whitehead Ave. South River NJ, will be having a "Lets

Not Forget How To Polka Party" with DJ Agnieszka on Sunday Oct 25 starting at 2 till 6pm.

The admission is \$12 pp which includes coffee and cake. For more info call Lenny at 732-251-1814

Red Hot Summer Of 2015 With Real Cool Concerts
(Photos by Tom Burkard)

Ocean Grove Great Auditorium



The Beach Boys once again rocked the Great Auditorium with their fabulous, legendary summer songs and more. Bruce Johnston (l) on the key boards has been with the group since replacing Glen Campbell in 1965, who took over for Brian Wilson. Mike Love (r) still sings excellent lead with the group he co-founded with the Wilson Brothers Brian, Carl and Dennis.



Do you remember The Cowsills band from the 60's? Well, this is Johnny Cowsill, who is the talented drummer for The Beach Boys.



The fantastic Felix Cavaliere gets the audience at Ocean Grove swaying to his superb music. Felix, one of the greatest keyboard players of all-time thrilled the crowd with his group- Felix Cavaliere's Rascals.



The Lovin' Spoonful opened the show for Felix Cavaliere's Rascals. Pictured is original Spoonful member Joe Butler singing lead. Joe started back in the 1960's as the group's drummer, and has changed with the times.

PNC Bank Arts Center



Legendary radio personality "Cousin Brucie" Morrow, served as special guest host at the Sept. 15th concert.



Tommy James & The Shondells closed the show with an outstanding 90-minute set to the delight of the crowd of 10,000 people.



Chuck Negron, talented lead singer for the Three Dog Night band, turned in a fine performance, with his talented backup group.

Our 6th Annual Favorite Pooch Contest
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Our Winner is Finnegan (c) a six year old Great Pyrenees. Pictured behind him are his best friends Ross (l) and Vicki Rothmeier, back row Phyllis (l) and Jean Marie (r) of Poochie Doo. 1st prize was a full grooming donated by Poochie Doo.

Congratulations to all our winners!



Dean (l) and Cassie (r) with their favorite Sheltie Cody.



Jack with his buddy Teddy and his stick.

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Sayreville Is Back With Big Win

By Tom Burkard

It was almost a year since the Sayreville Bombers top-notch football program was shut down due to widely-publicized locker room hazing incidents. The Bombers were forced to forfeit the remainder of their schedule, but now that's all in the past, and the 2015 Bombers have a new coach in Chris Beagan, and a positive attitude, as they showed in their opening game romp over J.P. Stevens, 35-7, before an overflow crowd of approximately 3,000. The Blue & Gray squad walked out on the field, and were led by Anthony Porcaro, who carried the American flag.

The team was psyched-up from the beginning, and you could tell the players were giving 110% plus throughout the contest. The strong effort paid huge dividends and showed that the Sayreville football team will once again be a force to be reckoned with for

upcoming opponents. The Bombers hit paydirt first, when junior quarterback Jayson DeMild connected on an 8-yard touchdown strike to Andrew Willie. Michael Liberti broke loose for a 55-yard TD jaunt early in the second quarter, and it was Liberti once again, scoring on a 5-yard run with less than 3 minutes left before the break. J.P. Stevens managed a scored before halftime, and trailed the talented Sayreville squad 21-7 at halftime. In the third stanza, DeMild once again found Willie on a 24-yard TD aerial, to up the lead to 28-7. DeMild then fired another scoring strike to Elijah Clark in the fourth frame, for the final scoring in Sayreville's big victory.

DeMild was superb throughout the contest, completing 8 of 10 passes for 165 yards, and also added 3 touchdown passes.

The American Outlaws

By Tony G

Something local has happened in our "Pleasant Little City" that I thought some of you may be interested in. It is local yes but it has national roots beginning in 2007. I say national because this group has 173 chapters and thousands of members in over 30 states. New Jersey had 3 chapters and now, I am pleased to say, has 4. The newest chapter is named the Raritan Bay/South Amboy Chapter. We have become part of The American Outlaws whose mission statement is " To support the USA Men's and Women's National Soccer Teams through a unified and dedicated group of supporters. We are loud, passionate, organized and dedicated."

It all began over a year ago when the Men's World Cup was held in Brazil. Support had been brewing for years and reached new levels of enthusiasm and interest leading up to the World Cup. It was then that we got know what the American Outlaws were all about. We were hooked! We noticed that the level of interest had never reached this height before by non soccer Americans. They were cheering for our country. All of us were cheering for our country.

We cheered at our official soccer bar the South Stevens Pub. The owners, Matt and Kristen Leeuwen, had agreed to let transform their bar into a "soccer" for the tournament. I immediately went to work decorating the bar with soccer memorabilia dating by to the World Cup in Mexico in 1986. By the time the games began in June the reaction of the patrons delight and surprise even though many weren't sure what was about to happen. They soon became excited about the cup and how the USA would perform. When the USA took the field against African giant Ghana

South Stevens Pub was packed. Many who came late simply left because there was room left in the Pub. They wanted more! Alas, they would have to wait for another year for the Women's World Cup in Canada. What a thrill that turned out to be. I'm sure many of you watched the romp over Japan in the final and win their third World Cup.

Several of us were not willing to wait, however, to find out more about the American Outlaws. We inquired and received information from national headquarters and then proceeded with the application process. What would follow would test the patience of us all.

The criteria for membership was to have at least 25 new members signed up, a home bar that would agree to show both Men's and Women's games with the volume up and the juke box off. Last but not least for all members of the American Outlaws to support, in person, or at the home bar by watching the national teams play. We are grateful that South Stevens Pub is our home bar and thank Matt and his lovely wife.

As I'm sure you've noticed lately the country seems to be at a crossroads of sorts. We've become so polarized, so detached from one another's ideas and differences, that many of us find solace in being able to wear the Red, White and Blue with pride. We are proud of our Men's and Women's National Soccer teams which represent us throughout the world. We are proud to be spreading the word that through soccer we can express our patriotism. We are proud Americans and we ask that you join us in our support.

The next major Men's game is on October 10 against. The USA takes on our historic rival Mexico for the North American title. See you at the Pub!



Champions



Congratulations to the Sure-Hit Home Improvements coed softball team from South Amboy for winning the Greater Middlesex County Spring/Summer Weeknight championship. In just their first attempt at forming a coed team, Sure-Hit beat out 19 other teams to eventually unseat the reigning undefeated champions in just 2 games in a best of 3 showdown to capture the crown. The games were played at Warren Park in Woodbridge on July 23rd. The champs are pictured as follows: Top row (l-r) Team sponsor Thomas Ryan, Matt Ryan, Domenic Esposito, Jared Mundy, Patrick Riporti, Vicki Lamb, Brian DeJoy, Timmy Adams. Bottom row (l-r) Courtney Cuevas, Bridget Esposito, with daughter Addison, Danielle Cibelli, Jim Abbatiello, Brian Seres. (Photo courtesy of Michelle Robertson)

Sayreville Tops North Brunswick

The Sayreville Bombers football team, under coach Chris Beagan made it 2 in a row, as they blasted North Brunswick, 22-6, thanks to some fine defensive work. Jahsim Floyd intercepted a pass and raced 30 yards for a touchdown, and Brandon Cenci picked up a fumble and breezed 40 yards for another TD. Pat Pinho booted a 25-yard field goal for the Blue & Gray. Michael Bertrand notched 10 tackles and had an interception. Quarterback Jayson DeMild completed 7-for-15, good for 117 yards. Andrew Willie hauled in 3 receptions for 83 yards for Sayreville, now 2-0.

Ballfield Dedications?

Does anyone out there in SA Times readership land know if any of the South Amboy Youth Athletic Association baseball/softball fields at the Allie Clark Sports Complex have been officially dedicated in honor of someone? Please let us know by e-mailing: satimes@aol.com or drop a line to: The SA Times, PO Box 3027, South Amboy, NJ 08879.

Early Little League In South Amboy

by Fran Fitzmorris

During the winter of 1952, an announcement was made that starting in May, the first Little League in the town's history would begin play. The announcement was met with much excitement and enthusiasm around town. Baseball was already popular at a recreational and high school level. This league would give the young kids a chance to develop their skills at an earlier age.

Tom Fitzmorris Sr., the recreational director, announced that there would be ten teams. They were called First Aid, Protection Fire Co., Rotary, Knights Of Columbus, Weiss Clothing, Enterprise Hook and Ladder, Briggs Chevrolet, Lions Club, PBA and Allie Clark Boys Club. The season opened on May 10. The games were played at St. Mary's field located between Augusta and Second Streets. The opening day doubleheader was played with Weiss upending First Aid 7-0 and Protection beating the Knights Of Columbus 7-3. For the record, the first home run hit in the league was hit by Joe Viggiano, who played for Briggs.

During those first years of the 1950's, the quality of little league baseball improved every year and there were a lot of close, competitive games. However, arguably, the single best remembered games

Probation For Sayreville Six

By Steve Schmid

Six of Seven Sayreville High School teenage football players charged in last year's hazing scandal at Sayreville War Memorial High School have been placed on probation. The six players charged with the hazing and sexual assault in the locker room were also given 50 hours of community service. Four of the seven pleaded guilty in family court to charges ranging from child endangerment to hazing according to Middlesex County Prosecutor Andrew Carey. They received two years probation. Two other teenagers were judged to be delinquent, but not guilty of the more serious charges of sexual assault. They received one year of probation. A seventh player is awaiting trial in family court. Carey said his office did not seek mandatory sex offender registration as stipulated under Megan's Law as part of the plea agreements. Last October the seven teenagers were accused of brutally hazing four teammates in the school locker room which forced the sacking of long time head coach George Najjar and the cancellation of the 2014 season.

were the 1956, two out of three play-off finals between Weiss and the Knights Of Columbus. That particular season the games were played at Sacred Heart field for the first time. Tied at 1-1, the third and decisive game was a classic that would be remembered and talked about for a long time. The game turned into a pitcher's duel between the Knights', Tom Fitzmorris Jr. and Weiss', Jack Gallagher. They were two of the best pitchers in a league that had many outstanding pitchers. The game went ten innings, and incredibly, twenty nine of the sixty outs were recorded by strikeouts, fifteen by Fitzmorris and fourteen by Gallagher. Impressive! In the bottom of the tenth inning, Fitzmorris hit a double. He was then wild-pitched to third and scored the winning run on a squeeze bunt by Bill Subjack for a final score of 2-1. A classic game for any generation. Congrats to both teams! The town was still talking about it a week afterwards.

I would be remiss if I didn't recognize other players on both teams. Important members of the Knights included Jack Kreiger, George Stramback, Bob Monaghan and Joe Dooling. Players for Weiss included Pat Marotta, Pete Inman, Manny Formoso and Bob Kupcha.

School Sports

(As of Sept. 16)

By Tom Burkard

Boys Soccer

Sayreville (2-2) Fernando Maldonado, Kevin Asare, Kevin Sousa, and Matt Barbosa are providing some spark for the Bombers. Sayreville finished at (11-9-1) in 2014. South Amboy (0-2) The Guvs hope to reach last season's fine mark of (11-6).

Girls Soccer

Sayreville (1-1) Meghan Luzetski and Brianna Barbosa have excelled early in the season. South Amboy (0-1)

Field Hockey

Sayreville (1-4)

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From The Sports Archives

Back In Those College Days

50 Years Ago

South Amboy/Sayreville Athletes Who Played/Coached High School Sports For Other Schools

Reggie Carney-East Brunswick, girls basketball, softball, (Sayreville); Lynn Ust-St. Peter's, girls basketball, (South Amboy); Chris Beagan-Monroe, football, (Sayreville); Greg Wyzykowski-South River, boys tennis/Shore Regional, boys tennis, (South Amboy); Ernie Read-New Brunswick Tech, baseball, Perth Amboy Tech, baseball, (South Amboy)/

Factbook: Jim Zdanewicz (South Amboy) was varsity baseball coach at Keyport HS from 1965-1986. He won over 200 games, probably the most-ever in the school's history. In addition to being a teacher, coach and advisor, he served as the Keyport School District Athletic Director from 1981-2003. In 1995, he was honored by the New Jersey High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame for "Outstanding coaching contributions to New Jersey High School Baseball." Chris Cyriax (South Amboy) had an outstanding career at Bishop Ahr. He captured the country and district wrestling championships in his senior year, and also won many medals in cross country...Ernie Read (South Amboy) had a stellar career coaching varsity baseball at New Brunswick Tech during his first 2 years as a coach, and then 25 years at Perth Amboy Tech...

Former Sayreville standout Erin Stvan was selected a 2nd team All-American as a freshman at Middlesex County College. Erin ripped the ball for a .531 batting avg., with 31 RBI, 23 runs, and 9 doubles. She played pitcher, catcher and infielder for MCC. Congratulations, Erin!

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Local Wildlife



This Blue Heron posed for a beautiful near-sunset photo at a local lake. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

AM I THE LAST LEAF?

By Rev. Rhea Carol

Oh you beautiful tree with its large arms and strong bough
I want to know NOW am I the last leaf?
I see all the others, my friends, that I chatted with in the summer
We were all so full of life, I can remember hearing the beautiful sound of rustling as
The soft summer breeze blew through us and we giggled
They are all on the ground now, brown and crinkly,
Here come some children romping through them, with screams of laughter and delight
A car drives over them,owwww
I want to hold on forever
You say to release and let go but do you know?
I think I know and I don’t want to let go
Do I look forward to being brown and crinkled on the ground, hell no!
It is getting colder and it is harder to hold on
Where is the green and then all the beautiful colors, will I ever see them again
Ohhhh noooo, it is getting windier and colder, I have to let go
This is sooo scare, but I float gently and gracefully to join my crinkly friends
I am ONE again and it is of great beauty and wonder
I was always ONE and always knew that letting go is the best expression of God
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I am grateful to know and to be in every form and any form
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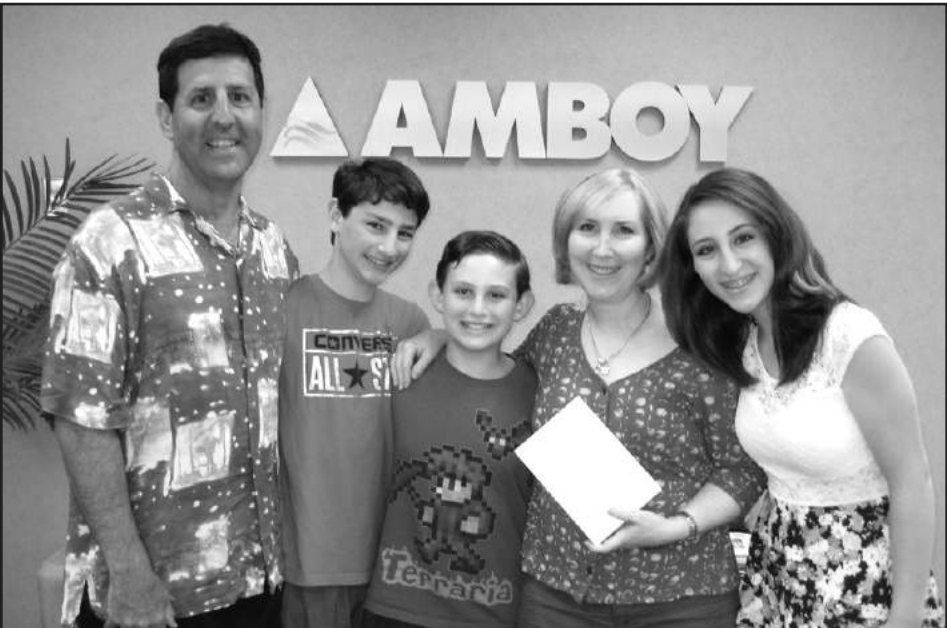

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from
Frank Kurzawa



1890

SOUTH AMBOY FIRE DEPARTMENT

2015

(Article Submitted)

The only fire protection for some time had been furnished by a very courageous group of citizens known as the Joseph Capner Goodwill Fire Company. South Amboy’s first engine that bore any resemblance of a present day engine was the Goodwill Horse Drawn Engine.

The Goodwill was constructed by Joseph Capner. It was almost entirely handmade by Mr. Capner. The body of the engine was constructed in the form of a long box which was lined so that it would hold water. The body was filled by the firemen with buckets from pumps in the vicinity of the fire. A double-hand pump, with handles on both sides was used to pump water into the hose line. The hose was made of leather and was formed by closing the two sides and fastening them with copper rivets.

Mr. Capner also handmade the wrenches to connect the hoses. To house the engine, Mr. Capner built a building behind the mill on his property.

In the early part of the year 1890, a disastrous fire occurred in the Business District on Broadway between David and Henry Streets along the railroad right of way. These buildings included the Howell General Store. Damage was estimated at approximately \$100,000, which was a very sizable amount in those days.

On May 31, 1890 two groups of men, realizing the need of more fire protection, met individually at the Rippowan Hall, located

just below the tracks on Augusta Street. From these meetings came the birth of the South Amboy Fire Department.

The first company formed was named Independence Engine & Hose Co. on May 31, 1890. On June 2, 1890 the Enterprise Hook & Ladder Company permanently organized. On November 28, 1890 the third company was formed and called Protection Engine Co. #1.

At a joint meeting held on December 8, 1890 between Enterprise and Independence, John Dykes was unanimously elected to become the first Fire Chief of the South Amboy Fire Department. Around 1892 Protection Engine Co. received a steam engine apparatus that was pulled by any available team of horses available at the time. The first Hook & Ladder was purchased in 1893. It was originally hand drawn by means of a draw rope, and later improved with a driver’s seat so it could also be horse drawn.

In 1893 the Mechanicsville Hose Company was formed and they obtained a hand drawn hose cart. The company was located beyond the Pennsylvania Railroad right of way often referred to as the “hole-in-the-wall.”

In April of 1894 Independence received a new hose carriage and 400 feet of fire hose. In 1916, the City purchased a new Seldon Pumper to replace the hose carriage. In 1920, they replaced the hand drawn hose carriage with a Stern Chemical Apparatus.

In March of 1921, Progressive Fire Company was organized after several serious fires in the Maxfield Section of town. Their first apparatus was a motorized hose truck modified at a local blacksmith shop.

In 1924, the City received two new Mack Fire Trucks. One was a Chain Driven Bulldog Mack and the other was a Mack Ladder Truck.

In 1925, a Stoughton Pumper was obtained to replace the Progressive apparatus. In 1929, Mechanicsville received a new Stoughton Pumper to replace their 1920 Stern Chemical.

In 1935, Independence received a new Seagrave Pumper to replace the 1916 Seldon. In 1938, the Mack Ladder Truck was remodeled by Trautwein Engineering in Woodbridge. In 1949, the City purchased two new Ward LaFrance Pumps for Progressive and Mechanicsville. In 1954, a new Ward LaFrance City Service Ladder Truck was purchased for Enterprise and a 1954 B-85 Mack Pumper was purchased for Protection.

In 1954, Progressive purchased a Ford Utility Truck.

In 1956, Independence received a new Seagrave Pumper to replace their 1935.

In 1965, the City purchased two Mack C-85 Pumps for Mechanicsville and Progressive.

1970 brought the City its first Snorkel...a Seagrave 75’ Platform.

In 1974, the City purchased a Ford F-350 chassis to remount the utility body for Pro-

gressive. Later that year, Protection received a CF-600 Diesel Pumper built by Mack.

Independence received a 1976 Seagrave Pumper to replace the 1956 model.

In 1983, a Pierce 1000 GPM Engine with a top mount pump panel was purchased to replace Progressive’s 1965 C-Model Mack.

In 1986, Mechanicsville received a 1250 GPM Mack Engine to replace their 1965 C-Model.

In 1990, the City purchased a Seagrave 85’ Snorkel with a 1250 GPM Pump on it.

In 1991, Progressive received a 1991 Ford F-450 Walk-In Utility Body/Air & Light Unit with a cascade system onboard.

In 1993, a new firehouse was constructed on lower George Street below the train tracks for the Enterprise Hook & Ladder Company to house the 1990 Snorkel. It had been kept in the City Garage since new, as it was too big to fit in the Broadway Firehouse.

In 2000, Protection replaced their 1974 CF-Mack with a Mack/Swab 1500 GPM Engine with a 10 man cab.

In 2001, Independence received a 1500 GPM 8 man Pierce Enforcer Engine which is now equipped with extrication equipment.

In 2013, a Special Services Trailer was purchased.

In 2015, Enterprise took possession of a 105’ Pierce Arrow XT Quint with a 2000 GPM Single Stage Pump.

SAFD RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Was organized and incorporated on September 10, 1890 with A.W. Bostwick as its first President. The Association meets five times a year or as special call of the sitting President. It is the job of the Relief Association to tend to the needs of past and present firefighters, their families and spouses and gives support and aide when they are in difficult times.

SAFD EXEMPTS

The South Amboy Fire Department Exempt Firemen’s Association was organized on October 4, 1895 with John D. Mullane as its first President. The Association is supported by the City, the fire departments, Ladies Auxiliary and the Citizens of South Amboy. The members take care of the City Memorial located in front of City Hall. They

also put out grave markers and flags at all deceased members of the department at the area cemeteries. It also gives older and past members involved in the brotherhood of the department. Exempt Meetings are held five times a year immediately following the Relief Association Meeting.

MEMORIAL

In the 125 years of the SAFD two members made the ultimate sacrifice protecting the lives and property of the citizen’s of South Amboy.

One January 5, 1966, Thomas A. Adamecs was killed in a structure fire on Thomas Street.

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HISTORY AND TALES FROM MORGAN, NJ

The Historical Societies of Sayreville and South Amboy invite you to a evening of local exploration through the research of Verne James, Morgan Historian and Creator of the popular Morgan Blog: www.morgan-nj.org. Both Societies are excited to come together to jointly offer this program to the public. Event will be held on Oct. 28th at Sayreville Senior Center, 433 Main St. Sayreville. Doors open at 7pm program starts at 7:30 pm.

POW/MIA Service

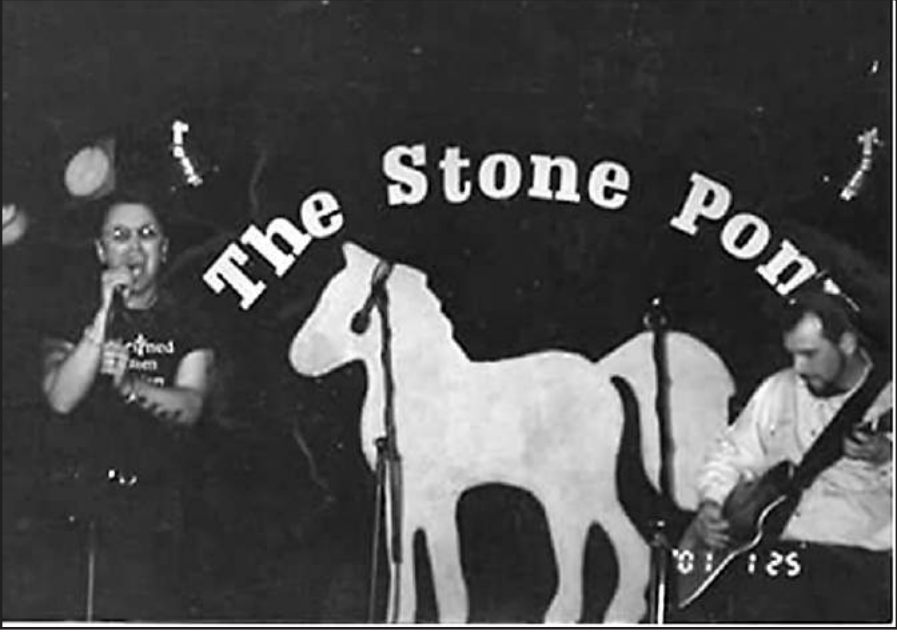
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Music Flashback



2001-Sayreville's Walter Krzyzkowski (l) rips out a song, while his brother Joe Krzyzkowski (r) plays guitar at the legendary Stone Pony in Asbury Park. (Photo/info submitted)



Sayreville rock star formerly with the band Skid Row, Dave "Snake" Sabo (c) visits with Walter Krzyzkowski (l) and Ed Wolf (r). (Photo/info submitted)



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SAFD 125th Anniversary Parade October 3rd



From left, Ronald Rios, Middlesex County freeholder director; MCC President Joann La Perla-Morales; Rush Holt; and Thomas Tighe, vice chairman of the MCC Board of Trustees. Rush Holt received the Paige D. L'Hommedieu Award, the highest citation given by Middlesex County College. (Photo Submitted)

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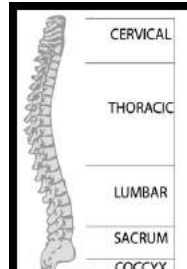
By Teo "Weebles" Weber

Salt Water

There are still some nice Fluke in the back of the bay. I fished with two friends in a private boat on a very hot day in early September. We each had one nice keeper a piece. Mine was 20 1/2 inches and about 3 pounds and another was about 4 pounds. We had a few shorts and a few Sea Robins. We ran into some big Bluefish. Some were 3 to 5 pounds and others were 8 to 11 pounds, all inside the Bay. Party boats fishing for Blues in the ocean however are catching big ones but most of the catches are the smaller ones. More Bonito, False Albacore and a few Spanish Mackerel are being caught. There are still Chub Mackerel in good numbers available too. In the surf, Fluke are being caught along with more King Fish. Most of these are small however. In our local bay beaches, it's slow but I did see one big Bluefish about 8 pounds at Cliffwood Beach. Party Boats that bottom fish in the Mud Hole catch Ling, some Cod, Flounder and out of season Sea Bass. The Fluke are heading back offshore. Party Bats that are fishing for them are catching mostly shorts but there are some big ones mixed in. Season closes September 27th.

Fresh Water

The summer heat has taken its toll. Carp and Sunfish are the best bet now as it is too hot. Hybrid Striped Bass are caught at night in the Spruce Run Reservoir. Water levels are low. In the Passaic River around route 46, if you fish the deeper parts, some big Pike have been caught on lures.



The Spinal Column

By
Dr. John Misiewicz

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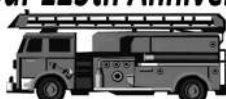
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Arnella, Philip J., 86, formerly of Morgan died on Aug. 19.

Ballon, Mary E. Dohaney, 80, formerly of South Amboy died on Aug. 18.

Boyce, Catherine T., of Sayreville died on Sept. 7.

Braycewski, Irene "Nanny," 86, of Sayreville died on Sept. 6.

Cinnirella, Rosemarie R., 88, formerly of Sayreville died on Sept. 5.

Delikat, Josephine, 96, of Parlin died on Sept. 11.

Dockiewicz, Pauline, 99, of Sayreville died on Sept. 9.

Faircloth, Jane M. Wisniewski, 78, of South Amboy died on Sept. 14.

Gigliello, Larry V., 66, of Sayreville died on Sept. 7.

Grossweiler, Peter F., 63, formerly of Sayreville died on Aug. 18.

Gutkowski, Helen J., 91, formerly of Sayreville died on Sept. 15.

Hewins, Donald E., 87, of South Amboy died on Sept. 13.

Hurst, Antonia E., 56, formerly of South Amboy died on Sept. 9.

Kamienski, Joan P. Pastrick, 86, of Parlin died on Sept. 4.

Kapsky, Helen, 86, of Parlin died on Sept. 5.

Kilcomons, Sister Mary Theresa, 82, formerly of South Amboy died on Sept. 15.

Kopacz, Christine "Louise," 61, formerly of South Amboy died on Aug. 17.

Lorenc, June A., 82, of Parlin died on Sept. 10.

Miklos, Raymond R. Sr., formerly of Sayreville died on Aug. 21.

Porpora, Beverly, 79, of Parlin died on Sept. 10.

Ryan, Thomas, 82, of Sayreville died on Aug. 24.

Sadowski, Lorraine "Lori" B., 88, formerly of Sayreville died on Aug. 9.

Saunders, Patricia E., 74, formerly of South Amboy died on Sept. 18.

Schnyderite, George, 81, formerly of South Amboy died on Aug. 13.

Sprague, Anna V. Burkard, 87, of South Amboy died on Aug. 24.

Unkel, John "Pal," 85, of Sayreville died on Aug. 22.

Warden, Ruth A. Meirose, 90, of Sayreville died on Aug. 19.

Zaczek, Wanda, 96, of Sayreville died on Aug. 20.

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**Tom, Brian,****&****The Staff Of The SA Times**

Patricia Ellen Saunders

Patricia Ellen Saunders, 75, of Stephens City, Virginia, died Friday, September 18, 2015 at her home. Mrs. Saunders was born November 11, 1939 in South Amboy, New Jersey, daughter of the late William Kennedy and Marie Lovely Kennedy. She worked for Frederick County Public Schools. She was married to Vincent L. Saunders, Sr. who died in 1999.



Surviving are five daughters, Ellen Toborowsky and her significant other, Larry Hassall, of Stephens City, VA, Patricia Kelly and her husband, Dennis, of Colts Neck, NJ, Margaret Carroll and her husband, Michael, of South Amboy, NJ, Kathleen Stetson and

her husband, David, of Oxford, ME, and Tammie Hoch and her husband, George, of Stephens City, VA; son, Vincent L. Saunders, and his significant other, Samantha Stratton, of South Amboy, NJ; sister, Helen Kovaks and her husband, Robert, of Perth Amboy, NJ; two brothers, Robert Kennedy of Pocono, PA and Francis Kennedy and his wife, Cathy, of South Amboy, NJ; ten grandchildren, Joseph, Michael, Dennis, Kimberly, David, Patrick, Merisa, Ashley, Ciara, and Sydney; and three great-grandchildren, Hannah, Joselyn, and Ella.

Four sisters, Marie OLeary, Ruth Dohan, Margaret Hansen and Elizabeth Kudelka and three brothers, James Kennedy, William Kennedy and Thomas Kennedy, preceded her in death.

A funeral service held on September 22, 2015 at Enders & Shirley Funeral Home Chapel, Stephens City, VA.

George A. Schnyderite

George A. Schnyderite, 81, of Williamstown, NJ, died on August 13, 2015. George lived in South Amboy for many years before moving to Keansburg and then to Williamstown.

He was the beloved husband of Margaret (nee Benz). Devoted father of Raymond (Donna) Schnyderite, Richard (Patricia) Schnyderite, Maureen (Steve) Lozitta, John (Andrea) Schnyderite and Robert

Schnyderite. Devoted stepfather of Guy (Jo Anne) Dunagan, Karen Terry and Brian (Tracy) Dunagan. Loving grandfather of 15 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

The funeral service was under the direction of Bell-Hennessy Funeral Home in Williamstown. Interment with military honors was held at the Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Williamstown. Condolences and memories may be shared online at www.bell-hennessy.com.

Anna V. Sprague

Anna V. Sprague (nee Burkard), 87 of South Amboy passed away on August 24 at Bayshore Community Hospital, Holmdel NJ. Anna was born November 11, 1927 in South Amboy and lived there all of her life. Before her retirement in 1992, she worked at Garden State Shipping, Keasbey, for 20 years. Anna loved to work in her garden, watch game shows, Judge Judy and had a very strong love and compassion for all animals her entire life. She had many pets throughout the years including dogs, cats, birds, a pig, a goat, a horse, chickens, a rooster, ducks and she fed many wild animals.



Anna was predeceased by her husband of 45 years, Eugene Sprague in 2006, her

brothers Frank, John and Joseph Burkard, her sister Madeline Bowerman and her parents, Frank and Victoria Burkard. She is survived by her only child, Ginny Pszolka of Keyport, her sisters, Marie Shingola of Perth Amboy, Estelle Pluskota of South Amboy, her brother, Thomas Burkard of South Amboy, her sister-in-law Elaine Burkard of Ocala, FL, many nieces and nephews and her feline companion, Minka.

The funeral service was under the direction of Whiteley Funeral Home, 241 Bordentown Ave., South Amboy. Burial was at Christ Church Cemetery, South Amboy. Please make a donation to the ASPCA or the South Amboy First Aid Squad in Anna's name.



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Walter Smith	1920-21	D Edward Szatkowski	1961-	D Drew Newcomb	1999-	L-A
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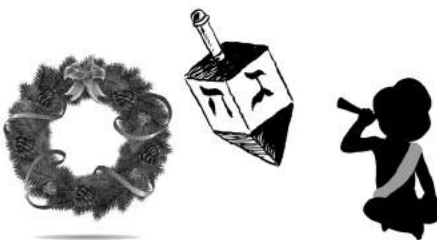
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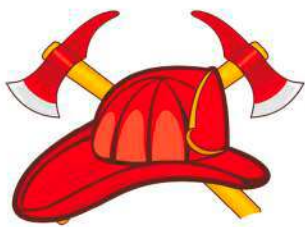


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following parade at
Raritan Bay Waterfront Park**