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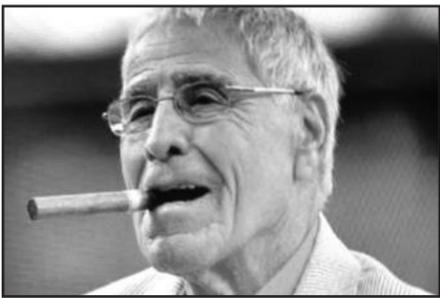
South Amboy recently welcomed 3 new Police Officers. In photo (l-r) Ptl. Patrick Kelly, City Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross, Ptl. Timothy Kales, Mayor Fred Henry, and Ptl. Gloriann Rutkowski. (Photo courtesy of City of South Amboy)



The 2019 South Amboy St. Patrick's Parade Honorees (l-r) Special Honored Guest Dr. Jorge Gonzalez-Gomez, Special Honored Guest Yolanda Flores, Deputy Grand Marshal Mike Toth, Grand Marshal Christine Noble and Honorary Grand Marshal Mark Rasimowicz. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Jack Is Back In The Major Leagues At 88

By Tom Burkard



Jack McKeon

South Amboy native and favorite son, Jack McKeon, 88, is back in Major League Baseball with the Washington Nationals, who hired him as a senior adviser to general manager Mike Rizzo. Jack's son Kasey is the Nationals director of player procurement, and has been with the organization since 2009.

In 2003, as a 72-year old, he replaced Jeff Torborg as manager of the Florida Marlins who were mired in 4th place with a (16-22) record, and not even dreaming about the playoffs. A brilliant baseball icon and motivator, McKeon made some major moves and changed the attitude of the entire team to upbeat and positive, quickly turning the club around while taking them to a Wild Card berth, and eventually the World Series Championship over the heavily-favored New York Yankees.

Jack has managed 5 Major League teams including Kansas City, Oakland, San Diego, Cincinnati and Florida and compiled a lifetime mark of (1,051-990) over 16 seasons. McKeon was National League Manager of the Year in 1999 and 2003. He was general manager with the San Diego Padres from 1980-1990, and also was their field manager from 1988-1990, doing both important jobs. Through excellent trades and player moves, he built the Padres into the 1984 National League champions, and earned the nickname "Trader Jack."

In 2011, at 80 years old, Jack returned to the Marlins as an interim manager for the last 90 games of the season. He remained with the team as a senior adviser to owner Jeffrey Loria until 2017, when Derek Jeter became

CEO and relieved Jack, and Hall of Famers Tony Perez and Andre Dawson, as well as Jeff Conine. In 2013 after undergoing heart surgery, he was forced to give up smoking his trademark cigars.

You can call him a baseball icon, a genius or an ambassador, but he will always be the guy who has done it all in his outstanding career, and most notably in '03, when writers and baseball experts scoffed at him, because he was 72 years old, when he was hired to manage the Marlins. Millions of people will always remember his famous coined reply to those naysayers... "Age is just a number."

Did You Know? The Marlins had planned to bring Jack back to manage on the field for one game to surpass the legendary Connie Mack's record for being the oldest manager in history (87 years old). Don't give up hope on that idea, now that McKeon's with Washington. It would be a wonderful event if the Nationals did this, and they would surely pack the stadium for such an important occasion...Connie Mack is in the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame, but has a losing record...Jack McKeon has a winning percentage, and is the only manager in professional baseball history to have notched over 1,000 victories in the minor leagues and also in MLB. Let's hope the Veterans Committee at Cooperstown is aware of this and his many other outstanding achievements.

*See Jack's recent interview with Publisher Tom Burkard on page 17.

Lenten Fish Fry

OLV Knights of Columbus Columbiettes Lenten Fish Fry in the Victorian Hall 775 Washington Rd., Parlin. Flounder Platters (Baked/Fried), Shrimp Combo Platters, Salad Bar, Children's Dinners, Desserts, Coffee & Tea. 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Dates: 3/6, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12 & 4/19. Take Out available, 732-257-2061.



South Amboy Celebrates its 43rd St. Patrick's Day Parade

(Article submitted)

The City of South Amboy has been densely populated with residents of Irish and Polish descent since the beginning of the 20th century when immigrants came to work on the three railroads that crisscrossed the city. Today, children still play stickball and basketball in the streets, and newcomers to this tight knit community are cautioned not to say anything derogatory about any resident because everyone is related to everyone else. South Amboy resident Frank Conley came up with the original idea of a St. Patrick's Day Parade in South Amboy in 1976. The parade consisted of one bagpiper, the South Amboy Police, Fire and First Aid Squads and a small group of marchers representing the Frank Conley Association. Two years later, in 1978, a group of parade supporters organized the South Amboy Irish American Association to continue the parade as an annual event. Fast-forward to 2007: as parade participation continued to grow a committee of individuals from the Irish American Association, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and volunteers from South Amboy and neighboring towns came together to organize the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee (a non-profit 501c3) and the present day website: www.southamboyparade.com was created. The parade is one of the biggest events in South Amboy and has become one of the largest parades in the State of NJ featuring more than 23 bands and over 2,000 marchers.

Much of the success of the parade is due to the donations and generosity of local businesses, corporations and individual sponsors. Although supported by the City of South Amboy, the city incurs little to no cost for the parade due to the generous donations from individuals and local businesses and fundraisers held by the Parade Committee. On Friday, March 15, a free concert featuring Seamus Kennedy will kick off the cities festivities. Held at the Community Theatre of South Amboy at South Amboy High School at 7 pm, Mr. Kennedy who was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, will entertain the participants with sing alongs to silly lyrics, a lively Irish jig, and cherished Irish ballads including "Danny Boy." Festivities continue with a special Mass to be held at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, 256 Augusta St, at 9 am to honor this year's Grand Marshal and parade honorees. This year's parade line up will include the addition of David Cedeno and his Orchestra, who will provide a Latin beat with the sounds of Salsa music, while the Uptown String and the Avalon String Band will bring the color, excitement and grandeur of the Philadelphia Mummers to South Amboy, on Saturday, March 16th, during the annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Step off will be at 2 pm and line of march will include Bordentown Avenue and Broadway, South Amboy.

Sayreville Wrestlers Set School Record

By Tom Burkard

The Sayreville Bombers amazing wrestling team set a school record for most wins in a single-season by easily defeating Edison, 55-17 in the opening round of the Central Jersey Group V Tournament. The victory upped Coach Marcus Ivy's talented grapplers to an off-the-charts (25-0) mark making them one of only two unbeaten squads in the state at the time. The triumph gave the Bombers a new record, as they passed the 2008-09 team's victory total. That Bombers

edition captured the GMC and sectional tourney titles.

Sayreville is loaded with standout wrestlers from the top to bottom of its lineup, and is led by GMC champions 106-lb. Dylan Acevedo and heavyweight Benedict Arthur.

The Blue & Gray wrestlers can also be proud for winning the school's first sectional dual meet in 10 years, in addition to capturing back-to-back division crowns during that

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Jack McKeon (c), who was recently hired by the Washington Nationals Major League Baseball team visited with his sister Marge Gorczyca (r) of South Amboy, and her friend Dottie French (l) at Atlantic City. (Photo submitted)



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Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard
Kelly To Retire
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Sister Joan Celebrates 70 Years
Congratulations to Sister Joan Gavron on her 70th Anniversary of becoming a religious. Sister Joan was born and raised in Sayreville and graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1949. Following graduation, she entered the Mercy community. Sister Joan served as principal of St. Mary's HS from 1976-1982, and returned again in 2000, serving as the chair of the History Dept. The students loved her, and dedicated the 2005 yearbook to her. God bless you Sister Joan, and thank you for all you have done for everyone!

McCabe Receives Award With NYPD
Congratulations to Michael McCabe on receiving the Cop of the Month award with the New York City Police Dept. Michael's dad Mike of South Amboy has been a longtime employee for the City of South Amboy.

Sayreville Wrestlers

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time frame.
On Feb. 7th, the NJ Wrestling Writers Association released its weekly Top 20 teams in the state, and surprisingly, Sayreville was not even rated, despite the fact that their (25-0) record was the best in the entire state.

Hoffman HS Reunion Oct. 13

The annual H.G. Hoffman HS Combined Reunion will be held on Sunday, Oct. 13th at Mara's Restaurant, Rt. 35 in South Amboy. All graduates from Hoffman HS and South Amboy HS are welcomed at this great event. This year, the Hoffman HS Class of 1969 will celebrate its 50th Anniversary, and hopes are high that many of their classmates will attend to celebrate the "Big 5-0." For more info contact Len Ambroziak at: lennam2@gmail.com or call 732-251-1814.

VENDORS AND CRAFTERS WANTED

The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville is looking for vendors and crafters for our annual Flea Market/Craft Fair. Spaces are one for \$15.00 or two for \$25.00. There are a limited number of tables available for an additional \$5.00. the date is June 1, 2019, with a rain date of June 8, 2019. The hours are 8 am-2 pm. For more information please call 732-257-6353 or email to churchoffice172@optimum.net.

Free Concert

The GB's Band will perform a FREE concert sponsored by the Sayreville Cultural Arts Council on Wednesday, April 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sayreville Senior Center, 423 Main St. The GB's play all your favorite polkas as well as standard tunes and patriotic songs. Something for everyone! ALL ages invited; light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Edna at 908-208-2358 or email Sayrevilleculturalarts@gmail.com .

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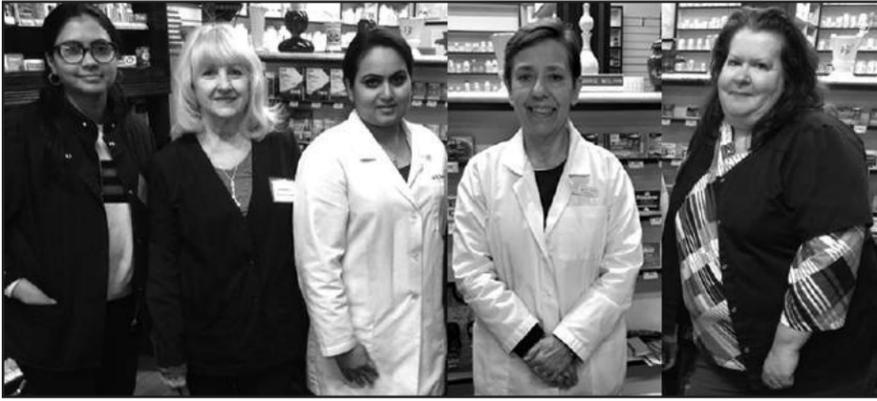
Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

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a.Shannon O'Connor b.Kimberly Harkins c.William Wykpiasz
- Selected Sayreville Borough Council President in 2008?
a.Tom Pollando b.David Kaiserman c.Dennis Grobelny
- A sports card shop located on South Broadway in South Amboy in '07?
a.ABC Cards b.Grand Slam Cards c.All-Star Collectibles
- In 1996, this travel agency was located on Main St. in Sayreville?
a.Magteam Travel b.Premier Travel Agency c.Trips & More Travel
- The principal of Dwight D. Eisenhower School in 1996?
a.John T. Righetti b.Robert Decker c.Isabelle Mariachi
- In '96, where was Angelo's Pizzeria Italian Restaurant located?
a.Ridgeway Ave., South Amboy b.North Broadway, South Amboy c.Main St., Sayreville
- The ferry out of South Amboy in 2004?
a.Bayside Inc. b.SeaStreak America c.Jersey Shore
- Sayreville War Memorial HS Homecoming Queen in 2004?
a.Cori Anne Jensen b.Jasmine Jackson c.Alfia Genfi
- In 2004, this South Amboy diner was located at North Broadway?
a.Jimmy's b.Broadway c.Colleen's
- This Sayreville auto repair business was located on Raritan St. in 1996?
a.Two Towns b.Smith & Joe's c.Scarpa's

Answers
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Madura Pharmacy



The talented staff of Madura Pharmacy pictured (l-r) is Srivani Kalvakunta, Tech, Rose Marie Quackenbush, Tech., Trupti (Tina) Patel, Pharm.D, Anne Marie Madura-Wolpin, R.ph, Ann Stempinski, Tech. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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Speaker Craig Coughlin (l) and Gov. Phil Murphy are pictured at a press conference which was held locally at Ocean Bay Diner in Morgan. Also present was Senate President Steve Sweeney. The meeting discussed legislation (A-15) to gradually increase the minimum wage. (Photo/story submitted)

State Holds Press Conference At Morgan

Gov. Phil Murphy, Speaker Craig Coughlin and Senate President Steve Sweeney held a press conference to discuss a gradual increase of the minimum wage, at the Ocean Bay Diner in the Morgan section of Sayreville recently.

Speaker Craig Coughlin said, "Ocean Bay Diner was chosen because we wanted to ensure that small business owners fully understand every facet of the minimum wage bill including the phase-in provision. We have worked painstakingly to craft the fairest and most responsible bill possible. That's why it's so important to educate business owners about

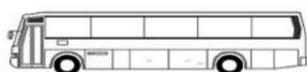
the details. After discussing the provisions of the legislation with Teddy Lutas, the owner, he now reiterates his support of our efforts." Teddy Lutas said, "I was not fully aware that the minimum wage increase will be phased in over five years. That's why I'm so happy that Speaker Coughlin took the time to talk me through the plan. I do support paying my hard-working employees a wage that helps them make ends meet and makes the state more affordable for them. We have a very loyal customer base and I know they'll continue to frequent my diner. I am not concerned about having to close."

Sayreville NYC Bus Service Extended

By Steve Schmid

Sayreville bus commuters have gotten some good news. Academy Bus Company will continue to run service to Wall Street and midtown Manhattan until Friday, March 29. Area State Senator Joe Vitale made the announcement at a recent Borough Council meeting. Sayreville bus commuters have an extra four weeks to find different ways to get to New York City. Academy Bus had announced it would eliminate the service on March 2 due to declining ridership. The service change would affect three daily runs inbound and outbound. Academy currently runs bus service to midtown Manhattan with stops at Winding Woods, Harbor Club, as well as Main Street and Washington Road.

The Wall Street service makes stops at Winding Woods, Harbor Club, Park Village, and the Sayreville Park and Ride. Vitale said at the meeting a variety of options are being considered. Mayor Kennedy O'Brien called for a committee of about six or seven commuters to look into ways of solving the issue. One option is that New Jersey Transit could take over the route. New Jersey Transit already operates a bus route from Sayreville to the Port Authority Bus Terminal in midtown Manhattan.



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Yearbook-St. Mary's 1969

By Tom Burkard

The year of 1969 will always be remembered by most people for three major events: The first man on the Moon; Woodstock; The Miracle Mets. Speaking of miracles, I was the recipient of one on June 8, 1969, when I received my diploma from St. Mary's High School! I was privileged to be a part of the great Class of '69, and my wonderful memories of my friends and those days are still remembered and cherished to this day. In September 1968, we returned for our last year, and "People Got To Be Free" by The Rascals ruled the pop charts. We were the first class to graduate from the "new" St. Mary's HS, after spending two years on split sessions at St. Mary's Grammar school, after the "old" high school burned down in a huge fire near the end of our freshman year on May 4, 1966. It was an interesting time for us to grow up, with flower power, free love, VW Bugs, peace signs, strobe lights, psychedelic signs and much more were a part of everyday life in America. Long hair was "in" for men, but not allowed at SM. Boys wore blue blazers with the school logo for 3 years, but were not required to do so as seniors. The "collegiate" look also featured brown penny loafers. Girls wore blue plaid uniforms, and always got in trouble Sister Madeline, our principal and other nuns for "hiking" their skirts above the knees to keep in style with the popular mini-skirt look. The new school was dedicated on Nov. 3, 1968, and also that month Richard M. Nixon was elected President, while innocent young Americans were fighting and dying in a land called Viet Nam. At SMHS, a new demerit system was introduced, and you could get a demerit for chewing gum! Aspecified number of demerits meant suspension. Some of our fine teachers were: Joseph Bulman, Sister Estelle, Sr. Dominic, Ronald Lucas, Richard Mager, Stephen Nestinger, Charles Nuziale, Gary Ternyila, Sr. M. Lillian, Sr. M. Corelita, Margaret Wist, Father Fulton. Betty Farrell was the wonderful School Nurse. Eugene Cross was Student Council President and Kathryn O'Connor the Secretary. Mark Bratus was Senior Class President. The social schedule was a busy one, with dances almost every week in the cafeteria, featuring talented, local rock 'n' roll bands. In addition there was the Christmas Choral Festival in December, and also the Christmas Ball, a night I will always treasure. Who could forget First Friday Masses, Vocation Day, and numerous assemblies (which got us out of class). How about the senior boys whistling and singing "When The Saints Go Marching In" of course with different lyrics as we entered and exited the assemblies. Remember the words? The '69 Spring Festival was a smashing success, as it replaced the annual school play. Maurice Nadeau was excellent in his role of Don Quixote. Popular hangouts were Frank's, The Jug, or The Rec. Where did you hang after school? Remember being bused to the Senior Prom at the Berkeley-Carteret Hotel in Asbury Park? I can still recall the first song, "You've Made Me So Very Happy," and a happy most memorable night it was! Marjorie Zalewski and Kathy Roehrich were co-editors of the excellent yearbook, while Virginia Curato was Editor-In-Chief of "The Crown," school newspaper. Rosemary Sullivan was Editor of the literary magazine, and Sheila Camire was President of the National Honor Society. Other '69ers included: Ed Akacki, Wendy Akerman, Patty Albert, Elaine Ballance, Richard Baranowski, Michelle Barrett, Joann Binacamano, Susie Bergold, Gail Batruk, Bob Blakeslee, Cindy Boland, Theresa Bonis, Susie Boretzky, Joe Bulman, Kathy Bulman, Helen Burke, Mary Ann Carroll, Nora Carroll, Joe Casey, Mike Coakley, Susie Coman, Mary Ellen Conahan, Brian Conlon, Sue DeBarba, Karen Delaney, Donna Derent, Denise Dibling, Laurie DiMeola, Marty Dombrowski, Jean Driscoll, John Duggan, Carol Eldridge, Sandy Elias, Jim Fennessy, Chris Ferraro, Nadine Fox, Katherine Fradella, Carol Glynn, Al Gomolka Jr., Kathy Gray, Ricky Gray, Cathy Hansult, Nancy Harkins, Frank Hawes, Jean Healy, Alice Hefferson, Anne Hertlein, Mike Holovacko, Bill Holtz, Paul Janas, Jimmy Keays, Denise Kenny, Jena Kelly, Carl

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The school's sports program had a banner year, as the boys' basketball team finished a super (21-4), one of the best in history, and the baseball team captured the South Jersey Parochial B State Championship, the last time it was ever accomplished in the land of Eagles. Senior athletes included Mark Bratus, Jim McCloud, Bob Howarth, John Clark, Dennis Nardon, Jerry Henderson, Tom Burkard, Jim Day, Chris Creed, Cindy Ostrowski, Joe Jancola, Kathy Hanas, Bob Paulukiewicz. We'll never forget our final month as high school seniors. The senior trip was to New York City to see the popular movie, "Romeo & Juliet," and afterwards, we dined at an exquisite restaurant. The final day at school was a blast, actually blasting car horns, as we staged what is believed to be the first senior car parade around the school, honking horns, yelling, hollering waving, as all the other classes inside stood by the windows and waved their "goodbyes." Graduation Day June 8, 1969, was filled with mixed emotions as the Class of '69 bid farewell to many great friends, some that we would never see again. Barbara Liyana received the Highest Academic Award. Our graduation songs were emotional classics "The Impossible Dream," and "There's A Place For Us," and to this day, 40 years later, can still bring tears to the eyes of many of the St. Mary's Class of '69 members. Let's pause for a moment and remember our deceased classmates: Helen Burke, John Cackowski, Carol Cieslarczyk, Bill Gundrum, Gerry Henderson, Kathy Higgins, Tommy Holton, Jena Kelly, Phil Maresca, Pat Mezynski, Patty Nemeth, Jonathan O'Connor, Kathy Sager, Tom Tice. May they rest in peace. St. Mary's Class of 1969 came from many different backgrounds, had many cliques, yet always pulled together, whether at school dances, basketball games, or just about anything, we all got along, and were there for each other. There truly was peace and love at St. Mary's HS in 1969. The year was probably one of the most memorable and important ones in my life. Hardly a day goes by when I don't think of a friend, classmate, good times and great memories from '69. Through life's long journey, I'm happy and proud to say, I had 4 years to spend and enjoy, with some of the greatest people on earth. Long live St. Mary's Class of 1969!

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On 03/31/19 the OLV Columbiettes will hold the 13th Annual "Sisters in Service" dinner at the Knights of Columbus Victorian Hall, 775 Washington Rd, Parlin. This dinner is given in order to recognize/honor Religious Sisters for their community service & the many ways they have touched our lives. This is our opportunity to give a little something back to them. Fr. Ken Murphy will be celebrating Mass at 4 p.m. & dinner will follow immediately. If you would like to join us or you know of a Sister we can reach out to invite, please contact Pat 732-238-5752 or Diane 732-254-8896. Cost - Adult \$10 - Child - \$6.

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This outstanding event, founded by Ron Morgan, Denise Morgan, and Michael Squillace will feature a FREE hot and cold buffet of a vast assortment of food from over 50 eateries, 10 live bands, a 50/50, a door prize, and a cash bar for just a \$25 minimum donation at the door. (Adults only). It has always been an extremely enjoyable evening of excellent music and boundless food, and not only are you in for a good time, but you are financially and emotionally supporting a cancer fighter. 100% of all proceeds go to the beneficiaries. *Tickets purchasable at the door.

This year's Featured Artists: John Walsh 3:45-4:10, Patsy Palma 4:20-4:40, Levy Okun 4:50-5:10, Amber Morgan 5:20-5:40, Jake Tavill & Indigo Soul 5:55-6:40, the FOG 6:55-7:35, Rocco & The MOB 7:50-8:40, Nick Ryan Band 8:55-9:55, Taylor Tote Band 10:10-11:00, Michael Squillace (Featured throughout the night)

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Faithful Navigator Jan Williams (l) presents Steve Krupski a plaque in recognition of his service as Faithful Navigator from 2017-18 at the Past Faithful Navigator dinner. (Photo/info submitted)

4th Degree Knights Honor Steve Krupski

By Steve Schmid

Members of the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Monsignor John F. Brady Assembly recently honored Past Faithful Navigator Steve Krupski at their annual PFN dinner at Camillo's Restaurant in Sayreville. Krupski was Faithful Navigator from 2017-18. He also served from 2006-07. The attendees enjoyed dinner and refreshments, and were there to see Krupski receive awards for his service.



Pictured (l-r) Ronald G. Rios, Middlesex County Freeholder Director; Sara Heller, MCC's automotive instructor; Governor Phil Murphy; Thom Sabol, chairperson of Engineering Technologies at MCC; and Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez. (Photo/Article Submitted)

Governor Murphy Announces Apprenticeship Grants

Middlesex County College automotive students will benefit from a new grant program announced by New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy on Monday. The announcement was made at Sansone Auto Group in Avenel, which was awarded \$440,000 to pay apprentices from MCC and other programs as they learn auto repair.

"Make no mistake: as cars get more technologically advanced, the workforce needed to keep them on the road must become more advanced as well," Governor Murphy said.

Thom Sabol, chairperson of the Engineering Technologies Department at MCC, is excited about the opportunities for students.

"This is a marvelous program that benefits both the student and the dealership," he said. "The students will earn \$15 per hour working on vehicles at Sansone, under the guidance of skilled technicians. Vehicles today are very sophisticated and complex, and there is an incredible shortage of auto repair personnel. Hopefully, this program will help remedy that."

Funding comes from the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Growing Apprenticeship in Nontraditional Sectors (GAINS) competitive grant, which was announced last fall. The GAINS program promotes the creation and expansion of U.S. Labor Department-approved Registered Apprenticeship programs that drive economic development and create paths to better-paying careers and advanced industry credentials. The grant program also promotes diversity in Registered Apprenticeship programs by encouraging the hiring of underrepresented groups such as veterans, people with disabilities, and ex-offenders.

John Pugliese, Sansone's chief executive officer, said recruiting a talented workforce is paramount.

"Over the next several years it is anticipated that New Jersey could experience a shortage of up to 25,000 technicians as current technicians retire and the next generation gravitates to other occupations," he said. "The GAINS program will allow us to expand our apprenticeship program

to various vocational high schools and community colleges. With this program, each apprentice will have the opportunity to become a Master Technician and have a meaningful and rewarding career."

At present, four students are currently working at Sansone, and Professor Sabol anticipates more will follow.

MCC's automotive instructor, Sara Heller, agreed.

"I am extremely excited about the opportunities for our students," she said. "The relationship between MCC's automotive technology program and Sansone creates unparalleled opportunities for both."

Sansone Auto Group and the automotive students are not the only beneficiaries of the GAINS grant. The awards total \$2.8 million to seven New Jersey businesses and higher education institutions for training programs that will employ 480 new apprentices within the next 12 months and start them on a new career path in advanced manufacturing, information technology, software development, clean energy and utilities, healthcare, and more. The funds support good-paying, skilled jobs for which there is expected to be a demand in New Jersey for years to come. The grant recipients will begin or expand apprenticeship programs to train machinists, skilled tradesmen, auto technicians, tool & die makers, medical and lab techs, chemical techs, human resources staff, and others. Apprentices will earn at least \$15 per hour.

"Our vision for a stronger and fairer New Jersey starts with workforce development," said Governor Murphy. "With these investments, we are providing residents of New Jersey with the necessary skills and training they need for good-paying jobs that will help move our economy forward."

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Karaoke Night March 22

South Amboy Knights of Columbus hold their first Karaoke Night Friday March 22 at the K of C at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy beginning at 8 p.m. Anyone who wants to sing their favorite songs is invited. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 732-721-2025.



Jack Mulvey



Jack Mulvey was honored with a Proclamation from the City of South Amboy on Sunday, January 27, 2019 for his service to the City and to recognize Jack as the longest tenured member of the South Amboy First Aid and Rescue Squad. Family and friends gathered at the Blue Moon to celebrate Jack's 90th birthday along with his wife of 70 years, Anne, and his children Susan and Tom. Jack was serenaded by members of the D. B. Kelly Pipe and Drum Band with a "Jack Mulvey Tribute" which included "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling", "The U.S. Air Force Song" and a rendition of "Happy Birthday".



Jack Mulvey (l), Mayor Fred Henry (c), and Jim Ryan (r) of the SA First Aid and Rescue Squad. (Photos by Robert Paulukiewicz)

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Tax season is once again upon us, and the Dowdell is happy to offer its services to those who welcome a hand while preparing their returns. Individuals earning less than \$64,000 annually are eligible to sign up for the free VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program. An in-person session is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19 from 10am to 2pm, while drop-off assistance is available on Monday, April 8 and Thursday, April 11 from 10am to 12pm. Registration is required; contact the library for additional information about this valuable service!

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Monday, March 25 is the Dowdell Library's Makers Day! Creative people of all ages are encouraged to visit the Dowdell between 3:30pm and 6:30pm to try their hand at a number of creative crafts and STEM activities. Makers can interact with Sadie's Studio stable of friendly robots; design remote control cars; create multidimensional art with a 3-D pen; and much more. From jewelry-making to textiles to coding and beyond, there's truly something for ages 0-100!

On Thursday, March 28 from 6:30pm to 8pm, join the Dowdell staff as they celebrate the library's 105th birthday! South Amboy's very own Cakes on Heels will lead a cake decorating class for sweet-eaters of all ages.

And now, for a sneak peek at April... The Dowdell Library is looking forward to celebrating Chinese culture at its Celebrate! The Year of the Pig program on Sunday, April 7, starting at 1:30pm. Program attendees will be entertained by a Lion Dance outside the library at the start of the event. Art stations will highlight interesting and delightful Asian arts, while musical ensembles, a fashion show, K-pop, and traditional dance will round out the afternoon. Attendees with tickets will be treated to a taste of China and door prizes will be available at the conclusion of the program.

Curious what else is going on at your local library? (We can never fit everything here!) Stop by in-person or visit our website to sign up for our newsletter and view adult and children's activity calendars, which are updated on a monthly basis.

Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School. Fall hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10am to 8pm; Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 5pm; and Saturdays from 12pm to 4pm.

Dean's List

Middlesex County College

A total of 1,257 students were named to the Dean's List for Fall 2018. Locals who were honored:

Sayreville

Andrew Abdelsayed, Melissa Adragna, Tarik Alkaisi, Omobowale Asenuga, Derek Astarita, Elisa Baez, Abigail Benko, Melanie Bisaha, Julia Block, Thomas Brewer, Ashley Bullock, Gina Calandriello, Anthony Campbell, Brandon Chinchilla, Nicholas Curto, Emma Denby, Jaznaira Espinal, Abdul Jawad Fofana, Alessandr Gatto, Bridget Giovenco, John Kyle, Nicole Lavigne, Jayden Luis, Claudia Martinez, Maris Matthews, Ryan McCracken, Courtney McQuade, Matthew Mellos, Teko Messavi, Alessandra Minervino, Mariyah Moore, Mary Nunez, Srushti Patel, Bridget Quimby, Stephanie Ratica, Mustafa Sadiq, Brandon Santos, Nancy Searles, Gabriela Tovar, Courtney Turner-Harris, Christine Zapata, Rachele Zaruba.

South Amboy

Jake Allen, Alize Caba, Daniel Cella, McKenzie Coyne, Patricia Cruz, Joseph Demone, Truc Do, Margaret Drake, Jordan

Gallagher, John Gaugler, Katelyn Guild, Melissa Hoehman, Skylar Honimar, Ofelia Javelosa, Priya Kumar, James Langan, Michael Macknowski, Abdul Majid, Jenna Makar, Courtney McMahon, Matthew Michalik, Anthony Milford, Michael Mirra, Ian O'Connor, Jessica Palazzo, Akash Patel, Alexandra Pfeiffer, Joseph Przybylski, Victoria Reilly, Khaled Sherif, Jacqueline Taggart, Pruthvi Talvekar, Shannon Tran, Damian Truszkowski, Sarah Well.

Laurence Harbor

Colleen Conti, Dawn Gilmore, Jazmyne Pierce, Gabriel San Agustin, Michael Soluri, Jessica Swartz, Ryan Werner.

Belmont University (Nashville, Tennessee) Kylie Craft of Sayreville.

President's List (4.0 GPA)

Coastal Carolina University
Erin McQuade (Sayreville)

Graduates

Campbellsville University (Kentucky)
Raveender Reddy Yerra (Parlin) Master's Degree in Information Technology.

Sai Kishore Tangella (Sayreville) Master's Degree in Information Technology.

Our actions have depended on the dedication to good works of our members, men and women, and we are asking you if you have enough interest in your community to devote a few hours a month to keep our Rotary Club strong. We meet every Tuesday at 12:30 PM at the Ocean Bay Diner on Route 35 South. Come and have lunch on us and see what we are all about. We are more of a family than a club and there are no strangers at our meetings.

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OLV Mom and Sons Star Wars Dance



The OLV Mom and Sons Star Wars Themed Dance was held on Jan 18th. Charity Costume Organization "Rebellegion.com," is a Star Wars themed group and they were dressed in character. Top photo (l-r) Tie Pilot, Father Ryan, Rey, Clone Trooper, and Princess Leia with Chewbacca "hanging out in the back. Bottom photo shows all of the kids, parents, characters and Father Ryan after having a great time at the event. (Photos courtesy of Paul Kulakis)



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2019 AOH Honorees

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Bill Henry - Irishman of the Year
Kerry Dawn Meaghan-Noto - Irishwoman of the Year
James E. Britton - Flag Raiser

The South Amboy Irish-American Association
Michael Green - 2019 Irish Person of the Year

Good Job Mickey!

Best Regards, Bob Heiser





Pictured are the winners of the Mechanicsville Hose Company Raffle to a Luxury Box for a Devils Game at the Rock. The Company would like to thank everyone for their Generosity in Buying the Tickets. (Photo/info submitted)

VFW Post 4699 Rock / Oldies Night Dinner Dance

The Sayreville VFW Post 4699 has announced their date for their 4th annual Support the Troops Dinner Dance Fundraiser as Saturday, April 6th, 2019, at the Post Home, 575 Jernee Mill Road. Doors open at 6pm, with an Open Bar and Buffet Dinner. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. Live Music from "Clem and Friends" playing your favorite Oldies and Classic Rock from the 50's thru the 70's from 7:30 to 10:30pm. For Tix, call

Carmen at 732-254-9425 or Val at 732-727-0174..Please come out to support our Troops, and have a great nite of getting together with friends, great music, and for a great cause! Mark your new calendars and set the date. We've had a great time and crowd every year, and the Post and Troops need your support. More info to follow in upcoming issues of the Times. Thank You for your Support.

Trinity Methodist Church News

(Article submitted)

It might be cold outside, but we've been planning some events to move us closer to the warm weather. Join us on Saturday, March 30 for our 2nd Spring Vendor Sale. Doors open at 9 am for crafts, vendors, café, baked goods, a tricky tray AND the Easter Bunny. The tricky tray tickets will be drawn starting at 2 pm. Do a little spring shopping!! If you prefer to do thrift shopping, our shop has reopened from the winter break and is fully stocked for your pleasure. Stop by any Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings from 9 am through 12 pm to check out the shops.

Also, mark your calendar for April 27 for our Roast Pork Dinner. Tickets are \$14 and include all the Roast Pork, mashed potatoes, vegetables, applesauce, drinks and desserts you want. Our dinners are homemade, always a hit and run from 5 to 7 pm. If you want a take out, call the church at 732-721-3558 or Lori at 732-763-6232.

Lastly, if you are looking for a new church, a visit, or a prayer – stop by. The doors are always open! Our services are on Sunday at 9:15 am. We'd love to meet you!

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Hangin' With The Stars



Former Sayreville resident Walter Krzyzkowski (l) is pictured with Ronnie Marmo at his critically acclaimed one man off-Broadway show "I'm Not a Comedian...I'm Lenny Bruce," which is directed by Joe Mantegna (star of Criminal Minds). Ronnie, who grew up in Woodbridge is an old friend of Walter. He was on General Hospital for 3 years, and has done some movies, and also acted on Criminal Minds. The photo was taken at The Cutting Room in NYC. (Photo/info submitted)

Vintage Car-50 Years Ago



1969 Sprite
No, not the soda (LOL)! If you were around back then, you may have seen a Sprite sports car, which was billed at the time as the lowest-priced sports car going," with a brand new price tag of \$2,081.00. If any of our SA Times readers owned one, please let us know because none of our staff can think of anyone who actually drove one back then.



MCC Adopts New Discounted Tuition Rate for High School Students

The Board of Trustees of Middlesex County College has approved a new discounted tuition rate of \$125 for any 3- or 4-credit course (with no fees) for high school students attending MCC. This new discounted tuition rate, which will become effective in the fall of 2019, represents significant savings for high school students and their families. The current tuition at MCC is \$112 per credit so the ordinary cost of a 3-credit course, including standard fees, is \$439.50.

"The College has been charging high school students different tuition rates depending on whether courses are taken at the MCC Edison campus, at one of the College's centers (in New Brunswick or Perth Amboy), online, or at the student's high school as part of Dual Enrollment, in which college-level courses are taught at the high school," said Mark McCormick, interim president. "Charging high school students different rates for the same course was creating confusion. This new flat discount tuition rate for high school students should simplify things and hopefully provide greater access to college credit courses for high school students. Any 3- or 4-credit course, at any location or

online, will now be a flat \$125 for tuition with no fees."

Approximately 3,000 high school students participate in the College's Dual Enrollment program (called High School Scholars) each year. Many of those students use those credits when they enroll at MCC or transfer to another college or university. In addition, many students in high school take courses on their own at the College.

"The High School Scholars Program allows high school students to get a tremendous jumpstart on their college careers," said Kimberlee Hooper, director of MCC's K-12 Partnerships Office. "In some instances, students may be able to earn an associate degree at the same time as they graduate from high school. Dual Enrollment also affords high school students an opportunity to explore different academic areas, potentially helping them consider what they might like to major in at college. And, of course, students and their families save thousands of dollars in tuition and fees."

For more information visit middlesexcc.edu/k-12-partnerships.

South Amboy Firefighter Elected President of Retired Police & Fire Local 9

By John Yuhas, PIO, Local 9

John Leo Fedorka a retired Federal Firefighter for 21 years has been elected president of Retired Police & Fire Local #9 for 2019 replacing Mike Burns, retired from Sayreville Police Department, who served as president for 6 years. During his tenure as a Federal Firefighter, John staffed several Federal posts and was a member of the several IAFF Locals holding the post of Secretary/Treasurer and Delegate to IAFF Local F-16. John started his firefighting career as a volunteer with the Perth Amboy Volunteer Fire Department's Washington Engine Company 2. After moving to South Amboy, he joined the Mechanicsville Hose

Co. 1, and later the Protection Engine Co. of the South Amboy Volunteer Fire Department. He has held the posts of First Vice President and later President of New Jersey Exempt Firemen's Association. He is currently their Treasurer. Fedorka is a member of the Perth Amboy Exempt Firemen's Association and sits on the 1921 Memorial Committee, raising funds and making plans to mark the spot where several Perth Amboy Firefighters died in an accident while responding to an alarm.

Also elected to office for 2019 are Joe Britton, vice-president, Len Mundy, treasurer, Dave Jakubczak, financial secretary, Colin Powers, recording secretary, Peter Kenny, state delegate, Mike Burns, alternate state delegate, Thomas Noble, Sgt. At Arms, Robert Bonfont, chaplain. Elected to the Board of Trustees John Meleski, John Haag, Anthony Tabaszewski, Jamie Norek and Robert Yackel.

New Jersey Retired Police & Fire is the only organization of retired police and firefighters fighting to restore the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) in the State of New Jersey. Membership is open to all retired law enforcement officers and firefighters. Associate membership is open to volunteer firefighters and business people. For more information and an application go to www.njrpfa.org/local9.

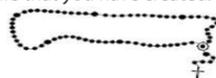
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By Dennis O'Leary

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 You're someone who lives in my shoes
 These games just don't need to happen
 They're things I decide and I choose
 I gave forgiveness to Someone, then
 Someone else
 So it can be done
 The forgiveness that rides
 in my Heart now
 It feels like Something's been won
 It's all, all, all been forgiven
 the man who lives in my clothes
 Has learned some about the releasing
 And finally how to let go.

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 -B.S..



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The Historical Society of South Amboy recently held a brunch that featured a beautiful handcrafted model of the USS Constitution also known as "Old Ironsides," and several interesting speakers. Sayreville Councilman Dave McGill (3rd from right) proudly displayed it during this community event. Pictured are Historical Society of South Amboy members, and AOH members as well. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

USS Constitution Fleet On Display

(Article submitted)

This handcrafted model of the USS Constitution is an intricate and accurate representation of the most legendary vessel ever to serve the US Navy. "Old Ironsides" has a colorful history of honor and service and is a story worth retelling. Another story worth retelling is the story of the man who constructed this replica and how it came to be in the possession of the City of South Amboy. Sayreville Councilman Dave McGill is the proud son of John James McGill, a WWII veteran who was a navigator on a P24 aircraft. By day a New York City Sanitation worker but in his spare time a master model maker, craftsman, and by Dave's description "the smartest garbage man to ever work for New York City". Dave related that sometime in 1968 his mother, in an attempt to channel some of his excessive energy, gave him the model in a box that contained "9000 pieces". Not possessing his Father's talent for this type of challenge the gift ultimately made its way to his John's workspace where for the next three years he painstakingly crafted the ship down to the every detail. One might think that at the successful conclusion of such an

amazing project John McGill would view it as a capstone to his modelling career. But In the ensuing years he crafted many other more complex ship models including an exact replica of a WWII Liberty ship which he carved from a single block of wood. Dave and his family wanted to find a way to share this amazing artifact so people with a love of history and craftsmanship could enjoy the fruits of his Father's labors. In view of the fact that Commodore Thomas Anderson Conover, who once commanded the USS Constitution, is buried in the crypt beneath Christ Episcopal Church in the City and with a nod to our rich maritime and transportation history the McGill family felt the artifact would be most at home here. The Sadie Pope Dowdell Library is safeguarding this treasure within its archives. To visit the USS Constitution: library hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays from 10 am to 8 pm; Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 am to 5 pm and Saturdays from 12 noon to 4 pm. The library is adjacent to the South Amboy High School off John T. O'Leary Blvd.

Irish in America

By Elaine Holton Scott

Each year on March 17th, we hear the saying, "Everyone is Irish on St. Patty's Day." Although it's an exaggeration, without a doubt, there are more Irish descendants here than we imagine. For Americans with a long family history in this country, it's very possible they have a "wee bit 'o the green" running through their veins, as the Irish have been "intermingling" in America for centuries.

The first Irish immigrants to leave the Emerald Isle to come to the New World arrived here during colonial times. There's a record of a group of Irish and Scots settling in the area of what is now Maryland as far back as 1648, but most had come to work as indentured servants for payment of their passage across the Atlantic Ocean. When their debt was paid, usually taking seven years, they went everywhere and anywhere an opportunity presented itself.

Mass immigration from Ireland to

America started in the mid-1800s, during the Potato Famine, and in the ensuing five decades, one million more followed. With empty pockets, they had come to the United States, bringing their lively Irish spirit and love of their home country with them. They had also brought along something else which would have a great effect on our All-American diet. It was their unadulterated and abiding passion for the potato.

History books state that on Cortez' return trip home to Spain from the New World in the year 1544, he had taken potato, tomato, and pepper plants along with him. There is also speculation Sir Walter Raleigh had brought potato plants to his Irish Estate after leaving Roanoke. Then there is the Irish legend which tells of potato plants floating to shore after the Spanish Armada had sunk near their coastline in 1588. However the potato made its way to the Emerald Isle, it soon became a mainstay of the Irish peasants' diet.

OLV Tricky Tray

March 30

OLV will be holding a Tricky Tray on Saturday, March 30 at Monsignor Dalton Hall, 42 Main Street, Sayreville.

Doors open at 6:00 pm, and calling begins at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$35 IN ADVANCE and \$40 AT THE DOOR and include: 1 sheet of Level 1 raffle tickets; 1 sheet of Level 2 raffle tickets; 1 Level 3 raffle ticket.

Contact Melissa Krakowski for tickets mkrakowski@optonline.net.

Spring Fling

Trinity United Methodist Church, 815 Bordentown Avenue, So. Amboy, will hold a Spring Fling on March 30, 2019 from 9 am - 3 pm Pictures with the Easter Bunny, Vendor and Craft Sale and Tricky Tray. Café will be open. Any questions call 732-763-6232

Lent Fish Fry

St. Stan's Holy Name Society First Friday of Lent Fish Fry, Friday, March 8, 2019, 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm. St. Stan's School 221 MacArthur Ave., Sayreville, NJ 08872 - Fried or Broiled Flounder Platters, Fried Shrimp Platters, Combination Platters - includes French Fries, Salad, Coffee/Tea/ Soda Dessert. Adults 15.00, Children (under 12) \$8.00. Purchase tickets in advance in the Church lobby after masses or at the Office. For more info call 732-254-0212.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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Rumbles From The Rock And Roll Reunion

By Clem Skarzynski

Hey hey...open mic at the S.A.Knights on Jan. 25th featured a fun, jammin' set with a group together for the first time, (no rehearsals), consisting of Sandor Schneck, John Dembowski, Ray Suchcicki, Jack Mieczkowski, and Tom Burkard along with guest vocalist PGK Steve Schmid, who wasted no time in rocking the audience with classic rock hits from the 60's! Great crowd on hand with the annual Spaghetti Dinner Benefit too! Reminder: 4th Annual "Benefit the Troops" Classic Rock/Oldies Dinner Dance, Saturday, April 6th, at The Sayreville VFW Post 4699 Home at 575 Jernee

Mill Road, Sayreville. Live Music from 7:30 to 10:30 by Central Jersey's hottest 8 piece Classic Rock Band, "Clem and Friends." Open Bar, Buffet Dinner, \$50.00 per person. C'mon out for a great cause "Our Troops." Call Carmen @723-254-9425 or Val @732-727-0174 for tix. The Johnny Maestro Tribute Band will be making their local long-awaited appearance Saturday April 13th at the Middletown Arts Center, 36 Church Street, Middletown, NJ. For tix, call the box office at 732-706-4100. Tickets are \$45.00 and includes 5 other "Oldies Acts," and the sky's the limit with Blue Velvet..Brooklyn Connection..Marty

B, and Lillian Reyes..Hosted by Alex Augustine, "Remember Then" radio personality. These guys have been belting out Johnny's hits here at my "Fractured Axe" Basement Rehearsal Studio, and are more than ready to please the crowds with their awesome harmonies. "Clem and Friends" Tenor Sax Man and Vocalist Jerry Mocar, and Bassist/Guitarist Rick Jackson, are among the talented vocalists and band that make up the tribute band. Get out there to see and hear them. If you like "The Doo-Wops, your gonna love these guys. Till next Month..Be Well all... Rock N Roll!

#1 Country Hits- Feb. 23

- 2005-Bless The Broken Road -Rascal Flatts
- 1996-Bigger Than The Beatles -Joe Diffie
- 1982-Only One You-T.G. Sheppard
- 1977-Moody Blue-Elvis Presley
- 1969-Until My Dreams Come True -Jack Greene

#1 Pop Hits-Feb. 23

- 2004-Slow Jamz-Twist w/Kanye West & Jamie Foxx
- 1991-All The Man That I Need- Whitney Houston
- 1987-Livin' On A Prayer-Bon Jovi
- 1970-Thank You-Sly & The Family Stone
- 1962-Duke Of Earl-Gene Chandler
- 1958-Sugartime-The McGuire Sisters

You Tube-In

2000's-"A Thousand Years" by Christina Perri has amassed over 1 billion views on youtube! Wow! "Perfect"-Ed Sheeran. Other interesting videos/songs to see from the 1990's-"How You Remind Me" by Nickelback; "Kryptonite"-3 Doors Down. 1980's-"Sweet Dreams"-The Eurythmics; "Take On Me"-a ha. 1970's-"Stayin' Alive" by The Bee Gees; "Spirit In The Sky"-Norman Greenbaum. 1960's-"Reflections Of My Life"-The Marmalade; "Omaha"-Moby Grape; "I'm So Glad"-Cream; "For What It's Worth"-Buffalo Springfield.

MUSIC TRIVIA! By Tom Burkard

Dynamic Duos

1. Simon & Garfunkel
2. The Carpenters
3. Hall & Oates
4. The Righteous Brothers
5. Marvin Gaye & Tammi Terrell
6. Peter & Gordon
7. The Everly Brothers
8. Jan & Dean
9. Loggins & Messina
10. Sam & Dave

- a. You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'
- b. A World Without Love
- c. We've Only Just Begun
- d. Sara Smile
- e. Wake Up Little Susie
- f. Surf City
- g. Soul Man
- h. If I Could Build My Whole World Around You
- i. Your Mama Don't Dance
- j. Scarborough Fair

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



Bon Jovi Serves Furloughed Federal Workers

By Steve Schmid

Sayreville native Jon Bon Jovi recently showed his compassion for his fellow man by opening up his restaurant to feed hungry furloughed fellow workers who were not being paid. The Jersey rock star partnered with the governor to open up his community restaurant JBJ Soul Kitchen in Red Bank. Bon Jovi and his wife Dorothea offered free lunches to federal workers who were struggling during the 35-day partial government shutdown. The musician partnered with the Murphy Family Foundation, Governor Phil Murphy and his wife's philanthropic organization. Bon Jovi and his wife said they wanted to make sure that anyone struggling with food insecurity had a place to go. JBJ Soul Kitchen opened in 2011. and normally lets a patron pay a suggested donation or volunteer at the restaurant to pay for meals.

TV Time

By Debbie Carling

TV Spinoffs

There were many, many spin-offs, and a lot of them weren't too popular. The following is a list of some of the worst ones in history.

The spin-off will be listed first followed by the year it aired, the original show, and actors: Gloria (1982), All In The Family, Sally Struthers; Joey (2004), Friends, Matt Le Blanc; Joanie Loves Chachi (1982), Happy Days, Erin Moran & Scott Baio; Models Inc. (1994), Melrose Place, Linda Gray; The Brady Brides (1981), The Brady Bunch, Eve Plumb & Maureen McCormick; Baywatch

Nights (1995), Baywatch, David Hasselhoff; The Torelli's (1987), Cheers, Dan Hedaya; Living Dolls (1989), Who's The Boss, Alyssa Milano; Three's A Crowd (1984), Three's Company, John Ritter; Phyllis (1975), Mary Tyler Moore Show, Cloris Leachman.

TV Time Bonus Singers/Bands Who Appeared On TV Series

Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, John Denver, Johnny Cash, Sonny & Cher, The Monkees, Glen Campbell, Bobby Sherman, The Partridge Family, Ricky Nelson on The Ozzie & Harriet Show.

One Hit Wonders-45 Years Ago

1974-Americans-Byron MacGregor; I Love-Tom T. Hall; Seasons In The Sun-Terry Jacks; Rock On-David Essex; My Sweet Lady-Cliff DeYoung; Eres Tu (Touch The Wind)-Mocedades; The Lord's Prayer-Sister Janet Mead; TSOP (The Sound Of Philadelphia)-MFSB & The Three Degrees; Tubular Bells-Mike Oldfield; The Entertainer-Marvin Hamlisch; Be Thankful

For What You've Got-William DeVaughn; Please Come To Boston-Dave Loggins; The Night Chicago Died-Paper Lace; Hang On In Their Baby-Johnny Bristol; Beach Baby-First Class; Life Is A Rock (But The Radio Rolled Me)-Reunion; I Can Help-Billy Swan; I've Got The Music In Me-The Kiki Dee Band; Kung Fu Fighting-Carl Douglas.

Major Filik Met Many Celebrities

By Tom Burkard

Major USA (Ret) Louis J. Filik, III, formerly of Sayreville has met many military and non-military celebrities and world-renowned people during his illustrious career. In 1978, when working as a part-time limo driver, he picked up Arthur Fiedler, the Director of the Boston Pops at the Philadelphia Airport, and drove him to the Grand Opera House and Masonic Temple in Delaware, where he held a concert. It was during a major snowstorm in January, and quite an experience...The following year, Filik met and drove Mr. Burke, the CEO and President of Johnson & Johnson. Lou served as a campaign worker, "Veterans for Florio" in '81 for Congressman Jim Florio, who was running as a candidate for NJ Governor...1982-He interviewed for the Court Clerk position for Federal Judge Frederick Lacey, who was appointed by former President Jimmy Carter...1984-Filik served as an Honor Guard at a ceremony in Princeton, for General Thomas M. Ryan...1986-He met

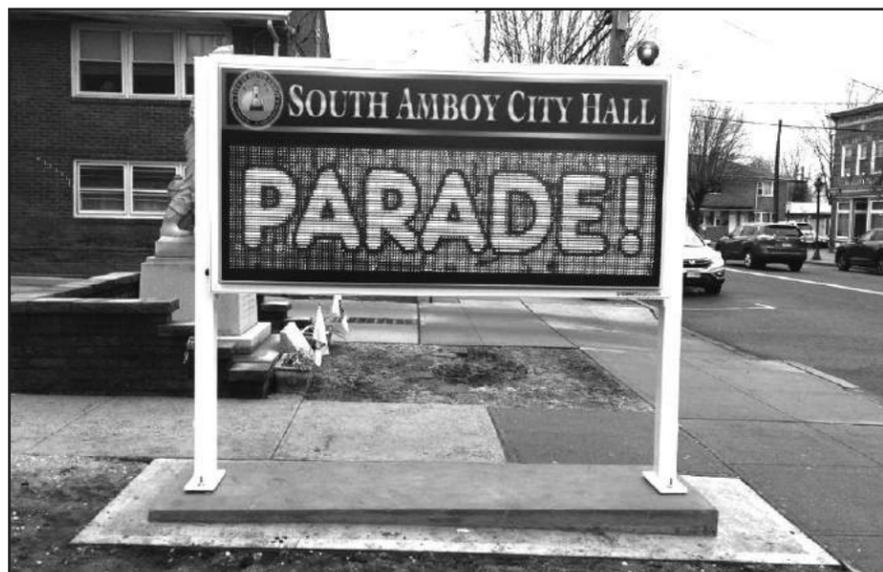
Gen. Colin Powell at a military convention in Washington, DC...1989-Lou attended the retirement ceremony for USMC Commandant Alfred M. Gray...2008-Lou attended a ceremony for his nephew who was killed in action, and it was presided over by President George W. Bush. His nephew Benjamin Sebban received the Silver Star posthumously, and it was presented to his mother from President Bush. The ceremony took place at Fort Bragg, NC...2008-At a Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC, Major Filik escorted Mickey Rooney, Gary Sinise and Joe Mantegna...2008-At a concert in Maryland, Lou met Cliff Robertson, Patti LaBelle, and Cliff Black...2010-Major Filik met artist Thomas Kinkade at an art show in Delaware, and mentioned to him that he had served nearly 30 years in the military. Kinkade kindly sketched a print showing the American flag, and presented it to Lou. He also signed one of his books, which the retired Major keeps as a prized possession.

Eastwood, Stallone, Redford, Star In Recent Movies

Seasoned acting superstars, Clint Eastwood, Sylvester Stallone, and Robert Redford are still going strong, and have starred in movies that were first seen in late 2018. Eastwood 88, is fantastic in "The Mule," which gets a perfect 10 on our movie rating guide, while Stallone, "only" 72 years old does a fine job in "Back Trace" which received a 7 rating. Redford, 82, also performed well in "The Old Man & The Gun," which rated a 6. These three longtime Hollywood stars still have what it takes, and keep rolling along!

Trip To AC and Everly Brothers Experience May 29

Sacred Heart Seniors are sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City Caesar's Casino to see the Everly Brothers Experience. Enjoy the memories of the Everly Brothers hits like "Bye Bye Love," "Bird Dog," "Wake Up Little Susie," "All I Have To Do Is Dream," "Crying In The Rain," "Cathy's Clown," "Let It Be Me," and more. Cost of \$91 includes round trip motor coach transportation, the show, and buffet lunch. You'll also receive \$25 in slot:play. Coach leaves 9:30 a.m. from the Sacred Heart parking lot. For more information call Judy at 732-727-0154.



The City of South Amboy recently added a beautiful new digital sign in front of City Hall on North Broadway. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

School Sports

By Tom Burkard

Sayreville Unbeaten Streak Halted At 25

The Sayreville Bombers amazing wrestling team saw its 25-game unbeaten winning streak stopped by perennial wrestling powerhouse Hunterdon Central, 38-25 in the CJ Group V quarterfinals. Victorious individuals for the Bombers were 160 lbs.-Elijah Ade-Festus on a 5-4 decision; 170 lbs.-Antonino Oretto by a major decision, 13-5; 182 lbs.-Mykhaylo Khalabudnyak by a forfeit; 195 lbs.-Savon Kirksey on an 8-4 decision; 220 lbs.-Joseph Porcaro with a fine pin in 2:27; 285 lbs.-Benedict Arthur won a 7-4 decision.

Boys Basketball Team Leaders

South Amboy (10-11)

Points-Kyle Gasiewski 474 Joshua Jimenez 187 John McCleery 163 Steve Pena 149.

Sayreville (4-16)

Points-Jaijuan Macklin 195 Kaieme Byers 124 Luca Ventricelli 84.

Girls Basketball

Sayreville (13-7)

Points-Jackie Ventricelli 311 Lyssandra Delacosta 207 Serina Townes 195 Stephanie Van Note 195 Brooke Holland 166; Rebounds-Townes 143 Holland 143 Van Note 141; Assists-Van Note 75 Ventricelli 32 Delacosta 31; Steals-Ventricelli 100 Van Note 58 Delacosta 34.

South Amboy (5-15)

Points-Faith Nemeth 256 Julie Olivieri 147 Alexis Calisti 118; Rebounds-Nemeth 189 Olivieri 170 Kelly Mihalecko 148; Assists-Calisti 60 Renee Piazzolla 41 Olivieri 37; Steals-Calisti 52 Piazzolla 28 Taylor Gliese 20.

Wrestling

Sayreville (25-1)

What more can be said about this unbelievable, record-breaking Bomber team? So much overall talent, and a great Coach Marcus Ivy to bring it all out.



Varsity Golf to Return to Middlesex County College This Fall

Golf will return as a varsity sport at Middlesex County College starting in the 2019-2020 academic year.

The teams will compete in the Garden State Athletic Conference and National Junior College Athletic Association. Middlesex has begun the search process for hiring the next head coach and will begin recruiting efforts immediately to attract prospective male and female golfers to the program.

The addition of men and women's golf will increase MCC's intercollegiate athletic program to 14 sponsored sports. The Blue Colts will join Camden County College, Rowan College at Burlington, and Rowan College at Gloucester in offering women's golf. On the men's side, MCC will be the 15th school in NJCAA Region XIX to offer golf.

MCC sponsored men's golf up until 2014 and has not offered the sport since. During the last four years of the program, the College experienced significant success on the greens. In 2011, Michael Maglione was selected Second Team All-Garden State Athletic Conference. The following year, MCC won the Union County Tournament while Anthony Lentini was selected Second Team All-GSAC and both Pat Purcell and Lentini captured Second Team All-Region XIX honors. The

Knights Golf Outing-May 23

The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 will hold its 10th Annual Golf Outing on Thursday, May 23 at the beautiful Cruz Farm Golf Course in Farmingdale, NJ. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with a 9 a.m. tee-off. The cost for this event is only \$100 and includes entry into the events, 18 holes of golf with riding cart, lunch, dinner, golf shirt and an opportunity to win many prizes.

There will be an awards presentation, dinner and prize drawings after golf, at the Knights of Columbus, 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. The Knights are also in need of sponsors to help them financially

Bielak Invited To Astros Camp

Brandon Bielak of Sayreville has been invited as a non-roster player to Spring Training with the Houston Astros Major League club. After 2 outstanding seasons in the minor leagues, Bielak has been working his way up to the big leagues, and was asked to join the parent squad at its Spring Training facility in West Palm Beach, Florida at The Ballpark of the Palm Beaches, along with 21 other non-roster players including 10 pitchers.

Brandon has put up some excellent stats in his two years since being drafted by the Astros in the 11th round of the 2017 draft out of Notre Dame U. His line reads: 1.91 ERA over 150.2 innings pitched, and 173 strikeouts in 31 games, in which he started 21. In 2018, he pitched in 25 games, between Corpus Christi (11 games), and Class A Advanced League Buies Creek (14 games), where he was named a Carolina League All-Star. His combined numbers for last season were: ERA-2.23, Innings Pitched-117, strikeouts-131, a ratio of 10.08 strikeouts per 9.0 innings pitched, and a (7-8) won-lost record.

College Notebook

Marques Townes (St. Joseph's/Cardinal McCarrick) leads the Loyola-Chicago University (15-9) team with 366 points, 15.3, and 3.7 assists per game. He also has 112 rebounds, 4.7...Jehyve Floyd (Sayreville) tops Holy Cross University (13-11) with 140 rebounds, 5.8; assists 86, 3.6; blocks 55, 2.3. He has scored 271 points, 11.3, which is #3 on the club...Corey Taite (Sayreville) is the standout on the Goldey-Beacom College (10-12) basketball team, topping the stats chart in points 370, 18.5; assists 84, 4.2; 3-point field goals, and pct., 40, .388, and is #2 with 102 rebounds, 5.1...Ryan O'Leary (Sayreville) recently scored his first collegiate points at Rider University (12-10) by firing in a swishing 3-pointer...Sean Rappleyea (St. Joseph's/Sayreville resident) has appeared in 7 hockey games for the University of Alabama at Huntsville (6-23-1).

2013 season marked a landmark performance by the Blue Colts as Purcell was ranked 13th nationally while CJ Clementi took the 36th spot as a national selection. Both were ranked for round average. Purcell was also selected to first team All-GSAC and Clementi captured second team All-GSAC.

"Middlesex County College is fully committed to supporting a broad-based athletic program providing educational and athletic opportunities for all students," said Athletic Director Derrick Johnson. "Adding golf in general is great for the institution. However, the addition of women's golf will enhance the opportunities for and experiences of female student-athletes at our institution. Specifically, women's golf will be a great addition to our varsity programs because of the interest among current and prospective students as well as the opportunity to compete in the NJCAA."

Interim President Mark McCormick agreed. "I am thrilled about the return and addition of women's golf here at MCC," he said. "It is a natural fit for the institution and our athletic department, and I think the women's program will be able to come in and grow right away."

with the golf outing, and there are different levels of hole sponsorship available- \$100, \$75, \$50. Prizes or any hole sponsorships will be recognized, raffle sponsors will be mentioned in the official program and at the dinner. Please consider a donation of various products, services or gift certificates, which will be raffled off at the banquet dinner.

For pre-registration, sponsorship or more information, please contact Ray Suchcicki at 732-721-2025 or 732-406-2340.



Vintage Car-50 Years Ago

Any nation that's made "two cars in every garage" a national goal should be interested in the Austin America.

The oft-repeated cry for an America with a chicken in every pot and two cars in every garage has finally been answered. By, of all people, an British. British Leyland Motors, the company that makes the Jaguar, Rover, Triumph and MG, now has made the Austin America.

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It has its engine mounted crosswise over the front wheels. (For more traction and less of a hood to poof over.)

It's shorter (easier to park) than any of its competitors. Yet, where it's good to be large, it's large.

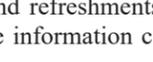
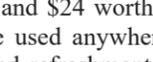
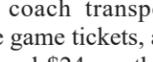
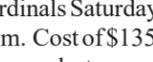
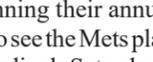
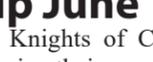
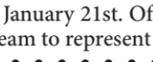
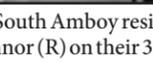
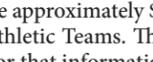
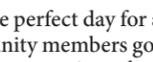
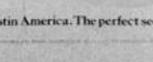
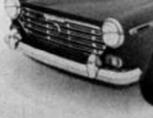
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Bishop Ahr Polar Plunge



January 27th was the perfect day for a Polar Plunge. Bishop Ahr High School students, teachers, parents and community members got bold and got cold! Thanks to everyone's generosity Bishop Ahr was able to raise approximately \$90,000 for their school programs from the STEM Learning Lab to Drama to Athletic Teams. They look forward to having another successful plunge next year so stay tuned for that information. (Photo/Info Submitted)

Congratulations!



Congratulations to South Amboy residents and Team Blue Reign teammates Samantha Mierzwiak (L) and Molly O'Connor (R) on their 3rd Place finish in the Disney 3v3 National Soccer Tournament held in Orlando on January 21st. Of the 19 teams in the U11 Girls division, their team was the highest advancing team to represent the state of NJ. Great job ladies! (Photo/Info Submitted)



Mets Trip June 15

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are running their annual trip to beautiful Citi Field to see the Mets play the NL Central St. Louis Cardinals Saturday June 15. Game time is 7:10 p.m. Cost of \$135 includes round trip motor coach transportation, reserved mezzanine game tickets, a Players Gnome promotion and \$24 worth of Mets Money that can be used anywhere in the ballpark. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information call Steve at 732-727-1707.

Corned Beef Dinner- March 16

There will be a St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner at Sayreville United Methodist Church, 406 Main St., Sayreville, NJ 08872 on Saturday, March 16 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cost: Adult-\$12.00, Seniors/Student/Children 5 - 12 years old-\$8.00, Children under 5- Free. Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner includes: Corned Beef or Spaghetti, Boiled Cabbage & Carrots, Boiled Potatoes, Rye Bread or Roll, Beverage & Dessert. Take Out available. For questions or reservations, please contact Winsome Melvin (732) 432-9072.

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Sports Archives



1963-64-St. Mary's Eagles powerhouse basketball team, one of the best in school history, finished (18-5) under Hall-of-Fame Coach Luke Lenahan. Pictured bottom row (l-r) Jay Derent, Vince Wisniewski, Joe Chodkiewicz, Bob Kukulski, Jay Kukulski. Top row (l-r) Father Brembos, Ed Suchcicki, Bill Sullivan, mgr., Jim Doyle, Tom Triggs, Rich Ambroziak, John Constantine, Ray Selover, O'Connor, mgr., Bob Cavanaugh, Coach Luke Lenahan, Pat Casey, mgr. (Photo courtesy of Larry Lenahan)

City Series-Hoffman-St. Mary's Basketball

Boys

25 Years Ago

1994-In Game #1, Hoffman upset St. Mary's, 66-65 in a real spine-tangler. The Guvs had 4 players in double figures; Bob Maher 12 points, Gary Colfer 11, Joe Hoehman 11, and Rob Thomas 10. The Saints were led by Ross Hull with 28 markers, and John Kugel 14. **1994**-In Game #2, The Eagles rocked the Governors, 69-57. Hull pumped in a game high 22 points, followed by teammates Kugel 14, and Ben Zmigrodski 12. Mike Russo poured in a career high of 21 including

4-three pointers for Hoffman, and Thomas tossed in 14.

75 Years Ago

1944-Game #1-St. Mary's 32 Hoffman 24. No details were available on this game.

1944-Game #2-In the final season game as well as the City Championship, St. Mary's (9-7) nipped Hoffman (7-8), 33-31. The Saints led 5-4 after one quarter, but the Guvs took a 16-13 halftime advantage. The Eagles came back and led 22-21 after three. Bob Fleming hit a field goal early in the 4th quarter to break a tie, and the Blue & Gold held the lead until the end. John "Jinx" Dowling copped game scoring laurels with 14 points for the Saints. Jim Croddick and Mel Sprague split 22 points evenly for the Purple & Gold.

Girls

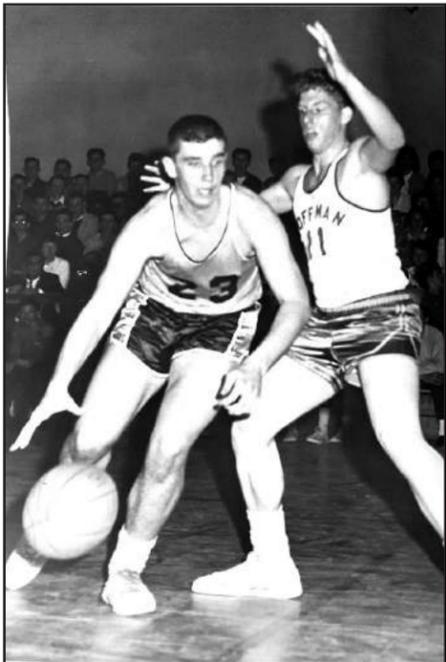
25 Years Ago

1994-Game #1-St. Mary's blasted Hoffman, 62-29. Trish O'Toole burned the nets for 20 points, and Kim Respol 15 to lead the winners. Kristy Parfianowicz paced Hoffman with 12 points.

1994-Game #2-The Lady Eagles had another easy romp over the Lady Governors, 63-33. The Saints led 20-6 after one period, 36-25 at the half, and 54-28 after 3 quarters. O'Toole poured in 15 points and grabbed 8 rebounds, and Robyn Palomo scored 10 for the St. Mary's. Parfianowicz swished in 15 points for Hoffman.

50 Years Ago

1969-St. Mary's defeated Hoffman, 44-39. Details on the game are not available, but it is known that St. Mary's senior Kathy Hanas was the team captain of the Eaglettes, as they were called, while other senior players were Cindy Ostrowski and Chris Creed. Pat Smith was St. Mary's coach, and Lynn Search coached Hoffman.



1963 -In City Series action at the old Hoffman HS gym on George St., St. Mary's Tom Fitzmorris (l) attempts to drive to the hoop on Hoffman's John Lange. (Photo courtesy of Larry Lenahan)



1968-69-The Hoffman HS girls varsity basketball team bottom row (l-r) Linda Kojzar, Ruth Bloodgood, Wendy Romer, Denise Jedwabnik, Kathy Baranowski. Middle row (l-r) Coach Miss Search, Kathy Kubinak, Chris Zavodsky, Janet Shaluha, Peggy Mundy, Manager Bill Parsons. Top row (l-r) Sharyn Nemeth, Colleen Switzer, Carolyn McCarthy, Mary Ann Chonsky, Kathy Bouchard.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1953-Sayreville's Joe Rudy won the Middlesex County boys basketball scoring championship with 493 points, 22.4 avg. **1969**-St. Mary's blasted Sayreville, 71-53 in hoops action. Jim McCloud copped game scoring laurels with 23 points, and was followed by teammates Ted Krzyzanowski 14, Mark Bratus 13, and Bob Howarth 10 points. **1979**-Hoffman stopped Spotswood, 65-61 in boys basketball. Frank Kuziemski fired in 23 points and Jim Bright 12 for the Guvs. **1982**-In the Central Valley Conference (CVC)

cross country championships, Hoffman finished 2nd place behind Montgomery. Jim Shaw finished 8th in 17:22, Frank Dill 9th, 17:35, and Rich Januszewski 10th in 17:36. **1998**-South River girls basketball team beat Sayreville, 60-53 despite Danielle Pallitto's 18 points, Desiree Painchaud 16, and Lisa Halmo 13 points. **2008**-Cardinal McCarrick's Lauren Zarantanello scored her 1,000th point to lead the Lady Eagles to a 59-44 win over Middlesex. She pumped in 17 points and grabbed 8 rebounds in the game.

20 Years Ago

1999-Girls Basketball Teams: South Amboy (16-5). Leading scorers-Kim Peterson 354 points (#6 in county), 16.9 avg. Kristin English 222, 11.1, Kelly Brady 212, 10.6. St. Mary's (18-7) Jacqui DuBois 315, 12.6, Kaitlyn Katko 181, 11.3. Sayreville (2-19) Lisa Halmo 247, 11.8.

30 Years Ago

The lineup for St. Mary's varsity sports coaches consisted of baseball-Rich Carroll (1st year), softball-George Micak (who guided the Saints to the state championship title in '82), tennis-Matt Green.

80 Years Ago

Hoffman Nips St. Mary's

1939-Andy Dobrzynski's 3-point play in the last minutes of the game, gave Hoffman a thrilling 41-40 victory over St. Mary's, before an SRO crowd of 1,000 at St. Mary's Gym. The Eagles led 20-15 at halftime, and 32-25 after three quarters, but the Guvs battled back to cut the lead to 40-38, and set the stage for Dobrzynski's game-winning heroics. The Eagles Joe Conroy was the game's high-scorer with 13 points. Chet Sprague and Marks topped Hoffman with 12 and 11 points respectively. Others seeing action for the winners was Ernie Read, Fred Henry and John Kelly.

Record Breaker

1953-Joe Rudy, Sayreville's talented all-around athlete set a new school single game scoring record by pouring in 41 points, as the Bombers slugged St. Peter's, 75-51. Rudy, who went on to win the county scoring title, shattered the old Sayreville record which was held by Bob Mytnick.

Men's Basketball

50 Years Ago

1969-1970 South Amboy Men's Senior Basketball League

The South Amboy Men's Senior Basketball featured 7 teams: English Chevron, Sanitary Fuels, Bay City Liquors, South Amboy A.A., J & B Trucking, Colonel's Garter, Army Vets. Complete records were not available, but it is believed that English Chevron won the league title. Individual scoring covered up to 9 games, and there could have been more games, but no information on that is available.

The top scorers for each team over 9 games and their averages were: English Chevron-Steve Flanagan 13.6 Rick Ferguson 12.6 Ed Suchcicki 12.1 John Lange 11.4 Jerry Drill 10.6. Tom Farrell played in only 3 games and average 31.0, while Jack Kreiger averaged 11.0 in 3 games. Sanitary Fuels-Ron Ciszewski 22.4 Billy Clayton 18.4 Ken Wahler 10.3. Clarence Reed hit 11.2 in 4 games, and Bob Martin 10.1 in 4 games. Bay City Liquors-Dennis Bratus 10.5 Chet Meinzer 10.0. In one game each, McQuade scored 16, and Tom Kelly 13. South Amboy A.A.-Ed Paczkowski 11.2 Jim Higgins 10.9. In 4 games Curt Wood averaged 13.2, and George Ogborne 11.3. Greg Havlusch pumped in 25 points in a 1-game appearance. J & B Trucking-Jim Lyons 15.7 Jerry Disbrow 14.6. Colonel's Garter-Steve Shawhouse 18.3 Ray Selover 12.4. In 2 games Joe Smith averaged 14.1, and playing in only 1 game, Bob Kukulski scored 13 points. Army Vets-Tom Holovacko 21.0 Bob Jones 16.5 Joe Gatyas 10.4.

*If anyone has any memories or info on this particular season, please let us know.

T.H.E. Game

Year-1970

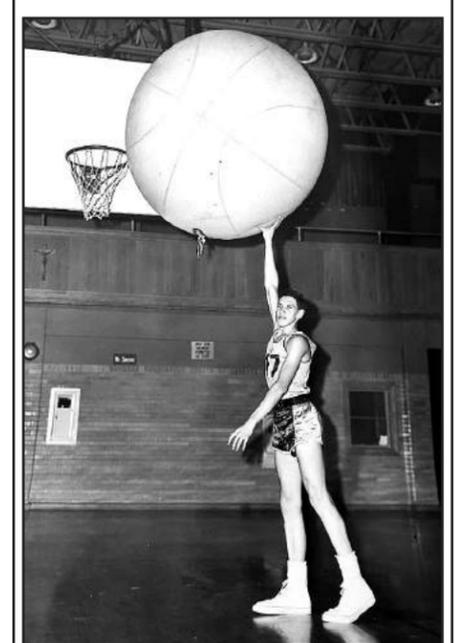
Sport-Basketball

Teams-Sayreville vs. St. Mary's

Recap-The Eagles, playing in their last home game of the season, set a single game scoring record by routing the Bombers, 105-71. St. Mary's held a 45-25 spread at halftime. Junior, George Krzyzanowski fired in 29 points to become the first player in Blue & Gold history to crack the 1,000 point scoring plateau. Nick Charmello and Mark Jendrzewski added 15 points apiece to the winning attack. Bob Casazza and Bill Campion topped Sayreville with 16 points apiece.

Player-of-the-Game-George Krzyzanowski, St. Mary's.

It Will Never Fit!



1964-This great publicity photo of St. Mary's star 6-7 center Joe Chodkiewicz is one of the greatest sports pictures we have ever seen. If anyone knows who shot it, please let us know, so we can thank and congratulate them. (Photo courtesy of Larry Lenahan)

Back In Those College Days

Mike Cannon (Sayreville) was an All-American baseball player at Middlesex County College in '77, batting .478. In January, 1978, he was drafted by the New York Mets in the Free Agent Draft.

Corned Beef And Cabbage Dinner March 16

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Saturday March 16 following the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day parade at the K of C Hall at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. Cost is \$10. Sandwiches and take-out orders are available. For more information call 732-721-2025.

Fiesta De San Gennaro Sept 12

Sacred Heart Seniors are running a trip to the Staaten playhouse in Staten Island to enjoy the Fiesta San Gennaro Thursday September 12. Cost of \$98 includes Italian music, round trip motor coach transportation, one hour open bar plus extra wine hour, three entree lunch, fresh garden salad, dessert, coffee and tea. For more information call Judy at 732-727-0154.

Catching Up With Jack McKeon

By Tom Burkard

It's been awhile since I last spoke to the legendary Jack McKeon, and felt this was a great time to reconnect with him, especially since he is back in Major League Baseball, as a senior adviser for the Washington Nationals. In a recent interview via phone call to his North Carolina home, we touched on several subjects.

When I asked Jack how it feels to be back in the big leagues with a different organization, he said, "It will be a little different after spending 15 years with the Marlins. They were good people and I enjoyed dealing with them."

At 11 years old, McKeon went to Yankee Stadium to see his first big league game, and caught a foul ball off the bat of Phil Rizzuto. Through the years he got to know Rizzuto, and says "I even named my dog Scooter in honor of Phil, and when he died, I had another dog that I named Yogi after Yogi Berra."

Who were Jack's inspirations as a youngster growing up in South Amboy? "Bill Dickey and of course Joe DiMaggio, and locally Allie Clark, who was a catalyst for all of the guys from town, who made it to professional baseball."

We talked a bit about his amazing season of 2003, and he said, "Winning that World Series was the greatest accomplishment of my career. After 30 years in baseball and managing all the different teams, I would sit home in October watching the World Series on TV and say, 'I wonder what that would feel like.' So, in '03, it became a pleasant reality for me, and winning the World Series was so very special, not only for me, but to share the celebration with my wife, kids,

More Local Sibling Athletes

Thanks to our loyal SATimes readers, we have found many more siblings who played varsity sports for our local high schools.

The Lewis family of South Amboy had 5 who participated in varsity sports at Hoffman HS. Last month we inadvertently reported 4 members from this great sports family were athletes. The 5 Lewis children are Dan, Bill, Joe, Maryanne, Mark.

Robert Geant tells us that "All 5 of us Corcione/Geant siblings played varsity sports at our schools. Anthony-CBA/Sayreville, Joe-St. Mary's, Robert St. Mary's/CM, Christian and Emily-South Amboy.

Sue Spiecker, Ken's wife said, "In the listing of siblings who played varsity sports, 3 Spiecker's were listed, Kevin, Darryl and Scott. Actually, all 6 Spiecker siblings lettered at Sayreville in Varsity Sports. Kevin, Darryl and Scott were listed. Ken, Laurie and Debbie were left off the list. Ken played varsity Football and Baseball. Laurie and Debbie both played varsity Softball."

Ed English mentioned "Regarding

Senior Trip to Christmas Lights in Dyker Heights

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Christmas Lights in Dyker Heights, Brooklyn NY. On Friday, December 6. The price of the trip is \$145.00 which includes bus transportation, bus gratuity, dinner at

friends and everyone, it was really special."

Being one of three authors who have written books on Jack McKeon, I asked him if there was another book or a movie in his future, and he said "Writers call and ask, but there is nothing in the planning stages as of now." One of the greatest compliments Jack ever gave me was when we were on a three-way interview with a New York radio station many years ago, and Jack said, "Out of all the books written about me, "Jack McKeon: Baseball, Cigars & Saint Theresa is the most complete one out there." Fast forward to this interview, and he said, "If there is anything anyone wants to know about me, they can find it in your book." Thank you Jack, I was honored to write it!

On coming back to manage again and break Connie Mack's longevity record, he said, "It's not a priority, but it could happen." Jack along with legendary Miami Dolphins football Coach Don Shula has been selected as the most popular sports figures in Miami, Florida history. McKeon is a member of several different Hall of Fames including St. Mary's High School, Johnstown, PA AAABA, The Irish-American Hall of Fame in New York City, Elon College, and the San Diego Padres Hall of Fame.

Hopefully, one day soon, voters on the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame Veterans Committee will realize the tremendously positive impact Jack McKeon has made on the sport, not only on the field as a top-notch manager/general manager, but also as a goodwill ambassador, always accessible to writers and fans alike.

siblings who played Varsity sports: Ray Krieger, brother of Jack, Brian and Wayne, played football and baseball and ran track for Sayreville (Class of 1981). The 3 Haley brothers, Doug (1981), Drew (1982) and Derek (1985), played baseball for Sayreville."

Jim Malkiewicz also commented on the Kreiger siblings, saying "It looks like we have to add a few more Kreigers to the list. You listed the older folks but not the younger ones. Maureen, Glenn and Ray all played varsity sports for Sayreville. (I have first hand experience because these are my brother in laws and my wife.)"

So, after receiving help from our readers, 6 Kreiger siblings played varsity sports: Jack at St. Mary's, and Brian, Wayne, Maureen, Glenn and Ray all played for Sayreville.

The Blaha siblings Joe Sr. (Hoffman), Ken (Hoffman), and Steve (St. Mary's) also make the Local Siblings Athlete list.

*A special thank you for the updates on local sibling athletes, and reading The South Amboy-Sayreville Times!

Tommaso Restaurant, guided tour of the Dyker Heights Neighborhood, all taxes and gratuities. For further information or to reserve a seat please call Finita at 732-721-5081.

Supermarkets, Oh, How They've Changed

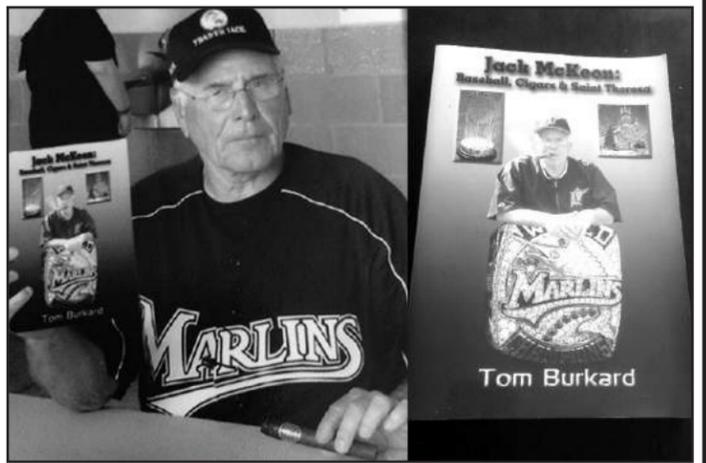
By Elaine Holton Scott

Compared to now, supermarkets just weren't so "super" years ago. Through the years, they became "more super" due to their ever-expanding inventories. After buying a house in Parlin in 1972, I began shopping for groceries at the Acme supermarket in the Sayre Woods Shopping Center, until moving to another part of Sayreville in 1978. I'm not sure but I think Grand Union had originally occupied Acme's location. Maybe I'm wrong but I remember Acme having no more than 8 aisles...maybe even only six, and those aisles were very wide, far wider than the narrow aisles in supermarkets today. Since everything is relative, though, compared to the much smaller grocery stores in town prior to any supermarkets being built in the early '60s, supermarkets the size of Acme had seemed absolutely enormous. Each week I'd go to Acme for a large order, zipping around the store with youthful energy and ease. Somehow, it doesn't seem fair that

since I'm now "elderly," supermarkets have become gargantuan in comparison. So, why are supermarkets growing in size by leaps and bounds anyway? The obvious answer is that companies, both nationally and globally, are competing for our almighty dollar. There's a saying, "variety is the spice of life," but there's also another saying that too much of anything is not a good thing.

There was a much smaller variety of food on the stores' shelves years ago compared to the massive, overwhelming variety offered now. For instance, let's take a look back at the bread section. Once upon a time, supermarkets had sold mainly squooshy white bread like Tip-Top and Wonder Bread. There were no "artisanal" breads being sold, no fancy schmanzy multi-grain breads with a high price tag...and no bakery sections to sell them. So, bread along with hamburger and hot dog buns, had taken up a very small area. It was the same with desserts. At that

South Amboynative and Major League Baseball legend Jack McKeon is pictured holding **Jack McKeon: Baseball, Cigars & Saint Theresa**, back in 2005 at Spring Training in Jupiter, Fla. Jack, who was recently hired by the Washington Nationals said that, "Out of the three books written about me, this book is the most complete by far, and when someone wants to know something about my life and baseball career, I tell them they can look it up in this book."



Baseball, Cigars & Saint Theresa, written by SA Times Publisher, Tom Burkard was released back in 2004, and a limited number of copies have been located. They are all in pristine-MINT condition, and now available for purchase.

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St. Stan's School

(Photos/Info Submitted)



Third grade student, Stella Ribeiro (second from the left), concentrates on a question during a game of Academic Olympics. Also pictured from left to right: Maggie Przybylowski, Hailey Giambrone, and Xavier Valetutto.



St. Stan's Principal, Elena Malinconico, presents a certificate to eighth grade student, Trischelle Afihene, for winning the Spelling Bee.



Second grade student, Jordan Livett and his family intently watches Principal Elena Malinconico light his sins on fire after receiving his First Penance at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

time if you had wanted cakes, pies, doughnuts and loaves of "classier" breads a real bakery was where you'd find them...not in a grocery store. Packaged Tasty Cakes, Hostess snack cakes and lunch pies were the exception, in that time when brown bagging lunches had meant a sandwich (usually baloney) and a packaged dessert.

16-ounce cans of coffee had just about flown off the shelves in those years long before Starbucks made brewing coffee at home "un" chic. Brands like Folgers, Chock Full O'Nuts, and Maxwell House sold rapidly and store shelves had to keep being restocked. Now, the old brands seem to be sold just for those of us who are, well, old, while all the new pricier coffees target younger people having the mindset, "I want everything which cost the most," take up more and more space.

Small selections of spaghetti sauce, cereals, snacks, sodas, and canned vegetables had all fit neatly in their designated little

areas...while the prices stamped with ink on all the items made seeing how much something had cost a heck of a lot easier than trying to do math after straining to see the price per ounce or per unit. As for frozen foods, except for concentrated juices, I just can't remember any.

Somehow, without having to choose from a zillion different varieties of food items and not having 20 plus aisles to navigate, those old not so super supermarkets were really super after all.

Designer Handbag Bingo

OLV will hold a Designer Handbag Bingo on Friday, February 22 at 7:00 pm (Doors open at 6:30 pm) at Monsignor Dalton Hall, 42 Main Street, Sayreville. Tickets are \$35.00 and include: 10 bingo cards; 5 Tricky Tray Level 1 raffle tickets; 3 Tricky Tray Level 2 raffle tickets. Contact Nicole Martin for tickets nicnas1098@aol.com.



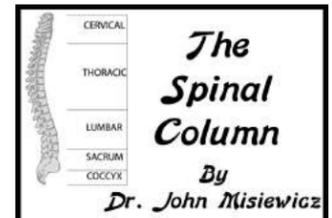
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Valentine's Day is for Chocolate Lovers

Dark chocolate seems to lower blood pressure, but it requires an amount less than 2 Hershey Kisses to do it. A small study from Germany adds to mounting evidence linking dark chocolate with certain health benefits such as lowering blood pressure and having an anti-inflammatory effect.

A study appeared in the Journal of the American Medical Association by Dr. Dick Taubert of the University of Cologne. It demonstrated that blood pressure reductions with dark chocolate were small but still substantial enough to potentially reduce cardiovascular disease risks.

Volunteers for the study ate just over 6 grams of dark chocolate daily for almost 5 months. It equaled about 1 & 1/2 Hershey Kisses. People who ate that amount ended up with lower blood pressure reading than those who ate a similar amount of white chocolate. Tests suggested that a steady exposure to dark chocolate prompted a chemical change that helped dilate blood vessels and regulate blood pressure. Cocoa contains flavanols, plant based compounds that are also credited with giving red wine its heart healthy benefits.

Dr. Laura Sevetkey director of Duke University Hypertension center stresses that the study results should not be viewed as a license to gorge on chocolate. The weight gain from eating large amounts of dark chocolate would counteract any benefits.

As always an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. The combination of losing weight, eating less salt, exercising, and eating dark chocolate provides strategies to lower your blood pressure.



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The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip on Tuesday, June 25 to Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton New Jersey. The cost of the trip which is \$145 includes a guided tour of the grounds with individual time on your own to enjoy, luncheon at the Rat's Restaurant, bus transportation, bus gratuity, and snacks on the bus. For further information or to reserve a seat please contact Finita at 732-721-5081.

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Grounding Yourself In "The Pleasant Little City" Part 2

By Retired Colonel Dan Cheeseman

Flight Dreams/Space

My cousin Jack Gleason (Son Of Chief Gleason) was the first South Amboyan to go to West Point and on to the USAF to fly. I wanted to be the second. We grew up in the days of John Glenn and the early space programs. I was going to fly and be part of the space program, but life takes many turns. I consider myself to be very lucky that God let me fly for the USAF, and to eventually become a chief engineer on USAF Small Sat's projects.

My flying career was very exciting! Due to a shoulder injury, I became a NAV/WSO – I was a B-52 Radar Nav during the cold war and these were exciting times. The Soviets were very aggressive moving subs into threat areas. Alerts were common place at Strategic Air Command – some exercises, some for real. I had a talent for problem solving and the Wing Commander started to have me execute special projects to solve problems. I wanted to fly the SR-71 and on to the shuttle, but life takes many twists. Honeywell contacted me about being one of the first systems engineers in a new company discipline. I left active duty went to Honeywell Minneapolis and into the greatest ANG Unit in the country, the 133rd AW- the ANG was the right place for me – service to the community was in my South Amboy DNA. I spent 21 years in the ANG. It was time for change the ANG was moving to be part of the Total Force Concept. The 133 AW became a key player in the conflict in Central America and Panama. We were deployed a lot on Volant Oak. I served 3 tours as the Deployed Mission Commander in Panama. We fought the conflicts in Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras- Drug Interdiction, Hurricane Evac. But, the most rewarding missions were Air Sea Rescue, Medivac and dropping hay in blizzards in Minnesota. Service to home became a key part of me.

Today's young engineers and aviators will have great opportunities. In the next 20 years, we will have space planes carrying man to the moon and beyond. We will go to Mars and we will land on asteroids. We will use space to monitor and help our precious earth environment. Computer and artificial intelligence will create a very exciting world. The question will be space and computers for good or evil? I pray today that good will always wins over evil. But I feel fortunate and thankful for the challenges and opportunities I had. That said, for me it would have never happened if it was not for the nuns of St Mary's,

Sports A Key To Development

I loved to play any game with a stick and a ball. I loved track. I loved to swim. Baseball was South Amboy's game. It was our house – played Little League for Knights of Columbus and Mechanicville Fire Co. for Joe McCarthy and Joe Kelly. Joe Kelly had a profound effect on me – he taught me how to coach. He would talk baseball and fundamentals. He treated all us kids the same. The two Joes were great coaches, and as most of that generation war heroes, but Joe Kelly was special.

I went on to letter in baseball and track at St. Mary's and this gave me a great basis to be able to meet the physical requirements of the Academy. Tom Otto was a very good coach and cared about all of us. We had great players, and many of us were on the all-star teams for Little League and Babe Ruth. We had some great teams, and in both cases, came up 1 game short of going to the Tri-State Championship, but the two Joe's had a life effect on me.

I went on to play lacrosse at USAFA. It had all the requirements- a stick and ball. I was never the great player at any sport, but

was always reliable, solid and coachable. I learned how to coach from Joe Kelly. I had a love for hockey, and taught myself at USAFA how to skate. Eventually, we moved to Minnesota and played adult hockey, and coached Bantams. Coaching Bantams became a love, and eventually coached a couple of state championship teams. The love of hockey was fostered when I became good friends with Herb Brooks, (1980 Olympics), and learned more about the game. Hockey became an important part of our family life. Our son Kelly was an exceptional player, and today is COO of the LA KINGS, and is the owner of 2 Stanley Cup rings.

Mentors

Mentoring is an important element for anyone to achieve success. You should learn from mentors and return the learning – that is how you become a great leader. Here are those that impacted me.

1- Monsignor Sullivan – a true holy man of the Catholic Church, who always treated the students, and nuns of St Mary's with great respect. I always think of him.

2- Sisters of St. Mary's – My Aunt Marie O'Leary (Sister Thomas) – Saved my education, kept track of me whenever I was deployed- Desert Storm etc.; Sister Amadeo- Taught me a love for science.

3- Chief Gleason, Col. Dave Kelly – Taught me respect for law and country. Chief taught me how to shoot, and helped me get ready for the academy. Col Kelly- taught me why an officer had to think of his men first and self second.

4- Luke Lenahan – Our AD at St Mary's who was an ex-Marine, and helped me get ready for the physical fitness at the academy.

5- Joe Kelly and Joe McCarthy- How to coach kids. How to love baseball.

6 – Frank and Pat Cheeseman – How to never give up, and always keep your values at front.

I consider myself very lucky. I came from great roots in the Pleasant Little City. I have been able to fly USAF Jets to the edge of space. My country called, and I went to war three/four times. (VietNam, the Soviet Cold War, Central America/Panama/Desert Shield/Storm).

But, my family is what I cherish. The love of my life is Pam Wilson Cheeseman, a remarkable woman. A lady that could raise two beautiful kids and is a remarkable artist. Pam backed me up at the start of legion games, and bantam hockey games when the ANG flight would run over. My kids are special. Our oldest Natalie is following her mom as a hockey mom and teacher, and our son Kelly is an NHL executive with the LA Kings. .

But it all started in South Amboy at 226 John St. and the Pleasant Little City. I do regret that I did not give back enough to South Amboy for what SA gave me!

*Thank you Dan for sharing your most interesting and rewarding career with our SA Times readers! South Amboy is very proud of you for all of your outstanding military service you provided for the U.S.A.



Colonel Dan Cheeseman



One of many planes flown by Col. Cheeseman



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2019 Polar Plunge



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Salt Water

Rod and reel fishing is at its lowest point right now as we are in the winter doldrums. This is the slowest time of the year. Surf fishing in the ocean is at a complete standstill. The Raritan Bay and all rivers are closed until March 1st. The fall fishing was not good at all and I don't look for any bonanza when it does. A pick of Blackfish is all that's going on with the party boats. Most of them have stopped running and are being overhauled. Some Winter Flounder may be caught after March 1st, but it won't be that great either. There are hardly any Mackerel or Whiting to speak of. The intense polar like weather we had didn't help either. Let us hope for an early spring. There nothing to report on as far as any new Fluke regulations for 2019 as of now.

Fresh Water

Some safe ice has finally set in at most upstate lakes. The usual catch of Pickerel, Pan Fish and especially Perch is what they are catching at Lake Hopatcong. There are no reports from any of the Trout streams. High water from the continual rains and intense cold weather has hampered any fishing. Wait for a period of good weather before heading out to fish



Gone Fishin'



Local anglers Mike Lockwood, Robert Lockwood, and Mark Wisneski hauled in this gigantic bluefin tuna while fishing off of the Oregon Inlet in North Carolina. The fish was 97 inches long and over 600 pounds. Wow! Congratulations on your great catch! (Photo/info courtesy of Pat Rose)

Spaghetti Dinner/ Tricky Tray

Frog Hollow will be holding its annual Spaghetti Dinner/Tricky Tray on Sunday, April 7th, at the K of C Hall, 775 Washington Rd., Parlin. The doors will open at 2:00 pm and dinner served until 6 pm, with calling of numbers for gifts at 4:30.

Advanced tickets can be purchased by sending a check to Frog Hollow Swim and Tennis Club, PO Box 3122, South Amboy, NJ 08879. Please be sure to include the number of adults and children when purchasing them.

Price-Adults 13 and up-\$12.00; Children 12 and under-\$7.00.

The tickets can be picked up at the door the day of the dinner. Cut off for advanced tickets is March 30th.

Tickets purchased at the door: Price-Adults 13 and up-\$15.00; Children 12 and under-\$10.00;

Children under 5-Free. Hall is handicap accessible. If you have any question, please contact Cathy Keays @ 732-947-0403.



Middlesex CC Student-Athletes Excel

Forty student-athletes finished their fall semester with a grade point average of at least 3.0 or higher. Of the 133 Blue Colt student-athletes, 40 had GPAs of 3.0 or above. Seventeen of those had 3.50 GPAs or higher, and two had perfect 4.0 GPAs.

“Our primary mission at MCC is for students to succeed in the classroom and develop the skills necessary to prepare them for their future,” said Athletic Director Derrick Johnson. “Alumni and fans should be proud of their academic accomplishments.

The hard work and dedication of students working with our outstanding faculty and staff produced tremendous results this past fall. Coaches and the college’s academic advising staff do a great job of focusing on student success that will lead to our most important objective: graduation and transfer from MCC.” Those local student athletes were as follows: Kyle Gamble, Baseball, South Amboy; Cristina Reyes, Women Soccer, South Amboy.

Speaker Craig Coughlin Upholds Commitment to Fight Hunger in New Jersey

New Jersey State Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin will partner with various organizations, legislators, and elected officials throughout the state during the month of January to promote food security and the fight to end hunger.

“Every resident of our state should, at all times, have physical, social and economic access to safe and nutritious food,” said Speaker Craig Coughlin. “Each partnership represents the Assembly’s commitment to

continue the fight to end hunger and I am proud to work with each organization to promote health and wellness.”

Speaker Coughlin has made fighting hunger and promoting healthy eating in New Jersey a priority, and he recently led the effort to pass 13 bills in the State Assembly to improve people’s access to healthy food and reduce food waste. The bills all passed on a bipartisan basis.



Letters To The Editor

Brian,
Congratulations on another great issue in January! Thank you and Mr. Burkard for the great paper! I still feel connected to South Amboy 4,000 miles away.

Robert Geant,
(Formerly of South Amboy)

Dear SA Times,
The WWW.? picture in your Jan 2019 edition is of “Super Meat Products” Polish Deli at 230 North Feltus Street in South Amboy. I love that smokey smell when you walk into the place from all the kielbasa they make in the back of the shop. I think previous businesses here were Florczak’s deli/butcher shop and Nebus’ deli/butcher shop.

Don Zrebiec (Formerly of South Amboy)

Hi Tom,
Congratulations to the winner of last year’s contest. To get all 19 photos, we know how hard it was for us to get 16! At least it was another Dennis. Loved the January issue!

The picture in that one is a place called “Super Meat Products, Inc.” on North Feltus St., but we know it as the Polish store down around the corner from Sacred Heart Church.

We love, love, love the kielbasa from there, home smoked, also their fresh sauerkraut.

Steam the kolbas until it’s real hot, put the kraut into a small crockpot all morning. MMM!

Best Wishes this new year ,Tom and The SA Times staff!

Dennis & Kathy O’Leary
Sayreville

Tom,
Thank you so much for The SA Times! From all the servicemen past and present, we used to look for it all the time. I bet the people would be amazed where it has shown up at every Down Range place in this world that has had South Amboy kids. Their blessings to you and your team.
Dan Cheeseman
(Formerly of South Amboy)

Tom,
The January 2019 South Amboy Times Newspaper article/story about Lt. Colonel Dan Cheeseman was and is extremely interesting/ edifying/ very appreciative of the Earthly Angels (St. Mary’s Sisters of Mercy) and the Citizens of South Amboy. New Jersey. The Cheesman family exemplifies the type of people born/raised/ educated in South Amboy, NJ. who went on to pursue careers within the various venues in life. The South Amboy Times Newspaper is doing a paramount service to the people/ citizens of South Amboy/Sayreville, NJ. in recalling the History of its former residents, and I look forward to the Cheeseman part (2) story.

Thanks Tom/SA Times.
PS. John “Flip” Phillips story about his Polish relationship is also edifying/ interesting, Flip is another plus on the scorecard for the St. Mary’s Sisters of Mercy.

Bill “Biff” McKeon
Evansville, IN.

Where in New Jersey?



Does this building look familiar to you? Take a guess and send your answer in to: satimes@aol.com.

January Information Where in New Jersey?

By Brian & Phyllis Stratton

Last months Where in NJ was Madam Marie’s Fortune Teller and Psychic Parlor located on the boardwalk in Asbury Park, NJ. Madam Marie;s (Marie Castello) read the fortunes of celebrities ranging from Judy Garland to Bruce Springsteen. Springsteen mentioned Castello in his 1973 song, “4th of July, Asbury Park (Sandy)”, which earned her a certain amount of fame among his fans.[2] Springsteen wrote in the song’s lyrics of Castello, “Did you hear the cops finally busted Madam Marie for tellin’ fortunes better than they do.”[2] Castello was never arrested during her career, Castello passed away in 2008

Where in NJ Winners for January 2019 are:



January- Madam Marie’s Fortune Teller and Psychic Parlor Asbury Park, NJ



Dennis Quinlan, Marie English, Ed English, Jim Malkiewicz, Elizabeth Leveille, Peggy and Steve Yuhas, Judy Guilfoyle, and Dane Colburn..

WWW.?



Does this building look familiar to you? It’s located in South Amboy or Sayreville. If you know what it is, send your answer in to: satimes@aol.com (Photo by Tom Burkard)

WWW.? Winners For January

The WWW.? answer for January is Super Meat Products on North Feltus St. in South Amboy. Also correct answers were the previous names of the business, Florczak, and way back when it was Nebus Market.

Dennis Quinlan, Chuck Pickard, Judy Guilfoyle, Joan Gorczyca, Marie English & Ed English, Elizabeth Leveille, Peggy & Steve Yuhas, Don Zrebiec, Joan Fulham, Mary Agnes Morris, Steve Laskiewicz, Eleanore Westerholm, Gerry Sherry, Leon Credico, Pat & Bill Scully, Chuck Pickard, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Lisa Grankowski, Kathy & Dennis O’Leary, Maryanne Matarangolo, Gary Feret, Dane Colburn,

*One incorrect answer identified the photo as Miklos Flower Shop in Sayreville.

*Jack Piskorski- Keith Piskorski- Lorraine Krauss, were inadvertently omitted as winners in Dec., and correctly identified the South Amboy Hand Wash & Detail Center. With the correct answer they finished 2018 with 14 points, 1 behind Pat & Bill Scully.



January-WWW.? Super Meat Products North Feltus St. South Amboy.

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Senior Christmas Trip to Lancaster

The OLV Senior Group is planning a Christmas trip to Lancaster on November 6 -7, 2019. The cost of the trip is \$355.00 which includes a delicious lunch on day 1 at Shady Maple where you can fit in some pre-Christmas shopping. Next, the group will enjoy a matinee at the American Music Theater's show, Joy to the World. There will be a late check at the Fulton Steamboat Inn with dinner at the restaurant. Guests can then enjoy the amenities of the hotel. On day two there will be a late check out after breakfast. Shopping at the outlets is the next item of fun. Lunch will be on your own. Bus pick-up at the outlets will bring you to the afternoon show at Sight and Sound, the Miracle of Christmas. After the show the group will enjoy a family style dinner at Hershey Farm Restaurant before returning home. For further information or to reserve a seat please call Teri at 732-742-1320.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT
 Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can achieve my goal, you who gave me the Divine gift to forgive and to forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life are with me, I want this short prayer to thank you for all things and to confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you, even in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you in eternal joy and thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. Thank you Holy Spirit. -S.S. & N.P.

The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, MS

Those of you that follow my column know that I am constantly stressing the need for smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to be installed in the home. Most of the times when we hear about a fatal fire in the area, it is due to the fact there were NO working smoke or carbon monoxide detectors.

Unfortunately, this past January there were two major house fires, one in Wall Township the other in Lakewood. The good news to this story is that 12 people are alive today because they had working smoke detectors and were able to escape the fire and smoke before it overcame them.

Five kids, two adults and a dog were all inside a home in Wall Township when a fire erupted at 2:00am while they were all sleeping. A family member credited the piercing alarm sound of the smoke detectors and the barking of the family dog that awoke them and together, allowed enough time for the family to evacuate the house safely. During the course of the fire, a propane tank on the back porch exploded causing a massive fireball and fire extension to the home. Luckily by this time all family members were safely out of the home.

As coincidence would have it, on the next night in Lakewood, a similar situation occurred. In this case, five more people are alive. They were able to escape from their burning home as working smoke detectors alerted them to the danger.

As a strong proponent of working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home, I can't stress enough the fact that they do save lives.

Unfortunately, not all people feel the need for smoke detectors. At a recent fire call in one of our local communities it was discovered that there were NO smoke

detectors installed in the home. You ask yourself "how is this possible in 2019"? It was a heavy smoke condition from a fireplace rather than a working structure fire. The residents were safe but what would have been the outcome if the circumstances were different and the residents were asleep?

Recently a law was passed in New Jersey requiring businesses to install working carbon monoxide detectors. The jury is still out on whether this is necessary and what the benefits will be. One thing that this requirement will do is place another burden on the first responders. A large percentage of alarms that we respond to are for malfunctioning residential carbon monoxide alarms. Test your alarm monthly and know the difference in the various sounds of your specific detector. There is a difference between the sound of an actual carbon monoxide alarm and when batteries need to be changed. If your carbon monoxide alarm activates, and you can't distinguish the difference between an actual alarm or battery problem, call 911 and have the fire department determine the cause. It is better to be safe than sorry. Fortunately, the newer type of carbon monoxide detectors come with a 10-year non-replaceable battery. Unless you have a continuous carbon monoxide problem in your home and the devices frequently activate, these devices should function properly for many years without the need to change batteries, which you cannot do anyway. In addition to the batteries being good for only 10-years, the device that senses for carbon monoxide also has a 10-year rated lifetime. As they approach their 10-year life span and they start to false alarm due to a worn-out sensor or weak battery, discard them and purchase new ones. This will give you 10 more years of security knowing that you and your family are protected.

Grieving Parents Support Group

4th Mondays Beginning Feb. 25th At 6:30PM

The loss of a child is the most devastating experience a parent can face and missing your child never goes away. A piece of yourself is lost and your future is forever changed. Parents feel alone and isolated in their grief, as friends and relatives are often at a loss as to what to say. But it is important to talk to people who understand the loss. That is where the Grieving Parents Support Group may be able to help - this is an informal group, a safe

haven. Denise Morgan is the Facilitator.

This group is free and open to the public, not just Sayreville residents. Coffee and Tea will be available. Please Register at <http://www.sayrevillelibrary.org/> or call 732-727-0212, so that we may contact you in the event of weather cancellations.

Group meeting dates are as follows 2/25, 3/25, 4/29, 6/24, 7/29, 8/26, 9/30, 10/28, 11/25.

OLV March Meeting

The OLV Senior Group will hold their March Meeting on Friday, March 1 at 1:00 PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall. After our business meeting, corned beef sandwiches along with potato salad and a pickle will be served. Coffee, tea, and cake will also be available. All orders must be received by

Mary Bouchard (732-727-5059) by Sunday, February 24. No orders will be taken after that date. Non-perishable food donations for St. Vincent de Paul will be accepted at all meetings. For further information contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

YMCA OF MEWSA NEW DIRECTOR

The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy is pleased to announce the appointment of Karen M. Robson as the new Director of Operations at their South Amboy YMCA branch. The Director of Operations is responsible for the successful overall operation of the branch including membership and programs and fostering a climate of innovation to develop member and community-focused programs which support the Y mission, goals and strategies.

Robson is a cause-driven professional with over 30 years of nonprofit experience. Robson obtained her master's degree in Organizational Leadership from Springfield

College, MA. She is passionate about community development and sits on the board of the NJ YMCA Professional Network.



Karen M. Robson

Robson will support the needs of YMCA staff and board to strengthen the communities of South Amboy, Sayreville, and Parlin. She is interested in meeting community leaders to collaborate and make an impact on youth development and healthy living in their communities. She can be contacted at 732-553-9622 or atkaren.robson@ymcaofmews.org. Interested individuals are also invited to stop by for a tour, trial membership, dip in the pool, or any class

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South Amboy Fire Department Receives Donations of Pet Oxygen Masks

Residents offered free Pets Inside decals to alert rescuers there are pets in the home

Pet parents here can breathe a little easier because local first responders have a new tool to help save family pets in home fires and other emergencies. The South Amboy Fire Department recently each received a donation of five sets of life-saving pet oxygen masks - one for each fire station -- from at-home pet services Provider Canine Company.

The kits were requested by Assistant Chief Andrew Bielak, who is a pet parent himself, after he learned about Canine Company's campaign to outfit first responders with the life-saving equipment.

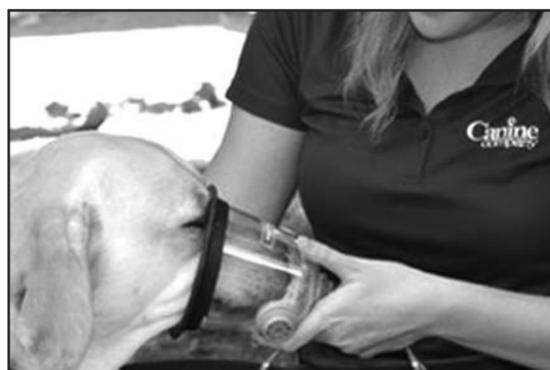
The donated masks are designed for the shape of an animal's snout. Each set includes masks in three sizes to fit a wide range of pets - from small mammals like rabbits to giant

breed dogs. According to Canine Company, donated masks were used by first responders to save more than 18 pets - including six dogs, 11 cats and a rabbit - last year.

Family pets are at special risk during a home fire because they cannot leave the house without help. An estimated 40,000 die each year nationwide from smoke inhalation. Human oxygen masks do not fit the shape of most pets' snouts, making it difficult for first responders to provide life-saving oxygen on scene.

"At Canine Company, our mission is to help families keep their pets healthy, safe and happy at home," says Renee Coughlin of Canine Company. "We do that with the products and services we offer, and through our pet masks donation campaign. Over the past 10 years, we've provided masks to more than 500 fire departments and rescue squads in the communities where we do business. And we look forward to continuing to make these donations in the coming year."

To ensure rescuers know there are pets in a home, Canine Company provided free "Pets Inside" decals to the fire department for distribution to local pet parents. The stickers also can be requested by mail through the Request a Decal form on the company's website at: www.caninecompany.com.



Canine Company's Claire Lichorat demonstrates one of the masks on Cisco. (Photo/Info Submitted)

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In Memoriam

Margaret "Mag" McCarthy, 71, of South Amboy died on Feb. 3. A truly wonderful person, she was the owner of the popular Mag's Subs on North Stevens Ave. in South Amboy before retiring. Mag was the South Amboy Board of Education President in 1980. She was a retired member of the South Amboy First Aid and a member of Enterprise Hook & Ladder Ladies Auxiliary.

George Zulin, 65, of Parlin died on Feb. 4. He was an ex-Chief of the Morgan Fire Dept., and a member of several local organizations. George served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. John Gilligan, 55, of South Amboy died on Feb. 11. He was a U.S. Army veteran from 1981-85, and an active member with American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post 62, South Amboy, where he participated in all events and parades carrying the flag. May God bless them all.



Obituaries

Anderson, Christine, 51, of Morgan died on Jan. 30.

Buffalino, Ruth Kosmoski, 82, of Sayreville died on Feb. 13.

Campbell, Julia T., 80, of Parlin died on Feb. 9.

Clark, Louise Blake, 65, of Parlin died on Jan. 11.

Dalton, Gloria, 84, of Parlin section of Old Bridge died on Jan. 15.

D'Ambra, Michael, 62, of South Amboy died on Feb. 5.

De Litizia, Lucy, 95, of the Parlin section of Old Bridge died on Feb. 10.

Dexter, Thomas M. Sr., 89, of South Amboy died on Feb. 2.

Engle, Joan A., 81, of Parlin died on Feb. 12.

Gilligan, John M., 55, of South Amboy died on Feb. 11.

Keenan, Mary Zuspan, 95, formerly of South Amboy died on Jan. 17.

Marques, Michael B., 19, of Sayreville died on Jan. 24.

McCarthy, Margaret M. "Mag," 71, of South Amboy died on Feb. 3.

Michalik, Rose Marie, 62, of Sayreville died on Jan. 25.

Mokrzycki, Kenneth "Ken" J., 66, of Sayreville died on Feb. 11.

Morrissey, Catherine, 89, of Parlin died on Feb. 12.

Piper, Yvonne T., 79, of Sayreville died on Dec. 31.

Razwilavich, June, 71, of Parlin died on Jan. 17.

Uhrig, George H., 89, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 22.

Uler, Richard, 70, of Parlin died on Jan. 30.

Zulin, George W., 65, of Parlin died on Feb. 4.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can achieve my goal, you who gave me the Divine gift to forgive and to forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life are with me, I want this short prayer to thank you for all things and to confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you, even in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you in eternal joy and thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. Thank you Holy Spirit. M.S.

Senior Trip to Finger Lakes Wineries

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Finger Lakes wineries on April 23 to April 26. The cost of the trip is \$685.00 which includes hotel accommodations, bus transportation and bus driver gratuity, 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners, visits to 8 wineries and 1 distillery, admission to museum and tour. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

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For green beer
Lots of fun
And Irish cheer*

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St. Patrick's Day
That comes just once a year
After the parade everyone parties hearty
It's corned beef and cabbage
And of course green beer
St. Patrick's Day comes
just once a year
Sing an Irish song and raise a glass
To toast St. Patrick who
brought us here
On his very special day
just once a year

The Wearing Of The Green
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Times Poet Laureate
c.1995
Green is my favorite color
But that's not why I wear
Parties and jollies on March 17th
But that's not why I care
Corned beef, cabbage,
potatoes and beer
Still not the reason why I
join the cheer
I'm not even Irish, nor pretend
to be,
Though there's a spirit alive,
Goodwill is the key
That a saint from one nation,
A hero he be, Is honored by many,
and quite openly
With parades, shamrocks, and music
that smiles,
For one day forgetting
O! Ireland's trials to share these
festivities,
Come let it be seen,
Commemorate, celebrate,
By wearing the green.

On St. Patrick's Day
The town is rockin' In old SA
The crowd is huge
For the parade
On St. Patrick's Day
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Proudly march through town
And people cheer
As they pass by their front door
From Pine Avenue
to Bordentown
And across Stevens Avenue too
It's a proud day for the Irish
So much fun, and parties
Lots of things to do
The town is rockin' In old SA
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Time to play
And wear the green
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St. Patrick's Day Trivia Quiz
By Tom Burkard

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- What was St. Patrick's real name?
a. Patrick O'Callahan b. Jozef Buzhardt c. Maewyn Succrat
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a. Ireland Forever b. Praise God c. Peace Always
- What U.S. river is dyed in green on St. Patrick's Day to celebrate the holiday?
a. Tennessee River b. Mississippi River c. Chicago River
- What do the 3 leaves on a shamrock represent?
a. The Holy Trinity b. Love, peace and prayer c. A united country
- The first U.S. President to attend a St. Patrick's Day parade?
a. John F. Kennedy b. John Q. Adams c. Harry Truman
- How many U.S. presidents claim Irish heritage?
A. 5 b. 14 c. 19
- Traditional food served on St. Patrick's Day?
a. Shepard's Pie b. Kielbasa c. Corned Beef & Cabbage
- According to legend, what did St. Patrick drive out of Ireland?
a. Satan b. Black Bears c. Snakes
- What was the original color associated with St. Patrick's Day?
A. green b. blue c. purple

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



Green Everywhere
Green, green everywhere
People celebrating
As Irish songs fill the air
It's a day to be proud
Say you're Irish and say it out loud
Green, green everywhere
Today's the day
Everyone is Irish
Isn't it wonderful that way
Bagpipers pipin' at the
St. Pat's Parade
It's a special day
That the Lord has made
Green, green everywhere
On the proudest and happiest
Irish day of the year.

The South Amboy Scene On St. Patrick's Day
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On St. Patrick's Day
The huge parade and kids at play
The AOH is the host with the most
As Irish music fills the air
People wearin' green
And happiness everywhere
At the South Amboy scene
On St. Patrick's Day.