Sayreville Memorial Day Parade—May 29

By Larry Doyle

sayreville will host its annual Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 29th, beginning at 10 a.m. The parade is sponsored by the American Legion Post 211 and the Veterans of Foreign War Post 4699. The parade will start at Elizabeth Street and Washington Road and conclude with a service at the Borough Hall on Main Street. In the parade lineup will be veterans and their affiliated groups, color guards, distinguished bands, local officials, school, civic, community and church groups, marching units, scout troops, youth sports leagues, antique vehicles, local police, fire and emergency departments.

Memorial Day is a day for honoring every veteran who has fought, and those that are still fighting to keep our country safe and secure. This year, Joseph Myers has been chosen by the American Legion Post 211 as the Grand Marshal. Joe was born in 1947 to Frank and Sophie Myers; he was raised in Sayreville and graduated from Sayreville War Memorial in 1965. In November 1966, Joe entered the United States Marine Corps, attaining the rank of sergeant. Sent to South East Asia during the Vietnam War, Joe was part of Gulf Company 2nd Battalion 7th Marines 1st Marine Division from February 1968 through April 1969. During that time, Joe played an instrumental role in 8 major operations which earned him the Bronze Star with Combat V for service during these operations. Joe was honorably discharged in 1969.

Joe joined the Sayreville Police Department in June 1970. In June of 1980, Joe began working with the Detective Bureau; 3 years later he graduated from Trenton State College, now The College of New Jersey. In 1985, Joe was promoted to the rank of sergeant in the Sayreville Police Department. As a police officer, Joe attended DARE training in Virginia Beach. With his trademark red Volkswagen, Joe worked tirelessly to bring the first Dare classes into the Sayreville public and parochial schools. That work with the DARE program continued for 14 years.

South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry painted an optimistic picture for the future of the city at his recent State Of The City address. Henry said the city’s net worth has grown from $857 million to $882 million in just 2 years. He mayor said this type of smart growth has seen South Amboy’s net worth jump from $857 million to $882 million in just 2 years. He also mentioned receiving grants to upgrade pumping stations on Feltus and Raritan Streets saving city taxpayers thousands of dollars. Emergency generators will also be installed at these sites. These improvements will help firefighters deal with future natural disasters. The mayor said a backup generator has been installed at the senior citizens center since the facility has served as an emergency center. He said four new SUV’s have been purchased for the police department which will help keep the streets safe. He said the goal is smart growth, smart spending, and smart government. He added that the Arts District, Historical Society programs, and Waterfront Park are attracting more and more people from outside South Amboy who want to come and enjoy everything the city has to offer.

South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry delivers his State of the City address for 2017. (Photo by Brian Stratton)
Sylvia Rapoport was recently named Vice President, Marketing Manager for Amboy Bank, according to an announcement by George E. Scharpf, Bank President and CEO.

Rapoport, who joined Amboy Bank in 2007 has over 15 years of business marketing experience. In her role as Vice President, Marketing Manager, she manages the banks in-house agency and is responsible for advertising, public relations, communications and the bank’s marketing research programs.

A resident of Holmdel, Rapoport earned a Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science from Rutgers University. She serves on the board of The New Jersey Bank Marketing Association and is a member of the NJ Ad Club. She was honored as a Best Marketing and Communications Professional under 40 by the NJ Ad Club and the Jersey Shore Public Relations & Advertising Association.

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Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Zebro Promoted To Captain

Former South Amboy resident, and graduate of Sacred Heart School and St. Mary’s HS, Kevin Zebro was recently promoted to captain of the East Brunswick Police Dept. Congratulations on your success, and keep up the good work Captain Zebro!

Connie Marion Inducted Into National Honor Society

Rampage College freshman Connie Marion of Sayreville was recently inducted into the Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society for Freshmen. Congratulations Connie!

Beshara Receives Wings

Air Force Capt. Dia Beshara recently received his Air Force pilot wings during a Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 17-04 graduation ceremony at Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma. Capt. Beshara is a 2002 graduate of Sayreville War Memorial HS. His parents are Mona and Amal Beshara of Parlin. Congratulations Captain!

New Radio Station

There’s a new oldies radio station and the reception is very clear in this area. The Boss, which is 107.1 FM says it covers great music from the ‘70s, ‘80s, and more. Check it out!

College Scholars Honored for Excellence

A total of 145 students were inducted this spring into the Middlesex County College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. Bytown: South Amboy: Nicholas Martin, Eric Melito, Brandon Rodriguez. Sayreville: Humza Chaudhry.

Dean’s List Fall Semester

Jason R. Ciszewski of Parlin at Wichita (Kansas) State University…Mary Kate Kersting, of Sayreville, a freshman majoring in athletic training at Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tenn…

*Anyone on a Dean’s List at any school is welcome to send the information to: satimes@aol.com for publication in upcoming editions.

Memorare, Prayer To

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen. B.S.
Lagoda’s Saloon, located at 109 South Broadway, South Amboy, is one of the area’s most popular establishments. The origins of this business can be traced back to the end of World War II, when it was started by the late Joe Jerome, and called Jerome’s Tavern.

Lagoda’s Saloon will celebrate its 34th Anniversary in October. It was established by the late Jas Lagoda, and has been under the ownership of Raymond and Anne Kukulski for 33 years. They both have extensive backgrounds in this business. Raymond was the manager and bartender at the old Colonel’s Garter from 1979-80, and City Lights from 1981-85, as well as Lagoda’s Saloon. Anne was a bartender at Colonel’s Garter, and also City Lights. Lagoda’s is proud to sponsor a women’s bowling team that competes in area leagues. Sports fans can relax in the cozy surroundings at Lagoda’s, and watch their favorite teams in baseball, basketball, football and hockey on Direct TV with the big TV’s at one of the last local shot and beer bars. Music lovers have over 5,000 great songs to choose from on Lagoda’s Touchtone Digital CD player.

This friendly, neighborhood saloon is a place for good, hometown conversation and company, as well as offering great service and a clean environment. Lagoda’s motto is “Good people and good times.” If you’re in the neighborhood, stop in at Lagoda’s Saloon, 109 South Broadway, South Amboy, or call Ray or Anne at 732-727-4134.

Mayor O’Brien & Son Meet President Trump

Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O’Brien (l) and his son Patrick O’Brien are pictured in front of the White House in Washington, DC.

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Blood Drive!
The Sayreville Public Library will be hosting a blood drive on Thursday, May 4, from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. Community Blood Services will be onsite with their bloodmobile! While walk-ins are welcome, we recommend that you register online to secure an appointment time.

Please also visit the Events Calendar on our website at www.sayrevillelibrary.org for more information on donating or call Jennifer at 732-727-0212 ext. 25.

No Prescription Needed

Today’s healthcare landscape is complicated, and can be a rocky road for people to get the care they need. Many individuals try to ignore their aches and pains as it can be far more painful — and expensive — to go through this process. Unfortunately, their symptoms are likely to persist and may lead to worsening problems.

“At Kessler Rehabilitation Center, our goal is to help cut through the red tape and get patients the care they need right away,” says Irma Fookson, DPT, CDT, center manager at Kessler-South Amboy. “The good news is that New Jersey is a Direct Access state, which means that individuals can begin treatment without a prescription from their doctor.”

In the past, patients were required to see their primary care physician and/or an orthopedist, and possibly go for X-rays, MRIs or other tests before a prescription for physical therapy was given. This process took weeks or longer and involved numerous copays. Now, individuals can schedule therapy appointments directly, saving time and money, and helping them recover sooner. According to Dr. Fookson, “If your therapist has reason to believe that services outside of physical therapy are needed, he/she will refer you to the appropriate licensed health care professional.”

Kessler Rehabilitation Center is conveniently located at 540 Bordentown Ave, Suite 4700, in South Amboy (formerly South Amboy Hospital) and treats patients of all ages with sports and orthopedic injuries or conditions. Dr. Fookson also specializes in the treatment of individuals with lymphedema and cancer.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 732-525-0123 or visit www.kessler-pt.com.

OLV Seniors May Meeting

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The Friends of the Sayreville Library Book Sale!
Books! Movies! Music! Audiobooks! The Friends of the Sayreville Public Library will be holding their annual spring book sale on Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7 from 1:00 to 3:30PM.

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www.ymcaofmews.org

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Next To Strouse Electric And Across From Melrose Park
For Appointments Or More Info Call 732-721-8844

Mets Trip July 1
South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are sponsoring an outing to beautiful Citi Field to see the National League contending Mets battle their divisional rival Philadelphia Phillies in a 4:10 p.m. contest. Cost of $125 includes round trip motorcoach transportation, reserved mezzanine seats, snacks and refreshments, Astrodoul Bobblehead Doll, and $24 worth of Mets Money that can be spent anywhere in the ballpark. For reservations call Steve at 732-727-1799.

Paint & Party Fundraiser
Our Lady of Victories Conference of St. Vincent de Paul will hold a Paint & Party Fundraiser at Monsignor Dalton Hall, 39 Main Street, Sayreville, on Friday May 6th from 7 pm - 9 pm. Doors will open at 6:30 pm. Everyone will be painting their own canvas, guided by a professional artist from Masterpiece Mixers! Cost is $35 per person, with up to $15 being donated to OLV SVdP. All those 16 and over are welcome. BYOB./food/snacks. Register online at: https://www.mmsouthamboy.com (click on: Class Schedule/Menu, by or call 609-975-9463.

Yearbook-St. Mary’s 1967
By Tom Burkard


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Proceeds from sales are given to the Sayreville Public Library to fund the children’s summer reading program and to fund purchases not covered within the annual budget. Your donations and purchases help aid us in our quest to provide the citizens of Sayreville with outstanding public service.
Old Bridge Mayor, Owen Henry (c), assists Greg Scharpf, Senior Vice President of Amboy Bank, in cutting the ribbon, opening Amboy Bank’s new Cheesequake Branch located at 95 Matawan Road in Matawan. From left to right are Stephen Mamakas, Executive Officer of the Mayor’s Office of Economic Development, Greg Scharpf, Mayor Henry, Donna Ostrowski, Cheesequake Branch Manager, and Vincent Blasi, President of the Old Bridge Chamber of Commerce. “After 52 years in Laurence Harbor, we are pleased to be moving to a modern new branch and bring our innovative products and quality service to the people in the Matawan area,” said Scharpf. Founded in 1888, Amboy Bank, a full-service commercial bank with 25 offices in central New Jersey, prides itself on quality service and responsiveness. They have been voted “Best Bank in Central Jersey” for the past 19 years in a row.

Amboy Bank Opens New Branch

Letter To Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O’Brien

Dear Mayor O’Brien,

I am sorry to learn ALS has struck your family. I was told of your remarkable efforts on behalf of your son, Patrick to meet Prime Minister Kenny. As a patient myself, I appreciate your paternal devotion as well as your son’s determination. You both are sterling examples of what it takes to build awareness for our disease. I salute you both.

My diagnosis came in 1993. Fortunately, I have a slow progression. Although now I am quadriplegic using a vent non-invasively, with much luck, I have been able to remain fast and lasting changes to both appearance and the municipality. From there, I will head toward New Brunswick and Edison, covering about 3 to 4 miles an hour. This Ride is an extraordinary experience. I hope you agree to participate in Advocacy Day.

Rides typically include a day of family activities. Activities scheduled during our day of Giving and Celebration include: face painting, live entertainment from local musicians such as FOG, Still Small Voices and Split Decision, Tricky Tray, mini workout sessions led by MAX instructors, Creative Movement for children, refreshments and more.

The day’s events will take place from 1-5pm and be held in conjunction with the MAX of Sayreville’s Day of Giving Event. The MAX Challenge is a mind and body challenge system that is designed to make fast and lasting changes to both appearance and overall wellbeing. In collaboration with the Lyrics for Lucas Foundation, the MAX seeks to combine fundraising in support of SUDC with a day of family activities. Activities scheduled during our day of Giving and Celebration include: face painting, live entertainment from local musicians such as FOG, Still Small Voices and Split Decision, Tricky Tray, mini workout sessions led by MAX instructors, Creative Movement for children, refreshments and more.

About the Lyrics for Lucas Foundation Following the loss of their son, Albert DiGuilio and Maria Markisello created the Lyrics for Lucas Foundation in order to build a lasting legacy for Lucas by honoring his fondness for music and introducing a scholarship to students in the performing arts. The Lyrics for Lucas Foundation also seeks to provide support to SUDC research and help come one step closer to a world in which SUDC no longer exists. To learn more about the Lyrics for Lucas Foundation, please visit: http://www.lyricsforlucas.org

Sincerely,

Chris

P.S. I cannot talk on the phone so email is the best communication, at least to start.
St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus/Columbiettes Council #10281 Pancake Breakfast
(Photos by Tom Burkard)

The K of C members who worked hard to put out an award-winning breakfast, take a break for a picture with St. Lawrence Pastor Rev. Jonathan Toborowsky.

Members of the Columbiettes also did a fine job and are joined by Pastor Rev. Jonathan Toborowsky for a photo.

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Exciting May Programs At Dowdell Library!

Stop by the Dowdell Library in May for exciting programming including Star Wars Coding for Kids and Teens, Live Music Featuring Marc Black and Culinary Classes. Calling all Star Wars Fans! Join us on Thursday, May 4, 2017 from 3-5 pm as we participate in Star Wars Day or better known as, May the 4th Be With You. We’ll be using out of this world technology for a coding game starring BB-8 and using the Makey-Makey to play the piano.

Looking for appetizer ideas for your Memorial Day weekend? Join us on Wednesdays, May 10 and 17 from 3-4 pm for a culinary demonstration as we make a warm delicious dip, good for everything from chips to veggies!

Stop by for Music @ Dowdell on Tuesday, May 30 from 6-8 pm with Marc Black, an Eclectic Folk Rocker and NY Chapter Blues Hall of Fame Inductee as he plays a musical tribute from the 50’s and 60’s. Step back in time and hear some tunes such as “Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini,” moving folk songs like Bob Dylan’s “Blowin’ in the Wind,” and many others.

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Trip to New York City

The OLV Senior Group will be sponsoring a trip to NYC to visit the Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum on Thursday, September 14, 2017. The trip price is $150 which includes: admission to the Intrepid, dinner at Carmine’s, bus transportation and bus driver gratuity, and taxes and meal gratuity. For reservations contact Teri at 732-727-7639 or 732-742-1320.
Remember When?

The old YMCA on Broadway in South Amboy was all boarded up in the 1970’s and ready for demolition to make room for the new municipal building and police station, which is still standing today. At the time the structure was one of the oldest buildings in “The Pleasant Little City.” The child in the picture is unknown. If anyone has any information as to who it might be, contact The SA Times at: satimes@aol.com, and be sure to visit our website: www.thesatimes.com. (Photo/story by Joe Lotkowictz)

Chamber Looking For Business Leader Nominees

The Chamber of Commerce serving Old Bridge, Sayreville and South Amboy is sponsoring our 23rd Annual Business Leader of the Year Awards Dinner to honor local business people who have worked to improve and expand business opportunities in our communities. One recipient will be selected from each community - Old Bridge, Sayreville and South Amboy and will receive recognition at our dinner in October. To be considered for nomination, individuals must own or work at a business located in one of the three Chamber Communities; be involved in activities contributing in an outstanding way to the growth of their local business community, and be involved in activities exemplifying a strong commitment to the development of said business community. This year we also hope to honor and thank a special person or organization who has volunteered in our community with little recognition on his/her part. If you know of someone please send his/her name and what he/she has been doing so we may honor this person in a special way at the dinner. Nominations must be submitted no later than June 1, 2017. Nominations should be mailed to the Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 5241, Old Bridge NJ 08857.

Senior Trip to Pittsburgh/Cleveland

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Pittsburgh/Cleveland from July 10 – 14, 2017. The price of the trip is $725 which includes the bus transportation, bus driver gratuity, lodging, 4 breakfasts and 4 dinners. Points of interest include: Flight 93 Memorial, Frank Lloyd Wright’s Fallingwater, tour of Phipps’ Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and much more. For further information or to reserve a seat please contact Teri at 732-727-7639 or 732-742-1320.

Catholic War Veterans Sacred Heart Post 578 Events

Monday, May 1, 2017 - 1:00 PM - Membership Meeting, Sacred Heart Memorial Hall lower level meeting room. All Catholic Veterans are invited to attend.

Saturday, May 27, 2017 - 9:00 AM, flag/marker replacement, Sacred Heart Cemetery, Johnson Lane, Parlin.

Monday, May 29, 2017 - 8:00 AM - Mass, Sacred Heart Old Bridge Mass, 9:00 AM, Memorial Day Services, Sacred Heart Cemetery, Johnson Lane, Parlin.

What is Memorial Day

Memorial Day, which was originally called Decoration Day, is a day of rememberance in honor of America's war dead. Decoration Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1866 by General John Logan, National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. It was first observed on May 30, 1868. May 30th was chosen specifically because it was not on the anniversary of a major battle. Federal law recognized the holiday as "Memorial Day" in 1967. In 1971, a law was passed moving the date from May 30 to the last Monday in May.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE - SATURDAY MAY 20TH

STARTING 12 PM FROM SOUTH AMBOY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #426, AND WILL PROCEED ACROSS STEVENS AVE, MAKE A LEFT ONTO JOHN ST, ANOTHER LEFT ONTO SOUTH BROADWAY OVER TO THE SOUTH AMBOY CITY HALL, WHERE IT WILL END.

Luke A. Lovely American Legion Post 62
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 62
Sons of the American Legion Squadron 62

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS
Dowdell Library Participates In African American Read-In
Sharing Literacy with South Amboy Kids, One Book at a Time

The Dowdell Library was recently invited to participate in an African American Read-In at South Amboy’s McDonald’s as the finale for Black History Month. Library Director Elaine Gaber (l) and Library Supervisor Dennis Kuhn (r) read inspiring stories to children that were written by African-American authors. At the conclusion of the program, the library was presented with a certificate for making literacy a significant part of black history month. The inaugural event was sponsored by the Continental Societies Incorporated and the NCTE (National Council of Teachers of English).

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Local Artist On Display At Dowdell Library

South Amboy’s Rose Celecki recently had her excellent paintings on display at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library in South Amboy. An accomplished painter, she has a great talent for still life, along with portraits, and uses vibrant colors to add feeling to her work. Her paintings presented a most interesting exhibition to all visitors at the library.

A beautiful painting by Rose Celecki is shown on display at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library. (Photo by Joe Lotkowski)

Hudson Valley Trip

The OLV Senior Group will sponsor a trip to the Hudson valley from August 30 – 31, 2017. The price of the trip is $385 which includes tour and lunch at the Culinary Institute, guided tour of the Vanderbilt Mansion, tour of West Point and lunch at the Hotel Thayer, a narrated cruise on the Hudson, and dinner at a local restaurant the first night and much more. For further information or to make a reservation, contact Finita at 732-721-5081

Trip to Hunterdon Hills Patriotic Show

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring an evening trip to Hunterdon Hills on July 15, 2017 to “The land We Love,” a new patriotic show. The cost of the show is $125 which includes the show, a delicious dinner, bus transportation and bus driver gratuity and snacks on the return trip. For information or to reserve a seat please contact Carmen at 732-254-9425.

Earth Day At Sayreville

Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O’Brien (back row center) is pictured with the energetic volunteers who helped clean up Kennedy Park on Earth Day.

The Shade Tree Commission of Sayreville gave out free seedlings, trees, and much more on Earth Day. Mayor Kennedy O’Brien (l) was on hand along with Councilwomen Mary Novak (3rd from right, front row), and former Councilman Art Rittenhouse (2nd from right, back row) to support the members of the commission.
Marietta, Georgia, located outside the “perimeter” of Atlanta, has been my home since 2001. It was also the home state of Margaret Mitchell, author of “Gone with the Wind,” the iconic book that later made into a movie with the same title. Although the movie will “live” forever, sadly, only one of its stars has survived. On July 1st of this year, the beautiful and talented Olivia de Havilland will be 101 years old. She is the sole survivor of the movie’s top cast. All the other actors have become like the title… “gone with the wind.”

Clark Gable had played Rhett Butler, the part turned down by Gary Cooper. Unlike Cooper’s prediction that the movie would be “the biggest flop in film history,” the movie was the biggest hit of all time… while Gable’s one liner, “Frankly my dear, I don’t give a damn,” remains as memorable as the movie itself. Clark Gable, called “the King of Hollywood,” was born in 1901 in Ohio. He quit high school hoping to pursue an acting career. In 1935, he starred in “Call of the Wild” with Loretta Young. A surprise “memento” of their time together was a baby daughter. In 1939, Gable married the third of his five wives, Carole Lombard, who would die in a plane crash less than three years later. Clark Gable’s last movie, “The Misfits,” was with Marilyn Monroe. It would also be Monroe’s last movie. Gable died in 1960 from a heart attack.

Vivien Leigh, the British unknown, had “beat out” well-known movie stars like Lana Turner, Joan Bennett, Paulette Goddard, and Susan Hayward for the role of Scarlett O’Hara. She’d take home the Oscar for best Actress, while “Gone with the Wind” won for Best Picture, beating out “Wizard of Oz.” Born in London, England in 1913, Ms. Leigh’s first of two husbands was (Sir) Laurence Olivier from 1940 to 1960. Suffering from a bipolar disorder, Vivien Leigh passed away from tuberculosis in 1967, at the young age of 54.

Leslie Howard, born in London in 1893, was an actor, producer, and director. In “Gone with the Wind,” he had played the role of Ashley Wilkes, a part he totally detested. Loved on screen by both Melanie Hamilton Wilkes and Scarlett O’Hara, Leslie Howard had many women in love with him in real life. “I didn’t chase women… but I couldn’t always be bothered to run away,” he was known to have said. Having survived combat in WWI, Leslie Howard would die in 1943 when the airplane he was on was shot down by the Germans, making him another Casualty of War. He was an unrepentant “womanizer” to the end.

Olivia de Havilland, was born in Tokyo, Japan to British parents. Her younger sister was Joan Fontaine. Auditioning for the role of Scarlett O’Hara, beautiful Olivia de Havilland was given the role of the plain Melanie Hamilton instead. Nominated for Best Supporting Actress, she would lose the Oscar to Hattie McDaniel (1895 – 1952) who played Mammy in the same movie. Olivia de Havilland resides in France… awaiting her 101st birthday.

Trivia: When “Gone with the Wind” had its premiere opening on Dec. 15, 1939 in Atlanta, the actress Hattie McDaniel was not allowed to attend due to the Jim Crow laws of the time.

Martha Mitchell died from getting hit by a car… going with her husband to see a movie.

One of Scarlett O’Hara’s suitors in the movie was George Reeves, the future “Superman” from 1952-1958. In 1959, Reeves committed suicide.

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY
O holy St. Anthony, reach down from heaven and take hold of my hand. Assure me that I am not alone. You are known to possess miraculous powers and to be ever ready to speak for those in trouble. Loving and gentle St. Anthony, reach down from heaven and inspire you and assist me in my hour of need. Obtain for me the intentions for which I ask. May I always look to you for the strength and the help which I need. May I always have the strength and the wisdom to know how to use your gifts. Amen.

P.S.

Annual Breakfast With
The Easter Bunny At
South Amboy Knights of Columbus
Council #426
(Photos by Tom Burkard)

The Easter Bunny stops to visit everyone while they enjoy a delicious breakfast catered by the Knights and Columbettes.

Children have fun outdoors while waiting for the Easter Bunny’s arrival.

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An Evening With The Duprees
Saturday, September 16, 2017, 7:30PM
All Tickets $40

“'You Belong To Me' · "My Own True Love" · "Why Don’t You Believe Me" · "Have You Heard"

The Duprees are known the world over for their romantic interpretations of the most beautiful love songs ever written. They have made a career out of giving new life to old hits. Starting out in the early sixties, in Jersey City, New Jersey, The Duprees were discovered by George Paxton of Coed Records and former big band leader. Impressed with their smooth vocal quality, he had them record Jo Stafford’s 1950’s ballad “You Belong To Me” with Big Band arrangements. It was an instant national hit and the group’s first Million Seller. The unmistakable sound was born and the hits kept coming!

*Some Acts may not contain all original members. Artists are subject to change without notice. All sales are final. No refunds or exchanges.

Who Loves You - A Tribute To Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons
Plus! A Musical Tribute To Dion With A Special Tribute To The Great Girls Groups Of The 50’s & 60’s
Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017, 7:30PM
All Tickets $35.

What can be better than having the music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons live? It is the finest music ever heard marking its generation. WHO LOVES YOU consists of four young, hot Broadway veterans, who re-create the music and stories of the great era of The Four Seasons, and other great artists of that era such as Dion and the Belmonts, The Big Bopper, The Righteous Brothers, and much more. With the choreography, staging, and melodious harmonies, your audience will be clapping and singing along to these most memorable hits. Songs like: Sherry, Runaround Sue, Big Girls Don’t Cry, Walk Like A Man, Teenager In Love, and of course Who Loves You – all smash hits, changed musical history forever. This group will take you back to the 50s, 60s, and 70s capturing all those great songs of its time.
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Cheerios Box Unveiling

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St. Mary’s HS Class of 1967

St. Mary’s HS Class of 1967 will hold its 50th Reunion on Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Molly Pitcher Inn in Red Bank. A dinner is planned for the big event, and in addition, a casual get-together will take place in the Red Bank area on the prior evening, Friday, Sept. 22. For those interested in attending the reunion, a Sunday brunch is also planned. For more info contact Sue Fuller Carl at carl112949@aol.com.

The committee is looking for the following classmates, and if anyone knows their whereabouts please let Sue Fuller Carl know at carl112949@aol.com.


Dowdell Library’s “Just Soup” Winners

The Dowdell Library’s “Just Soup” contest was held on April 4th. Pictured in photo left Vivian Zito 1st prize adult, photo right (l-r) Marilyn Cipollari, Judge, Linda DeLucia, Judge, Karina Molina 1st prize youth and in addition Christine O’Brien, Library Director, Phyllis Stratton, Judge and Nikki Navarits, Judge. (Photos by Joe Litzkonwits)

Local Graduates From Vo-Techs In 1954

There were 11 students from South Amboy and Sayreville who graduated from Middlesex County Vocational schools in 1954. The following is a list with name, school, major or town, and in addition the town.

From ShopRite of Spotswood associate Tracy Roszkowski of South Amboy points to her photo on a special-edition Cheerios box during an event at the store on March 22. The ShopRite of Spotswood joined other ShopRite stores in raising $1.4 million as part of the ShopRite Partners In Caring Cheerios contest. The money raised supports regional food banks in communities served by ShopRite stores. Pictures of 80 ShopRite associates are featured right now on limited edition Cheerios boxes sold in ShopRite stores. (Photo/Story Submitted)

50th Reunion

Each of the 40 winning ShopRite stores chose two ShopRite associates to be featured on a special-edition Cheerios box, and received prize money ($3,000 for the top five stores, and $500 for the remaining winning stores) that will be presented to local food pantries chosen by the respective store teams. Among this year’s winning stores is ShopRite of Spotswood, which selected Alissa Pernaud of ShopRite and Tracy Roszkowski of South Amboy to be featured on 150,000 special-edition Cheerios boxes for their store’s commitment. The box was unveiled during a ceremony at ShopRite on March 22.

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YMCA Annual Healthy Kids Day*

Events encourages kids to stay active and keep learning all summer long.

Saturday, April 29, the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy is hosting a free community event at the YMCA of Metuchen. As an in-store community initiative, YMCA is sponsoring more kids to keep their minds and bodies active at the annual YMCA’s Healthy Kids Day, which this year’s national theme to improve health and well-being for kids and families. The day-long event features activities such as games, art and crafts, obstacle courses and pamphlets of YMCA children’s to motivate and teach families how to develop healthy routines at home.

YMCA’s Healthy Kids Day, celebrated at over 1,600 YCs across the country by over 1.2 million participants, works to get more kids moving and learning about creating healthy habits that they continue all summer long. When kids are out of school, they can face hurdles to maintaining their physical and mental well-being potential. Research shows that without access to out-of-school learning activities, kids fall behind academically and psychologically. The YMCA’s Healthy Kids Day is a powerful reminder not to let child idleness take away their summer that the YMCA family is dedicated to creating "chasing kids up with enthusiasm for themselves and their potential.”

"We are excited when a child feels healthy, happy motivated, and excited something amazing is inevitably going to result,” says Rose Dowdell, YMCA’s President and CEO. “We want the potential of all children, and we strive to help kids find that potential within them. A child’s development is never on hold. YMCA’s Healthy Kids Day is a great opportunity to educate families and motivate kids to stay active in spirit, mind and body throughout the summer.”

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One Day

By Rev. Rhea Carol

The Sun shines, the curtain I deny the light, turn away and try to sleep again

Something is calling me

My conscience? A voice says

Get up, get dressed Walk the dog!

Pleasing yourself, I say No, No, No!

Life is for all:

But my bed is like a womb and I want to stay in it

I get up and I am thankful to be on this earth again

I make MY day

It is perfect and beautiful!

I am Grateful

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“IF YOU ARE FEELING”

Lord, you invited all who are burdened to come to You. Allow your healing touch to touch my deepest wounds and fill them with your compassion for others. Touch my heart with your magntic touch that pulls the rocks into the sea. Touch my lungs and fingers, touch my skin, and fill them with Your touch. Fill my heart with Your love, and please be with me through the hardships that are in my life. I am so sorry for my sins and I ask you to forgive me. I pray you to bless my life and lead me to Your path. I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently with Your compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your love, and please be with me through the hardships that are in my life. I am so sorry for my sins and I ask you to forgive me. I pray you to bless my life and lead me to Your path.

I am grateful

To St. Jude

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored and glorified, loved and remembered for all time. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus lead others to You by my example. Most loving heart of Jesus, on whose heart the most bitter Passion weighed, I beseech You to have compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your love, and please be with me through the hardships that are in my life. I am so sorry for my sins and I ask you to forgive me. I pray you to bless my life and lead me to Your path. Most loving heart of Jesus, on whose heart the most bitter Passion weighed, I beseech You to have compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your love, and please be with me through the hardships that are in my life. I am so sorry for my sins and I ask you to forgive me. I pray you to bless my life and lead me to Your path.

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May 19th 1950 (A Long, Long Night)  
By John (Flip) Phillips

Around 7:30 PM the ground shook, and a huge orange ball rose to the sky over the old coal docks area. Then there was a loud, a very loud “BOOM”! When it happened I was playing stickball with my friend “Tank” Leonard below the tracks on Rosewell Street, right next to the old Sunoco gasoline depot. We looked at each other with a “what the heck just happened” expression, wondering what do we do now? Where do we go? I was only 11 years old and was pretty scared. So, we started to walk towards Henry and John Street. And as we did people came running out of their homes in all kinds of dress and undress, and a lot were bleeding with injuries from flying glass. Just about every window in town blew out especially below the tracks. I remember wondering: where is my mom, my dad and my brothers Jimmie and Joey? I kept thinking and walking. Where do I go, what do I do? I’ll say it again I was pretty scared and confused. Somehow “Tank” and I managed to get ourselves back to David Street. Our house was a mess. All the windows were gone, and the living room was caved in to the crawl space. The only person home was my dad. He slept through the whole thing. I think he had a few Jameson’s in him. My mom came home and she could hardly walk because canned vegetables flew off the shelf at Johnny Gendlek’s and hit her leg and hip. My brother Jimmie finally came home from the hospital. A plate glass window crashed in on him and raked his back like a machine gun. He was hanging out with his Hoffman High School friends up at Aggie’s on Broadway. Joey? Like always I didn’t know where he was or when he got home. Even then “Pinger” did his own thing. If you knew him you know what I mean. But like me he was not injured. People were on the street talking and spreading rumors. What happened? Was it an attack by the Russians? Rumors had it that another barge was going to blow up. Was the town going to be evacuated? We had to get out of the Bowery since we were very close to the coal docks, and the result of another explosion could be disastrous, and the house was unlivable. But where do we go? Thankfully my Uncle Frank and Aunt Helen who lived on Catherine Street came looking for us. They took all of us up to their house. My dad decided to stay in the house to protect our “assets”. What a night, what a night! I remember the sound of sirens blaring all night. We slept on the floor or shared beds with my two cousins Bobby and Ronnie. But we did not get a lot of sleep. What’s funny is that I remember that the TV was working and South Amboy was on all the news programs. The next day I walked downtown to Broadway and saw soldiers and State Troopers along with our cops everywhere. Things were a mess. Then the recovery started. The kids, especially those of us from the Bowery, had a very, very interesting and enjoyable summer. School was out, and we all passed to the next grade. Then there were a lot of things to do like going to major league baseball games, picnics and trips to Palisades Park. But we were told to stay away from the beach areas because they were finding explosive land mines that had to be made safe. (They continued to be found many years into the future.) We stayed away from the beach areas. This is how I remember that day a long time ago in that Pleasant Little City: South Amboy.

The showcase window of Daylight Bakery on Broadway, was completely blown out by the 1950 South Amboy Explosion. (Photo courtesy of Janet Kern)

Windows were blown out in the school and many other places in the surrounding counties. (Photo submitted)
Legendary Rock ‘n’ Roller Chuck Berry died on March 18 at the age of 90. He entertained crowds at concerts in New Jersey many times during his illustrious career, and is pictured here at the PNC Bank Arts Center in 1999, where he co-headlined with Jerry Lee Lewis and Little Richard. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

You Tube-In
Check Jon Bon Jovi dancing with his daughter on stage at the band’s Las Vegas concert in February. Pretty cool steps, Jon!... “Dance With Me” reached #6 in 1975. Great song!... Elvis Presley had a huge hit in ’56 with “Hound Dog.” Did you know he wasn’t the first artist to record this song? In 1952, Big Mama Thornton released the original version, which thankfully, Elvis revised. Take a look and listen to Big Mama... 

Trip To Wheeling Festival Of Lights
The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Wheeling, West Virginia for their Christmas Festival of Lights from November 29 to December 1, 2017. The cost of the trip is $425.00 which includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, and 1 Holiday Dinner Show, bus transportation, bus driver gratuity. Also included in the cost is the Oglebay Park Festival of Lights tour, Winter Fantasy Screen. The price of the trip is $150.00 which includes the musical, lunch at Shady Maple, bus transportation, bus driver gratuity, and snacks on the bus. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Terti at 732-727-7639.

Rory Kelly Returning To NJ
The fabulous Rory Kelly band returns to New Jersey for the weekend of May 19-21. On Friday, May 19, they will be rockin’ the house at Ryan’s Pub, 299 Spotwood/Englishtown Rd., Monroe starting at 9 p.m. On Saturday, May 20, 12:30 p.m., the band finishes its NJ tour on Sunday, May 21 at South Stevens Pub in South Amboy, from 5-9 p.m. Music fans, be sure to catch one or all of their terrific shows! They really rock!

Open Mic Night-
After being on a hiatus from performing at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Open Mic Nights, South Amboy’s Kyle Bielinski made an appearance as a solo guitar performer and was a big hit with the audience on March 11. Good luck, Kyle! (Photo/caption by Joe Lotkowick)

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Talente local band, Split Decision “wants to rock your world!” Playing the best in classic and modern rock, this amazing group will be performing at the following locations: May 27: Tim Kerwin’s, Middletown, NJ at 9:30 p.m., June 2: General Saloon, Old Bridge, NJ at 9:30, June 30: Ryan’s Pub, Monroe, NJ at 9:30 p.m. Come out for some great musical entertainment.

#1 Pop Hits April 29
2009-Boom Boom Pow-The Black Eyed Peas
1993-Informer-Storm
1980-Call Me-Blondie
1971-Joy To The World-Three Dog Night
1967-Somethin’ Stupid-Nancy & Frank Sinatra
1959-Come Softly To Me-The Fleetwoods

#1 Country Hits April 29
2005-Anything But Mine-Kenny Chesney
1999-One Night At A Time-George Strait
1983-American Made-The Oak Ridge Boys
1978-Everytime Two Fools Collide-Kenny Rogers & Dottie West
1966-I Want To Go With You-Eddy Arnold

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Trip to Sight and Sound Play – Jesus
The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Sight and Sound Theater on Thursday, April 5, 2018 to see the new production – Jesus. The price of the trip is $150.00 which includes the play, lunch at Shady Maple, snacks on the bus. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

Trip to American Music Theater
The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to American Music Theater on Thursday, May 3, 2018 to see Songs of the Silver Screen. The price of the trip is $125.00 which includes the musical, lunch at Shady Maple, bus transportation, bus driver gratuity, and snacks on the bus. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

April 29, 2017 South Amboy-Sayreville Times
O’Leary Chosen To All-Area Team

Sayreville boys basketball standout Ryan O’Leary was honored with his selection as a Home News Tribune All-Area 1st Team selection. He played a huge part in helping Coach John Wojcik’s Bombers rack up an excellent (22-6) record. Ryan paced Sayreville with a 16.2 ppg., and finished his stellar schoolboy career with 1,474 points. Congratulations Ryan!

Enahoro: Player Of The Year

Isi Enahoro of Sayreville was selected Home News Tribune Girls Basketball Player Of The Year, and All-Area 1st Team. She led the Bombers to a record-setting 29 wins (29-3), while averaging 14.9 ppg., 6.2 steals, and finished her season with 83 steals per game.

It was an amazing season for Enahoro and Sayreville, as the team coped its first-ever GMC Championship. In the final, a 58-52 victory over South Brunswick, she poured in a season-high 23 points, including a clutch 3-pointer at the end of the third quarter. Isi ended her superb schoolgirl career with 1,250 total points, and will always be remembered as the vital part of Coach Janet Cook’s outstanding team. Congratulations Isi!

Harding Wins MVP At All-Star Game

Sayreville star, Patrick Harding poured in 15 points to lead the Blue Division team to a 79-73 victory over the White Division. Sayreville Lady Bombers coach Janet Cook guided the winners at the 24th annual GMC All-Star basketball game, by firing down a two-handed reverse dunk that brought both benches to their feet in amazement at the play of the night. The Green team was coached by Sayreville’s own John Wojcik.

Kudelka Finishes Career At Bishop Ahr

South Amboy’s Sean Kudelka, a senior at Bishop Ahr HS, helped the Trojans to a (14-12) record this year. He was #3 in scoring with 213 points, 9.3 avg., #2 with 90 rebounds, also second in blocked shots-12. Sean topped the team with 16 assists, and tie for #1 in steals with 27.

I’m Playing For The Yankees

By Albert Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate c. 1974

I’m posing in my uniform
With No. 15 slightly torn
My glove and spikes
Both hustled worn
Like a dream come true
or fairy tale story
I made it to the Major Leagues
I’m playing for the Yankees now
As a kid my mom would always say
Save some baseball for another day
Come and eat and go to sleep
Pray the Lord your heroes to keep
I pushed and made it
To the Major Leagues
I’m playing for the Yankees now
Then I was drafted to another game
Their uniforms
didn’t look the same
No pinstripes but I’m still a Yankee
I made it to the Major League
Paralyzed in my army bed
Can’t move my arms or legs or head
It’s only in my mind
That I can now play baseball
Oh how I used to run and slide
And throw and catch and hit applied
Now it seems I just mostly cry
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**Glory Days In Local Sports**

**1957-St. Mary’s baseball team nipped St. Peter’s, 2-1, behind winning pitcher Tom Przysta, who fired a 4-hitter and struck out 6. 1967-Hoffman’s baseball squad won a thrilling 3-2 contest over Croydon Hall, as winning pitcher Curt Wood won his own game with a bases loaded single in the bottom of the 7th inning. He finished with 2 hits, and Bob Keegan contributed 2 hits for the guns. 1979-Carol Kupcha blasted a 2-run double to give the Hoffman girls softball team a nail- bitting 11-10 victory over East Brunswick Tech. 1980-The Governors pounded East Brunswick Tech, 8-3, as the Mulligan brothers had a big day. Tom Mulligan orbited a 2-homer and a double, and John Mulligan laced an RBI single to support winning pitcher Marty Veilleux. 1995-Winning pitcher Mark Giaconia fired his second straight one-hitter, a 4-hitter and struck out 8, as St. Mary’s shutout Dunellen, 10-0. Bryan DeYoung blasted a 2-run homer and had 3 RBI, Jim Christie unloaded a solo home run, Pat Rock belted a single and triple, and Roy LaBuhe stroked 2 hits.

2004-Sayreville girls softball club edged Colonia, 4-3 in 8 innings. Katie Meyer ripped a game-winning 2-run single in the bottom of the 8th. Jessica Niclau led the hitting attack with a 3-4-0-2 showing and a 2-run homer. Amanda Olenader was superb on the hill, and notched the victory.

**65 Years Ago: Ciol Sets Scoring Record**

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**Locals Who Played For Other High Schools**

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**1995: A Dream Season for Keeter & Thomsen**

Pitches Tracey Thomsen of Sayreville and Jamie Keeter of Hoffman turned in the type of dream seasons most players never experience. Thomsen was a super 14-5 on the hill, struck out 125, and issued only 11 passes in 134 innings, while posting a 1.04 ERA, which included 7 shutouts, a new single season record for the school. On offense, she batted .322, going 19 for 59 with 14 RBIs, and did not strike out. Thomsen also was a golden glove, making only one error in 54 chances for a .981. A 1st team selection in almost every newspaper, she became Sayreville’s all-time leader in victories-44, strikeouts-348, and ERA-1.42. Tracey, was quite possibly the Lady Bombers’ top hurler in history.

Jamie Keeter, an Oklahoma native, was virtually unhittable in almost every outing, championship by sweeping Joe’s City Line by scores of 5-2 in the first game, and 9-5 in Game 2.

Tom Kuc was the winning pitcher, topping Pete Whitehead. Bob Sullivan led all hitters with 5 RBI.

Back In Those College Days

Mike Novak Sayreville’s fine varsity baseball coach, now in his 16th season, went to Bishop Ahr HS, and then onto Montclair State University, where he played varsity football. Brandon Aich (Sayreville)-Kean University, where he played varsity football in 2002.

**The Local Sports Memory Machine**

By Tom Burkard

From The Sports Archives

90 Years Ago

1927-St. Mary’s boys basketball team poses with their 1926-27 City Champs trophy and ball, on the steps of the old high school. We can only identify two in the photo. Top left is Coach Charles Eppinger, and bottom row 2nd from left is John Zdaniewicz, who became a legendary basketball player at Seton Hall University, and later coached St. Mary’s baseball team to championships, followed by his coaching at Hoffman High, where he won several more baseball state titles and served as the AD. He also was the Sayreville Recreation Director for many years.

T.H.E. Game Year-1977 Sport-Baseball Teams-St. Mary’s (2-13) vs. Hoffman (13-6) in Game 2 of the City Series.

Recap-The Eagles shocked the Governors, 4-3 behind winning pitcher John Hughes. Tom Kuc was the winning pitcher, topping Pete Whitehead. Bob Sullivan led all hitters with 5 RBI.

**Next Month: 50 Year Youth League Celebration**

Our May 27th issue sports section will feature the 1967 South Amboy Little Follas League champions-English Chorven, and the South Amboy Babe Ruth League champions-Raritan River Railroad. We hope to get memories and comments from the players and coaches that are available from that dream season. We ask any of the below listed team members to contact The SA Times via e-mail at saddнесенool.com with their memories, or comments. If anyone has an actual team photo, (not from the newspaper), or other personal photos from that season, please e-mail that as well.

**Members of the Sayreville Vets football team gathered many, many years ago for this picture, which was possibly taken at the old WPV Hall, now the Mickey Sedlak Center on Dolan St. The building is right next to the field where the Vets hosted their home games. Pictured top row (l-r) Charles Coyle, Bill Coyle, “Whitty” Rhatican. Bottom row (l-r) Ed Kolodziej, “Turk” Mazuroski, Tom Kuberski, Novak! (Photo/info courtesy of Yvonne Coyle Kromowski)**

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“Nobie” Smith Dies At 79
Former Sayreville War Memorial HS basketball, track coach, New Hope, N.J., died on March 26. He was in the educational field for 42 years, and taught at Sayreville from 1962 through his retirement in 2002. Originally from South River, he went on to play collegiate baseball and lightweight football at Rutgers University. Of noble birth, Nobie was the honorary Bomber Coach John Wortley, and guided the club from 1971-74, winning the Middlesex County Locals In Hall Of Fame
Did you know that three local sports standouts are in the St. John Vianney High School Athletic Hall of Fame? They are Tami Coyle from Sayreville, and coaches Bill Bulman who grew up in South Amboy, and former St. Mary's girls' basketball coach Nick Russo. Both Bulman and Russo built the Lady Lancers basketball program into one of the best in the state of NJ.

FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR RONALD G. RIOS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH
Autism is becoming more prevalent in our communities. The Centers for Disease Control report that as of 2016, autism is diagnosed in one of every 68 births in the United States. Now, a family friend or a new addition to your own family is diagnosed with autism, it’s crucial that we understand how to relate to them and give them our support. This April, I ask you to support people with autism by observing Autism Awareness Month.
National Autism Awareness Month is not only aimed at bringing awareness of the thousands of children who have been diagnosed with autism, but also adults who have lived with autism for many years. The main goal of this observance is to educate the public about what autism is and how it affects children and families, and to promote acceptance and compassion toward those with autism.

There is definitively known cause for autism, nor is there a cure, but an early diagnosis can help treat it through therapy and special education. Many County programs and services designed to help those with autism, today’s children are able to develop and learn at their own pace. Middlesex County offers several programs that aid children with autism and related disorders.

Middlesex County’s Special Child Health Services (SCHS) provides Case Management for special needs children from birth to their 22nd birthday. Case Management services include a review of a child’s needs and services, and the development of a comprehensive care plan for a child’s current and future needs. The program offers resources and referrals to community, state and federal programs. Special Education is one of our County’s most important educational initiatives. The Board supports the Educational Service Commission of New Jersey, headquartered here in the County, which provides fantastic services and educational programs for disabled students and students with autism. Many other County programs, such as Plays-in-the-Park and our wide array of arts and history programs, are inclusive for those with special needs. Please visit our website for more information on any of these services.

Middlesex County is dedicated to giving all our residents the resources they need, and most importantly, the respect and compassion they deserve. When in mind, I ask you once again to please show your support during Autism Awareness Month.

May God bless you, and may God bless America.

GOLF CLASSIC TO BENEFIT HOMELESS PETS
New Beginnings Animal Rescue, 706-R Cranbury Road in East Brunswick, will host a Golf Classic on Tuesday June 13 at Concordia Golf Club, 3 Clubhouse Drive in Monroe Township. Registration begins at 11:00 AM with a shotgun start and scramble format at 12:30 PM. Prize categories include Low Gross Men, Women and Co-Ed Team, Awards, High Gross Team, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin and door prizes. A $10,000 Hole In One prize will also be offered.

History was made in South Amboy during the late eighteen and early nineteenth centuries. Historically, I have no doubt that if the first airmail flight ever from South Amboy, on July 4, 1912, is the most remembered day in the town’s history, 105 years ago this July. However, it is not the only event. Another event took place on September 13, 1926, when Gertrude Ederle, nicknamed, “Queen Of The Waves,” became the first woman to swim the English Channel. A few weeks later, she arrived in America. She was scheduled to first stop in Woodbridge and Perth Amboy but by-passed both towns and made her first stop, instead, at the South Amboy Trust Co. where Mayor Hoffman presented her with a beautiful basket of roses. She came by car over the new Victory Bridge which had been opened that same year. She stayed about an hour, as long as she deemed necessary on her way to her destination, Philadelphia.

Previously in 1910, South Amboy was once again in the news when the world’s first flight was made. K. Hamilton was flying the first bi-plane of that time, a Glenn Curtis bi-plane, from New York to Philadelphia. On Saturday, May 1, 1910 Hamilton Jr. took off for a test flight. On June 10, he was forced to land his plane on Mechanicsville Road to make repairs. After the repairs, he took off with his wing tips touching wires and trees, barely clearing the road. The plane, being forced to land in the wooded area, received much publicity for the feat of the young pilot. Dambrauskas. There was some controversy over the fact that most of the beach stumps in South Amboy was actually a part of Perth Amboy. However, South Amboy split from Perth Amboy in 1835. Historians upon researching the events, claimed that the balloon landing was part of South Amboy, so why along with that.

Hole-in-One prize will also be offered. The fee of $140 per golfer includes greens fees, electric cart, locker room facilities, lunch, beverages, dinner and awards. Any sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information on sponsorship or to register an individual or foursome please contact event coordinator Karen at 722-816-7831, or visit facebook.com/NIBARNJ

Victor Wayne Turback is pictured next to one of his four and unique paintings that were recently on display and sale at the South Amboy Art Center. The event was billed as “The Works Of Victor Wayne Turback, The 70 Year Show, Stuff Dreams Are Made Of...” The SA Times would like to congratulate and wish Victor Wayne all the success in the world, which was April 13 th and was April 13th, and many more. Victor was the longest owner of the Broadway Central Cafe, which is now the Blue Moon. (Photo/story by Joe Lotkowski)

Historical South Amboy
By Fran Fitzmorris

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Forward In Rehab TM
Cutting-Edge Orthopedic Rehabilitation At Alameda Center In Perth Amboy. Located in the heart of Perth Amboy, New Jersey, and awarded a 4 Star CMS rating, Alameda Center’s state-of-art Orthopedic Rehabilitation Program broadens its impressive suite of specialized programs that includes Cardiac Care, Wound Care and Pulmonary Care.

Dedicated to restoring physical function to individuals who have undergone joint replacement, have sustained a musculoskeletal injury, experienced bone trauma or have been diagnosed with a degenerative joint disease, “the aim of Alameda Center’s Orthopedic Rehab Program is to get our patients back home confident and ready to resume an active lifestyle as soon as possible,” states Dr. Grover.

An orthopedic surgeon in practice for more than 51 years, Dr. Grover received his orthopedic training at UMDNJ, is certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery, currently serves as a Chairman of the Department of Surgery at RBMC. Possessing extensive knowledge of the latest research showing that “where an individual goes for treatment can make a difference in their recovery”, Dr. Grover assures his patients that “early rehabilitation can optimize functional gains”.

Indeed, Alameda Center’s physical therapy department begins planning their residents’ rehabilitation prior to arrival, in collaboration with the referring hospital & health care team, using cutting-edge technology to chart the rehab process of each resident.

Use of our experts in rehab helps to improve rehabilitation outcomes over the continuum of care we offer at Alameda Center, the rehab journey comes to an end when the quality of life improves beyond the pre-surgical state of health. Finally, handing the patients back to their loved ones: revitalized in body and spirit!

Focused on restoring physical function and enhancing the skills needed to perform daily activities, building strength and endurance, and maximizing independence, Alameda Center’s specialized Orthopedic Rehab Program features physical, occupational and speech therapy 7 days a week, cutting-edge rehab equipment and modalities and most, importantly, an outstanding staff of expert therapists that delivers effective multidisciplinary treatment plans with a hands-on approach that begins with an initial evaluation and extends through post-discharge care.

A 250-bed subacute rehabilitation and nursing care facility with a 30-year reputation for clinical excellence, Alameda Center was named “Best Local Rehabilitation Facility” upon a visit, and to obtain more information please call Janzel Hutchinson, Executive Director of Admissions & Marketing/Assistant Administrator

Alameda Center For Rehabilitation & Healthcare at 732-638-7280.
March Winners

Last month’s WWW.? Mystery Photo was the old Jersey Central Power & Light Co. generating station, also known as E.H. Werner power plant on lower Main St. in South Amboy. The winners who correctly identified the building were:


Freeholder Meets With Seniors

Middlesex County Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios visited with senior citizens at Our Lady of Victories Church in Sayreville on April 7. The visit included a presentation describing County programs available for active seniors and those looking for varying levels of care. Director Rios has already met with senior citizens in Carteret, Cranbury, East Brunswick, Highland Park, Jamesburg, Old Bridge, Perth Amboy, Piscataway, Sayreville, South Amboy and South Brunswick. More visits and programs available for active seniors and those looking for varying levels of care. Director Rios has already met with senior citizens in Carteret, Cranbury, East Brunswick, Highland Park, Jamesburg, Old Bridge, Perth Amboy, Piscataway, Sayreville, South Amboy and South Brunswick.

Vendors Sought For Monthly Yard Sale To Benefit Squad

The Sayreville Emergency Squad will hold a MONTHLY community yard sale on the THIRD Saturday of each month, through September 16, and October 21. The community yard sales have spots available for $15 per space. Event dates are May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16, and October 21. To reserve a spot, or for more information, email sesfleamarket@gmail.com. Or call the Edna at 908-208-2358.

WWF Comments

Hi Tom.  I feel your picture of Gerity’s is last month’s newspaper should not have been allowed. I heard many people say they thought it was Gerity’s, but we dismissed it because many considered Gerity’s to be Laurence House, which is past Old Bridge. In any of my discussions with the locations, I only would have considered Sayreville or Sayreville. Respectfully, Bruce Grankowski

Publisher’s Response

The February WWW.? Mystery Photo contest was the most difficult for contestants in the 10-plus years that it has been a feature in The SA Times. Very few people correctly identified the building, and none of our many defending co-champions from 2016 knew that it was Gerity’s Breeze Inn on Rt. 35 North in Laurence Harbor (very close to Sayreville, and considered the Morgan Beach by many). This is within our Bayshore readership area, not only just South Amboy and Sayreville. We’re sorry if some readers thought that the photos were only from South Amboy/Sayreville locations, but to be perfectly honest, there are very few if any buildings and structures in the local communities that have not been already photographed and identified in previous contests.

We would love to keep the contest going on indefinitely, but in order to do so, will have to expand our territory to other nearby towns, if we are to continue the highly-popular WWW.? feature. Remember the WWW.? is challenging, but it is meant to be FUN!

*Contestants Remember! The answer is incorrect if you only send in the street name and address. You must identify the structure with the actual name that it is or was, not the type of work, or anything vague about it, or your submission is incorrect. Remember, we need the name of the building, not the address or street it’s located on.

Hi Tom, if I missed one after working for 36 years I would really start to worry. Of course it is the former JCPL building. Co. E.H. Werner powerhouse building which was located on lower Main St. I’m sad to see it gone.

If you get a chance, please say hello to my old friend and basketball foe John Phillips. If I missed this one after working there for 36 years I would really start to worry. Of course it is the former JCPL building. Co. E.H. Werner powerhouse building which was located on lower Main St. I’m sad to see it gone.

Other Mail

I enjoy seeing your paper every month. My dad owned and operated STANLEY BOTTLING WORKS at the rear of 540 Main St. in South Amboy. You may have known my brother Stanley, who did most of the deliveries in town.

Thanks,
Bob Martenak
Where in New Jersey?

March Information

Where in New Jersey?

• Hot Dog Johnny’s opened its doors in 1944, at the intersection of Route 46 and 31 in Warren County. John Kovalsky and his wife Louise soon realized they would need more space and moved to the current location along the Pequest River. The business is currently in its current location along the Pequest River.

Hot Dog Johnny’s

Hot Dog Johnny’s opened its doors on Route 46 in Buttzville. Several readers incorrectly identified the photo as the Circus Drive In Gate Village. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

buttermilk is delicious! Stanley Zdanowicz (Formerly of South Amboy)

This month’s Where in New Jersey is Hot Dog Johnny’s. We made many stops there on our way to Camp Cowan Boy Scout Camp in the 1960’s.

Gary Feret

As a child, my family traveled old Rt. 46 quite often as my mother owned and operated a children’s camp in Blairstown, N. J. My first visit to Johnny’s that I can recall was around 1953 when I was five or six. Originally they did not offer french fries and that lasted many years. Today their iced glass mug of birch beer is always great and a friend enjoys the buttermilk. When Rt. 80 was constructed it offered a faster time to Blairstown so we did not pass thru Buttzville and Belvidere as often. Anyway it is a nice area just to take a drive to. Dane Colburn S.A.

That is a picture of Hot Dog Johnny’s on Route 46 in Buttzville, NJ. We ate many hot dog there on our way to our camper in Pennsylvania. They also sold buttermilk in glass bottles - great memories. Marge Rogowski Wirtz, VA (formerly of Sayreville)

You can send your answers in to: satimes@aol.com or scan below by May 15th.

March Where in New Jersey?

Hot Dog Johnny’s

Buttville, New Jersey

WWI Centennial Free Lecture

The Middlesex County Office of Culture and Heritage invites you to the next installment in its series of events marking the centennial of World War I. This special presentation will focus on how New Jersey was impacted by an important event that coincided with the First World War, the 1918 Influenza Pandemic.

This free program is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30 at East Jersey Old Town Village, 1070 River Road in Piscataway. Eddie O’Brian is the presenter and is one of the most severe of the 20th Century. Educator Jennifer Harmen will examine the impact the pandemic had on New Jersey and the response by local communities.

“As Americans, it is important for all of us to understand how historic events like WWI and the Influenza Pandemic still shape our lives today,” said Middlesex County Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios. “I hope everyone will come and enjoy this event and also reflect on the challenges New Jersey faced a century ago.”

“I look forward to this event and the other events planned for the WWI Centennial series,” said Freeholder Kenneth Armwood, chair of the County’s Business Development and Education Committee. “I encourage all residents to join us and learn more about the role our State and County have played in America’s history.”

This program is offered free of charge, but registration is required. Register by 4 p.m. on Friday, April 28 by calling (732) 745-3030 ext. 316. or register online, send an email to culturalheritage@co.middlesex.nj.us.

Persons with hearing disabilities may dial 711, the New Jersey Relay System. In case of inclement weather, call (732) 726-8966.

For more information on this and other history programming, visit the County website at www.middlesexcountynj.gov or call 732-777-9848.

Funding for “The 1918 Influenza Pandemic” is provided in part by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the New Jersey Historical Commission/Department of State.

The ESCNJ Pathways to Adult Living (PAL) program, for special needs students 18-21, begins in September 2017. Students will meet daily at a newly constructed storefront in Sayreville to work on daily living skills like cleaning, painting, and meal preparation, participate in job sampling in collaboration with community employers, and (above), reinforce community education skills like accessing public transportation. Photo: Courtesy of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey

New Transition Program for 18-21 Year Old Classified Students

To help fill the void many 18-21 year old special needs students experience when their peers graduate from high school and move on to college or the working world, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ), will start a Pathways to Adult Living (PAL) program in September 2017. This program is for students who have completed their high school academic requirements, yet need additional Community-based Instruction (CBI) in preparation for independent living.” said Superintendent Mark J. Finkelstein.

“Our Board of Directors recognized the need for this type of programming for young adults aged 18-21 year-old population, and were unanimous in voting to support the program,” he said.

Under the guidance of appropriately certified Structured Learning Experience (SLE) faculty, staff, and job coaches, students will begin each day at a newly built storefront on Main Street in downtown Sayreville, said Assistant Superintendent for Learning/Ed. Services Gary Molenaar.

“The students will devote some time to technology infused functional academic work, and several hours reinforcing daily living skills like cleaning, painting, changing bed sheets and preparing meals, in addition to learning how to safely use equipment like a washing machine, dryer, vacuum cleaner, microwave oven and dishwasher,” Mr. Molenaar said.

Students will participate in individual and group job sampling and internships as well as gain real work experience during the course of the program, the ESCNJ program coordinator, said.

If you or someone you know is interested in more information on the ESCNJ Pathways to Adult Living (PAL) program, or the ESCNJ PAL program in general, please contact the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders or the New Jersey Historical Commission/Department of State. South Amboy Mayor John T. O’Leary with shovel prepares to break ground at the site of Shore Gate Village. (Photo by Tom Burkard)
Prevent Childhood Drowning

Playing in the water at the beach or pool can be great fun for the summer, and great exercise and should be part of everyone’s childhood. But the reality is...that drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death in children. What should parents always remember as they slide on those bathing suits and pack up the car?

1. Teach your child to swim!!
The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that swimming lessons should be considered for children ages 1 to 3. Parents should decide about swimming lessons based on their child’s physical abilities, emotional readiness, and closeness to water. Families with pools or who live near a lake should consider lessons at an earlier age.

2. Always supervise your child in the water.
Never even for a moment leave small children alone or under the supervision of another young child while in or near any kind of water. This includes bathtubs, toilets, buckets, or irrigation ditches. Keep a young child within arms reach when in the water. Even if you choose swimming areas with lifeguards, you still need to keep an eye on you kids. Lifeguards can’t always watch every person at every moment.

3. Make sure your pool is surrounded by a fence.
According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, a fence that completely surrounds a pool isolating it from the house can cut drowning risk by half. To really be safe, a fence should be at least 4 feet high, difficult to climb, and have a self latching lock closure. Building codes don’t always require fencing around inflatable pools, but many of them contain thousands of gallons of water and stay up for weeks at a time.

4. Learn CPR
All parents should know CPR. Starting CPR immediately can mean the difference between life and death, and can prevent severe brain damage. To find a class near you, contact the American Red Cross or speak with your local emergency first aid squads to see when they offer CPR classes.

5. Some other suggestion for parents to prevent drowning, don’t use air filled aids like water wings. Instead use lifejackets. They are designed to keep kids safe. All children should wear a lifejacket in a boat or at the water’s edge. Know how deep the water is and what’s underneath before letting kids jump in. Never let kids dive in until you know there’s enough water, for example a pool should be at least 12 feet deep under the diving board. When at the ocean teach kids what to do in a rip current. Swim parallel to the shore until you can get out of the current, then swim back to shore. Alcohol is a major risk factor when it comes to teen drowning. Talk to your kids about the dangers of drinking and swimming.

Classic Car Cruise Night
South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 host their annual spring Classic Car Cruise Night Friday May 9 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Oldies music, food and drinks are available. Trophies will be awarded to the best cars. Everyone is asked to bring a non-perishable food item or baby supplies to help local people in need. For more information call 732-727-7639 or 732-742-1320.
Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios spent the morning of April 20 supporting veterans’ services, as he attended two events that recognized and advocated for the veterans’ community.

First, Director Rios spoke to an audience of service staff and outreach professionals at Middlesex County College during the Veterans Health Services and Benefits Overview for Community Providers, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Rios discussed Middlesex County’s commitment to enhancing veterans’ services and building on its recent accomplishment of effectively ending veterans’ homelessness. Rios also applauded those in attendance, and building on its recent accomplishment of effectively ending veterans’ homelessness.

Commercial grade with worklight: "4".

Immediately following, Director Rios was among the distinguished guests who congratulated veterans receiving medals and ribbons at the New Jersey Medals Ceremony at Woodbridge Center Mall. The ceremony was sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Division of Veterans Programs. Twenty-four combat veterans received the Distinguished Service Medal, New Jersey’s highest military award.

Four individuals also received the New Jersey Honor Guard Ribbon.

High School, College Students Sought For County Youth Conservation Corps

Applications are now being accepted for the Middlesex County Youth Conservation Corps, whose mission is to protect and preserve the more than 8,000 acres of Open Space owned and maintained by Middlesex County.

The County recognizes that these natural areas must always be guarded from misuse, pollutants and the forces of nature, and needs help in keeping these areas green and safe. Conservation Corps crew members earn $10.00 per hour and will work Monday through Friday from June 26 through August 18. Work will primarily take place at County Open Spaces in Old Bridge, Monroe and South Brunswick. Students age 16 and over are encouraged to apply.

“Maintaining and preserving our open spaces and trails is a challenging task, and our Youth Conservation Corps has continued to rise to that challenge,” said Freeholder Charles Kenny, chair of the County’s Infrastructure Management Committee. “This program has helped thousands of young people learn valuable skills, such as cooperation and responsibility, while their environmental work ensures Middlesex County will stay clean, green and healthy.”

“The Board of Chosen Freeholders has always been very proud of the Youth Conservation Corps and the remarkable work it has done to improve the environment of our County,” said Middlesex County Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios. “Middlesex County is devoted to its land management goals as well as the personal development of its younger residents. This program allows the County to reach both goals in a responsible and economical way.”

Activities include trail building, litter clean-up, invasive species removal and wildlife habitat improvements. Applicants should be enthusiastic, motivated and willing to work and learn as a part of a team. Also, applicants must have the capacity to walk several miles and stand for extended periods of time, the willingness to get dirty and work outdoors in various weather conditions and the ability to use various hand tools.

Space is limited. Applicants should send an application to Griffith Boyd, Middlesex County Office of Parks and Recreation, PO Box 661, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

A full job description and a link to a downloadable application can be found at www.middlesexcountynj.gov. Search “Work With Us.” Applications must be received in the office by May 19, 2017. For more information, call Griffith Boyd at 732-745-3064.

We would love to hear from you!
Salt Water
Striped Bass fishing has picked up both in the ocean and Bay. Surf fishermen to our south have been catching quite a few short Bass. Not many keepers however in Raritan Bay. A nice 16 pound Bass was caught at Union Beach. There were a few other keepers caught here also. Cliffwood Beach seems to be a pick of short Bass. I saw quite a few people fishing at Morgan Beach and also saw two Fish and Game Wardens checking them for shorts one night. Boaters are doing better in the bay and even catching some Flounder. Flounder fishing is still decent in Shark River. Party boats fishing the wrecks offshore are catching Blackfish, a few Ling and Cod. There are no Mackerel. New Jersey is still not accepting the new Fluke regulations-No news on this yet.

Fresh Water
Opening day Trout season was not too good. Very high streams that were off color, wind and the cold were a hindrance. In some of the stocked lakes, some people did alright. Verona Park Lake in Essex County was stocked with 40 Large Breeders. Some up to 5 pounds were caught. I wasn’t able to go out on the first day, but my wife and I went Sunday to the lower Pequest. The water was high, off color with a heavy current making it nearly unfishable. We had the right bait and lures but caught only one Trout. Other people we saw had not caught any. The Shad run has started I the Delaware River despite the high water.

On a recent trip to the Outer Banks North Carolina, Mike and Robert Lockwood with their nephew Mark Wisneski landed this 400 pound bluefin tuna after a nearly 5 hour long battle. „Butts” McKeon was able to capture this image from his iPhone. The tuna measured 93”. (Photo submitted by Pat Rose)

Three dedicated volunteers are pictured with bags full after cleaning up along the beach at Waterfront Park in South Amboy/Sayreville. (Photo by Tom Burkard)
GROCERY STORES AND MEAT MARKETS:
Because there were no large food shopping centers around, just about all the food shopping was done at the stores on Broadway. Everyone wore a hat, and I remember that I, remember but then concentrate on those that I have a memory of. Norton’s, St. Mary’s, Green’s and others. The A&P and the Safeway. And, further up the “boulevard” was John Gendlek’s and Jasper’s (fruits and vegetables). Our go to store was probably the A&P and the Safeway and John Gendlek’s Grocery & Delicatessen. My mom always bought our meat from Gendlek’s. There they would cut and grind your hamburger as you watched. The A&P was the go to store for tea, coffee (8 O’Clock), sauces and vintage Diana Parker pastries. Almost every Monday they would reduce the cakes and pastries that did not sell and going out of date to 50% price. My mom would give you this cake and would take from 8 O’Clock a lot of milk. I never said anything to me or my brother Joey about it when we were sent up there for lunch meat and rolls on a Sunday afternoon.

PETRO’S & SPA’S: I always got my haircut at Mr. Credico’s until high school when we started to go to Vince’s Barber Shop on Stevens Avenue. If you played high school sports, Hoffman or St. Mary’s, that was the place to go also. Remember Mr. Credico’s son (Leo?) would always bring his lunch around noon time during the school year. He would stop everything, if you were in the chair doing your homework, and go over to one of the Spa’s. I don’t remember ever getting a haircut at Greco’s. A really great place to get a job was/original Petro’s. There were 3: Arky’s, Hoffman’s and Peterson’s. Hoffman’s was the only one with a lunch and ice cream counter, and we did all of our business there until it burned down. Then it was Peterson’s for what we needed.

Fish & Chips: There was only one place that sold fish and seafood, and that was Alber’s. I remember that the Manager was Bill and was/is Ban’s Restaurant in Broadway. It was a one place that sold fish and seafood, and that was Alber’s. I remember that the Manager was Bill and was/is Ban’s Restaurant in Broadway. It was a

Broadway at John Street looking south

station, WMCA. Do you remember the radio show Make Believe Ballroom hosted by Martin Block on Saturday mornings? I have no idea if you did but I do know it would be a big part of my life in my growing up and retirement years. I loved to listen to it. The RCA, Philco, Fada, Emerson, Motorola and GE. And, they were all made in America!

hardware & Software: There was Max Severine’s on Broadway across from David Street, right across from the street from Louie Zall’s. Reiner’s the other Broadway hardware store was across from the First National Bank. Semer’s was my kind of store. They had everything in that store. Lionel trains, model ships, snow sleds, wagons, and dumb stuff for the house like dishes and mops etc. I bought my first model airplane there. I remember it was a Chuck Nitty kid size model. I paid $1.50 for it and sand it, paint it and carefully put all on the markings. Not like today where everything is plastic, and all you do is take it out of the box and plug it in and decorate. Putting together models back then took time and a little patience. Reiner’s was basically just that a hardware store, and after Semer’s burned down Reiner’s became the only hardware store on Broadway.

the Firehouse: Just about in the middle of the block was the Enterprise and Independence fire house. Why am I talking about fire houses? Because, all through the history of 1953 St. Mary’s school had a big fire on the top floor, the auditorium. It was used for school plays, basketball full court activities. The school could not be used until it was repaired. So, every class from high school to the first grade was rented out to the buildings across town. The 8th grade (my class) was on the top floor of the firehouse. It was a long day with time out in the late afternoon to go to the firehouse and eat a peanut butter sandwich. The Firehouse would give me a dollar and a list of what kind of Tasty Cakes the Nuns in buildings along the street would give us. Every Saturday we would go across the street to Greenspan’s and buy and deliver them. Remember, Tasty Cakes were a big deal. My favorite was Buttercup Scroll Cakes.

the Empire Theatre: We were lucky to have our own movie house until it burned down in 1950. The Friday night early show and the Saturday Matinee (almost always Western or Abbott & Costello comedy serials) were favorites. There was perhaps a short Three Stooges comedy but a lot of fun. It only cost 20 cents to get in and you could have a 10 cent coke and a dime for popcorn. When the early show Friday was over (8:30?) the manager would get on the stage and tell us not to talk to strangers on the way home. Times have surely changed and I would say as safe could be then for kids. Sometimes on Saturday or Sunday in the Summer when it was very hot, the theater would open the doors for some air shows between 11 in the afternoon because there was no air conditioning. Sometimes me and one of my friends (probably Tank Leonard) would sneak in before they closed the doors. We would bring an empty bag and crawl between the seats. We had a lot of fun but there wasn’t much to see: Ugh! But, over the years I have eaten much worse, especially when I was in the Marine and Army. I did a story about it once.

Ice Cream: There were only 2 places to get your ice cream on Broadway in my opinion. It was Joe’s Smoke Shop for hand dipped Daisy Dinette Ice Cream. You could get a quarter, you would get a full pint, or more, for the price of a half pint. But, only if Joe’s was doing the scooping. Now if you wanted an Ice Cream Soda, Ice Cream Sundae or a Banana Split you went to O’Connor. Mr. O’Connor was the best in the business, he would whip the cream. Maybe another one. Next to the A&P (?) was a small store that sold Hershey ice cream. They would cut it into 3 sections and put it on a soft cone and if your soft cone melted you would have to eat the whole thing. It was good ice cream but there were not many flavors.

MILLER BERNAG AND YESH: There was aumber club that was the east corner of First Street and Broadway. It was a busy place with trucks coming and going all day.

Bakeries: We had 2, Lou’s Pastry on Broadway and Heinzel’s on the corner of Broadway and Our Church in the Bakery, home of Blue- Ribbon Bread next to the Safeway. My old basketball teammate from St. Mary’s high school worked there. And, whenever we rode around town in his parents big Buick there was always a bag of cookies. On Kinde Street, the Daylight Bakery was by far the most popular. Their Jewish Rye bread was the best, especially with butter. I still remember their Pie. We would go to the shop to get a slice of tiramisu, jelly and custard donuts, and of course huckleberry pie. My favorite. And, their hard rolls was fantastic, a little firm on the outside but soft inside. The only place I had hard rolls like that was when I worked in Europe. Now, the Daylight Bakery ovens were very close to where I lived on lower David Street. Probably only a few hundred feet. So, when you were coming from west to eat the smell of baking bread, rolls and pastry was, let’s say torture. So, sometimes I would head up to the back of the bakery and “hang” around to smell the bread baking. When I broke a (smoke) I might get some “not good for sale” stuff. It did not matter to me how it is cooked. I just loved it.

FINKELSCHNITZ: You are probably thinking. Finkelstein’s? Well, I have to get this straight. Heinzel’s was the only kosher garment factory on Broadway up near Briggs. My mother worked there for years to make ends meet. She did a lot of “piece work” (you pay for the amount you produced versus an hourly wage) so she would work several nights a week to buttonhole away on lady garments. My brother worked there also. I would go with her. We would help by helping the janitor, and playing with those kids playing on the playground. If we did a good job the janitor would open the canteen and let us have a Coke and a bar of candy. In the summer, when we lived on lower David Street and school was out, my brother Jimmie (Big Flip) would be forced to mind Joey and me. Let’s say he did not like it. He earned his money in the Navy. A few years later: My Drill Instructor or DI. Joey and I would want until the right moment, we would jump the back fence and scramble up on the hill. Sometimes I remember that perhaps some of you ladies out there might recall. The girls from the Navy would have a party on St. Mary’s would start a week or so before Halloween to paint the store windows across Broadway with Halloween theme paintings. I would ride my bike up there and spend time looking at the progress trying to guess just what they were painting. They must have had a lot of fun because there was always laughing and enjoying themselves. And, the high school boys who came to watch thought they would scare me and guess flaming. Then after the judging awards were given out it was time to wash away the paint with soap and water.

Christmas: Right after Thanksgiving Dooeling Electric would start stringing lights across Broadway. Now, it was not as elaborate as Perrih Amboy. But, it brightened up the town and it was neat looking I guess! All about of the stores decorated their windows (Harry’s) in Christmas fashion. Then on the first week of December Melrose Toy Store would sponsor a Christmas Parade that you remember the Melrose and the First National Bank. Memorial bands playing music Christmas while marching along with Santa.

I am older than 50 days. I played with the bowery boys, went to school where the good nuns of St. Mary’s had patience with me, enjoyed the summers by going to the beach on Myrtle Avenue now South Amboy. I am today. I met and remember a lot of good people from those growing up days, and a few had a significant role in my life. Believe me, South Amboy was a wonderful town to grow up in! "That Pleasant Little City By the Bay."
Carmelita C. Tarallo, passed peacefully at home, Friday April 21, 2017 at the blessed age of 93. Carmelita was born April 9, 1924 in South Amboy, NJ to Samuel and Carmela Tarallo. She wed Walter J. Rondesko in 1948. The two purchased a plot of land in Sayreville, NJ with a big brick building and a dream to provide for his family. 65 years later that dream stands today as The Brick House Bar & Grill. Carmen ran her establishment while proudly raising her four children. She resided in (and all around) Sayreville for the remainder of her life.

Carmen was an avid church goer and a member of the Sayreville Thursday Senior Club. She danced in the Franklin High Steppers for 20 years and loved her Tuesday yoga class at the health center. She watched her Yankees and Giants religiously, cooked a mean meatball, and drove better than most people you know. And you could almost always find her with a crossword puzzle or newspaper in hand.

She lived to take care of her family and anyone in need. Having lived a full and healthy life, she was an inspiration to all who knew her. Carmen will be remembered by all as a family woman and a woman who did it all with ease, even being 93. Her most coveted attribute was passing for 63 at age 93, although she would never willingly reveal that. She sported a shirt that read, “Still Nifty at 50!” well into her 80’s and always kept people guessing. Perhaps the secret to her longevity was remaining a child at heart.

Aside from her animal print fur coats and extensive jewelry collection, which she often adorned all at one time, Carmen was not a flashy woman. She was humble, smart, independent, quick witted and sharp until the very end. Finishing each of her long days falling asleep in her favorite chair; It is there where she peacefully left this world.

Her greatest pleasure in her last years was spending time with her great-grandchildren Scarlett and Bobby Jr, wishing she could live forever to see them grow.

She was known by those closest to her as “Mom-Mom.” A mother to all.

Predeceased by her husband Walter J. Rondesko and their daughter Michele, sisters Sadie, Jule, Fran, Anna, Gloria, Jean and brothers Anthony and Frank.

She is survived by her brothers Joseph and Salvatore; her Loving Children MaryAnn Spisso, Donna Amato, Walter Rondesko and his wife Diane; her Adoring Grandchildren Jillian, Megan, Danny, Katie, Michael, David; her Enchanted Great-grandchildren, Scarlett and Bobby Jr. as well as several nieces and nephews.

Her family states; “There are many of us, but there will only ever be one Mom-mom.”
In Memoriam
By Tom Burkard

Frank Bobek, 95, of Sayreville/South Amboy died on March 17. He served in the U.S. Army as a proud Sergeant in World War II. He later was the owner/operator of Sun Valley Furniture in Morgan for over 70 years. Frank was on the Board of Directors for many years at South Amboy Savings and Loan Association, and also a Trustee at Bay City Savings in South Amboy. Mercy Sister Lilian Lurita, 76, formerly Sister Mary Rosaleen, a South Amboy native died on March 28. She entered the religious life in 1957, and taught at many Catholic schools, including Our Lady of Victories School in Sayreville. Doris Ruszycz, 90, of South Amboy died on March 30. She was a charter member of the South Amboy High School Band, and a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church. She graduated in 1943 from St. Mary’s High School. Doris was a very nice lady, who loved to travel with her family. Maureen Balman, 62, formerly of South Amboy died on April 1. She was a Special Education teacher at the Ewing School District before retiring. Ann Mulvey, 88, of Morgan died on April 2. She was employed at DuPont Film plant and later worked at Jo’s Tomb Sub Shop and also the Paper Tiger. Ann was active for many years with St. Mary’s Grammar and High School PTA. She was also active in the Sayreville VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post #4699 and American Legion Post #211. A kind-hearted lady, who will be sadly missed but never forgotten...Thomas L. Kelly, 89, of Sayreville died on April 14. During his retirement in 1992, he was employed by the Middlesex County Police Dept., for 33 years retiring as Chief. He then worked for Maliszewski and Spezzi Funeral Homes for 19 years, until 2013. Tom was a member of numerous organizations in the area, and a long time usher/collector at Our Lady of Victories Church. Richard Donelon, 78, formerly of Sayreville died on April 16. He taught in the Sayreville schools system for 40 years, and was Band Director at Wilson School, Sayreville Middle School, and Sayreville War Memorial HS. Richard was also the Orchestra Director at the middle and high schools. Robert Tabasko, 85, formerly of South Amboy died on April 16. He was a Korean War veteran who served with the 2nd Infantry Division, and received a Combat Infantry Badge. In addition, he was a Lab Technician at Hercules, Inc. for 20 years, and later worked at the DuPont Co. in Union, NJ, Newark & Wilmington, DE, and retired as a warehouse supervisor after 20 years. Mary God Bless all of these wonderful people for their good works on earth.

Remembering “Poncho” O’Connor
By Tom Burkard

Jonathan “Poncho” O’Connor, 65, formerly of Morgan died on March 3. He was a 1969 graduate of St. Mary’s High School, and always had a good laugh and was a friend to all. After his college days at Middlesex County College, he became active in the South Amboy Men’s Senior Slow Pitch Softball and Basketball Leagues and formed his own teams, which were known as Poncho’s Pilots. His teams were made up mostly of friends from St. Mary’s and sports squads debuted in 1971. He loved competing, especially in softball, and was one of the most dedicated, and hustling players I ever played against. I also had the honor of being his teammate on a few different teams through the years. Poncho had many pastimes including playing the guitar (I only wish I got to hear him play), listening to music, photography, building computers, watching movies, and being a part of nature. He was a Journeyman Carpenter for 35 years before retiring. Jonathan “Poncho” O’Connor was always an honest, moral and hard-working man, who was dedicated to his family and friends, and brought happiness to everyone who got to know him. He will be sadly missed, but always remembered.

In Loving Memory

My deepest thanks to family, our special friends and the IBEW Local 456 who showed the true meaning of brotherhood. Sympathetic words, great stories and just pure honest friendship for a good guy who just wanted to fish. Comfort and understanding at a time when his life story came to an end way too soon. You are always in my heart.

Love, Patti

Fisherman’s Prayer
God grant I may eat fish until my dying day, and when the final cast is made and life has slipped away, I pray that God’s great landing net will catch me in its sweep, and in my money, God will judge me big enough to keep.

“I imagine the beauty of it – that moment when the soul of a loved one returns to the stars, the voices of each one whispering, I remember you”

Thank you to the countless family members, friends, neighbors, colleagues, and first responders, who celebrated the wonderful beautiful life of Nicholas J. Weber, who passed away on March 19, 2017 at the age of 81. The outpouring of love and support shown to our family through this difficult time has been, without a doubt, astounding. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Though our hearts are heavy and our loss immeasurable, we are blessed beyond words, to have spent our lives with such a kind, loving soul, we proudly call our husband and father.

The Family of Nicholas J. Weber

Obituaries

In Memory Of
Happy 66th Birthday In Heaven
April 25th, 1950

Love, Joe and Family

In Memory Of
The Family of Nicholas J. Weber
CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND SERVICES SATURDAY, MAY 20th 2017 12PM

OUR PARADE IS BEING HELD ON THE SATURDAY PRIOR TO MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION BY OUR CITIZENS. PLEASE JOIN US AS WE SALUTE OUR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN!

ALL VETERANS ARE INVITED TO MARCH WITH US!! Anyone interested in participating can contact Phyllis (732) 347-4181

PARADE ROUTE:
LINE UP AT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ON 4TH STREET AT 11AM

PROCEED DOWN STEVENS AVE TO JOHN STREET
AND UP BROADWAY TO CITY HALL

Memorial Services will be held by the American Legion Post 62 at City Hall following the Parade. We hope you will be able to stay for these services!

AMERICAN LEGION LUKE A. LOVELY POST 62 WILL BE HOLDING MEMORIAL VISITS AT THE FOLLOWING SITES ON SUNDAY, MAY 28TH 2017

1) Gazebo on Bordentown Ave. 9:00 am sharp
2) Christ Church Cemetery
3) Morgan Cemetery
4) Morgan Explosion Cemetery
5) Sacred Heart Cemetery
6) St. Mary’s Cemetery
7) Benjamin Sebba Monument (at the Waterfront Park)
8) SA Boat ramp
9) American Legion Post 62

“GOD BLESS AMERICA!”

For additional information, please contact: events@southamboynj.gov or call Jaclyn Kelly at (732) 525-5965