



South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal, Mayor Fred A. Henry (l) and wife Linda (r) wave to the crowd from a beautiful Rolls Royce convertible. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

## St. Patrick's Day Parade An Outstanding Event

By Tom Burkard

Even the Nor'easter that dropped over six inches of snow on the area earlier in the week could not keep the parade from going on. City workers were seen feverishly clearing streets and sidewalks during the week leading up to parade day to ensure participants and viewers of the parade were safe.

Irish eyes were smiling and the sun was shining when the parade started at 1 p.m., at the corner of South Pine Ave. and Bordentown Ave., with temperatures hovering around 47 degrees, as countless thousands of parade marchers and spectators from all parts of the country came out to enjoy South Amboy's biggest and best social event of the year. Once again, American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 was the first line of marchers in the parade, which is one of New Jersey's largest. They were followed by Mrs. Saban, mother of Sgt. First Class Benjamin L. Sebban of South Amboy who was killed in action 10 years ago on March 17th.

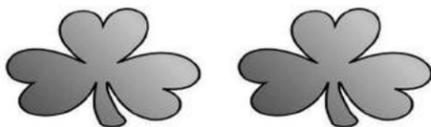
South Amboy Mayor Fred A. Henry served as Grand Marshal, Jan C. Williams was Deputy Grand Marshal, Patrick Walsh was Honorary Grand Marshal. WCTC's Bert Baron was the parade's Special Guest.

Thousands of spectators lined the route of the parade along South Amboy's busiest streets, and were caught up in the Irish spirit, as they cheered and waved to the participants as they passed. Vendors were all over selling balloons, cotton candy, hot pretzels and much more, and the kids had a terrific time picking up candy that was thrown to the crowd by many of the marchers, businesses, and organizations who participated in the parade.

People marching in the parade included performing groups, fire companies, first aid squads, rescue squads, veterans and military personnel, policemen, schools, social groups, churches, fraternal organizations, businesses and more. Local favorites, the Colonel D.B. Kelly Pipe & Drums drew applause and cheers all along the route.

Local, county and state dignitaries, including gubernatorial candidate Assemblyman John Wisniewski, enjoyed the

day, as they marched through South Amboy and waved to the crowds. Parade Chairman/South Amboy City Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross, who predicted prior to the parade that it would be "The biggest and best ever," was right on the money with that statement, as it was most spectacular, and will be remembered for a long time. Everyone had a terrific time once again, and a big "thank you" and congratulations go out to Mickey, the Parade Committee, and all who helped make this day a tremendous success!



## South Amboy Man Has Over 700,000 Views On Youtube

By Tom Burkard

South Amboy resident Dion Roy has had an amazingly successful music career, and recently his beautiful song, "Daughter" has reached a mind-boggling 733,000 views on youtube.com.

The 37-year old singer/songwriter was born in the country of Namibia, and at 2 years old, his family moved to South Africa. At age 9, they moved to the U.S., and settled in Cranford, NJ. Dion later relocated to New York for about 14 years, before coming to South Amboy. His parents moved to South Amboy in 2004. Roy played the live circuit in New York and Hoboken, but said "I like this town, running at Waterfront Park and walking my dog." He currently works in public relations in New York City.

He recalled his love for music began when he started singing in the high school choir as a sophomore. "I changed my shop class for the choir, and during that time, I learned to play bass while working in a pet shop. The first bass line I ever learned was "Under The Bridge" by The Red Hot Chili



The Sayreville Lady Bombers celebrate after capturing the CJ Group 4 championship. (Photo by Eileen Downs Giovenco)

## Sayreville Girls Win White Division, GMCT, CJ Group 4 Titles

By Tom Burkard

The super Sayreville Lady Bombers girls basketball team turned in the best season in school history by capturing the GMC White Division, their first Greater Middlesex County Tournament (GMCT) championship, and also the school's first NJSIAA Central Jersey (CJ) Group 4 title.

The talented Sayreville contingent, seeded #1 in CJ Group 4, stopped #2 seeded South Brunswick for the second time in 10 days, 44-37. The air-tight Blue & Gray defense held the Vikings to 1-point in the first quarter, but South Brunswick kept it close, and never trailed by more than 9 points. Sayreville was led by Morenike Akinrefon with 11 points, Ryane Brush 10, and Patrice Harding 10 points.

Turn back the clock 10 days earlier to the GMCT final, and the Lady Bombers also topped South Brunswick, 59-52. In that contest, Isi Enahoro fired in 23 points, Morenike Akinrefon 15, and Patrice Harding 13.

Our locals finished with the best record in school history (29-3), and In addition, Sayreville copped the GMC White Division crown with a perfect (14-0) mark. Congratulations and hats off to Coach Janet Ust-Cook and the entire team on a truly outstanding season!

\*See more photos, stats, game recaps, etc. on the Lady Bombers and other local high schools on page 17.



South Amboy resident Dion Roy is pictured in concert performing his worldwide popular song, "Daughter." (Photo courtesy of Dion Roy)

Peppers." From ages 16-31, he played bass in different bands, and started getting more work when he went solo. His band "Fire and Romance" was signed to a recording deal with Mervee Record Co., and the alternative/rock style group released a single called "Rescue," from the "Adaptations" album,

which received airplay on Serious XM, and in Canada and the U.S. The music business is really tough to make it big, and Dion said, "It costs about \$700,000 in promotion to really get a big hit. A major label has to really want it."

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On Feb. 21st, Marty Dombrowski (l) and Joe Lotkowitz (r) received their 3rd Degree at the Rahway K of C Council #1146. South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 Grand Knight Jack Mieczkowski Jr. (c) was on hand to congratulate the new 3rd Degree Knights. (Photo/info submitted)

## Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

### Makransky In Sunny Florida

Former Borough of Sayreville Councilman Frank Makransky dropped us a note to say hello to his many area friends. He is currently living in Florida. Hello, back at ya' Frank, and be well!

### Pelican Remembered

It was just brought to our attention that Hoffman HS alumnus Class of 1967, Tony Pelican passed away in February 2013

at Ormond Beach, Florida. Tony was a great guy, and excellent baseball player for the Guvs, as well as Joe McCarthy's '64 Mechanicsville Fire Co. Babe Ruth League champions. He later went on to proudly serve in the U.S. Marine Corps. Many years ago, his parents owned Pelican's Bar on the corner of South Stevens Ave. and John St. The establishment later became the legendary Lions Den.

### Sayreville BIC Ball

Sayreville Association for Brain Injured Children is hosting its 22nd Annual Charity Ball. To be held on Sunday, April 2, 2017 at The Grand Marquis, Rt 9, Old Bridge, NJ. Tickets \$105.00 per person includes cocktail hour followed by Dinner & Music with Open Bar throughout. 12:00-5:00pm. We are a non-profit organization that provides year round programs to children and adults with special needs. Also seeking sponsors for our ad journal.

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### Palm Crosses

St. Stanislaus Kostka Rosary Altar Society will be taking orders for Palm Crosses March 25 - April 1. You can purchase directly in the church lobby on 3/25 & 4/1, you can also place an order in the church office or mail to St. Stan's Church, ATTN: RAS, 225 MacArthur Ave.

Sayreville, NJ 08872 Make check payable to St. Stan's RAS price is \$7.00 final pick up is April 8th in Church lobby. For information contact: Bernadine 732-257-3077 or Pat - 732-257-3963.

### Roast Pork Dinner

Trinity United Methodist is hosting it's annual Roast Pork Dinner on Saturday, April 29 2017 at 5 . P.M. Tickets are \$13.00. per person. Take outs available. ALL you can eat -Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Applesauce,, Homemade Desserts ,IceTea and Hot drinks. Questions or to place orders ---Please call 732-763 -6232. The church is located at 815 Bordentown Ave by the Parkway Rest Area entrance.

### Friends Of Sayreville Public Library

Looking for something fun to do? The Friends of the Sayreville Public Library invite you to come play Mah Jongg in the Young Adult Room on Sunday, March 26, 2016, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. New and experienced members are welcome. This event is FREE and Mah Jongg sets and cards will be available for use by all players. 1050 Washington Road, Parlin. For more information, please call Elaine (732) 727-0192.

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# PLEASANT LITTLE TRIVIA

1. In 1980, where was Cutler & Son Inc. located in South Amboy? By Tom Burkard  
a. Swan Hill b. Main St. c. Rt. 35

2. What year was the South Amboy Business Association founded?  
a. 1996 b. 1998 c. 2002

3. Where is John Ciszewski Park located in South Amboy?  
a. Henry St. b. Conlogue Ave. c. Conover St.

4. St. Mary's HS play in '89?  
a. No, No Nanette b. Grease c. Sound Of Music

5. Installed as the new pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, South Amboy in '89?  
a. Rev. Daniel Hollandaise b. Rev. Joseph Gray c. Rev. Miriam Brantley

6. In '72, where was the Zamorski Funeral Home located in Sayreville?  
a. Main St. b. Bordentown Ave. c. Washington Rd.

7. In 1974, where was Sieron & Sons, Inc. located in Sayreville?  
a. Pulaski Ave. b. Washington Rd. c. MacArthur Ave.

8. In '73, what pharmacy was located on Main St. in Sayreville?  
a. Weller's b. Arky's c. Sayreville

9. Principal of Sayreville War Memorial HS in 1986?  
a. Homer Dill b. Marie Parnell c. Rita Whitney

10. Homecoming Queen in '80 for Sayreville War Memorial HS?  
a. Sharon Pomplina b. Cindy Farver c. Darlene Wickenheiser

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

## Business Of The Month

### Route 9 Cash For Gold Buyers LLC



Maureen and Rob Herndon, owners of Route 9 Cash For Gold Buyers are pictured with their children Ashley, Alexa, and Danny. (Photo Submitted)

Route 9 Cash For Gold Buyers is one of the area's most popular GOLD store businesses, and is located at 960 Route 9 South, (Behind Burger King, and next to Farmer's Market) in Sayreville/South Amboy NJ.

Stop in and make some Ca\$h on the spot. Maureen Herndon, Owner of Rt 9 Cash For Gold, 960 Rt 9 South was Born and raised in Sayreville and has lived here her entire life which prompted her to open their store in town. When customers come to her store they bring all of their old, unwanted gold jewelry in exchange for CASH. Maureen & Rob greet their customers always with a friendly face. All their jewelry is tested and weighed with state certified scales right in front of them. They are then paid out in cash on the spot. Most of the pieces that are seen coming to the store are outdated, jewelry not worn anymore, single earrings, class rings, broken chains, dental gold, silver and platinum. People are VERY surprised when they come, things they thought were "junk"

turn out to be actual gold. Maureen and Rob truly believe in HONESTY, LOYALTY & INTEGRITY that's what prompted them into opening her own store.

Many people have reported feeling extremely comfortable and confident when coming to Rt 9 Cash for Gold and dealing with Maureen "THE GOLD LADY." It puts a smiling face to a business that sometimes people are skeptical to enter. This is definitely the business you would feel comfortable sending your mother or grandmother to because Maureen truly has the "women's touch."

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### Sayreville Cultural Arts Upcoming Events

The GB's Band will perform a FREE concert sponsored by the Sayreville Cultural Arts Council on Wednesday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sayreville Senior Center, 423 Main St. The GB's play all your favorite polkas as well as standard tunes and patriotic songs. Something for everyone! ALL ages invited; light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Edna at 908-208-2358 or email Sayrevilleculturalarts@gmail.com.

A FREE show including a Hula dancer and Hawaiian music band will be presented on Wednesday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sayreville Senior Center, 423 Main St, sponsored by the Sayreville Cultural Arts Council. This show is informative and interactive. Learn about the islands and

dance like a native! ALL ages invited; light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Edna at 908-208-2358 or email Sayrevilleculturalarts@gmail.com.

The Jersey Girls Band will perform a FREE concert sponsored by the Sayreville Cultural Arts Council on Wednesday, June 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sayreville Senior Center, 423 Main St. Their showmanship provides a truly entertaining experience that all ages can enjoy. Relive and dance to all your favorite hits made famous by the Four Seasons and other oldies bands. ALL ages invited; light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Edna at 908-208-2358 or email Sayrevilleculturalarts@gmail.com.



### Multi Vendor Shopping April 7

South Amboy Columbiettes are holding a multi-vendor shopping night Friday April 7 from 7 to 11 PM at the Knights of Columbus 308 4th St. South Amboy. Featured vendors include LulaRoe, Mary Kay, Avon, the MAX of Sayreville, Origami Owl, and more! For more information call 732-721-2025.

### Rollermagic Skates Again

By Steve Schmid

Roller skating enthusiasts are thrilled with the re-opening of the South Amboy Rollermagic Arena. The skating rink had been closed since January 2016 when a partial roof collapse occurred following a major snowstorm. The roof and rink had to be replaced plus electric and plumbing had to be updated. The building had to be brought up to current building codes. The arena offers a 15,000 square foot maple skating surface with a snack bar, skate shop, and arcade. Sherry Sullivan, part of the arena's management

team, was thrilled to see the rink reopen. "I was so anticipating and couldn't wait. It's great to see everyone enjoying it again. It's such a family place." Sullivan said. The facility offers open skating sessions, and public birthday parties. School groups, campers, and other groups can all enjoy skating sessions. Reservations are currently being accepted. Rollermagic was built in 1957 by rollerskating fan John Durnye, and his father in law. The rink opened in 1958 and is still owned and operated by the Durnye family.

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\*This is a special reprint from the Sept. 20, 1997 issue for the 50th Class Reunion of the Class of 1967

By Cynthia "Scoop" Skarzynski Poland and Clem "Clark Kent" Skarzynski

The Class of '67 came to an end on June 21, 1967 ... Little did we know it was "just the beginning"! On that Tuesday night, 292 of us listened to Valedictorian Bob Merski and Salutatorian Harry Janes' version of what was to come ... Our yearbook Quo Vadis, Mr. James Todd advised us, Sue Cox was the Editor. .. Our newspaper Echo Lites, with the now Supt. of Schools, Mr. William Bauer the advisor, and Joan Gutkowski the Editor... Principal Dr. Marie Parnell, assisted by Mr. Homer Dill . . . The senior class officers, Pres. Bob Bittner, VP Marge Lehnert, Treasurer Nancy "Kell" Keller, Secretary Joyce Szewczyk . . . The Student Council: President Mark Boshko, Treasurer Nancy Keller, Corresponding Secretary Susan Cox, Recording Secretary A. Pulnik . . . Faculty favorites: Lucian "Pro" Wnukowski, John "Mr. Cee" Ciszewski, John "Coach" Wortley, Ruth "The Director" Zdanewicz, Miriam Fehrele, Janet Scott-Heffelfinger, John Heffelfinger, Daniel "Mr. Guidance" Newcomer. . . LET'S LOOK BACK . . . Remember when the football games were on Saturday afternoons? And there was a dance almost every Saturday night?! And the guys wore suits and ties and the gals dresses - wow, a "dress code"! The Paint 'n' Powder Club sold cupcakes for 5 cents! Oct. 22, Donna Marine is crowned Homecoming Queen! The football Bombers (0-9) season scored against the South River Rams! Final Score: Rams 31 Bombers 6 . . . Varsity B-Ball was 9 and 12, soccer 7 and 2 ... Ya know what? The hot dogs still taste the same at the games on Friday nights! December 3rd, SWMHS National Thespian Society's version of You Can't Take It With You hits the school stage... Language & Lingo: "Freaky", "Groovy", "Hairy", "Hung-up", "Heavy", "Different Strokes" . . . On the sports scene, Dale Kurowsky set a single game scoring record with 50 points. He and Warren Walerzak were co-captains of the basketball team . . . Ronald Reess and Daniel Eppinger were co-captains of the football club. Keith Wilson and Jerry Carney co-captained soccer, and Mickey Roberts was the baseball captain. Some of the mighty, mighty seniors... Jackie Andl, Phil Aschelone, Cindy Bailey, Rich Beagans, Tommy Biesiada, Kenny Black (successful businessman), Rose Blaszk, Linda Borowski, Geraldine Bove, Louise Bowler, Gary Boyler, Steve "Bo" Bringham, Kenny "Mr. Postmaster" Buchanan, John Byrne, Marge Campbell, Greg Chierchie, Barbie Caruso, Dennis Crosby, Suzie Cox, Candy & Dottie Cross, Maureen Cuddihy, Billy Curtis, CarmDeLucia, BobbyDeLucia, "Rocky" DeVito, Mariann Dziubek, Artie Ellwood, Howie Englert, Danny "Eppy" Eppinger, Linda Fauser, Billy Fehl, Bob

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Hey guys, see you at the Reunion! Be well, and thanks for all the help Cyn, you did real good! And to Tom B., many thanks for the opportunity to write once again!

### Open Mic Night/Pasta Dinner March 31

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their monthly Open Mic Friday March 31. If you're a singer, musician, or in a group, you are cordially invited. No

### Golf Outing May 11

The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 will be holding its 8th annual golf outing on May 11th at the Cruz Farm Golf Course in Farmingdale, NJ. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with a tee-off at 9 a.m.

The cost for the event is \$100. This price includes entry into the events, 18 holes of golf, riding cart, lunch, dinner, golf shirt and many prizes. There will be an awards presentation and dinner directly after golf at the Knights of Columbus, 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. To help us properly plan for this event, please pre-register by contacting Chairman Ray Sucheicki at 732-721-2025 or 732-406-2340.

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## Sayreville ShopRite Expansion

By Steve Schmid

Local shoppers are looking forward to more options when the expansion of the Sayreville ShopRite is completed. Construction is underway to add approximately 26,000 square feet to the current store which is the anchor of the Sayrebrook Town Center located at Ernston and Washington Roads. The ShopRite expansion is at the west side of the store. The additional space is expected to provide more offerings of fresh food and offer shop at home pickup service. A new Dunkin' Donuts shop and a sushi bar are also planned. Shop Rite officials say a large mural of the American flag will be placed at the store's entrance. ShopRite has picked

up more shoppers especially from South Amboy after Foodtown closed in 2012 and the C-Town store that followed which was destroyed by fire in April 2015. The closure of PathMark and A & P stores have also contributed to this increase. The other end of the Sayrebrook Town Center is seeing construction of a Lightbridge Academy child care and early education center. The new Lightbridge Academy will take the space of the former Childrenswear Centre children's clothing store. The project includes a fenced in children's playground that will be added to the south end of the building.

## SWMHS Hall Of Fame

The Sayreville War Memorial High School 2017 Hall of Fame Annual Awards Banquet is scheduled for 6:00PM Saturday, April 29th, at the VFW Hall on Jernee Mill Road. Join us as we honor these outstanding alumni of SWMHS. The honorees are:

Dr. Daniel Giovenco, Class of 2006: Obtained a Masters and PHD degree in Public Health by age 27; Received a \$1.25 million research grant from the National Institutes of Health.

Robert Merski, Class of 1967: Lead Principal Technical Architect (AT&T)/ Distinguished Member of Technical Staff (Bell Labs) who contributed to the advancement of telecommunications in the USA, Poland & other countries; Mentored & coached numerous students & athletes for

half a century.

Dr. Stephen Sun, Class of 1988: Trained in general surgery at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City ; Served as a Medical Officer in the FDA'S division of Risk Management & the Controlled Substance Staff.

Dorian Van Horn, Class of 1982: CEO, Van Horn Investigations & Senior Consultant, SIGMA Threat Management Associates; Division Chief, NCIS Family & Sexual Violence Unit, Death, Cold Case Homicide & Violent Crime.

Tickets are \$50.00 each and \$30.00 for children with a choice of meals. For further information, call Elaine Kubacz at 732-727-0192.

## Guitarist James Zamouzakis Performs At Dowdell Library

On Wednesday, April 5, from 3-4:30 pm, music at Dowdell presents musician James Zamouzakis. This special performance and demonstration will feature James as he plays some hot tunes on the electric guitar. Afterwards, James will open the floor for questions and a demonstration on how to play the electric guitar. All ages welcome!

To learn about other free programs, sign

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The Dowdell Library hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm and Saturdays from 12-4 pm. For more information, please visit [www.dowdell.org](http://www.dowdell.org), or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org).

## Seniors April Meeting

The April meeting of the 2016-2017 OLV Seniors will be held on Friday, April 7, 2017 at 1:30 PM in Monsignor Hall. After our business meeting, we will have a speaker who will speak about Medicare fraud. Show your Easter spirit by wearing something springy. Dessert will be served after the speaker's presentation.

Deposits of \$20 for a day trip and \$50 for a multi-day trip are due for all other OLV Senior trips. For information on our trips call Teri at 732-737-7639.

Non-perishable food items are needed for the St. Vincent de Paul Society food bank.

For further information, please contact Teri Yetsko at 732-727-7639.

## Trip To Thousand Islands

Sayreville Thursday Seniors are sponsoring a trip to the Thousand Islands in New York and Canada from May 23rd to May 25th. We will be staying at a resort on the majestic St. Lawrence River. This includes a two hour boat tour of the islands, two breakfasts, two dinners (one of these will

be at a dinner theatre), going to a winery for wine tasting, a tour of Canada plus going to a casino. Cost of the trip is \$440.00 double occupancy, the bus drivers gratuity and bus transportation are included. For information or to make a reservation call Geri Kabara at 732-257-4351.

## Mets Trip July 1

The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are sponsoring a trip to beautiful Citi Field to see the National League championship 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, Asdrubal Cabrera Bobblehead Doll and \$24 worth of Mets Money that can be used anywhere in the ballpark. For reservations call Steve at 732-727-1707.

## National Library Week At Dowdell Library

Celebrate National Library Week in April with these fun events! On Tuesday, April 4, the Dowdell Library will be holding a soup contest! Homemade soup entries may be dropped off between 10 am - 5:30 pm. At 6 pm, soups will be judged and prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for kids, teens and adults. From 6:30-8 pm, drop in and sample all the submitted entries. Attendees may win one of many door prizes!

On Wednesday, April 12 from 3-4:30 pm, join us for fun stories and activities as we celebrate El Dia de los Ninos (Children's Day/Book Day). This day emphasizes the importance of literacy for Spanish speaking children, recognizes diverse cultures, heritage and language while strengthening families

and communities.

Don't miss the Celebrity Storytime on Wednesday, April 19 from 3-4:30 pm. Hear stories, and enjoy a delicious snack with Council President, Mickey Gross. Who knows, maybe his favorite story is yours as well!

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**In Memoriam**

**Sgt. First Class Benjamin L. Sebban**  
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 March 17, 2007

The following article appeared in Military Times "Hall of Valor" and was submitted by an SA Times reader.

**Silver Star**

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918 (amended by an act of July 25, 1963), takes pride in presenting the Silver Star (Posthumously) to Sergeant First Class Benjamin L. Sebban, United States Army, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving as a Senior Medic with Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment (Airborne Reconnaissance), 82nd Airborne Division, by placing himself in a position of danger to ensure his unit's welfare during combat operations in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, on 17 March 2007, in Diyala Province, Iraq. On that date, Sergeant First Class Sebban safeguarded the lives of 86 paratroopers during a suicide-car-bomb attack on a combat outpost. Sergeant First Class Sebban noticed a civilian truck accelerating toward the compound laden with explosives. Stepping from behind a Humvee, he moved toward the vehicle and warned his fellow paratroopers of the impending attack, yelling 3 times until the explosion from the vehicle knocked him down. Although mortally wounded by shrapnel injuries



**Sgt. First Class Benjamin L. Sebban**

to his abdomen, groin and legs, Sergeant First Class Sebban immediately moved to the aid station to begin treating his fellow wounded paratroopers until he collapsed and succumbed to his wounds. Sergeant First Class Sebban's valiant actions prevented enemy insurgent forces from over-running his position and caused the enemy element to retreat. Sergeant First Class Sebban's gallant actions and dedicated devotion to duty, without regard for his own life, were in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the 82nd Airborne Division and the United States Army.

**Mamma Mia Trip**

Sayreville Thursday Seniors are sponsoring a trip to the Westchester Broadway Theatre to see "Mamma Mia" on June 7th. The price is \$95.00 which includes bus transportation, the drivers gratuity, the show and your choices of four dinners which include salad, dessert and coffee. Snacks served on the return trip. For information or reservations call Geri Kabara at 732-257-4351.

**Hunterdon Hills Trip**

The OLV Seniors is sponsoring an afternoon trip to Hunterdon Hills on June 8, 2017 to see Legends of POP which includes music from Elvis, Neil Diamond, Bee Gees and more. The cost of the trip is \$115 which includes the show, bus transportation, bus driver gratuity, delicious meal and snacks on the return trip. For information or to reserve a seat please contact Finita at 732-721-5081.

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Hillary Johnson Crute "Pastor Hillary" Romans 8:28 God is good all the time!

## Mardi Gras Rolls Into Fat Lent

(Photo/article submitted)

This year, the pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in South Amboy/Sayreville, the Reverend Hillary Johnson Crute, decided to share a different idea about the meaning of Lent. She was trying to find a novel approach to the Lenten season and decided to turn the traditionally somber season on its head. On Mardi Gras (also known as Fat Tuesday) she and a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Spotswood, Elizabeth Cortijo, went to the South Amboy train station to share the "Good News." Her message is "Today is Mardi Gras. Let the good times roll: Celebrate a Fat Tuesday and have a Fat Lent!" They offered free of charge some fat laden goodies for the commuters as they passed by, cookies, donuts, chocolates, croissants, and clementines for those on restricted diets. If people were curious about why they were doing it, a short note explaining Lent and how to observe a Fat Lent was shared.

Before the season of Lent (a period of inner reflection and study 40 days not including Sundays before Easter) Christians have traditionally given a nod to a silly but fun holiday called Mardi Gras or Shrove Tuesday. Since the early church abstained from eating meat and other fat laden food during Lent, it became the custom to have a celebration

and consume all the high calorie food by the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, which begins the Lenten season. Rev. Johnson Crute said, "Lent has always been a more somber season. People often think of it as a time to give up something or to sacrifice something. But, Jesus also said that he came to give us abundant life. Being a Christian is serious but it should be joyful and even fun! So, I am asking that people "add" something to their daily routine. A small kindness that another person isn't expecting like being given free treats in front of the train station on the way to work. Call someone who may be alone and not expecting your call, say hello to a stranger on line in the supermarket and wish them a blessed day, send a thinking of you card to someone you haven't seen in awhile, serve at a food pantry. The ideas are endless and bring endless joy to our lives as we live out the Good News in action."

If you would like more information about observing a Fat Lent, or any other questions of faith, Rev. Johnson Crute, aka "Pastor Hillary" can be contacted at Trinity United Methodist Church in South Amboy at (732) 721-3558. The church is located at 815 Bordentown Avenue (next to the Garden State Parkway) and Sunday worship is at 9:30 am.

## Chocolate Covered, Cream Filled Buns

By Elaine Holton Scott

It's almost impossible to explain how it had felt years ago to be a 7-year old Catholic girl being prepared mentally and spiritually for the day she makes her First Holy Communion. Going to a parochial school, taught by Sisters of Mercy nuns wearing long, flowing habits with rosary beads hanging from their waists, and with priests wearing their long black cassocks supervising everyone both in church and in school, the preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion had seemed almost mystical. Of course, one week earlier, the Sacrament of Penance had to be made but that was just scary, not anything like the day a little girl wears her beautiful white Communion dress and veil, to walk in a procession down the aisle towards the altar to receive the Body of Christ in the shape of a communion wafer. That day is, without a doubt, the most exciting day in a young Catholic girl's life. For little boys it was exciting too...but more so for girls. I know firsthand that it was like becoming a Fairy tale Princess for one day, just as it was for me and my 2nd grade classmates back in 1955. When the day was over and the dress with its veil was hanging covered in the closet, being a good Catholic began, and the "rules" were strict and unyielding. No more special Princess treatment.

Unless it has been changed, First Holy Communion is made in the month of May. That means almost an entire year had to pass before the start of the Lenten season, when Fridays become just about as holy as Sundays. Going to St. Mary's School, all of us kids would walk in a "neat file" from the school to St. Mary's Church to attend Mass, all the while with our stomachs grumbling and growling from hunger. You see, at that time, healthy children and adults were forbidden

to eat before receiving Communion. After Mass, in a "neat file," we'd head back to our classrooms, before proceeding in another "neat file" to the cafeteria located in the school's basement, exactly where classrooms were for the lower grades.

One year and 8 months after the old high school had burned on the very first day of the school year (1st grade for me), all of the students in St. Mary's School were in very cramped quarters. The old grammar school on Augusta Street, which later would become the old high school, was located right across from the old McCarthy house which was used as a 4th grade class. Every inch of space in the old grammar school had been utilized. The basement, with the Girls and Boys attached, outside bathroom stalls, had contained not only the old cafeteria, but also 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, and 3rd Grade classes. This was how it was until the "new" grammar school opened its doors for the school year of 1957/1958. After returning from Mass on Fridays in Lent, we'd squeeze together at the tables in the cafeteria, while getting our money ready to pay for our breakfast. As we waited our turn, a nun would come around to give us a carton of milk after receiving the nickel it cost. No money, no milk. Walking in a "neat file" to the front of the small old cafeteria, we'd eagerly pay a nickel for a Daylight Bakery's chocolate covered, cream-filled bun which the nun would place on a little slip of waxed paper. If you forgot your money, hunger would make you remember it the following week. No napkin would be given to us so we had to hurry back to our table in a "neat file," so we could eat the already melting chocolate icing. After we ate, we'd just lick our fingers clean...and wish we could have another one.



The snow is falling and the lake is frozen at Kennedy Park in Sayreville. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

### Snow and Sleet Pelt Area

By Steve Schmid

Old Man Winter made a surprise visit six days before the first day of spring. We enjoyed several days with temperatures in the 60s before the major winter storm hit. Conditions changed March 14 when the storm dropped about 6 inches of snow before changing into stinging sleet. The winter storm was the biggest of the 2016-17 winter season which has been one of the mildest ever. The storm forced closing of schools, local businesses and government offices. The sleet that fell on top of the snow created a situation when the

snow was very difficult to remove due to its heavy composition. The sleet made walking very difficult since the ice pellets stung skin surfaces. The ice pellets were whipped by strong winds. The sleet created crust on top of the snow so people could walk on top of the snow. Our area did luck out since the original forecasts called for 12 to 18 inches of snow. The storm moved farther west than expected allowing warm air aloft to turn the snow into sleet.

### 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.

### Trip To Pittsburgh/Cleveland

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**The couple are planning their Wedding for April, 2018.**

**Woman Celebrates 102nd Birthday**

*(Submitted by The Venetian)*

Helen Osterberg was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, on February 24, 1915, where she spent her childhood living on a farm with her parents, four sisters and two brothers. Helen recalls the hard times she experienced growing up during the Depression, including the wide range of tasks that she was responsible for. Helen and her siblings had numerous chores during the day, most of which went toward watering and tending to their large vegetable garden. Quite often the chores were to be completed before and after they

she often speaks of what fun she had raising him. Helen still enjoys spending time with him, his wife, her grandchildren and great grandchildren!

Helen and her husband started a business of making wigs for mannequins, and the business did very well. Interestingly, Helen



*Helen Osterberg*

never expected to run her own business, but she took advantage of the opportunity, working diligently until retiring at the age of 65. Helen often tells stories of the many interesting people she had met along the way while running her own business. She says she met a lot of "Characters."

walked 2 1/2 miles to and from school. Helen was very active in sports—while in school, she excelled in almost every one she tried. She has many stories to tell of her school days!

After her retirement, Helen made several trips to Sweden with her husband. Other favorite destinations included Norway and Denmark. Helen always liked adventure. She enjoyed the different cultures of the countries that she visited.

One of her first jobs was working as a waitress at the Hancock House in New York. This was a very enjoyable job, and while working at the Hancock House, Helen had the opportunity to meet new people and hear their stories every day. She eventually moved to New York City with the help from one of her friends at the Hancock House. The "Big City" offered Helen plenty of new opportunities. She got a job working at F.W. Woolworths. It was a five and dime store that sold everything!

Steven passed away in 1987 at the age of 87. They had a lovely life together—working hard and sharing many good times. Helen will be celebrated her 102nd birthday at the end of February. Helen stated that she never expected to live this long, but every day she opens her eyes and lives life as it comes to her. Helen made sure to state that every day is a gift that should be cherished.

Helen met her husband, Steven, at a dance hall in New York City. He simply asked her to dance and the rest was history! After dating for several years, he proposed to her and they married. Helen gave birth to one child, a son named Steven. It was a cause for tremendous excitement when he was born. Steven was her only child and

Helen is a very active member of the Venetian family; she attends most of the recreational activities. She is an active member of the Resident Council. She has many friends here that include other residents and employees as well. Helen lives in the Flamingo Neighborhood. Stop by and say hello anytime, maybe she will share some memories with you!



**Happy Easter**

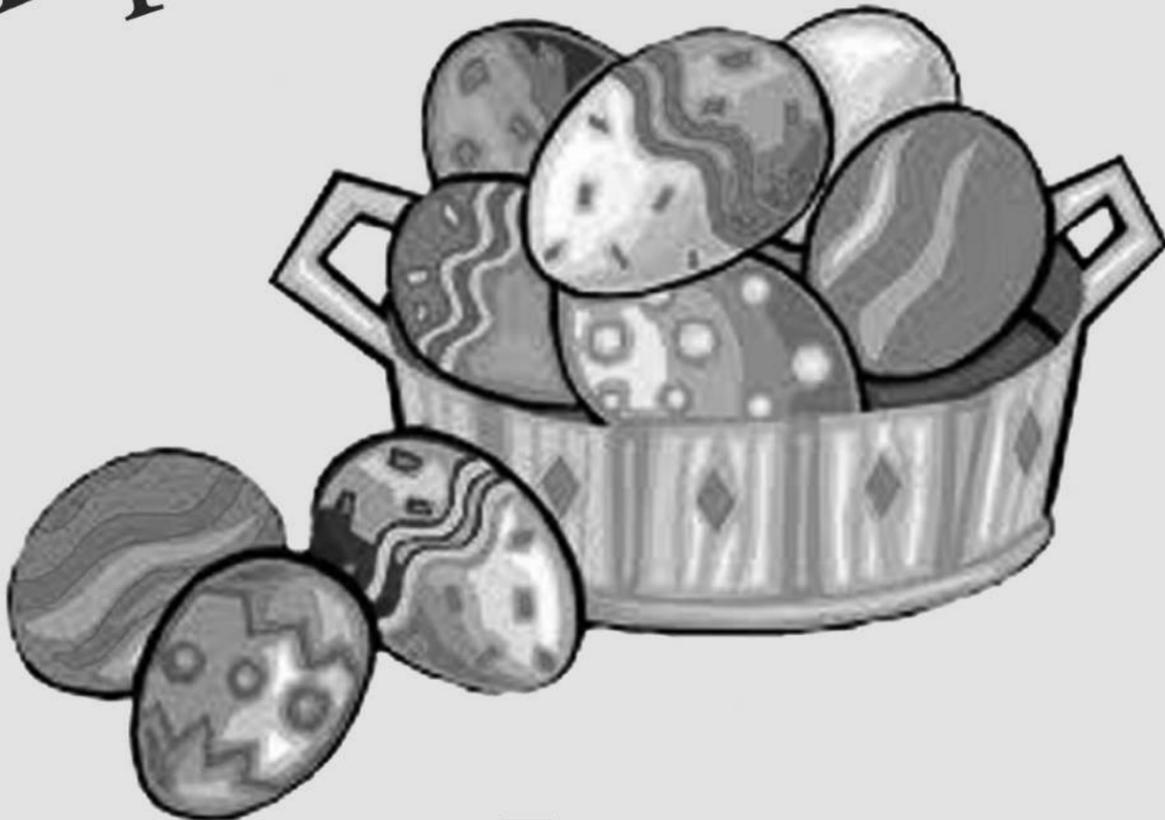


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## The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, B.A., M.S.

Occasionally there occurs a fire of historical proportion that exemplifies the ultra-hazardous duties of a fire fighter. This was the case on December 3, 1999, in Worcester, MA. at the Worcester Cold Storage facility located at 266 Franklin Street. Firefighters across the country know of a structure in their community that is prime for fire. These types of buildings are usually abandoned, in disrepair, and occupied by the homeless or vagrants. Look around locally and you will find such a structure in your community.

The Worcester Cold Storage building was such a building and was so noted by the Worcester Fire Department. The building was 6 stories in height, with each floor having 15,000 sf of area. It was a labyrinth of connecting meat lockers, each insulated with cork walls and ceilings, tar, polystyrene foam, polyurethane foam, and had no windows on the floors above the ground. There was only one interior set of stairs for the entire building and no exterior fire escape.

At approximately 6:00 pm on December 3, a police officer reported seeing smoke coming from the roof of the structure. WFD responded to the scene and were told that there were possible squatters inside. Following the fire, this was proven to be false. The squatters left the building after they started the fire to keep warm and before the arrival of the WFD. Within seconds of arriving on scene, the interior filled with thick black, toxic smoke. Two firefighters were sent into the building to search for the reported squatters. After a short period of time, they radioed a MAYDAY to the Incident Commander (IC) that they were lost and running low on air. Two more firefighters were sent inside to find the first two who were lost. Shortly afterwards, they too called a MAYDAY reporting that they were also lost and running low on air. Upon

### Sight And Sound Christmas Show Trip

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 to Sight and Sound's "Miracle of Christmas." The trip price of \$150 includes meal at Shady Maple, the show, bus, transportation, bus driver gratuity, and taxes and meal gratuity. To reserve a seat contact Teri at 732-727-7639 or 732-742-1320

### First Presbyterian Deacon's Food Pantry



The Food Pantry was held on February 18th. We serve between 65-100 families on the 3rd Saturday of every Month. They came with their empty carts and left with an abundance of groceries. As usual, we always have time to chit-chat with the families and it is a happy time for everyone. Our Pantry would not be as successful as we are without the wonderful help

we receive. Thank you to our dedicated volunteers and community service workers. This month we welcomed a few new

### 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,

hearing this, two firefighters volunteered to go in and rescue the four fire fighters. But by this time, the first two had run out of air and the second two were nearing the end of their air supply. After a short-time these last two firefighters called the IC and reported that they too were lost and low on air. Now there are six lost fire fighters somewhere in this six-story fire trap and must be presumed dead or near death with no possible way of rescuing them. The fire chief (IC) had to make a decision that would haunt him for the rest of his life. He knows that those inside have succumbed to the toxic smoke and could not be saved. Does he risk the lives of more firefighters to retrieve those lost? He made the decision, "no one else in the building." He said, "I lost enough, I'm not losing any more firefighters."

There are valuable lessons to be learned in this fire by both the fire officers and the firefighters who risk their lives in these structures and it all comes down to training, training, and more training. As a fire officer, would you be able to live with the decision you made if you were placed in that predicament? Each year I write about the chief of the department having a good year. A good year is only possible if firefighters are not seriously hurt and everyone goes home after every fire. The year 2016 was a good year for our local fire departments because there were some very serious fires and no one was seriously hurt.

Today in Worcester, Ma., at the location of that tragic fire stands a brand new, state-of-the-art fire station dedicated to those six firefighters who gave the ultimate sacrifice on that very spot. The squatters who started the fire were each charged with six counts of involuntary manslaughter but never prosecuted!

### 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

volunteers from the Old Bridge Chapter Youth Group called Young Muslim Sisters. Thank you, Broadway Bagel (Steve and Bob) for the dozens of bagels you provide our Pantry. Thanks to all who have donated financially or by donating groceries. Once again, thanks to Penske Truck Rental and their employee (Todd) for continuing to supply us with reliable equipment. God Bless each one of you.

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entertainment, Ben and Jerry's factory tour, shopping in Stowe Village, scenic train tour and much more. The cost of bus transportation and bus gratuity, taxes, and meal gratuities is also included. For information on about trip contact Carmen at 832-351-0260.

## Irish American Association Scholarships

(Article submitted)

The South Amboy Irish American Association is offering scholarships to "residents only" of South Amboy with Irish Heritage. Please write a 500 word essay about your Irish Heritage, Family and any Community Service that you have completed.

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Postmark your essay by April 14, 2017. Send to: Ms. Denise Morales, 340 Henry St., South Amboy, NJ 08879.

## Spring Break Schedule Extra Skating Times

The South Amboy Arena will hold extra skating times during Spring Break as follows: Mon. April 10, 1-6 p.m.; Tues. April 11, 1-6; Wed. April 12, 1-6 & 6:30-10 p.m.; Thurs. April 13, 1-6; Fri. April 14, 1-6 & 7:30 p.m.-12 a.m.; Sat. April 15, 1:30-7 p.m. & 7:30-10:30; Sun. April 16, Closed Easter Sunday; Mon. April 17, 1-6 p.m. See regular schedule for

additional times.

Prices-1-6 p.m. \$7 all ages; 7:30 p.m. 12 a.m. \$9 all ages; 1:30-7 p.m. \$7 all ages; 7:30-10:30 p.m. \$4 all ages; Rentals: \$4 (Quads & In-Lines)

\*All prices & times are subject to change without notice.

## Music At Saint Mary's

Music at Saint Mary's welcomes violinist Alexei Yavtuhovich and organist Shea Velloso as they team up for what is certain to be memorable experience. Alexei, a 21 year resident of Old Bridge is critically acclaimed for his amazing performances throughout the US, Europe and Asia. Shea, is a regular recitalist throughout the tri-state

area and performs on public television, and radio show "Pipedreams". Don't miss this delightful dynamic duo in concert. Sunday, March 26, 2017; 4:00pm, at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy NJ, 08879. Free admission (\$15 suggested donation). For questions call MASM @ 732-857-0202

## Vendors Needed

The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville is looking for vendors for its annual Flea Market. The Flea Market will be held once again in the church parking lot on June 3rd, 2017. The address is 172 Main

Street, Sayreville (across from the Borough Hall). Spaces are available for \$15/space or 2/\$25. The time will be 8am-2pm. For more information, please call 732-257-6353 or e-mail us at churchoffice172@optimum.net.

## Try-a-Pod: Introduction to Podcast Listening

What is a podcast? Why should I listen to podcasts? How can I listen to podcasts? Podcast listening is becoming more popular every year - don't feel left out. Jennifer will walk you through the basics of using a "podcatcher" and becoming a podcast listener at Sayreville Public Library on Monday, April 3, at 6:30PM. You'll even receive some recommendations of podcasts

to get you started.

\*This is an introductory lecture - please do not bring your device.\*

This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. For more information or to register, call Jennifer at 732-727-0212 ext. 25 or register online at [www.sayrevillelibrary.org/](http://www.sayrevillelibrary.org/).

## Victor Wayne Turback Gallery

This spring, South Amboy is welcoming back renowned local artist Victor Wayne Turback. South Amboy Arts gallery is currently displaying "The Works of Victor Wayne Turback, The 70 Year Show, Stuff Dreams Are Made Of...". The exhibition features painting spanning his early career to Victor's most recent creations.

Wayne, as most of his friends know him, was born and raised in Sayreville, NJ with a knack for fine art and music from the very beginning. His passion for art drew him to New York where he attended Pratt Institute with the likes of photographer, Robert Mapplethorpe, singer/songwriter, Patti Smith and designer, Betsy Johnson. Later returning to his roots, successfully establishing The Bedroom Nightclub and Lounge with his family, Wayne ventured off with his wife, Sally, to create their brain child, The Broadway Central Cafe in South Amboy. The Broadway was a creative hub with a bohemian feel where artists and musicians

could express themselves. Members of Bon Jovi, The Smithereens and Poland's rock band, Kult were patrons that became lifelong friends commissioning art featured in numerous music videos.



Turback's subject matter ranges from the actual to the unearthly, embodying both personal and universal imagery. The intricate details in each piece have a way of drawing you in, seeing more with each glance. His uniquely active imagination has helped him create a style of painting all his own.

Victor's art has been exhibited around the world and now comes home for a 70 year celebration of his work, past and present. View the exhibition now through Saturday, April 15th at South Amboy Arts Gallery on 141 North Broadway in South Amboy with hours Thursdays and Fridays 3-6pm, Saturdays 12noon-4pm or with appointment by calling 732-753-9486. Also, join us at the gallery for the artist reception on Saturday, April 1st, 6-8pm.

## Amboy Bank Hosts Retirement Seminars

In the month of April, there will be 14 seminars in various Amboy branch offices. All the seminars are free and will cover topics that are important to seniors: income in retirement, caring for aging parents, estate planning and other hot topics. Visit [www.amboybank.com](http://www.amboybank.com) for a complete schedule of seminar locations and dates.

them address their issues and needs in retirement. We know April will bring another successful month of seminars."

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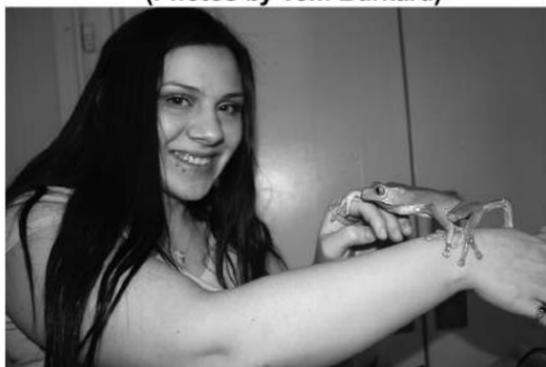
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## Hamburg Reptile Show At Hamburg, Pennsylvania

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



A girl shows off this rare Waxy Monkey Frog. Did you ever see one before?



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There were plenty of lizards and just about any kind of reptiles you could think of.



Snakes of all species ruled the show once again.



If you ever run into an Alligator Snapping Turtle like this one, proceed with caution.



This green lizard was a big hit at the Hamburg Reptile Show.

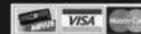
Upcoming show dates:  
April 22nd; June 10th; Aug. 5th; Oct. 21st; Dec. 2nd.  
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**Service To Others**

Sgt. Heriberto Vidro enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves in 1980. He served our country for 24 years. In 2003, he went to Iraq as a member of the 773rd Transportation Company. While delivering fuel to the troops, his company was ambushed. Sgt. Vidro was thrown into the air by an explosion. Landing on his back caused him pain, but he showed no outward signs of distress. The severity of his injuries were not discovered until the end of his tour in '03. He has been treated for several problems related to the explosion including herniated discs and nerve damage to his left hand. He also suffered from hearing loss and other injuries which were treated through surgeries and procedures. Although he still suffers from the effects of his wartime injuries and takes daily medications, Sgt. Vidro will not give up. Then came Houdini. In 2009, Sgt. Vidro received a service dog, Houdini, but don't call him a dog. Houdini is part of Vidro's family. Houdini has helped him lead a fuller life by providing him with a level of independence that he never thought possible.




Sgt. Heriberto Vidro (l) and Dr. Joseph Spinazzola (r) of the Animal Hospital of Sayreville and the Sergeant's dog "Houdini," whose lives got entwined in 2009 when Dena DeSantis of the Fair Lawn Rotary Club introduced Sgt. Vidro and his dog "Houdini," and also the good work of Dr. Spinazzola to the South Amboy/Sayreville Rotary Club at a monthly meeting.

**2017 Service Above Self Award**-Dr. Joseph Spinazzola (l) of the Animal Hospital of Sayreville was asked to "waive a part of the fee" for veterinarian services for "Houdini," the service dog of Sgt. Vidro, a veteran of the conflict in Iraq. Dr. Spinazzola said he would not waive part of the fees, he would waive all of the fees. True, to his word, Dr. Spinazzola has provided veterinarian services to "Houdini" free of charge since 2009. In recognition of Dr. Spinazzola's generosity and professionalism, Mike Poll, President of the South Amboy/Sayreville Rotary Club presents him with a plaque for his outstanding "Service Above Self" award for 2017. The Rotary Club would also like to thank Dena DeSantis of the Fair Lawn Sunrise Rotary Club for bringing and introducing Dr. Spinazzola to their club and community. (Photos/info by Joe Lotkowitz)



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South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade Deputy Grand Marshal Jan Williams waves to the crowd on Stevens Ave. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



Honorary Grand Marshal Patrick Walsh (with sash) and his wife Kathy (l) along with their family and friends stop to pose for this photo on the parade route. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

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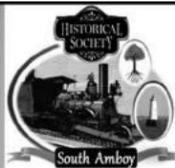
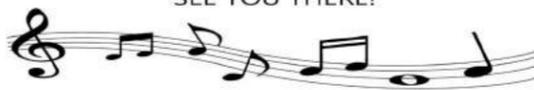
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## Dion Roy

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In 2012, he released an album "Into The Day," that included the song "Daughter," which has become a very popular tune. He was inspired to write the song when "I was touring a lot, 5 or 6 nights in a row, driving through the night, and you exist in a little world, you're away from home."

Roy has toured Boston and through New England with his guitar player, and also "All over Europe in front of crowds of 800-900 people. We sell more records in Europe than in the U.S." He is very happy that "Daughter" has been so well-received by people all over the world, and said, "It is uplifting to read the comments on youtube. People who lost dads or daughters. A lot of people connect very deeply to the song. It is my most rewarding song, more even than being the monetary song. People use it for weddings all the time. It meant a lot, and a memory for life."

The talented musician plays guitar, bass and "a little keyboards," and says his musical influences include Jeff Buckley, Ryan Adams, and The Eels. He has recorded 3 solo albums, and one with the band "Fire and Romance." His first solo album was "Gallery," with the popular "Wants It," quite possibly its top song. The next was "The Nearest Light," which he said one the songs "The Wave" was written when he toured in California. "Welcome Home" is an interesting 6-songs EP.

Through the years, Dion has performed all over the world, and has toured with Tyler Hilton, who played Elvis Presley in the movie "Walk The Line." Some of Roy's many worldwide shows included Singapore, (where he played 5 nights), Ireland, Scotland, all over England, Paris, Canada, and "Every state in



Recording artist, Dion Roy of South Amboy is pictured performing live in concert at Paris, France. (Photo courtesy of Dion Roy)

the U.S. as well as Terre Haute. He said the best shows he played at were in Manchester, United Kingdom, and Glasgow, Scotland.

Dion finished touring about 2 years ago, but said he still want to "Put out music and records, but I also want to continue my regular career in public relations. He does have plans to record another solo album this year, "Just for the sake of writing."

Dion Roy is a brilliant singer/songwriter who has some great CD's available for purchase, and don't forget his "Into The Day" CD that includes his world-famous "Daughter" song, which is a must for any music lover.

You can order hard copies of his CD's by going to: iTunes; Spotify; or Dionroy.com.

## You Tube-In

Jersey's own Brian Fallon is worth a listen or two on his songs "Steve McQueen," and "Red Lights." How about a 60's sounding tune "Hippie Hippie Shake" by the Swingin' Blue Jeans?...The #1 hit in the nation right now? "Shape Of You" by Ed Sheeran...Check out Billy Joel's 3/3/17 concert at Madison Square Garden. He brings up special guest John Mellencamp to perform "The Authority Song/Land Of A Thousand Dances" and also The Rascals (Felix Cavaliere and Gene Cornish), who rocked the Garden with "Good Lovin'..."The Critters from Plainfield, NJ reached #17 in 1966 with "Mr. Dieingly Sad."

## The Top Five Songs 50 Years Ago

- The Week Of March 25, 1967
1. Happy Together-The Turtles
  2. Dedicated To The One I Love-The Mama's & The Papa's
  3. Penny Lane-The Beatles
  4. There's A Kind Of Hush-Herman's Hermits
  5. Baby, I Need Your Lovin'-Johnny Rivers

## #1 Country Hits- March 24

- 2003-Travelin' Soldier-The Dixie Chicks
- 1991-Loving Blind-Clint Black
- 1985-Seven Spanish Angels-Ray Charles with Willie Nelson
- 1970-The Fightin' Side Of Me-Merle Haggard
- 1965-King Of The Road-Roger Miller



## Jerry Mokar's CD Is Super

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- 2007-Glamorous-Fergie with Ludacris
- 1995-Take A Bow-Madonna
- 1985-Can't Fight This Feeling-REO Speedwagon
- 1972-Heart Of Gold-Neil Young
- 1968-The Dock Of The Bay-Otis Redding



## Music Trivia



### "John, Jon, Johnny"

1. Please Mr. Please

By Tom Burkard

a. Robert John

2. Sad Eyes

b. John Fogerty

3. Paper In Fire

c. Jon Bon Jovi

4. Rocket Man

d. Johnny Tillotson

5. Jungle Boy

e. Elton John

6. Blaze Of Glory

f. John Eddie

7. Walk Away Renee

g. Olivia Newton-John

8. Centerfield

h. Southside Johnny

9. (Just Like) Starting Over

i. John Cougar Mellencamp

10. Poetry In Motion

j. John Lennon

Answers 101 (6 9) 104 1g 2a 3i 4e 5f 6c 7h 8b 9j



1978-Pictured belting out another outstanding song at an area nightclub is former Parlin resident Michael "Mickey" Mauro. If you were around back in the 1970's and 80's, you had to go and see the Michael Mauro Show, in which Mickey headlined as one of the top lead vocalists in the state. In addition to being a fabulous live entertainer, he also recorded some great original tunes. (Photo/info submitted)



## To Mom & Pop

Remembering you both on your Birthdays. Mike, Tom, Sandy & Monika



## To Grand Mom & Grand Pop

We Love you and miss you. Tommy, Amy & Vicky



The South Amboy High School Players Spring musical was presented on March 10, 11 and 12, 2017. WE WILL ROCK YOU a Musical based on the music of Queen and written by Ben Elton was a delightful hit with the audiences. The cast and crew of over 80 students in grades Pre-k to 12th grade put on three amazing performances. Many of Queen's hits were performed from "Crazy Little Thing Called Love", "Headlong", to "We Will Rock You" and the finale "Bohemian Rhapsody". Congratulations to the cast and crew on another successful performance. (Photos by Brian Stratton)



## School Sports

By Tom Burkard

### 2016-17 Final Team Leaders

#### Girls Basketball

##### Sayreville (29-3)

Points-Isi Enahoro 473 Ryane Brush 396  
Patrice Harding 338  
Assists-Harding 52 Enahoro 35  
Rebounds-Jasmine Van Note 166 Enahoro  
140 Harding 100  
Steals-Enahoro 186 Harding 142

##### South Amboy (14-7)

Points-Kelsey Kuhn 316 Alissa Bikowski  
247 Shannon Tran 145  
Assists-Kuhn 76 Bikowski 40  
Rebounds-Tran 269 Kuhn 123 Judy Olivieri  
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#### Boys Basketball

##### Sayreville (22-8)

Points-Ryan O'Leary 453 Xavier Townes  
392 Jahsim Floyd 274 Hendersen Mautes  
264 Ope Olaloko 201.  
Rebounds-Floyd 87 Olaloko 49  
Assists-Townes 44  
Blocks-Floyd 39  
Steals-O'Leary 21

##### South Amboy (6-18)

Points-Kyle Gasiewski 425 Alan Kazar 201  
Isaiah Munoz 141  
Rebounds-Kazar 72 Bobby Nebus 60  
Assists-Gasiewski 24 Justin Lewis 20.

#### Wrestling

##### Sayreville (13-10)

Coach Marcus Ivy's Bombers final regular season records were: heavyweight Michael Porcaro (29-1); 220 lbs. Benedict Arthur (17-13); 132-lbs. Trevor Mastoreo (22-8); 126 lbs. Brandon Alicea (16-13); 138 lbs. Alex Coelho (14-11); 182 lbs. Kyle Wavro (7-4); 195 lbs. Savon Kirksey won 10 matches, 170 lbs. Nino Oneto had 9 wins, Ralph Feola notched 12 victories. Others who contributed to the Bombers success were 113 lbs. Scott Mish; 152 lbs. Connor Bouchard; 160 lbs. Mykhaylo Khalabudnyak.

The Blue & Gray won 5 of its last 6 regular season matches, and went to the first round of the North Jersey Section II Group IV state tourney, but bowed to a strong Phillipsburg.

#### Central Group 4 State Basketball Tournament

##### Sayreville Boys

##### First Round

##### Sayreville 100 Hightstown 73-

Ryan O'Leary led #5 seeded Sayreville with 26 points, 7 rebounds, and 7 assists. Hendersen Mautes pumped in 21 points, Xavier Townes scored 12 points, had 10 assists and 5 rebounds, while Jahsim Floyd scored 9 points, grabbed 10 rebounds, and blocked 7 shots against the #12 seeded Hightstown.

##### Quarterfinals

##### Sayreville 61 Marlboro 52-

Jayson DeMild was top scorer with 17 points, followed by Floyd 15 and Townes 11 against #4 seeded Marlboro.

##### Semifinals

##### Freehold Twp. 76 Sayreville 66

The Bombers gave it a good run against top seeded Freehold, just falling short. O'Leary closed out a brilliant schoolboy career by pouring in 24 points for the Bombers, while Townes connected for 13.

##### Sayreville Girls

##### First Round

##### Sayreville 55 Hightstown 29

#1 seeded Lady Bombers were led by Isi Enahoro, who tossed in 15 points and added 5 steals while Morenike Akinrefon scored 11 and pulled down 5 rebounds. Jasmine Van Note tallied 9 points and 7 rebounds, and Patrice Harding notched 8 points, ripped 7 rebounds, and had 5 steals.

##### Quarterfinals

##### Sayreville 65 Old Bridge 40

Harding led the scoring with 13 points, Van Note scored 12 and grabbed 11 rebounds, and Akinrefon scored 11 against #9 seeded OB.

##### Semifinals

##### Sayreville 71 Hunterdon Central 56

Top seeded Sayreville hammered #4 Hunterdon behind Enahoro's 22 points, and Harding, who tossed in 12 of her 18 points in the last quarter. Akinrefon scored 12 and Brush 11 for the Blue & Gray.

##### Central Group 4 Championship

##### Sayreville 44 South Brunswick 37

Sayreville beat SB for the second time in

10 days in championship games. The tight Sayreville defense staked them to an 8-1 lead after the first quarter, and they never looked back. Akinrefon topped the scoring brigade with 11, followed by Brush 10 and Harding 10.

#### Group 4 State Tournament

##### First Round

##### Sayreville 43 Cherokee 38

The Lady Bombers battled back to defeat the South Jersey Group 4 champions, who finished with a (27-3) record. Isi Enahoro fired in 13 points, Ryane Brush 10, and Patrice Harding 10.

#### Group 4 State Championship

##### Franklin 68 Sayreville 36

Franklin (21-7) started the game with a quick 9-1 lead after only 2 minutes of play, and built a commanding 18-point lead at halftime. Isi Enahoro, ended a fantastic schoolgirl career by scoring 15 points for the Lady Bombers.

#### Central Group I State Basketball Tournament

##### South Amboy Girls

##### First Round

##### South Amboy 69 Woodbridge Academy 49

#7 seeded SA was led by Kelsey Kuhn with 24 points and 16 rebounds, while teammate Alissa Bikowski scored 23 points and hauled in 6 rebounds. Shannon Tran added 10 points against 10th seeded Woodbridge Academy.

##### Quarterfinals

##### Metuchen 67 South Amboy 49

#2 seeded Metuchen ended the Lady Guvs fine season despite solid scoring from Kuhn with 17 points, Bikowski 11 and Erica Policastro 11 points.

#### Central Group I State Basketball Tournament

##### South Amboy Boys

##### First Round

##### Florence 67 South Amboy 41

The #16 seeded Guvs were paced by Kyle Gasiewski's 12 points against top-seeded Florence.

#### GMCT Girls Basketball Tournament

##### Quarterfinals

##### Sayreville 83 Highland Park 37

The #1 seeded Lady Bombers, hammered Highland Park, as Ryane Brush popped in 20 points and Patrice Harding added 15.

##### Semifinals

##### Sayreville 53 Piscataway 27

The #4 Chiefs were pounded by the powerful Blue & Gray, who featured a balanced scoring attack, led by Isi Enahoro with 17 points, Brush 14, Morenike Akinrefon 13, and Katie Esposito 10.

#### Championship Game

##### Sayreville 59 South Brunswick 52

The Lady Bombers defeated South Brunswick to win their first GMCT championship. Enahoro paced the Blue & Gray attack with 23 points, followed by Akinrefon 15, and Harding 13 points.

#### GMCT Boys Basketball Tournament

##### First Round

##### Sayreville 56 J.P. Stevens 31

Xavier Townes topped the scoring with 14 points followed by Ope Olaloko 10 and Henderson Mautes 10.

##### Quarterfinals

##### Sayreville 54 Carteret 49

The Bombers outscored the #6 seeded Ramblers 23-5 on the free throw stripe to notch the hard-fought victory. Sayreville the #3 seed got strong performances from Jahsim Floyd with 14 points and 15 rebounds, Jayson DeMild 15 points, 8 rebounds, Townes 12 points, 7 rebounds.

##### Semifinals

##### Sayreville 69 South Brunswick 65 (Overtime)

Ryan O'Leary's clutch 3-point play with 31.3 seconds left in OT, put the Bombers ahead of the #2 seeded Vikings, 68-65 to seal the victory. Floyd topped the Sayreville attack with 26 points and 9 rebounds, including 7 straight points to start the third quarter. Townes scored 12 points and grabbed 8 rebounds, while O'Leary tossed in 11 points.

#### GMCT Championship

##### St. Joseph's 50 Sayreville 44

Townes led the Bombers with 13 tallies and O'Leary tossed in 11.

## Porcaro Wins District Crown, Finishes 6th In States

Sayreville's super wrestler Michael Porcaro added another championship to his portfolio by winning the District 19 heavyweight crown when he pinned Jack Karvanski of Edison in 4:55.

Porcaro, also the GMC heavyweight champion, lost a heartbreaking semifinal match to Woodbridge's Alex LaGrippio, 3-2 in the ultimate tiebreaker at the State Wrestling Tournament at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City.

The two wrestling mat warriors had met

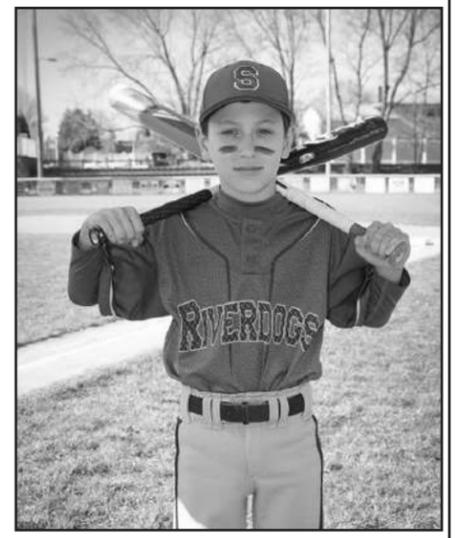
twice previously this season, and each time the verdict was decided with the ultimate tiebreaker. In the GMC title showdown, Porcaro won another thriller, 4-3, and a month earlier in December, it was Porcaro again, who emerged victorious, 2-1.

Michael's older brother Anthony, had defeated LaGrippio 5 times during his high school wrestling career.

In the 5th place match, Elyezer Olivieri of Union City nipped Porcaro, 7-6

Tristan Boyer went to an Elite fielding camp on Feb 11 at RBI made up of mostly 12 - 16 year boys and he dominated and is only 10 years old. Coach Richard Gluchowski who is his Riverdogs coach and is also vice-principal at Sayreville High School posted the below picture and caption on Facebook. He also reached out to the facility to get a direct comment from Todd Frazier himself and he replied "Tristan is absolutely killing it"

The Sayreville Riverdogs - Grey 10U Travel Baseball Team received some good news today about one of their players. Tristan Boyer attended the Frazier Baseball Elite Infielder Camp yesterday and received a tremendous compliment from Todd Frazier himself, "this kid right here is the best in the group" as Todd Frazier was pointing directly at Tristan as he took part in fielding drills in the 12U group... yes 12U group. Way to go Tristan - Great Job keep working hard!



## College Notebook

Jackie Riley (Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's) is off to a red-hot start in her first year at Kean University (11-1). The starting first baseman is hitting .412, #3 on the team, and has 14 hits including 2 doubles and a homer, and is 2nd in RBI with 12. Jackie should also see some time pitching this season...Steve Herdman (South Amboy) scored 135 points, 7.5 avg., and had 55 rebounds, 3.1 for FDU-Florham (8-17)...Alyssa McDonough (Sayreville) led FDU-Florham (25-4) in assists-132, 4.6, and free throw %-.781. She was also 2nd in points-457, 15.8, and rebounds-246, 8.5...Jehyve Floyd (Sayreville) appeared in 31 games for Holy Cross U. (15-17), averaging 12.1 minutes per game, scoring 71 points, 2.3, and getting 51 rebounds, 1.6...Matt Zebrowski (CBA) of Sayreville, was a contributing member of Seton Hall University's (9-3 regular season) first ever Big East Swim & Diving Championship team in program history...Sean Rappleyea (St. Joseph's) of Sayreville finished his hockey season with University of Alabama Huntsville (9-22-3), appearing in 12 games, scoring a goal and chalking up an assist. He is now playing for the school's baseball team (10-12), and the talented left-handed pitcher has pitched one game in relief, facing 4 batters, while striking out 2 and walking 2...Monmouth University (15-16) women's basketball coach Jen Kuziemski Palmateer, and Seton Hall University (12-19) women's basketball coach Anthony Bozzella (Former St. Mary's girls coach) are looking forward

## Mater Dei Names Girls' JV Lacrosse Coach

Mater Dei Prep continues to expand its sports programs for women, announcing the hiring of Diana Rienzo of Manasquan as the new, girls' junior varsity lacrosse coach.

Lance Bennett, MDP athletic director, said he believes "lacrosse is a great addition" to the girls' sports programs at the school. This spring MDP will field JV teams for boys and girls in lacrosse for the first time in school history. As previously announced, Andrew Eastwood will be director of lacrosse operations and the boys' junior varsity coach. Current MDP athletes are encouraged to try out for both teams, with the the plan to field varsity teams next year.

Rienzo "will work closely with Andy Eastwood...to cultivate a competitive program as she builds our junior varsity team this year," said Bennett. She has specialized in one-on-one lacrosse instructional training which, according to Bennett, is the basis for creating a successful new program.

"I am very excited about this opportunity," said Rienzo, "and the chance to help Mater Dei Prep girls' lacrosse grow into a

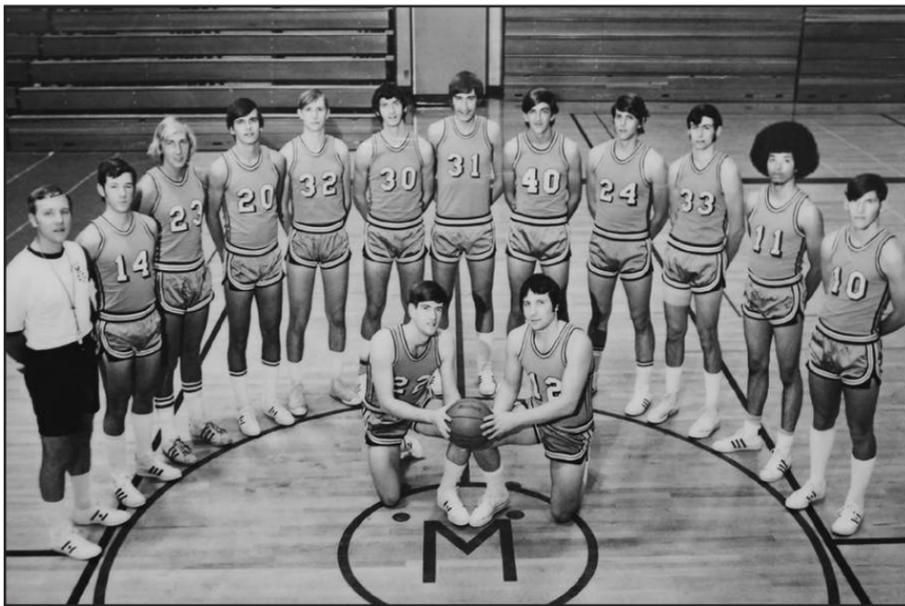
competitive program." Rienzo is a 2015 graduate of Pennsylvania State University where she played club lacrosse. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in biobehavioral health and is currently employed as a marketing representative by SportsCare Institute in East Hanover, New Jersey. Rienzo had a stellar high school lacrosse career at Hauppauge High School in Long Island, New York. "Diana is a young, vibrant coach whose excitement will motivate our student-athletes to be the best on and off the field," said Bennett. "Her energy and passion to develop a program" made Rienzo the best candidate for the job, he explained. Eastwood is looking forward to working with Rienzo. "Diana's passion for education and athletics will be a cornerstone in building a solid foundation for our girls' lacrosse program for many years to come," he said.

For more information about the Mater Dei Prep lacrosse program, or about other programs the school offers, please call 732.671.9100 or visit materdeiprep.org.

# The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

## Champions



1972-The Middlesex County College Colts men's basketball team captured the GSAC Northern Division championship. The team featured three St. Mary's HS alumni including Tony "Sonny" Ostrowski (#32), Doug Batruk (#24), and former St. Mary's Athletic Director/Principal of Sacred Heart School, Gil Pritchard (#33). The team consisted of (l-r) Coach Kahora, Bob D'Alonzo, Frank Owsik, Larry Mokar, Ostrowski, Don O'Keefe, Randy Tkacs, John Hawrylko, Batruk, Pritchard, Roger Richardson, Pat Bradshaw. Kneeling (l-r) Tom O'Brien, Mike Mazur. (Photo/info courtesy of Tom Peterson, MCC)

## From The Sports Archives



This picture of the Hoffman HS basketball team was taken between 1945-1947. Can anyone help us out with identifying any of the players? The only ones identified have been Jim Croddick (bottom row, left), and Leroy Kurtz (top row, 2nd from right). Can you identify any others? Please let us know at: satimes@aol.com. (Photo submitted)

## From The Youth League Archives



1995-Pictured is the Independence girls softball team, which played in the South Amboy Girls Junior Division. Top row (l-r) Coach Joe Bartlinski, Kristen Woods, Kelly Kehoe, ?, Assistant Coach Ben Bajkowski, Stephanie Woods, Lauren Brady, Assistant Coach Peggy Dombrowski. Bottom row (l-r) batboy Joey Bartlinski, Kim Carling. (Photo/names submitted)

## Glory Days In Local Sports

1963-St. Mary's belted Perth Amboy St. Mary's, 81-65. Tom Farrell topped the balanced scoring attack with 20 points. Jack Kreiger scored 18, Jay Derent 14, and Joe Chodkiewicz 12. 1978-Hoffman grounded Green Brook, 79-63. Bob Clayton was high scorer with 23 points. Guido Sessa pumped in 16, Jim Bright 15 and Frank Kuziemski 14. 1981-J.P. Stevens topped the Sayreville boys basketball team, 80-77, despite 25 points from Dan Osborne, who became the 6th Bomber in history to reach the 1,000 point plateau. Mike Tevis chipped in 21 points, and Fred Krumbine 16. 1999-South Amboy girls basketball team pounded Piscataway Tech, 76-16. Kim Peterson led the way with 25 points followed by Regan Rone 15, and Kristen English 12. 2002-Sayreville shocked South Plainfield, 52-45. Sarah Dovidauskas fired in 20 points, and Meredith Phair 15.

## 20 Years Ago

1997-The Sayreville wrestling team finished (4-11), but had fine seasons from Joe Pinella (19-4), Dave Gangadyal (17-6), Vin Porcaro (15-6), Ron Kuhl (13-7), Jason Fitzsimmons (12-5).

## 50 Years Ago

1967-In a semifinal MCCBT game at East Brunswick HS, which was billed as the "Battle of the Amboys," between Perth Amboy (21-0) and Hoffman (14-4), the Panthers jumped out to a 15-4 lead, and held a 21-12 first quarter margin. The Guvs cut the lead to 40-33 at halftime, and still trailed 60-52 after 3 quarters. Perth Amboy was too powerful under the boards, and downed Hoffman, 86-70. Curt Wood took game scoring laurels with 25 points, while Billy Clayton pumped in 20 and Bob Keegan 15. The Panthers had all 5 starters in double digits, as Larry Larsen scored 22, Luci Williams 19, Brian Taylor (Former NBA star) 16, Wayne Pennyfeather 12, and Noel Lugo 10.

## 75 Years Ago

1942-Walt Rogers standout athlete for Hoffman HS was selected 3rd team All-State, All-Groups, and 1st Team Group 1. He played in 20 games for the Guvs who finished (10-11), and scored 279 points, 13.9 avg., (#1 in the county). In addition, he was honored at the Asbury Park Banquet as the Best Foul Shooter in the Shore Conference, making 70 out of 94 for the season.

## T.H.E. Game

Year-1985

Sport-Basketball

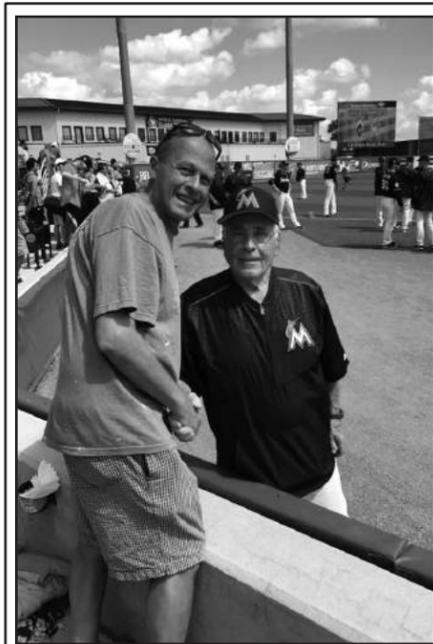
Teams-St. Mary's (8-3) vs. Hoffman (3-11) in the City Series

Recap-Senior Joe Byrne poured in a career-high 31 points, (20 in the second half), and ripped 12 rebounds to lead the way, as the Eagles grounded the Governors, 69-54. Randy Wilson chipped in 13 points. Scott Gumprecht led Hoffman with 18 points.

Player-of-the-Game-Joe Byrne, St. Mary's.

## Back In Those College Days

David and Dan Coyle (Sayreville)-Middlesex County College (MCC); Marshall University, wrestling; Jim Croddick Sr. (Hoffman)-Seton Hall University, baseball, basketball; Lauren Switzer (Sayreville)-Seton Hall University, softball; Jim Inman Sr. (Hoffman)-Rider College, baseball.



Dave Infosino (l) former co-owner of Cambridge Inn, visits with his friend Jack McKeon at Jupiter, Florida, the Spring Training home of the Miami Marlins Major League Baseball Team. Jack, a South Amboy native, managed the Florida Marlins to the World Series championship over the Yankees in '03, and is now a consultant for the club. (Photo submitted)

## Coyle Was Wrestling Champion

In the early 1970's Sayreville War Memorial HS had twin brothers David and Dan Coyle, who happened to be outstanding young wrestlers. David was (17-5-1) at Sayreville, while he and his brother Dan went on to much success in the Middlesex County College (MCC) wrestling program under legendary coach John Sacchi from 1975-77, and ended their collegiate wrestling days at Marshall University from 1977-79.

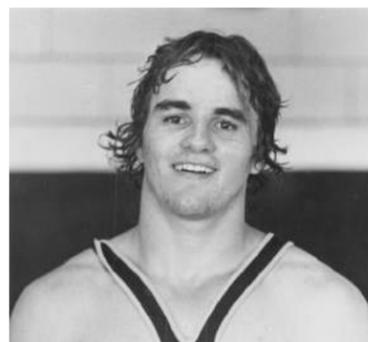
At MCC, David was named to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) 1st team, and won the 167 pound NJCAA Atlantic District championship by compiling a perfect (20-0) record.

While at Marshall, David was the 1979 Southern Conference champion at 167 pounds as a senior, beating Appalachian

State's John Biller, 7-6, and earned a trip to the NCAA Tournament-just the fourth wrestler in Marshall history to qualify for the NCAA's.

During his time at Marshall, he won more than 80% of his matches, was captain and team MVP as a senior, and was the Southern Conference runner-up at 177 pounds as a junior in '78. David helped the Herd to a 3rd place finish in the 1978 Southern Conference Tournament, then to a 4th place in '79. He turned in superb records of (11-3-1) for the 1978-79 Marshall team, and was (13-2) at 177 pounds in 1977-78. Three of his 5 career losses were to Tom Flanagan, Chattanooga's 2-time league champion at 177 pounds.

David Coyle was honored by being inducted into the Marshall University Athletics Hall of Fame in 2014.



David Coyle (Photo courtesy of Marshall U.)

## City Series: Moments Of Glory

30 Years Ago

1987

Game 2

The undefeated Hoffman (16-0) girls once again pounded St. Mary's (11-5), 86-53. Krissy Kuziemski poured in 10 of her 20 points in the first quarter, as Coach Reggie Carney's Lady Guvs raced to a 30-13 lead. Lynn Ust burned the nets for 10 of her game high 29 points in the second stanza. She also finished with 8 rebounds and 3 steals. Tricia Popowski tossed in 14 points, and Lisa

Smith had 11 points, 8 assists, and 6 steals. Jen Noble paced the Lady Eagles with 17 points, while June O'Leary popped in 13, and Michelle Mancuso 10 markers.

Boxscore

Hoffman 86

Ust 29 K. Kuziemski 20 Popowski 14 Smith 11 Jenny Kuziemski 6 Mary Anne Lewis 2 Chris Noble 2 Maryann Stephanick 2. St. Mary's 53

J. Noble 17 O'Leary 13 Mancuso 10 Kim Harkins 9 Jennifer Julg 2 Adriane

McLaughlin 2.

20 Years Ago

1997

Boys Game 1

The Eagles annihilated South Amboy, 67-41. The Saints scoring brigade was led by Tom Rizzo with 24 points, Eddie McCabe 13, and Billy Oels 10. Eric Gromadzki paced SA with 13 points.

Boys Game 2

St. Mary's topped the Guvs, 61-47 to sweep the City Series. Eddie McCabe was

top scorer with 16 points, followed by fellow Maryites Tom Rizzo 13, and Billy Oels 12 points. Kevin Cushing pumped in 16 points and ripped 10 rebounds, and Eric Gromadzki scored 13 for South Amboy.

Girls

St. Mary's beat South Amboy, 55-48, as Janine Swanson poured in 19 points. The Lady Guvs were led by Kristen English with 11 points and Hanna Glomska 10.



John Tyszkiewicz

## Tyszkiewicz Inducted Into Hall Of Fame

By Tom Burkard

In the early 1960's, John Tyszkiewicz was an All-County/All-State defensive tackle at Sayreville HS. He went on to an outstanding collegiate career at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) from 1965-68, and in '67, as co-captain, he went on to earn Little All-American honors, as one of the most talented two-way players in the nation, playing defensive tackle and guard on offense. The Little All-American team was selected by the Associated Press and was the highest honor a UTC athlete could achieve.

Tyszkiewicz was team captain as a senior in 1968, and was rated one of the top linemen in the country. The Mocs posted a remarkable (9-1) season, but unfortunately John was hampered by injuries. During his 4 years at (UTC), the team finished (26-13-1).

In '68, a back injury before the season opener forced him to wear a back brace for the first 3 games, and just as he was getting better, he suffered a knee injury in practice that kept him out of action until the final game.

Despite the injuries and lack of playing time, he still was recognized with an honorable mention spot on the Kodak All-

American team selected by coaches from around the country. In the NFL Draft, he was selected in the 15th round by the Houston Oilers, but the same injuries kept him out of professional football.

John Tyszkiewicz was one of the best football players in UTC history, and was honored by the school along with four others, by being inducted into the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Athletics Hall of Fame on Feb. 24th at the Chattanooga Country Club.

Congratulations John on your well-deserved honor! Sayreville is proud of you and your accomplishments!

Note: One of his former students at Sayreville War Memorial HS, rock superstar Jon Bon Jovi mentioned him in his song near the end of "Just Older." The line says "Tell Coach T. I cut my hair." Tyszkiewicz said that, he and Jon were very good friends, and that he never coached him, but always believed that he was a good athlete and would "have been a pretty good running back or defensive back."



1970-The Middlesex County College baseball team featured two former St. Mary's High School standouts. Current South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (Middle row, 1st on left), who was a talented pitcher, and Tom Ruzala (Top row, 2nd from left), a slugging outfielder.

The team consisted of (Top row (l-r) Coach Patrick Honey, Ruzala, Bill Pollex, Ken Campbell, John Bell, Asst. Coach Mr. Schlegel. (Middle row (l-r) Henry, John Pardi, Steve Foerschl, Wayne Bezdzicki, Andy Payor, Tom McGowan. (Bottom row l-r) Jay Pardi, Bill Tomer, Co-Capt. Ed Hagerty, Co-Capt. Tony Pascazio, Frank Viggiano, Joe Weingart. (Photo/info courtesy of Tom Peterson, MCC)

## Locals Played For Different Schools

Owner of Pride Landscape, Jeff Pawlowski (South Amboy) threw the discus for CBA's varsity track & field team... Daniel J. DiPoalo (Morgan) was a member of the 1977 CBA baseball state championship team that was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame... Tom Downs V (Sayreville) played

soccer for St. Joseph's... Pat McDonough (South Amboy) was a cross country/track & field standout at CBA...

\*If you know of any other South Amboy or Sayreville athletes who attended/played varsity sports for out of town high schools, please let us know.

## Jammin' For Jaclyn Fundraiser

Jammin' For Jaclyn fundraiser, benefitting Jaclyn Squillace and Danielle Sozio (Sayreville Arleth School teacher), both fighting Breast Cancer, will be held on April 29th from 3:30-11 p.m. at South Amboy Knights of Columbus #426, 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. The event will feature great live entertainment by Series of Shocks, John Walsh, Damian and the DCQ, Amber Morgan, The FOG, Rocco & The

Mob, Seven Stone, Alternate Groove, Split Decision, Michael (SaxSkillz) Squillace. There will also be a Hot & Cold Buffet, Laptop Raffle, 50/50, Cash Bar. Donation is \$25 minimum at the door. If you can't attend, and want to donate or have questions, contact founders: Denise Morgan or Ron Morgan at: healthandfitnesswithdenise@gmail.com or call 732-525-9536.

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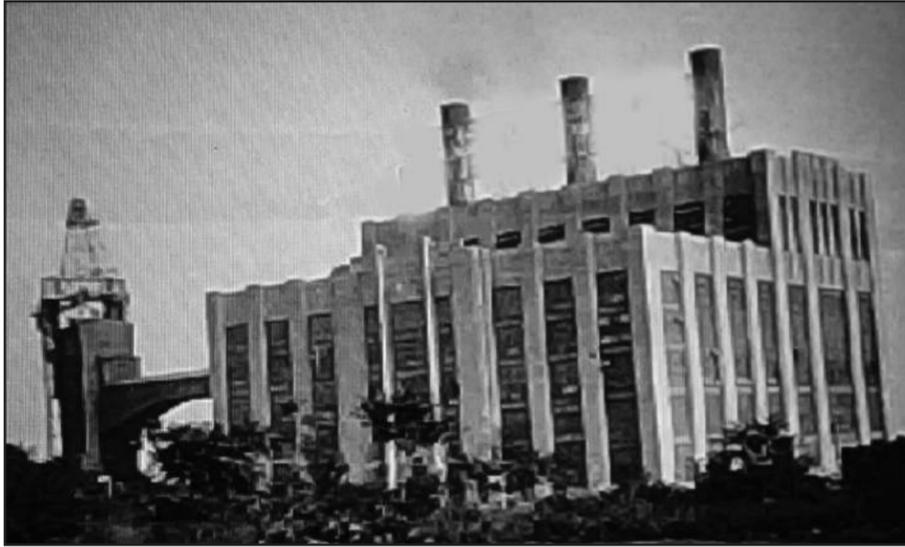


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WWW.?



This local landmark should be an easy one to identify for our Mystery Photo contestants. Send your answer in to: [satimes@aol.com](mailto:satimes@aol.com). Good luck! (Photo submitted)

**February Winners**

Most of our many defending WWW.? champions were stumped by last month's mystery photo. The building was Gerity's Breeze Inn, which was located on Rt. 35 North in Laurence Harbor, right before going onto the Morgan Bridge, which is in The SA Times readership area.

February winners were Kurt Kapes, Bob Letts, Pete McIntyre, Jim Malkiewicz, Judy Guilfoyle and Debbie Carling.

Several of the many incorrect answers included Connie's Bar, Colonel's Garter, South Amboy Boat Club, Bello's, Jolly K's, Simko's, the old Crestview Inn on Ernston Rd., and Thunderbird Lounge.

**\*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.



February WWW.? Gerity's Breeze Inn

**Correction**

Looks like I goofed last month by saying that the J & J Building on First St. was not the first home of the South Amboy First Aid. I wasn't around back then, but remember when the First Aid building was next door, which is now a home with a long driveway. Thanks to Betty Leveille, Dane Colburn, and especially George Francy, author of the book "South Amboy" for pointing this out to me. The following letters by Betty and Dane were greatly appreciated.

**Riley, McMahon And DiGiacomo Earn Awards**

(Photo/article submitted)

Three members of the Kean University softball team earned NJAC Weekly awards in week two of the 2017 season. Sophomore Jacqueline Riley was named the NJAC Player of the Week, while senior Shannon McMahon and freshman Taryn DiGiacomo repeated as the NJAC Pitcher and Rookie Pitcher of the Week, respectively.

Riley earns her first career NJAC Player of the Week honor after keying Kean to four more wins as the Cougars remained perfect in 2017 so far, including a win over No. 16 Coe College at the Rebel Spring Games in Florida. Riley went 8-for-12 with six RBI and one run scored. She had three multi-hit games, including a 3-for-4 effort with four RBI over Simpson College and went 2-for-3 with two RBI in the win over Coe. She also recorded 17 putouts with no errors at first base. Riley is currently sixth in the NJAC with a .556 batting average.

McMahon picks up her second-straight NJAC Pitcher of the Week honor after recording two complete-game wins in two

starts at the Rebel Spring Games. She gave up just one run and scattered six hits in the 4-1 win over No. 16 Coe College. She also went the distance in a 4-1 win over Lakeland University, scattering seven hits and striking out four. In 20.0 innings pitched, McMahon is sporting a 0.70 ERA to rank third among NJAC pitchers.

DiGiacomo picks up her second-straight NJAC Rookie Pitcher of the Week honor after earning a pair of victories to help Kean stay perfect. She pitched a complete game shutout in an 8-0 victory over Simpson College, striking out four and allowing just five hits. She needed only five innings for a 10-1 win over Penn State-Berks, striking out five in the contest. DiGiacomo is currently second among NJAC pitchers with a scant 0.39 ERA in 18.0 innings pitched.

The three Cougars found out they had received the awards while on the team's visit to Universal Studios.



**Letters**



**First Aid Building**

Sorry to differ with you Tom but the building shown as J&J on First St was the 1st home of SAFA their 2nd home was down the street, building with the long driveway, 3rd home is our current location on Main St I would not have said it if my facts were incorrect.

Sincerely,  
Betty Leveille  
South Amboy

**More First Aid Building**

In your Feb. 25 edition I was not listed as correctly naming the Wilhelm Building on First St. I sent my email on Jan. 21 at 2:11 pm. Also, regarding the location of the the original First Aid Squad, I refer you to page 53 of the book "Images of America - South Amboy" by George Francy. That page states that the Wilhelm Building was the original headquarters of the First Aid Squad. The second location of the First Aid Squad headquarters is pictured on page 69. Dane Colburn

South Amboy  
\*Sorry Dane, you will get credit for a correct answer on the Jan. WWW.? contest.

**Gerity's Bar**

The photo is of Gerity's Bar which used to be on Rt 35 in Laurence Harbor which is part of Old Bridge. But it was always, and I believe still is called Morgan Beach. It was often referred to as Father Gerity's because he was open on Sunday mornings. Often flooded out by nor'easters, it was finally burned down by the Laurence Harbor Fire Department as a training exercise, in the very late 80's or early 90's when it was pretty much destroyed by another storm. Fishermen and boaters would buy beer there before heading out.

Pete McIntyre  
(Formerly of Morgan)

Dear Tom,  
I read your paper online, and it keeps my heart in town. Keep it going!

Great Job,  
Frank Makransky  
(Formerly of Sayreville)  
Florida

Lucy The Elephant  
My uncle took me to see Lucy the elephant many, many years ago. At that time, it was badly in need of repairs. I think it had been a hotel at one time. It is located in Margate. Dot Benson  
South Amboy

**Post 1950 Explosion Memories**

I just thought of something that would be interesting to SA Times readers. It does concern the famous explosion of 1950 - but maybe this is one area you have never mentioned in your paper. I remember as a kid (then 15 years old), that the young people of South Amboy were sent on many great trips that following summer. I can't remember them all, but we went to Yankee Stadium, and maybe even the Polo Grounds and Ebbets Field, and amusement parks, compliments of the US Army. At least I think that the Army paid for all this. Other events were held at the ballfield on Feltus Street. These included listening to some of the great big bands popular during the 50s. I remember seeing the Stan Kenton band in their red plaid suits. Another big band to appear there was Xavier Cugat, a Latin style band. A big attraction with Cugat's band was the singing of Abbe Lane. She may have been his wife. Anyway, if more information could be found about that summer, I think it could make a good story. It is one summer that I will never forget.

I think the reason we kids and our parents were treated so good that summer was to keep us from being overly concerned about the many problems that our citizens faced in rebuilding South Amboy.

Thanks,  
John Miller  
(Formerly of South Amboy)

Hi There,  
Another difficult one... and you have me stumped on this one... I don't know this one, so this is a complete guess and total shot in the dark - but I figured to make a guess than no guess at all.

I'm going to guess - that this is an old picture of what currently is Bello's. I remember through the years that it was Schackle's (not sure of the spelling of it from way back when), and it was also Jolly K's and Simko's through the years. My original thought was that it might have been an old picture of what was Connie's... but going instead with what was Bello's/Simko's/Jolly K's/Schackles.... - but like I said, it's a total and complete shot in the dark on this one.

Lisa Grankowski  
Lucy The Elephant  
My students and I believe this is Lucy the Elephant is in Margate, New Jersey. We just read a story about her in our reading group! So exciting!  
Beth-Ann Bulla, Grade 3 Teacher,  
Emma L. Arleth School

**Dear Higher Power**

By Rev. Rhea Carol

I am on my journey  
Onward, upward and forward  
Glitches do not exist  
I am grateful that the Universe conspires in my favor  
The beautiful gift of life and most of all  
The support, the love  
I invite you to make a goal  
Stay on your journey's path  
It is manifest NOW!  
Love is all there is and all it takes  
In deep, deep gratitude

*Rev Rhea Carol is a non-denominational licensed minister at Centers for Spiritual Living which is all inclusive and she is a motivational speaker. Rev. Rhea is the Director of Center for Spiritual Living Asbury Park, a Spiritual Lighthouse. There is a celebration every Sunday at 9:45 in The Center, 806 Third Ave., Asbury Park. VISION: A beacon of light for all. MISSION: To experience Love is all there is and all it takes Rev. Rhea performs customized weddings, blessing of your home, pets and memorials. Any ceremony can be customized and each one is exceptional. For more information, please contact Rev. Rhea at 732 727 8219 H, 732 7717562 [revrheacarol@gmail.com](mailto:revrheacarol@gmail.com)*

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**Where in New Jersey?**



March's location brings back lots of high school memories! Send your answer in to: satimes@aol.com or scan below by April 17th.

**February Information Where in New Jersey?**

By Brian & Phyllis Stratton

Great job everyone, congratulations to

Eleanore Westerholm, Kurt Kapes, Gerry Sherry, Dennis Quinlan, Adele O'Hara, Susan Frank, Leon Credico, Patricia Gatz, Bob and Kathy Coyle, Bill Scarola, Pete McIntyre, Chuck Pickard, Jim Malkiewicz, Beth-Ann Bulla, Gary Feret, Pat & Bill Scully, Dot Benson, Chelle Martin, Elizabeth Leveille, Bob Martenak, Dane Colburn, Ed Bender, Marie English, Judy Guilfoyle.

**Lucy The Elephant**

If you have seen Lucy the Elephant in Margate City, two miles south of Atlantic City, it is something you will never forget. The six-story elephant is an example of novelty architecture. She is constructed of wood and tin sheeting and was built in 1881 by James V. Lafferty. Lucy was originally named Elephant Bazaar and

was built to promote real estate sales and attract tourists. Today, Lucy is the oldest surviving roadside tourist attraction in America. Take a roadtrip and visit her!



**February Where in New Jersey? Lucy The Elephant Margate City, New Jersey**



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**Sayreville Girls Win Greater Middlesex County Tournament**



Photos by Eileen Giovenco





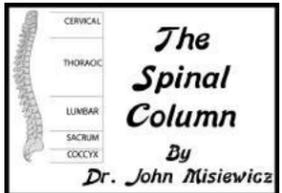
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Injuries can be prevented or minimized with proper preparation. Following are some simple steps to take to avoid injury and enjoy golf to its fullest:

1. Ask your Chiropractor about a conditioning program to strengthen and stretch the muscles used in the golf swing.
2. Use the expertise of your local golf pro. He can insure that your swing is mechanically correct. Improper swing mechanics are the most common cause of golf injuries.
3. Make sure your clubs fit your body. Clubs are like shoes; if you don't buy the right size your body will suffer the consequences.
4. If you walk the course rather than ride, don't carry your golf bag. Carrying a bag, even the lightweight styles; add extra strain on your body. Use a pull-cart. Those golfers with back problems might try pushing the cart rather than pulling it, this will reduce the rotational strain on your lower back.
5. Don't forget the simple things such as bending your knees to pick up the golf ball.
6. If you injure yourself, stop playing and consult your Chiropractor as soon as possible.
7. Have fun! Too many golfers take the game too seriously. Remember, the game is supposed to relieve stress not create it.

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## Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber

**Salt Water**  
New Jersey has refused to accept the 3 Fluke 19 inch size limit. The state DEP and all involved legislators strongly oppose these harsh measures. They are going to the Federal Government-It's wait and see what's next! March 1st has come and the rivers and bays are open to Striper and Flounder fishing. A few short Bass and a keeper or two have been caught in the surf to our south. South Jersey bays are giving up a few Bass too. It's mostly shorts but a few keepers are around. One Striper was over 19 pounds. I haven't seen anyone catching, let alone fishing at any one of our local beaches. Shark River and Barnegat Bay have decent Flounder fishing. With Blackfish season closed, party boats that fish in the Mud Hole are picking at a few Ling and Cod.

**Fresh Water**  
Ice Fishing was practically nonexistent due to the warm winter. One man did fall into the ice at Lake Hopatcong and had to be rescued. Holdover Trout remain a possibility. My wife and I tried a section of the lower Pequest, where I had been catching fish a few times. Conditions were fine and we had all the right baits and lures but we didn't even get a bite let alone catch anything. The few people we saw had nothing either. Some Shad have already moved into the lower Delaware River. Open day Trout season is April 8th.

TO ST. JUDE  
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored and glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude gave me hope. -P.S.

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

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 The Banquet Hall will be open for sit down dining. Take-out dinners will be also available by calling 732-727-7170 or just stop by the Lodge during dinner. All proceeds will benefit the Elks Charities.

**YMCA Annual Campaign**  
 The YMCA OF METUCHEN, EDISON, WOODBRIDGE & SOUTH AMBOY launched its annual campaign on January 10, 2017 at an event held at the JFK Social Center in Edison, NJ. The #100 DAYS OF GIVING CAMPAIGN'S goal is to raise \$215,000. The funds raised by the YMCA will ensure that everyone in the communities served by the YMCA of MWESA have access to vital community programs and resources that support youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Every day, the YMCA of MEWSA works to support the people and neighborhoods that need it most by addressing community issues, such as school readiness, chronic diseases like diabetes and cancer, childcare for working families, elder adults need to stay active and socialize.

"Throughout the communities we serve, countless people know the Y. But there's so much more to our Y than one might think, said Bruce Peragallo, Chief Volunteer Officer of the YMCA of MEWSA. "The Y is more than a gym. It's a cause. As a charity, we're dedicated to nurturing the potential of every child and teen, improving the nation's health and well-being, and giving back and providing support to our neighbors."

At the Kick Off Event there were speakers who shared how the YMCA had impacted their lives. A Toni H., a single mom from Avenel, NJ, was thrilled to have had the opportunity to receive a scholarship so her "differently-abled" daughter and other children were able to have time outdoors at the Oakcrest Pool in Edison. Susan S. shared her journey to a healthier lifestyle. The YMCA allowed Susan to not focus on the number of pounds she lost but how the weight loss improved her energy, self esteem and overall health. Last year, charitable gifts from donors strengthened the YMCA of MEWSA making it possible for the Y to open it's doors to 899 kids to have a safe place to learn and build confidence in summer camp, for 17,263 youth and teens to join the Y as members and program participants, for 387 volunteers to invested 6,343 hours in service to Y members and programs, for 45 cancer survivors to get strong in the LiveSTRONG® at the YMCA Program, and 29,823 people have access to YMCA facilities and programs.

To learn more about how you can support the Y's cause, please contact Katie McAdoo at 732-516-2089 or by email: katie.mcadoo@ymcaofmews.org or visit www.ymcaofmews.org/give for more information. The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge and South Amboy serves Greater Middlesex County with YMCA facilities in Metuchen, Edison and South Amboy, Summer Day Camps at 10 community locations, Early Education Child Care at 12 locations and Before and After School programs in YMCA locations and in schools

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## “BOWL FOR HUNGER” RAISES \$34,860.00

Assemblyman Craig J. Coughlin, in partnership with Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation, Middlesex Water Company and Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce, announced today that the Seventh Annual “Bowl for Hunger” raised a Bowl for Hunger record of \$34,860.00. Net proceeds will be divided evenly to the 32 M.C.F.O.O.D.S.-certified food banks in the 19th District.

Assemblyman Coughlin thanks the Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation, Middlesex Water Company and Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce for partnering again for the Bowl for Hunger—noting that together 78 corporate sponsors and over 600 bowling participants helped to once again make a difference to area food banks. Coughlin beamed, “Strong economy or weak economy, it is remarkable to witness the incredible generosity of our community. In fact, we grew revenue by \$7,655 over last year—the single largest year over year growth. This is a community that truly cares.”

Michael R. D’Agnes, President of Raritan Bay Medical Center said, “Raritan Bay Medical Center and our Foundation are honored and privileged to be a part of the Bowl for Hunger. We truly recognize that people rely on food banks. As the primary medical resource in the 19th District coverage area, we have a strong interest in maintaining a healthy community.”

Middlesex Water Chairman and President Dennis Doll stated, “Since its inception, this event has united people in a very basic common cause -- to help put food on the table for those in need in our own community. We’re grateful for our long time participation in the Bowl for Hunger and the good work being performed by area food banks in serving the needs of area residents.”

Karen Barnes, Executive Director of the Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce, served the integral role of donation depository. “The Chamber is pleased to support our members who contribute to the Bowl for Hunger fundraising efforts. Like our partners, we understand the challenges facing some of the families in our communities so we are happy to assist the very customers who patronize our businesses.”

Peter Barcellona, Chairman of Woodbridge’s “We Feed” Committee, a committee comprised of all 11 Township food banks, called the \$987.40 to each food bank a “blessing.” Barcellona praised the efforts of the Bowl for Hunger partnership for bringing food banks to the forefront. He cited Woodbridge Township’s food banks alone as providing food for 600 families each month.

The Seventh Annual “Bowl for Hunger” took place August 4th at Hopelawn’s Majestic Lanes, welcoming over 600 participants from the local community. With the help of the Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce, 78 corporate, community and individual sponsors donated at least \$100.00 to support the cause. Of the 78 sponsors, the following 30 sponsors donated at least \$500.00: anonymous donor, Amerigroup; Bayshore Recycling; BCB Bank of Woodbridge;

NJ/NY Carpenter Contractor Trust; Cape May Brewing Company; Carteret Business Partnership; CME Associates; Farmers Insurance; Foundation Title, LLC; GEICO; Gerdau; Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield; JFK Medical Center; JJElek Realty Co.; John Wisniewski for Governor;; Meridian Health; Middlesex County Democratic Organization; Middlesex Water Company; NJ Bankers Association; NJ Credit Union League; NJ Hospital Association; NJM Insurance Group; NJ Reality Advisory Group; Phil Murphy for Governor; Professional Insurance Agents of New Jersey, Reliance Insurance Group; UnitedHealth Group; Wellcare and Woodbridge Community Charity Fund.

To date, the Bowl for Hunger has raised \$155,714.00 in seven years.

The following food banks have been allotted approximately \$987.40 each:

From Carteret: Calvary Baptist Church, Favor Ministries, Living Water Family Outreach and St. Joseph’s Parish, Society of St. Vincent De Paul.

From Perth Amboy: Cathedral International—Mercy House Food Pantry & Soup Kitchen, Catholic Charities PACT Team, Deacon’s Table at Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church, George Otlowski, Sr. Center for Mental Health Care, Hogar Crea, Iglesia Ciudad de Refugio, Our Lady of Fatima Food Pantry, Salvation Army, St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church Soup Kitchen, St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, St. Vincent DePaul, Vida Church and Youth Challenge-Renovation House.

From Sayreville: Faith Fellowship Ministries & World Outreach Center and Sayreville Care & Share Food Bank.

From South Amboy: First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy and St. Mary’s Church Food Pantry.

From Woodbridge: “Elijah’s Bread” Fellowship Bible Church, First Baptist Church of Woodbridge, First Congregational Church of Woodbridge, First Presbyterian Church of Avenel, First Presbyterian Church of Iselin, First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge, Heaven’s Helpers, Metro Park Assembly of God, St. Cecelia’s Food Pantry, St. James Food Pantry, and Trinity Church Food Pantry & Soup Kitchen.

The 19th Legislative District is comprised of the following municipalities: Carteret, Perth Amboy, Sayreville, South Amboy, and Woodbridge.

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

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Daniel Lewis, son of former South Amboy residents Bill and Sue Lewis is pictured above with former Vice President Joe Biden, who he did a 5-month White House internship with in 2014. Dan has two Bachelor Degrees from American University Washington D.C., a Masters Degree in special education from Dominican University in Chicago, and is currently a 1st year law candidate at the University of Illinois in Champlain. Dan earned his Masters, while working at Legal Prep Charter School in Chicago under The Teach For America Program. This past weekend 2/25-26/17, Dan and his teammates, from the University of Illinois School of Law, won the Mock Trial National Championship. (Photo/info submitted)



Having fun at the Dance Fitness class run by Denise Morgan at the Sayreville Senior Center. (Photo/Submitted)



### Congratulations

Congratulations to Paramedic # 0275 Gary Cottrell of Morgan, who retired on March 1st. He became a paramedic on October 1st, 1979. Gary was part of the NBFED before starting his career at Muhlenberg Hospital in Plainfield NJ, on August 23rd, 1982 as one of the originals. He later transitioned to the now JFK Emergency Medical Services, Edison NJ. For the past 35 years, Gary has been an outstanding and dedicated paramedic throughout the community. From your past and current colleagues, we wish you a wonderful and relaxing retirement. (Photo/story submitted)



## Let’s Take a Walk: Broadway Late 1940’s Early 1950’s - Part 1

By John (Flip) Phillips

What did Broadway look like back then? It surely looked different than it does today. Whenever I come back for a visit I always take a couple of turns around town to look for something that will remind me of the way it was. I ride by St. Mary’s and the old Hoffman High School, and think back and remember happenings and people I used to know. The buildings on Broadway are still there, but not as I remember them. Oh well things change, but I will say this: The town has done a very good job keeping “the boulevard” looking good, I liked what I saw. Now let’s take that walk.

Since my early days were spent below the tracks on David Street, I spent a lot of time walking or riding my bike along that long “boulevard”. What follows is what I remember. However, if you were living in South Amboy then, you can probably add to the list and name a few that I forgot.

Taverns Let’s start there, why not, South Amboy was famous for them. There were 7 on Broadway, and 1 just around the corner

of Broadway and First Street for a total of 8. Starting south going north: Brennen’s, Juice’s, Nelson’s, Barry’s, Jerome’s, Reiner’s and Allie Clark’s Sportsman’s Inn. And, the one just around the corner on First Street was DeSantis’s Bar and Grill.

Brennan’s later became the Cloverleaf, famous for the String Band that used to practice where Sciortino’s now has its restaurant. Since I played the accordion my mom always wanted me to try out for the band, but I was not going to wear one of those “silly” costumes. My buddies would laugh at me. I know it changed hands a few times going forward but I only remember those 2.

Jerome’s, and The Sportsman’s Inn were on the railroad side of Broadway. When the trains from New York pulled into town to change engines from electric to steam for the remainder of the trip down the shore; you would think that the “liberty” call had been made for thirsty sailors just back from a long cruise. Passengers would scramble out of the train and quickly head to either Jerome’s or

the Sportsman’s Inn for a little “refreshment”. If it was a Friday, the stampede would be large. I think the change from electric to steam took about 20 to 30 minutes. So, when the train was all hooked up and ready to go, the engineer would blow the train’s whistle to get the people out of the bars and back on the train. NOW. When the train pulled out I would patrol the area looking for dropped loose change. AND. I would almost always find a few nickels, dimes and even a quarter dropped by the riders in their haste to get back on the train. Then it was almost always off to Joe’s Smoke Shop for some ice cream, or to buy some bubble gum and baseball cards. Or, if I had enough money I would head over to O’Connor’s for a bag of penny candy (the best candy in town), and Mr. O’Connor would always put a couple extra pieces in the bag. And perhaps an Ice Cream Soda or a Sunday, or if I was lucky that day a Banana Split. Yes, a lot of change was dropped on the rush back to the train. What always amazed me was the number of

people who came to see the changing of the trains. They took pictures and even movies of the process. I did not realize back then that South Amboy was a “famous” railroad town. It was something we took for granted. After all, trains came and went all day long down below the tracks, the Bowery.

Reiner’s was a “gentlemen’s” bar. You hardly ever saw a lady in the bar area. They had a nice dimly lit back room with booths that you got to by walking down the alley between buildings. My mom would take me and my brother Joey “Pinger” there. They had the best Birch Beer around. And, Reiner’s was my dad’s hangout. When Joey and I set out on a Friday to get my dad’s pay we would always start there to look for him. I think it was a game he played with us, but we always found him. And, DeSantis’s had the best hot sausage around, except maybe for Abbey’s up on Stevens Avenue. Johnny and Kate were nice people.

Read Part 2 next month!

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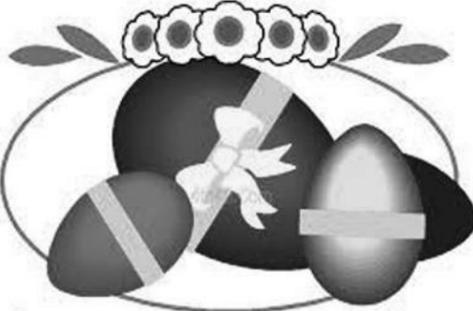
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**Middlesex County College Education Students to Present Free Literacy Event for Children**

Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society for education at Middlesex County College, is hosting Literacy Alive!, a program for 5-10 year olds and their parents to encourage a love of reading. This free program, open to Middlesex County residents, includes a workshop by Steve Light, author of numerous children's books such as "Have You Seen My Dragon?," "Lucky Lazlo," "Swap!," and "Zephyr Takes Flight."

It will be held in the College Center on the Edison campus on Saturday, March 25, from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and is followed by lunch.

The children and their parents will attend three workshops during the morning: one by Mr. Light; a literacy session conducted by MCC students in the honor society; and a crafts program in which the children will make a project to take home. The workshops are designed to encourage reading, and also to assist parents teach literary skills to their kids.

"This program will benefit both young students and their parents," said MCC Professor Melissa Luis, the advisor to Kappa Delta Pi. "Our guest, Steve Light, is not only a wonderful author and illustrator, but he is also a preschool teacher who is an expert in promoting reading to young children. It will also help parents teach reading skills to their kids. And it'll be fun as well."

Each child will receive a copy of an autographed book by Mr. Light.

The program is limited to the first 100 children who register through Eventbrite. To register, please go to <https://www.middlesexcc.edu/literacy>.

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Girls will participate in the Girls on the Run 5K on June 11th in Somerville. The Girls on the Run 5K is open to the public and families are encouraged to run. The registration fee for the race is \$25, information on registering will be sent via email. Volunteer coaches are needed at all locations. If you would like to volunteer, please complete the volunteer section online when you register your daughter. Learn more about us at: [www.getrcnj.org](http://www.getrcnj.org).

Register online at: <https://www.raceplanner.com/register/index/GOTRCNJSpring2017ProgramRegistration>

Who: Girls in Grades 3-5. Location: Raritan Bay Waterfront Park, South Amboy. Days & Times: Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:00-6:15 PM. Dates: April 4th - June 13th, Fee: \$135.

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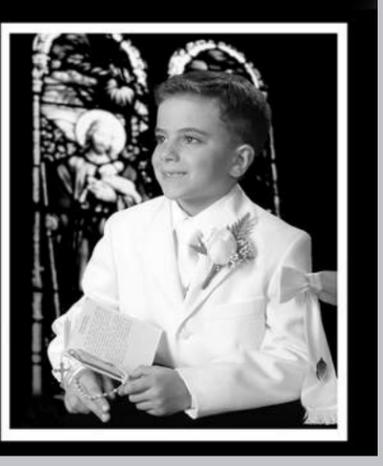
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## In Memoriam

By Tom Burkard



James "Jersey Jim" Shindle, 95, of Sayreville died on Feb. 14. He served with the U.S. Marines in World War II as a scout/sniper in the battle of Iwo Jima. Lydia Marcano, 86, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 20. A very kind-hearted lady, she touched many lives in a positive way through her lifetime. Margaret "Fran" Delaney Keenan, 98, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 27. She was employed as a Reading teacher for 25 years in the South Amboy Elementary School, and a member of the NEA, NJEA, the Middlesex County Retired Educators. In addition, she was charter President of St. Mary's High School PTA, a member of Sea

Bright Senior Citizens Association. Fran was the founder of the Caring Listeners Reading Program in St. Mary's Elementary School. Jo Ann Lee, 67, of Parlin died on March 2. She was involved in the ADA Sayreville Commission of the disabled, as well as the VFW Women's Auxiliary and the Carmelites. Aneca Garnett, 75, of South Amboy died on March 16. Before retiring, she was a Crossing Guard for South Amboy. Aneca was also a contributing member of the Hawks team that competed in the first-ever South Amboy Women's Softball League.

They will all be sadly missed but always remembered.

### Lydia M. Marcano

Lydia M. Marcano, 86, of Oviedo, FL, decided it was time to dance, sing, and play baseball again on Monday, February 20, 2017, in Winter Park, FL with her family by her side when she passed. The viewing hours at Kurzawa Funeral Home, 338 Main St. in South Amboy, NJ were Friday, March 3rd from 5 to 8 PM, and Saturday, March 4th from 8 AM to 9:30 AM. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, March 4 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in South Amboy. Interment followed at Christ Church Cemetery in South Amboy.

Lydia was born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, where she made lasting memories of sliding into third base as a young girl! She later moved to New York City, where she rode the trains, learned English, and met the great love of her life, Robbie. The couple moved their cherished family to South Amboy in 1965; where she raised generations of children. She fondly recalled working at Perth Amboy General Hospital when her two eldest granddaughters were born. She was in the delivery room, coaching on standby. Lydia was a giving woman devoting much of her time to St. Mary's Church of South Amboy, often slipping her favorite sports teams into the weekly prayers.

Never, was there a greater fan of her beloved Yankees and Giants than Lydia. She could put any commentator to shame, constantly up to date with the latest sports stats! She was also a big fan of Broadway shows and could sing a line, loudly and proudly, from every show ever performed on Broadway; she would also be the first to tell you that God didn't give her a voice to sing. After moving to Florida, Lydia quickly

became the Bingo Queen and enjoyed yoga and knitting with her friends. Lydia lived her life without fear and was always ready to take on the world at a moment's notice!

On February 20, 2017, she decided it was time to meet up with her beloved



Lydia M. Marcano

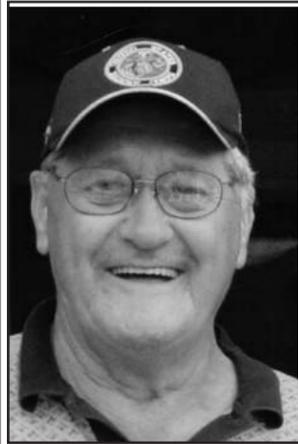
husband, Robert Marcano, her beloved parents, one of her two best friends, her sister, Swinda Ruiz, brother Tomas Pastor and his wife Adela, so they could go dancing and partying for eternity.

Lydia is survived by family and friends across the world, including her best friend, partner in crime, and sister Cristina Dopico, daughter and her husband, Margaret and Dan Fogel, son and his wife, Robert and Yolane Marcano, son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren, Thomas, Betsey, Margo, Anna, and Madison Marcano, nephew, Roland Ruiz, his son Roland (R.J.) Ruiz, Jr., and Roland's partner Anna Marie Alford, nephew and his wife, Joseph and Kellie Dopico, their children Chloe and Dillan Dopico, niece Annie Dopico, her children Taylor Nummi, Andres Nummi, and Monty Nummi, granddaughter Kristine Tucker and her partner Joseph Coughlan, granddaughter and her husband, and great-grandchildren, Jennifer Tucker-Gieb, Adam Gieb, Andrew and Cassandra McDermott, and many, many more.

Lydia was a force of nature who had a passion for life in the very center in her soul that will live on forever in the hearts of those who loved her. The way she lived and loved remains an inspiration to all who were lucky enough to know her. Her courage will never be forgotten and will endure for all time as a source of strength for her family, friends, and - God Willing - Sports teams!

### Michael P. Kelly,

85, of South Amboy died on Wednesday March 1, 2017 at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston. Born in Matawan he lived in South Amboy since 1957. Before retiring he was employed as a plumbing inspector in East Brunswick and South Amboy for 30 years and previously by N.L. Industries and E.I. DuPont & Co., Parlin.



Michael P. Kelly

He was a United States Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War. A member of St. Mary's R.C. Church, South Amboy he was also a member of

the Luke A. Lovely American Legion Post 62, South Amboy, the Disabled American Veterans, the Edison Moose Lodge 1978 and the South Amboy Irish American Association. He was a longtime coach of the Enterprise Snorkel Little League Baseball Team and was honored as Deputy Grand Marshal of the 2007 South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Son of the late Charles A., Sr. and Margaret Jastrab Kelly he is also predeceased by his wife Mary O'Connor Kelly in 2003 and his brother John Kelly. He is survived by his sons Michael Kelly and his wife Nancy of Marion, North Carolina, Timothy Kelly of Parlin and Mark Kelly and his wife Monika of Clinton; his daughters Patricia Kelly of South Amboy, Mary Kate Vacca and her husband Jack of South Amboy and Ann Kelly of South Amboy; his brother Charles A. Kelly, Jr. of Alabama; his sister Margaret Dugan of Freehold; his grandchildren Teddy, Michael and his wife Kristen, Kellie, Rory and his wife Crystal, Christina and her husband Patrick, Breanne, Laura, Megan, Annalise and Charlotte and his great-granddaughters Malory, Madelyn, Anna Grace and Harper Jayne.

Funeral services were held on Monday March 6, 2017 at 8:45 am from The Gundry Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by a 9:30 am Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church. Interment was at Christ Church Cemetery, South Amboy. Charitable donations may be made to the South Amboy First Aid Squad, PO Box 328, South Amboy, NJ 08879.

## Obituaries

Baczowski, Patricia A. "Pat," Rojewski, 67, formerly of Sayreville died on March 9.

Chance, William J. Jr., 59, of South Amboy died on Feb. 25.

DaSilva, Victor, 75, of Sayreville died on March 8.

Gardner, Jane M. "Janie," 58, of South Amboy died on Feb. 20.

Garnett, Aneca, 75, of South Amboy died on March 16.

Jankowski, Alan W. 55, of Parlin died on March 10.

Januszak, Mary, 100, of South Amboy died on Feb. 16.

Jedrusiak, John, 75, of Sayreville died on Feb. 28.

Joswick, Edward Jr., 95, of Parlin died on March 8.

Joule, John T. "Jack," 75, of Parlin died on Feb. 25.

Keenan, Margaret "Fran," Delaney, 98, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 27.

Kelly, Michael P. "Mike," 85, of South Amboy died on March 1.

Lechleiter, Robin L., 56, of Parlin died on Feb. 17.

Lee, Jo Ann, 67, of Parlin died on March 2.

MacNeil, Lillian P. Shugrue, 94, of South Amboy died on Feb. 22.

Marcano, Lydia, 86, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 20.

Matysik, Kevin R., 24, of South Amboy died on Feb. 19.

Newcombe, Rae G., 59, of Sayreville died on March 6.

Rodgers, Marilyn, 69, of Parlin died on Feb. 23.

Samo, Robert J., 71, of South Amboy died on March 2.

Scott, Richard F., 89, formerly of Sayreville died on Feb. 20.

Shindle, James C. "Jersey Jim," 95, of Sayreville died on Feb. 14.

Skarzynski, John K. "Scotty," 65, formerly of South River died on March 3

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## YMCA Honors Patricia Wiley and Former Governor James Florio

The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy (MEWSA) will be holding its Annual Dinner on May 3, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Pines Manor in Edison. This event is a long standing tradition that celebrates the highlights of the YMCA of MEWSA, now in its 96th year of service to Greater Middlesex County. The Annual Dinner will feature a recap of the year's activities and present the Charles S. Edgar Memorial Award and Peter J. Barnes, Jr. Community Champion Award to deserving members of the community who support and further the YMCA's goals.

The recipient of the Charles S. Edgar Memorial Award is Patricia Wiley. This award is given to an individual who has greatly served the youth of the community, exemplifies community spirit, has contributed to the community through a variety of organizations and in a variety of roles and is responsive to and interested in the work of the YMCA. Patricia has been a long-time volunteer, donor and supporter of the YMCA of MEWSA. She is a 1973 graduate of Marietta College where she received her BA in accounting and economics. She served on the Metuchen YMCA Branch Board of Managers from 2012 to 2015, leaving that Board to join the YMCA Association Board of Directors in 2013, on which she still

currently serves. She has also served on the YMCA's Strategic Planning Committee in 2014, the Golf Committee in 2013 and 2014 and was Chair of the Financial Development Committee from 2013 to 2015. Patricia has been a long-time volunteer for the Annual Support Campaign, a fundraising effort that provides financial assistance and program subsidy for community members who need it most and served as Committee Chair for the campaign in 2014. She also serves on the Finance Committee and was instrumental in advising staff and the Board in matters of financial management and planning. Patricia is retired from Johnson & Johnson where she worked for 39 years in various financial and supply chain positions. Patricia was also a Democratic Committeewoman for Metuchen District 13 from 2009 to 2016, representing Metuchen residents to bring grassroots concerns to the Democratic Party. She epitomizes the core values of the YMCA and altruistically giving back to the community.

The Peter J. Barnes Jr. Community Champion Award will be presented to former Governor James Florio. This award is given to an individual who has a legacy of community service, is responsive to and interested in the work of the YMCA, serves as an example for others in leadership, integrity and the core values of the YMCA: caring, honesty, respect

and responsibility. James served as New Jersey's 49th Governor from 1990 to 1994 and also served as a member of the United States House of Representatives for 15 years between 1975 and 1990. He attended Trenton State College and received his law degree from Rutgers School of Law in Camden. In both 1969 and 1971, James was elected to represent Legislative District 3D in the New Jersey General Assembly and was elected in 1973 to represent the 5th Legislative District in the General Assembly. He resigned from those positions in 1975 in order to take a seat in Congress. In 1974, James was elected to the United States House of Representatives for New Jersey's 1st congressional district and served from 1975 to 1990, where he earned the title, "the hardest working member of Congress". He was best known as the author of the Superfund legislation to clean up the most polluted sites in the country, considered to be one of the most important pieces of federal environmental legislation in the last two decades. Florio was responsible for redistributing hundreds of millions of dollars of school aid to urban and rural districts, as part of the Quality Education Act. In 1990, under his leadership, New Jersey passed the strictest gun control law in the nation, banning the sale and severely restricting the possession of assault weapons in the

state. He was recognized for these and other notable achievements by receiving the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award in 1993 and being inducted into the New Jersey Hall of Fame in 2014. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Health Care Quality and is a University Professor for Public Policy and Administration at Rutgers University.

Patricia Wiley and former Governor James Florio will be honored at the 2017 Annual Dinner of the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, and Woodbridge & South Amboy on Wednesday, May 3rd, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Pines Manor in Edison, NJ. The cost to attend is \$65.00 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Katie McAdoo, Association Advancement Director at 732-516-1108 or at [katie.mcadoo@ymcaofmews.org](mailto:katie.mcadoo@ymcaofmews.org).

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Bacon, Egg & Cheese.....	\$2.99
Bacon & Cheese.....	\$2.99
Sausage, Egg & Cheese.....	\$2.99
Ham, Egg & Cheese.....	\$2.99
Turkey Bacon, Egg & Cheese.....	\$2.99
Steak, Egg and Cheese.....	\$4.99

**3 EGG OMELETTES**

All Omelettes are Made With 3 Eggs & Served with Potatoes and Toast

Cheese Omelette.....	\$5.99
Veggie Omelette.....	\$5.99
Ham & Cheese Omelette.....	\$6.99
Western Omelette (Ham, Red Onion, Green Pepper & Cheese).....	\$6.99
4 Meat Omelette (Bacon, Sausage, Pork Roll, Ham, Onions & Green Peppers).....	\$7.99
Bacon & Cheese Omelette.....	\$6.99
Sausage & Cheese, Red Onion, Green Pepper.....	\$6.99
Steak & Cheese, Red Onions, Green Peppers.....	\$7.99

**BREAKFAST WRAPS**

Pork Roll, Egg & Cheese.....	\$2.29
Bacon, Egg & Cheese.....	\$2.29
Sausage, Egg and & Cheese.....	\$2.29
Western (Ham, Red Onion, Green Pepper).....	\$2.29
Egg White Veggie.....	\$2.29
Steak & Cheese, Red Onion, Green Peppers.....	\$2.49

**BREAKFAST EXTRAS**

Hardroll with Butter.....	\$1.29
Bagel with Butter.....	\$1.89
Bagel with Cream Cheese.....	\$1.89
Side of Home Fries.....	\$1.89
Side of Bacon.....	\$1.89
Side of Sausage.....	\$1.89

**COLD SUBS**

Served With Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Mayonnaise, Oil & Vinegar

	ROLL	HALF	WHOLE
Ham & Cheese.....	\$4.49	\$5.99	\$11.99
Ham, Salami & Cheese.....	\$4.49	\$5.99	\$11.99
Low Sodium Ham & Swiss.....	\$4.49	\$5.99	\$11.99
Roast Beef & Cheese.....	\$4.49	\$5.99	\$11.99
Turkey & Cheese.....	\$4.49	\$5.99	\$11.99
Bologna & Cheese.....	\$4.49	\$5.99	\$11.99
Liverwurst & Cheese.....	\$4.49	\$5.99	\$11.99
Buffalo Chicken Breast.....	\$4.49	\$5.99	\$11.99
Tuna Salad.....	\$4.49	\$5.99	\$11.99
Turkey, Ham & Cheese.....	\$4.99	\$6.99	\$12.99
Turkey, Bacon & Cheese.....	\$4.99	\$6.99	\$12.99
Italian (Ham, Salami, Capicola & Provolone).....	\$4.99	\$6.99	\$12.99
Classic B.L.T.....	\$4.99	\$6.99	\$12.99
Turkey Bacon B.L.T.....	\$4.99	\$6.99	\$12.99
Pastrami & Swiss with Spicy Mustard ...	\$4.99	\$6.99	\$12.99

**TACOS & QUESADILLAS**

3 Tacos Served With Sour Cream, Salsa, And Pico De Gallo  
Add Guacamole (2 oz.) for \$1.49

Beef Taco Combo.....	\$7.99
Chicken Taco Combo.....	\$7.99
Veggie Taco Combo.....	\$7.99
Beef Quesadilla.....	\$7.99
Chicken Quesadilla.....	\$7.99
Veggie Quesadilla.....	\$7.99
Cheese Quesadilla.....	\$7.99

**WRAPS & SALADS**

**COLD WRAPS**

All Wraps Served With Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Cole Slaw & Pickle

Ham & Cheese.....	5.99
Ham, Salami & Cheese.....	5.99
Low Sodium Ham & Swiss.....	5.99
Roast Beef & Cheese.....	5.99
Turkey & Cheese.....	5.99
Bologna & Cheese.....	5.99
Liverwurst & Cheese.....	5.99
Buffalo Chicken Breast.....	5.99
Tuna Salad.....	5.99
Italian (Ham, Salami, Capicola & Provolone).....	5.99
Classic B.L.T.....	5.99
Turkey Bacon B.L.T.....	5.99

**HOT WRAPS**

All Hot Wraps Served With Fries, Pickle & Your Choice of Dressing

Cheese Steak.....	6.99
Cheese Steaks, Onion, Green Pepper, Mushrooms.....	6.99
Steak, Mushroom & Swiss.....	6.99
Grilled Chicken, Lettuce & Tomato.....	6.99
Buffalo Chicken w/Lettuce & Bleu Cheese.....	6.99
Fried Chicken w/Lettuce, Tomato & Honey Mustard.....	6.99
Chicken, Bacon & Ranch w/Lettuce.....	6.99
Chicken Cheese Steak.....	6.99
Chicken Ceasar, Romaine Lettuce.....	6.99

**SALADS**

Choice Of Dressing:  
Italian, Balsamic, French, Ranch, Ceasar, Bleu Cheese

Garden Salad.....	SMALL \$4.99 • LARGE \$6.99
Mixed Cheese Salad.....	SMALL \$4.99 • LARGE \$6.99
Grilled Chicken Salad.....	SMALL \$4.99 • LARGE \$6.99
Chef's Salad.....	SMALL \$4.99 • LARGE \$6.99

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