

South Amboy Fire Dept. Golf Outing- April 27

The South Amboy Fire Department 125th Anniversary Committee will be holding its 2015 Golf Outing on Monday, April 27th at the Glenwood Country Club, 1655 US Highway 9, Old Bridge. Cost is \$125/golfer, \$30/non-golfer 19th Hole Luncheon. Registration is 8 a.m., and the shotgun start will be at 9 a.m. For more info go to: South-amboyfd125thanniversary.com.

Former Fire Chief Dies

Former South Amboy Fire Chief, William "Bill" Leonard, 72, died on Feb. 3. He served the City of South Amboy as its Fire Chief in 1982, and was also a longtime Democratic Committeeman. God Bless, Bill Leonard!

Sayreville Coach Sacked

By Steve Schmid

When the Sayreville Bomber football team kicks off its 2015 season this fall, there will be a new leader on the sideline. Head coach George Najjar's long tenure will be in the rearview mirror. The Sayreville Board of Education posted Najjar's job February 5 on the district website seeking job applications for the vacant position. Sayreville School Superintendent Richard Labbe said they are excited to launch a comprehensive search to find the next leader of the football team. Najjar's status has been in question since the football team was rocked by a hazing scandal last October which forced the cancellation of the 2014 season. Seven members of the varsity team have been charged with sexual violations of four teammates in the school locker room. Najjar remains suspended with pay from his coaching and physical education duties. This has been a stunning change of fortune for Najjar who led the Bombers to 20 consecutive state playoff appearances including four sectional state championships. He was inducted into the New Jersey Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2014. Najjar finished with a 165-54 record during 20 seasons at Sayreville including a 21-13 postseason record.

Reilly Named To Council

Tom Reilly was recently named the new Second Ward Councilman. Reilly fills the spot vacated by Joseph Connors, who served as Council President, and resigned on December 31st. Best of luck, Tom!

C-Town Will Reopen Again

By Tom Burkard

The good news is that South Amboy's convenient food store, C-Town will open again, hopefully in the not too distant future. The C-Town closing since the fire on Jan. 6th, has been tough, not only on the locals, who depend on the store for nearby shopping, but also on the many workers, whose livelihoods depend on it. Owner Nasser Nasser said that the fire started in the old section of the building in the attic, and he praised firefighters, "I want to thank the Fire Dept. for saving the building," he said.

Nasser also said that, "We're working hard with the town to get the store reopened, and I'd like to thank Council President Mickey Gross and Mayor Fred Henry for all of their help. I also want to thank the employees for all of their assistance, and hope to get them back to work real soon. We're there for the town, and we hope that it will come back and support the store."



The South Amboy St. Patrick's parade committee recently honored this year's parade Marshals, Pictured (l-r) Fr. Dennis Wezorak, Special Honored Guest, Phyllis Stratton, Deputy Grand Marshal, Hugh Rone, Grand Marshal, Bert Baron, Special Honored Guest and Peter Barnes Jr., Honorary Grand Marshal. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

St. Patrick's Day Parade March 7th

The South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade, which is believed to be the second largest in all of New Jersey, will be held on Saturday, March 7th starting 2 p.m. at the corner of South Pine Ave. and Bordentown Ave. The parade will then proceed down

Bordentown Ave., take a left onto South Stevens Ave., make a right on Main St., another right onto North Broadway, and proceed to the reviewing stand on Broadway. The parade should be a spectacular event once again, so try not to miss it!



Jill Rzepka (c) won the raffle held by the South Amboy Fire Dept. 125th Anniversary Committee for the 2015 Ultimate Football Game of the Year, and got to see one of the most exciting Super Bowl games in history with her dad, Don Rzepka (3rd from left), who is the owner of Al's Auto Body in South Amboy. They proudly wear their Super Bowl sweatshirts, and hold up their tickets from the big game that was played at the University of Phoenix Stadium, in Glendale, Arizona. Also pictured is South Amboy Fire Chief Mike Geraltowski (2nd from left) and other members of the South Amboy Fire Dept. 125th Anniversary Committee. (Photo/story by Tom Burkard)



1,000 Points Club- South Amboy's Amanda LaVigne recently joined the 1,000 points scoring club in a victory over East Brunswick Tech. The happy family includes (l-r) C.J., Amanda, Corey, and Amore. See story on page 15. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



Frank Paczkowski, Meat Manager of C-Town in South Amboy, points to the area where the Jan. 6th fire damaged a portion of the store. There are plans to reopen the store as soon as everything is repaired. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Jack Hulsart Remembered

By Tom Burkard

Former South Amboy Councilman and Recreation Director John "Jack" Hulsart, 81 of South Amboy died on Jan. 28. Jack was a top-notch organizer, who ran an outstanding recreation program in South Amboy for many years, always putting his heart and soul into it, and making it one of the best rec programs around for children and adults.

Before his retirement, he worked many years at E.I. DuPont & Co. in Parlin as a machinist. Jack was a Board of Education member, and went on to become a Councilman for the City of South Amboy from 1986-1991. In addition, he was a very active member with the Morgan Lions Club, and MAVIS (Music Appreciation for the Visually Impaired), Sayreville.

South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry re-



Jack Hulsart

called that, "Jack gave me my first position on the Recreation Dept., overseeing the South Amboy Babe Ruth League. He was an all-around nice guy. I remember him refereeing in the Touch Football League, and on a controversial play, he said, 'that's a do-over,' which was something you would hear in sandlot games."

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Sayreville Wins Group III Bowling Title

The Sayreville boys bowling team captured the NJSIAA Group III state championship by racking up 3,146 pins. Second place finisher Sparta totaled 2,959. The Bombers balanced attack featured overall high-rollers for 3 games Christopher DeOcampo 660, senior captain A. J. Angotti 658, Christopher Hauber 627, Mark Kozinski 614. The Sayreville boys bounced back to cop the Group III crown, after bowing to Freehold Twp. in the first round of the Tournament of Champions. (TOC). Congratulations to Coach Mike Weinert and all of the Bombers on another outstanding season!

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Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Charmello Chosen Council President

Former South Amboy resident, Michelle Charmello has been elected Woodbridge Council President for 2015. Congratulations Michelle, and best of luck always!

Kibbler Retires From Teaching

Donna Kibbler, a 1964 St. Mary's HS graduate, recently retired after 49 years in the teaching field, the last 47 with the Old Bridge Public Schools system. She recalled that her first two years were spent teaching sixth grade at St. Ambrose in Old Bridge. Congratulations, Donna! Enjoy your retirement!

In Memoriam

Virginia Ogonowski, 93, of Sayreville died on Jan. 7. Before her retirement, she was co-owner/operator of Ogan's Tavern in South Amboy. Sally Turback, 66, of South Amboy died on Jan. 13. She and her husband Wayne Turback created, owned and ran the Broadway Central Café in South Amboy for many years. She also helped design and manage the Bedroom Restaurant in Morgan, and at one time was an Assistant Editor for Time Magazine. Dorothy Connallon, 93, of St. Augustine, Florida died on Jan. 14. She was loved and respected by all, and a proud member of the South Amboy Irish American Association. Roslyn Katko, 83, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 15. She was a former Sayreville Board of Education Secretary. Casimir Kuczynski, 93, of Sayreville died on Jan. 15. He was a machinist at DuPont Photo for 35 years, and a Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Robert Bruhn III, 60 of Morgan died on Jan. 16. He worked as a buyer for Gerdaul Steel in Sayreville for 27 years. Joseph Zakrzewski, 89, of South Amboy died on Jan. 18. Prior to his retirement, he was a line person and storekeeper for JCP&L. He also was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, and a member of local veteran organizations, and was respected and admired by all. Veronica O'Hara, 97, of South Amboy died on Jan.

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Pleasant Little Trivia

By Tom Burkard

- Sayreville's Tax Collector in 1976? a. J. Howard Kolb b. James Dolan c. Fred Ryan
- This person once had a personalized license plate that read, "PHOTOG"? a. Steve Malik b. Brian Stratton c. Jim Tedesco
- Famous MLB baseball manager Tom Kelly, formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville, once owned a racehorse named? a. Elusive Dream b. Delusive c. Comeback
- This popular ice cream parlor was located on Broadway in South Amboy for many years? a. Dolenbach's b. Fitzpatrick's c. O'Connor's
- Where was Briggs Chevrolet located in South Amboy? a. Main St. b. Rt. 35 North c. Bordentown Ave.
- Regent of Santa Maria Catholic Daughters of America in 1987? a. Susan Buckingham b. Faye McAndrew c. Gloria Knight
- St. Mary Elementary School newspaper in 2002-2003 was called? a. The Crown b. Eagle Echo c. St. Mary Spirit
- In '82, where was Midland Deli located in Sayreville? a. Morgan b. Parlin c. Melrose
- Back in 1974, where was Happy's Pub located in Sayreville? a. Rt. 9 South b. Main St. c. Washington Rd.
- In '83, the Sayreville Library Board of Trustees President? a. Anne Weisfeld b. John W. Jensen c. Charlotte Popp
- Where was Ann's Beauty Shop located in Sayreville? a. South Pine Ave. b. Merritt Ave. c. Pulaski Ave.
- Grand Knight of OLV Council #2061 in 1979? a. Fred Mytnick b. William Heyl c. Mike Mullen

Answers

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



Pictured from (l-r) is former South Amboy Police Chief Jerry Pizzillo, his wife Susan, their son Sayreville Police Officer Thomas Pizzillo, Chelsea Pizzillo holding the Bible for her husband James Pizzillo, (who is also the son of Jerry and Susan), as he gets sworn in as a Borough of Sayreville Police Officer, by Borough Clerk Terry Farbaniec. The swearing-in ceremony took place on Jan. 12 at the Sayreville Borough Hall, along with 3 other new officers who were also sworn in. Congratulations to all! (Photo/story by Joe Lotkowitz)

School Bus Advertising for Sayreville

By Steve Schmid

Rising operational costs have caused Sayreville school officials to consider selling advertising space on school buses. School Superintendent Richard Labbe believes several new methods of generating revenue could bring in a much as \$1 million in new funds for the district. The proposal calls for the district to develop a plan to sell advertising space to hospitals, universities, and other vendors. Labbe said inflation, rising personnel, and healthcare costs make it necessary for Sayreville to find new revenue streams. Talks about the new revenue programs are in the preliminary stage.

Appy Hour: Cool Apps for Your Mobile Devices

Have you recently purchased a smart phone or tablet and are not sure where to begin? Does the world of apps overwhelm and confuse you? Join us at Sayreville Public Library on Monday, March 16 from 6:30 to 8:00PM for Appy Hour!

Tech guru, Karlton Utter, will recommend some top apps to help you manage your social media, notes, email, documents, news, games, pictures, and so much more. He will also be going live on some of the apps to demonstrate how they work. There is so much more you can do with your devices than play Candy Crush. Bring your questions and get ready to have fun! In the spirit of Appy Hour, we will also have light appetizers!

For more information or to register, contact Alaina at 732-727-0212 ex. 25, email her at alainad@lmax.org, or register online at www.sayrevillelibrary.org!

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★ Business Of The Month ★
Lagoda's Saloon



Anne (l) and Ray Kukulski (r), owners of the popular Lagoda's Saloon in South Amboy are pictured in front of their business, which has been a favorite stop for 32 years. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Lagoda's Saloon, located at 109 South Broadway, South Amboy, is one of the area's most popular establishments. The origins of this business can be traced back to the end of World War II, when it was started by the late Joe Jerome, and called Jerome's Tavern.

Lagoda's will celebrate its 32nd Anniversary in October. It was established by the late Jas Lagoda, and has been under the ownership of Raymond and Anne Kukulski for over 20 years. They both have extensive backgrounds in this business. Raymond was the manager of Colonel's Garter from 1979-90, and City Lights from 1981-85, as well as Lagoda's Saloon. Anne was a bartender at Colonel's Garter, and City Lights.

Lagoda's is proud to sponsor a men's bowling team that competes in area leagues. Sports fans can relax in the cozy surroundings at Lagoda's, and watch their favorite teams in baseball, basketball, football and hockey on Direct TV with the big TV's. Music lovers have over 5,000 great songs to choose from on Lagoda's Touchtone Digital CD player.

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

Pasta Dinner Helps SA Fire Victims

By Steve Schmid

The South Amboy community generously turned out for a charity pasta dinner January 30 at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus. They wished to help Dawn and Norman Slingerland whose South Feltus St. home was destroyed by fire June 26. The affair was organized by the South Amboy Columbiettes in cooperation with the Knights of Columbus who donated the hall and kitchen facilities. Columbiettes Maria Markisello and Dawn Matthews were co-chairpersons. They spent two weeks planning the menu, cooking food, and canvassing local businesses for donations. Markisello said she's proud of how the Columbiettes joined forces to work the event. "It's a fantastic thing that we accomplished. I really feel great about it." She said 145 dinners were served and over \$2,200 was raised for the fire victims.

Markisello added she couldn't have accomplished this without the enthusiastic help of Matthews who worked in the kitchen, organized volunteer workers, and sought donations from area businesses. "The goal was to raise as much money as possible and bring everyone together to see what the Columbiettes can do for the community," Markisello said. She wished to thank the local business community for their generous donations and also thanked the musical group "FOG" for performing during the dinner. South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 Grand Knight Ken Smetana presented a donation to Dawn Slingerland on behalf of the officers and members. "I am humbled to be able to offer a check to the family. I was overjoyed at the great community outreach," Smetana said.



Pictured at the highly-successful charity pasta dinner, which was held at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus #426 is the family and friends of Dawn and Norman Slingerland, whose South Feltus St. home was destroyed by fire, and Columbiettes Maria Markisello and Dawn Matthews, who were co-chairpersons. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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2005-South Amboy HS varsity cheerleaders were front row (l-r) Barbara Charmello, Samantha Gavron, Jaclyn Charmello. 2nd row (l-r) Linda Hoehman, Brittany Usa, Ryan Murphy, Tabitha Noble, Rachel Hoehman. 3rd row (l-r) Victoria Walsh, Kim Kassing, Caitlyn Winkler, Jessica Kotsak. 4th row (l-r) Sarah English, Ashley Charmello, Kristina Romano, Melanie Breen. 5th row (l-r) Amanda Christensen, Amanda Parsons, Candice Wrzesniewsky, Katlin McCallister, Laura Schmidt. Missing from photo: Heather Erickson. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

ROTARY CLUB THANKS

The Rotary Club of South Amboy-Sayreville expressed their thanks and appreciation to all who participated in its 10th Annual Daddy Daughter Date Night held on February 6 at the VFW Hall in Sayreville. A total of 260 proud dads, uncles, granddads

and young ladies enjoyed an evening of dancing, dining, raffles and fun. Proceeds will be donated to community activities and humanitarian projects. The Club looks forward to this annual event in February, 2016.

Yearbook-South Amboy 2005

By Tom Burkard

When the South Amboy HS (SAHS) Class of '05 reported back to school for its final year in September 2004, the song "Lean Back" by Terror Squad was the top song in the nation. While at SAHS, Jose Aviles was the principal, and some of the fine teachers were Gary Kuhn, Michael Elson, John Bernosky, Phyllis Stratton, Tracey Riley, George Gundrum, Keara Gallagher, Greg Castello, Denis Bourgeau, Melanie McManus, Joanne Blackmore, Katie Riedinger, Larry Martin.

Activities, events, clubs and committees were plentiful, and included: Peer Leadership; South Amboy Gaining Association (SAGA); Teen Institute of Garden State (TIGS), Science League; Video Club; Lighthouse: Operation Shoebox; Prom Committee; Tech Crew; History Club; Ski Club; Weight Lifting Club; Homecoming Committee; Walk America; The Written Word; Spirit Week; Winter Concert 2004; School Plays-"Aladdin," "Little Shop of Horrors;" 16th Annual Homecoming. The Intramural sports program featured Golf, Volleyball, Roller Hockey, Pool, Bowling, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball.

Some of the Class of 2005 selected randomly include Robyn Moskal, Ryan Murphy, Frank Richiusa, Amy Saddler, Brittany Usa, Jesse Wieler, Kira Terbecki, Dareesha Thompson, Greg Barna, Robert Bodnar, Patricia Charmello, Donte Carty, Crystal Clark, Kyle DeLuca, James Disbrow, Jessica Festini, Justin Dudley.

World events in the news during the 2004-2005 school year: Tsunami killed 225,000 people in 12 nations...Billions of 17-year cicadas emerged in the Midwest and Eastern U.S...40th President Ronald Reagan died at age 93...George W. Bush won his second term as President by defeating Senator John Kerry...Martha Stewart was fined \$30,000 and sent to prison for 5 months...The Boston Red Sox won their first World Series in 86 years...Peyton Manning broke Dan Marino's single-season record with 49 TD passes...The University of Connecticut won both the Men's and Women's NCAA Basketball National Championships...U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps won a record-breaking 8 gold medals..."The Aviator" movie captured 5 Academy Awards...

The talented senior athletes who competed in varsity sports during their final year of school were Melissa Agosto, Meaghan Campbell, Amanda Christensen, Mariana Cuello, Ibo Diaz, Brianne Gonsalves, Elizabeth Gray, Damian Fumero, Elissa Hyer, Jaclyn Keegan, Lauren Idyk, Kimberly Kassing, Jeffrey Lampart, Katlin McCallister, Daniel Opalinski, Megan O'Connell, Michael Steigler, Jennifer Riehl, Ashley Robbins, Gloriann Rutkowski, Richard Steele, Michelle Tomaszewski, Shauna Zdanewicz.

On Graduation Day in June 2005, Mariah Carey's "We Belong Together" was the #1 Pop song on the Billboard chart.

A WALK DOWN THE AISLE

By Elaine Holton Scott

30.6, 29.3, 28, 22, 33.9, 11.3, 10.3, 29.2, 27.8, 22.6, 31, 11.5, 25, 34.5, 31.5...ounces, all of those numbers were weight contents I recently saw listed on cans and plastic containers of coffee at the grocery store. Add in all the varieties of ground and whole bean coffees sold in bags and the selections seem endless. Now, why do you think there are multitudes of different weight sizes and packaging available in so many, many grocery items? In my opinion, it's just another marketing strategy used to confuse the consumer.

Remember when easy-to-make side dishes had "makes 4 servings" on their packaging? Through the years, those very same side dishes somehow started to "lose weight" and did so without a word to us, the consumer. The "San Francisco treat" is a good example. Once upon a time when there was only a "selection of one" and that box had contained 8 ounces, a large frying pan would get filled when making it. Today, what's cooked looks anorexic.

Health foods have become the biggest money makers for manufacturers, as any product which mentions "health" on the packaging cost more than those which don't. This "eat healthy" trend, though, had a tough time getting started. Way back in the 1970's, Post Foods had hired Euell Gibbons, a self-proclaimed naturalist, as its spokesperson for Grape Nuts cereal. "It tastes like wild hickory nuts," he used to say, somehow making that seem like a good thing. When Euell Gibbons dropped dead at the age of

64 in 1975, eating "healthy" quickly lost its attraction for a few decades.

Post Foods hadn't been the only company using "health" as a way of selling their product. Between 1973 and 1978, Dannon Yogurt had commercials showing super elderly people in what was then Soviet Georgia...a place where it seemed everyone was at least a century old. Aware of possible lawsuits for making any false claims, the commercial only "hinted" that eating yogurt just might make you live longer. Unfortunately for Dannon, the sight of those awful looking people was a big turn off, and many years would have to pass by before yogurt became "mainstream." At the end of the 1960s, I remember yogurt being thick and creamy, and sold in 8-ounce, waxed cardboard paper containers for about 12 cents each. That was cheap even then. Since the supply and demand had been so small, yogurt had taken only a minimal amount of space on store shelves. Times change. Yogurt has become an accepted "healthy" food, and it'll soon need an entire store for all the ridiculous amount of brands and varieties currently being sold. Of course, yogurt, now sold in impossibly hard to disintegrate plastic containers, has reduced weight contents...and none of it is "cheap."

"Organic" has become the pricey "in" item of the times, even when suspicion is cast as to how "organic" the food is (e.g. lollipops?? stuffing mix??) Ah, but "organic" is for another walk down the aisle.

Italian Holiday – Mind, Body & Soul

An Invitation From Father Dennis - Saint Mary South Amboy

Father Dennis is hosting a 10-day Italian Holiday meant to satisfy mind, body and soul! We'll travel to Tuscany taking in the breathtaking Cathedral of Orvieto and the many wonders of Florence (the Duomo, Piazzale Michaelangelo, the Uffizi and amazing SHOPPING!). On to the serenity and quiet beauty of Assisi where St. Francis lived and prayed! From here, we moved on to Sorrento and the Amalfi Drive, visiting the world famous towns of Positano and Amalfi. A special highlight will be a visit to the incomparable Ravello – one of my absolute favorite places in all of Italy!

A brief stop at Pompeii puts us well on our way to the Eternal City and all that it offers! The Vatican, a papal audience, several of the major churches in the city, and Roma by night. Come join us pray, laugh and share that very special place that is Italy.

Italian Holiday (10 days), April 21-30, 2015. The cost is \$4,599 per person which includes round-trip airfare from Newark. If interested, please contact Betty Fitzgerald, Tel 732-841-0648 or Virginia Ricablanca/Unitours: Tel 848-466-0234, e-mail: vricablanca@unitours.com. Please see the full itinerary and other information at <http://www.unitours.com/client/RevWeezorakItaly.pdf>

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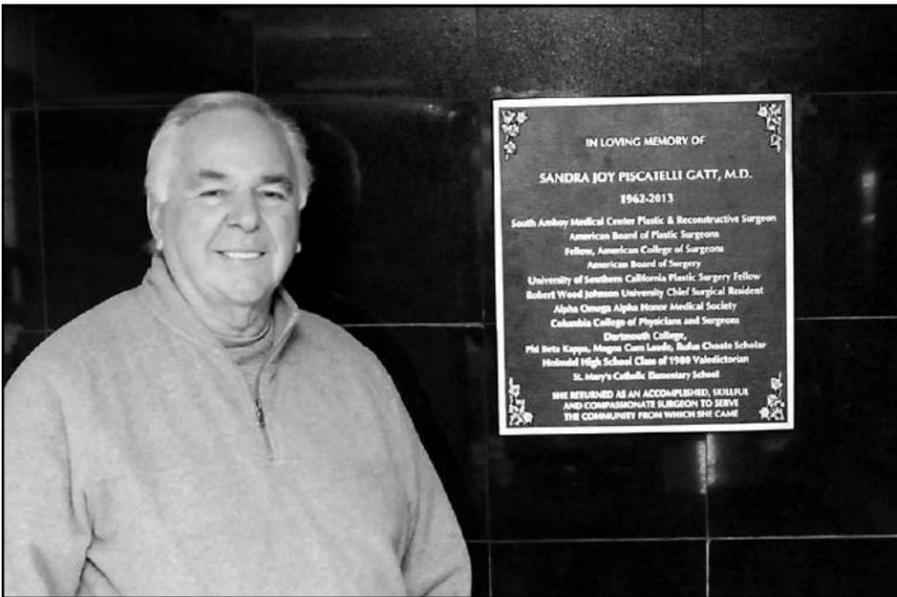
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Good Neighbor Pharmacy



Andrew "Andy" Piscatelli poses with the new plaque that was dedicated in memory of his daughter, Sandra Joy Piscatelli Gatt, M.D. at the South Amboy Medical Center. Dr. Sandy practiced as a Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, serving the community from which she came until her passing in 2013. Dr. Sandy and her family have always felt a closeness to the people of South Amboy and she felt honored to restore medical services to the community. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Sayreville Thursday Senior Club Trip

The Sayreville Thursday Senior Club will be holding a trip on May 3rd to Doolan's Shore Club to see Legends in Music-Patsy, Judy, and Neil. Cost for the luncheon and show is \$80. Call Ann at 732-254-7263. All welcome.

Autism Awareness Swim-A-Thon

April is Autism Awareness Month. The Aquatics & Fitness Center, 333 Chesapeake Rd., Parlin will hold an Autism Awareness Swim-A-Thon on April 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to help raise awareness and funds for the Autism Community. For more info please visit: www.TheAquaticsCenter.com/AutismAwareness. All proceeds of the event will be donated to Autism NJ. Register your pledge form by phone, email, or in person. Registration ends on April 18. If you are interested in making a donation or sponsoring swimmers, call 732-317-0333 or kdauphinee@mresc.k12.nj.us.

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



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Members of American Legion Lenape Post 211 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4699, both of Sayreville, observed a moment of silence during the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Service held at Ken Buchanan Riverfront Park in Sayreville on Sunday, Dec. 7. (Photo/info courtesy of Edward T. Strek)

Jubilees Celebrated

The following sisters have recently celebrated milestone jubilees in their religious career; 75 years-Sister Mary Ancilla Lucas, RSM, who taught at St. Mary's South Amboy; 70 years-Sister Mary Theresa McCarthy, RSM, taught at St. Mary's Elementary School, and was known back then as Sister Mary Aiden; 60-years-Sister Mary Jane Veldof, RSM, who taught 7 years at Our Lady of Victories School in Sayreville. Congratulations to these dedicated sisters!

Senior Trip To Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

South Amboy Seniors are having a trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on June 24th to a show and dinner. Tim Gillis and his Country Band will be performing. Cost is \$85, and if interested call Mary Ann at 732-721-3894. The bus will leave at 10 a.m. from the Senior Center on South Stevens Ave.

The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski

Fire Departments throughout the world must be prepared at all times for any emergency situation that can occur at a moment's notice. It can no longer be said that fire fighters only fight fires because emergencies vary from all types of unique situations and these can be some of the most dangerous and deadly scenarios in which to perform rescue work.

The impressions that most people had of the fire departments during the mid-1900's was that when there was a fire, you called the fire department, fire fighters responded and put the fire out. End of story!

But in today's modern society, various types of rescues can become a daily occurrence.

Many of these rescue calls are the result of motor vehicle crashes but there are many other rescue emergencies that happen infrequently and require specialized trained personnel. These are the type of emergency calls that first responders must be proficient in because they occur so infrequently. Some of these specialized rescue teams that are provided by the fire service include: High Angle Rescue; Trench Rescue; Confined Space Rescue; Swift Water Rescue; Ice Rescue; Building Collapse; and Motor Vehicle Extrication.

The Borough of Sayreville has had a multitude of flooding emergencies occur over the last 50+ years that required emergency responders to perform heroic rescues in an effort to save lives. In all of these instances, emergency response planning, proper equipment, and rescue tactics were necessary for a safe outcome. But can we guarantee the same results in the future? Severe storms cause residents to be trapped in their homes and in need of immediate rescue which was the case most recently during Super Storm Sandy.

As a result of the storms in recent years and in pre-planning for the future, the Sayreville Fire Department has developed a specialized Water Rescue Unit that is being trained and qualified to respond to most types of ice and water rescue emergencies.

In order to be a member of one of these rescue units and perform rescue duties, a person must be highly skilled in the techniques necessary to perform various types of rescues otherwise the rescuer can become the victim. During Hurricane Sandy, many of the borough residents had to be rescued from their homes or their stranded vehicles by boats. The fire fighters performed heroically in those instances with the equipment and tools they had at their disposal.

Today, three of the borough fire companies have rescue boats which are transported to the scene of an incident in a trailer that is stocked with supplies and equipment to perform rescues. The boats that are used

for water rescue are called Zodiac boats, have a gasoline outboard motor attached, and are similar to those used by the Navy SEALs. They are constructed of a heavy duty rubber material and remain inflated at all times during storage because during a water rescue emergency time is of the essence. These boats are ready to respond at a moment's notice. One fire company also has a fully equipped metal rescue boat that is transported to the scene and then launched at a boat ramp.

Not only must we be concerned about rescuing the victim from drowning but we must consider the possibility of hypothermia that comes into play when the water is cold and is directly related to the length of time someone is in these waters. Survivability is based on the temperature of the water and the length of time in that water. As the water temperature decreases so does the survival rate of the victim.

The Sayreville Fire Department rescue boats were purchased through the municipal budget.

Constant training is required to keep these rescue skills sharpened and the techniques up to date. Water rescues may not occur often but when they do, they must be performed quickly if the intent is to save someone's life. The difference between life and death in a water emergency can be measured in seconds.

All boat operators must have successfully completed the U.S. Coast Guard Boater Safety Course.

Those rescuers that actually enter the water or ice must have additional advanced training with state certification.

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Stephanie Palmai from Allentown NJ earned a place in history when she won a TQ Non-Qualifier race inside Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City on January 31, 2015. Ms. Palmai, a 22 year old 305 Sprint car driver at New Egypt Speedway, became the first female to win a race at Boardwalk Hall for the first time since 1975 driving TQ midget 19 owned by John, Pat and Edward Malik. The Malik Family has been involved in TQ Midget racing for over 14 years and are very proud of Stephanie's accomplishment. They are also honored to have as a part of their team sponsors, Vern Chevalier SR(Sayreville), Wayne Wagner(Walter's Auto Body Sayreville), Sonny's Hot Dogs (Parlin), and N.J. Transit Police Emergency Service/Special Operations Unit, with the Police Officers in that group backing the race team with individual, personal sponsorships. (Photo/story submitted)

In Memoriam

Rita Marie Hellmuth O'Connor was born, in a house that still stands in the Melrose section of Sayreville, to Pauline Miller and Roy Hellmuth on May 26th, 1921. She passed away on a cold, snow-laden Saturday morning one year ago, February 15, 2014, at Perth Amboy Hospital, about a mile from where, 69 years previous, she had celebrated her wedding to Edward Jerome O'Connor.

The couple were truly 'Kindred Spirits', as described in the old Irish song, and managed to raise all of their nine children with an equal measure of love and devotion.

Our mother was a quiet, but wise and insightful woman with a ready sense of humor. She was fond of the flowers in front of the family house in Sayreville's Morgan section and especially looked forward to the re-emergence of the 'snow drops', small blossoms which would poke their heads out of the soil as winter waned and its snows retreated. She was fond of reminiscing of how beautiful the south shore of the Raritan River estuary was before the coming of the National Lead factory.

She had an appreciation for United States history and is probably one of the few women in New Jersey who has vis-

ited the grave, on the Wind River Indian reservation in Wyoming, of Sacajewea, the famed female saviour of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Her favorite pastimes were her Word Search and crossword puzzles (she could finish the New York Times Sunday crossword in record time) and playing the piano, which latter skill she learned as a girl by tenaciously persuing lessons given by Sister Mary Inez, among others, at St.Mary's Sisters of Mercy convent in South Amboy. She loved music-- anything from Gilbert and Sullivan (H.M.S. Pinafore was her favorite) to Tony Bennett.

One particular song that she liked was Sammy Fain and Irving Kahal's "I'll Be Seeing You", especially the heart-felt rendition by Jimmy Durante. This song concludes with the following verse, and this is the way that we are inclined to remember her:

"I'll be seeing you
In every lovely summer's day
In everything that's light and gay
I'll always think of you that way.
I'll find you in the morning sun
And when the night is new,
I'll be looking at the moon,
But I'll be seeing you."



Cardinal McCarrick/ St. Mary's HS students win Essay Contest!
The Diocese of Metuchen invited students in grades 9 through 12 to submit an essay on how they have witnessed their Catholic Schools acting as communities of faith, service, or knowledge, resulting in doing the public good. Several students from Cardinal McCarrick HS submitted essays. The two students whose essays were selected are Joey Martinez, grade 9, and Joyce Loda, grade 10. These two students had the honor of their essays being displayed at the New Jersey State House and were invited to attend a ceremony and luncheon in honor of Catholic Schools Week on January 29, 2015. The entire Cardinal McCarrick HS community is very proud of Joey and Joyce!

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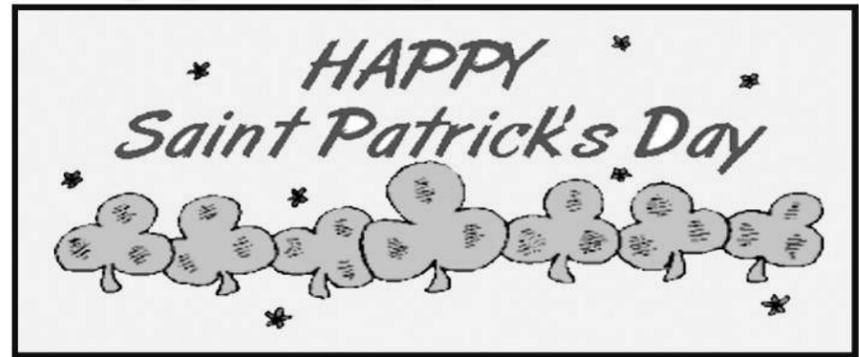
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This past business establishment was located in either South Amboy or Sayreville. Do you know the name of it? Through the years it had at least 3 different names and owners. Send your answers to: satimes@aol.com. Good luck! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

January Winners

Many of our loyal SA Times readers started the New Year off by correctly identifying last month's "Mystery Photo" as Mochen's Candy Store or Mochen's Grocery Store, located on the corner of MacArthur Ave. and Canal St. in Sayreville. At one time, it was also known as Frank's Grocery Store, and the establishment was known by some locals as Dorothy Solinski's Grocery Store.

The winners who correctly identified the photo were Pat & Bill Scully, Scott V. Farina, Lisa Grankowski, Janice Fontano, Ed Puchalski, Jim Malkiewicz, Dawn Roberts & Kevin Kania, W. Tom Kross, Don Zrebiec, Debbie Konopka, Tim Kuchta, Matt Nebus, Joan Fulham, Joanne Przybylowski, Glenn Fallon, Mary Agnes Morris, Walter Starzec Jr.

Incorrect answers were the Saltwater Anglers Store on Washington Rd., and also Repka's.

The Wearing Of The Green

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c.1995

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

The Deli, Dorothy Solinski

Two of the "Mystery Photos" over the last few months were shots of former Sayreville businesses. In the 1982 Borough of Sayreville Business Directory, we recently found that the name for the one located at 494 Washington Rd., in Parlin was The Deli, as several readers had identified it. The other photo in our Jan. 2015 issue was the building at 209 MacArthur Ave. in Sayreville, and was listed in the Directory as Dorothy Solinski, which one reader knew.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

It's that time of the year
It's finally here
It's that time of the year
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Fills the air
It's that time of the year
The St. Patrick's Parade
Is finally here!

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. -A.O.J.



Tom,
How could you forget? The great 1968-69 St. Mary's team swept CBA in two games. My brother George and I had 18 points apiece in the win down in Lincroft, while Jimmy McCloud and Mark Bratus led the team in the home win. I also see Vinnie Cox, the ex-great CBA coach from time to time, who never fails to mention how St. Mary's took out a very good CBA team twice that year. He says it with great respect for how good a club we had back in the day.

Ted Krzyzanowski
(Formerly of South Amboy)

Tom,

If memory serves me correctly, I believe the last time St. Mary's defeated CBA was in the opening game of the 1968-69 season. Don Coveleski was head coach, and that team was led by Jim McCloud and Mark Bratus, along with George Krzyzanowski, Ted Krzyzanowski, Bob Howarth and Nick Charmello. The game was played at CBA, and St. Mary's had a very large group of fans attending the game. I don't remember the score, but what stands out to me, is that as a JV player that year, I recall at the end of the game, one of the CBA players, being so frustrated by losing to St. Mary's, that he punched his hand through a locker room door window.

John Kibbler
(Formerly of Sayreville)

My name is Michael McCabe I am a resident of South Amboy and an Iraqi War Vet. I am doing a fundraiser to support

Operation Supply Drop. Operation Supply Drop is an organization that sends care packages to deployed troops, wounded warriors, and veterans suffering from PTSD. During my deployment to Iraq in 2010, there was not much to do except workout. Operation Supply Drop sends care packages filled with entertainment, televisions, Play Station 4's, Xbox's, and video games along with other electronic devices. This fundraiser will be going until May 16, 2015. Right now I have a personal goal to raise \$5,000 dollars. I'm hoping to reach and exceed that goal but I cannot do that without your help. If you would like to make a donation please contact me via email michael.j.mccabe6@gmail.com and I will send you the link for the fundraiser. You can also stop by the South Stevens Pub at 200 Stevens Avenue, South Amboy, NJ and utilize the donation bin. There will be more donation bins around town as I get permission from local business owners. Any questions or concerns or if you would like to have a donation bin in your business please email me. Thank You

Sincerely,
Michael McCabe

Thank You

The Friends of South Amboy would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the volunteers who made the recent Cardinal McCarrick vs South Amboy charity basketball game such a great success. A special thank you to the South Amboy Police, Fire and First Aid squads for all of the your time spent making the event safe for everyone. Thank you also to Tom Burkard and his staff at the South Amboy-Sayreville Times, sponsors of our ad book, tricky tray, snack bar and team pre-game dinner. This wonderful event raised \$13,000 for needy families and scholarships at each school. We can't thank you enough.

Pappas Named Sailor Of The Year



Two sailors from Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., were recently named the Senior Sailor of the Year and Junior Sailor of the Year for the National Capital Region by the U.S. Navy.

Sailor of the Year is an award given to sailors, who on a continual basis, perform at a superior level and uphold the highest traditions of naval service.

Petty Officer 1st Class Sergio Rivassorto, a religious program specialist, and Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Pappas, a hospital corpsman, were selected from the various naval commands throughout the region.

The two were chosen based on leadership, job performance, educational accomplishments and professional development. All applicants were also judged on their personal appearance, military bearing and answers to questions before a board of senior sailors.

Rivassorto in his role as an assistant to the chaplain is a fine example of what a religious program specialist should emulate, said Barracks Chaplain Lt. James Dewey. "He takes care of others and portrays the Barracks in a positive light."

Rivassorto, an El Salvador native, joined the Navy in 2002. He said mentorship was the key to his success on the board.

"I had a Petty Officer when I was a lower enlisted who mentored me, pushed me to be a better sailor, and guided me to success. I feel like I have a responsibility to continue that tradition of mentorship," he said.

Winning this board will help him when it comes time for promotion to chief petty officer, he said.

The Junior Sailor of the Year winner, Pappas, is affectionately known by Barracks Marines as "Doc." This is a term often used throughout the Marine Corps for hospital corpsmen attached to Marine units.

Pappas is the leading petty officer for the corpsmen attached to the Barracks. He has 4 other corpsmen below him and is responsible for assisting in the smooth daily operation of the Barracks' medical section.

Chief Petty Officer Peter Buck, his supervisor, said Pappas was the sailor he looks to when something needs to get done.

"Pappas does a stand up job," he said.

Pappas is native to South Amboy, N.J., and joined the Navy in 2008. The secret to his success is trust between his leaders, peers and subordinates he said.

"I wouldn't be where I am today if the Marines and sailors didn't have confidence in me," said Pappas.

By winning these boards, these two sailors have continued the tradition of excellence for which the Barracks is known. (Photo/story submitted)

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The seventh and eighth grade students from Sacred Heart Elementary School a division of Raritan Bay Catholic Preparatory School in South Amboy participated in a Respect Life Rally on January 22, 2015. The rally was held on the steps of the State House in Trenton, NJ. The students listened to speeches and actively cheered their support for speakers who ranged from college students to politicians. (Photo/story submitted)

Camp Middlesex Means Summer Fun for Kids; Open House Set for March 8

Twenty-three new programs have been added to Camp Middlesex for the summer of 2015. The camp, located on the Middlesex County College campus in Edison, is for kids 6 to 18 years old. It runs from June 29-August 21.

An open house, at which prospective campers and their parents can meet camp instructors, learn about all the programs and register, will be Sunday, March 8 from 1-4 p.m. in Crabiell Hall. A raffle will be held for a \$100 gift certificate toward camp. Bring the kids to enjoy demonstrations and light refreshments.

Camp Middlesex is actually many special interest camps. Campers can pick their activity from a list of dozens, including theater, robotics, chess, magic, sports, video game creation, art, cooking, fashion, computers, and many more. Each session runs for one week, mornings or afternoons, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. Most kids pick two camps for a full-day experience. There is also a pre-camp option starting at 7:30 a.m. and an after-camp program that runs until 6 p.m. to accommodate working parents.

Most programs are \$175 per half-day camp.

"Parents love the variety of programs," said Elaine Berlin, the Camp Middlesex

coordinator. "They tell me 'Who else offers theater, painting, sports, science and cooking, all in one place?' This is a great option for working parents who want their children to be doing something fun and fulfilling. It's affordable, and all our instructors are certified classroom teachers who care about each child. We have a full-time nurse should the need arise. Plus, the classrooms are air-conditioned and the campus is beautiful. It's a wonderful experience."

New programs include Code Breakers; Relays, Games and Races; Lego® WeDo Robotic Challenges; Minecraft Designers; Lego Friends and Crafts for Girls; Study Skills for Junior High School Students; Lego Architecture; Blogging for Beginners; Camp Zombie; Video Game Animation; Amusement Park Physics; Digital Storytellers; Blood, Guts and Bones – Discovering the Human Body; Painting with Watercolor; American Folklore and Song; Minecraft Modders; Drawing for Beginners; Soap Making and Bubbly Stuff; Bracelets, Bling and Beyond; Party in the USA; Animal Planet; Origami – The Art of Folded Paper; and App Adventures: The Next Level!

For a brochure that details all the camps, or for more information, call 732-906-2556 or visit www.middlesexcc.edu/camp.



Congratulations to Sacred Heart School students Lorenzo Perez, Madison Lopez, Kael Colon, Patrick Berry-Lozado, and Ryan Giernanski for being chosen to have their Catholic Schools Week poster displayed at the State House in Trenton. The students were asked to design a poster which identifies the spirit of the Catholic School Community and displays the good public works and deeds done in their communities by them, or their families, teachers, other students, neighbors, or friends. The project, Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Service and Knowledge Who Do the Public Good, was co-sponsored by the Diocese of Metuchen and the Archdiocese of Newark. (Photo/story submitted)

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

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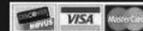
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Father Jason Promoted

By Steve Schmid



South Amboy native Father Jason Pavich continues to move forward in his career of the priesthood. Metuchen diocese Bishop Paul Bootkoski appointed Father Jason as the new Director at St. John Vianney Discernment House, Highland Park; associate Director of Vocations and part time chaplain of the Catholic Center at Rutgers. Father Jason is currently serving as parochal vicar at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish in Bridgewater. He was ordained a priest of the diocese of Metuchen by Bishop Bootkoski in a special ceremony at St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral in Metuchen on May 26, 2012. He celebrated his first Mass in South Amboy at St. Mary Church the next day on May 27. Father Jason attended St. Mary elementary school and graduated from St. John Vianney High School. He received a bachelor's degree from Richard Stockton State College and continued his religious education at Seton Hall University seminary school. He is the son of Steven and Nancy Pavich who formerly lived on Bertram Ave. South Amboy.

Catholic Schools Week

(Photos/info submitted)



Our Lady of Victories (OLV) second grade teacher Ms. Nodalny, is showing a lesson on the SmartBoard to a future second grader.



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Talk Of The Towns

(Continued from page 2)

O'Hara, 97, of South Amboy died on Jan. 19. She was a very fine lady, and kind to everyone she met. Helen Zrebiec, 92, of South Amboy died on Jan. 23. She was very active in several community organizations, and through the years worked for Madura Pharmacy, Eisner Clothing Manufacturing in South Amboy, and also Sears & Roebuck Co. in the Catalog Dept. Charles Shoaff, 68, of South Amboy died on Jan. 24. He was a military veteran who served in the Vietnam War. John Falk Sr., 83, of Parlin died on Jan. 26. He worked at DuPont for 38 years as a Chemical Operator, and was a Eucharistic Minister and Usher at St. Bernadette Church. John Kenny, 58, of South Amboy died on Jan. 27. He worked for the State of New Jersey Division of Taxation, as an inheritance tax auditor for 30 years until his retirement. Thomas "Tom" Seig, 70, of Sayreville died on Jan. 28. He was the popular owner of Mike's Tavern in South Amboy since 1989. Prior to that, he owned T & S Home Improvement, coached softball in the Mid-Madison League in the 1980's, and in addition owned a thoroughbred racehorse, "Novella Cream." Kathleen "Kathy" Bloodgood, 67, of Sayreville died on Jan. 31. A fine lady, she was a member of many local organizations, and served as a secretary, chaplain and inner guard for BPO Elks Lodge #784, South Amboy. Muriel Scully, 98, of Sayreville died on Jan. 31. She was one of the kindest and good-hearted ladies you could ever meet, and will never be forgotten by the many lives she touched. Andrew Piatek Jr., 82, of Sayreville died on Jan. 31. He was General Superintendent of the Middlesex County Utility Authority in Sayreville, and retired in 1991. John "Jack" Floersch, 82, of Sayreville died on Feb. 5. He was very active in the community and a member of many church-related organizations, and was well-known and respected by all for the numerous senior bus trips he ran.

Robert "Robbie" Pacansky, 47, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 18. He was a great guy, and true friend to many and will be missed. Patricia "Pat" Reilly, 76, of South Amboy died on Feb. 19. Before retiring, she was employed for many years as an executive secretary for J & J in New Brunswick. "Pat" was also a very kind lady who brought happiness to the many lives she touched. Lorraine Osowski, 93, of Parlin died on Feb. 19. Before retiring, she was an elementary school teacher at St. Mary's South River, then became an accountant for Hess Oil Co.

May God Bless them all for their kind works on earth.

Senior Trip To Resorts Casino

South Amboy Seniors are having a trip to Resorts Casino on Wed., April 1st. The bus will be leaving at 9:30 a.m. from the Senior Center on South Stevens Ave. Cost is \$30, and you get back \$25. If interested call Mary Ann at 732-721-3894.

Meatless Fridays

St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Council #10281 will be featuring Meatless Fridays at the basement under St. Lawrence Church starting Friday, Feb. 20 and ending Friday, March 27, every Friday for 6 weeks from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The menu will be a Buffet and items will be changed weekly. Admission charge is Adults-\$10, Children under 8 years old-FREE.

Easter Bunny Breakfast

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are holding their annual Breakfast With The Easter Bunny Sunday March 29 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy Bring your camera to get photos with the Easter Bunny. An Easter egg hunt will also be held. Cost is \$7 Adults, \$3 Children aged 2 to 12, Children under 2 FREE. For reservations call Steve or Cheryl at 732-727-1707.

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Legendary NBA Hall of Famer Kareem Abdul Jabbar (r) recently met and visited with former Morgan resident and St. Mary's HS '69 grad, "Pistol" Pete McIntyre (c) at New York. (Photo courtesy of Pete McIntyre).

A Guy Named Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

By "Pistol" Pete McIntyre

I was at the annual Baker Street Irregulars (BSI) dinner at the Yale Club in New York City on Friday January 9th. This is an annual gathering of Sherlockians (Sherlock Holmes fans) from around the world. This year, we had attendees from Japan, Europe, Canada, and I think Australia, and of course from all over the U.S. The BSI dinner is a wonderful way for people to meet face to face after knowing each other only through articles and e-mails.

A few people had asked about a fellow named Kareem? I said if it's who I think it is I'll point him out to you. And it was! It turns out that Kareem Abdul-Jabbar has been a Sherlockian for over 40 years. He first started to read the stories during his rookie year in the NBA, and he was fascinated by the way Sherlock Holmes was able to identify and use clues that no one else saw. He is working on a biography of Mycroft

Holmes, Sherlock's older brother.

When he was free, I walked over to Kareem and told him that during the 70's and 80's, I had been a season ticket holder for the Philadelphia 76ers, and I enjoyed booing him every chance I got. He paused and said, "those were exciting years," and he was right. I asked if he still plays basketball, and he said, "No, I can't run the floor anymore." I lamented that I am relegated to shooting drills as my knees were also shot. Having played with guys close to 7 foot, I was still surprised at how tall Kareem was. When talking to him, I knew he was tall, but the photo still surprises me at HOW tall he is compared to me.

Kareem said he was glad to be at the BSI dinner. He seemed to enjoy himself, and hopefully, when his book is published, he will return next year.



The South Amboy HS Girls Basketball Coaches pose with Amanda LaVigne just after she scored her 1000th career point. Pictured (l-r) Assistant Patty Coach Langan, Coach Linda Lewis, Amanda LaVigne and Assistant Coach Greg Castello. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



On February 8, 2015, several sixth, seventh and eighth grade students from Sacred Heart Elementary school, a division of Raritan Bay Catholic Preparatory School in South Amboy, attended Mass at St. Francis Cathedral to celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life. The students witnessed the celebrated Jubilarians renew their vows to the religious life at the beautiful Mass.



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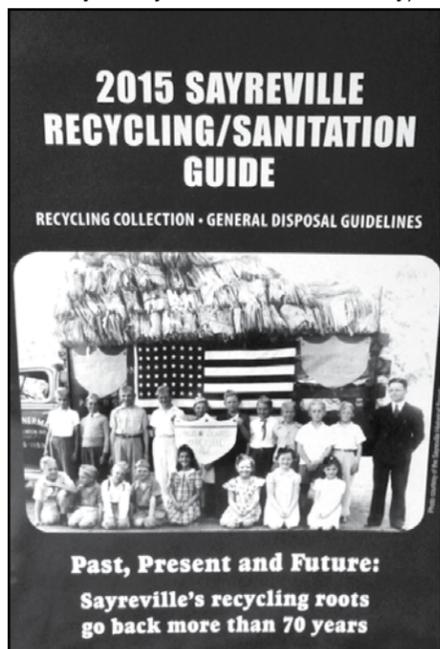
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Lincoln School, 1944 recycling event. Anyone who can identify participants—contact Recycling @Sayreville.com or call 732-727-0398 or go to: Sayreville.history.org. (Photo courtesy of Sayreville Historical Society)



This is the cover of the Borough of Sayreville's new 2015 Recycling/Sanitation Guide. (Photo of cover by Brian Stratton)

OLV Senior Group March Meeting

The OLV Senior Group will hold their March meeting on Friday, March 6, 2015 at 1:00 PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall. After a short business meeting, we will have a guest speaker. Members are invited to wear their favorite St. Patrick's Day attire. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the St. Vincent de Paul food bank. Trip money is due for Sands trip, Biltmore trip and the Radio City trip. For further information contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

Italian Dinner March 14

On Saturday, March 14, Trinity United Methodist Church at 815 Bordentown Ave. is holding their Italian Dinner. Tickets are \$13 and the dinner is from 5-7 p.m. Dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, eggplant parm, ziti, stuffed shells, salad,

Recycling Coordinator Creates Unique Design For 2015 Guide

By Clem Skarzynski

Sayreville's Recycling Coordinator, Elyse Barone, CRP, had her "Aha" moment while visiting the Boro's Historical Society. Among the pictures was a photo from 1944, depicting students from the Lincoln School, participating in a Recycling Paper Drive.

Upon further research, Boro Historian Jason J. Slesinski, provided Elyse with the picture she used for her uniquely designed cover for the Boro's 2015 Recycling/Sanitation Guide. The guide's picture sub-titles is as follows, "Past, Present and Future: Sayreville's Recycling Roots Go Back More Than 70 Years." This really adds to the unique, original design of the guide. Great idea and finished product Elyse!

I was formerly a Boro employee in the late 60's through early 70's, and I remember participating in the monthly Saturday Boro wide paper drives, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of Sayreville, but never realized recycling took place years prior!

Elyse, again great job! Jason Slesinski, thanks for the history and picture, and also a big thank you to the Sayreville Historical Society. Also, if any of our readers out there know the identities of anyone in the picture or have pictures of other recycling events, past, that occurred in the Boro, please send to: recycling@sayreville.com or call 732-727-0398.

bread, desserts, and drinks. All items are homemade. Takeouts are available—please call Lori at 732-763-6232. Proceeds are donated to local food banks and outreach programs.

Kenneth G. Kubinak Who Departed This Life 6 Years Ago Feb. 12, 2009 - Feb. 12, 2015

We thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday, and days before that too. We think of you in silence, we often speak your name. All we have are memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part. God has you in his keeping, we have you in our hearts.

**Forever and Always ~
Shirley, Brandon, Family and Friends**



A History Of St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshals



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The South Amboy Irish-American Association-1979-Frank Connolly 1980-James & Mary Lenahan 1981-Robert J. Hourahan 1982-Allie Clark 1983-David P. Kelly 1984-Alfie O'Connor 1985-Mary Powderly 1986-William Coman 1987-Joe Crowe 1988-John Potthoff 1989-Edward Wallace 1990-John P. Kenny 1991-Jim Harvey 1992-George Shuler 1993-Neil Hourahan 1994-Jim "Red" O'Connell

1995-Ginny Tierney-Inman 1996-Jack McCarthy 1997-William J. McDonnell 1998-Edward Semoneit 1999-William J. Tierney 2000-Peter John Kenny 2001-Mayor John T. O'Leary 2002-Jack O'Leary Sr. 2003-Dick Cronin, Joe Noble, Russ Stillwagon 2004-Geneva Kelly 2005-Jim "Doc" Ryan 2006-Leo McCabe 2007-Walter "Pete" Casey 2008-Elizabeth "Betty" Leveille 2009-John Donnelly Sr. 2010-Thomas J. Noble 2011-Francis "Butch" Mulvey 2012-Rob McQuade 2013-James Downey 2014-MSgr. John Gordon 2015-Hugh Rone.

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Calling all Irish! Music at Saint Mary's presents Merynda Adams and Christopher Collins Lee as they team up for this wonderful concert of music for violin and harp. Mr. Lee is a world-famous violinist who holds degrees from the Juilliard School of Music, a Doctorate from SUNY Stony Brook, and five Honorary Doctorates from foreign institutions. Adams, an internationally renowned harpist, has performed throughout the United States, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Puerto Rico. Ms. Adams has performed with the New Jersey Symphony, New York Grand Opera, New Philharmonic, and many others. Sunday-March 8, 2015; 4:00 pm, at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy NJ, 08879! Free admission (\$15 donation suggested). A special IRISH RECEPTION will follow the concert in honor of Saint Patrick's Day.

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are holding their annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Saturday March 7 at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy following the St. Patrick's Day parade. Cost is \$10. Sandwiches and take outs are also available. For more information call 732-721-2025.

The Big Day

It's the big day
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To laugh and sing
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Celebrate St. Patty's Day at Sayreville Public Library with music to cheer your soul & touch your heart! Ian Gallagher, Irish singer and musician, will be performing some of your favorite Irish classics, as well as some you may have never heard of before! This is a very interactive concert, so be prepared to have fun as Ian talks with the audience about the history of Ireland and the songs being performed. Don't forget to wear your green on Thursday, March 5 from 1:00 to 2:00PM!

Ian is a favored entertainer of many celebrities having performed at parties

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Thursday March 5, 2015, South Stevens Pub, 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Saturday March 7, 2015 South Amboy St. Patrick's parade 2:00 step off
Sunday March 8, 2015 Woodbridge St. Patrick's parade 2:00 step off
Saturday March 14, 2015 Union County St. Patrick's parade 1:00 pm step off
Sunday March 15, 2015 West Orange St. Patrick's parade 1:00 pm step off
Tuesday March 17, 2015 Savannah St. Patrick's parade
Sunday February 22, 2015 Hoist A Pint Nite, AOH Hall, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (\$20pp)
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OLV Radio City Trip

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Radio City Spring Spectacular on Saturday, May 2, 2015 for the 2 PM show. The price of the trip is \$175.00 which covers a PREMIUM seat ticket, bus transportation, bus driver gratuity, a box lunch and snacks on the way home. The bus will leave from OLV Parish lower parking lot at 11:30 AM and return approximately at 8:30 PM. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Teri at 732-742-1320.

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In this talk, Terrence Seamon will guide you through a series of exercises that will lead you in the direction of greater clarity around your calling, your purpose, and the work you were meant to do. With this insight, you will be able to design your own personally branded value proposition. Join us for this presentation at Sayreville Public Library on Tuesday, March 3 from 6:30 to 8:00PM.

Don't miss this evening where you can expand your network, make new friends, share knowledge with your peers, and hear highly relevant and beneficial insights and perspectives from experts in the marketplace. Please note that at 6PM, the room will be open to invite guests to network, followed by Terrence's talk beginning at 6:30PM, and concluding with more networking and discussion from 7:30 to 8:00PM.

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

Terrence Seamon is the author of the guide for transitioners, "To Your Success," the leader's guide to engagement, "Lead

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To register, contact Alaina at alainad@lmax.org, call 732-727-0212 ex. 25, or register online at www.sayrevillelibrary.org! Check out Part II on April 4th "The Good Guys We Can't See: Restoring Your Soil For a Healthy Garden" and Part III on April 11th "Making & Fertilizing with Compost Tea & Compost."

the Way," and the change agent's guide to improvement, "Change for the Better." Terrence brings more than 30 years of extensive experience in management training and organization development consulting. As Principal and Senior Consultant with Facilitation Solutions, his main practice areas are executive coaching, leadership training and team development, and career transition facilitation.

Previously, Terrence was the Portfolio Manager for Management & Leadership Development programs at the American Management Association. Earlier, he held various internal consulting roles in Training & Organization Development in the energy, pharma, and telecom industries.

Terrence co-founded the St. Matthias Employment Ministry in Somerset, NJ, now starting its eighth year of operation, assisting job hunters, career changers, and anyone seeking employment support. Learn more about Terrence Seamon at <http://about.me/terrenceseamon>

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Atlantic City Bus Trip-March 28

Trinity United Methodist Church is hosting a trip to Caesar's Casino in Atlantic City on Saturday, March 28. The bus will be leaving 815 Bordentown Ave. parking lot at 1 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 and you'll receive \$15 in return. Please call Lori at 732-763-6232 to reserve a seat.



The flowers sure looked beautiful at the New Jersey Flower & Garden Show which was held at the Exposition Center in Edison recently, but we still have another month of "Old Man Winter." Let's hope he takes it a bit easier on us as we go into March. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Chester Bulvanoski (r) and his daughters Christina Bulvanoski (l) and Jennifer Bulvanoski (c) really enjoyed the New Jersey Flower & Garden Show at the Exposition Center in Edison recently. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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Singer/Songwriter Jess Helft sings one of her songs at the South Amboy K of C #426 monthly Open Mic Night in Jan. You can hear Jess' great sounds at soundcloud.com/jesshelft. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Rich Mueller turned in a fine karaoke show with his singing, and had the crowd singing and clapping along with him during his first performance at Open Mic Night. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



SA Times feature writer Clem Skarzynski is one of the most accomplished and talented musicians around. Clem is pictured jamming on the "harp" harmonica, with the "Split Decision" band as they hammer out "Roadhouse Blues" at the South Amboy K of C #426 Open Mic Night in Jan. (Photo/story by Tom Burkard)

Jack Hulsart Remembered

(Continued from page 1)

Ray "Butch" Tomaszewski, former Chairman of the South Amboy Democratic Party said that, "Jack was a great person to work with when I was the Chairman. He was very passionate with helping the people of South Amboy, no matter what party they were with."

John "Jack" Hulsart was a truly wonderful human being, who loved his family and friends. He always treated everyone kindly, while touching countless lives along the way in such a positive manner. Jack will never be forgotten for bringing enjoyment to so many through recreation, and all of the other good works he was involved in through the years. He was a friend to all, and loved by so many, as can be attested by the huge turnout that attended his viewing and funeral under the direction of The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals." May God Bless John "Jack" Hulsart.

Sayreville Recreation Department News

The Sayreville Recreation Department is seeking donations of Lego (new or gently played with) sets for use by our Afterschool programs and summer camps. If you have any sets you wish to donate please drop them off at the Recreation Office Monday - Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm. Any sets will be greatly appreciated.

Registration for the Spring 2015 Kennedy Park Programs as well as Mommy & Me Programs will start on March 2, 2015 at 8:00am. Space is limited so please sign up early to secure your spot.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is set for March 28, 2015 at the Borough Hall football field for 10:00am - open to all Sayreville Residents ages 1-10. Come out and join us for a morning of fun.

Bon Jovi Helps Community Kitchen

By Tom Burkard

Rock superstar, Jon Bon Jovi came to the aid of a community kitchen that closed last summer in Union Beach. Spoon Full of Hope, a program run by Gateway Church of Christ, Morganville closed last spring because of lack of business in the community that was devastated by Hurricane Sandy.

The Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation's community kitchen in Red Bank contacted the Spoon Full of Hope people in charge, and pledged their assistance and support to help the needy in the area. The community kitchen will be open Wednesdays at the Union Hose Fire Co. No. 1 building, 1224 Florence Ave., in Union Beach, with seatings at 5, 6, and 7 p.m. It will be similar to the JBJ Soul Kitchen in Red Bank, with no prices on the menu, and customers may pay a minimum donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12, or volunteer an hour to receive a dining credit that will feed up to 4 family members plus the volunteer.

There are plans in the works for the JBJ Soul Kitchen to expand the concept with a kitchen in Toms River with local partners. Keep up the good work Jon!

Harry Chapin Helped Many

By Tom Burkard

Singer/Songwriter Harry Chapin led a very short life, dying on July 16, 1981 at 38 years old in a fiery crash on the Long Island Expressway in New York, of a heart attack. However, during his short time on earth, he was always there, lending his talents to help the needy, especially the hungry of the world, and started the World Hunger Tour in 1974, and ran it through 1976, raising a whopping \$6 million for world charities.

On the day of his fatal accident, he was supposed to play a free concert in a park in New York City, as 30,000 people waited to hear the popular singer, who was famous for his 1974, #1 hit "Cats In The Cradle," "Taxi," and "Sequel" which was a follow-up to "Taxi."

Harry Chapin was a caring individual who really wanted to "make a difference." Though he was gone for many years, he was posthumously awarded the Congressional Gold Medal.

You Tube-In

1950's-"I See A Star" (1958) by The Roulettes is excellent Doo-Wop and a must listen for the fans of the '50's...A nice instrumental "Moritat" from "The Three Penny Opera" by the Dick Hyman Trio reached #8 in 1956..."Big Man" by The Four Preps in '58 hit #3 on the charts...

1960's-"The Grass Hopper Dance" (1964) by The Crestones is an instrumental we'd bet the Brooklyn Bridge, you've never heard...even once!...How about The Chapin Brothers, Tom, Steve and of course Harry, who went on to fame? Check out their song "Someone Keeps Calling My Name," and their strange titled "Come Out Little Ground Hog"...The Intruders, "Cowboys To Girls" peaked at #6 in 1968...Also get ready for St. Patrick's Day with "The Unicorn," which reached #7 for the Irish Rovers in '68.

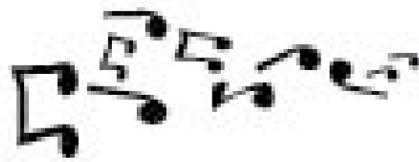
1970's-"So You Are A Star" topped out at #21 for the Hudson Brothers in '74...Check out a band called Area Code 615 on the Johnny Cash Show in '70...A terrific "one hit wonder" by the Wadsworth Mansion, titled "Sweet Mary," went all the way to #7.

#1 Pop Hits-Feb. 28

2000-Thank God I Found You-Mariah with Joe & 98
1997-Wannabee-Spice Girls
1985-Careless Whisper-Wham!
1972-Without You-Nilsson
1966-These Boots Are Made For Walkin'-Nancy Sinatra
1959-Stagger Lee-Lloyd Price

#1 Country Hits-Feb. 28

2002-Good Morning Beautiful-Steve Holy
1993-What Part Of No-Lorrie Morgan
1985-Baby's Got Her Blue Jeans On-Mel McDaniel
1977-Say You'll Stay Until Tomorrow-Tom Jones
1966-Waitin' In Your Welfare Line-Buck Owens
1958-Ballad Of A Teenage Queen-Johnny Cash



Music Trivia Talking

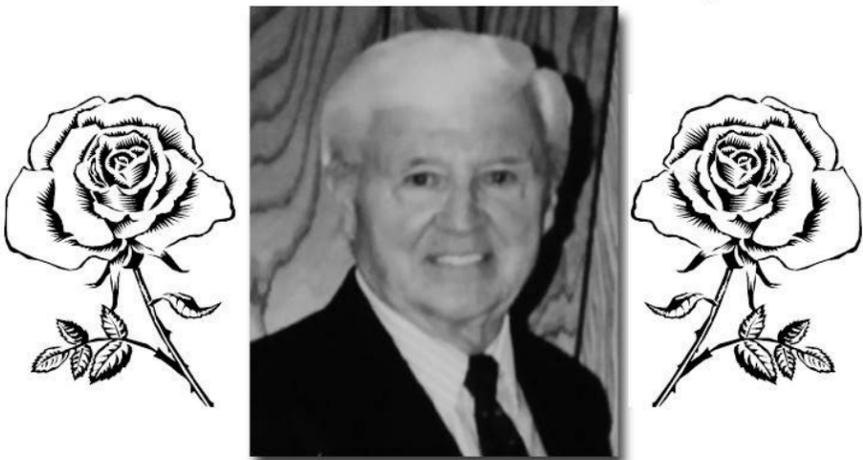
By Tom Burkard

1. ___ Talking In Your Sleep
2. ___ Talk To Me
3. ___ Baby Talk
4. ___ Talk Talk
5. ___ Everybody's Talkin' At Me
6. ___ You Talk Too Much
7. ___ Sweet Talkin' Guy
8. ___ Don't Talk To Strangers
9. ___ Talking About My Baby
10. ___ Talk About Our Love

- a. Brandy with Kanye West
- b. The Impressions
- c. Crystal Gayle
- d. The Music Machine
- e. Stevie Nicks
- f. Rick Springfield
- g. Jan & Dean
- h. Joe Jones
- i. The Chiffons
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School Sports

(As of Feb. 20)

By Tom Burkard

Eagles Streak Halted At 19

The incredible 19-game unbeaten streak by Coach Ben Gamble's Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's boys' basketball squad has ended, as the Eagles fell to Rutgers Prep, 54-46 in a Tri-State Hoopfest contest at Roselle Catholic. The 19-straight wins is believed to be a school record for most wins at the start of a season, and most consecutive victories. The Eagles who were unaccustomed to trailing in a game, were behind throughout most of the tilt, and were down 27-22 at the half. Gilberto Cue, a transfer from Bergin Catholic led the Blue & Gold with 18 points.

Previously, Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's had won their 19th game in a row by topping a scrappy Carteret club, 60-55. NyQuan McCombs led the attack with 23 points and got lots of help from Gilberto Cue with 16 and Elijah Mitchell 11 points. Junior guards, McCombs, and Cue, along with third starting guard Mitchell really trigger this lightning fast team. Handling the board work are Hodari Bazemore and Santiago Delvishaj. The Blue & Gold also features a strong bench consisting of guards Josh Green and Ralph Menard, and Bryan Harris, a Woodbridge transfer, who just became eligible, and has looked outstanding.

The 19 straight wins at the start of a basketball season is believed to be an all-time record for Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's.

*Note: At press time the Eagles were shocked by Sayreville, 49-46 in GMCT play, giving them their second loss in a row.

Sayreville Wins Wrestling Tourney

The Sayreville wrestling team won the championship in the 10-team Coaches vs. Cancer Tournament at Union City. The Bombers had 11 wrestlers place in the Top 4, and 6 advanced to the finals. Dylan Haltli (126), and Isaac Blagoege (145) were crowned champions. Congratulations Sayreville!

Taite Stars For Top-Ranked School

Former Sayreville Bomber basketball star and member of the 1,000 points scoring club, Corey Taite recently starred for his team, The Robinson School of Irvington, as they defeated Hilda Goodlong Impact Academy of Pennsylvania, 82-77. The talented guard pumped in 12 points and dished out 8 assists for Robinson School, now (19-3), and ranked the #1 Post Graduate basketball program in the nation.

Eagles Track Team In Sectionals

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January 18, 2015 at the Bubble in Toms River, members of the boys team competed in the Non Public B State sectional relays. The 4x400 team of Sam Indrees, Christian Serrano, Nicholas Turick and John Wilson finished 5th. The 4x800 team of William Corman, Philip Iosue, Jared McCrea and Antonio Rodriguez finished 4th. The team of Antonio Rodriguez, Jaylen Correa, Patrick O'Leary and John Wilson finished 5th in the Distance Medley. And in the Shot Put relay, Kyle Poetsch and Mark Quinn finished 3rd and broke the school record for the second time in one week. Their combined distance was 71'9". The boys were scheduled to compete in the GMC individual championships at the bubble on January 24th and the state Individual sectionals on February 14th.

Bombers Bow In Group V

The talented Sayreville wrestling team fell to Old Bridge, 39-18 in the CJ Group V quarterfinals. The Bombers wrestled without 2 starters, who were out with injuries. Dylan Haltli and 2-time GMC champion Anthony Porcaro notched big wins against Old Bridge.

Girls Basketball

Sayreville (17-3) Isi Enahoro, Ryane Brush, Amanda Quintero, Morenike Akinrefon, and Nura Sbeah have lit up the scoreboard consistently for the outstanding Blue & Gray team.

South Amboy (13-8) Amanda LaVigne continues to top the Lady Guvs, and recently joined the Hoffman/SA exclusive 1,000 points club. Beth Kudelka controls most of the rebounding, and consistently hits double figures. Kyra Kuhn and Beth Noble also add points to the SA attack.

Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's (11-8) Savannah Valentin is always in double figures to top the Blue & Gold attack, and has been getting help from Samantha Napoli, Victoria Zayas, and Joyce Loda.

Boys Basketball

Cardinal McCarrick (19-2) This amazing team has a balanced scoring attack, which is usually paced by NyQuan McCombs, Gilberto Cue, Josh Green, Elijah Mitchell, and Hodari Bazemore.

South Amboy (11-12) Soph sensation, Ryan O'Leary continues to lead the Governors in scoring and rebounding, and has put up two huge games in which he has scored 41 points, and followed it up a week later with 30 points and 14 rebounds against Timothy Christian. Also contributing big time for the Purple & Gold is Tim Kales, and Kehare Ford.

Sayreville (9-12) Jehyve Floyd is the leading scorer, and gets help from his brother Jahsim Floyd, Mike Valentin, and Jayson DeMild, who always contribute to the Bombers scoring attack.

Boys Bowling

Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's (0-11) It was a tough season for the Eagles, but hopes are high for next year.

Girls Bowling

Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's (9-2-1) The Lady Eagles won the Blue Division title with a (9-1) division record. Congratulations!

Wilson Runs To The Meet Of Champions



John Wilson of Cardinal McCarrick earned his ticket in the 2 mile to the NJSIAA Meet of Champions held on Saturday, February 21, 2015. John placed in the top 6 at the Non Public B State Championships. This season he broke the school record twice by 20 seconds, hitting a mark of 10:30. Also placing well was our throwing relay of Kyle Poetsch and Mark Quinn. Combined the boys threw a total of 77 feet earning a new school record and a 3rd place relay finish at the Non Public B Relay Championships. Other teams placing at the Relay Championship were the boys Distance Medley (4th) of Antontio Rodriguez, Jaylen Correa, Patrick O'Leary and John Wilson. The boys 4x400 relay of Jaylen Correa, Patrick O'Leary, Christian Serrano, and Sam Indrees just missed punching their ticket to the Meet of Champions by 2 seconds. (Photo/story submitted)



The Lady Eagles Bowling Team captured the Blue Division title with an overall record of 9-2-1. Great job ladies! (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Sayreville Bowlers Win CJ III Title

Coach Mike Weinert's Sayreville boys bowling team came from behind to capture the CJ Group III championship and advanced to the Tournament of Champions. After 2 games, the Bombers were in third place but battled back and bowled a strong 1153 in the final game, to take the title. The Blue and Gray totaled 3,236 and was followed by Woodbridge 3,139, and Monroe 3,128.

Anthony Angotti led the way with a 751, fourth best in the tourney, and rolled a clutch 279 in the finale, which also was 4th best in CJ Group III.

Bombers Win White Division Crown

Sayreville's superb wrestling team, currently (16-2), captured the GMC White Division title, with an exciting victory over J.P. Stevens. Coach Marcus Ivy has a very talented squad, which is led by heavyweight Anthony Porcaro (27-1), who won his second successive GMC championship, 126-lbs. Dylan Haltli (26-1); 145-lbs. Maddux Mason (20-7); 113-lbs. Frank Roman (20-8); 152-lbs. Isaac Blagoege (19-9); 170-lbs. Tyler Lewis (18-8); 195-lbs. Tyler Gilligan (16-7); 220 lbs. Michael Porcaro (15-6); 132-lbs. Dylan Alves (18-8); 152-lbs. Dylan Kelleher (9-9); 120-lbs. Dylan Taillefer (11-14); 160-lbs. Kyle Wavro (7-13); 103-lbs. Brandon Alicea (9-10).

Porcaro Crowned Champion

Sayreville's Anthony Porcaro captured his second straight GMC Heavyweight championship with a 2-0 decision over Kevin Eid of East Brunswick. Congratulations, Anthony!

GMCT Girls Basketball

Preliminary Round

Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's 36 South Amboy 28- CM/SM, the #14 seed in the GMCT, topped hometown rival South Amboy 36-28 in a preliminary round game. Samantha Napoli led CM/SM with 11 points and teammate Victoria Zayas added 10 for the Blue & Gold. Amanda LaVigne took game scoring honors with 13 points for the Lady Guvs.

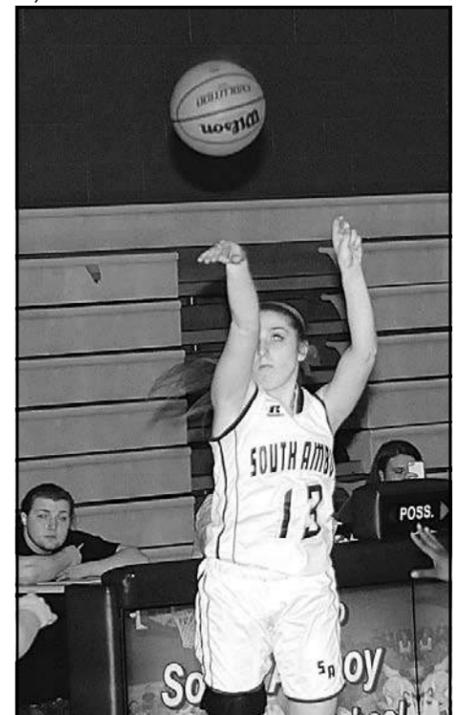
GMCT Boys Basketball

Play In Round

South River 72 South Amboy 54- SA, seeded #26 was led by Ryan O'Leary with 15 points and Kehare Ford 13.

First Round

Sayreville 63 Spotswood 49-Jehyve Floyd poured in 29 points and ripped 10 rebounds, while his brother Jahsim Floyd added 9 points, 10 rebounds and 4 blocked shots to propel the #14 seed Bombers over #19 Spotswood.



Amanda LaVigne from South Amboy HS puts up a three pointer that went in for career point number 1000. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

LaVigne Joins 1,000 Point Club

By Tom Burkard

South Amboy girls' basketball standout, Amanda LaVigne joined the school's elite 1,000 point scoring club, as her team raced by East Brunswick Tech, 59-34. The talented senior reached the big mark on a 3-pointer early in the second period, before an enthusiastic hometown crowd, and finished the game with 23 points. Amanda is one of the finest players to don the Purple & Gold jersey in many years, and a classy young lady who has a bright future ahead. Congratulations on your great accomplishment, Amanda!

Round of 16

Sayreville 62 Woodbridge 52-Amanda Quintero led the #5 seeded Bombers with 10 points and 7 rebounds over the #12 seeded Barrons.

East Brunswick 67 Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's 37-Savannah Valentin took game scoring honors with 15 points for the Lady Eagles, who were seeded #14 against EB the #3 seed.

Round of 16

Sayreville 49 Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's 46-Major upset by #14 Bombers over #3 Eagles. Sayreville was led by Jayson DeMild with 16 points, Mike Valentin 15 points, and Jehyve Floyd 14 points 5 rebounds, and 5 blocked shots. NyQuan McCombs took game scoring honors with 21 points. The Bombers scored 24 points in the third quarter to take a 44-35 lead, and despite not making a field goal in the fourth, held on for the huge victory.

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Sports Archives



2005-This young South Amboy Governors team finished (7-16), but had a lot of promise, and turned out two 1,000 point scorers, Brian Seres and Joe Bartlinski. Pictured front row (l-r) Brian Seres, Mike DeJoy, Colin Krzyzanowski. Middle row (l-r) Fred Beaudry, Jordan Dudley, Ibo Diaz, Joe Magnifico, Greg Stefaniuk. Back row (l-r) Assistant Coach Gary Kuhn, Bob Mehal, Paul Tylek, Joe Bartlinski, Sean Powell, Tom Szatkowski, Coach George Krzyzanowski. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Back In Those College Days Part 1

By Tom Burkard

There were many local athletes who went on to play varsity sports in college. The following is a partial list, and if you were missed or know of anyone who should be mentioned, please let us know, so we can add them to next month's column. Please e-mail us at: satimes@aol.com with any information you may have.

John Zdanewicz (St. Mary's) was the smallest All-American basketball player in history while starring for Seton Hall University in the early 1930's; John and Ed O'Brien (St. Mary's)-The tremendous twins were All-Americans at Seattle University in baseball and basketball during the early 1950's; Jim Burkard (Hoffman)-Northeastern University-basketball, late 1940's early 1950's; Bob "Don" "Pep" Bennett (St. Mary's)-St. Louis University-basketball, early 1950's; Luke Lenahan (St. Mary's), and Frank "Butch" O'Brien (St. Mary's) both played basketball for Belmont Abbey in the early 1950's; Jack Vail (St. Mary's)-Georgetown University-basketball, early 1950's; Bill Mandy (Sayreville)-Alliance College, PA- basketball, early 1960's; Paul Ust (St. Mary's)-Belmont Abbey College-baseball, early 1960's; Jeff Osowski (Sayreville)-Penn University-basketball, mid 1960's; Jay Derent (St. Mary's)-Villanova University-track & field, mid 1960's; Joe Chodkiewicz (St. Mary's)-Spring Hill, Alabama- basketball, mid 1960's; Jim McCloud (St. Mary's) Mark Bratus (St. Mary's) Greg Havlusch (Hoffman) starred for the Biscayne College basketball team in the early 1970's. McCloud was featured in a sneaker commercial with the Boston Celtics. Dan Weinman (St. Mary's)-Glassboro State-baseball, early 1970's; Reggie Carney (Sayreville)- Arizona State-baseball, in the late 1960's, early 1970's; Bob Rodziewicz (Sayreville)-Middlesex County College-baseball, late 1960's; "Bud" Rose (South Brunswick)-Lafayette College-basketball, 1968-72; Fred Henry (St. Mary's)-Middlesex County College, and also Trenton State College-baseball, late 1960's, early 70's; Nick Charmello (St. Mary's)-Francis Marion, South Carolina and also Brookdale Community College-baseball, early 1970's; George Krzyzanowski (St. Mary's)-Randolph Macon, Virginia, and also Monmouth University-basketball, early 1970's; Gary Lange (Hoffman)-Brookdale Community College-basketball, early 1970's; Ron Croddick (Hoffman)-Brookdale Community College-baseball, early 1970's; Tom Ruszala (St. Mary's)-Middlesex County College-baseball, late 1960's, early 70's; Melanie Newcomb (St. Mary's)- Newark State (now known as Kean U.) softball, in the early 1970's; Jay Thomas (St. Mary's)-Moravian College-basketball, early 1970's; Tom "Pops" Gulick (St. Mary's)-Biscayne College-basketball, in the early 1970's; Steve

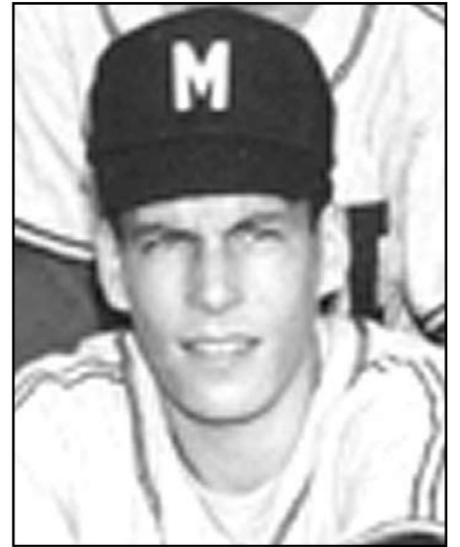
Makwinski (Sayreville)-FDU-baseball and basketball, in the 1970's; Pat Lockwood (Sayreville)-Dayton University-basketball, 1973-77. Pat's team went to the AIAW "Sweet 16" Tournament. Joe Kolakowski (St. Mary's)-Stockton State College-basketball, late 1970's. Joe scored 1,000 points in college; Linda Smith (Hoffman)-Middlesex County College and also Kean College (now Kean University),-basketball, early 1980's. Linda scored over 1,000 points in her collegiate career; Rhonda Rompola (Sayreville)-Old Dominion University/SMU-basketball, late 1970's, early 80's; Dave Newton (Hoffman)-Kings College (NY)-basketball/track & field, late 70's, early 80's; Gerard Marrone (Hoffman)-Trenton St. College (now College of NJ), Middlesex County College-soccer/tennis, early 1980's; Lynn Ust (Hoffman)-Rutgers University-basketball, late 1980's; Tricia Popowski (Hoffman)-South Carolina University-All-American softball player, late 1980's; Terry Lockwood (Sayreville)-College of St. Elizabeth-basketball, 1985-89. Scored over 1,000 points, and had over 1,000 rebounds. In addition was the #1 rebounder in Division 3, and the first player in the College of St. Elizabeth history to have their number retired. (#11); Kris & Jenny Kuziemski (Hoffman)-North Carolina State-basketball, late 1980's, early 90's. The fabulous twins were featured in an article in Sports Illustrated. John "Skeets" Skarzynski (Hoffman)-Middlesex County College- baseball, late 1980's; Kevin Gorczyca (Hoffman)-Middlesex County College-baseball, late 1980; Lisa Smith (Hoffman)-Hartford University-basketball, early 1990's Jess Painchaud (Sayreville)-Villanova University-soccer, in the late 1990's; Brandon Hoyte (Sayreville)-Notre Dame University-football, 2000's; Ed Behnen (South Amboy)-Rutgers University-basketball, early 2000's; Kevin Mulvey (Sayreville)-baseball, who pitched for Bishop Ahr HS, and went on to star for Villanova University in the early 2000's; Brian Seres (South Amboy)-Brookdale Community College-baseball, 2000's; Joe Bartlinski (South Amboy)-Kean University-baseball, 2000's. He pitched for the college World Series championship team. Sue Wisniewski (St. John Vianney)-College of St. Elizabeth 2003-2005; Ed Goodell (Sayreville)-Middlesex County College-baseball, early 2000's; Keith Naylor (Cardinal McCarrick)-Middlesex County College-baseball, early 2000's; Joe Velez (Cardinal McCarrick)-Middlesex County College-baseball, early 2000's; Shane Connors (Cardinal McCarrick)-Middlesex County College-baseball, early 2000's; Kene Eze (Sayreville)-Rutgers University-soccer, 2000's; Jessica Nicola (Sayreville)-Monmouth University-softball, 2000's.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1952-Sayreville jolted Jamesburg, 50-35 behind Joe Rudy who scored 15 points, Gene Malkiewicz 13 and Charlie Kolakowski 9 points. 1961-Keyport shocked St. Mary's boys' basketball team, 77-67. Jack Kreiger topped the Saints with 21 points, and was followed by Bill Tibbitt 15 and Joe Jankowski 14 points. 1979-Hoffman topped Green Brook, 58-51. Frank Kuziemski led the way with 20 points and 13 rebounds. Jim Bright added 17 and Mike Diem 10 points. 1980-Hoffman girls' basketball team under legendary Coach Reggie Carney, won its 20th straight game without a loss, by belting Carteret, 49-40 in the 2nd round of the MCCGBT. Sue Check led the Lady Guvs with 13 points and 14 rebounds, while Sue Akerman tossed in 12 points, and Jamie White added 10. 1999-The Sayreville girls' winter track team topped North Brunswick, 43-34. The Bombers winners were Lisa DeBiase in the 55, and 400; Claire Inskeep won the shotput, and high jump; DeBiase, Marie Colella, Heather St. Amour, and Wini Huang raced to victory in the 4 x 400. 2004-Kevin Oliveri scored the game-winning bucket with 0:03 seconds left to nip New Brunswick, 60-59, and give Cardinal McCarrick the Blue Division title. Oliveri led the scoring with 23 points, and was followed by Mike Garcia 13, Donnie Reid 12 and Billy Wagner 11.



Freeman Remembered



Gerald "Gerry" Freeman, 69, formerly of South Amboy died on Jan. 12. Gerry was a 1964 St. Mary's HS graduate and a member of the legendary 1963 St. Mary's Eagles, who captured the Parochial B state baseball championship. In the title game against powerhouse Gloucester Catholic, Freeman delivered one of the biggest hits in the school's history. The score was tied at 3-3, and Gerry calmly lined a base hit to knock in the winning run and give St. Mary's the title. Freeman, who was known for his flawless fielding in right field, came through with the most important hit in his career. Gerry Freeman was a good guy, who retired from DuPont Photo Products, and was probably known by many locals who saw him in his fancy convertible car, which he always drove around South Amboy and Sayreville.

Girls 1,000 Points Club

Hoffman/South Amboy

*Players are listed in the order that they reached the 1,000 points mark. Most career scoring totals are unavailable.

Chris Dill, Jamie White, Sue Check, Nancy Garsick, Lynn Ust 2,191, Tricia Popowski 1,111, Kris Kuziemski 2,072, Jen Kuziemski, Jen Ingstrup, Kristy Parfianowicz, Kim Peterson 1,199, Regan Rone, Kiersten McCarthy, Katey Charmello, Amanda LaVigne.

St. Mary's/Cardinal McCarrick

*Players are listed in the order that they reached the 1,000 points mark. Most

career scoring totals are unavailable.

Kathy Redling 1,218, Sue Wilson, Mary Jean Sibilia, Janine Barella, JoEllen Paczkowski, Kaitlyn Katko 1,641, Jessica Pruiti, Lauren Zarantonello, Jacinda Dunbar 1,312, Chrissy Keir 1,051, Olivia Gorczyanski 1,420.

Sayreville

*Career leaders in order except for the last 2, as their career totals are unavailable.

Rhonda Rompola 1,608, Cindy Allman 1,509, Jessica Kitrys 1,216, Alyssa McDonough, Jackie Rodriguez.

Boys 1,000 Points Club

Hoffman/South Amboy

*Players are listed in the order that they reached the 1,000 points mark. Most career scoring totals are unavailable.

Curt Wood 1,630, Billy Clayton, Gary Lange, Bob Clayton, Frank Kuziemski, Peter Smith, Gary Kuhn, Ed Behnen 1,993, Nick Shaw, Brian Seres, Joe Bartlinski, Joe Charmello, Steve Herdman,

St. Mary's/Cardinal McCarrick

*Players are listed in the order that they reached the 1,000 points mark.

George Krzyzanowski 1,592, Rob Zaleski 1,022, Dan Blaha 1,008, Kevin Burns 1,052, Vincente Rosario 1,946, Kevin Oliveri 1,078, Mike Burwell 1,798, Julio Rosario 1,223, Sky Harris 1,000+.

Sayreville

Boys 1,000 Rebounds Club

Sayreville-Jeff Osowski

St. Mary's-Joe Kolakowski

Girls 1,000 Rebounds Club

Hoffman-Sue Check, Lynn Ust 1,081.

Sayreville-Rhonda Rompola 1,060.

35 Years Ago

1980-Hoffman girls' basketball stars, Sue Check and Jamie White both made history for the Lady Guvs. Check became the first girl in the school's history to haul in 1,000 rebounds in a career, and also scored over 1,000 points. White also made her mark for the Purple & Gold by joining the 1,000 point club.

T.H.E. Game

Year-2002

Sport-Boys Basketball

Teams-South Amboy (6-6) vs. Cardinal McCarrick (7-4)

Recap-Mark Nietubyc drove in for a layup at the buzzer, to give the Eagles a thrilling 41-40 victory over the Guvs. South Amboy took a 41-40 lead on a 3-point bomb by Nick Shaw with 0:05 seconds left prior to the game-winning shot by Nietubyc.

Shaw and teammate Dan Nuzzie of SA shared game scoring laurels with 14 points apiece, while Choinski pumped in 8. The Blue & Gold was paced by Nietubyc with 10, Joe Corcione 7, Ed Fulham 7, Don Szatkowski 6, and Herman Serrano 5 points.

Player-Of-The-Game-Mark Nietubyc

Boxscore

Cardinal McCarrick 41
Nietubyc 10 Joe Corcione 7 Ed Fulham 7 Don Szatkowski 7 Herman Serrano 5 Jose Rosario 4 Manny Rodriguez 2 Billy Wagner 0.

South Amboy 40
Nick Shaw 14 Dan Nuzzie 14 Choinski 8 Seikendick 0 Kern 0 Lieberman 0 Agosto 0.



Monmouth College Featured 5 South Amboy Players

In 1957, Monmouth College (now University), recruited 6 South Amboy players for its roster one day, while the group was sitting in the cafeteria. The coach came in and said he was looking for players, asked if anyone wanted to play on the basketball team. The group consisting of Ray "Butch" Tomaszewski (Hoffman), Ed Paczkowski (St. Mary's), Marty Metzger (St. Mary's), Eric Delaney (St. Mary's), Frank Hackett (St. Mary's) and Bob Vona (Hoffman) told

him they were interested, and went to their first game, watching from the bench for the first half, as Monmouth trailed Trenton State by 10. Tomaszewski recalled that the coach put 5 of the South Amboy crew on the court to start the second half, and they sparked Monmouth to a thrilling comeback victory. Tomaszewski went on to an outstanding career, and became the first player in Monmouth College history to score 1,000 points.



David Langan



Amanda Olender

Langan: An Amazing Career

David Langan (Sayreville) graduated from Wesley College in 2014, and had a tremendous, star-studded career, filled with honors and awards. The following are some of his most prestigious ones: He is the school's All-Time leading rebounder with 831; #9 in points-1,100; #2 in field goal pct.-57.7; #3 in blocked shots-124; he was a 2-time 1st Team All-Conference selection; 4-times selected Conference Player of the Week; 2 times D3 Team of the Week; 3rd Team All-American; ECAC South, 1st Team All-Star; selected to NABC Reese's All-Star Game, and went on to score 14 points, grabbed 13 rebounds, and had 4 assists; selected to Silver Anniversary Men's basketball team; Wesley College Male Athlete of the Year; MVP of the John Hopkins Christmas Tournament.

40 Years Ago

Kolakowski Gets 1,000 Rebound

Feb. 7, 1975-St. Mary's talented 6-3 center Joe Kolakowski, who entered the game against Immaculata with 994 rebounds in his illustrious career, grabbed his milestone 1,000th rebound with 1:51 left in the first half, when he went high in the air to haul down a missed shot. The game was stopped, and AD Steve Nestinger gave him the game ball, and Father William Schlatterbach then presented him with a trophy from his class. Joe finished the game with 15 points and 14 rebounds, as the Eagles romped over Immaculata, 71-51. Kolakowski's amazing feat has withstood the test of time, and 40 years after the big game, the record still remains, as no other player in St. Mary's/Cardinal McCarrick history has notched 1,000 rebounds.

College Notebook

Olivia Gorczynski (Cardinal McCarrick) recently joined the 1,000 points scoring club at Chestnut Hill College (8-15). She leads the team in scoring with 325 points, a 14.8 avg., steals-40, and 3-point field goals-56. Her high game this year was 31 points against Concordia. Olivia also went over 1,000 points in high school...FDU-Florham (22-1) point guard Alyssa McDonough (Sayreville) has been a big contributor to the team's success this season, and has scored 276 points, 12.0 avg., both third on the team, and #1 in 3-point field goal percentage .417...Jackie Rodriguez (Sayreville) is #2 in scoring 219 points, and avg. 11.5 at William Paterson. She is also third in 3-pointers with 48, and 3-point pct. .366...Middlesex County College (14-4) Women's basketball team is having a banner season, and features 6 young local athletes including Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's grads, Jen Shereyka, (#3 on team in scoring with a 14.4 avg., and #2 in assists with a 4.4 avg.). Brittany Clayton (4.2 ppg.), Caitlin Norek (2.2 ppg.), Madison McNally (2.7 ppg), Lauryn Materowski (2.5 ppg.), and Shana Anderson (1.3 ppg.) (South Amboy)... Ahsley Edwards (Sayreville), a freshman at Ramapo copped 2 consecutive NJ Athletic Conference (NJAC) Rookie of the Week honors recently in track & field. She placed 2nd in the triple jump at the Indoor Select meet with a fine 36-9, which ranked 15th nationally, and 2nd in the NJAC... Maggie Presnal (Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's) has been starring for Marywood University

(14-8). The 6-0 center leads the team in rebounding with 131, and a 6.6 avg., has 165 points, 8.3 avg., and is #1 in steals-14, and tied for #1 with a .500 field goal pct. She was an All-Tournament selection at the Sleep In-Dumore Holiday Classic...Steve Herdman (South Amboy) is having a banner freshman year, and is one of the top players at FDU-Florham (2-21). The talented guard recently led the Devils to their first Freedom Conference win of the year, as they pulled a major upset over DeSales, 70-58. Herdman sparkled with a high-game of 21 points, including (3) 3-pointers, 5 assists and 4 rebounds. Steve is third on the club with 244 points, and a 10.6 avg, and second with 43, 3-point field goals...Tara Inman (Holmdel) has seen limited time this season at Seton Hall U. (22-4), scoring 25 points and getting 21 rebounds in 21 games. She is the daughter of St. Mary's/Cardinal McCarrick Hall of Fame pitcher and basketball player John Inman...Christian Campbell (Sayreville) is projected as the starting shortstop and late-innings relief pitcher this season for Rutgers University...Jenny Kuziemski Palmateer (Hoffman) is in her fourth season as head coach at Monmouth University (10-15)...Rhonda Rompola (Sayreville) is head coach at SMU (5-19), and her club is having a rebuilding year...Anthony Bozzella (St. Mary's), head coach of Seton Hall University (22-4) women's basketball team has done an outstanding job...

Favorite College Sports Memories

Fred Henry (St. Mary's) pitched for 2 years at Middlesex County College (MCC), and went on to hurl another 2 years at Trenton State College in the late 1960's, early 70's. He proudly recalled his first start at MCC. "I started against Staten Island, the #3 ranked team in the nation, and pitched a 2-hitter against them." While at MCC, he was a teammate of Bob Rodziewicz, who starred in high school for Sayreville. In the first game Henry, (who is the current Mayor of South Amboy), said that, "I struck out the first 3 batters that I saw."

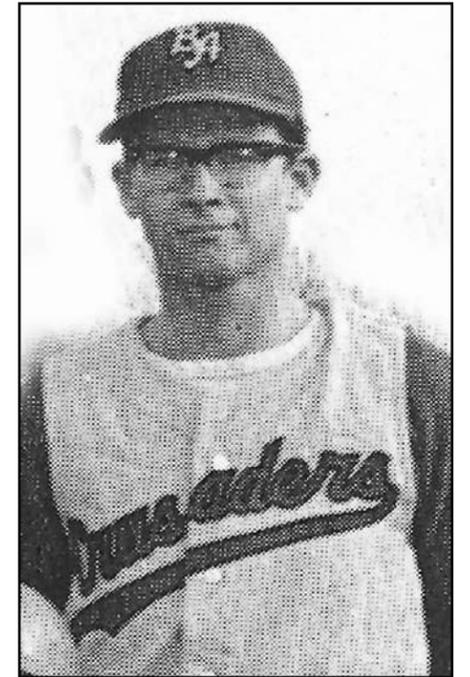
Rick Ragula (St. Mary's) recalled that "I was on a scholarship and played for Illinois Tech from 1968-71, and started most games at center during those years (it was called pivot in those days). We were pretty successful in converting a losing program into the best they had in 10 years. We played mostly small Midwestern colleges, but there was a lot of talent there. I was frequently going up against guys a half foot taller and 50 pounds heavier, so I had to rely on quickness to compete."

Joe Noble (St. Mary's) pitched for the Belmont Abbey College Crusaders from 1968-69, and finished his collegiate career

with a fine (3-1) record. Joe vividly recalled his college days, saying "I had a wonderful experience under Coach Ted Crunkleton. I made the team as a freshman pitcher and appeared in about a dozen games. One was as a starter against Pfeiffer University (no decision). Besides probably being in the best physical shape of my life, my 2 most memorable stories were: 1. Coming in as a relief pitcher in the 8th inning against a powerful Florida State team, in a tie game, with the bases loaded and one out, and inducing a 1-2-3 double play ball. Then in the 9th inning against me, a guy by the name of Walt Sumner, drafted by the Cleveland Browns as a defensive back, got a hit, stole second on the first pitch, stole third on the first pitch, and then with All-American Dick Gold up, I picked Sumner off third and got Gold to pop up. Unfortunately, we lost the game in the 10th inning, and I got no decision. 2. While warming up to come into a game against Baptist College, our backup catcher showed me how to throw a "slider." I entered the game around the 5th inning, and struck out 7 of 8 batters, and was the winning pitcher."



Middlesex County College (MCC) star basketball player, Bryant Webb of Sayreville drives in for another basket. Bryant recently became a member of the elite MCC 1,000 point scoring club. Congratulations! (Photo courtesy of MCC)



Joe Noble

Gorczynski Scores 1,000th Point

Story Submitted

Olivia Gorczynski (Parlin, N.J.) picked a perfect time to have the best game of her career as Chestnut Hill College's senior captain poured in a career-high 31 points, the last two giving her an even 1,000 for her career, to headline an 81-49 Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) rout of visiting Concordia College (NY) on Saturday afternoon. It was the second CACC Weekly Honor Roll mention for Gorczynski, who was recognized earlier for her play in a pair of season-opening contests against the Northeast-10's College of St. Rose and American International College (AIC).

Gorczynski canned a pair of free throws with 4:51 remaining in regulation to become just the seventh player in Chestnut Hill College (5-12, 3-7) women's basketball program

history to reach the milestone. She reached the brink of the 1,000-point plateau with a flourish midway through the second half, sinking two free throws before burying triples on back-to-back possessions, the last putting the hosts ahead 72-37 with 8:21 to play and giving Gorczynski 998 career points. Singularly focused on reaching the milestone, the senior guard misfired on five straight shots before a strong drive forced a Clipper foul and sent her to the line. Gorczynski nailed the first, and with history hanging in the balance, swished the second for her 1,000th career point. With the home crowd in a frenzy, Head Coach Laura Pruitt called a timeout as the home crowd as Gorczynski received congratulations from her teammates, soaking in the climactic moment.

Three St. Mary's Grads Played For MCC

Ray Downs recalled playing for Middlesex County College (MCC) in 1971 & 1972. "Our coach was Joe Servon, who later went on to coach at Fordham University. I was very proud to make the team, especially since I did not make any of the great St. Mary's HS varsity teams. Gil Pritchard, Sonny Ostrowski, and I all came from St. Mary's Class of '70, and made the MCC varsity, and were a part of a bunch of young kids, playing at the Junior College level, and for me that was very special.

Gil was a great rebounder, being 6-2, and Sonny the same, both big guys with outstanding jump shots, and they could block a shot. I played small forward because I could jump, and had a pretty good outside jump shot, that Fran Fitzmorris taught me to shoot in CYO days, as well as how to shoot a foul

shot. I also played CYO ball for St. Mary's, and we had outstanding teams. Back then, if you did not make the varsity squad, you could play CYO basketball and those CYO teams could have played on varsity level if given the opportunity. Basketball was very competitive at the time, with great coaches, and we won many games.

Back in the early 1970's, they had the Artis Gilmore and Ralph Sampson rule that you could not dunk. One time during warmups at MCC, Randy, our center (I forgot his last name) and I both dunked, and received a technical foul before the game even started. Coach Servon was not too happy at all. It was an honor playing at MCC, alongside Gil Pritchard and Sonny Ostrowski, and we even had Joe Brinamen in '72 as our assistant coach."

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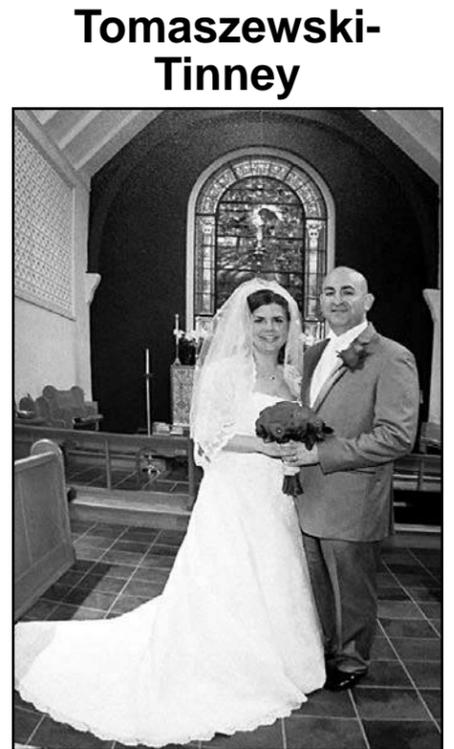


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Jaclyn Tomaszewski of South Amboy and Chris Tinney of Old Bridge were married on April 26, 2014 at Trinity Church in Red Bank. The reception was held at Oyster Point in Red Bank. Jaclyn is the daughter of Ray and Joyce Tomaszewski. The couple resides in South Amboy.

On A Sunday Afternoon

By Al Gomolka Jr.
 Times Poet Laureate
 c. 1994

There are moments when
 Our lives seem so hectic
 Never enough time for work or play
 Some others may feel sad, bored or lonely
 We beckon for a brighter, better day
 Rest or fun and peace come none to soon
 It seems on a Sunday afternoon
 To the bakery for jelly buns and rolls
 After church and Sunday papers
 Set the stage
 With loved ones or alone and anything goes
 A day to release from the week's cage
 Rest or fun and peace come none to soon
 It seems on a Sunday afternoon
 A stroll thru the park or a country car ride
 Beach, bowling, baseball, brunch along the way
 Couch potato, gardening, barbeque
 But taking it easy on the Lord's Day
 Rest or fun and peace come none to soon
 It seems on a Sunday afternoon.

Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber
 Salt Water

It is the dead of winter. Fishing overall isn't much to write about and the cold deep freeze doesn't help. A few party boats that are fishing wrecks report a few Cod and not too many Ling. Other party boats that fish for Blackfish have caught a few, some go over 8 to 10 pounds or better, but there are just not enough to go around. A few do really well others not so well. The Mackerel run never got started. The new regulations for 2015 are not very good either. Striped Bass have been cut to one fish at 28 inches and the second fish must be over 40 inches. Sea Bass again took a hit as all coastal States in the Northeast have to reduce their overall catches by 33%. New Jersey was not able to get out of the Regionalized Plan, so Fluke will likely stay the same at 5 fish at 18 inches. The Bay opens up for Striper fishing on March 1st. Don't expect miracles!!

Fresh Water

There is finally enough safe ice on up-state lakes to ice fish. Some good spots are Bertrand's Island Cove, at Lake Hopatcong and Budd Lake. Some large Pickerel and good size Yellow Perch are being caught on shiner baited tip ups. Budd Lake also has Pike. The weather has been so cold that the Delaware River froze solid at the Water Gap and they were catching Walleyes through the ice. The hatchery has enough of trout on hand for opening day in April, but all will be Rainbows. There will be no Brown or Brook Trout due to the disease problems.



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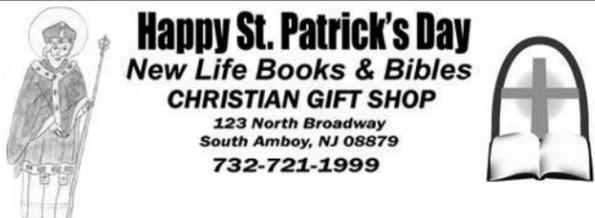
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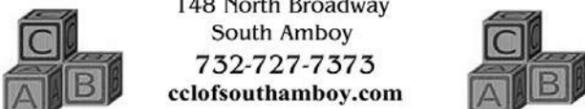
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World War I Spies In South Amboy Part II

By Fran Fitzmorris

Before proceeding with the story of German spies in South Amboy during World War I, I will begin this article with an update on some of the information that was previously mentioned or suggested.

As stated in last month's article in The Times, the German government only admitted to one horrendous act of sabotage. This was the Black Tom explosion and Germany finally paid fifty million dollars in restitution in the early 1950's. There were, at least, eight other acts of terror in New Jersey and surrounding states between 1914 and 1917 that were never connected to the German government. However, most residents of New Jersey came to accept that the Germans were at fault. This belief came about because several German agents had been, supposedly, hired at other munitions plants. Guilt by association? Probably.

German agent, Ignatius Lincoln, was the most feared. He openly flaunted how easy it would be to blow up plants like Dupont and Hercules. His base of operation appeared to be New York City. He was hunted by the British Secret Service and the United States

Marshals who actually captured him in New York City. Before he could be turned over to the British, he somehow escaped. He was believed to have been in South Amboy twice. The first time was in 1915 and the second, supposedly, in February of 1916. It was wildly speculated that he actually stayed on John Street, across from the city hall to keep eyes on the police while he was there. Most of the town never knew about his stay. He left without doing anything overtly sinister. In his arrogance, he wrote a letter to the local paper as well as a New York paper. In the letter he writes, "I came not to destroy Dupont or Hercules but to remind all parties that it would have been easy to do this and not get caught." Obviously, he was making a point that he could have done the damage anytime he wished but, fortunately, it never happened. His parting words were, "I am not bluffing."

The fear of sabotage came to an end in 1917 when the United States entered the war and terror attacks became punishable by the death penalty.

OLV Casino Trips

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

Mother Theresa Screening March 15

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 host a free movie matinee Sunday March 15 at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. The inspirational film "Mother Theresa" will be screened. Doors open at 1 p.m. and film will be show at 1:30 p.m. Free popcorn, coffee, and desserts provided. Hot dogs and pizza also available. For reservations call Les or Carol at 732-721-0812.

Downs Writes Challenging Articles

(Story submitted)

Ray Downs has been in the elevator industry for the last 26 years, retired from United Technologies Corp., working under their Otis Division for 23 years, and now is Vice President of TEI Group-Dedicated Elevator Solutions, a direct competitor with all major elevator companies in the New York City market.

As part of his responsibilities, he is the VP of TEI that oversees all facets of the business under Environmental, Health, and Safety, and the Liason sitting on various Safety Committees to include the National Elevator Industry Inc., (NEII), and the National Association of Elevator Constructors (NAEC) representing all independent elevator companies around the country.

Ray wrote two articles, "So You Think

You Have A Safety Program," and "On The Same Page," that challenges the elevator industry to develop one set of industry safety standards for the entire country. Each article has its own subject matter, but nonetheless drives the same point across to the industry leaders.

The Vertical Transportation (Elevator) Industry is a trillion dollar industry with thousands of companies across the country employing hundreds of thousands around the globe. Ray has been very fortunate in his career to have traveled the world (Asia, Europe, China, South America and North America) representing his trade and hopes that he will close out his career in New York City. Congratulations Ray!



1953-Johnny O'Brien (l) and twin brother Eddie are pictured back home in South Amboy after the basketball season, posed by the huge trophy Johnny received for setting all kinds of scoring records. The trophy reads, "The Nations's Leading Scorer." The twins rewrote every record in the Seattle University basketball and baseball books.

School Days Long Ago



1947-St. Mary's First Grade class had a lot of familiar faces and names including Back Row (l-r) Margaret Malik, Trudy Colucci, John McCormack, Claire McKeon, Christine Hoffman, Francis Matarangolo. Middle Row (l-r) Louis Ploskonka, John Mullane, Freddie Farrell, Nancy Andrejewski. Front Row (l-r) Louise Sullivan, Elaine Dohaney, Patricia Ellison, Lillian Dohaney, Maureen Baranowski, Margaret Mary Vail, Mary Jane Kolowski, Jacqueline Henry. (Photo/info submitted)

The College Search Process

Does the prospect of selecting a college and going through the admissions process seem overwhelming? Is the terminology confusing? High school sophomores and juniors and their parents should attend this seminar to hear an experienced professional demystify the steps needed to complete a successful search. Join Barbara Wichinsky, M.Ed., former Director of Guidance and Independent Consultant, on Saturday, March 28 from 2:00 to 4:00PM at Sayreville Public Library for this informative workshop.

Registration should be done through Alaina at the Sayreville Library at 732-727-0212 ex. 25, or by email at alainad@laxac.org, or register online at www.sayrevillelibrary.org!

What Ever Happened To?

The following former local residents, students, and athletes made positive, lasting impressions on many people, but have not been seen or heard from for many, many years, and we're wondering if any readers may know where they have gone and what they've been up to. If you happened to know where we could contact them, please let us know by sending an e-mail to: satimes@aol.com or giving us a call at 732-727-0398. Also, if you have someone that made a positive, lasting impression in your life and have no information on their whereabouts, and would really like to know about how they are doing, tell us and we will publish it in our next issue and hope someone can update us on the person.

We're trying to locate: Pat McDonough, Jim Doyle, Tom Triggs, Ed Suchcicki, John Rucki, Ed Fox, Ed Coveney, Brian Splam, Ed Covell, Mike Melnick, Tom Dowd.

Winter Long Ago



1939-Young Georgette Cottrell of the Melrose section of Sayreville, had a great time sleigh riding on North Broadway in South Amboy. (Photo/info courtesy of Anna Harris Friberg)

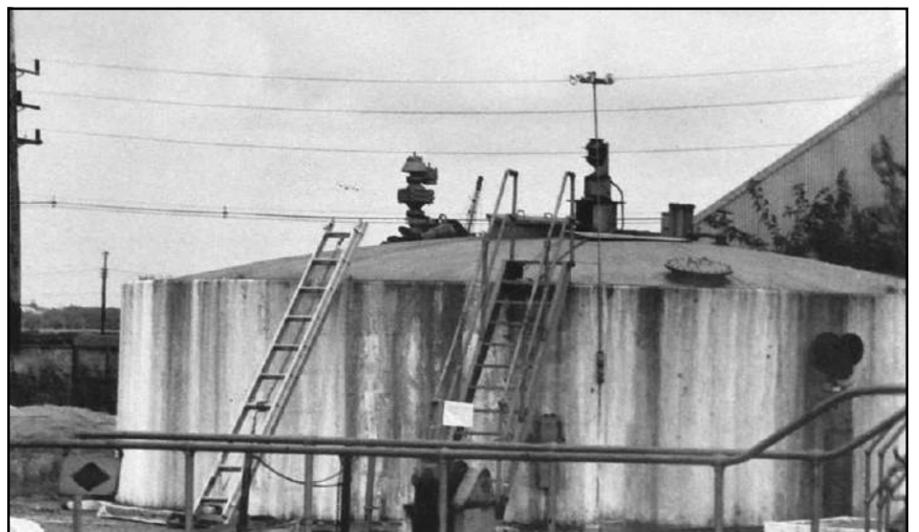
PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(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.

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. -A.O.J.

Remember When?



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OLV Trip to North Carolina Biltmore

The OLV Senior Group is planning a trip to Asheville, North Carolina and the Biltmore Estate from July 12 – 17, 2015. The price of the trip of \$830.00. This price includes 5 nights lodging, 5 deluxe continental breakfasts, 3 dinners including a cookout at the Chimney Park. Other attractions include a tour of the Biltmore Estate, Gardens, and Winery tour, the Great Smoky Mountain Railroad ride, a cruise on Lake Lure, and Blue ridge Mountain Opry show and much more. For further information or to reserve this trip, please contact Teri at 732-742-1320.

THE SPINAL COLUMN
 By DR. JOHN MISIEWICZ

Valentine's Day is for Chocolate Lovers

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

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

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

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

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

Job Search Techniques

Garret Gega, Job Developer of the Middlesex County Department of Workforce Development, will present a job search workshop at Sayreville Public Library on Tuesday, March 17 from 10:00AM to 12:00PM. Garret will guide you through the tools necessary to help you get a job. Learn effective techniques in resume writing, improve your interviewing skills, and find out what employers expect in job seekers.

For more information or to register, contact Alaina at 732-727-0212 ex. 25, email her at alainad@lmxac.org, or register online at www.sayrevillelibrary.org!

Dean's List at Middlesex County College

A total of 1,118 students were named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2014 semester at Middlesex County College.

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Nicole's Heart Sponsors Cardiac Screening at SJVHS

Eighty-seven students from St. John Vianney High School (SJV) participated in a cardiac screening at the Holmdel-based school on January 17, 2015. Nicole's Heart Foundation, a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization, sponsored the event. The screenings were cost-free to the students.

Nicole's Heart is named in honor of Nicole Trott of Old Bridge who graduated from SJV in 2011 and had been scheduled to start a pre-veterinarian science program at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, when she passed away following a sudden cardiac event on June 29, 2011. The eighteen-year-old had a previously undetected congenital heart defect.

Speaking on behalf of Nicole's Heart, Jerry Smith said, "Nicole had participated in gymnastics, cheerleading, and track during her high school years, but unfortunately even an individual who is as well conditioned as she was is not immune to such a tragedy."

In response to the loss of Nicole, her family, friends, coaches, and teammates banded together to form an organization to foster greater education and awareness about the importance of cardiac screening for high school athletes with the hope of averting a

similar misfortune for someone else.

Five pediatric cardiologists and staff members from Alpert, Zales, and Castro Pediatric Cardiology, with offices in Brick and Red Bank, volunteered their services for the day.

Of the eighty-seven students who underwent an Electrocardiogram (EKG), nineteen met the criteria for follow-up.

"This was our second screening event at St. John Vianney High School, and the response has been tremendous. I sat alongside SJV Athletic Director Richard Lambertson for much of the day, and he's totally on-board with us bringing the whole operation right into the school building," Smith said. "And we really have to tip our hats to the medical staff for volunteering their time and expertise. Without them, this event could not have happened."

Nicole's Heart gratefully acknowledges the generosity of Dr. Mitchell Alpert; Dr. Vincent Zales; Dr. Elsa Castro; Dr. Marie Umali; Dr. Stephanie Chin, and Office Manager Sue Lesser, and all of the other technicians and staff members.

For more, please visit www.nicoles-heart.com.



Members of Nicole's Heart Foundation greet students and their parents at cardiac screening event held at St. John Vianney High School. Standing from left to right: Melody Smith, Jerry Smith, Katie Hungrige, and Chris Mohin. Seated: Pat Trott (Nicole's mother).



Jan. 12, 1950-There was no Super Bowl back then, but we'll bet these South Amboy youngsters had a lot of fun throwing the football around. Pictured (l-r) is Buddy Timm, Linnea Friberg, and John Timm. (Photo/info courtesy of Anna Harris Friberg)

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Gabrielle Cassiere (Sayreville, left), and Ocean County College's Katie Garrigan (Toms River). In background, from left: Middlesex President Joann La Perla-Morales; Kathryn Lamastra, Ocean County College basketball coach; Michel Powell, Middlesex's women's basketball coach. The fundraising effort raised over \$400 for cancer research. The Middlesex women won the first contest 88-79 and the Middlesex men took the nightcap 98-80.

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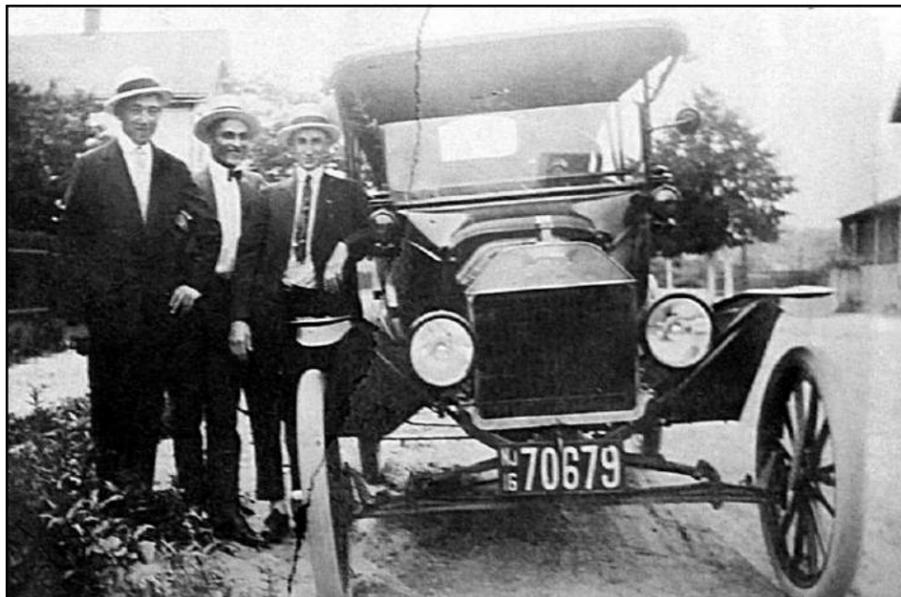
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Long, Long Ago



This vintage photo was believed to have been taken way back in the 1920's in the Melrose section of Sayreville on Laurel St., close to Ridgeway Ave. Pictured with their favorite car of the day is (l-r) John (no last name known), Bill (no last name known), and Arthur Harris. (Photo/info courtesy of Anna Harris Friberg)

Pink Night

"Pink Night," a program in which the Middlesex County College and Ocean County College basketball teams supported Breast Cancer Awareness, was held at Middlesex on February 12. The men's and women's teams from both schools wore special warm-up t-shirts and members of the Middlesex softball and basketball squads held a bake sale and collected donations for cancer research. The program was part of "Pink Zone," a national effort to raise awareness and funds, organized by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. Before the women's game, two-time cancer survivor Debbie Meade (Monmouth Junction) officiated at a ceremonial tipoff. She is the human resources manager at Home Depot, which donated giveaways and other supplies for the Pink Night Program. She is tossing the ball, and is flanked by Middlesex center

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Obituaries

Amarescu, Sarah, 72, of Sayreville died on Jan 13.

Benson, Joan M., Buckalew, 80, of Parlin died on Feb. 14.

Bloodgood, Kathleen "Kathy" A., 67, of Sayreville died on Jan. 31.

Bruhn, Robert III, 60, of Morgan died on Jan. 16.

Campbell, Jennie M., 90, formerly of Parlin died on Jan. 30.

Davey, Agnes A., 96, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 9.

Elagin, Anna, 90, formerly of Sayreville Feb. 6.

Evigan, Ralph, 90, formerly of Sayreville died on Aug. 15, 2014.

Falk, John J. Sr., 83, of Parlin died on Jan. 26.

Floersch, John "Jack," 82, of Sayreville died on Feb. 5.

Freeman, Gerald J. "Gerry," 69, formerly of South Amboy died on Jan. 12.

Fronczak, Andrew A., 92, of South Amboy died on Feb. 4.

George, Kenneth W., 60, of Melrose died on Feb. 13.

Gerak, Margaret "Marge," 88, of Sayreville died on Jan. 12.

Glodic, Diane, 52, of South Amboy died on Feb. 4.

Johnson, Freda A., 89, of South Amboy died on Jan. 24.

Hulsart, John M. "Jack," 81, of South Amboy died on Jan. 28.

Katko, Roslyn, 83, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 15.

Kenny, John P., 58, of South Amboy died on Jan. 27.

Kozak, Stanley R. Jr., 63, of Sayreville died on Jan. 22.

Kuczynski, Casimir, 93, of Sayreville died on Jan. 15.

Leonard, William "Bill" M., 72, of South Amboy died on Feb. 3.

Matthews, Anne M., 83, of Parlin died on Jan. 6.

Mullica, Frank J. Jr., 73, of South Amboy died on Jan. 27.

Ogonowski, Virginia Genus, 93, of Sayreville died on Jan. 7.

O'Hara, Veronica A., 97, of South Amboy died on Jan. 19.

Olivera, Miguel "Viejo," 61, of South Amboy died on Feb. 15.

Osowski, Lorraine M. Grossweiler, 93, of Parlin died on Feb. 19.

Ouge, John E., 70, of Sayreville died on Jan. 12.

Owens, John Jr., 52, of South Amboy died on Jan.

Pacansky, Robert "Robbie" K., 47, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 18.

Pandolfo, Patsy, 81, of Parlin died on Jan. 31.

Pekarsky, John J., 88, formerly of Sayreville died on Dec. 19.

Piatek, Andrew J. Jr., 82, of Sayreville died on Jan. 31.

Quirk, Shirley D. Dill, 75, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 23.

Reilly, Patricia "Pat" C., Leiss, 76, of South Amboy died on Feb. 19.

Roginski, Frances "Fran," 74, of Sayreville died on Jan. 30.

Scully, Muriel, 98, of Sayreville died on Jan. 31.

Seig, Thomas, 70, of Sayreville died on Jan. 28.

Shoaff, Charles P., 68, of South Amboy died on Jan. 24.

Terebecky, Mary, 70, of Sayreville died on Jan. 30.

Tobias, Irene P. Biesiada, 94, of Parlin died on Feb. 17.

Turback, Sally A., 66, of South Amboy died on Jan. 13.

Wheeler, Dianne, 67, of Sayreville died on Feb. 6.

Will, John S., 68, of Sayreville died on Jan. 9.

Wright, Sherri A., 58, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 15.

Zakrzewski, Joseph, 89, of South Amboy died on Jan. 18.

Zonkowski, Frank, 63, of Sayreville died on Feb. 8.

Zrebiec, Helen P. Nowak, 92, of South Amboy died on Jan. 23.

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After The Storm-South Amboy/Sayreville Waterfront Park got cleaned up after the ice and snowstorm on Feb. 2nd. Pictured is Mike of the Middlesex County Parks Dept. with the front end loader, doing a fabulous job on the walkway, so people could continue their walking and jogging exercises again. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowitz)



South Amboy's Ken Peschi helps a neighbor following a recent snowfall. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Strong winds blow snow around at Kennedy Park in Sayreville near the first parking lot. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



City of South Amboy Dept. of Public Works employee, Don Braun plows a local street after snow covered the area. South Amboy and Sayreville workers did fabulous jobs in clearing the roadways for the safety of all. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Snow throwers like this one sure had plenty of workouts this winter. Let's hope they get a break throughout the month of March. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Donna Douglas, Joe Franklin and Lesley Gore Die

Three renowned celebrities from long ago, Donna Douglas, Joe Franklin, and Lesley Gore died recently. Donna Douglas was well-known for her role as Elly Mae Clampett on the popular "The Beverly Hillbillies" TV show in the 1960's. She also tried her hand at singing, and recorded some songs, mostly gospel. You can hear one of her songs, which she recorded in '63, "He's So Near," on youtube.com. by going to Donna Douglas, He's So Near.

Joe Franklin, 88, who died on Jan. 24, had a late night TV show "The Joe Franklin Show" that aired from 1962-1993 on Channel 9 (WOR-TV). He is credited with starting the desk and couch talk show format.

Franklin had over 300,000 guests through the years, and many were or became household names including Bing Crosby, Woody Allen, Marilyn Monroe. He also helped promote local bands such as The Smithereens and The Ramones.

Lesley Gore, who was one of the top female vocalists of the 1960's, died on Feb. 16 at 68 years old. She had 11 Top 40 Hits from 1963-1967, and her biggest all-time was the #1 song, "It's My Party," which topped the charts in 1963. Other well-know hits were, "You Don't Own Me," which made it to #2, "Judy's Turn To Cry," and "She's A Fool."

Old Man Winter Strikes Hard

By Steve Schmid

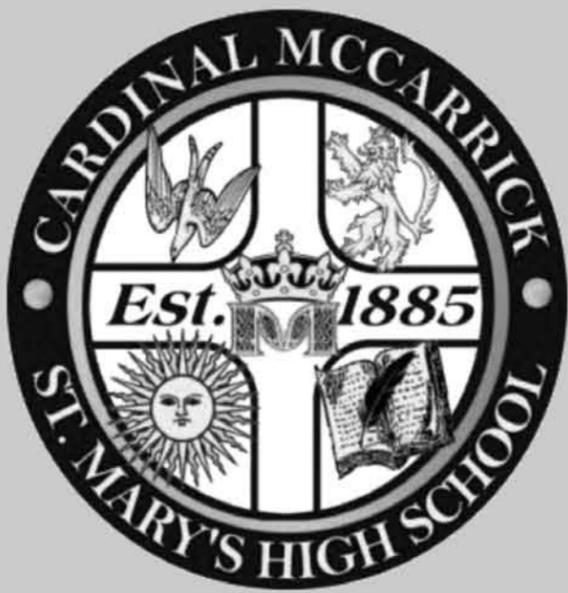
The winter of 2014-15 got off to a slow start in December and early January, but that changed early Sunday morning January 18. A 30 day stretch of cold weather and frequent winter storms followed. Freezing rain that morning caused over 400 accidents in New Jersey and forced the closure of the southbound lanes of the Garden State Parkway's Driscoll Bridge connecting Perth Amboy with Sayreville. Residents heading to Sunday church services were hampered by slippery roads and steps and some people fell on the slick surfaces. The biggest storm of the season so far occurred Monday January 26 when 9 inches of snow fell. Our area escaped the worst of the storm which slammed eastern Long Island and New England with over two feet of snow. Original forecasts called for blizzard warnings and 18 to 24 inches of snow which caused Governor Christie to issue a state of emergency. NJ Transit rail and bus service was suspended. Schools and businesses closed early and there

were widespread closures the next day. Raritan Bay Waterfront Park closed that afternoon and reopened Thursday afternoon January 29. Another storm hit the evening of Super Bowl Sunday February 1 with light snow changing to a wintry mix. Most schools were closed the next day due to icy roads caused by freezing rain. Another winter storm with freezing rain struck February 9 creating more slippery streets. Icy conditions that night on the New Jersey Turnpike are blamed for a 40 vehicle crash in the southbound lanes by exit 8 in Cranbury. One man was killed and 61 others were injured. On Groundhog Day, Punxatawney Phil saw his shadow predicting six more weeks of winter. Thus far the groundhog has been correct. Our weather has been harsh, but nothing to the conditions in Boston. That Massachusetts city has been battered by 74 inches of snow in 30 days setting an all time record for that time span.



"Algiers" The Play-In 1942, St. Mary's HS senior class presented a play called "Algiers," which everyone in the audience thoroughly enjoyed. For those who never heard of Algiers, it was one of the most notorious countries in the world during World War II. Algiers was loaded with spies and espionage was continually being encountered. It was one of the last countries to be captured by the allies. (Photo/story by Joe Lotkowitz)

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