



The area skies were lit up by the spectacular fireworks in celebration of the 4th of July. Pictured is the Celebrate the Amboys Fireworks at Waterfront Park, and you can also see more photos of this event on page 21. In addition, the Celebrate Sayreville photos may be viewed on page 17. (Photo courtesy of Linda Henry).

## “Biff” McKeon Remembers “Skeets” Skarzynski

By Bill “Biff” McKeon

John “Skeets” Skarzynski was my old friend/neighbor/teammate. Skeets was a very good Hoffman High School basketball and baseball player, who was good enough to have signed a professional baseball contract with the old New York Giant club, and was once a teammate of former Major League baseball star, and later New York Yankees announcer, Bill White.

Skeets played for the South Amboy All-Stars and also the AA/Briggs teams during his younger years, and was then my teammate, as both of us were catchers, whereas Skeets had a much better arm than I, and his strong arm throws were rockets.

Skeets also umpired baseball and softball, in addition to refereeing basketball and football games throughout Middlesex County, where he was considered a very good official. I had the pleasure of refereeing football with Skeets in the Sayreville Recreation Football League, where NO ONE EVER QUESTIONED his calls.

One of my greatest joys was when Skeets and I were at a New Year’s Eve Party at Sacred Heart, and after enjoying a Whiskey Sour or two, I told him that in all of my career, there were only two times that I ever got hurt. One time was when I slid into him at home plate in a St. Mary’s vs. Hoffman baseball game, and my guts went down to my toes, and the other time was during a St. Mary’s vs. Hoffman basketball game, when I was driving down the lane, and Skeets positioned himself in the lane, and I hit him squarely, and again, my body felt the blow. To my amazement, Skeets then informed me that he was hurt only twice in his career as well, and both times were the same as mine, when we collided with each other.

May God have mercy on Skeet’s soul, as he was a GOOD MAN.

This Issue Is Dedicated  
In Memory Of  
  
**John “Skeets” Skarzynski**



Cheesequake State Park beach was packed last Sunday on a beautiful hot, summer day. See more summer fun photos on page 8. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

## “Skeets” Will Never Be Forgotten

By Tom Burkard

If you go to any baseball or softball game in the area, you’ll probably hear the umpire calling balls and strikes when you get fairly close to the field. If you ever happened to be at Raritan Bay’s Waterfront Park in South Amboy/Sayreville, or any other field where John “Skeets” Skarzynski was umpiring, you could hear his clear and distinctive voice, way out in the parking lot, and even beyond. Yes, Skeets gave his all, and anyone who knew him could tell how much he enjoyed his umpiring role, which he did up until two weeks prior to his passing away on July 6th at the age of 84.

Skeets really had an amazing life doing something he loved very much, and for 61 years, served as an umpire in local Little League/Babe Ruth baseball and softball leagues, as well as JV baseball on the high school level, and in the winters, was a highly-regarded basketball official in the adult senior leagues, CYO leagues, etc., while finding time to ref Men’s Recreation Football League games.

He always enjoyed chatting with the players, whether it was taking time out to give helpful tips to youth league players, or just shooting the breeze with adults when they came to the plate during a softball game. Skeets was colorful, and always in control. He was well-respected, and very seldom did anyone question any of his calls. When it came to umpiring, he was the consummate professional, and actually if he wanted to, probably could have moved up in the ranks as a full-time ump in the minor or major leagues.

To get a better look at John “Skeets” Skarzynski’s legendary life, we can go back to his days as a top-notch athlete at Hoffman HS, where Skeets was the star center on the basketball team in the late 1940’s, and early 50’s, and also a superb, power-hitting catcher on the baseball team.

In fact, he was so talented in baseball, that the New York Giants professional organization signed him to a minor league contract, and he played 2 years of pro ball with Danville in the Carolina League, Muskogee in the Western Association, and Olean in the PONY League.



John “Skeets” Skarzynski

After his baseball playing days were over, he began a successful career at EI DuPont de Nemours Co. Parlin, as a truck driver, a position he held for 36 years until retiring in 1992.

The wake and funeral for Skeets was attended by countless individuals, whose lives he touched throughout his long and illustrious career. George Spiecker who was his teammate said that, “Skeets was the catcher on the 1950 All-Star baseball team that went to Johnstown, PA, and we finished with a 3-2 record.” Spiecker, who was at the wake mentioned that “Most of his teammates have moved away or passed on.” Even though many have gone, the starting outfield from that team, consisting of George Spiecker lf Jerry Connors cf and Billy Bouchard rf came out to Kurzawa’s Funeral Home to bid their friend and teammate John “Skeets” Skarzynski a final farewell.



This man is ready to toss his seining net into the Morgan Creek on a hot and sunny day. \*More photos on page 8. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

## LIVE CHARITY PRO WRESTLING TO BENEFIT SOUTH AMBOY YOUTH ATHLETICS

On Saturday, August 1st, 2015, pro wrestlers will compete live at Allie Clark Field Complex in South Amboy, New Jersey, to raise money for the South Amboy Youth Athletic Association.

The athletic tradition of South Amboy is rich and historic. With town fields named after such greats as Allie Clark and Jack McKeon, South Amboy has produced some of sports’ most notable names. CTW Charity Wrestling, the show’s organizing promotion, aims to honor and fund that continuing tradition for future generations.

The show will feature a “Survivor Series” style main event, pitting Team South Amboy against Team NYC in a battle for bragging rights and superiority.

Pro wrestling talent booked for this event features local legends and nationally recognized pro wrestlers. The show will feature names like Shane “Swerve” Strickland (a/k/a Lucha Underground’s “Kill Shot”), “The Product” David Starr, and notable pro wrestlers from South Amboy/Sayreville like Archadia, “Lowlife” Louie Ramos, Brian Brass, and many more.

CTW Charity Wrestling is proud to be the only Tri-State pro wrestling organization that puts on every show for charity and/or local causes. Their April 2015 show in Bridgewater, New Jersey, raised money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Tickets start at just \$20, with VIP guaranteed front row seating at \$40 and tickets for children under 12 at \$15. There will also be concessions, giveaways and autograph signings at the event.

For ticket information, to sponsor the show or be a vendor at the event, please visit [www.CharityWrestling.com](http://www.CharityWrestling.com) or email CTWCharityWrestling@gmail.com.

## Hoffman Multi-Class Reunion Sept. 20

Harold G. Hoffman High School will hold a Multi-Class Reunion on Sept. 20th from 1-5 p.m. at Mara’s, Catherine St. & Rt. 35 North in South Amboy. The Class of 1965 celebrates its 50th Anniversary this year, and all are invited to attend this great event, and catch up with old friends.

Cost is \$50 per ticket, and checks should be sent to Susan Mattsson, 241 Cindy St., Old Bridge, NJ 08857. For more info contact Shots at 732-721-2956 or email: [shotsfam@aol.com](mailto:shotsfam@aol.com).

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## Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

### Congratulations Al & Joanne

Al and Joanne Ust of South Amboy recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were married on June 5, 1965. Congratulations to a wonderful couple who have done so much for the local communities through the years!

### Cuozo Earns Eagle Award

Boy Scout Troop 38 of Sayreville announced that member Joseph Cuozo, earned the Eagle Award, the Boy Scouts' highest honor. He was honored recently at an Eagle Court of Honor, which was held at the American Legion Hall in South River. Joseph is a Sayreville War Memorial HS graduate, and recently completed his freshman year at William Paterson University. Congratulations Joseph! All of your hard work and dedication to the Boy Scouts has truly paid off!

### In Memoriam

Charlotte Bloch, of Parlin died on June 19. She was a former member of the Sayreville Planning Board, and former vice-president of the Sayreville Jaycettes. Thomas Dowty, 77, formerly of South Amboy died on June 24. Tom was one of the really "good guys" and will be remembered. Dianne Craig, 53, of Parlin died on June 25. She was a secretary for the Upper Elementary School in Sayreville for 15 years. Patricia Grace, 67, of Old Bridge died on June 29. Prior to her retirement, she was a teacher in the Sayreville school system, teaching in Sayreville Middle School and also Wilson Elementary School. Marie Tanchyk, 86, of South Amboy died on June 30. She worked at Sadie Pope Dowdell Library in South Amboy before retiring, and was a very kind person. She also was an avid SA Times reader, and will be sadly missed by all. Herbert Servis, 86, formerly of Morgan died on June 30. He was a '47 Sayreville HS graduate, and immediately joined the U.S. Marine Corps following graduation, and served until retiring as a Gunnery Sergeant in 1970. Benjamin

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## Pleasant Little Trivia

By Tom Burkard

- In '79, where was the Raritan River Railroad Parlin Freight Station located? a. Washington Rd. b. Jernee Mill Rd. c. Bordentown Ave.
- This recording studio was located in Sayreville for many years? a. Hitmaker Productions b. Futuristic Studio c. Century Productions
- Where was the Pearl Motel located in Sayreville? a. Rt. 35 South b. Rt. 35 North c. Main St.
- The Borough of Sayreville's Treasurer in 1982? a. James Dolan b. Patricia Mazzocchi c. Wayne Kronowski
- Sayreville's Construction Official in '83? a. John Zollinger b. George Kolb c. Rudy Tomjanovich
- This car dealership was located on Rt. 35 North in Melrose in the 1990's? a. Laffin Motors b. Wood Chrysler/Plymouth c. Chevy Motors Inc.
- The Hoffman HS play in 1995? a. Lock, Stock & Lipstick b. Publicity Mad c. Snow White
- He was a South Amboy Democratic Mayor? a. Harold G. Hoffman b. Richard Schultz c. Joseph Charmello
- Chairman of South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 Food Drive in '89? a. Elwood Poignant b. Francis Sullivan c. George Kardos
- President of Frog Hollow Swim & Tennis Club in 1988? a. Ed Paczkowski b. John Nappi c. Bill Henry
- South Amboy's City Treasurer in '86? a. John D. Leonard b. Frank Minnick c. William McGowan
- In 1990 this gas station was located at 135 South Broadway, South Amboy? a. Larry's Service Center b. Sun Gas c. English's Sunoco

Answers

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



People are still talking about the superb Grand Opening of the Venetian Care and Rehabilitation Center in South Amboy. Pictured at the event was Assemblyman John Wisniewski (l), South Amboy businessman, and owner of Mid Jersey Medical Supplies/ President of the South Amboy Business Association (SABA), Jorge Gonzalez (c), and his daughter, businesswoman Sheila Gonzalez (r), who owns Fittings by Sheila. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

## Trip to Myrtle Beach

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Myrtle Beach from September 20-26, 2015. The seven day - six night trip includes lodging, bus transportation, 5 breakfasts, 4 full course dinners and three shows. In addition there will be a Charleston harbor Cruise with a visit to Fort Sumter and time to stroll through the Historic Charleston Market. For further information or to make a reservation please contact Carmen at 732-254-9425.

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## Radio City Christmas Show

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Radio City Christmas show on Saturday, November 21, 2015. The price for the trip is \$165 which includes premium seating, a box lunch, bus transportation, bus driver gratuity, and snacks on the return trip. The bus will leave the OLV lower parking lot at 9AM and return at approximately 6PM. For further information or to reserve tickets please contact Teri at 732-742-1320.

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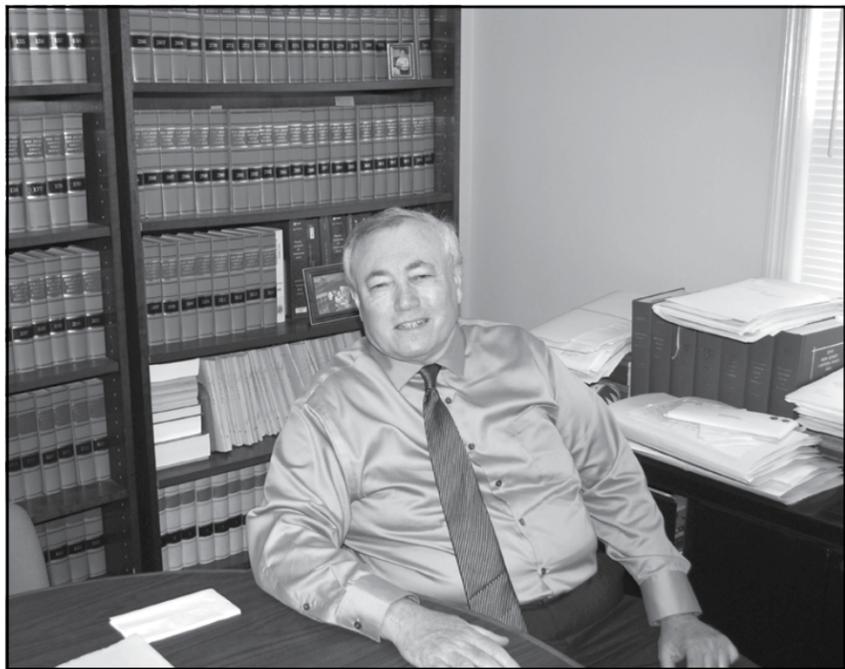
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South Amboy attorney Joseph Bulman, who is currently celebrating his 38th anniversary as a New Jersey lawyer, is pictured at his office located at 108 South Broadway in South Amboy. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Joe Bulman is the proprietor of the law offices of Joseph R. Bulman, Esq., located at 108 South Broadway in South Amboy. Joe is currently celebrating his 38th Anniversary as a New Jersey Attorney, and he is also admitted to practice law in the State of New York.

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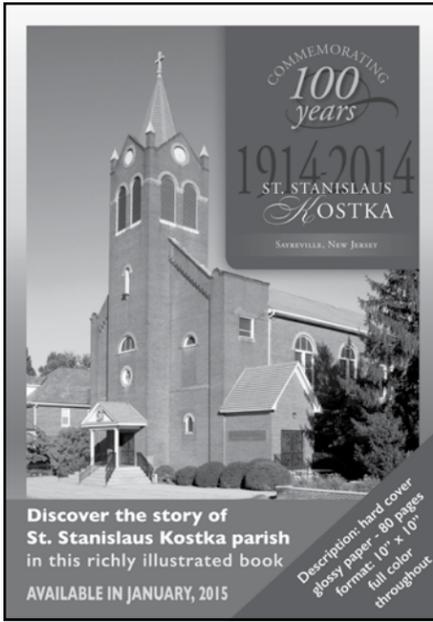
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The Sayreville High School Class of 1951 held a reunion at Brick House Bar and Grill on Washington Road in Sayreville recently. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time. (Photo courtesy of Joan Ogorek)

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**Yearbook-Sayreville 1990**

By Tom Burkard

Paula Abdul topped the music charts with "Cold Hearted," as the new school year kicked in at Sayreville War Memorial HS in September 1989. "New Beginnings" was the theme of the yearbook. Dennis Fyffe was principal. Some of the fine teaching staff included: Rose Caubet, Louis Kravet, Georgia Baumann, William Doll, Steve Gozora, Nancy Pfeil, Janet Ryan, Lawrence Helwig.

The Student Council President was Gina Caruso, VP-Joseph "J.J." Donato, Sec.-Lynn Pittorino, Treas.-Lisa Lozak.

Some randomly selected seniors from the very large class were: Melanie Albert, Tanya Appel, Sharon Bird, Melinda Carney, Bobby-Jo Coffin, Patrice Connors, Jim Conroy, Kerri Cox, Jennifer Cutting, Deborah Denuto, Nicole DiBella, Lucia DiMaggio, Steven Evanego, Tracey Eppinger, Shisheda Ford, Kelly Fredericks, James Gillette, Elizabeth Gorka, Joseph Horn, Robert Jones, Melissa Kaplan, Jim-Ju Kim, Lisa Kist, John Klosek, Larry Krainski, Daniel Kuczynski, Joseph Kwiatkowski, Lisa Langan, Han Young Lee, Lisa Lorentz, Jennifer Malik, Anne Marie Mancini, Christopher Marconi, Randy Miara, Jodie Minnick, Scott R. Mueller, Donna Pavlik, Daniel Pawelek, Matthew Pawlak, Joey Pinto, Caroline Puchala, John Rappleyea, David Reilly, Kimberly Revolinsky, J.D. Roberts, Susan Salamon, Shannon Scheid, Lisa Schnorrbush, Lawrence

Schultz, Kendra Scibek, John Senkowski, Heath Simpson, Brian Steiner, David Taeschler, Gwen Truchan, Melanie Van Pell, Gail Wisniewski, Brian Wojaczyk, Melissa Wong, Tracey Zagata.

The social schedule featured plenty of activities. "An American Postcard" was the theme for Homecoming '89, at which Lauren Doyle was selected Homecoming Queen. "Anything Goes" was also a fun event for students. The Jazz Concert brought a different type of music to the Class of '90. "Guys and Dolls" was the school play, and packed the house each night.

Most of the sports teams had winning seasons during 1989-90. Some of the finest senior athletes randomly selected were: Christopher Beagan, Joe Castellano, J.J. Damato, Jeffrey Givand, Ramon Leak, Alma Molato, Frank Piscitelli, Jennifer Prebola, Stephanie Suminski, Pramod Meduru, Tony Scalfoni, Chris Lovasz, Scott Kelly, Joanne Vasile, Erin Nemirovsky, Jim Larsen, Joe Figueroa, Robin Brower, Joann Gasper, Alicia Beers, Melinda Williams, Dawn DeGregorio, Kara Walsh, Jim Smith, Chris Davis, Mark Nelson, Jennifer Prebola, Kelly McCrum.

At graduation time, Sayreville's Class of 1990 probably heard Madonna's #1 hit, "Vogue." The class of '90 was loaded with unlimited talent and potential.

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# STILL KICKING AFTER ALL THESE YEARS

By Elaine Holton Scott

"Whatever became of..." we often wonder about some celebrity from our youth. Happily, after five and a half decades, the guys listed below are still kicking:

Ty Hardin, born Orison Whipple Hungerford, Jr. on 1/1/30, is really remembered for only two reasons: his starring role on the cowboy show, "Bronco" (1958 - 1962), and his extraordinary good looks. He could also be known as a man who made terrible choices in his life. After "Bronco" ended, Hardin turned down the lead role in "A Fistful of Dollars," which would skyrocket Clint Eastwood to superstardom. He also turned down the lead role in "Batman" which would make Adam West a household name. Instead, he became an Evangelistic preacher, obviously, a very prejudiced one. In the '70's, he led an anti-Semitic, anti-immigrant, and anti-black group called, The Arizona Patriots. In 1986, after a 2-year FBI investigation, the Arizona Patriots camp was raided and a ton of illegal weapons were discovered. Hardin quickly left Arizona. At the age of 85, "Orison" is currently living a quiet life with his 8th wife (yes, 8th).

Edd Byrnes' co-starring role as "Kookie" in the hit show, "77 Sunset Strip" (1958 - 1964) launched his career to superstar status. When, "Kookie, Kookie, Lend Me Your Comb," sung by his female co-star, Connie Stevens, reached #4 on the Billboard Hot 100 Chart in 1959, Edd was to be forever typecast by this one role of his youth. "Kookie," who turned 82 this month, still has all his hair and is currently enjoying his retirement.

Dion DiMucci, better known as the top

recording star, Dion, will be 76 in July, but it's a miracle that he even lived beyond his 25th birthday. In 1958, Dion and his group, the Belmonts, joined The Winter Dance Tour, touring by bus along with chart topping artists, Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and the Big Bopper. After performing on a bitterly cold night in Clearwater, Iowa, the group decided they'd take a flight to their next stop to get there quicker. Dion thought the ticket price of \$36 per person was too much, so he and his band opted to go by bus. The doomed plane took off on that evening of February 3, 1959, and the rest is history. Dion, recording both alone and with the Belmonts, lived to become one of the top recording stars of the time. (Remember: "A Teenager in Love"; "Runaround Sue"; "Lonely Teenager"; "The Wanderer"?) Dion, still married to his one and only since 1963, is currently semi-retired.

Tabb Hunter was born in New York City to Gertrude Gelien, a German Catholic immigrant and a Jewish father, Charles Kelim, on July 11, 1931. We all know him as Tabb Hunter, one of the "hottest" male stars of the '50's and '60s. Named the Most Promising New Personality of 1955, Tabb's popularity was proven in 1956 when he received a record-breaking 62,000 Valentine cards. In 1957, his hit song, "Young Love" stayed #1 on the Billboard Hot 100 Chart for six weeks. In his career, Tabb Hunter co-starred with the biggest names in the business in over 40 movies. At 84 years of age, he's still handsome as ever.

(Continued next month with "The Boys from South Philly")

# Talk Of The Towns

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Nowicki, 93, of Sayreville died on July 1. He worked at Hercules in Parlin for 43 years before retiring in 1984. Benjamin was Past Commander of the South River American Legion Post #214 for 7 years, and Poppy Chairman for 32 years. Hilda Poland, 88 of South Amboy died on July 3. She was a very kind lady, and admired by all. Dorothy Evegán Miranda, 78, formerly of South Amboy died on July 5. She was a very special lady, who brought happiness and joy to everyone who knew her. Frank Gryz, 73, of Sayreville died on July 8. Before his retirement, he was a janitor for 38 years with the Sayreville Board of Education.

May God bless those mentioned above, and all who have died over the past month.



Former South Amboy resident Randy M. Stratton (l), who is a Lieutenant with the Green Brook Police Dept., is pictured with his son, Scott T. Stratton (r), who graduated from the New Jersey Dept. of Corrections Academy at Sea Girt on June 30th.



On June 1st, Randy Stratton Jr., (l) is pictured being sworn in as a police officer in Green Brook Twp., in Somerset County. Holding the Bible is his father, Lt. Randy M. Stratton. Both boys are sons of Randy and Kelly Reick-Stratton formerly of South Amboy. Their youngest son, Jonathan Stratton will be playing baseball for Penn State York College in the fall. (Photos/info courtesy of Lt. Randy M. Stratton)



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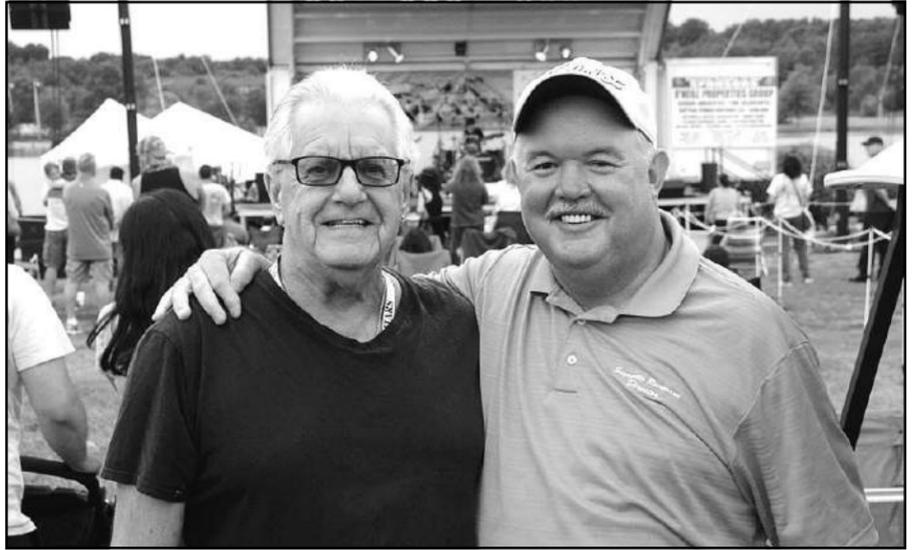


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SA Times resident Rock and Roll writer Clem Skarzynski (l) poses with Sayreville Recreation Director Jerry Ust (r) in front of the main stage during Sayreville's Independence Day Celebration. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

### SA Columbiettes Select Officers

The South Amboy Columbiettes of Council 426 have selected their officers for the Columbian Year 2015-16. President Cheryl Schmid, Past President Christine Caratozzolo, Vice President Tara Sagliocco, Chaplin Rev. Stanley Gromadzki, Secretary Nadine Durnya, Financial Secretary Maria Marklisello, Treasurer Antoinette Suchcicki, Sentinel Carol Wilson.

### "Meet the Right Man-Finding Your Path to Love": Author Talk & Book Signing

The Sayreville Public Library will host Kimberly Houghtaling, New Jersey author of *Meet the Right Man: Finding Your Path to Love*, on Tuesday, August 18 from 6:30 to 8:00PM. Join us for a lively and fun discussion of this book as Houghtaling explores the most direct path to love and happiness by sharing some ideas and techniques from her book. It will be a fun evening that is meant to be informative, lighthearted, and entertaining! You will also have the opportunity to purchase her book and get it signed!

Stop wasting time with the wrong men. If finding the right man is what you want, this book has everything a single girl needs to stay on track. Today's dating scene may seem different, but "the game" is the same. Avoid being played for a fool. Finding the right man means redefining what you want. Know the difference between a bad date and a dating rut. This book offers a modern approach to traditional dating etiquette with proven techniques that can be applied to any dating environment, including the Internet. See how easy it is to transform the things you want into the things you have. Be careful what you wish for---many of these ideas and techniques are based on neuroscience, which means when it comes to love and happiness, attitude is everything.

A true pioneer of twenty-first century dating, Jersey girl Kimberly Houghtaling, has been in the dating scene since the dawn of the Internet Age. Known to some as the Online Date Coach, Kim's career in personal development began when she became fixated on making her own dates more meaningful. The quest to meet the right man was born. After finishing with college in 2004, Kim decided to shift her focus and started training as a personal development coach at the Life Coach Institute, a program founded by one of the world's most recognized leaders in behavioral research. Combining those skills with more than a decade of dating experience, Kim started the research for her first book in 2010. When Kim isn't busy with work, she likes to volunteer in the community and maintains a socially active lifestyle.

Adults only, please. To register, contact Alaina at alainad@lmxac.org or call 732-727-0212 ex. 25. You may also register online at [www.sayrevillelibrary.org/](http://www.sayrevillelibrary.org/).

### Mass And Healing Service

Our Lady of Victories Church in Sayreville will be having a Mass and healing service on Tues., July 28, at 7 p.m. Father John Campoli, director of His Love Ministries will be the celebrant. For more info call Marilyn at 732-991-7379 or visit [www.frjohncampoli.com](http://www.frjohncampoli.com).

### SA Knights Choose Officers

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 have chosen their new officers for the 2015-16 Columbian year. Grand Knight Ken Smetana, Chaplain Rev. Stanley Gromadzki, Financial Secretary Deacon Rich O'Brien, Deputy Grand Knight Jack Mieczkowski, Chancellor Les Wilson, Treasurer Steve Schmid, Advocate Peter Lucarelli, Warden Joe Durnya, Inside Guard Pete Kennedy, Outside Guard, Will Mejia, One Year Trustee Craig Biesiada, Two Year Trustee Al Di Guilio, Three Year Trustee Ray Suchcicki.

### 4th Degree Knights Elect Officers

The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Monsignor John F. Brady Assembly 676 of South Amboy have elected a new slate of officers for the 2015-16 Columbian year. Faithful Navigator Dennis Keller, Faithful Friar Rev. Michael Hagerman, Faithful Captain Michael Roemer, Faithful Pilot Leslie Wilson, Faithful Comptroller Edward Marks, Faithful Admiral Craig Biesiada, Faithful Purser Stephen Schmid, Faithful Scribe Robert Bove, Faithful Inner Sentinel Thomas McGuire Faithful Outer Sentinel James Smith, Faithful Color Corps Commander Raymond Suchcicki, Faithful One Year Trustee Peter Luccarelli, Faithful Two Year Trustee Scot Pampaloni, Faithful Three Year Trustee, Frederick Smith.

### Trip to Dutch Apple Theater

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Dutch Apple Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 to see the play *West Side Story*. The trip includes the theater ticket, buffet lunch, bus transportation, driver gratuity, and snacks. For further information or to make a reservation call Geri at 732-257-4351.

### Senior Germanfest Trip

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Germanfest at Ehrhardt's in Hawley, Pennsylvania on Tuesday, October 6, 2015. The cost of the trip includes the following: coffee and apple streusel upon arrival, making your own pretzel and streusel demonstrations, family style meal including sauerbraten, wurst and kraut and much more, German show, bus transportation, bus driver gratuity and snacks on the return trip. The cost of the trip is \$90. The bus will leave the lower parking lot of OLV at 7:30 AM and return approximately 5:30PM. For further information or to make a reservation, please contact Teri at 732-742-1320.

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## School Sports

By Tom Burkard



The South Amboy High School Athletes of the Year pictured (l-r) are Emily Trzeciak, Female Athlete of the Year, Tim Kales, Co-Male Athlete of the Year, and Riley Rone, Co-Male Athlete of the Year. Congratulations, Emily, Tim and Riley on your outstanding accomplishments! (Photo/info submitted)

### Fitzsimmons, Riley, Misiur All-Area Selections

Two of the most talented softball pitchers to come out of Sayreville and South Amboy in many years, Erin Fitzsimmons of the Bombers, and Jackie Riley of the Lady Eagles were selected to Home News Tribune All-Area 1st Team for 2015, along with Christina Misiur, Sayreville's star third baseman, who was selected for utility.

Fitzsimmons, who was also honored by being Home News Tribune Player of the Year, was outstanding throughout the season, and led her team to the GMCT championship. She finished with a (17-5) record, with 174 strikeouts in 145 innings, and a miniscule 1.01 ERA. In addition, she allowed only 71 hits on the season. During the pressure-packed post season, she turned in a (7-1)

mark, with 57 strikeouts and only 28 hits allowed in 55 innings.

Riley, who finished her amazing career at Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's with over 500 strikeouts, pitched 104 innings, fanned 175, allowed 75 hits, and with pinpoint control, issued only 13 walks. In addition she could really hit! She ripped the ball for a super .635 batting average, with 4 doubles, 3 triples, 4 home runs, 20 runs, and 31 RBI.

Misiur, had an excellent glove at the hot corner on third base. Plus she turned in a solid .329 batting average, with 26 RBI hitting out of the number 3 slot in the batting order.

Congratulations to Erin, Jackie, and Christina on a truly outstanding season!

### Bombers Baseball Future Looks Good

The Sayreville Bombers baseball team had a fine (17-11) season this year under Coach Mike Novak, and their future is still looking bright, with many of their players competing over the summer in the Greater Middlesex Coaches Summer Baseball League (MCSBL). The team co-coached by Brian Truchan and Bobby Rinaldi features returning senior varsity players Chris Hauber a pitcher/infielder who was batting around .500, Sean McDonnell, first sacker Mike Herrick, and pitchers Joe Browning and Tyler Dusko.

The boys of summer team features junior pitchers Dave Stolte and Zach Corbey, who

also play the outfield, and Marc Pearson, a very quick outfielder. The Sayreville squad is loaded with sophomores including talented pitcher/centerfielder Kyle Lewis, Bryan Fernandez, Anthony Gambardella, Tyler Barriero, Kyle Richards, Drew Zimmerman, Cameron Carey, Nick Miliano, Anthony Schiena, Brian Marra.

Overall, the (MCSBL) will give the players plenty of opportunities to hone their baseball skills, as well as giving the coaches a chance to get to know their strengths and weaknesses for the future.

### Taylor Chosen New AD At Sayreville

Lynn Taylor, who has taught physical education and health for many years, in addition to serving as the school's field hockey coach, has been selected as Sayreville's new athletics director. She was hired effective July 1 to succeed interim athletics director Nick Pizzulli, who was at the helm since Jan. 8, after the school board accepted the resignation of former AD John Kohutanycz. Best of luck Lynn!

### Aidoo Chosen All-Area

Sayreville's Benjamin Aidoo was an 2015 All-Area Boys Track & Field selection for the 110H by Home News Tribune. Aidoo won the GMC championship with a 14.63 showing, and also the CJ Group IV title in 14.64. He finished 6th in Group IV with a 14.72. Congratulations Benjamin!

### Jersey Boys Shine At MLB All-Star Game

By Tom Burkard

Two of New Jersey's finest baseball players who have ever played Major League Baseball, Mike Trout of the Los Angeles Angels and Todd Frazier of the Cincinnati Reds did our state proud during this year's All-Star Home Run Derby on July 13th, and All-Star Game on July 14th at Great American Ballpark in Cincinnati.

In the Home Run Derby, Frazier blasted an incredible 39 home runs to win the 2015 Home Run Derby championship. Trout, became the first All-Star in 38 years to lead off

the game with a home run since Joe Morgan connected off of Jim Palmer in 1977 at the old Yankee Stadium. Trout also became the first player in Major League history to win two consecutive All-Star Game MVP awards.

Mike Trout is from Millville, NJ and Todd Frazier hails from Toms River, NJ. Both young men are class acts and are excellent role models for the youngsters in today's youth leagues.

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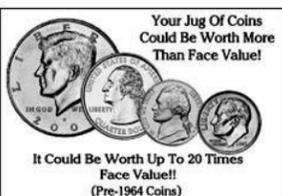
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This deer captured the hearts of everyone at Waterfront Park during the summer of 2005. The SA Times held a contest to come up with a name for him. Do you remember what the winning name was? Send your answer to [satimes@aol.com](mailto:satimes@aol.com).



South Amboy City Council President Mickey Gross (r) is pictured driving Ron Sturgis in a golf cart prior to the fireworks. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

## More Early South Amboy Tidbits

By Fran Fitzmorris

In April, at the open house of the South Amboy Historical Society, of which I am a member, a discussion was conducted on how David, Henry, George and John Streets received their names. These four streets were named for the four sons of Abraham Everett. He was the first Postmaster General of South Amboy in the mid 1850's. That left only Augusta Street and how it was named. I posed that question to several at the open house and the consensus was that Augusta Street was named after one of J.P. Stevens' sons, Augusta Stevens. As most of us know, J.P. Stevens was the railroad giant who helped put the "little town" on the map. Many thanks to all who contributed to this story.

At the beginning of the twentieth century, South Amboy had many doctors but no hospitals. The population was rising quickly. The closest hospital was in Perth Amboy. Anyone who lived in town, who was seriously injured or ill, often found it hard to get there putting their lives at risk. The first bridge connecting South Amboy to Perth Amboy wasn't the safest. In 1918, a small twelve bed hospital was opened on Main Street. This helped but didn't solve the problem. This twelve bed hospital was opened by a woman doctor, a first for the time. Around 1920, an association was formed to raise money to build the town's first hospital. By 1922, this association was able to purchase from two of the town's wealthiest families, the Everetts and the Whiteheads, three acres of land located at the highest point in town on Bordentown Avenue. From the top you could see clear down to the bay. The hospital opened in 1925. It was enlarged several times, the last time in the 1950's. Today it is called the South Amboy Medical Center. For several genera-

tions of kids, including myself, we used the "hills" to sleigh ride.

During those early years, the people of South Amboy were confined to swimming near Swan Hill and the infamous Minnie Ditch area along the railroad tracks. In 1916, the town hoped to offset the rapid growth of Laurence Harbor and Cliffwood Beach who together were rapidly becoming the first Jersey Shore. (1920-1960). South Amboy, to attract their own swimmers, decided to build a pavilion (c.1916) along the shoreline of John and George Streets. Rows of booths were put up along Roswell Street. Food and drinks were sold. The town added a dance platform with two nights of dancing. The stage was located right along the shoreline. For a couple of summer seasons the town's people took advantage of what was offered but, in the long run, couldn't compete with the other towns.

It was December, 1939. It was a busy month for basketball news. St. Mary's and Hoffman agreed to play each other again after a five year hiatus. However, many St. Mary's fans were not in the Christmas spirit. Students and alumni were upset over the nickname change from Blue and Gold Saints to the Eagles. For those followers it was hard to understand. The school had suffered some losing years and recruiting members to the team was difficult. The hope was that this new nickname would hopefully create a winning culture. Other fans worried that changing the nickname would lead to something worse - changing the school's name. I don't believe it was ever suggested at the time but how ironic that the name change did take place several decades later. Go Eagles!

## High School, College Students Sought For County Youth Conservation Corps

Applications are now being accepted for the Middlesex County Youth Conservation Corps, whose mission is to protect and preserve the more than 7,500 acres of Open Space owned and maintained by Middlesex County. The County recognizes that these natural areas must always be guarded from misuse, polluters and the forces of nature, and needs help in keeping these areas green and safe.

Conservation Corps crew members earn \$8.50 per hour and will work Saturdays from Sept. 26 through Nov. 21. Work will primarily take place at County Open Spaces in Old Bridge, Monroe and South Brunswick. Students age 16 and over are encouraged to apply.

"Our Youth Conservation Corps members have been an incredible asset in maintaining and preserving our open spaces and trails," said Freeholder Charles E. Tomaro, chair of the County's Infrastructure Management Committee. "The lessons they learn while working together will go on to help them join the adult world, while their environmental work ensures Middlesex County will stay clean, green, and healthy."

"This continues to be one of our more popular programs and with good reason," said Middlesex County Freeholder Direc-

tor Ronald G. Rios. "The Youth Corps is a responsible and economical way of carrying out our land management goals while allowing the County's youth to become involved in their community and help to improve its environment."

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

Space is limited. Interested applicants should send a cover letter and application for employment to: Scott Meyler, Middlesex County Office of Parks and Recreation, PO Box 661, New Brunswick, NJ 08903. A full job description and a link to a downloadable application can be found at <http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us/About/ParksRecreation/Pages/PR/CC-Work-With-Us.aspx>. Applications must be received in the office by Aug. 7, 2015.

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**Historians of the Year**—The Historical Society of South Amboy President Mary Szaro (c), recently presented a 2015 Historian of the Year award to Gerry Pizzillo (l) and Anna Harris Friberg (r). Congratulations to both Gerry and Anna for your outstanding work and research on the history of South Amboy! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

## AMERICAN PICKERS To Film In New Jersey

New Jersey is excited to welcome Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz and Antique Archeology to the area. The team will film episodes of their hit series AMERICAN PICKERS throughout New Jersey. Filming is scheduled for early August.

AMERICAN PICKERS is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique 'picking' on History. This hit show follows two of the most skilled pickers in the business, Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz, as they embark on an epic road trip across the U.S. in search of America's most valuable antiques from motorcycles, classic cars and bicycles to one-of-a-kind vintage memorabilia. Mike and Frank are on a mission to recycle America, restore forgotten relics to their former glory, and

learn a thing or two about American history along the way.

AMERICAN PICKERS is looking for leads and would love to explore what you may have. They are on the hunt for interesting characters with interesting and unique items. Some of what they look for: vintage bicycles, toys, unusual radios, movie memorabilia, advertising, military items, folk art, vintage musical equipment, vintage automotive items, early firefighting equipment, vintage clothing, pre-50's western gear.

AMERICAN PICKERS is produced by Cineflix Productions for History. New episodes air Wednesdays at 9pm ET on History.

If you have a large collection or want to refer someone to Mike and Frank, email: your name, number, address and description of the collection and photos to: americanpickers@cineflix.com 855-old-rust.

## Hudson River Fall Foliage Day Crusie

The Sayreville Seniors Thursday Club will hold a Hudson River Foliage Day Cruise on the Seastreak on Sunday, Sept. 27. Cost is \$90 per person. Eat, shop, and enjoy!

Take in the sights as you sit back and cruise up the Hudson River and catch some breathtaking views of the Palisades. Past West Point, we arrive at the village of Cold Springs, New York, where you will have time to have lunch and start shopping on Main St.

Light refreshments will be available at the Senior Center as you board the bus. Coffee will be available on the ferry. The bus will leave the Sayreville Senior Center at 6:15 a.m. and return approximately 8:30 p.m. There will be NO REFUNDS and payment in full will be due Aug. 1. Non Members are welcome.

Any questions or to sign up, please call Ann at: 732-254-7263. Checks are to be made out to: Ann Floersch, 12 Nimitz Place, Sayreville, NJ 08872.

## Good Morning God

By Rev. Rhea Carol

Every morning when I take my walk, as I leave my house I say:

Good Morning God  
 Good Morning Tree  
 Good Morning Sky  
 Good Morning God in me  
 Good Morning Cloud

As I say out loud  
 Something wonderful is happening NOW!

### A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

## South Amboy-Sayreville Attorneys

The following is a listing of locals who attended high school in Sayreville or South Amboy, and became lawyers through the years. Many are still practicing law.

Joseph Ambrosio; Laura Benson (St. Mary's HS '78); Casper Boehm; Joseph Bulman (St. Mary's HS '69); Joseph Casey (St. Mary's HS '69); Michael Coakley (St. Mary's HS '69); Eugene Cross (St. Mary's HS '69); Thomas Dominiecki (St. Mary's HS '57); Thomas Downs IV (St. Mary's HS '68); John Everett; Frank Farrell (St. Mary's HS '75); Edward Heyburn (St. Mary's HS '84); James Higgins (St. Mary's HS); Joseph Hoffman; Paul Jankowski (St. Mary's HS '66); Alan Karcher; Joseph Karcher; Ed Kolodziej (Sayreville HS '42); Gregory Kusic (St. Mary's HS '67); Timothy Lasko (St. Mary's HS '68); John Lucitt (St. Mary's HS); John Mullane; Maurice Nadeau (St. Mary's HS '69); Gerard Pizzillo (St. Mary's HS 2000); James Vail (St. Mary's HS '69) John Vail (St. Mary's HS '47); John Wisniewski (Sayreville War Memorial HS '80).

\*This is only a preliminary list of locals who have attended South Amboy or Sayreville High Schools and became attorneys. If there are others we may have missed, please

## Twin Lights Twilight 5K

August Race Offers Unique Uphill Challenge

On Sunday, August 9th, the nation's only connected twin lighthouse will connect with local runners for the 2nd Annual Twin Lights Twilight 5K Run. The course winds through the shore town of Highlands, beginning and ending on the grounds of the Twin Lights National Historic Site and Twin Lights Museum. The event benefits the Twin Lights Historical Society.

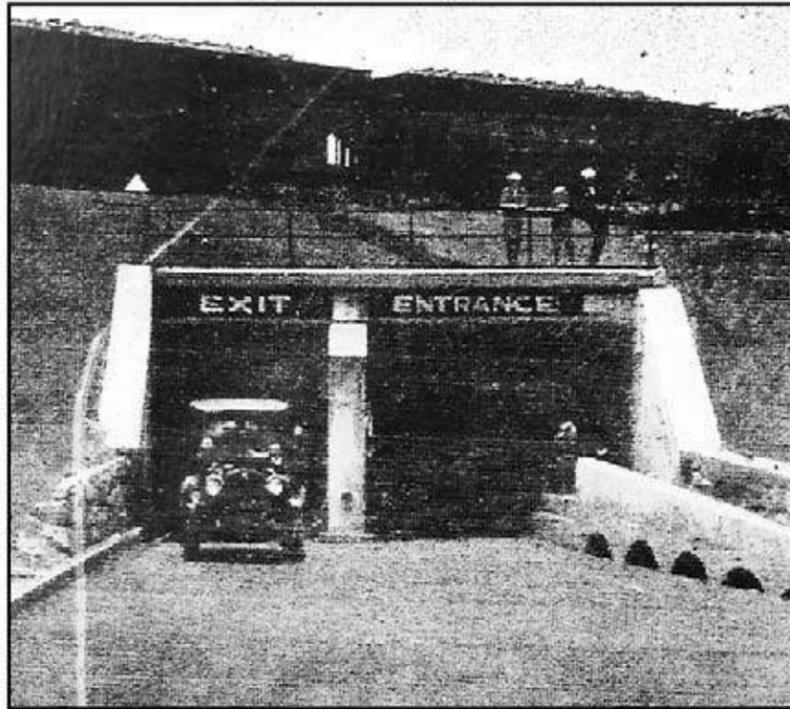
According to Society trustee and 5K Run co-chair Michael Kelly, the final 500 yards presents a unique uphill challenge—at an elevation of 260 feet above sea level. No run of this distance on the East Coast concludes at a higher elevation.

“What began as a one-off event has quickly taken on a life of its own,” adds John Caroli, who is co-chairing the event with Kelly.

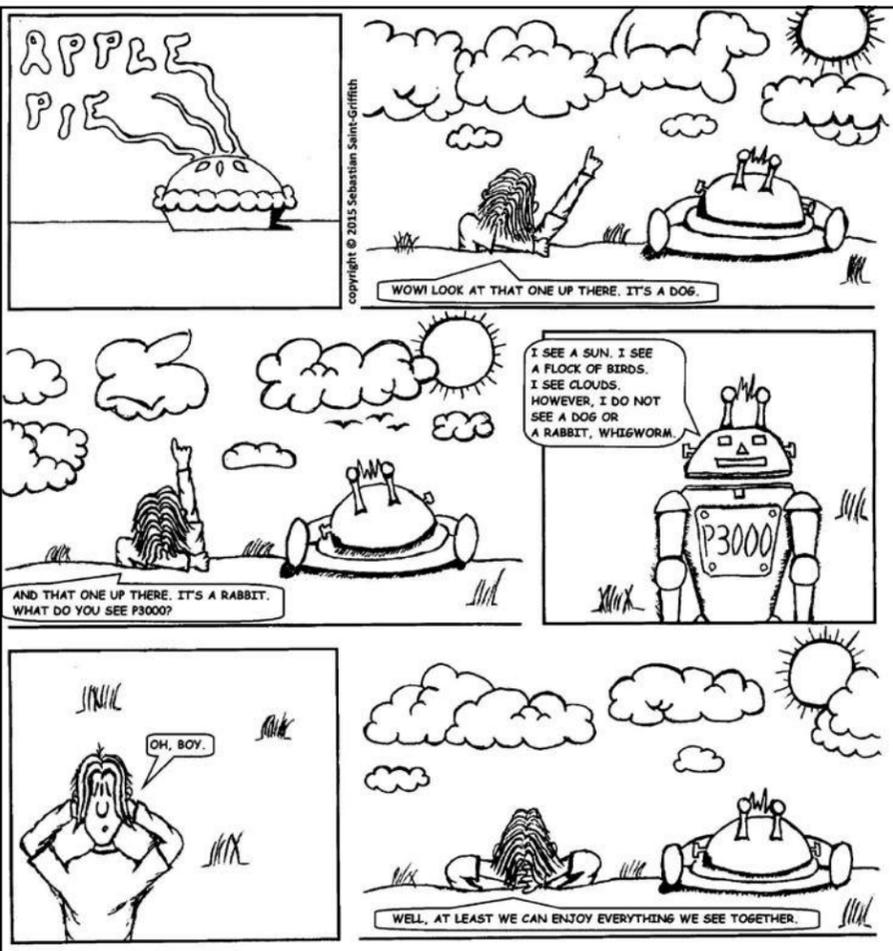
Start time has been set for 6:30 pm and registration for the 5-kilometer (3.1-mile) can be found at RaceForum.com/Twinlights.

The North Tower will be open late to the public during the Twin Lights Twilight 5K Run, as will the generator building, which houses one of the world's most massive Fresnel lenses. The air-conditioned Twin Lights Museum will be available as a cool-down area for runners and their friends

## Long, Long Ago...



This is how South Amboy's famous "Hole In The Wall" looked in 1927. (Photo courtesy of Anna Harris Friberg)



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# Frog Hollow 5K Race

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Felix Olivio of Carteret crosses the finish line to capture the Frog Hollow 5K Run championship in 16:41.



Kelsey Hart of Edison finishes first in the women's division at the Frog Hollow 5K Run.



Patrick Walsh Jr. (l), a recently-crowned Group I state champion in the 3,200, was present to cheer and congratulate his father Patrick Walsh Sr. (r) after he finished the 5K Run.



Armando Mendoza captured the title in his age division for the second straight year. Congratulations Armando!



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Enterprise Truck Number 8, the city's newest Hook and Ladder truck as it appeared in the 2015 South Amboy Memorial Day Parade. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

## The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski

At all emergency incidents, there is only one person in charge of the scene and that is the Incident Commander (IC). He is the person responsible for the incident and develops the strategies and tactics that will result in a successful outcome. Assisting the IC would be the company officers, the captains and lieutenants. These officers may be in charge of their own company of fire fighters or whatever the incident commander directs them to do. In addition to these officers there is one other very important position and that is of the Safety Officer (SO). This position is necessary because it is the eyes and ears of the incident commander regarding a safe operation. The Safety Officer is constantly monitoring the scene for any hazards or safety concerns that could possibly cause harm to the first responders working the scene. Unfortunately there is no requirement that a Safety Officer be present at every incident but it is wise to do so. The only incidents that the law require a Safety Officer at the scene of a hazardous materials incident.

The Chief Safety Officer of a fire department can be either an elected or appointed position and may serve at the discretion of the fire chief. The Safety Officer is ultimately responsible for the overall safety of all first responders. His duties require him to survey the entire situation looking for any unsafe acts or conditions. Many times while actively fighting a fire, fire fighters will overlook unsafe acts and other safety issues which can spell disaster.

The Safety Officer has the overall authority, even above the incident commander, to STOP all activity if he determines dangerous conditions are occurring. He should continuously walk the incident scene in order to witness these dangerous conditions. This is not to say that anyone else on the scene cannot report an unsafe condition because the more eyes on the incident the better.

While constantly monitoring the fire scene, the Safety Officer is looking for unsafe conditions such as the possibility of an unsafe roof where the rafters have burned through and the roof is about to collapse. Interior fire fighters must be notified and made to evacuate immediately. Fire fighters on the exterior should be positioned outside the collapse zone which is the area where the collapsed building may settle. The safe distance away from the building is usually 1 1/2 times its height. There are so many conditions for the safety officer to be monitoring at any one time that it may be impossible to do it alone.

In cases where the fire involves a large area, assistant safety officers can be assigned. Usually each fire company has their own company Safety Officer and they report to the Chief Safety Officer or the incident commander, depending who is on scene. It really doesn't matter which Safety Officer is working the scene just as long as there is someone available monitoring the incident.

There have been times when this position has been overlooked due to a lack of manpower early on in the incident. All fires react differently and we know that some can be more dangerous than others but all fires can kill no matter how big or small they may be. An incident can go from being placed under control to a major disaster in an instant.

The regulations now in effect mandate that a safety officer be at every hazardous materials incident. My question to this is, "who determines which type of incident is more dangerous than another?" In my opinion, it should be mandated that the safety officer position be established at all emergency incidents. The Safety Officer should not be just a name on the roster but a dedicated individual watching out for all emergency personnel.

## My Time

By Al Gomolka Jr.  
Times Poet Laureate  
c. 1997

What time is it?  
The most difficult  
And definite statistic known  
From a second, minute, hour,  
Day, week, month  
Year, decade, score, century  
Millennium, A.D., B.C.  
To no time like the present  
It's about time  
All the time in the world  
Time is on my side  
Time and tide will wait for no man  
A time for everything under heaven  
Time won't let me  
Time is of the essence  
Time is irrelevant  
Timing is everything  
The best of times  
The worst of times  
A sign of the times  
There's not enough time  
Time will tell  
For the time being

For the good times  
Once upon a time  
You gotta take the time  
You gotta make the time  
Pass the time of day  
Time after time,  
And time again  
The time of one's life  
This time  
Time and a half  
Keeping time  
If ever there were a time,  
It's now  
Time out!  
What time is it?  
Past, present, future  
Yesterday, today, tomorrow  
Who is the timekeeper?  
Time flies, is what they say  
But my thoughts tend to disagree  
It is we that move  
Through the space called life  
And "Time stands still" you see.

## YMCA OFFERS FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN

Centenary Early Learning Center in Metuchen, a child care branch of the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy, is offering full-day kindergarten. Registration is open now, and classes begin August 31.

The full-day kindergarten program offers a progressive curriculum, including reading, writing, math, science, STEM and technology, enrichment programs, music and swimming lessons. Centenary Early Learning Center is recognized by the New Jersey Department of Education, and has National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation.

"We treat each child as an individual, and emphasize hands on activities in an age appropriate environment," said Melinda Wilson, Centenary Early Learning Center Director. "We provide opportunities for self-expression while stimulating young minds and fostering learning and curiosity."

Centenary Early Learning Center follows the Kindergarten New Jersey State

Common Core Standards. The Coordinated Approach to Child Health (CATCH) program helps incorporate healthy habits of physical fitness and good nutritional choices.

Kindergarten class size is limited to 16 children, with a full-time, certified teacher. In addition to weekly music and gym class on site, children receive weekly aquatic lessons at the Metuchen YMCA pool and a weekly trip to the Metuchen Library.

The monthly fee for the program is \$955. At the time of registration, a full month's tuition is applied to the September 2015 tuition, and is non-refundable unless the spot in the class can be filled. The program is open from 7 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. with school hours from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The kindergarten program begins Monday, August 31 and ends on or about June 20, 2016.

For information on specific documents needed for registration, or general questions, please visit [www.ymcaofmewsa.org/locations/centenary-early-learning-center](http://www.ymcaofmewsa.org/locations/centenary-early-learning-center), or call 732-548-5468.

## Making Your Résumé & Cover Letter Work for You

If you currently have a resume that you feel is not getting you the interviews you desire, then this workshop is for you! Join Dr. Colleen Georges at Sayreville Public Library on Tuesday, August 4 from 6:30 to 8:00PM as she shares critical tips with you to ensure your cover letter and résumé sparkle.

Please note that this is not the same as the one-on-one critique sessions. This is a general overview of what to include in a cover letter and résumé.

For more information or to register, contact Alaina at [alainad@lmxac.org](mailto:alainad@lmxac.org) or call 732-727-0212 ex. 25. You may also register online at [www.sayrevillelibrary.org/!](http://www.sayrevillelibrary.org/)

## YMCA Summer Camps Come Together To Celebrate BEST SUMMER EVER

It was a day filled with swimming, dancing, volleyball, a bounce house, and much more at the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy Camp Day July 14 at Oak Crest Day Camp in Edison. Kids moved from station to station, meeting new day campers from other YMCA locations while being active outside. More than 350 campers ranging from age six to 13 attended the camp day, representing South Amboy, Edison, Metuchen, Colonia, Avenel and Woodbridge.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for all our campers and counselors to come together and be a part of the best summer ever," said Cindy Shields, Senior Child Care Director. "The kids get to make friends from other camps and those friendships can last a lifetime. The YMCA is proud to be able to connect these camps and give children a safe, nurturing environment to learn and have fun in."

YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy day campers have been having the best summer ever, making lasting friendships, having new experiences, and accomplishing goals. Kids develop core values, learn new skills, make new friends, and have loads of fun in the process. It's where kids grow as much on the inside as they're growing on the outside.

Currently offered each summer at 1,800 Ys across the country, day camp programs support youth development for 730,000 children and teens each year. In 2013, Y-USA began work with eight change-oriented Y Day Camps to identify innovations to program and operational practices that best support providing enrichment experiences that help kids thrive. The Y has been a strong leader in youth development, and YMCA CEOs realized we can further help children realize their potential if we incorporate a holistic approach to development in more of youth-serving programs, such as day camp.

Based on this, Y-USA created and pilot tested the Day Camp Upgrade Program with 20 YMCAs that more intentionally fosters

Achievement, Relationships and Belonging in the fun, enriching experiences at day camp – helping children build skills, develop strong friendships and feel like they are part of something great. YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy is proud to be a part of this Day Camp Upgrade.

The YMCA has more than 130 years of experience providing a safe, thriving environment for young people to explore personal interests, build self-esteem, develop interpersonal skills, discover the creativity and health benefits of the outdoors, and make lasting friendships and memories. Camping, like many Y programs, is about learning skills, developing character and making friends. But few environments are as special as camp, where kids become a community as they learn both how to be more independent and how to contribute to a group as they engage in physical, social and educational activities. Camping teaches self-reliance, and the development of attitudes and practices that build character and leadership. Y counselors are dedicated to making sure camp is an amazing experience for every camper.

The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy Board of Directors provides governance, policy direction, strategic guidance and fundraising support for the entire association. The Y is one of the nation's leading nonprofits strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Across the U.S., 2,700 Ys engage 21 million men, women and children – regardless of age, income or background – to nurture the potential of children and teens, improve the nation's health and well-being, and provide opportunities to give back and support neighbors. Anchored in more than 10,000 communities, the Y has the long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver, lasting personal and social change.



This sign says it all outside Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's High School. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

## Thank You Saint Mary's

By John Phillips  
Class of 1958

I have many fond memories of the school and the Nuns that taught me. I went there from Kinder Garden to graduation in 1958. It's sad to see the doors close on any school, but particularly this one. Over the years it has taught and developed thousands of kids not only from South Amboy but other towns as well. Many went on to successful careers in business, education, health care, military, politics and more. It was always very competitive in sports and more than a few had outstanding college and professional careers. Here is how I remember the Nuns who taught me. They played a significant role in making me the person I am today.

**Kinder Garden - Sister Cosmas:** Always color within the lines. Keep quiet Johnny its nap time.

**First Grade - Sister Augusta:** She must have been the best. There were 100 kids in our class.

**Second Grade - Sister Francois:** I honestly don't remember anything about that class.

**Third Grade - Sister Clement:** She taught my mom and remembered her. She was very strict. Back then the third grade was over in the "Annex". If you remember that you are a senior citizen.

**Fourth Grade - Sister Judith:** She was too nice. We drove her crazy.

**Fifth Grade - Sister Ferdinand:** Boys keep your hands folded on the desk. No girl friends or boy friends allowed. She liked to pinch ears, and put you in the coat closet as punishment.

**Sixth Grade - Sister Acquin:** I also had her in the seventh grade. She was my favorite.

**Eight Grade - Sister Leticia:** She picked me to crown Mary on May first 1953.

**High School, by Home Room**

**Freshman - Sister David:** All of the guys thought she was cute. She played an excellent piano and had an excellent voice.

**Sophomore - Sister Cleophas:** She liked the boys especially if they played sports. She went on to become the high school principal.

**Junior - Sister Ambrose:** She liked me

so much she made me take Geometry until I passed it.

**Senior - Sister Celeste:** A small dynamo. She made Chemistry interesting, and convinced me to take German a subject she taught. This helped me later in life when I worked in Germany.

Some of the others:

**Sister Madeline,** she made Latin "almost" interesting. And she also went on to become the high school principal.

**Sister Helene,** no one could read Shakespeare like she could and make you understand it. She was also very much into sports. I liked her a lot, I think everyone did.

**Sister Edwarda,** She taught English Literature and made Silas Marner interesting.

**Sister Margarite,** She taught General Language and English Literature....she was tough but fair.

**Sister Nora,** I remember pounding away on those old typewriters. I don't know how she could stand the noise.

**Sister Francine,** I never had her as a teacher but remember her because the guys who did liked her a lot.

And, lest I forget Sister Rose Mary the grammar school principal.....too nice. In the winter I could not wait until she rang the bell so that we could get in line to go into the warm school. In high school our principal was Sister Loretta. I don't think I ever had a conversation with her.

And my basketball coaches Woodrow "Woody" McCarthy and Bill "Smokey" Ryan. They were very patient men as I look back on what they had to deal with. We had no gym, it burned down I believe in 1953. So, we were gypsies. We practiced here and there (sometimes on the old tennis court until it got too cold) and never had a true home game until the current gym was build way back in 1957. Wow....almost 60 years ago!

And finally I remember Monsignor Sullivan and fathers Russell and Clancy.

Yes, I owe a lot to Saint Mary's and will always remember those days. On balance they were some of the best years of my life.



Cardinal McCarrick/ St. Mary's HS "Forever Eagles"

After 130 years of service Cardinal McCarrick/ St. Mary's High School has closed its doors forever... Faculty and staff got together on June 18th for the last time as one family. It was an emotional reunion, remembering the good times spent together. Cardinal McCarrick/ St. Mary's HS will always be remembered as "Forever Eagles" honoring their high standards in academics and competitive sports.

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## WWW.?



Does this look familiar to you? If you think you know what it is, send your answer to: satimes@aol.com. Good luck! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

## June Winners

The correct answer to last month's WWW.?Mystery Photo Contest is the old St. Mary's High School, which was located on the same site as the current Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's High School on the corner of Augusta St. and South Stevens Ave. in South Amboy. The old school suffered two major fires, and after the final one, it was demolished to make way for the current structure. There was one incorrect answer that it was the old Fourth Street Public School.

Those who correctly identified St. Mary's High School were: Estelle Pluskota, W.T. Kross, Marie English, Dennis Quinlan, Joe Prusik, Dennis McCloud, Joan Gorczyca, Pete McIntyre, Pat & Bill Scully, T.J. Albanes, Mary Agnes Morris, Joan Fulham, Maryanne Matarangolo, Don Zrebiec, Bob Martenak, Lisa Grankowski, Agnes Leslie, Lynn Loy, Nonnie Nonnemacher, Jack Piskorski, Judy Guilfoyle. Congratulations!

## Last Month's Vintage Cars

Several readers sent in their opinions on the make of cars that were in the Johnson "Ed" Snover photo last month. The following are their comments:

Peter Elacqua (Sayreville) 1959 Chevy Impala; Steve Szirko (South Amboy) 1959 Chevy Impala and the other car was a 1953 Bel Air; John Gelsinon (formerly of South Amboy) 1960 Chevy Impala or Bel Air; Pete McIntyre (formerly of Morgan) 1959 Chevy, and the other car was a 1952 or 1953 Chevy; Bob Siebert (Parlin) 1960 Chevy Impala and a 1952 or '53 Chevrolet Belair, could be a Pontiac; T.J. Albanese (South Amboy) 1959 Chevy Impala or Biscayne, and the other car was a 1951 or 1952 Chevrolet Belair; Tom Cardaci (Sayreville) said that "I'm the proud owner of a '58 Chevy Belair, and the cars in the photo were a '59 Chevy Impala, and a '53 or '54 Chevy Belair; Nonnie Nonnemacher (formerly of South Amboy) '59 Chevy, '53 Chevy.

Bill Scully (Melrose) "The '59, 2-door

Chevy Impala hardtop was Uncle Ed's car, and the other was a '53 Chevy."

John M. Kelly (Parlin) "It was a 1960 Chevy Impala, almost the final year GM made a good-looking Impala. The other car was a '53 GM model that resembles a Chevy, but I'll go with a Pontiac based on the tail lights."

Frank "Babe" Vona (Sayreville) wrote that, "The photo of Mr. Snover was taken in front of the home I grew up in on Charles Street in South Amboy. It was owned by my parents Anthony and Rose Vona. The car is a 1959 Chevrolet Impala. The car in the background was my car—a 1953 Belair."

Cars At The South Amboy Knights Cruisin' Night

Tom Chepko (South Amboy) "The convertible was an early 60's Ford Falcon, either '62 or '63."

Peter McIntyre (formerly of Morgan) "The one car was either a '55 or '56 Thunderbird."

## Coney Island Photo Identified

Former South Amboy Councilman Bob Leslie was in last month's photo from long ago that pictured 10 teenagers from South Amboy sitting in a car with 'Staten Island' written on it. Bob said that "The picture was taken in Coney Island in 1952 or '53, and we were on a bus trip to Yankee Stadium, which was run by the South Amboy Fire Dept. It might have been after the explo-

sion in 1950. I remember the picture like it was yesterday. All of the guys pictured, except Murphy and Hackett were from the Mechanicsville section of South Amboy. Pictured (left to right) were Jim Britt, Steve Malkiewicz, Marty Dohaney, Billy Currie, Bob Hackett, Tom Lovely, Bob Leslie, Terry Murphy. In the car was Tom Dohaney (I) and Ray Pohl."



Fred Henry Mayor of South Amboy is enjoying a snack while watching the great Fireworks July 2nd at Waterfront Park. The Fireworks were provided by South Amboy, Perth Amboy and Staten Island for the big celebration. (Photo by Joe Lotkowitz)



Dear Editor,  
Just recently read the June issue of The SA Times, and we felt we needed to comment on two pictures on page 10 titled "Torch Run 2015." Both descriptions under pics use the words 'the unfortunate children of NJ' and 'all the less fortunate children of NJ.'

These children and young adults are athletes. They work very hard and compete statewide, nationally, and internationally. Your caption gives the impression money is raised to feed and house these children and young adults. They have families who take care of that.

Fundraising by all Law Enforcement is to afford them the opportunity to compete at no cost to their families.

Larry McKeivitt  
SONJ State Committee-LETR  
Betty McKeivitt  
Sacred Heart School  
Sec. Retired

\*Editor's Note: Larry and Betty, thank you for your clarifying letter. Our apologies to anyone who may have been offended by the captions under the "2015 Torch Run" photos in last month's issue. There was no ill-intent meant, and apparently, the person who gave our photographer this information, was misinformed. For nearly 24 years now, since our first issue, The South Amboy-Sayreville Times has been pro-law enforcement, and has always been only too happy to promote our South Amboy and Sayreville Police Departments in a positive light. We hope to support our local police departments and all law enforcement for many years to come.

Phillips Replies To Letter

Yes, Alice those articles are by your

## Where Have You Gone?

Does anyone know where the following are, and how they are doing? We often think about people who have passed through our lives, and we haven't seen or heard from them, or about them for many years. That's what this column is about, finding out if old acquaintances are OK, and what they've been up to, and where they live. If you can help us find them, and they don't mind being mentioned in next month's column, please let us know at: satimes@aol.com.

## "The History of Diners in New Jersey": Author Talk & Book Signing

The Sayreville Public Library will host New Jersey author and historian, Michael Gabriele, for a program on his book, *The History of Diners in New Jersey*, on Tuesday, August 11 from 6:30 to 8:00PM. Join us for a lively and fascinating discussion of this book as Gabriele explores the grand 100-year history of New Jersey's diner business. You will also have the opportunity to purchase his book and get it signed by the author!

New Jersey is renowned as the "diner capital of the world," a title that refers to the vast number of diners that operate in the state (an estimated 600—more than anywhere else). Diners serve as landmarks and friendly, familiar beacons on Garden State byways, highways and cities. They are signature structures in New Jersey's built landscape. More than just inviting places to consume hamburgers, French fries and coffee, diners have become an essential part of the Garden State's culture, commerce, history and mythology. They are iconic examples of American industrial design during the

old across the street neighbor. I remember you, your mom and dad and little sister Irene. I think we had the same accordion instructor. And, we graduated together from Saint Mary's long ago....1958. I am well (for 76) and witting down memories from growing up in the "pleasant Little City". Even though we had little....they were good days.

God Bless, John Phillips

Dear Editor,

Keep up your good work with the best newspaper in Middlesex County!

John M. Kelly  
Parlin

Dear Tom,

Your name has come up many times lately, we felt compelled to write this letter, to say "Thank You" for all you have done for Council 426. The coverage you have given us in the past cannot be measured in dollars. You have been a true "Brother."

We would like to thank you for the excellent coverage of our car cruise. The article has even helped recruit a new member. We were excited to see the photos in the page seven spread.

You have been and will always be a major asset to Council 426. May God bless for your commitment to our mission of serving others.

Sincerely,  
Ken Smetana, Grand Knight  
South Amboy Knights of Columbus  
Council #426

Dear Editor,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for always printing stories on each and every one of my athletes. I know that joy that comes from cutting out your name from the newspaper, and I'm so glad these student athletes had the chance to do it too. Forever Eagles!

Christine Altland  
Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's  
Boys/Girls Track & Field Coach

This month's missing list includes: Steve Skarzynski (St. Mary's HS '68), Ray Stanley (St. Mary's HS '68), Steve Stanley (St. Mary's '70), Tony Giunta (St. Mary's '70), Roger Swanton (Hoffman '66 or '67), Bob Martin (Hoffman late 1950's).

SA Times feature writer Elaine Holton Scott knew where two people from last month's search were: She said that Ron Creed sadly passed away, and Tom J. Kelly is now living in Mississippi.

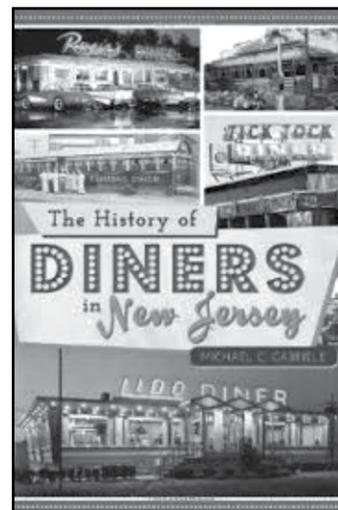
20th century and have come to symbolize the fascination with "retro" culture. These topics and more will be discussed!

Michael Gabriele is not only the author of this book, but also *The Golden Age of Bicycle*

*Racing in New Jersey*, which was published in 2011. A lifelong New Jersey resident, Gabriele has been a journalist for more than 35 years. He is a 1975 graduate of Montclair State University; a member of the executive board of the Nutley Historical Society; and serves on the advisory board of the Clifton Arts Center. Earlier this year, the Cornelius Low House/Middlesex County Museum in Piscataway opened a yearlong exhibition on the History of New Jersey Diners. Gabriele is a co-curator for this exhibit, and was a

co-curator at Lambert Castle Museum for an exhibit on the Silk City Diner manufacturing business that was located in Paterson, from the late 1920s to the mid-1960s.

Adults only, please. For more information or to register, contact Alaina at alainad@lmx.ac.org or call 732-727-0212 ex. 25. You may also register online at [www.sayrevillelibrary.org/!](http://www.sayrevillelibrary.org/)



### St. Stan's Carnival

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Two sisters from South River are pictured having a wonderful time with their precious pet.



Carmen Spezzi (c) and his staff were once again one of the most popular food stops at the carnival.



Thunder 106.3 was on hand, and gave out great tee shirts as prizes.



Young Joey Lewis proudly shows a terrific prize he won.



A popular attraction for youngsters was the Fun Slide.



Steve Herdman goes up for a basket.

### Talk Of The Towns!

(Photos taken during the opening round of the 2014 GMC Tournament South Amboy Vs. St. Joes, photos by Brian Stratton)



St. Joe's 2014 graduate Karl-Anthony Towns became the latest Kentucky one-and-done to go No. 1 overall in the NBA Draft after being selected No. 1 by the Minnesota Timberwolves. Towns joins an exciting team that features the last two No. 1 picks, reigning Rookie of the Year Andrew Wiggins and 2013's top choice, Anthony Bennett.



Nick Kales drives in for a layup.



Joe Francillo defends the Big Man.



It's a group effort guarding Towns!



The band Shandango turned in an excellent performance at Celebrate the Amboys free concert at Waterfront Park in South Amboy, prior to the fireworks display in the Raritan Bay. Lead singer Tina Kelly reminded many of a young Janis Joplin with her amazing vocal range. Pictured on the drums is her uncle Mark Kelly. The Kelly family of South Amboy is one of the most musically talented families around. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

## You Tube-In

Jon Bon Jovi "American Pie" (Live at the Count Basie Theatre on July 30, 2014) is a real treat to see/hear. Check it out... Going back to the 1960's, see The Rolling Stones on Hollywood A Go Go doing "The Last Time."... Bobby Mahoney & The Seventh Son of East Brunswick have a new album out titled "The Outskirts." This good, young ga-

rage rock band released a cool song "Friends In Low Places," in 2014, with an interesting video/song "Another Deadbeat Summer."... Country singer Eileen Jewel has a terrific voice and excellent lyrics that make her new album, "Sundown Over Ghost Town" worth a listen... Howie Day's 2003 hit "Collide" will always be a listener's favorite...

## Rumbles From The Rock 'N' Roll Reunion

By Clem Skarzynski

Summer is finally here and kiddies, the time is right for playin' rock 'n' roll. Actually, anytime is right! But, hibernation is completed, and I've been having the pleasure of "jamming on the harp" with South Amboy based "Split Decision" at Buddie's Tavern and recently at St. Stan's Annual Carnival.

Ray Suchcicki, Joe Durnye, Jack Mieczkowski, Ami Hornbaker and Rich Krug rocked the huge Friday night crowd, while "Spezzi's Main St. Café" kept the crowds well fed. Great food, great music, great crowds!

Jerry Ust, Phil Quigley and their respective Boro departments, Recreation and Parks, put together a fantastic annual Boro 4th of July Celebration. With the constant rain, mud, and the mess that goes with it, they came together with a terrific evening's entertainment. To you, and all the volunteers, thank you!

And, before you know it, September will be here. And you "Gearheads" and "Classic Rocker" know what that brings. Yup, D.J. Richie Hart, "The Just Us Cruisers" Car Club,

along with hundreds of hot rods, classics, and anything "cool on wheels," makes its way to Kennedy Park on Saturday, Sept. 12th for the Sayreville Recreation Department's 8th Annual "Blast From The Past" Car Show and Concert.

This year's classic rock will be provided by "Clem and Friends" from 5-8 p.m. More info to follow in the next edition of The SA Times, along with info on the Boro's Annual "Sayreville Day," Sunday September 13th. Stay tuned for more to follow.

And, outstanding rockin' time at recent "Open Mic" at Buddie's Tavern. SA Times Publisher Tom Burkard on vocals and rhythm guitar fronted an awesome group of musicians with a "set" of classics from the 60's, and South Amboy's Jerry Smith warmed 'em up with his acoustic set, as did Kyle Bielinski and Andy. So too, John Dembowski on bass, Sandor Schneck on vocals and lead guitar, Jack Skutnik on rhythm guitar, and Rick Shingola on vocals and drums. You guys rocked!

## One Hit Wonders 45 Years Ago

\*Song appears first followed by the performer.

1970-Evil Woman Don't Play Your Games With Me-Crow; Venus-Shocking Blue; Hey There Lonely Girl-Eddie Holman; Ma Belle Amie-Tee Set; The Rapper-Jaggerz; Love Grows (Where My Rosemary Goes)-Edison Lighthouse; Spirit In The Sky-Norman Greenbaum; Reflections Of My Life-Marmalade; Vehicle-Ides Of March; My Baby Loves Lovin'-White Plains; Ride Captain Ride-Blues Image; O-O-H Child-

Five Stairsteps; Gimme Dat Ding-Pipkins; A Song Of Joy-Miguel Rios; Tighter, Tighter-Alive And Kicking; Spill The Wine-Eric Burdon & War; Lay A Little Lovin' On Me-Robin McNamara; In The Summer-time-Mungo Jerry; Rubber Duckie-Ernie; All Right Now-Free; Indiana Wants Me-R. Dean Taylor; Somebody's Been Sleeping-One Hundred Proof Aged In Soul; Montego Bay-Bobby Bloom.



Jack Mieczkowski, super guitarist with the Split Decision band, visits his family before performing with the outstanding rock 'n' roll group at St. Stan's Carnival. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

## Kenny Rogers Still Amazing After All These Years

By Tom Burkard

The one and only Kenny Rogers brought his "Through The Years" tour to the Great Auditorium in Ocean Grove on July 18th, and turned in an outstanding show, despite being obviously uncomfortable from a recent knee replacement. As one of his greatest hits, "The Gambler" starts off with the line "On a warm summer evening"...it certainly was warm, really warm at this performance, but Kenny's fans ignored the heat, and enjoyed every song he sang from start to finish at this 90-minute concert.

Rogers, who had his first big pop hit in 1968 with "I Just Dropped In (To See What Condition My Condition Was In)" with his group Kenny Rogers and The First Edition, showed video flashback clips on a big screen of the band, and after he sang it, recited some of the lyrics, and joked about how strange they were, and asked the crowd, "Can you imagine writing a song like that today?" Kenny cracked some awesome jokes, and chatted in between songs throughout the evening, making everyone there feel comfortable, almost like being at home.

His backup band was as tight as could be, giving him all the musical support he needed, and they breezed through a playlist

of super songs including, "Lady," "Lucille," "Buy Me A Rose," "Coward of the County," "The Greatest," "We've Got Tonight," and many more. Before playing "The Gambler," he mentioned that there had been 5 Gambler movies, and there wouldn't be enough time to show them on the screen, because they totaled over 480 minutes. To his credit though, Ken picked out the very best scenes from those movies, and they were shown on the big screen, while he performed "The Gambler," which was a #1 country hit for 3 weeks back in '78.

Overall, Kenny Rogers who will turn 76 next month, still has an excellent voice, and special charisma, in addition to terrific crowd rapport, and should be performing and touring for quite some time. He will also be releasing his first new Christmas album in many years.

The Great Auditorium in Ocean Grove is a beautiful place to see a concert, and coming up in August will be some big-time performers including The Beach Boys on Aug. 22nd, and Felix Cavaliere and His Rascals on Aug. 29th. For tickets, order online at: [www.oceangrove.org](http://www.oceangrove.org) or call 800-590-4064.



The legendary Kenny Rogers sings one of his many number one hits to the crowd at the Great Auditorium in Ocean Grove at a concert on July 18. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

## #1 Country Hits- July 25

2005-As Good As I Once Was-Toby Keith  
1992-The River-Garth Brooks  
1981-Feels So Right-Alabama  
1975-Touch The Hand-Conway Twitty  
1962-Wolverton Mountain-Claude King  
1956-I Walk The Line-Johnny Cash

## #1 Pop Hits-July 25

2007-Umbrella-Rihanna with Jay-Z  
1998-The Boy Is Mine-Brandy & Monica  
1985-A View To Kill-Duran Duran  
1977-Looks Like We Made It-Barry Manilow  
1965-Satisfaction-The Rolling Stones  
1959-Lonely Boy-Paul Anka

## Paul Anka In Concert

Diana, She's A Lady, It Doesn't Matter Anymore, (You're) Having My Baby, Lonely Boy, My Way

Saturday August 8, 2015 - 8PM - Great Auditorium

Put Your Head On My Shoulder and remember the hits of legendary singer/song-writer Paul Anka, who will return to Ocean Grove on Saturday August 8, 2015 at 8 PM. Tickets are \$60/\$55 reserved, and \$40 general admission. Order online at [www.oceangrove.org](http://www.oceangrove.org) or by phone: 800-590-4064. The Great Auditorium is located at Pilgrim and Ocean Pathways in Ocean Grove, NJ. All facilities are handicapped accessible.

## Music Trivia Summer

By Tom Burkard

1. \_\_\_ Summer In The City
2. \_\_\_ Here Comes Summer
3. \_\_\_ Summertime
4. \_\_\_ Summertime Blues
5. \_\_\_ Summer Breeze
6. \_\_\_ Cruel Summer
7. \_\_\_ Girls In Their Summer Clothes
8. \_\_\_ Summer Rain
9. \_\_\_ Summer Nights
10. \_\_\_ Summer
11. \_\_\_ Summer Song
12. \_\_\_ Theme From A Summer Place
13. Summer Love
14. Summer Of '69
15. The Summer Wind

- a. War
- b. Bruce Springsteen
- c. Travolta & Newton-John
- d. Johnny Rivers
- e. Chad & Jeremy
- f. Justin Timberlake
- g. Blue Cheer
- h. Billy Stewart
- i. The Lovin' Spoonful
- j. Seals & Crofts
- k. Percy Faith Orchestra
- l. Bananarama
- m. Jerry Keller
- n. Frank Sinatra
- o. Bryan Adams

Answers

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

# Sayreville Sparkles 2015!

## Independence Day Celebration

{Photos by Brian Stratton}



Members of Sayreville Main Street Theatre Company's production of "Cinderella" perform a few songs for the crowd. The show runs August 7th to the 15th. Visit [smstc.org](http://smstc.org) for tickets.



Members of Sayreville Main Street Theatre Company's production of "In The Heights" perform for the crowd. The show is running now through August 1st. Visit [smstc.org](http://smstc.org) for tickets.



The crew from Rita's Italian Ice of Parlin was on hand to provide this favorite treat to the crowd.



Kris / Aaron show the crowd their dance moves.



Almost "Journey" was exactly that! Great Show!!



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**Fishing Flashes**

By Teo "Weebles" Weber

**Salt Water**

Fluke fishing in Raritan Bay continues to produce some keeper fish and quite a few shorts. Some keeper fish are large. I gave Fluke fishing a try with two friends in a private boat. All we did was to catch a few shorts on a windy, bumpy Friday Morning. The Large Bluefish that were here have now moved out for the most part. They have been replaced by much smaller fish in the one and two pound range. Party boats that fish for Blues in the ocean are catching these fish mostly on jigs. Some Bonito have moved in with them. Ocean fishing for Fluke on party boats and also surf fisherman at LBI has been doing very well. The channels at Barnegat Bay are also producing Fluke, some weighing as much as 8 or 9 pounds. Party boats that bottom fish on the Mud Hole wrecks are catching Ling along with a few Sea Bass and Porgies. Striped Bass are still around off of Sandy Hook if you can find them. These are the big fish in the 40 pound class that prefer live bunkers. There are some small Kingfish in the surf in areas to our south.

**Fresh Water**

The summer heat has set in and fishing for Bass, Catfish and Pickerel and Panfish is decent. We are in our normal summer pattern. One afternoon near the end of June, after some personal business, I took a long ride up to Tilcon Lake. On the first cast I hooked a Landlocked Salmon at least 17 inches or better. It rocketed out of the water in a 3 foot jump and straightened out the hooks on the lure. I lost it! I kept casting for 3 hours and didn't get another strike.

**Pet Communication**

Do you love animals and live with them? Wouldn't it be wonderful to communicate with your furry companions? Telepathic communication with animals is a natural ability that we all possess but have "misplaced." This talk offers simple exercises for opening our hearts and minds to communication. You'll learn several methods for two-way exchanges with animals - both "hearing" as well as projecting our thoughts to them. Join presenter, Michele Granberg, at Sayreville Public Library on Wednesday, August 12 from 6:30 to 8:00PM.

Please bring a notebook as well as a photo of your pet and/or an object that belongs to them. Learn to develop an even closer bond with your pets.

Michele Granberg, MA, CHT, "Soul" Owner of the Center of Relaxation & Healing in Plainsboro, NJ, holds a Masters in Counseling & Psychology, and has worked in mental health and social service agencies for over 20 years with various populations. Currently, she is a teacher, healer, and life coach in private practice for over 14 years.

Michele Granberg is also Host and Executive Producer of her own TV Talk Show called Positive Energy which airs on Princeton Television and can be viewed on Vimeo. Positive Energy features inspiring interviews which explore healing, wellness, spirituality, positive thinking and more. Find out more about Michele at [www.Michele-Granberg.com](http://www.Michele-Granberg.com).

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**What May Be Bugging Your Pet? - All About Parasites Inside & Out**

Join Dr. Chiosi from Sayrebrook Veterinary Hospital at Sayreville Public Library on Wednesday, August 26 from 6:30 to 8:00PM for this event for all ages. Dr. Chiosi will discuss the various parasites that could potentially affect our pets. He will also spend time answering your questions at the end of this event, so bring your list of concerns!

Read more about Sayrebrook Veterinary Hospital at [www.sayrebrookvet.com](http://www.sayrebrookvet.com) or [www.facebook.com/sayrebrook](http://www.facebook.com/sayrebrook).

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**A Walk in the Pines: Stories of the Pine Barrens**

Join historian, Rochelle Christopher, at Sayreville Public Library on Tuesday, August 25 from 6:30 to 8:00PM for a fascinating discussion of the infamous Pine Barrens. Learn about the people, places, folklore, and eco-systems of this vast area of South Jersey! Other topics include: the silver mines, Robin Hood of the Pines, the orchids found only in the Pine Barrens, Christmas in the Pine Barrens, and of course, the Jersey Devil!

Rochelle Christopher, owner of Victorian Vanities, is a dynamic, energetic, independent historian and speaker. Specializing in 19th and 20th century history, Ms. Christopher and her staff have created a program that will be most memorable and fascinating.

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**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. -E.P.

# The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

## “Skeets” Made His Mark

The following are memories of South Amboy’s legendary umpire, John “Skeets” Skarzynski, shared by people who knew him through the years.

Jerry Connors (Formerly of South Amboy) “I was sorry to hear about Johnny’s passing. He was a close friend back in the day. We worked together for Reggie Carney, wiring new homes. In baseball, his throws were like rockets. I know because, as a pitcher, I was on the receiving end of too many of them, when he returned them to the pitcher’s mound. I should have had a catcher’s mitt. I think he was practicing throws to second base.

He was a good all-around athlete. When he played football, and if he hit you, you knew you were hit. He was also a good swimmer, and one of the best underwater swimmers I’ve ever seen. He had good lung power. Skeets, Reggie Carney and I all played basketball on the Perth Amboy YMCA team. We played against some very good teams from all over.

He was also my pinocle partner. We

played in the backroom of Louie Zall’s store, and in the back area of Enterprise Hook & Ladder, and we utilized signals between us during the card games. In 1948 at Johnstown, PA, the O’Brien twins gave him the temporary nickname of “Hamburger,” because of his steady diet of hamburgers.”

John “Flip” Phillips (Formerly of South Amboy) “On July 6, 2015, a small part of South Amboy’s heart passed away. I remember Skeets very well. I worked with him, went to his wedding, and he umpired just about all of the softball games I played back in the 1960’s. He was truly, truly a nice person and I am sure he will be missed, but remembered.”

Joe Szaro (South Amboy) “You always knew when he was umpiring because he had a very distinct voice and you could always hear him.”

Carol Johnson (South Amboy) “He was a very nice neighbor for 32 years, and will be missed by all.”

Jerry Drill (South Amboy) “He was a legend.”

### John "Skeets" Skarzynski



**1948 - He played for the greatest team in South Amboy history, the South Amboy All-Stars at the AAABA National Tournament in Johnstown, PA.**



**1953 - First professional baseball uniform, playing for Danville in the Carolina League.**



**Playing for Olean Professional baseball team in the Giants Farm System.**



**South Amboy Legends**-pictured at the South Amboy Youth Athletic Association’s Opening Day several years ago was (l-r) umpire Joe McCarthy, New York Yankee great, Allie Clark, and umpire John “Skeets” Skarzynski. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

## 65 Years Ago...

1950-In City Series action, St. Mary’s (0-0) opened its season against Hoffman (1-2). The Guvs jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning, when Krygier singled in a run with the bases loaded, Billy Bouchard walked to drive in another, and John Kovaleski singled in the third run. The Eagles got on the board in the top of the fourth, when Bill “Biff” McKeon blasted a solo home run over the right field fence to make it 3-1. In the bottom of the fourth, **John “Skeets” Skarzynski** ripped a single with the bases full, to knock in 2 runs, giving the Purple & Gold a 5-1 bulge. The Saints battled back in the top of the fifth, when George Spiecker walked with the bases loaded to drive in a run, Bdzewka

singled in two more, South was hit by a pitch to bring in another run, and Bob “Don” “Pep” Bennett singled in the go ahead run to put SM ahead, 6-5, and they eventually won it, 7-5. Winning pitcher Bob Kenny struck out 12, and allowed 10 hits, three to Krygier, and two to George Busch. Ed Carney took the loss.

The lineups were:

St. Mary’s  
Spiecker cf Bdzewka 2b Vail 1b McKeon c Harkins lf Corvino 2b Bennett rf Bailey ss Kenny p. Res.-South 2b.

Hoffman

Krygier lf Bouchard rf Kovaleski ss Skarzynski c Covell cf Busch 1b Stratton 2b Munck 3b Carney p. Res. Jim Inman rf.

## From The Sports Archives



**1971-St. Mary's boys' tennis team** featured (l-r) B. Rose, Greg Sciora, John Wortley, T. Geant, Bruce Malinowski, L. Kasper, F. Schneider, Steve Tranotti, Coach Ed Wallis. Missing from photo: Rick Sciora.

## T.H.E. Game

Year-1961  
Sport-Baseball  
Teams-Trenton Catholic (11-5) vs. St. Mary’s (12-3) in the South Jersey Parochial A final.



Recap-Trenton Catholic jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning on 2 singles and 2 errors by the Eagles. Trailing 7-3 in the bottom of the 7th St. Mary’s erupted for 4 runs to tie the game. Frank Ruzsala opened the inning with a bases on balls, Lou Nanna singled him to 2nd, Tom Fitzmorris was safe on a fielder’s choice, and Nanna went to second. Pitcher Joe Pohl blasted a 2-run triple to left field, and Al Ust unloaded a tape-measure home run over the centerfielder’s head to tie the game at 7-7, and send it to extra innings.

In the top of the 12th, Pohl, who pitched the entire game, hit the leadoff batter, who was sacrificed to second, and scored the game-winner on a base hit, to give Trenton Catholic the championship, 8-7, in a real heartbreaker for the Eagles.

The Saints left 14 runners on base, 5 in the extra innings, and outhit Trenton Catholic, 11-9. Sophomore ace Joe Pohl absorbed the tough loss despite hurling a gutsy game, striking out 11, and allowing 9 singles. He also blasted a double and triple to drive in 2 runs. Al Ust came through big time for the Blue & Gold with a single and the biggest home run in his career, which tied the game in the last inning. Frank Ruzsala also chipped in with 2 hits.

St. Mary’s lineup was: Pat Marotta ss Jack Seaman cf Joe Jankowski 1b Ruzsala lf Nanna c Fitzmorris rf Pohl p Ust 2b Tom Vona 3b Res.-Frank Keenan rf. Co-Players-of-the-Game-Al Ust and Joe Pohl.

## 35 Years Ago...

1980-St. Mary’s talented right-handed pitcher Mike Noble fired a beautiful 6-0 shutout over St. Joseph’s of Metuchen.

## 45 Years Ago...

1970-Sayreville nipped Westfield, 3-2 in the CJ Group IV quarterfinals. Winning pitcher Greg Lyon fired a 3-hitter, and also drove in the winning run with a double in the bottom of the 6th inning. Gary Unkel had 2 hits and an RBI, while Joe Gabel drilled an RBI single.

## 60 Years Ago...

1955-In Game #1 of the City Series between Hoffman and St. Mary’s, the clubs battled to a 1-1 tie after 9 innings. Hal Thalman pitched a 5-hitter and struck out 17 for the Blue & Gold. Joe Matarangolo blasted a solo homer for the Guvs in the bottom of the 6th inning to tie it. Irv “Skip” House tossed a 7-hitter and fanned 7 for Hoffman. Joe Bucko stroked 2 hits for the Eagles.

The Lineups

Hoffman-English ss Sten 2b Steve Malkiewicz c Lake 1b Bob Bloodgood cf Frank Kitchen lf Mike Charmello rf Cieslarczyk 3b House p.

St. Mary’s-Higgins lf Delaney rf Kennedy c Matarangolo 3b Thalman p Frank “Tank” Leonard ss Graber 2b Bucko cf Marty Metzger 1b. Res.-Tom Pristavec 2b Thomas 1b.

## Glory Days In Local Sports

1958-Hoffman annihilated Atlantic Highlands, 12-0 behind an outstanding no-hitter by Dave Inman, who struck out 14 and walked 3. George Reick went 3-for-3 with a double, and Paul Poetsch ripped 3 hits including a 2-run triple. 1965-Billy Trzaska fired a brilliant no-hitter to lead Sayreville to a 3-0 victory over Matawan. 1972-St. Mary’s boys’ tennis team jolted JFK, 3-2, as John Wortley and Bruce Malinowski captured wins in singles action, while Terry Geant and Mike DeFeo won in doubles play. 1985-St. Mary’s softball team romped over Green Brook, 10-1. Winning pitcher Lisa Harrigan fired a 4-hitter and fanned 7. Eleanor Wykpisz drove in 4 runs with a 3-run double and sac fly. Jean O’Toole contributed 2 hits and 3 RBI. 1999-Sayreville girls’ softball squad beat Perth Amboy, 6-3. Jen Marshall had a perfect 4-for-4 game, and Lauren Switzer blasted a three-bagger to support winning pitcher Jessica Small. 2001-South Amboy pounded Perth Amboy Tech, 10-3. Winning pitcher Greg Fay went 4-for-4 with a 2-run homer and 3 RBI. Nick Shaw ripped a 3-run double, Jim Riehl added 2 hits, and Jim Abbatiello drilled a double.



## Diamond Dust 55 Years Ago...

1960-South Amboy’s First

Babe Ruth League Game In History

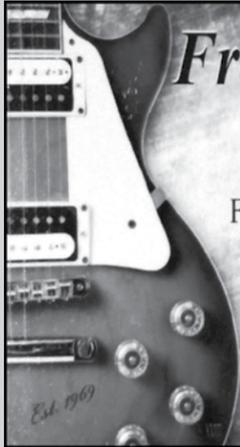
In the first-ever South Amboy Babe Ruth League game played at the new William Colucci Memorial Field, Komars topped Independence, 6-3. Winning pitcher Billy Subjack struck out 16 batters and walked 6. Komars offense was led by Jack Gallagher with 3 singles, George Stramback hit a single and triple, Frank Ruzsala belted 2 doubles, and Bob Kupcha added a single and double. Bob Poetsch suffered the setback for Independence, but struck out 12 and walked 5. He also laced 2 singles for the Firemen.

1960-Fitzmorris Blasts First Homer

Tom Fitzmorris blasted the first out-of-the-park home run in South Amboy Babe Ruth League history, as Komars mauled Mechanicsville, 7-1. Billy Subjack was the winning pitcher, and John Lange took the loss. Fitzmorris also stroked a single in this historical contest.

## Cleary Hit 4 Home Runs In One Game

June 25, 1941-South Amboy’s Fran “Red” Cleary, slugging centerfielder for the Raritan Copper Works Ingots, who played in the Middlesex County Industrial League, set a league record by blasting 4 home runs in 4 at-bats. Cleary’s Ruthian-like feat took place at Waters Stadium in Perth Amboy, where he smashed all 4 round-trippers over the right field fence.



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**Korean Veterans Seek Members**

(Article submitted by Charles Koppelman)  
The Central Jersey Chapter #148 of Korean War Veterans Association extends an invitation to any veterans regardless of the branch of service, who served during the war June 25, 1950-July 27, 1953, any location, including Europe or who have served in Korea from July 27, 1953 to current date. The group meets at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of every month except Jan., Feb., March and April at the Monroe Twp. Municipal Building. Requirements for membership: paying dues of \$25 to the Korean War Veterans Association and \$10 chapter fee per year. The chapter is involved in various functions during the year, including parades with its Color Guard, flag raising, September 11th, funerals and so on. For more info contact Membership Chairman Charles Koppelman 609-655-3111 or Finance Secretary Edward Rappleeya Sr. 732-257-1184.

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A shamanic journey is a form of meditation considered to be an "out of body" experience. When you venture on a Shamanic Meditation Journey, you will be open to a non-ordinary reality and experience altered states of consciousness. This allows you to obtain insights not available to you in everyday awareness. The Shamanic Meditation Journey helps you to connect with insights for healing, but also to enable you to receive answers to the questions you have in your life. You will reach increased levels of awareness regarding "Life's Purpose" and the challenges that are holding you back.

Come experience this unique journey at Sayreville Public Library with Denise Morgan, Shaman Practitioner, Lightworker, Reiki Master, Certified Personal Trainer, Yoga and Group Exercise Instructor on Wednesday, August 19 from 6:30 to 8:00PM.

Adults only, please. To register, contact Alaina at alainad@lmxac.org or call 732-727-0212 ex. 25. You may also register online at www.sayrevillelibrary.org/.

Please bring a mat or blanket to use because it is ideal to do this event while lying on the floor. Chairs will be provided for those who are not able to get down on the floor. Please indicate your need for a chair when registering. Guests who arrive later than 6:35PM will not be let into the event. This event will be starting promptly and requires complete concentration from the attendees. Guests who arrive late disrupt this process and affect the quality of the event. Thank you for your cooperation!

**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.

**Mike Nichols Benefit**

A benefit for Mike Nichols, the injured hockey player from Monroe, will be held at Jamesburg Elks 2180, 74 West Railroad Ave., Jamesburg on Aug. 15. The Street Fair is from 1-6 p.m., registration for the motorcycle ride is 9-11 a.m., with kick stands at 11:30 a.m. Music will be by Rock Haus from 12-1:30 p.m., and Locked & Loaded from 2:30-6 p.m. There will also be a tricky tray, super 50/50, and raffle for an autographed Scott Stevens NJ Devils Jersey. Any questions or more info call Lori at 732-688-0668.

On April 1, 1967, the Battle of APGU, Vietnam, took place. I was a Staff Sgt. In charge of number 4 Howitzer in B Battery, First Battalion, 7th Artillery, First Infantry Division (Six 105 MM Howitzers). Our Battery was in direct support of the First/26th Infantry Battalion. In the early morning hours, the enemy, North Vietnam Regulars, attacked and almost overran the Infantry Battalion. B Battery fired continually from about 4-7 a.m., over 1,000 rounds! (Num-



**Military Memories**

By Sergeant Major US Army, Retired  
Francis J. Dooling

ber 5 Howitzer blew out its recoil system). Our 1st Sgt. Backed 2 1/2 ton trucks loaded with ammunition up to our Howitzers and had everyone: clerks, cooks, even medics breaking out ammunition. Finally, the battle was over. The Infantry held, despite taking many casualties. The commanding officer of the Infantry Battalion was Lt. Col. Al Haig, future 4-star General, and later Secretary of State under President Ronald Reagan! Lt. Col. Haig received the Distinguished Service



Cross for this action.

I often thought if I ever met General Haig, I would tell him he owed me a drink for APGU, and I bet he would have bought me one, or even more!

NOTE: Our "Military Memories" column welcomes true stories from veterans of any branch of the United States military. Please e-mail your stories to: satimes@aol.com.

# Celebrate The Amboys



Members of the Sayreville Fire Dept. are pictured standing by the top raffle prize that was used for its fundraiser. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Check out the cool balloon hat this creative lady wore during the fireworks show. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



South Amboy City Employee Amy Coman (r) takes her sons Michael (l) and Thomas (c) for a ride on a golf cart prior to the fireworks display. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



The large crowd heads toward the waterfront. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



The kids all enjoyed this blow up castle. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



There was plenty for kids to do. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



One of the many food vendors on hand serves the crowd. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



Shandango did a great job performing Classic Rock hits for the crowd. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

**Obituaries**

Baranowski, Irene Marcinczyk, 84, formerly of Sayreville died on July 1.  
 Bloch, Charlotte, of Parlin died on June 19.  
 Craig, Dianne M., 53, of Parlin died on June 25.  
 Czachur, Shirley, 77, of Sayreville died on July 14.  
 Dowty, Thomas E. 77, formerly of South Amboy died on June 24.  
 Grabowski, Maryann, 69, of South Amboy died on June 14.  
 Grace, Patricia A., 67, of Old Bridge died on June 29.  
 Gryz, Frank, 73, of Sayreville died on July 8.  
 Kirkpatrick, David G., 66, of South Amboy died on July 15.  
 Luciano, John "Lucky," 82, of South Amboy died on July 4.  
 Miranda, Dorothy Evegán, 78, formerly of South Amboy died on July 5.  
 Moran, Michael T., 48, formerly of Sayreville died on June 22.  
 Nowicki, Benjamin, 93, of Sayreville died on July 1.  
 Poland, Hilda Havel, 88, of South Amboy died on July 3.  
 Roberts, Eileen 54, of Parlin died on June 24.  
 Servis, Herbert D., formerly of Morgan died on June 30.  
 Skarzynski, John E. "Skeets," 84, of South Amboy died on July 6.  
 Smykay, Antonette T., 91, formerly of Morgan died on July 14.  
 Squire, Barbara, 74, of South Amboy died on June 16.  
 Stollery, Teresa C.A. Howley, 87, formerly of South Amboy died on June 19.  
 Tanchyk, Marie, 86, of South Amboy died on June 30.  
 Theurich, Bernard, 93, of Parlin died on July 10.

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**Safety Rules for Summertime Pool Fun**

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 Besides learning to swim, there are some basic rules for both swimmers and home pool owners. Here are a few of them:  
 DO NOT allow "clowning around" in our near the pool.  
 Teach children water games for friendly competitions to avoid poolside behavior such as pushing, running, dunking or performing stunts.  
 Teach children to be especially careful on water slides.  
 Be sure an adult is present any time children are swimming.  
 Know for sure that the water is deep enough before diving in.  
 Flotation devices are fine, but do not depend on them absolutely.  
 Keep electrically operated radios, tape players or other equipment away from the pool.  
 Serve cold drinks in plastic or disposable, unbreakable containers.  
 Keep rescue equipment close to the pool and in good condition.  
 Make sure your pool is fenced on all sides.  
 Don't stay in the water too long. Keep in mind that the glare/reflection of the sun on the water can produce a severe burn even after a very short time.  
 Always be alert. Don't overestimate your abilities on those of children in your care. Play it safe.  
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### Local Wildlife

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This beautiful swan was sited at Kennedy Park in Sayreville recently.



**An Act of Kindness**-On a very hot July day, Sandy Lewis of Sayreville came across this huge snapping turtle on the walking track at Kennedy Park, pretty far from the lake, and hardly moving at all. She was concerned it would die, so she poured cold water on it, to help it feel better, so it could get back to its home.



A young Eastern Box turtle was spotted looking for food in the grass in Sayreville.



The snapping turtle looks nice and shiny, and ready to head back to the lake, thanks to Sandy's help and caring.



While on a cruise aboard the Celebrity Millennium, former South Amboy resident Jerry Caracappa took these great photos of a 25-30 foot Humpback Whale, when it appeared at the dock at Icy Strait Point, just outside of the small town of Hoonah, Alaska. He and his wife Valerie also spotted some baleen, a female orca with a young calf, and several unidentifiable whales. Jerry said that, "No pictures of other sightings-you have to be quick. Alaska is awesome!" (Photos/info courtesy of Jerry Caracappa)



A black duck is pictured with its young ones in tow.



The Dowdell Library in South Amboy held a Turtle Show that was attended by over 100 children and adults. Pictured is Steve Woyce, who conducted the fun and educational event, showing an empty shell and also a red-footed tortoise.

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