

Sayreville, South Amboy To Get \$575K

The state Department of Transportation awarded a total of \$30.5 million to fund road improvement projects in Middlesex, Somerset, and Union counties. The Borough of Sayreville will receive \$575,000 for work to be done on MacArthur Ave., and the City of South Amboy will also receive \$575,000 for improvements on John T. O'Leary Blvd.

Governor Phil Murphy said, "These funds are instrumental in allowing each municipality to maintain its local roads and bridges in a state of good repair."

\$2.5 Billion Sayreville Redevelopment

By Steve Schmid

The general public of Sayreville got their chance recently to learn first hand about the \$2.5 billion Riverton project which promises a new town, marina, restaurants, businesses and homes. More than 300 people packed the Sayreville Senior Center to learn more. The 418 acre project is planned for the former National Lead site on the Raritan River. Plans call for 1.5 million square feet of retail space, 2 million square feet of commercial and office space, 800,00 square feet of hotel space, 2,000 residential units, plus a 400 slip marina with supportive facilities. North American Properties (NAP) is developing the area and NAP managing partner Mark Toro said the concept is to build a city within a city. He said a regional mall is no longer viable today. He said this concept has been successful in other parts of the country. Toro said thousands of temporary construction jobs plus permanent ongoing jobs will be created. The project will be constructed in a 10 to 12 year period and will be done in five or six phases. NAP is planning to break ground this year. The first business will be a Bass Pro Shops location which is expected to draw many customers as an anchor tenant. Restaurants and a movie cineplex with state of the art video and sound systems are also proposed as the site begins to develop.



South Amboy St. Patrick's Parade Grand Marshal Brian J. Kelly (r) leads the parade along with Diocese of Metuchen Bishop James F. Checchio (l). (Photo by Brian Stratton)

South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade-Outstanding

By Tom Burkard

On a late winter Sunday afternoon, thousands of people from all over lined the streets of South Amboy to watch and enjoy "The Pleasant Little City's" event of the year, the St. Patrick's Day Parade. There were sunny skies, with the temperature around 40 degrees, as the parade kicked off at 2 p.m. on the corner of Bordentown Ave. and South Pine Ave.

Local businessman Brian J. Kelly served as Grand Marshal, George Fuller was Deputy Grand Marshal, Honorary Grand- Marshal Dennis Doll, Honored Guests-local business owners Joan Antonucci, Pete and Cathy DiMaggio.

As always, South Amboy was the place to be, to cheer on marchers and participants in the parade, and also run into and visit with old acquaintances you hadn't seen in a long time. The Irish spirit was on display throughout the town, with Irish/St. Patrick's decorations all over, and people in the parade and on the sidelines wearing all types of green

outfits, hats, shamrocks and more.

Vendors were everywhere, hawking popular items such as balloons, hot pretzels, cotton candy, souvenirs, and just about anything you could imagine. Some of the marching groups tossed candy to the crowd, and kids had a fun time scurrying for the sweet treasures that landed on the ground.

There were 24 bands in the parade that also included fire companies, first aid squads, veterans and military personnel, schools, churches, social groups, fraternal organizations, and businesses. Local politicians and dignitaries also participated. The very popular Colonel D.B. Kelly Pipe & Drums entertained the crowd along the route with their outstanding repertoire of music. Marching alongside Grand Marshal Kelly was Bishop James Checchio of the Metuchen Diocese.

Parade Co-Chairman/South Amboy City Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross said, "I'd like to thank the Parade Committee

SWMHS Hall Of Fame

The Sayreville War Memorial High School 2018 Hall of Fame Annual Awards Banquet is scheduled for 6:00PM Saturday, May 5th, at the VFW Hall on Jernee Mill Road. Join us as we honor these outstanding alumni of SWMHS. The honorees are:

Gregory Braun, Class of 1995: Registered Licensed Professional Engineer in New York & New Jersey.

Sharyn Fisher, Class of 1998: Completed Ed.D. in Literacy Education & Earned Dissertation of the Year Award.

Harry Janes, Ph.D., Class of 1967: Founding Director of the Rutgers University EcoComplex.

Joseph Myers, Class of 1965: 34 years service with the Sayreville Police Department Commander. Steven Tarr, Class of 1995: Current Commanding Officer of the Nuclear Submarine USS Topeka.

Maureen Wlodarczyk, Class of 1969: Author of Six Books & a Genealogists Lecturer.

Edward Thalmann, Class of 1962 (Posthumous Induction): Regarded as one of the world's foremost authorities on diving physiology.

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

for all of their hard work. They work 10 months a year on the parade, and every member on the committee is very special and talented. It is a joy to run the parade when you work with such talented people as those in the Parade Committee. I hope we made the City of South Amboy proud."

The parade lasted close to 2 hours from start to finish, and once again was a major success, and yes, "Mickey," I'm sure everyone in South Amboy is very proud and thankful to you and the Parade Committee for your hard work and dedication throughout the year. Thank you and congratulations to all who were involved in this outstanding family event!

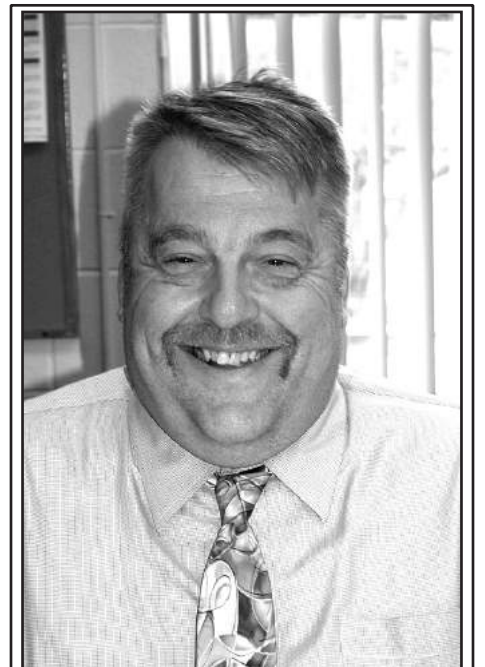
St. Patrick's Celebration



Pictured following the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Mary Church, prior to the St. Patrick's Day Parade, are (l-r) South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry, Diocese of Metuchen Bishop James F. Checchio, St. Mary Pastor Father Dennis Weezorak, Parade Grand Marshal Brian J. Kelly. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Sayreville BIC Annual Charity Ball and 50th Anniversary Celebration

The Sayreville Association for Brain Injured Children's Annual Charity Ball and 50th Anniversary Celebration is on Sunday April 15th at the Grand Marquis in Old Bridge. This is an extraordinary milestone for B.I.C. and the special children and adults they have served by providing recreational opportunities year round for 50 years. Tickets are \$105.00 and include open bar and dinner from 12 noon-5pm. Tickets can be purchased by calling Laurie at 732-254-8530



Glenn Skarzynski was recently appointed Business Administrator for the City of South Amboy. Best of luck and success Glenn! (Photo by Tom Burkard) *See other photo on page 12.

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The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Msgr. John F. Brady Assembly of South Amboy are pictured at a Memorial Mass for the deceased members of the Assembly. The Mass was held at St. Lawrence Church, Laurence Harbor. (Photo courtesy of Lois Ann Smith)

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Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Sisters Of Mercy Celebrate 70, 75 Years

Two Sisters of Mercy, with ties to Our Lady of Victories School, celebrated milestones as religious. Sister Margaret Mary Smith, has been a religious for 75 years, and in 1986 was appointed principal of Our Lady of Victories School, where she served until 1989, when she left to open a private group home for adults with special needs. Sister Mary McAuley Ronan celebrates her 70th year as a sister, and began her teaching career at Our Lady of Victories with first-graders. Congratulations to both Sisters of Mercy!

Super Stat Man

Congratulations to former South Amboy resident, and St. Mary's HS graduate Class of

'68, Jack Diem on his 32 years (1979-2011) of excellence as team statistician for Madison Central/Old Bridge HS football squads! Jack said, "I got lucky. Bob DeMarco, the head coach, was building a program, trusted my work, and let me do my thing. I also had the full cooperation of the Old Bridge administration, who treated me like one of the staff." Long before Max Preps and others, Jack had computerized everything, so he was able to provide game information before other schools. His hardwork and dedication, as a volunteer, are unmatched by any other schoolboy football teams in Middlesex County.

College News

2017 Dean's List

Seton Hall University, Stillman School of Business fall 2017 Dean's List: Andrew Kenny of South Amboy son of Paul and Carrie Kenny; Zachary Cofty of South Amboy. Steven Herdman made the Dean's List for the Fall Semester at Fairleigh Dickinson

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

MCC New Honor Society Members

A total of 80 students were recently inducted into the Middlesex County College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. By town:

Sayreville, Allison Blonski, Joseph Henley, Mariyah Moore. South Amboy, Kevin Samson, Keith Stawick

McCleery Graduates From Rutgers

Shannon McCleery graduated Summa Cum Laude from Rutgers University in Jan. 2018. She graduated with a BA in Psychology and a minor in Statistics. At Rutgers, Shannon was inducted into Psi Chi the Psychology Honor Society. Future plans include pursuing a PsyD degree to become a Clinical Psychologist. Shannon is a 2014 graduate of Cardinal McCarrick High School. Proud parents are Sue and Dave McCleery of South Amboy.

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PLEASANT LITTLE TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- Where was Cagney's Pub & Restaurant located in Sayreville back in 1998?
a. Rt. 9 South b. Washington Rd. c. Pulawski Ave.
- The top vote-getter in the 1998 Sayreville election was this Democrat?
a. George Semoneit b. Paul DeSarno c. Jeffrey Pawlowski
- This independent candidate for South Amboy's 2nd Ward Council seat in 2000 received 99 votes.
a. Timothy J. Billings b. Vincent Mackiel c. Jonathan Schmidt
- This former South Amboy resident went on to become a U.S. Congressman in New York from 1976-1992?
a. Harold G. Hoffman b. Theodore S. Weiss c. Michael Z. Dunleavy
- What year was Veterans Field in South Amboy renamed to Veterans Memorial Park, Home of Jack McKeon Field?
a. 1997 b. 2000 c. 2003
- South Amboy Fire Chief in 2014?
a. John Kelly b. Mike Geraltowski c. Brett Coyle
- What was the name of the ferry service in South Amboy in the early 2000's?
a. Seastreak b. Quicksilver c. Top Shelf Ferry
- Where is Central Jersey Starter/Weber's Garage located?
a. Rt. 35, Morgan b. Rt. 35, Melrose c. Washington Rd., Parlin
- Sayreville Mayor in 1998?
a. Kennedy O'Brien b. James Zagata c. John McCormack
- Sayreville Senior Services Director in 1998?
a. Barbara Heimall b. Mary Robinson c. Anna Halberstein

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

Business Of The Month Sure Hit Home Improvements

By Tom Burkard



Tom Ryan (r), owner/founder of Sure-Hit Home Improvements and his son Matt (l) provide outstanding home improvements for all of your needs. Tom started the business 50 years ago this June. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Fifty years! What an outstanding success story for South Amboy native Tom Ryan, who started Sure-Hit Home Improvements 50 years ago, and now together with his son Matt and a fine work crew, are still going strong, as one of the area's top home improvements businesses.

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Tom and Matt Ryan have been active supporters and sponsors for local baseball and softball teams for many years, and Sure Hit Home Improvements men's softball team has captured numerous championships through the years.

Tom Ryan proudly stated that "Sure-Hit Home Improvements has been serving the local communities for six generations." When asked why Sure Hit has been so successful and so many others have failed in the past, Tom said that "I'm always honest to people, and competitive. I always try to work within their price range."

The Ryans really love their work, especially in the local communities, and Tom said "The city has been good to me, and God has been good to me and my family."

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Tricky Tray At Sacred Heart Church

Sacred Heart Church will be having a tricky tray on April 20, 2018, Friday. Location is in Memorial Hall, across the street from the church. Doors open at 6pm and first ticket will be pulled at 7:30pm. Cost of admission is \$15 which includes coffee, tea and homemade desserts. All level prizes, plus 50/50 tickets,

will be available for purchase the night of the event, cash only! No walk-ins, reservations required! To reserve your seat, checks can be dropped off or mailed to Sacred Heart Church 531 Washington Avenue, South Amboy, NJ 08879, attention Shirley. Questions? Please call 732-721-0040.

Sisters In Service Dinner

On April 29, OLV Columbiettes will hold the 12th Annual "Sisters in Service" dinner at the Knights of Columbus Victorian Hall, 775 Washington Rd., Parlin. This dinner is given in order to recognize/honor Religious Sisters for their community service & the many ways they have touched our lives. This is our opportunity to give a little something

back to them. Father Ken Murphy will be celebrating Mass at 4 p.m. & dinner will follow immediately. If you would like to join us or you know of a Sister we can reach out to invite, please contact Pat 732 238 5752 or Diane 732 254 8896. Cost - Adult \$10 - Child - \$6.

Trip to Nashville

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Nashville, Tennessee from September 20 - 25, 2018. The cost of the trip is \$990.00 which includes accommodations, the Gaylord

in Nashville, bus transportation, bus gratuity, daily breakfast, a luncheon cruise, and much more. For further information or to reserve a seat please contact Carmen at 732-254-9425.



Old Bridge Police Sergeant Scott Gumprecht, (l) is congratulated by Old Bridge Mayor Owen Henry on his promotion to Captain, as his proud family looks on. Capt. Gumprecht is a former South Amboy resident and Hoffman H.S. graduate. Congratulations and best of luck, Captain Gumprecht! (Photo/info submitted)

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On March 8th, the Pete Kenny Association held its 35th Anniversary Awards Day Fundraiser at Sciortino's Harbor Lights in South Amboy. Pictured are some of the honorees that were in attendance. (Photo/caption by Joe Lotkowitz)

Yearbook-Hoffman 1968

By Tom Burkard

The Harold G. Hoffman High School Class of 1968 was a very dynamic group of individuals. As a matter of fact, the yearbook's theme was "The Individual." It was dedicated to the late and beloved John Zdanewicz, who was the Chemistry teacher, Athletic Director and varsity baseball coach for many years. James Croddick was the school principal, and Eugene "Jimmy" Dobrzynski the Superintendent of Schools. Other popular teachers were: Michael Olszak, Roslyn Gerken, Gloria Miskiewicz, George Mahoney, Frances Cialone, Karen Bishop, Lynn Search, Miriam Hollfelder, Angela Charmello. Joanne Donnelly was the school nurse. Bernadette Maliszewski was Senior Class President and Catherine McKeon Secretary. Frances Pirk was Student Council President. Judith Reick was Editor-In-Chief of the yearbook, and Patricia Vari was Editor-In-Chief of the school newspaper. The year 1968, will be remembered for the assassinations of Senator Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King, and also prominent in the news were Tiny Tim, Nehru suits, Black Power gloves at the Olympics, and Elvis Presley got married. The new top TV show was "Laugh In," giving the language "Sock it to me," and "Here comes da judge." Top movies were: "The Graduate," "The Odd Couple," "Rosemary's Baby," and "2001: A Space Odyssey." Some of the graduates included Karen Applegate, Margaret Batissa, Kathleen Besner, Sandra Bloodgood, Dennis Bolger, Sandra Boudinot, Donna Carter, Linda Clayton, Robert Kubinak, Cliff Connors, Barbara Dragotta, Raymond Drost, Ruth Edwards, Brenda Gatyas, Diana Heath, Lillian Jimenez, Barbara Koloski, John Niewicz, Floreen Pawlowski, Laurretta Pelican, Michael Szatmary, Anthony Tremarco Jr., Rita Timko, Margaret Van Mierlo, Patricia Wirth, Ralph Mioduszewski, Mary Quirk, Steve Shackleton, Joseph

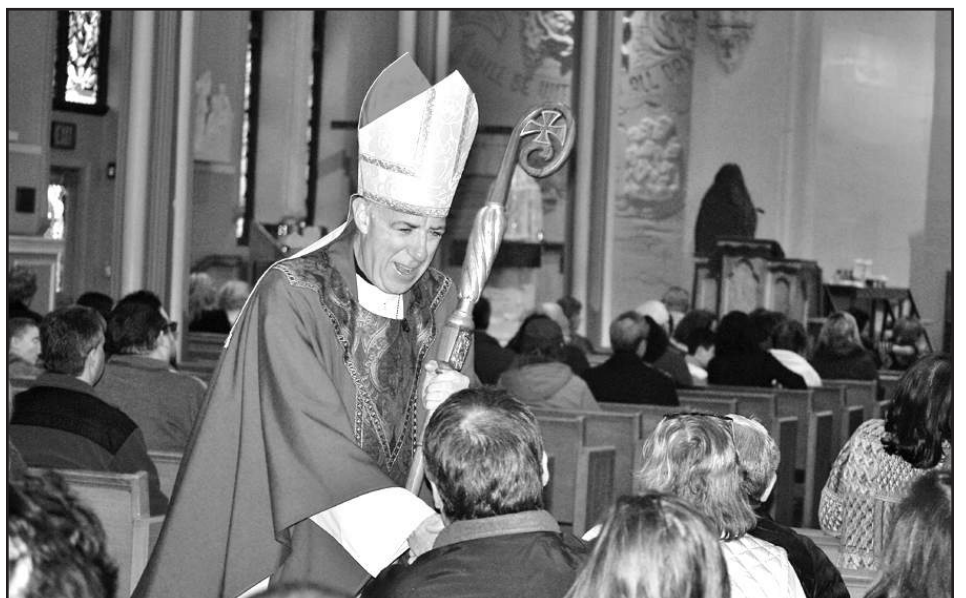
Tanski, Sharron Hutson, Shirley Zakrzewski, Joseph Tanchyk, Robert Rittenhouse, Burton Savage, and Linda Lounsbury.

Did you happen to go to one of the Can-Can dances? Do you remember participating in Viet Nam week? In sports, who could forget the many talented athletes, who never let their success go to their heads. They were great guys and down to earth, and I can attest to that, because I was their teammate on various teams through the years, ranging from Youth Leagues to Men's City League sports teams. The terrific Guv athletes from the Class of '68 were Curt Wood, Hoffman's first 1,000 point scorer, and also 1st Team All-County in basketball as well as All-State in baseball, Bob Keegan a superb all-around athlete, and Greg Havlusch, a basketball player supreme. Other senior standouts for the John Street institution were Ernie Read, Leo Dohan, Alex Jakimowicz, Tom Lange, Russ Thomsen, Tony Saccone, Ron Dennen, Mark Felice, and Donna Carter, who was the only senior on girls' varsity hoops. Remember that cold winter night that seemed even colder after St. Mary's upset the Guvs, 80-65 in the Msgr. Sullivan Holiday Basketball Tournament? We had pizza at the old Hillcrest Inn afterwards. Were you there too? Hoffman was (5-0) entering the game, but fell to an inspired Eagles squad, despite Wood's 20 points, and 18 from Keegan. While the '68 grads were busy getting ready for diploma day, the top 3 songs in the U.S. were "Mrs. Robinson" by Simon & Garfunkel; "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly" by Hugo Montenegro; "Beautiful Morning" by The Rascals. For the 52 graduates, Pomp 'N' Circumstance must have been one most memorable day. The Class of '68 truly was an exceptional group of "individuals." "A time it was, and what a time. A time of happiness, a time of innocence."

OLV Senior Meeting

The OLV Senior Group will hold their April meeting on Friday, April 6, 2018 at 1 PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall. After our regular business meeting, we will have our traditional Easter luncheon. All luncheon requests must be received by Mary by Monday, April 2 in order to have an accurate

count. No requests will be taken after that date Please contact Mary at 732-727-5056. The cost of the luncheon is \$12.00. Food donations will be taken for the St. Vincent De Paul pantry. For further information contact Teri at 732-727-7639.



Bishop James F. Checchio greets St. Mary's parishioners prior to celebrating Mass on Parade Day. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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South Amboy St. Patrick's Parade Honored Guests Pete and Cathy Dimaggio (owners of Delios Pizza) pose for a photo during the parade with daughters Lucy (l) and Caterina (r) and grandchildren (front). (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Smart Driver Course

An AARP sponsored "A Smart Driver Course" will be held at the Sayreville Senior Center, 423 Main St on Friday, April 13th from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm. The cost is \$15.00, for A.A.R.P. members and \$20.00 for non-members. Payment is collected prior to the course in the form of CHECKS only made payable to "AARP". Upon completion of the course, students receive a Certificate of

Completion, which will entitle them to a 5% discount on the major portion of their automobile insurance premium for 3 years. Two points will be deducted from their Motor Vehicle record, if applicable. Pre-registration is required. This course is open only to those who have a New Jersey Driver's License. To register, please call the Senior Center at 732-390-7058.

5k Trail Run

The Old Bridge-Sayreville Rotary Club will be hosting the 3rd Annual 5k Trail Run for Veterans on Sunday, April 29th at the Sayreville Sports Complex located at 4441 Bordentown Ave., Sayreville, NJ. General registration will start at 8 am, followed by the Kids 1 Mile Fun Run at 9 am and the 5k Run/Walk at 9:30 am. Registration for the 1 Mile Fun Run will cost 15 dollars and the 5k will cost 25 dollars. All proceeds will benefit homeless veterans by providing micro

housing through Operation Safe Haven. If you own a business or are employed by a charitable company, please consider sponsorship of the event. Sponsorship ranges from \$100 to \$1,000 and will go a long way toward giving back to those veterans who have given so much to all of us. For more information, contact race chair John Massey at 732-326-4913 or jmassey@envisionsf.biz. To register, go to the following link: <https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Sayreville/5kRunForVets>.

Clothing Drive

The Sacred Heart Rosary Society is sponsoring a used clothing drive on Saturday, April 21 from 4 to 6 PM and on Sunday, April 22, from 6:30 AM to 1 PM. Items needed are gently used clothing, winter outerware, shoes, belts, purses, linens, bikes and toys.

Please bring your donations to Memorial Hall, across from Sacred Heart Church, 531 Washington Avenue, South Amboy. Any questions, please call Virginia at 732-721-1521.

March In Like Lion

By Steve Schmid

March 2018 will be remembered as the year spring failed to show. The first day of spring, March 20, was the beginning of the fourth nor'easter. This storm began with rain and sleet turning to heavy snow the afternoon of March 21. When all was said and done, approximately 9 inches of snow blanketed our towns causing two days of school closings and cancellation of many activities. The snow caused hazardous driving conditions plus the closing of Raritan Bay Waterfront Park. Earlier, a storm March 2, featured strong winds that knocked down trees and

power lines. The rain and snow mix gave us about a half inch of snow. North Jersey towns received about a foot of snow and had many more power outages and downed trees. The second storm on March 7, gave us about 5 inches of snow but less wind. North Jersey once again got much more snow with many towns getting 2 feet. The third storm March 13, gave us a rain snow mix with about 2 inches of snow. New England got two feet or more in many locations. After these four storms, we can only hope spring finally takes over in April.

PFN Dinner April 15

The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus of the Monsignor John F. Brady Assembly of South Amboy, hold their annual Past Faithful Navigator (PFN) dinner Sunday April 15 at 5:30 p.m. at Camillo's Restaurant 31 MacArthur Avenue in Sayreville. The Assembly honors the recent term of Past Faithful Navigator Ray Suchcicki. Cost of \$35 includes everything from appetizers to desserts. There will be a cash bar. For more information call 732-721-2025.

OLV Trip to American Music Theater

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

Easter Egg Hunt

Messiah Lutheran Church is hosting a free community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday March 31 at 10 AM at Messiah Lutheran Church 3091 Bordentown Ave Parlin, N.J.. Event is free including light refreshments. Ages 1-12 welcome to participate. Messiah is also taking donations for local Animal shelter for Lent donation. Hope to see all there.

Car Show May 4

For all of you car enthusiasts, the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their annual spring Car Show Friday May 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. The event will be held at the K of C parking lot at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Trophies will be awarded to the best entries. Food, snacks, and refreshments will be available. For more information call Jan at 732-553-9060.

Vendors Wanted

We are looking for vendors for the annual Flea Market at the First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville. Our Flea Market will be held on June 2nd. The time is 8 am to 2 pm. We are located at 172 Main Street, Sayreville-directly across from the Borough Hall. Spaces are available for \$15.00 for one space, \$25.00

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On March 3rd Protection Engine Company held a testimonial dinner for 2017 South Amboy Fire Chief Steven Szatkowski. The dinner was held at the Reception Center at St. Clement, Matawan. Pictured is Council President Mickey Gross (r) and Councilman Brian McLaughlin (l) after presenting Chief Szatkowski with his Ex-Chief badge. (Photo/story submitted)



Sayreville's Newest Police Officers - Patrick Brennan, Joseph Bartlinski III, and Jamie Unkel. Also pictured are Chief John Zebrowski, Lieutenant Tim Brennan, Captain Tom Barbieri, Captain Dan Plumacker, Captain Jack Fitzimmons, Sergeant John Bartlinski (Photo Submitted)

South Amboy Business Association (SABA)

By Dr. Jorge Gonzalez Gomez, MPSL

The South Amboy Business Association recently met at the South Amboy Senior Center to discuss various issues. Meeting was well attended by several business owners, Mayor, Council President and two Councilmen.

Members present requested assistance from City Officials addressing the parking issues that have been identified in the past. Parking meters, uniformed parking duration signs, parking deck, off Broadway parking for business owners and employees to allow limited spaces for customers were alternatives discussed. Parking on Broadway during business hours is a problem for local businesses and brainstorming to develop short and long term solutions needs to occur.

Storefront vacancies on Broadway was another item that was discussed. City Officials present agreed to collaborate with SABA and develop strategies to list vacancies, contact information and rental specifics so

that when a prospective tenant inquires, the information is readily available for prompt engagement. SABA can be a conduit between prospective businesses looking to come in town and landlords.

It was agreed that further discussion on these two subjects is necessary in order to advance the enhancement of the South Amboy Business District. Business owners are encouraged to attend SABA meetings and return the membership application that will be mailed in March 2018. SABA mailings to business addresses come directly from the City's registry of Mercantile licenses. Please make sure your Mercantile license is current and contains an accurate mailings address in order to get future communications. In the meantime, please feel free to communicate with SABA's Co-Chairman, Jorge Gonzalez Gomez at mjramscsi@aol.com or (732)721-0028.

Amboy Bank Hosts NJ Senior Property Tax Freeze Workshops

As part of an ongoing commitment to assisting their communities, Amboy Bank has implemented a series of workshops to assist seniors applying for a New Jersey Senior Property Tax Freeze reimbursement. The Senior Tax Freeze program reimburses senior citizens for property tax increases. Amboy Bank has taken the initiative to host Senior Property Tax Freeze Workshops from April 17th-27th, where an Amboy banker will assist applicants with the necessary forms, answer questions, and review tax payment options. There are also one-on-one appointments available at the New Brunswick, Ocean and Millstone branches on Thursday, April 19th. "As a community bank, we are always

delighted to help our neighbors in any way we can," said Amboy Bank's Executive Vice President and Chief Retail Officer, Gregory Scharpf. "With our knowledgeable staff, we're able to provide seniors with assistance and information on the tax programs that are available to them."

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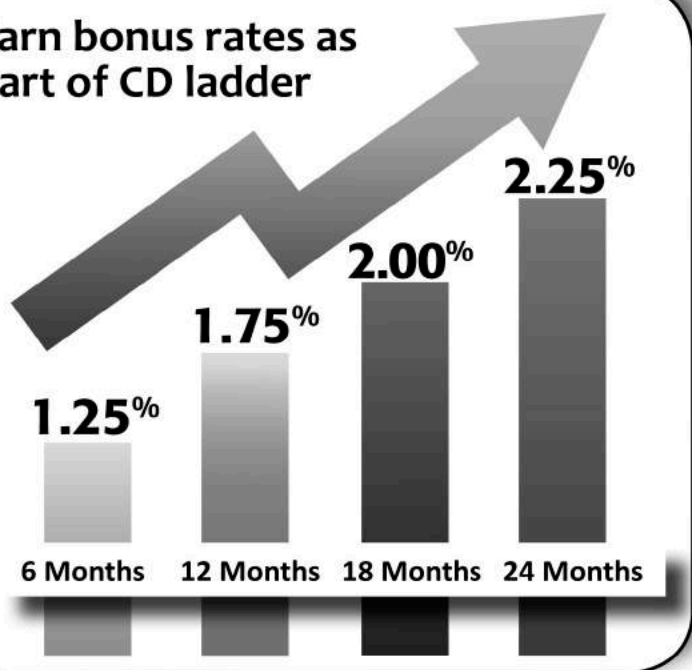
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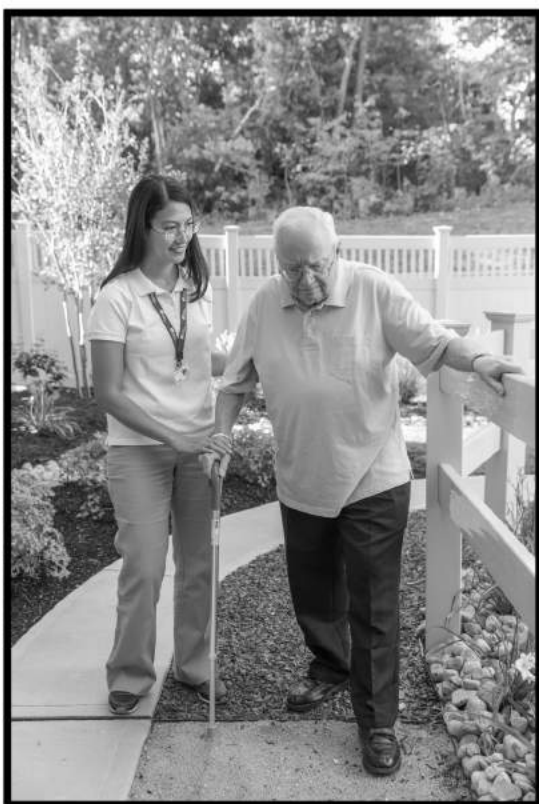
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Good to the Last Drop

By Elaine Holton Scott

The first thing you had noticed upon entering the old A&P on Broadway was the powerfully strong aroma of freshly ground coffee beans, a smell so potent it "hit you in the face" as soon as you walked through the door. Seemingly as old as the hills, and maybe it actually was, A&P's wrought iron coffee grinder with its ornate big wheel faithfully did its job of grinding the coffee beans for every sale. Packed into a red one pound bag emblazoned with the Eight O' Clock label, A&P was really way ahead of its time in those years when ground coffee was always packed and sold in 16-ounce tin cans.

I was a child of the '50s seemingly absorbing the television commercials like a sponge just as all the other kids were doing. I can remember singing the commercial jingle, "Chock Full O'Nuts is a heavenly coffee...a better coffee Rockefeller's money can't buy"...before the Rockefellers complained and it was changed to "a millionaire's money." Never to be forgotten was Maxwell House's "Good to the last drop" commercial simulating a musical sound to imitate coffee as it perked in a pot on the stove. Through the glass knob on the pot's cover, you could see the coffee perking in tune with their commercials jingle. Whichever brand of coffee purchased, the aromatic potency of coffee being made on a stove's burner became diluted when people switched to the "new" electric percolators...and the aroma from the perking coffee was diluted even further after America's beloved baseball player, Joe DiMaggio, became the spokesperson in 1973 for the new Mr. CoffeeMakers, which brewed coffee instead of perking it.

Unless people preferred to drink their coffee black, Borden's TV commercials had

the company's mascot, Elsie the Cow, telling us to lighten our coffee with their evaporated milk...and people listened. With over 60% of its water content removed, an open can of evaporated milk could last for months if kept in the "icebox." Evaporated milk was also cheap, and "cheap" couldn't be beat. Then, in 1961, along came the innovative Nestles' powdered, non-dairy coffee creamer known as Coffee-Mate, followed in 1964 by Borden's, Cremora. Both brands helped to end the long reign of Elsie's evaporated milk as the preferred coffee lightener. With the "burgeoning" amount of the newer liquid coffee creamers in a variety of flavors now on sale in the refrigerated section of grocery stores, the sale of powdered creamers has drastically shrunk, meaning, they're heading into history. Since more and more sugar substitutes keep filling the grocery store's shelves, the once upon a time ever-present sugar bowls are heading into history with them.

Coffee...the way it's packed; the way it's sold; the way it's brewed; and the way it's lightened, and even the way it's sweetened, has changed. Except for the cheaper brands, coffee in tins and even coffee sold in plastic containers are becoming "sparse," indeed. Instead, most coffee is being bagged or, like K-cups, in individual serving "cups" usually packed 12 "cups" to a box...all of which, cost more...some even much more. Seems like the coffee we had loved decades ago is becoming like Juan Valdez...may he and his donkey rest in peace.

***Begun in 1936, Borden was sold to J.M Smucker in the mid-'90's...where Elsie the Cow continues being the mascot for Eagle brand's evaporated and condensed milks.

Designer Handbag Bingo Fundraiser

OLV will hold a Designer Handbag Bingo Fundraiser on Friday, April 13, at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.), Monsignor Dalton Hall, 42 Main St., Sayreville. Ticket price is \$35 (Must be 21 years of age) and includes 10 games of Bingo (1 Bingo card per game), 5-Level 1 and 3-Level 2 Raffle

Tickets. Additional Bingo game cards will be available for purchase at the event as well as tickets for 3 Levels of Tricky Tray Raffles and 50/50. Bring your own food and refreshments. For tickets please contact Maria Holovacko at 732-501-4256.

Autism Awareness Month

Help us celebrate Autism Awareness Month at Emma Arleth Elementary School's 5th AUTISM FAIR to be held on Saturday, April 21st from 10am-3pm. The fair is held at the school grounds at 3198 Washington Road, Parlin. Come enjoy shopping from local vendors, have your car washed, enjoy food and baked goods, tricky tray and have fun at the Kids Zone (carnival games, bounce houses, facepainting and more!). Admission to the fair is free, and tickets to the Kids Zone and for the tricky tray are available at the event. For more information or if you would like to purchase a vendor space please email arlethpto@gmail.com.

9th Annual Golf Outing

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 is holding its 9th Annual Golf Outing on Thursday, May 17 at the well-manicured Cruz Farm Golf Course in Farmingdale, NJ. Registration begins at 8:30 am, with tee-off at 9 am. Cost for event is \$100. This price includes entry into the events, 18 holes of golf, riding cart, lunch, dinner, golf shirt and many prizes. There will be an awards presentation and dinner directly after golf at the Knights of Columbus, 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. To help the Knights properly plan for this event, please pre-register by contacting Ray Suchcicki at 732-721-2025 or 732-406-2340.

Members Wanted

South Amboy Senior Citizens Club is seeking new members. Anyone 60 years old that lives in South Amboy or has an 08879 zip code is eligible to join. Meetings are every 2nd Wednesday at 12 noon at the

Senior Building on Stevens Ave. Come have fun and join us for lunch and see if you are interested and would like to join. Call Gretchen at 732-721-2501 or Sandy at 732-721-6576.



Pictured (l-r) are Cathy Schwartz, Parade Committee, Donna Williams, Parade Committee, Cathy Di Maggio, Pete Di Maggio, owners of Delio's Pizza, and honored as "Special Guests for the St. Patrick's Parade," and Jan "Man" Williams. (Photo/story by Joe Lotkowitz)

The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, MS

In this month's article I want to provide some tips to take if you should ever experience a residential fire and must evacuate. Some of these life-saving tips will be the result of a deadly fire that occurred in a 5 story multi-family apartment building in the Bronx section of New York City. The fire occurred in the middle of the holiday season, December 28th, 2017, at approximately 6:50 pm, with weather conditions in the bone-chilling teens. This deadly fire took the lives of 12 innocent residents and had devastating effects on many others. Could this fire have been prevented? Did 12 people have to lose their lives? It was determined that the fire was started by a three-year-old boy playing with the gas stove in his ground floor apartment. A question that comes up is, "if the fire was started in the kitchen of the ground floor apartment and contained to that area, how come so many people died on the upper floors?"

The deaths on the upper floors were a result of the flames shooting out of the ground floor apartment and traveling up the interior open stairwell as if it was a chimney. Residents were trapped in their apartments and in the stairwell as toxic smoke and heat traveled throughout the open areas. The rapid ascent of the flames could have been lessened or maybe even prevented if the residents of the fire apartment closed the door behind them as they exited the burning apartment. Unfortunately, the open apartment door allowed the super heated flames and poison gases to travel unimpeded upward until reaching the top floors. In so doing, the flames and smoke overcame the residents in the stairwell as they tried in vain to escape. A baby was found cradled in her mother's arms in a bathtub as both attempted to escape the flames and smoke but to no avail as both succumbed to the fire. Some residents were trapped on the upper floors because they either didn't know there was an outside fire escape or did not know how to use it.

Fires can spread quickly and fill the home with smoke, making visibility and breathing

difficult. Planning what you would do in case of a fire, before it occurs, increases your chance of survival. Here are some tips on fire safety: Identify the exits at home or at a place of temporary housing if you are staying away on vacation. Get out fast; you can make the 911 call from outside safely. Check doors for heat before opening them. If they are hot it is likely there is a fire on the other side. Stay low to the ground to avoid breathing the toxins of deadly smoke. If any part of your clothing catches fire, STOP, DROP, and ROLL. Don't use the elevators while attempting to escape, you can be trapped inside. Some heat sensitive call buttons will send the elevator car to the fire floor. If you can't get out of the fire building, secure your room and yourself. Seal up spaces and ducts where smoke can penetrate. If you do escape, set up a meeting place outside the home where the entire family could meet and be accounted for. When leaving your apartment, home, or fire-room, close the door behind you. This procedure will contain the fire for a period of time and reduce the spread of smoke and fire which may make it easier for others to escape. Once you are safely outside the fire structure, then call 911 or the fire department. Do not re-enter the fire building for any reason, you may not get the opportunity to get back out safely. If you think others may be trapped inside, notify the fire department immediately upon their arrival. Consider these fire safety tips and practice them BEFORE a fire occurs, it just might save your life.

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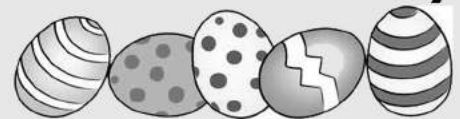


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Experience Chinese Culture with Celebrate! The Year of the Dog event on Sunday, April 29 from 1:30-3:30 pm at Sadie Pope Dowdell Library in South Amboy. Fun activities will be available for the whole family, starting at 1:30 pm sharp with a dazzling Lion Dance performed by students from the Edison Chinese School. A delightful traditional dance, fashion show, and music performance will follow. Art stations featuring Chinese painting, calligraphy and origami demonstrations will also be showcased. Attendees with food tickets will be treated to traditional Chinese refreshments at the conclusion of the program. Directions: www.dowdell.org

Celebrate National Library Week from April 9-14 with fun activities! Also, enter for a chance to win a gift basket simply by checking out materials when you stop in the library.

Olaf – Dowdell Library's Book Buddy will return on Wednesday, April 11 from 3:30-4:30 pm. Please make him happy, and read to him! Ages 0-100!

Haven't filed your taxes yet? Sign up NOW to reserve one of the remaining spaces available provided by VITA (United Way). VITA free tax preparation assistance for individuals earning less than \$64,000 per year is available on the following dates. Monday, April 9 for drop off service only from 10 am to 12 noon. Pick up return on Wednesday April 11 from 10 am to 12 noon. Registration is recommended: 732-721-6060

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Join us for the Earth Day Party on Friday, April 20 from 3:30-4:30 pm. Plant a seed for Earth Day while learning about ways to help the environment.

Drop in for Preservation Day on Wednesday, April 25 from 11 am to 4 pm with your South Amboy photographs and documents to have us scan them for you. Help keep South Amboy history alive.

Learn how to make fast, fresh rice rolls and dipping sauce on Wednesday, April 25 from 11-11:30 am, just in time for Celebrate! Year of the Dog Celebration on Sunday, April 29 from 1:30-3:30 pm!

Take part in Children's Book Day (El dia de los libros) April 30 from 3:30-4:30 pm. Come in for a craft and Bilingual Storytime as you listen to stories in Spanish/English!

Do you have knitting or crocheting questions? Stop by and enjoy working on your knitting projects while chatting with friends. Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. 6 - 8 pm.

To learn about upcoming library programs, sign up for the monthly eNewsletter at <http://dowdell.org/newslettersignup.html>

The Dowdell Library's hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm, and Saturday from 12 to 4 pm. For more information, please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

**THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 62 GOLF
OUTING FUNDRAISER**

The American Legion, Post 62 will be having a Golf Outing Fundraiser to help us rebuild our post after 5 long years. The outing will take place on April 28, 2018, at The Bunker Hill Golf Course, 220 Bunker Hill Rd., Princeton, NJ. Price is \$125.00 per golfer, if you are not able to be there and you or your company would like to make a donation or sponsor a hole, you can do that as well. Please make checks payable to The American Legion, Post 62, and your information (number of golfers/ name) to Mickey Gross, 421 Conover St., South Amboy 08879, by April 15th. Registration

begins at 6:30 am, with a shotgun start at 8:00 am. Awards for best team, 1st, 2nd & 3rd place, and a Hole in one prize. Included is lunch at the 10th tee, throughout the day, Hamburgers/Hot Dogs, snacks, beer, soda & water. Also included, is dinner, provided by The Outback Steak House, at the golf course, following the game. If you would like to attend the dinner only, the cost is \$60.00 per person. Any questions, you can contact The American Legion Post 62 via facebook or call Mickey Gross at 732-721-5031. Thank you for your support.

NYC Circle Line Trip June 14

Sacred Heart Seniors are sponsoring a trip to the New York City Circle Line on Thursday June 14. The Circle Line cruise will take passengers on a two and a half hour journey around the entire island of Manhattan. You'll see 5 boroughs, 21 bridges, plus up close views of the Statue of Liberty. You can have light lunch aboard and then at 2:30 p.m. have early dinner at the South Street Seaport before leaving for home. Cost of \$73 includes round trip motor coach transportation and Circle Line tickets. Motor coach will leave the Sacred Heart church parking lot at 9 a.m.

The Sacred Heart Seniors are also having a trip Tuesday July 24, to the Hunterdon Playhouse to see the show "Nunsense." Cost is \$90. The Seniors are also having a trip to the Crystal Point Yacht Club Tuesday August 7 to see Vincent Talerico and the Jersey Chix. Cost is \$70. The Seniors also have a Wednesday September 26 outing at Lakeside Manor Route 36 Hazlet for "Remembering Patti Page" Cost is \$51. Transportation is on your own. For more information on these trips call Judy at 732-727-0154.

Rite Of Election, Continuing Conversion

Local Catholic churches have listed their catechumens and also candidates for Continuing Conversion 2018. St. Mary Church-Catachumen-Maureen Okwuonu; Sacred Heart Church-Catachumen-Wendy Medina; St. Bernadette Church-Catachumen-

Linda Crawford; St. Ambrose Church, Old Bridge-Catachumens-Brianna Fusik, Susan McCavit, Cory Frink, Nyliyah Torres, Mya Torres, Arianna Vergara, Darias Vergara, Vernice Vergara; Candidate-Belinda Torres

Sayreville Rec Bus Trips To Yankee Stadium

The Borough of Sayreville Recreation Dept. has announced its bus trips to Yankee Stadium for the 2018 baseball season. The three trips are as follows: June 15 vs. Tampa Bay Rays; July 27 vs. Kansas City Royals; August 17 vs. Toronto Blue Jays.

All games start at 7 p.m. and cost is \$95 per ticket. Prices include ticket and transportation to and from Yankee Stadium. Bus leaves Mickey Sedlak Rec Center at 4:15 p.m. sharp.

**Pancake Breakfast
April 15**

St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Council #10281 will hold a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday April 15 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, in the basement of the St. Lawrence Church, Lawrence Parkway, Lawrence Harbor. Admission: adult-\$8, children 12 & under, \$4. Menu includes Orange Juice, scrambled eggs, sausage patties, ham, coffee and tea. Please attend this fundraiser and enjoy the day!

**Trip to Indian
Head Resort- New
Hampshire**

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Indian Head Resort in New Hampshire from July 16 - 19, 2018. The cost of the trip is \$592.00 which includes accommodations at the lodge, Welcome Reception, breakfast and dinner at the lodge, train ride, boat ride and lunch, use of all the amenities at the lodge. For further information or to reserve a seat please contact Carmen at 732-254-9425

Past Business



1976-This vintage photo of Ye Olde Spye Inn was taken by Al Gomolka Jr. from a boat on Morgan Creek. Ye Olde Spye Inn is one of the most legendary and known historical sites in the Borough of Sayreville history.



Congratulations!

Capt. James Ryan, formerly of South Amboy was promoted to deputy chief of the South Brunswick Police Dept., which is the fourth time in the department's history there has been a new deputy chief. Ryan is a 23-year department veteran, and has worked in all phases of the department. During his outstanding career, he has received 56 letters of commendation, awards and medals. Ryan is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, and New Jersey Chiefs Association Command and Leadership School. He has a master's degree in criminal justice and is an adjunct professor at Middlesex County College. Congratulations and best of luck, Deputy Chief Ryan!



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South Amboy Knights Golf Outing Seeks Sponsors

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 will hold its 9th Annual Golf Outing on May 17th at Cruz Farm Golf Course in Farmingdale, NJ. The Knights are in need of sponsors to help them financially with the outing. Different levels of a hole sponsorship are: \$100, \$75, \$50. Prizes or any hole sponsorship will be recognized. Please consider a donation of a product, service or gift certificate, which will be raffled off at the banquet dinner. All raffle sponsors will be mentioned in the official program. For more info on sponsoring a hole or a prize, please contact the tournament chairman and co-chair: Ray Suchcicki 732-721-2025 or 732-406-2340.

Welcome!



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (r) welcomes new Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski (l). (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Memories



SA Times feature writer John Phillips (r) is pictured at the U.S. Marine Corps Boot Camp at Parris Island, South Carolina in September 1958. He said, "It was taken after a 10-mile walk in the sun. My Drill Instructor (DI) was showing me how to put up a tent in the field." (Photo/info by John Phillips)

Polish Night Celebration

Our Lady of Victories Knights of Columbus Council #2061 will be holding its 2018 Polish Night Celebration on Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 7 pm - 12 am at the Victorian Hall - 775 Washington Rd. Parlin (the Council Home). Tickets are \$35.00 per person and include Buffet Dinner, Open Bar and music by "THE POLKA FAMILY BAND" from Pennsylvania.

Contact Joe Halmi at 732 721-4563 or Jim Poltrictzky at 732 254-8896 to reserve your spot or table today!



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*Mayor Fred A. & Linda Henry
and Family*



History Of Spiral Metals Building

By Bruce Grankowski

I remember the Spiral Metals building very well. My late father-in-law, Joe Juliano bought the building from Vernon Chevalier Sr. back around 1975 or so. After Joe passed away, Julian's Enterprises turned into Sisters Trucking. My wife, Ann Juliano was the president. The business eventually closed. The building was split up into many smaller sections. There was also a HVAC company in the building called Airborne Heating & Refrigeration. The largest section of the building was operated as a trucking company, called Julian's Enterprises. It housed and maintained a small fleet of semi-tractors and the trailers that were parked in an area behind the building. Later this section of the building was rented to a machine shop owned by a guy named Joe K. He also did specialty work on guns, that were used in motion pictures. Some of the other businesses included a automotive repair shop, run by local mechanic the late, Jim Ostrander. There was also a section of the building rented by Raritan Speed Shop where they worked on dragsters and funny cars. There was an Electric Motor Repair shop in one of the buildings operated by the late Dan Maliszewski. Don Zampella and a partner had a automotive oil supply business for a few years, but I don't remember the name.

The Veltre Brothers operated a small body shop in one of the building and they also did motorcycle repairs and custom painting. A business called Superior Teletype was there for years, and repaired teletype machines that were popular before the age of beepers and pagers. Remember pagers? In the late 80's, there was another trucking business primarily with flatbed trailers called JonMar Trucking under the ownership of Mr. Dick Smith. They are still in business in Old Bridge.

After Julian's Enterprise trucking closed, I myself had a successful truck repair business called Diesel Plus, for about 10 years. There were about 10 other businesses that I saw come and go, but I don't recall all their names or owners. Some businesses lasted a year or two and others were there for about 15 years. Many of the business owners were all local people. The building was there until about 1994 or so, until the property was bought by the City.

*A huge thank you goes out to Bruce Grankowski for providing us with a complete and most interesting history of the building that was at the same location many years ago, where the South Amboy YMCA is currently located.

Readers Recall Ward Products

Another business that was located where the South Amboy YMCA is now located was Ward Products. SA Times reader Anita Quigley said, "I believe a company called Ward Products was there. I worked there in the late 70's. An unidentified gentleman said that "Ward products made at the location were antennas and magnetic antennas."

Readers Recall Spiral Metals Building

Anita Quigley worked at the building in the late 1970's. She said the company was called Ward Products back then.

Trip to Historic Virginia

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Historic Virginia from June 5 to June 8, 2018. The cost of the trip is \$735.00 which includes accommodations, bus transportation, daily breakfast,

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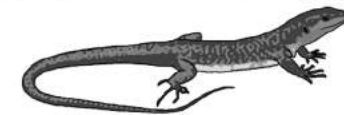
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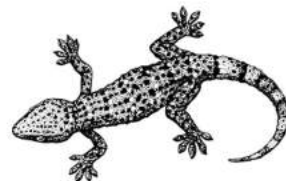
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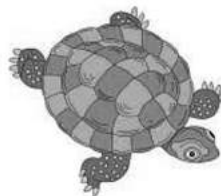
This young lady showed no fear handling this exotic snake.



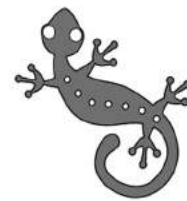
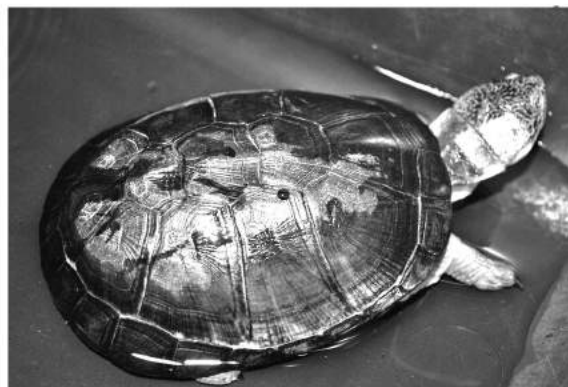
Harold, one of the most popular vendors, holds a small Alligator Snapping turtle.



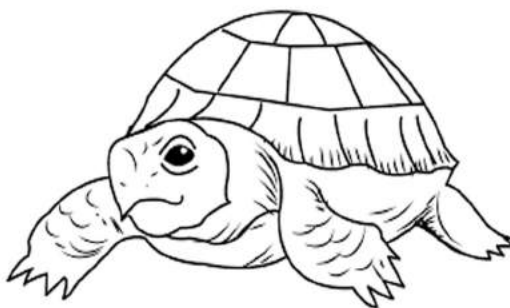
There were all types of tortoises at the show, and this beautiful Red Foot sold for \$225.



All kinds of snakes from everywhere dominated this outstanding event. There were also frogs, lizards and much more!



Many species of aquatic turtles caught the attention of the thousands of people who attended the show.



Show promoter Denise J. Readinger (r) visits with a vendor, who shows off one of his snakes.



Upcoming Show Dates:

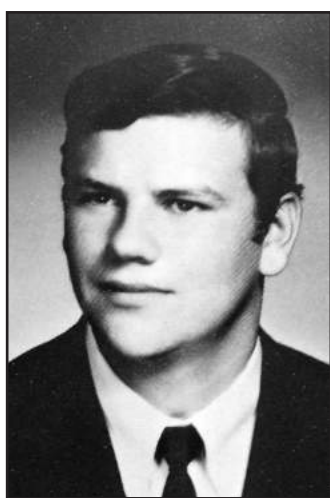
April 28th: June 9th: Aug. 4th: Oct. 20th: Dec. 1st.

For more info go to: CaptiveTR1@gmail.com.

My Cousin Dan Weinman

By Al Gomolka Jr.

On March 19, 2018, Danny Weinman of Flower Mound, Texas, passed away at the age of 66. My cousin, born and bred in South Amboy, was raised more like my brother. We shared our childhood in and about South Amboy from ages 3-19. Dan was quite the sports star. He starred in baseball at Glassboro State College, and played continuously competitive hardball into his mid 50's! He was a high school state champion in baseball on the '69 team, and a semi-pro league national champion for his Texas league team. Dan was ever-so popular with a dynamic personality



Danny Weinman

making hundreds if not thousands of friends during his lifetime.

Staying dedicated to his hometown of South Amboy, Dan would visit at least once or twice every year to spend time with his family and his many friends. Dan enjoyed playing a round of golf, visiting his favorite Jersey beach-Belmar, and enjoying the thin-crust pizza at the Monaghan House. The multitude of memories we shared will remain in my heart forever. I, along with so many others will miss

Danny-my special cousin, and a great man.

Easter Bunny Breakfast

At South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426

Photos by Tom Burkard



The Easter Bunny greets young twins during the Easter Egg Hunt.



Cheryl Schmid, President of the Columbiettes is hard at work in the kitchen during the breakfast.



Nine-month old Jeff Lampart is so happy to meet the Easter Bunny for the first time.



South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 and Columbiettes are pictured after another great event.



Two happy families had excellent food and a great time visiting with the Easter Bunny.



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Taylor Bernosky (r) played at a sold out Count Basie Theater for Brian Kirk's annual Santa for Lunch break. During the show she had the opportunity to play along with David Bryan (l) the keyboardist and soon to be inducted member of the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame along with the Bon Jovi band. (Photo/info submitted)

5th Annual Jammin for Jaclyn Benefit Concert

The 5th Annual Jammin for Jaclyn Benefit Concert will be held on April 21, 2018. 100% of the proceeds will go to Katya Hernandez and Chris Szatkowski, both fighting Cancer.

Take note of our new LARGER Venue, Knights of Columbus in Sayreville 775 Washington Road, Sayreville. Wheelchair accessible and more parking. Please join us for an Endless Hot and Cold Buffet and Continuous Live Bands. \$25/pp Adults Only

Bon Jovi Album Hits #1...Again

The Bon Jovi album "This House is Not For Sale" hit #1 on the Billboard chart in November 2016 around Thanksgiving, and then quickly fell down on the chart. It disappeared on the Albums Chart, but was re-released in February with two new songs, "When We Were Us," and "Walls," and rocketed to #1 for the week dated March 10.

Please.

Cancer does not discriminate. Anyone can be struck at anytime, please help. Contact Denise Morgan at 732-525-9536 for further information. If you would like to donate prior to the event, checks can be made to RJC Charities Inc. Mail to 292 Stevens Avenue South Amboy NJ 08879. jamminforjaclyn.weebly.com <https://www.facebook.com/Jammin-for-Jaclyn-826847727403904/>

Free Country Concert

Jake's Country Band with a line dancing teacher will perform a FREE concert sponsored by the Sayreville Cultural Arts Council on Wednesday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sayreville Senior Center, 423 Main St. This band performs classic and contemporary country songs. Join in the line dancing with easy step-by-step instructions. All ages invited; light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Edna at 908-208-2358 or email Sayrevilleculturalarts@gmail.com.



Steve Schmid (l) sings lead on golden oldie "Charlie Brown" as Grand Knight Jack Mieczkowski (c) plays guitar along with Ed Vassallo (r). The trio proudly entertained the crowd at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 Open Mic Night. (Photo/story by Joe Lotkowitz)

Sayreville HS Marching Band Mattress Fundraiser

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Richie Sambora, Alec John Such To Reunite At Rock Hall Ceremony

By Steve Schmid

Good news for Bon Jovi fans. Former members Richie Sambora and Alex John Such plan to join the rest of the band at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremony Saturday April 14 at the Cleveland Public Hall. Sayreville native and band leader Jon Bon Jovi, revealed during a recent radio broadcast that Sambora and Such are looking forward to participating in the induction ceremony. Bon Jovi said the two former band members will celebrate and perform. Sambora departed the band in 2013 and original bassist Such left in 1994. The band's

Jon Bon Jovi, Tico Torres, David Bryan and Hugh McDonald also will be recognized with The Cars, Dire Straits, the Moody Blues, Nina Simone, and Sister Rosetta Tharpe. Bon Jovi said in that interview he never wanted to be in anybody's club, but the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame is a pretty cool club to be in. The band's North American "This House is Not for Sale" tour began March 14 in Denver and concludes May 14 at the Capital One Arena in Washington D.C. The tour includes two local shows April 7 and 8 at the Prudential Center in Newark.

Sayreville VFW Post 4699 Sets Date For "Classic Rock/Oldies Dinner Dance"

The Ladies Auxiliary "Support the Troops" annual benefit Dinner Dance has set its date for Saturday April 21st at the Post Home, 575 Jernee Mill Rd., Sayreville. Doors will open at 6 pm, and \$50 per person gets you an open bar, buffet dinner, and live music from 7 to 11 pm, featuring "Clem and Friends," Central Jersey's premier musicians playing your favorite Oldies and Classic

rock from the 50's thru the 70's! This is the post's 3rd year hosting this event, so mark your calendar, let your friends know, get a table or two of them together, and c'mon out and support our troops, while dancing "close" to the oldies, or rockin out to your favorites of years gone by...for more info and tix call, Carmen@732-254-9425, or Val @ 732-727-0174.

Open Mic April 27

For all of you singers and musicians, the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are holding their next Open Mic Friday April 27 beginning at 8 p.m. No cover charge. Snacks and refreshments are available. For more information call 732-721-2025

You Tube-In

2018-A red-hot, new song, "When We Were Us," is another notch in Bon Jovi's musical magic, with terrific lyrics and great music...A few great instrumentals from the 60's to make you relax and remember those good old days include: 1960-The Percy Faith Orchestra had a #1 hit "Theme From A Summer Place" which was written for the popular movie "A Summer Place." 1962-"Stranger On The Shore" is a beautiful instrumental that featured outstanding clarinet playing by Mr. Acker Bilk, and went right to the top of the charts. Also during the same year, lyrics were put to the music, and Andy Williams sang it up to #38 on the Top 40 chart...1963-Pianist Bill Pursell's relaxing instrumental "Our Winter Love" went all the way to #9... 1968- "Cab Driver" by the Mills Brothers peaked at #23 on the Billboard charts. It sounds more like country flavor, but somehow did very well in Pop music...



Kennedy Performs In S.A.



On the eve of St. Patrick's Day the South Amboy Arts District and South Amboy Parade Committee presented a free concert featuring Seamus Kennedy. All in attendance had a great time listening to tradiional Irish songs and Kennedy's comedic wit



Happy Easter

From The Officers And Members Of The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426

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By Tom Burkard

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| 1. __ 96 Tears | a. The Rolling Stones |
| 2. __ A Tear Fell | b. The Miracles |
| 3. __ Tears In Heaven | c. Little Anthony & The Imperials |
| 4. __ As Tears Go By | d. La Vern Baker |
| 5. __ Tears Of A Clown | e. Jackie Wilson |
| 6. __ Tears On My Pillow | f. Al Martino |
| 7. __ I Cried A Tear | g. The Drifters |
| 8. __ I Count The Tears | h. Question ? & The Mysterians |
| 9. __ Lonely Teardrops | i. Teresa Brewer |
| 10. __ Tears And Roses | j. Eric Clapton |

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

School Sports

By Tom Burkard
(as of 3/20/18)

2017-2018 Final Basketball

Scoring Leaders

Girls

Sayreville (15-12)

Total Points-Jackie Ventricelli 331 Lyssandra Delacosta 299 Serina Townes 170 Stephanie Van Note 158 Jaci Jurkiewicz 151 Janeva Holland 145.

Scoring Avg.-Ventricelli 13.8 Delacosta 11.5 Townes 7.4 Van Note 6.3 Jurkiewicz 6.3 Holland 6.0.

South Amboy (6-12)

Total Points-Julie Olivieri 168 Alexis Calisti 140 Renee Piazzolla 7.2.

Scoring Avg.-Olivieri 9.3 Calisti 7.7 Piazzolla 7.2.

Boys

Sayreville (16-9)

Total Points-Elijah Clark 217 Zac Kaczmarek 207 Zaire Jackson 183 Derek Astarita 145 Jajuan Macklin 133 Patrick Sekman 110.

Scoring Avg.-Clark 10.8 Kaczmarek 9.0 Jackson 7.6 Astarita 6.6 Sekman 6.5 Macklin 6.3.

South Amboy (2-20)

Total Points-Kyle Gasiewski 374 Louie Martinez 126 John McCleery 117 Steve McLaughlin 110.

Scoring Avg.-Gasiewski 18.7 Martinez 7.8 McCleery 6.1 McLaughlin 5.5.

Wrestling

Sayreville (20-5)

Top Wrestlers/Won-Lost records

Sayvon Kirksey 26-8 Trevor Mastorio 21-5 Darren Figueroa 14-5 Joseph Gonca 14-5 Benedict Arthur 14-7 Dylan Acevedo 8-2 Elijah Ade-Festus 8-5 Mykhaylo Khalabudnyak 7-3 Jalen Roman 6-3.



Alex Santiago of Bishop Ahr HS (Sayreville resident), became the fourth boys player in the school's history to score 1,000 points for his career. Alex (l) proudly holds his 1,000 point basketball with his old coach Darius Griffin, Jr. (r). (Photo/info courtesy of Mary Griffin)

Santiago Joins 1,000-Point Club

On February 18, 2018, senior captain and standout, Alex Santiago scored his 1,000th point for Bishop Ahr by connecting on a 3-point shot during a quarterfinal GMC playoff game against Old Bridge. He is the fourth player in school history to reach to 1,000 points for his career. Santiago is a three year starter for the Trojans of Bishop Ahr and averaged 19 points a game during his senior season. For his career Santiago finishes with 1,004 total points.

Lewis Ranked #6 In Nation

Rutgers' Richie Lewis is currently ranked #6 in the nation at 165-pounds, and competed in the NCAA Championships in Cleveland. Lewis, son of Cardinal McCarrick's legendary boys' basketball coach Joe Lewis, had an outstanding final collegiate season. After capturing a 70-kilogram world title in November at the U-23 World Championships in Poland, he moved to the 165 pound class, probably the strongest weight class in the U.S.A., after previously wrestling at the 157 class.

Ivy Coach of the Year

Sayreville wrestling coach Marcus Ivy was selected Home News Tribune 2017-18 Wrestling Coach of the Year after guiding his young team to the GMC White Division championship, and a superb (20-5) record. Ivy took over the reins at Bomberland in 2012, and now after 6 seasons, has compiled a fine (89-46) mark.

A modest gentleman, Ivy heaped praise on his assistant coaches, Phil Bouchard, Ramon Santiago, one of the best Bomber wrestlers in history, Rich Bates, and Frank Roman, in addition to the Sayreville Recreation Department for its "amazing" program which develops young wrestlers each year.

Ivy received other prestigious honors this year including his second GMC White Division Coach of the Year, and also won District 19 Coach of the Year for the first time. Congratulations to Coach Marcus Ivy and his standout Bombers team on their accomplishments throughout the season!

College Notebook

Basketball

Marques Townes (Cardinal McCarrick/St. Joseph's) has scored 369 points, 11.2 avg., and has a field goal pct. Of .519 for a strong Loyola (Chicago) University (30-5) club. Loyola, seeded #11 in the NCAA Tournament South Regional has won its first 2 games in the tourney...Jehyve Floyd (Sayreville) topped Holy Cross University (12-19) in most major offensive categories including points 377, scoring avg. 12.2, blocks-67, rebounds-173, rebound avg. 5.6, field goals made-165, field goal pct. .668... Alissa Bikowski (South Amboy) had a fine freshman basketball season at Middlesex County College (MCC) (18-11). She averaged 6 ppg., 2.3 assists, 2.1 steals, and 2.8 rebounds. Melissa recently played her first collegiate softball game, and blasted a home run!...Steve Herdman (South Amboy), senior captain for FDU-Florham (3-22) finished his 4-year varsity career with 83 points, 4.4 avg., 25 assists, and 39 rebounds for the 2017-18 season...South Amboy resident Joe Duffy scored 30 points and grabbed 8 rebounds for FDU-Florham...Coach Tony Bozzella's Seton Hall University women's basketball team finished (16-15) this season. Bozzella began his coaching career at St. Mary's HS with the girls basketball team.

Softball

Erin Fitzsimmons (Sayreville) has pitched in 2 games for Ramapo College (4-2). She is (1-0) in 10.2 innings, with 4 strikeouts, a miniscule 0.66 ERA, and allowed opponents to a weak .118 batting avg. when facing her...Jackie Riley (Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's) is batting .240 with 6 RBI for Kean University (7-1)...Kelly Duffy (Sayreville) has excelled for Rowan University (11-3), and in 10 innings, has allowed no runs, struck out 4, and sports a (1-0) record...Christina Misiur (Sayreville) has 2 hits and 2 RBI for Caldwell University (3-9). In '17, she batted .235 with a homer and 8 RBI...Skylar Keller (Sayreville) is belting the ball for a .366 avg., with 10 RBI and 13 runs scored for MCC... Frosh Ryane Brush (Sayreville) is having a great start with the College of St. Rose (NY), (2-8). She is leading the club with 7 RBI, and slugging pct. .577, and is #3 with a .385 batting avg. Ryane also blasted her first collegiate home run and went 2-for-3 vs. West Virginia Wesleyan...

Baseball

Two locals are playing for Rutgers-Newark (5-5): Tim Kales (South Amboy) is off to a flying start on the pitcher's mound, and in 2 games as a reliever, has pitched 4.2 innings, allowed only 1 hit and no earned runs...Teammate Danny Iannaccone, a Sayreville resident (St. Joseph's HS) has 1 hit in 8 at-bats.



Kaczmarek Top Swimmer

Iona College senior Elizabeth Kaczmarek was one of the top performers for the women's swim team at the 2017-2018 MAAC Swimming and Diving Championships held February 14-17 in Buffalo, N.Y.

Kaczmarek came roaring back in the 200-yard Individual Medley, passing three swimmers in the last 100-yards, to win gold at 2:06.76. The win was Kaczmarek's second straight gold medal in the event and her fastest time ever. Her pace was just off of the school record of 2:06.16, set three years ago. In the 400-Individual Medley event, Kaczmarek took the lead in the butterfly leg and never looked back, winning gold at 4:31.58, by nearly two seconds. The win was Kaczmarek's second gold medal of the meet, defending both of her titles from last year's championships.

Kaczmarek placed sixth in the 200-yard Breaststroke with a career best time at 2:25.75. She was also the last leg of the 400-yard Freestyle Relay which, with four career best splits and a cumulative school record time of 3:29.48, rallied to place second for a silver medal. The Lady Gael's swim team took third place overall, which was their highest finish at the MAAC Championships since 1995.

In addition, Elizabeth also earned the distinction of being part of the MAAC Swimming and Diving All-Academic Team. She is a graduate of Sayreville War Memorial High School. Congratulations on a successful collegiate swimming career!



Elizabeth Kaczmarek

Taite Chosen CACC Player Of The Year



In what has been a season full of personal and team accomplishments, junior guard Corey Taite (Sayreville) added to his growing basketball resume by being selected as the Central Atlantic Conference Player of the Year, the first Goldey-Beacom College player in history to garner the honor. He was also tabbed 1st Team All-East Region by the Conference Commissioner's Association, and a member of the CACC All-Tournament Team.

Taite has excelled in all phases of the game, playmaking, scoring, defense and overall team play have helped Goldey-Beacom capture the CACC South Division championship for the first time since 2012.

He has been ranked among the national leaders in most offensive categories for the season, and led his team in points-581, scoring avg.-19.4, steals-67, 3-point field goals-69, 3-point field goal pct.-.439, field goals-177, assists-104.

With another year to go, Taite is #4 in

school history with 1,236 points, #2 with 318 free throws, #2 with a .396 three-point percentage, #3 with 148 three-pointers, #4 with 268 assists, #4 with 167 steals, #5 with 385 field goals and #7 with 388 rebounds. Taite also is #3 in team history with 581 single-season points and #2 with 158 single-season free throws.

In 2016, Corey was picked as a member of the City of Basketball Love All-Rookie Team, and he has been named CACC Player of the Week 3 times, and to the CACC Weekly Honor Roll 8 times.

Goldey-Beacom (20-10, 15-4 CACC) tied the school record for most victories, marking the fourth time it has done this, and notched back-to-back 20-win seasons for the second time in program history (2009-10, 2010-11). It also advanced to the CACC Tournament semifinals and won 11 of its last 13 contests. Congratulations Corey on an incredible season!

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Sports Archives



1967-68-The talented Hoffman Governors are pictured back row (l-r) manager Bill Parsons, Coach Ray "Butch" Tomaszewski, Jim Lyons, Fran Chonsky, Al "Jocko" Jakimowicz, Greg Havlusch, Tom Lange, Jerry Disbrow, Larry Kurzawa, Leo Dohan, Jim Tingle. Kneeling (l-r) Bob Keegan, Curt Wood.

Long Ago In Local Sports



1952-St. Mary's senior athletes gather around a classy convertible driven by Danny Kilcomins. Pictured standing (l-r) ?, Walsh, Joe Creed, "Toby" Tabasko, ?, ?, Trinley, ?, ?. In front seat of car with Kilcomins are Frank "Butch" O'Brien, and John Kupcha. (Back seat) ?, ?. Can anyone identify the question marks? Please let us know. (Photo/names courtesy of John Phillips)

City Series: Moments Of Glory

25 Years Ago

1993-Soph Shannon Kemble connected on a clutch, 15-foot jump shot with 0:07 left to give St. Mary's a thrilling 51-49 victory over Hoffman. The Lady Eagles trailed 49-45 with 2:00 remaining, when Jen Silvestri found the range for 2 field goals to tie it at 49-49. Rosalie LaRosa topped SM with 10 points and 9 rebounds, while Silvestri scored 9 points. Kristy Parfianowicz burned the nets for 26 points for the Lady Guvs, and Karen McNerny hit for 10.

70 Years Ago

Game #1
1948-Hoffman upset the undefeated Eagles of St. Mary's (6-0), by a score of 41-39 before an SRO crowd at Hoffman High Gym. The Saints led 12-9 after one quarter, but Hoffman took a 23-17 lead at intermission. The Blue & Gold cut it to 30-28 after three, but could not overtake the fired-up Guvs. Ray Wisniewski led the scoring parade with 14 points, followed by teammates Jimmy Burkard 12, and John "Skeets" Skarzynski 10. Ray Stockton paced St. Mary's with 9, and Johnny O'Brien chipped in with 8 points.
Boxscore
Hoffman 41
Wisniewski 14 Burkard 12 Skarzynski 10 Stan Kowaleski 3 Howie Wray 2 O'Connor 0 LaRue 0 Hassalacher 0.

St. Mary's 39
Stockton 9 J. O'Brien 8 Jerry Connors 6 Jerry Hoban 6 Jack McKeon 5 Eddie O'Brien 5 Bob "Ace" Hennessey 0.

Back In Those College Days

Jamie White (Hoffman/now South Amboy HS) played softball and basketball at Towson University...Rachel Rodis (Sayreville) was on the swimming team at William Paterson University...Karen

90 Years Ago

1928
Game #2
South Amboy shocked unbeaten St. Mary's, 27-23 to snap the Saints 17-game winning streak. South Amboy's Ansel Morris topped all scorers with 13 points. Stan "Sweets" Jankowski and Johnny Grimes were high for St. Mary's with 8 points apiece.
Boxscore
South Amboy 27
Morris 13 Eugene "Jimmy" Dobrzynski 5 Bill Kurtz 4 Nicorvo 4 Hourahan 1 Peterson 0 Lawrence 0.

St. Mary's 23
Jankowski 8 Grimes 8 Gelsinon 4 Lou Lagoda 2 Ed Carroll 1 Walling 0.



1968-Daylight Bakery Champions Seek Photos

South Amboy Little League/Little Fellas League first undefeated champions in history, the 1968 Daylight Bakery team will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary of that most memorable season. Patrick Douglas, a key member of the championship team is seeking a team photo or any pictures of the team or players.

If anyone can help him out, please contact The SA Times at 732-727-0398 or e-mail: satimes@aol.com.



Glory Days In Local Sports

1950-Hoffman eased past Lakewood, 53-49 in hoops action. John "Skeets" Skarzynski fired in 27 points, and Charley Koerner added 14. 1965-Sayreville wrestlers had a fine season and finished with the following individual records: Gary Bodak (10-0), John Bergeron (10-1), Paul Caruso (8-3), Ted Zeh (8-3). 1978-The Governors mauled Monroe, 91-45, as Frank Kuziemski burned the nets for 22 points and ripped 9 rebounds. Billy Lewis connected for 18 points and also pulled down 9 rebounds, while Jim Bright scored 12 points. 1984-St. Mary's girls basketball team

jolted J.F.K., 60-38. Karen Waltz and Eleanor Wykpisz tossed in 14 points apiece, Marlene Wisniewski 12 points, 17 rebounds, Mary Jean Sabilia 10 points, 13 rebounds. 1993-J.P. Stevens girls basketball club trounced St. Mary's, 85-40 in the first round of the GMCT. Trish O'Toole led the locals with 22 points. 2003-Middletown North eliminated Sayreville boys basketball team in the first round of CJ Group IV state tourney play. John Wojcik led the Bombers with 13 points, followed by Steve Pugh with 12.

T.H.E. Game

Sport-Girls Basketball
Year-1980

Teams-Hoffman (21-1) vs. Sayreville (16-6)
Recap-Sue Akerman pumped in 16 points and ripped 20 rebounds to lead Reggie Carney's Lady Guvs to a 68-53 triumph over Sayreville. Linda Smith scored 12 points, Sue Check 10 points and 18 rebounds, including her 1,000th career point, Carol Akerman 11, and Jamie White 10 for Hoffman. Sue Allman led Sayreville with 18, and McFeeley added 11.
Player-of-the-Game-Sue Akerman

Scoring:
Hoffman 68
S. Akerman 16 Smith 12 C. Akerman 11 Check 10 White 10 Patty McCabe 7 Buckalew 2.
Sayreville 53
Allman 18 McFeeley 11 Almeida 9 McGuire 6 Klein 5 McCurdy 2 Ritter 2.

Salomon Remembered

Fred Salomon, 78, of Sayreville died on Feb. 19. He was a talented all-around athlete at Sayreville High School, and helped the Bombers basketball team to a fine (17-5) record, in addition to winning the first Holiday Festival Tournament championship during the 1957-58 season. He will never be forgotten.

15 Years Ago

Eagles Win County And State Basketball Tournaments

2003-Cardinal McCarrick Coach Joe Lewis guided the Eagles to basketball championships in the Greater Middlesex County Tournament (GMCT) and also the South Jersey Parochial B Tournament.

In the GMCT, standout Mika Wilson had a huge game with 20 points, 18 rebounds, and 4 blocked shots to take the MVP honors as St. Mary's topped powerful St. Joseph's of Metuchen, 67-56. Junior forward Billy Wagner also excelled with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

St. Mary's then went on to win its first South Jersey Parochial B Sectional title since 1980, by topping a tough Wildwood Catholic, 67-51 behind Wilson's 32 points, 19 rebounds and 3 blocks. Guard Ed Fulham fired in 10 points for the Blue & Gold.

Shereyka Holds MCC Records

Jennifer Shereyka (Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's) is in the Middlesex County College (MCC) record books. A Class of 2013 graduate, she holds the seasonal marks for: batting avg.-.571; runs scored-58; hits-72; doubles-20 (tied for the most)...Colleen Waxmundsky (Sayreville) holds the MCC record for stolen bases-26, and stolen base attempts-31. She graduated from MCC in 1994.

C.Y.O. Days

1959-Sacred Heart CYO basketball team slugged St. James of Woodbridge, 60-40 as Ed Pietraszka poured in 22 points, and Len Blaszk 21, as the Hearts record improved to (7-0) in the High School Division...1959-60-Sacred Heart Grammar School Division team under Coach Jim Inman had its best season ever with a (39-9) record, and averaged 42 points per game, and allowed only 24.7 ppg.

70 Years Ago

1947-48-St. Mary's C.Y.O. sponsored a basketball team that played in the South Amboy Men's Senior Basketball League. The club was coached by Allie Clark and featured an outstanding roster of Reggie Carney Sr., John "Red" Connors, Nick Fuller, Jim Croddick, George Harkins, John Wortley, Joe Crowe Sr., Leo Kedzierski, Ed Skarzynski, Bill Kennedy, Frank "Box" Zebro.

25 Years Ago

1993-Sayreville boys basketball team ripped St. Mary's, 83-55 as Paul Thompson and Chris Sola fired in 25 points apiece. Rob Markovitch tossed in 11 for the Blue & Gray. Matt Cannon topped the Eagles with 18 points.

The Bombers girls basketball squad also breezed by the Lady Eagles, 53-29. Dana Feltz pumped in 23 points and Joanne Pachkowski added 12 points and 9 assists for Sayreville.

15 Years Ago

2003-Kiersten McCarthy, South Amboy HS senior star basketball player joined the elusive 1,000 point scoring club against Carteret.

Congratulations!



Congratulations go out to Sayreville's own S.J. Golebeski, for being a member of the winning team at this year's Daytona 500. S.J. is a "Tire Specialist" at Richard Childress Racing, working on the Dow Sponsored #3 Chevy Camaro, driven by Austin Dillon. This is the team's 2nd win together, after gathering their 1st win at the Coca Cola 600 last May. S.J. is a 2010 Graduate of Cardinal McCarrick High School. The picture above shows S.J. with one of the rear tires used in the Traditional "Burnout of Donuts" after the win, and the Car is on display at Daytona USA, for the next year! Way to go S.J.! (Photo/story submitted by proud parents Steve & Carol Golebeski)

Hoffman Won State Title 55 Years Ago



1963 Group I Basketball Champions-The legendary Hoffman H.S. boys basketball championship team is pictured (l-r) Chet Meinzer, Mike "Woody" McCarthy, Dennis Wood, Jim Odom, Ken Wahler, Coach Jim Croddick, John Lange, Jerry Drill, Manny Formoso, Ted Reick, Paul Nagy.

Hoffman Won Group I Basketball Championship

By Tom Burkard

March 23, 1963 is one of the most memorable dates in South Amboy sports history. Under the leadership of their great coach Jim Croddick, the Hoffman High School boys' basketball team invaded the Atlantic City Convention Hall in quest of the N.J.S.I.A.A. Group I state championship. The Guvs (14-7) were considered the Cinderella team in the tourney, and were huge underdogs against the highly-explosive Wood Ridge (20-2) team. The Purple & Gold fought its way to the title showdown by trouncing Henry Hudson, 70-48, and Wildwood, 80-64 in the semifinals.

The Guvs' starting five consisted of local basketball legends, John Lange, Ken Wahler, Manny Formoso, Jerry Drill and Dennis Wood. The ready reserves were Mike "Woody" McCarthy, Chet Meinzer, Ted Reick, Jim Odom and Paul Nagy.

Over 5,000 spectators witnessed the see-saw battle, as the lead changed hands numerous times. With only 0:02 showing on the scoreboard, and the Guvs trailing 56-54, Wahler saved the game by firing in a beautiful, clutch 10-foot jumper from the side, to send the contest into overtime.

In the extra session, Lange came through big-time, by scoring four of Hoffman's seven points, as the hometown kids outscored Wood Ridge, 7-4 to capture the Group I State Championship, 63-60. The title marked the school's first state basketball crown since 1939. Lange burned the nets for 26 points and Wahler added 16 to lead the champions.

Immediately following the game, the players heaped praise upon their coach, Jim Croddick. Lange said that, "Mr. Croddick is the nicest guy in the world. He taught us all we know about basketball. If it wasn't for him, we wouldn't be here right now with the trophy." Drill added, "It's all the coach. He was the one that told us how to win. We just played the game."

The '63 state champs were superheroes around South Amboy. They were honored by various organizations with banquets and dinners, but most memorable to a 12-year old from St. Mary's Grammar School, was the huge parade that lasted over an hour, as the

impressible youngster watched intently with his dad from the '57 Chevy parked on the corner of Henry St. and Broadway, (where the Blue Moon is now located). Coaches, players, and cheerleaders were driven around the city in 10 convertibles, while spectators cheered "our boys" wildly. The legendary Cloverleaf String Band provided musical entertainment for locals who lined the streets.

The Hoffman HS cheerleaders, whose spirit, pep and encouragement inspired the players throughout the season, were Captain Cynthia Kurtz, Sandra McCook, Ann Marie Stankowitz, Ruth Rittenhouse, Elaine Read, Joyce Letts, Kathleen Tarallo, and Margaret Smith. Dora Vogel was the cheerleaders' coach.

The champions received many honors and awards following the season: Lange-1st Team All-County, 1st Team All-State Group I; Formoso-2nd Team All-County; Wahler-3rd Team All-County, 3rd Team All-State Group I; Wood-Honorable Mention All-State Group I; Drill-Honorable Mention All-County, Honorable Mention All State Group I.

As a sixth-grader and "sports nut" from St. Mary's Grammar School at the time, I will always remember listening intently to the play-by-play on WCTC radio, and rooting for Hoffman to win it. I also remember a very proud and jubilant Coach Croddick being interviewed on the air following the victory.

This Hoffman team was a group of great guys, not only superb athletes, but also fine young men, who gave so many pre-teens in South Amboy, someone to look up to, try to emulate, and possibly one day become champions as well, just like Coach Jim Croddick's championship team.

That one magical night of March 23, 1963, will live on in South Amboy sports history as one of its greatest and most proud moments.

NOTE: Let's take a moment to pause and remember the deceased members of the Hoffman H.S. 1963 Group I State Championship team: Coach Jim Croddick, Manny Formoso, Dennis Wood, Paul Nagy, Jim Odom, Ted Reick, Mike "Woody" McCarthy. God Bless them!

35 Years Ago: John's Halfway House Wins Title

By Tom Burkard

1983-Undefeated John's Halfway House (HH) blasted the Monaghan House (MH), 62-49 to capture the South Amboy Men's Senior Basketball League championship. Trailing by as many as 10 points early in the contest, HH battled back to cut the MH lead to 27-26 at halftime.

Behind a fantastic shooting performance by Dennis Larsen, and board control by Joe Kolakowski, HH roared back strong, and Larsen's jumper with 7:35 left in the game, made it 41-39, putting John's ahead for good.

Larsen's all-around outstanding play that included scoring a game-high 24 points, and 10 rebounds, led to his selection as the M.V.P. of the game. Kolakowski topped all rebounders with 15, and also scored 11 points,

while teammate Frank Kuziemski pumped in 13 points. Tom Suau paced Monaghan with 14 points, and rookie Joe Szaro fired in 10 points and grabbed 6 rebounds. Teammate Wally Nebus pulled down 8 rebounds.

John's Halfway House finished unbeaten (16-0) throughout the season including playoffs, while Monaghan House had a fine (12-4) overall mark.

Other contributing members of the championship John's Halfway House were; Stan "Rocky" Kusic, Mike Downs, Jim Pavlonnis, Jeff Kusic, Bernie "Toby" Tabasko. Also seeing action for Monaghan House were: Greg Babulak, Gary Shereyka, Bob Besner, Marvin Wood Jr.

St. Mary's Won Crown In '48



1947-48-St. Mary's, who won the Catholic Schools Group B state championship, are pictured bottom row (l-r) Jack O'Toole, Jack Vail, Ray Stockton, Bob "Ace" Hennessey. Middle row (l-r) "Bud" Larkin, Al O'Connor, Ed O'Brien, Coach Reggie Carney Sr., John O'Brien, Fran Carney. Top row (l-r) Gene Harkins, Joe Servon, Jerry Hoban, Joe Kress, Jack McKeon, Jerry Connors. Holding ball in front is mascot Adam Lovely.

St. Mary's Won Basketball Title 70 Years Ago

By Tom Burkard

St. Mary's Eagles boys basketball team captured the Catholic Schools Group B Basketball State championship by nipping Immaculate Conception of Montclair, 47-46, on a clutch free throw by Ed O'Brien with 0:30 seconds left in the game.

The battle, which was played at Seton Hall University gym, was tied at 12-12 after the opening quarter, and Immaculate took a 26-24 lead into the lockers at halftime, and built the lead to 40-35 after 3 stanzas. Immaculate led, and with 0:50 seconds left, John O'Brien tied it with a driving layup, setting the stage for twin brother Ed's game winning free throw.

John O'Brien poured in 19 points, and was selected the M.V.P. for the title contest. Ray Stockton followed with 10 points. Others who saw action and contributed were Ed O'Brien, Jerry Connors, Jerry Hoban, and

Jack McKeon.

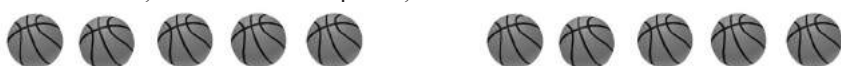
The players had an impromptu victory parade after returning to South Amboy. With the aid of a fire truck, its siren blasting the glad news, the auto caravan covered all of the main streets. Cars were filled with players and cheerleaders, who sang school songs and roared the team's cheers along the route. The parade started on Augusta St. near the high school, and lasted more than an hour. Banners on the autos proclaimed the Eagles as "Champions."

The Saints under rookie coach Reggie Carney Sr., finished the season with a fine (18-8) record. Other players who contributed throughout the season were Bob "Ace" Hennessey, Jack Vail, Joe Servon, Gene Harkins, Jack O'Toole, Al O'Connor, "Bud" Larkin, Joe Kress, Fran Carney.

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YMCA Honors Lorraine Mulligan and Zusette Dato

The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy (MEWSA) will be holding its Annual Dinner on May 2, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Pines Manor in Edison. This event is a long standing tradition that celebrates the highlights of the YMCA of MEWSA, now in its 97th year of service to Greater Middlesex County. The Annual Dinner will feature a recap of the year's activities and present the Charles S. Edgar Memorial Award and Peter J. Barnes, Jr. Community Champion Award to deserving members of the community who support and further the YMCA's goals.

The recipient of the Charles S. Edgar Memorial Award is Lorraine Mulligan. This award is given to an individual who has greatly served the youth of the community, exemplifies community spirit, has contributed to the community through a variety of organizations and in a variety of roles and is responsive to and interested in the work of the YMCA. Lorraine has been a long-

time volunteer, donor and supporter of the YMCA of MEWSA and the community. She served for over 10 years on the Board of Directors of the YMCA of MEWSA, including a three-year term as Board Chair from 2007 through 2009. Lorraine began her volunteer career in Metuchen where she served two terms totaling 15 years on the Metuchen Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, including a term as President in 2002. Lorraine is a long-time member of the Auxiliary of JFK Medical Center Foundation and has also been a hospice volunteer in the Children's Bereavement Program at JFK's Haven Hospice. She is currently Vice President of Business Development and Marketing at Metuchen Savings Bank. Lorraine graduated in 2004 from the NJ Department of Community Affairs Downtown Revitalization Institute and used the knowledge to benefit the Metuchen business community in many capacities. In 2011, she travelled with a

group of other volunteer leaders from the YMCA of MEWSA to Mumbai, India and helped to establish an international exchange partnership with the YMCA of Bombay. Lorraine epitomizes the core values of the YMCA and giving back to the community.

The Peter J. Barnes Jr. Community Champion Award will be presented to Zusette Dato. This award is given to an individual who has a legacy of community service, is responsive to and interested in the work of the YMCA, serves as an example for others in leadership, integrity and the core values of the YMCA: caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. Zusette has a long history of volunteerism with the YMCA of MEWSA and within the community. She is a graduate of Taylor Business Institute, and also Middlesex County College where she received her degree in paralegal studies, graduating with high honors. Her service to the community includes serving on the North Brunswick Parks & Recreation Committee, North Brunswick Open Space Committee and North Brunswick Domestic Violence Response Team. After moving to South Amboy, Zusette

was appointed to the South Amboy Planning Board from 2002 to 2005 and the South Amboy Library Board from 2003 to 2012. She also served on the Middlesex County Cultural Heritage Commission for 12 years and currently serves as Commissioner on the South Amboy Redevelopment Agency. Zusette served on the YMCA of MEWSA's Corporate Board of Directors from 2011 through 2014 and currently serves on the South Amboy YMCA Branch Board since 2011. She is currently serving her second term as Third Ward Councilwoman for the City of South Amboy. Zusette considers it a honor to serve the community and respond to people in need.

Lorraine Mulligan and Zusette Dato will be honored at the 2018 Annual Dinner of the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, and Woodbridge & South Amboy on Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Pines Manor in Edison, NJ. The cost to attend is \$75.00 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Katie McAdoo, Association Advancement Director at 732-516-1108 or at katie.mcadoo@ymcaofmews.org



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Speaker Coughlin: Portal Bridge Problems Reminder of Need for National Investment

Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin (D-Middlesex) released the following statement after the 111-year-old Portal bridge once again became stuck early Friday, causing major commuter rail delays to and from New York's Penn Station:

"It's been difficult to understand the lack of support from the White House for a new commuter rail tunnel connecting New Jersey and New York and improvements to the Northeast Corridor, but for those who still needed evidence of the need for this investment, just look at Friday morning.

"Friday morning's delays were caused by a bridge built when Teddy Roosevelt was president. It was built before the Model T hit the road. It was built when we only had 46 states.

"Government needs to do the basics, and that includes a reliable and effective mass transit system to get people to work on time and drive our economy. In the case of the Gateway tunnel and Portal bridge, we're talking about our national economy—and our national security.

"It's time for President Trump and Congressional leaders to do the right thing and prioritize this needed investment in mass transit in the vital New Jersey-New York area that means so much to our ability to create jobs and economic growth. If we do nothing, the problems we saw Friday morning will become more than delays. We'll be talking about a national crisis, and those who did nothing will have to answer for it."

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Dr. Seuss Day At OLV School

OLV celebrated Dr. Seuss Day - A National Day of Reading! The older students read Dr. Seuss books to the younger students! Everyone in the school wore red, black and white clothes in honor of the book "Cat in the Hat!" (Photos/info submitted)



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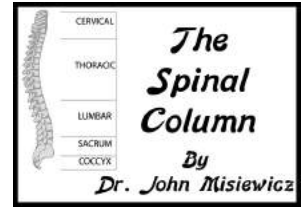
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Soccer Risks

Research is inconclusive on whether repeatedly bouncing a soccer ball off young player's head can affect the child's thinking ability. Some studies have found that players who suffer repeated blows to the head can suffer impaired brain function years later. Players can also suffer head injuries by running into other players or a goal post, or striking their head on the ground in a fall. Research indicates on crash test dummies that the impact of a ball is powerful enough to warrant head protection.

A study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association in 1999 reported that amateur soccer player scored lower than other amateur athletes on test of memory and planning. The researchers suspected that repeated blow to the head might be the reason. Other studies in Europe, found similar problems in elite players.

Researcher Mariccz Ziejewski of North Dakota State University tested the impact of soccer balls on crash test dummies heads and used computer modeling to estimate what those results could mean in terms of brain injury. The balls struck the heads with 150 – 200 pounds of force, which Ziejewski considered to be less than those which can occur in a goal.

In a properly headed ball, the forehead takes the impact, and bent knees absorb much of the force. But in an improperly headed ball by an inexperienced player who may be caught by surprise, movement of the head creates rotational forces on the brain. Some of the impact would be sufficient to create shearing stresses that could stretch and deform brain tissue, if the ball is not headed properly. If you execute the header properly, the effect on your brain is most likely minimal, however, if you get hit in the head and don't expect it, it could be a different story.

Even though there are few reported cases of concussion, which itself is not always easy to identify on the field. The cumulative effect of repeated head trauma could not be taken too lightly.



Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



Salt Water

The bad storms we had at the early part of the month had its effect. Striped Bass and Flounder fishing opened on March 1st but it was nothing to write home about. One keeper Striper and a few shorts were caught south near Sea Isle City, also a few shorts at the warm water discharge in Forked River were caught. Up here in the Bay there was nothing with a few people fishing. It's the same with the Flounders. Quite a few people were fishing in Shark River but only a Spider Crab and a handful of small Flounder were caught at Toms River. This situation may get better but I don't think it will happen until the end of the month. Party Boat fishing is a pick of Cod and Ling.

Fresh Water

The bad storms we had ended whatever ice fishing there was. A few people have been fishing in upstate streams for holdover Trout. No reports have come in. A five pound Rainbow was reported caught in the Musconetcong, near Butler's Park some time ago. Opening day is April 7th. at 8AM. The waters closed on March 19th for stocking-no Trout may be taken. This also applies to Landlocked Salmon in any of the holdover Trout lakes. For 2018 a new regulation change has been imposed, no retention of any Brook Trout in the northern areas west of RT 287, above RT 202 and to the Delaware River. This is to protect the Native Brook Trout. Know your Trout or you may sport a hefty fine.

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South Amboy St. Patrick's Parade

March 18, 2018

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Deputy Grand Marshal George Fuller leads D.B. Kelly Pipes & Drums.



The Luke A. Lovely American Legion Post #62 Color Guard lead the parade.



Honorary Grand Marshal Dennis Doll.



South Amboy Schools Marching Band entertains the crowd along the parade route.



Honored Guest Joan Antonucci waves to the crowd.



Sayreville War Memorial High School Marching Band plays great music on Main St. and North Stevens Ave.



South Amboy Irish-American Association Irish Person of the Year Patti Kanecke.



The Brick House Bar & Grill float was beautifully decorated in honor of Carmen Tarallo Rondesko.



AOH Irish Woman of the Year Debbie Connors (l) with husband Joe (c) and daughter Tara (r).



Jim Ryan, 2005 Grand Marshal marches with the South Amboy First Aid & Safety Squad.



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The Middlesex County Sheriff's Dept. was at Lightbridge Academy on K9 Veterans Day to talk about how their K9 officers are so vital to their workforce. The Academy thanked Officers Morales, and Bell for bringing in K9 Officers Celeste, and Joy. The children had a great time.

(Photo/info submitted)

Unsung Heroes



On March 14, two fine young men from South Amboy High School were honored with a lovely dinner and a certificate for being the Unsung Heroes of South Amboy High School. These are students that make our school a better place each day, and who we all know, will make further influences for the needed differences in our society. Board of Education member Patrick Walsh, (c) congratulates Nicholas Gay (l) and Richard J. Wood (r), who received this prestigious award. There was a total of 68 students recognized throughout Middlesex County. You all made us proud! (Photo/story submitted)

Truth and Lies

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate

C. 1998

Both truth and lies can hurt
Both truth and lies can set one free
Both the honest and the liar
Can be deceiving
What is hidden in a lie can be the truth
Can one not do it and still do it?
Can being honest with oneself
Cause oneself to lie?
I must not tell a lie
I'm probably going to lie and that's the truth.
I'm probably going to lie, sometimes,
And that's no lie
Truth and lies-what an strange ambiguity!

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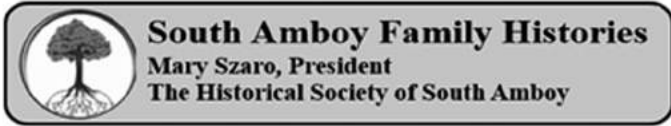
Scott M. Deitche recently authored his 8th book on organized crime titled "Garden State Gangland; The Rise of the Mob in New Jersey. Deitche, originally from Fords, NJ, and currently residing in St. Petersburg, Florida with his family, is related to former South Amboy residents Howie Deitche, and his brother Mike Deitche.

Scott has written dozens of articles on organized crime for local and national magazines and newspapers, and has been featured on TV on The Discovery Channel, The History Channel, A&E, C-Span and many others.

To learn more about Scott Deitche, go to <http://www.scottdeitche.com/>.



Former South Amboy residents Paul Ust (l) and John O'Brien (c) are pictured with Mr. Pat Gillis (Executive Board member, Seattle University Baseball Program) meeting with John at the 25th O'Brien Family St. Patrick's Day celebration dinner held at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Seattle, March 16. Approximately 400 plus O'Brien family members and offspring of John and the late Eddie O'Brien were in attendance. Never saw so many O'Briens together at one seating. John of course was the center of attention (emcee) on stage and apologized that he would not be playing his violin this year to "Danny Boy" (standing ovation) much to his chagrin. (Photo/story courtesy of Paul Ust)



Helen Jurewicz Curran

Born on January 6, 1912, Helen Jurewicz lived in South River for the first few years of her life and by 1920 she and her younger sister Veronica settled down in South Amboy with their parents Thomas and Frances on Augusta Street just a few doors away from her mother's older sister. Her father Thomas was born August 9, 1889 in Russia-Poland and in 1910 lived with his parents Joseph and Elizabeth Jurewicz near the rectory on Augusta St. just prior to his marriage to her mother on November 10, 1910 at Sacred Heart Polish Church in South Amboy.

Thomas' WWI Draft Registration card from June of 1917 records him as a Powder Maker at the Gillespie Company Shell Loading Plant in Parlin which is best known for the Morgan Explosion on October 4th of the following year. In August of 1917 an article in the South Amboy Citizen states that he was rejected for physical deficiency in an examination for the service. Three years later in 1920 he was working as a laborer on the coal piers however he would die at a young age and his wife is found in the 1930 census as a widow living in town with her two teenage daughters.

Helen's mother Frances Rozwadowska was born in Russia-Poland and immigrated to the United States in 1910, perhaps coming to South Amboy to join her older sister Adela (Grembowicz-Kelly) who immigrated in 1903. Like her husband, Frances would live a short life and pass away on January 14, 1935 at the age of 43, she was a dressmaker.

Younger sister Veronica Constance Jurewicz was born on November 26, 1918 in South Amboy with birth records showing her as a third child with two living indicating in the six years since her older sister was born there was a second child that had since passed. One 1941 newspaper telling of Helen's harrowing war story refers to Helen's sister as Sister Mary Claudia of St. Francis Hospital in Trenton however her path may likely have changed as her social security information records her in 1970 as Veronica Jurewitz Silverstein, passing away in Pompano Beach, FL on September 25, 2001.

Attending Sacred Heart Grammar School, Immaculate Conception High School then Hoffman High School, Helen would be one of the graduating class of 1934 before heading off to New York to study nursing at Metropolitan Hospital on Welfare Island in New York. She also attended Columbia University, Drake's Business College and she spoke both Russian and Polish, the native languages of her parents. Following her graduation as a nurse in 1939, Helen joined

Metuchen YMCA begins Reset, Regroup, Renew Program

The Metuchen YMCA has begun a new program called Reset, Regroup, Renew, a 12-week program designed to provide a healthy outlet for adults in recovery from drug and alcohol abuse. The program is open to members and non-members and is free for participants. In addition to meeting once a week for the guided program, all participants will receive a free membership to the Metuchen YMCA for the duration of the 12 weeks. The program combines aspects of mindfulness like breath work and meditation with gentle yoga and other forms of physical movement. A nutrition specialist, social worker and boxing instructor also provide services, creating a well-rounded healthy living program.

Robin Guensch, Adult Program Coordinator of the Metuchen YMCA, facilities each week's guided session. Robin is a yoga and meditation instructor and is trained in Yoga of 12-Step Recovery. "The goal of the Reset, Regroup, Renew program is to bring balance back to people's lives through a healthy outlet", said Robin. "The Y saw a community need for a program that delivers a mind-body-spirit connection for people in recovery and we are providing that for them."

the staff as ward instructor of nursing and by 1941 she joined the Red Cross and entered WWII, serving as a Second Lieutenant, coming dangerously close to losing her life and ultimately being decorated for bravery.

In June of 1941 she was in charge of a group of ten American Red Cross nurses sailing from Halifax in a British naval convoy on route to the American Red Cross Harvard Unit field hospital in southern England. A few days into the voyage, in the north Atlantic off the coast of Greenland, their Norwegian freighter Vigrid was torpedoed and sunk by a German sub. Lucky enough to make it off the sinking ship, she was one of two nurses in a lifeboat with two British and five Norwegian sailors. They lived on 2 ounces of water a day and hardtack while it lasted. Thirst was so bad that a seventeen-year-old British sailor desperately drank sea water and died. During their ordeal they would also witness the death of an elderly seaman from gangrene despite their efforts to provide aid.

On the fourteenth day when the food ran out they ate seaweed and barnacles from the wreckage of the ship and passing driftwood. Their clothes were wet and soaked the entire time at sea. On the nineteenth day, with all hope lost and lucky to be alive, they were miraculously picked up by a British destroyer. One engineer aboard would later applaud the heroism of the American Nurses throughout the ordeal. Sadly, another lifeboat with four nurses were never found and are presumed to have perished at sea.

When rescued, suffering from frostbite, exposure, exhaustion and hunger, she was taken to a hospital in Northern Ireland and spent three weeks recuperating before being taken to London. She would tell stories of eating 8 meals a day to make up for lost time from so many long days and nights without food. After her rescue and recuperation, Helen continued her original mission and served in the Harvard Unit of the American Red Cross in England. She would return home in November of 1942 and the Central Nurses Residence on Welfare Island, NY.

On April 26, 1943, in the Lady Chapel of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, she was married to Sgt. John F. Curran of Jersey City. The other nurse with her in the lifeboat, Margaret Somerville, served as her bridesmaid.

Helen passed away in June of 1984 and is buried in Saint John the Evangelist Cemetery, Lambertville, Hunterdon County, NJ alongside her husband John who died in 1988.

The program is entering its second program cycle and has already garnered the praise of its participants. Peter W. commended the program, saying "This is an excellent program (a gift!) and I feel blessed to have been invited to participate in it and I hope the program continues." Kelly P. added, "I definitely consider this group as one of the tools in my recovery."

If you or someone you know is interested in participating in the Reset, Regroup, Renew Program, contact Robin Guensch at robin.guensch@ymcaofmews.org or at 732-548-2044 for more information. Participants are also invited to join the group on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the Metuchen Senior Center.

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Where in New Jersey?



This month's Where In NJ may be HARD but we are sure some of you will know the TRUE answer. Send your answer by April 16th to satimes@aol.com.

February Information Where in New Jersey?

By Brian & Phyllis Stratton

The February Where In NJ was Castaway Cove located in Ocean City, NJ. Some incorrect answers were Casino Pier in Seaside Heights, Keansburg Amusement Park, Palisades Park. Castaway Cove located on the Ocean City boardwalk, has been a fixture for summer fun for over 50 years.

Where in NJ Winners.

Winners for February were: Dennis Quinlan, Jennifer Larsen, Ed English, Eleanore Westerholm, Steve Laskiewicz, Dane Colburn, Gary Feret, Mark Moniello,



January Where in New Jersey? Pt. Pleasant Beach Train



Mets Trip July 7

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WWW.?



Does this look familiar to you? It should. The structure was located in either South Amboy or Sayreville. Do you remember what it was called? Send your answers to: satimes@aol.com by April 16, 2018.. Good luck! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

February WWW.? Winners

The answer to the February WWW.? Mystery Photo Contest is More's Jewelry, which was located at 80 Main St., Sayreville, and owned by a great gentleman, Bill More for 43 years. The following correctly identified the business: Estelle Pluskota, Debbie Carling, Billy Carling, Lee Szatkowski, Dennis Quinlan, W Tom Kross, Jennifer Larsen, Judy Guilfoyle, Yvonne Kronowski, Jeffrey Georgiana, Sheila Knudsen, Joan Fullham, Sylvia Good Dave Krempecki, Den & Kathy O'Leary, Teresa Arvin, Gerry Sherry, Patricia Gatz, Lisa Grankowski, Joan Gorczyca, Mary Agnes Morris, Dot Wriolie, Eleanore Westerholm, Peggy & Steve Yuhas, Nancy Berry, JoAnn & John French, Ed English, Marie English, Joseph Jay Jurkiewicz, Bob "Chernball" Cherney,



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Ann Marie Puchala, 70, of Old Bridge died on Nov. 20. She was office manager with her husband Ted's business, Frank's Service Station in Sayreville. She also organized and ran Karaoke at the Sayreville VFW. Our belated condolences are extended to Ted and family. Paul Morello, 87, of Old Bridge died on March 3. He was the current President of St. Bernadette Senior Citizens Club. John "Jake" Zollinger, 78, of Sayreville died on March 8. He was a proud U.S. Marine who served as a Corporal in the Korean War. John later found his own contracting company in Sayreville named John Zollinger & Son Contracting. In addition, he had served as Building Inspector for the Borough of Sayreville. Francis Woods, 65, of Sayreville died on March 11. He worked for U.S.P.S. and retired as Postmaster. He was also a member of many local organizations, who served on the Sayreville Planning Board. Anthony "Tony" Charmello, 65, of South Amboy died on March 15. He was the owner of AC Construction in South Amboy, and was known affectionately as "Baseball Grandpop" who served as official foul ball chaser for South Amboy Travel and High School baseball teams. In addition, he was a manager, coach, board member, umpire for the Laurence Harbor Little League for many years. Eunice Wojciechowski 97, of South Amboy died on March 13. A wonderful person, she was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Daughters and Holy Rosary Society. Walter "Cy" Dubil, 101, of Parlin died on March 21. Before retiring, he was Paymaster for DuPont in Parlin. He once operated a golf driving range in Morgan. Jean Chance, 78, of Sayreville died on March 22. A former substitute teacher at Sacred Heart School, she was a terrific person.

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Marjorie Yanas Deak

Marjorie Yanas Deak, formerly of Melrose, residing in Ohio, died on January 5, 2018. She is survived by her husband Robert, four daughters, 10 grandchildren, dear sister of Joan Ogorek of South Amboy and Roberta Stepp.

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This house located at 104 Henry St., South Amboy, was the home of the late Stanley Ziobro. The structure was badly damaged by Superstorm Sandy in 2012, and is finally seeing some improvements being done. Owner Mary Lou Ziobro Mickiewicz said, "After the dilemma of my being misplaced by a private contractor, work is at last being done, and the house is finally being elevated. My son Robert Mickiewicz and his wife Ashley came all the way from South Dakota to help me." (Photo by Tom Burkard)



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Obituaries

Antone, Jerome, 74, of South Amboy died on Feb. 6.
 Backus, James L., 63, of Sayreville died on Dec. 8.
 Bailey, Caryl Poetsch, 75, of Parlin died on Jan. 30.
 Barrett, John IV, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 18.
 Batissa, James, 77, of Sayreville died on Feb. 7.
 Belencan, Agnes A., 97, of South Amboy died on March 13.
 Butler, Ellen Keenan, 94, of South Amboy died on Jan. 22.
 Charmello, Anthony J. Jr., 65, of South Amboy died on March 15.
 Ciak, Josephine "Josie," 93, of Sayreville died on Feb. 26.
 Chance, Jean M. DeBiase, 78, of Sayreville died on March 22.
 Chavan, Danielle R., 44, of South Amboy died on Feb. 23.
 Cushing, Dolores M., 89, of Parlin died on Feb. 21.
 Deak, Marjorie Yanas, formerly of Melrose died on Jan. 5.
 Dittmar, Henry J., 89, of Parlin died on March 14.
 Dubil, Walter "Cy," 101, of Parlin died on March 21.
 Duran, Celina, 75, of South Amboy died on Jan. 19.
 Esposito, Donna Rojek, 69, South Amboy died on March 12.
 Francis, Lester, 94, of Parlin died on Jan. 16.
 Freeman, Maureen (Applegate), 81, of South Amboy died on Jan. 26.
 Garguilo, Joan, 71, of South Amboy died on Jan. 28.
 Gerba, Joseph J., 66, of Sayreville died on March 6.
 Gillette, Jason, 36, formerly of South Amboy died on March 6.
 Grasso, Susan, 55, of South Amboy died on March 10.
 Henry, Ann Lynn, 91, of South Amboy died on Feb. 27.
 Hoehman, Louise A., 94, of Sayreville died on Feb. 1.
 Kantowska, Helena Kuziemska, 89, of Sayreville died on Feb. 27.
 Kowalczyk, Stanley J., 80, of Parlin died on Feb. 17.
 Lacko, Cecelia P. Kuc, 94, of South Amboy died on Feb. 2.
 Lockwood, Joseph I. "Bud," 92, formerly

of Morgan died on Jan. 31.
 Madden, Paul J., 81, of Parlin died on March 6.
 Mandy, Caroline T. Mazur, 74, of Sayreville died on March 3.
 McNeany, Patricia Diem, 63, of South Amboy died on Feb. 12.
 Morello, Paul J., 87, of Old Bridge died on March 3.
 Murphy, Ryan, 30, of South Amboy died on Feb. 21.
 Orlowicz, Michael "Mike," 65, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 17.
 Plewa, Stanley, 95, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 29.
 Puchala, Ann Marie, 70, of Old Bridge died on Nov. 20.
 Rapp, Dorothy A., 85, of Parlin died on Feb. 28.
 Sakowski, Honorata E., 83, formerly of Sayreville died on March 4.
 Salamon, Frederick, 78, of Sayreville died on Feb. 19.
 Schmidt, George Jr. 52, of South Amboy died on Feb. 19.
 Scully, Margaret "Peggy," 96, of Morgan died on Feb. 10.
 Singura, Thomas W., of South Amboy died on March 11.
 Solski, Daniel L., 35, of Sayreville died on Jan. 27.
 Suchowiecki, Madeline A., 89, of Sayreville died on Feb. 14.
 Unkel, Donald "Don" M. Sr., 85, of Sayreville died on Feb. 11.
 Van Fossen, Norman, 68, of South Amboy died on March 9.
 Vid, Steven, 26, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 11.
 Wasnak, Judith A., 68, of Sayreville died on Jan. 7.
 Weinman, Daniel "Dan," 66, formerly of South Amboy died on March 19.
 Wieler, Glenn Jr., 44, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 28.
 Wojciechowski, Eunice L., 97, of South Amboy died on March 13.
 Woods, Francis X. "Frank," 65, of Sayreville died on March 11.
 Wright, Carol Ann Dabrowski "Susie," formerly of Sayreville died on March 6.
 Zaneski, Edward M. Sr., 93, of Sayreville died on Feb. 21.
 Zollinger, John M. "Jake," 78, of Sayreville died on March 8.
 Zupko, Keith, 65, formerly of Parlin died on Jan. 7.

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..

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Ann Lynn Henry

AUGUST 28, 1926 ~ FEBRUARY 27, 2018 (AGE 91)

Ann Lynn Henry, 91, passed away on February 27, 2018 after a short battle with lung cancer to be with the Lord in Heaven. She was at home and at peace at the time of her passing surrounded by her loving family.

Ann was born in South Amboy, the daughter of the late Edward and Meta Lynn. She lived in South Amboy her entire life and is predeceased by her husband, Fred, her brother, Edward and her sister, Helen.

She graduated from St. Mary's High School, South Amboy in 1943. It was in South Amboy where she met her dearest and best friend, Lois Morriss. It was Lois who introduced her to her future husband and love of her life, Fred Henry. Ann and Fred were married on September 6, 1947 in St. Mary's Rectory. They settled in South Amboy where they spent their entire lives together at their home on Second Street. Ann was employed by the South Amboy Trust Company (now Wells Fargo) for many years before her retirement.

One of her proudest and happiest moments was when she was chosen by the Ancient Order of Hibernians to be the 2017 Irish Woman of the Year. She and her friend Lois enjoyed riding in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Ann exuded a zest for life and had a smile for all. Because of her deep faith in God she was able to be a role model for her family which she dearly loved.

Ann is survived by her sister, Rosemarie Muchanic and her brother, John and his husband Brent Richards. She is also survived by her daughter, Sister Carol Ann (Sisters of Mercy) of Neptune, her son, Fred and his wife, Linda of South Amboy, her son, Bill and his wife, Noreen of Sayreville, and her daughter, Lynn Ann and her husband Gary Sikora of Rumson. Also surviving Ann are her grandchildren: Kristen and her husband Daniel, Erin, Fred III, Billy, Paul and his wife Jill, Jean Marie, John, Mark and his wife, Dina, Michael and his wife Alyssa, and grand stepchildren Tom and Mike MacKay. Ann was also the proud great grandmother of Liam and Maya.

At Ann's request her body was donated to Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in New Brunswick. Ann may be gone, but her loving spirit lives on.

As a life-long communicant of St. Mary's Church in South Amboy a memorial Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the church on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 10:30. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Mercy Center, 1106 Main Street, Asbury Park, N.J. 07712.

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St. Stan's School

(Photos/Info Submitted)



Deacon David Mikolai (left) and Rev. Kenneth Murphy distribute ashes to the faculty and students of St. Stan's School.



Sayreville Police Department's Detective Brian Szkodny educates the middle school students on Cyber Harassment and Sexting.



St. Stan's 3rd grade students Thomas Friberg and Haleigh McDonald pray Mary's Way of the Cross during Lent.



Religion club members Hana Kachersky and Nicole Pilapil greet teachers and students to see a play that the club members wrote and performed to encourage participation in the St. Jude Children's Hospital Mathathon.



Sister Ruth Bolarte, Director for the Cultural Diversity Ministries for the Diocese of Metuchen, talked to the students about the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Lenten Rice Bowl and demonstrates, with the help of students, how people in developing countries manage without running water. Sister Ruth is a member of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Assisting Sister Ruth is 4th grade student Kurt Vranica.



Religion Club members are pictured holding gift bags that will be delivered to the Ozanam Family Shelter in Edison. The pillows were hand sewn by members of the club last year. This year the Religion Club sold Giving Grams to raise the money to buy the bags and toiletry items.

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