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Sayreville Gets Big Ratable

The Borough of Sayreville now features a new converter station off River Road. An undersea electric transmission operation between NJ and Long Island, now sends converted electricity to Levittown, NY from Sayreville. The \$600 million project will also help Sayreville, as it becomes one of the Borough's largest ratables, expected to pay approximately \$12 million over 30 years under the PILOT program, which is in lieu of taxes.

SERA Selects Developer

The Sayreville Economic & Redevelopment Agency (SERA) chose O'Neill Properties from King of Prussia, Pennsylvania to redevelop the former National Lead (NL) property that runs along the Raritan River. The other two finalists for the 410-acre tract of land were Riverbend Metropolitan, a group comprised with companies from New Jersey and California, and LCOR of New York City.

Christmas Tree Lighting

S.A.N.D. Neighborhood Association will sponsor the annual Tree Lighting at Station Square on Broadway. The festivities which include a visit from Santa, music, games, prizes and more will take place on Friday December 7, 2007 starting at 6:00 P.M.

Officer Election

The South Amboy First Aid & Safety Squad will hold its election for the 2008 Officers on Monday, Dec. 10. The election will take place following the regular meeting at approximately 9 p.m. All Retired members are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served after the elections.

O'Connell Wins In South Amboy

Councilman John O'Connell was unopposed for a 1-year unexpired term on the City Council. He received 304 votes.

Toys For Tots Collection

Parlin DuPont Employees Federal Credit Union will once again be collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Marine Corps Reserves "Toys For Tots (and Teens)" campaign. Last year, because of the generosity of their credit union members, they were able to collect dozens of toys which were turned over to the Marine Corps Reserves. Toys were distributed to needy children in the area. This year marks the 60th Anniversary of the Toys for Tots campaign. In 2006, the Marine Corps Reserve distributed more toys to needy kids than ever before. The Parlin DuPont Credit Union hopes to help make 2007 an even happier holiday season for children in need. Toys can be dropped off at the Parlin DuPont Credit Union office, 774 Washington Rd., Parlin. Contact the credit union at 732-254-7573 for information.



Winners-Sayreville Republicans flash their winning smiles after capturing the mayoral election, and also two seats on the Borough Council. Pictured (l-r) are council winners, Paula Siarkiewicz, and David M. Kaiserman, and Mayor Kennedy O'Brien.

Republicans Sweep Sayreville

Borough of Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O'Brien was re-elected to a third term, to lead the Republicans to a clean sweep over the Democrats. His running mates, Paula Siarkiewicz and David M. Kaiserman were also victorious in their bids for council seats.

O'Brien defeated Democrat Council

President, Tom Pollando 4,765-2,927 votes, while Siarkiewicz and Kaiserman tallied 4,167 and 4,106 votes respectively, to out-distance Dem incumbent Dan Buchanan 3,279 and former Board of Education President Alvah Cox 3,028. (Total votes are unofficial)



Veterans Day Services were held in front of South Amboy City Hall on November 11th. Pictured (l-r) are Bob McDonald of Benyei-Connors Disabled American Veterans of South Amboy, Harold Dennen, World War II veteran, who placed the Veterans Memorial Wreath, and Phyllis Letteriello, Acting Commander of American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 of South Amboy. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

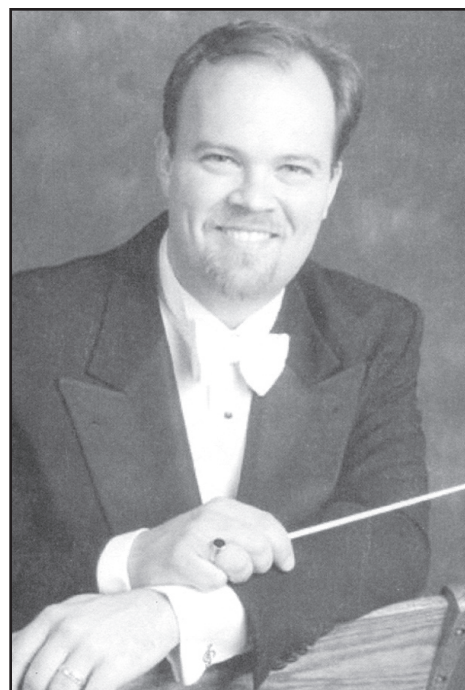
Deibert Receives National Award

Christopher Deibert, Music Director of Music Ministry at St. Mary Church, received the prestigious 2007 Ministry of Music Award of Distinction from the National Religious Music Week Alliance. He received the honor for "Developing and Maintaining at St. Mary's one of our nation's finest Worship Music programs."

Deibert has been Director of Music Ministry at St. Mary's since 1999. Starting with an original adult choir of 11 singers, the ministry has grown each year. Five distinct vocal choirs have begun, grown and thrived under Deibert's direction. This past year he added a Bell Choir to these groups. The "Music at St. Mary's" concert series, created by the Director in 2001, has presented between 8-12 classical music concerts each year for the enjoyment of the greater South Amboy area community. Handel's "Messiah" is the highlight of the music series, and is conducted by Deibert. It combines the St. Mary Choral Society and Chamber Orchestra, and the audience continues to grow each year. The performance has been praised as being a beautiful Christmas music experience.

In addition to all of the above, Deibert is the music teacher at Our Lady of Victories School in Sayreville, where he leads both the Intermediate and Middle School Chouruses,

and where he has created a Handbell/Chime choir. He is an immediate past Dean of the local Middlesex County Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and was a 2005 recipient of an E. Power Biggs Fellowship from the Organ Historical Society of America.



Christopher Deibert

SA School Gets Grant

The South Amboy Public Schools received an \$11,600 donation from the Intel Volunteer Matching Grant program as a result of the participation of its Board President Cynthia Zammit. Ms. Zammit, a veteran Board member and employee of Intel, has contributed countless hours to ensure that the students of South Amboy Public Schools receive a superior education. She knows every student by name and has requested the money be used for scholarship assistance for the Class of 2008.

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Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski

Wisniewski, Vas, Vitale Win

Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski of Sayreville easily defeated his Republican challengers to secure his seventh 2-year term. Wisniewski racked up 17,067 votes to top all candidates for the 19th District Assembly seat. He was followed by running mate and Perth Amboy Mayor Joseph Vas with 13,823, and Republicans Paul Danielczyk 10,404 and Reyes Ortega 10,081. Democrat Senator Joseph Vitale also breezed to his 3rd 4-year term, easily defeating Republican challenger Donald H. Nelsen Jr., 18,137-9,270.

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Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Homecoming Royalty

Rob Geant and Ashley Woods were selected Cardinal McCarrick High School's Homecoming King and Queen. Congratulations!

63rd Anniversary

Congratulations go out to Allie and Fran Clark of South Amboy, who celebrated their 63rd Anniversary on October 12th. The couple was married on October 12, 1944 by Father Horan at Holmdel. God Bless, and many more!

In Memoriam

Kathi Farrell, 54, of Monroe died on Oct. 12. She was an English teacher at Cardinal McCarrick HS, and also English Department Chairperson. Dorothy "Dot" Leslie, 93, of South Amboy died on Oct. 19. She was employed by Charles Komar & Sons for over 50 years, and was active with the Mechanicsville Hose Co. Ladies Auxiliary, Catholic Daughters of America, Court Sancta Maria 382, and South Amboy Senior Citizens. She was a truly fine person whom I will miss very much. Edward O'Connor, 86, of Morgan died on Oct. 30. He flew 14 missions during World War II with the Army Air Corps, and received the Air Medal, and 3 Oak Clusters. He also served as president of Morgan & Bayview Manor Improvement Association. In addition, O'Connor served on the Sayreville Planning Board, Board of Health, and was instrumental in forming the Sayreville Environmental Commission. He was also a Eucharistic Minister at St. Mary Church for many years. Mr. O'Connor made a very positive impact on our local communities. William Moldenhauer Jr., 83, of Parlin died on Oct. 31. He was an usher at St. Bernadette's Church for many years. Frank Ziola Sr., 89, of Morgan died on Oct. 31. He served with the famous Darby's Rangers in World War II, and received a Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart. George Scully, 82, of South Amboy died on Nov. 2. He was a World War II Army

Pleasant Little Trivia

By Tom Burkard

1. Superior of St. Stanislaus Kostka Convent in 1973? a. Sister M. Melita b. Sister M. Annunciata c. Sister Anicetus
2. This person was not a member of South Amboy's first Redevelopment Commission in '86? a. Michael Rosenburg b. Janice Tedesco c. Andrew Markovich
3. Luke Street is located in what section of Sayreville? a. President Park b. Melrose c. Morgan
4. In the 1980's The Gay 90's Bar on First St., South Amboy specialized in? a. Subs b. thin-crust pizza c. Sicilian pizza
5. President of the Sayreville Board of Health in '80? a. Joseph Brusco b. John Giera c. John Kuntne
6. This person was not a South Amboy Councilman in 1950? a. Chester Meinzer Sr. b. Lee Swiatkowski c. Anton Walczak
7. President of Sayreville High School Class of 1943? a. Abraham Saperstein b. Daniel O'Malley c. Edwin Kolodziej
8. How many graduates did Harold G. Hoffman High School have in 1987? a. 40 b. 60 c. 87
9. Foreman of Melrose Hose Co. #1 in 1977? a. Raymond Wrobel b. John Prusakowski c. Stephen Maldony
10. In '87, St. Mary's High School's name was changed to? a. Cardinal McCarrick b. St. Mary's Parochial c. St. Mary Regional
11. This auto repair business was located at 486 South Pine Ave., Morgan in '83? a. West's Garage b. South Pine Repair Service c. Masterson's Auto Repairs

Answers

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

Vet, and participated in the invasion of Normandy. Henry "Hank" Mickiewicz, 91, formerly of Sayreville died on Nov. 2. He received two Purple Hearts during World War II. They all helped to make the world a much better place.



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Cardinal McCarrick recently held it's annual Homecoming Dance, everyone in attendance had a great time. Pictured (l-r) is this year's Royal Court, Prince, Ray Sykes, Princess Veronica Trouche, Queen, Ashley Woods and King Rob Geant. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

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O'Connell Wins Award

By Staff Sgt. Barbara Harbison, 108ARW/PA

In front of an audience that included the Secretary of the Air Force, the Judge Advocate General of the Air Force, Major General Jack L. Rives, recently awarded the Outstanding Reserve Judge Advocate Officer of the Year award to Maj. John F. "Jack" O'Connell, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 108th Air Refueling Wing.

"It is a distinct honor to be receiving the Judge Advocate General's Reginald C. Harmon Award which honors the first Judge Advocate General of the Air Force," said Maj. O'Connell. "It is also a testament to all the dedicated members of the Air Force JAG Corps who are serving throughout the world and who are contributing to the fight in the Global War of Terrorism."

With a few twists to his story, Maj. O'Connell could be the model for Harmon Rabb, the character on the television show, "JAG." In O'Connell's previous life, he spent 10 years in the U.S. Navy as a naval aviator where he flew the F-14 Tomcat logging almost 1,000 hours and 200 carrier landings aboard the USS America and flying combat missions in support of Operation Desert Storm. Six years later he joined the 108th as a member of the Judge Advocate section.

O'Connell grew up in South Amboy and attended Christian Brothers Academy, Lincroft. He did his undergraduate work at Seton Hall University and graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania. He received his law degree from the Seton Hall University School of Law.

"I felt an obligation, a sense of duty, in the aftermath of the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon on September 11," said O'Connell when asked the reason he came back into the military.

Since joining the Air National Guard he

has been deployed to Guantanamo, Cuba and left again in May 2007 for his second deployment to Iraq. As an Air Guard JAG during his one-year deployment to Joint Task Force-Guantanamo, he was attached to the 50th Brigade, New Jersey Army National Guard, 42nd Infantry Division. He served as the primary operational law advisor to the Joint Detention Operations Group Commander and as the Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of the camp legal office.

Shortly after his return from Guantanamo, he deployed for a second year to Baghdad, Iraq, with the Multi National Forces-Iraq (MNF-I). There, O'Connell served on General George Casey's staff as a Strategic Planner and Legal Advisor to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategy, Plans and Assessments. On his second Iraq deployment, he will again be serving as a Strategic Planner/Legal Advisor on Gen. David H. Petraeus' staff.

When O'Connell is home in New Jersey long enough to rest his hat, his civilian job is as the in-house counsel for New Jersey Turnpike Authority and he also serves as a councilman on the South Amboy City Council.

O'Connell was nominated for the award by Maj. Gen. Kurt Cichowski, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategy, Plans and Assessment, MNF-I, his commander while deployed in Iraq. In the award nomination, O'Connell was cited for serving as the Strategic Planner and Legal Advisor on Multi-National Force Iraq Commanding General's staff in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, developed Desert Protector Strategy, which had an immediate and significant impact on counterinsurgency operations and was the Deputy Chief of Staff's go-to guy on the ever-evolving



John O'Connell

Yearbook-St. Mary's 1962

By Tom Burkard

St. Mary's first official yearbook, "The Sceptre" came out in 1962, thanks to the all-out efforts of Henry "Henny The DJ" Conroy, who was the Student Council President in 1960. Conroy came up with the idea, and strongly believed that the school should have a yearbook. Mary Louise Nemetz was Editor-In-Chief, and the yearbook was dedicated to Our Lady the Immaculate Mother of God.

Msgr. Sullivan was pastor. Sister M. Leonard was principal, and some of her fine staff included: Luke Lenahan, Sr. M. Lorraine, Sr. M. Theodore, Sr. M. Richard, Mary Brennan, Gerald Stefanski, and Elizabeth "Betty" Farrell, school nurse.

Joe Jankowski was Student Council President, VP-Robert Suminski, Sec.-Treas.-Annette Paczkowski, Spirit Chairlady-Roberta Christensen, Service Committee-Bradford Bielak, Athletic Chairman-William Tibbitt. School clubs and presidents: National Honor Society-Maureen McGuigan; Forensic Club-Kent Fleming; Choir & Glee Club-Mary Soltys; Business Honor Society-Barbara Fabiszewski. Christensen was Sodality Prefect.

Some of the Class of '62: Dorothy Baranowski, Sandra Baranowski, Sharon Batruk, Sandra Cannata, Adrienne Cesare, Angela Charmello, Carole Check, Alice Christina, Marian Conochan, Eugene Creed, Dennis Creed, Richard Day, Richard Dobrzynski, Mary Dohan, Penelope Dohan, Maureen Farrell, Marlene Garnett, John Gallagher, Shirley Gavlik, Mary Gavron, Margaret Gorman, James Hackett, Jean

Henry, William Henry, Theodore Janas, Rita Kaboski, George Kolchak, Maxine Kuntne, John Kusic, Dolores Lasko, Kathleen Margaretta, John McCue, Kathleen McCarthy, Gerald McQuade, Robert Monaghan, Madeline Nagy, Elizabeth Norton, Ann O'Donnell, James O'Leary, Joseph Osmanski, Sandra Popowski, Margaret Reese, Edward Smith, Florence Stolte, Susan Sullivan, Carolyn Tabasko, Theresa Toth, Veronica Vail, Patricia Vona, Ronald Waxmunski, Marie Wisneski, Claire Wisniewski.

'62 National News: John Glenn orbited the earth 3 times in Friendship 7; Who could ever forget the nerve-wracking Cuban missile crisis?

Social activities at SMHS in '62: The Carol Festival which featured Joseph Bulman singing a superb rendition of "I'll Be Home For Christmas;" the Radio Club; Rocket Club; Retreat; The school play "Good News;" the Junior Classical League; lots of dances, as well as the Prom, which took the theme Chez Paree.

Talented senior athletes included: Joe Jankowski, Allie Ust, Tom Fitzmorris, Frank Kennedy, Lou Nanna, Frank Murray, Bill Tibbitt, George Keenan, Ray Riddell, Frank Ruszala, Bill Subjack, Joe Sulikowski, Pat Toomey, Richard Welsh. The basketball club was (16-9) under Coach Lenahan, and the baseball club (10-8) under Coach Bill "Smokey" Ryan.

St. Mary's High School Class of 1962 was a truly special group of outstanding young Americans!

Iraqi Constitution.

In between Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom deployments, he completed the six-week Air Combat Operations Center Course at Air Force Special Operations Command graduating in the top of his class with a 98.5 average. O'Connell has been a leading advocate for a state bar association sponsored legal assistance program for deployed military members as well as members stationed in

CONUS.

Brigadier General Michael Cunniff, Commander, 108th Air Refueling Wing stated, "There is no one better to represent the wing than Maj. O'Connell on the War on Global Terrorism. I am extremely proud and honored that he has represented the 108th on numerous deployments during these past three years and all that hard work has proven itself with this prestigious award."

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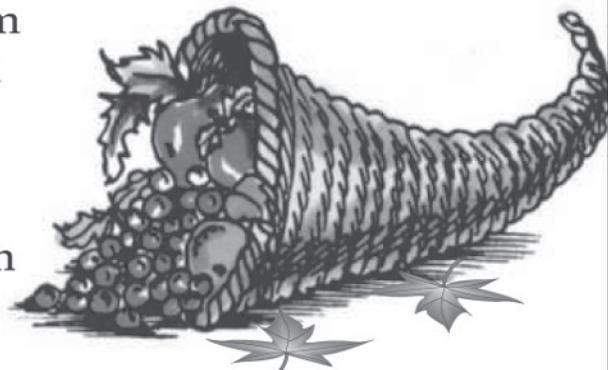
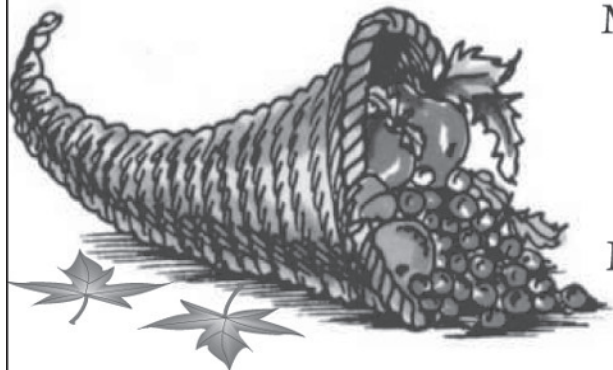
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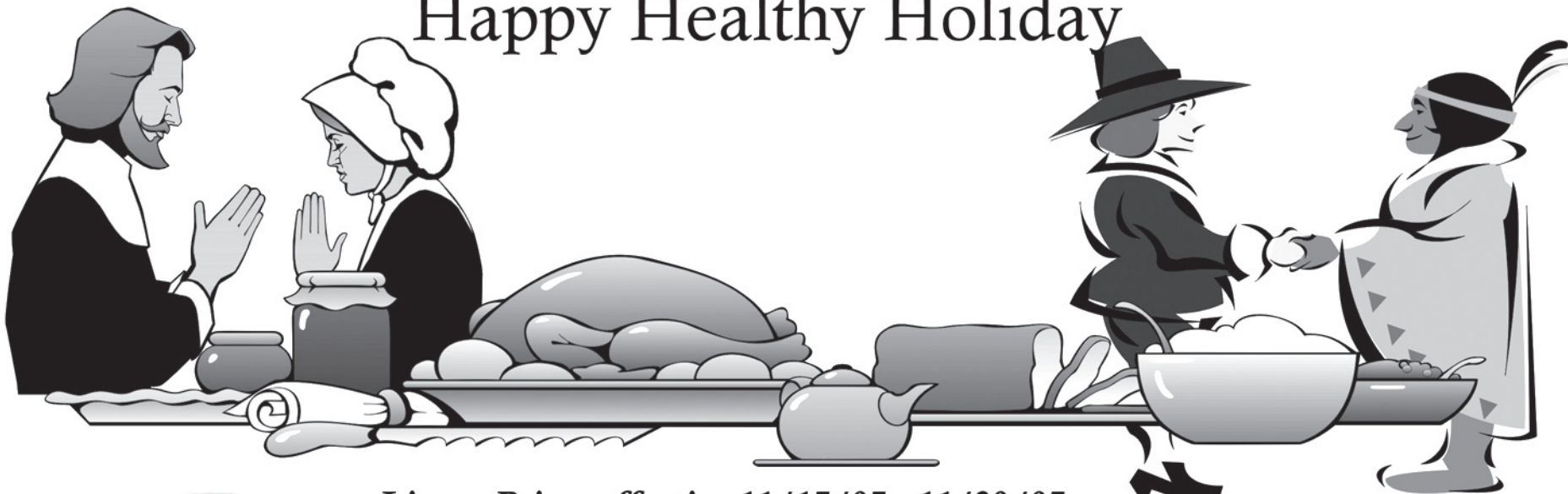
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On October 14, the Raven & Barracuda Patrols of Cub Scout Pack 391 South Amboy, enjoyed a Family Picnic & Flag Football game at Cheesecake State Park. The boys & their families enjoyed a picnic of fried chicken, hot dogs, salads & dessert, then played a fantastic game of Flag Football. Everyone had a great time. Pictured from the Raven Patrol are the Fiehl family Richie & Rich, the Mace family Danny & Don, the Richter family Jesse, Deb & Tom, the Schweikert family Chris, Thomas Jessica, Tom & Rosanne, & Frankie H. Pictured from the Barracuda Patrol is the Dobrynski family Ethan, Libby, Lori & Rich, the Alvarez family Ronnie & Maggie, the Zuppa family Eddie, Petey, Sandy & Rob.

Veterans Day Parade Held

The Veterans Alliance of Raritan Valley held its annual Veterans Day Parade in Highland Park and New Brunswick on Nov. 11th. The parade consisted of many organizations, veterans groups, and civil organizations including police, firemen, and scout groups. South Amboy's Mel Meszaros did a fine job leading the firing squad of the John Basilone Marine League, and Sayreville's Joseph F. Ziembra, past Commandant VFW 4699 in Sayreville, and current Supervisor of Veterans Interment, was Master of Ceremonies at the reception, held after the parade.

Christmas Greens Sale

St. Mary Church is conducting a Christmas Greens Sale. All proceeds support the church. An assortment of fresh wreaths, cemetery blankets and white pine roping will be sold. Orders are due Nov. 26, and greens will be available for pickup the weekend of Dec. 1-2. For more information, pricing, etc. Call Angel at the Elementary School 732-721-1514 or the Parish Office at 732-721-0179.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

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

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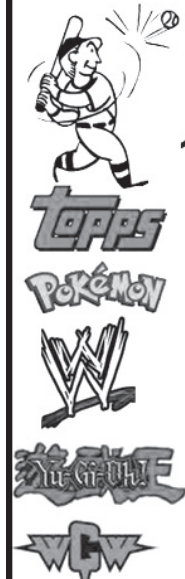
Lord, you invited all who are burdened to come to You. Allow your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to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

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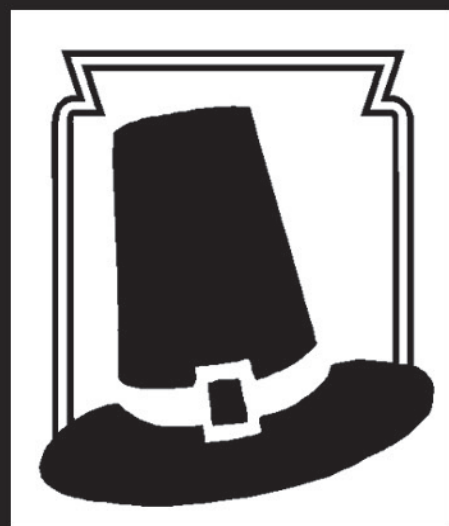
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A large group of attorneys and judges from the Middlesex County Bar Association (MCBA) recently met at Sciortino's Harbor Lights for an educational program on Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law. Pictured (l-r) are Jonathan Cowles, MCBA Executive Director, Valerie Kimson, Guest Speaker, Louis Seminski Jr., Lynn Miller, MCBA President, Dennis Auciello, MCBA Trustee, Tara Auciello, MCBA Chair, and Louis Seminski Sr., owner Sciortino's Harbor Lights. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

First Aid Report

Capt. Chris Mader of the South Amboy First Aid issued the following report for the 3rd Quarter of 2007.

The Squad answered a total of 238 calls: 202 emergencies, 9 transports, 12 fire, 13 community service and 7 mutual aid. High members for the quarter were: Betty Leveille 73; Chris Norek 71; Robert Applegate 70; Thomas Parsons 69; Daniel J. Salmon 62; Martin Ruszala (Associate) 40, Jennifer Braun (Cadet) 16.

The squad welcomes the following new members: E. Barchowski (Probationary), J. Bellanich (Cadet) and R. Trabalka (Associate).

The Squad thanked all residences who have returned their tax deductible Fund Drive donations. If you have not done so as of yet, please send it to South Amboy First Aid.

15 Picked For Hall

The New Jersey Hall of Fame's first 15 inductees were selected by online voting. They include: Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, Clara Barton, Yogi Berra, Bill Bradley, Thomas Edison, Albert Einstein, Malcom Forbes, Robert Wood Johnson II, Vince Lombardi, Toni Morrison, Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, Frank Sinatra, Bruce Springsteen, Meryl Streep, Harriet Tubman.

Communion Supper

On Sunday, Nov. 25, Our Lady of Victory Columbiettes will hold their annual Communion Supper after 5 p.m. Mass at the Victorian Hall. Religious sisters from neighboring parishes have been invited, and will be honored for all the great work they do. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (ages 10 and under). For tickets, call Arleen 732-254-2003 or Diane 732-254-8896, by Nov. 12. This event is open to all Columbiettes and their families.

Holiday Bake Off Competition

Hear Ye... Hear Ye.. The Sadie Pope Dowdell Library of South Amboy is proud to announce the community's 2nd HOLIDAY BAKE OFF COMPETITION on Monday, December 17th. There will be three categories: cookies, cakes and pies; with prizes awarded to the winner and runner-up in each category. Also, a Best in Show!

Following the awarding of prizes, the Library will ring in the holidays with the annual community HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE sponsored by the Friends of the Dowdell Library. There will be a children's movie at 6:30 p.m. and live music from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. - An event not to be missed!

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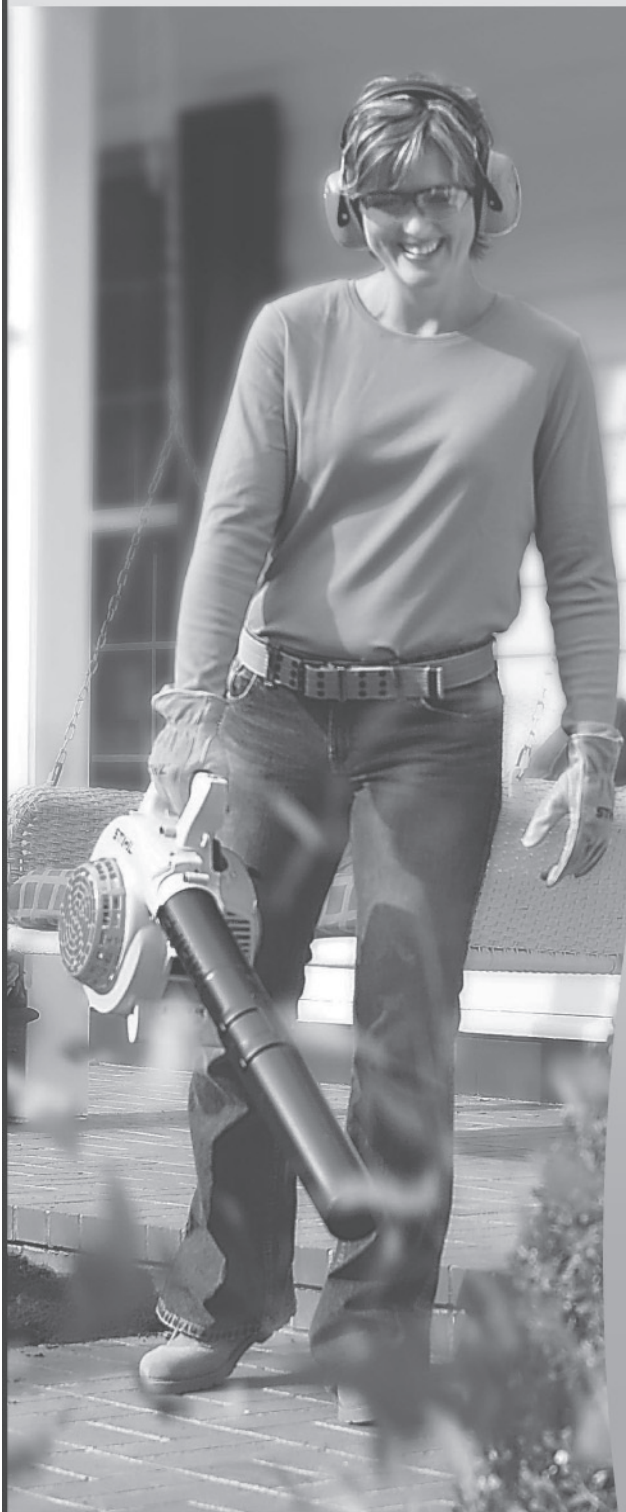
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Guards Work On Halloween Night

Story and Photos By Tom Burkard

The safety of children is always a concern, especially on Halloween night, and The City of South Amboy for the second consecutive year, utilized its School Crossing Guards for extra security. The Crossing Guards, who worked from 4-8 p.m., engaged in friendly chatter with the youngsters and their parents, as they helped them to cross the busy streets. Some of the dedicated guards used flashlights so they could be seen more easily by motorists.

Crossing Guard Tom Connor, who was on the corner of Bordentown Ave. and South Pine Ave. said he felt that having the guards working at night on Halloween, "Is a good safety factor. The kids and adults listen, and I believe they appreciate us being out here." Sue Clark, a Crossing Guard who was stationed on the corner of John St. and North Pine Ave. said, "I like seeing the kids dressed in their costumes, and also all the parents are appreciative of us being out here, and say "thank you."



Tom Connor, a South Amboy School Crossing Guard is pictured working at the intersection of Bordentown Ave. and South Pine Ave. on Halloween Night.



Sue Clark, is shown crossing trick or treaters and their parents at the intersection of South Pine Ave. and John St. on Halloween Night.

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Kutz On Tour

Rebecca Kutz, daughter of Bunny and John Michael Kutz, formerly of South Amboy, and granddaughter of Ken Rogers, of South Amboy, is currently on tour in intramusical Theatricals and ITheatrics productions "Frankly Ben" (The imaginary day in the life of an extraordinary kid), and "Flat Stanley" (A whirlwind musical travelogue). Designed to educate youngsters, "Flat Stanley" premiered at Greenville, SC to an audience over 3,000. "Frankly Ben" had its premiere at the Grand Opera House in Macon, GA with an audience of over 6,000. As of Nov. 2, these productions have been performed at Joliet, IL, Overland Park, KS, Omaha, NE, Ashland, KY, Charlotte, NC, Paducah, KY, and Indianapolis, IN.



Cub Scout Pack 391's Raven Patrol does it again.....
Kittatinny Mountain Scout Reserve (KMSR) held their Fall Camporee October 19-21, 2007. Tom & Deb Richter led their Raven Patrol who won First Place overall in the camporee for the second time in a row..They had 7 different stations where they had to compete against other Webelos dens & also Boy Scout troops. Team work, lashings, first aid, maps, Flag history, were some of the stations, this after the boys had to put up their tents & sleep in a heavy downpour on Friday night. Standing in the back are the Second year Webelos Jesse Richter, Richie Fiehl, Danny Mace, Chris Schweikert & Frank Herslak. Kneeling in the front are first year Webelos, Ronnie Alvarez, Eddie Zuppa, Ethan Dobrynski, & Petey Zuppa..

Mystery Picture



This great photo which was taken in 1958 at the South Amboy Salt Water Day Parade, features Michele Kosovich as the Baby Mermaid sitting in the shell on top of the float, and her brother Paul Kosovich the first on the left in front. Now for the mystery! Does anyone know the other 5 young ladies behind Paul, and what significant part did they play at Salt Water Day? Please let us know at: satimes@aol.com., or send a note to: SA Times, PO Box 3027, South Amboy, NJ 08879.

Students Receive Awards

Four high school students from St. Mary Parish, Caitlin Polomene, Krystal Feihl, Ashley Tackman and Michael Kurtz received the Roman Catholic Diocese of Metuchen's Youth Ministry Award. The St. Timothy Award was presented by Bishop Paul Bootkoski at St. Francis Cathedral in Metuchen. A reception for all the teens, their families, clergy, religious and youth ministers followed.

The parishes of the Diocese of Metuchen recognized outstanding high school Catholic youth of their parishes for their service to the family, community, school and parish. The award is named from the scripture passage from the First Letter to St. Timothy 4:12, "Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but be an example for all believers in your speech, your conduct, your love, faith, and purity." Congratulations to the award winners!

The Four Polo Grounds

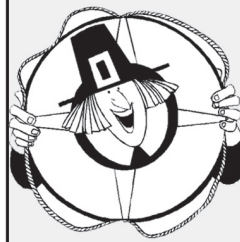
By Greg Cohen

There were four versions of the Polo Grounds. The original, named for the prominent sport in which it hosted, was located at 110th Street and Sixth Avenue where the New York Metropolitan played until they were evicted in 1889. They then moved to where the other three were located which was at 155th Street and 8th Avenue in Harlem. Despite the fact that the name of the team changed from the Mets to the Gotham then to the Giants, the name of the stadium remained the same. From 1890-1891, Manhattan Field was used by the Giants and is commonly called Polo Grounds II. From 1892-1911, after moving out of Manhattan Field, neighboring ballpark became Polo Grounds III. In 1911, a fire severely damaged the park but later opened and was known as Polo Grounds IV.

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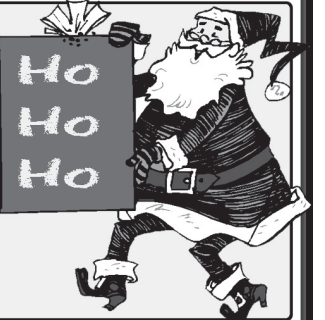
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The Friendship Album

By Elaine Scott

As I took the folder from its black plastic covering, a few pictures tumbled to the floor. Looking downwards, I saw they were black and white photos of Eileen Norek, Lynne Burkard, and Kathleen O'Leary, their young smiles unchanged by time. With excitement, I was soon sitting at the table with the pictures I had received in the mail that day. I was about to begin a very sentimental journey to the early years of my life.

One by one, the familiar faces appeared, many which I hadn't seen in decades: Fran-nie Coan's 4th grade school picture; Rosanne Cross and Joe Vail together in the spring of '61; Nancy Newcomb's sophomore and junior class photos; Michael McVay in the 8th grade; Ronald Cross as a young school boy; my own freshman year school picture; Mel and Beth Newcomb taken in early childhood; and school pictures of Janey and Drew Newcomb. Being younger, theirs were the only ones in color.

Photos from our favorite hang-out, the picture booth in Perth Amboy, were in abundance: Rosanne, Nancy, and I, alone and together, actually growing up in front of the lens. The young teenaged faces of Louise Caputo, Denise Geant, Donna Chuilli, Jackie Stutski, Cathy Cross, Madalyn Carter, and Eileen Norek, all from the same picture booth, were in there, too.

Pictures of our 8th grade trip to Bear Mountain in May of 1961, taken by a little Brownie camera, included: Maureen Kennedy posing so ladylike; Billy Amidon "hamming it up" as he always did; Jimmy Doyle with a seriousness far beyond his 13 years; Robert Baron wearing a smile from ear to ear; and Tommy Harkins looking so mature for his age. There were also many pictures taken one month later outside of Frank Naughton's home after our 8th grade graduation from St Mary's: Johnny Jonap and Pat Casey laughing for the camera; Kathleen O'Leary with Arlene Krieger; and others of Patty Stramback, Donna Chuilli, Brian Splan, and Frank.

More high school pictures came: Cindy Kurtz as a freshman in Hoffman H.S, and St. Mary's photos of Louise Caputo, Richard Danceses, Mary Ferguson, John (Geisha) Gelsinon, and Jimmy Cleary. Sadly, Jimmy's obituary from a few short years later was also in the pile.

The last of the photos were taken from the now empty folder: Cathy and Monica Cross posing in their 1960 Easter outfits; young Lyn and Antoinette ("Ninny") Lopez; Madalyn Carter in the summer of '59; and one of a little girl, named Linda Decker.

When I was finished looking at the photos, I really wasn't finished at all, as it has left me wondering about the kids in those black and white pictures I had known so long ago. My two best friends from childhood, Rosanne and Nancy, continue to be a part of my life. Rosanne owns and operates two O'Ireland stores, one on North Broadway in South Amboy and the other in Westfield, with her husband, Paul Savoie, while Nancy resides in Sea Girt with her husband, Dr. Charles Schade. I know that Mary Ferguson

made South Carolina her home long ago, and Madalyn Carter Purcell is co-owner of Bake & More, in the place where the old 5 and 10 cent store used to be. With sadness, I have since learned that the happy-go-lucky Pat Casey, a friend to everyone, passed away a long time ago. As for me, Georgia is where I have been living and working for the past 6 1/2 years. If anyone knows about the others, please let us hear from you.

The photographs, all placed into a Friendship Album, have since been returned to Rosanne Cross, the one who had kept them through the many years. In putting the album together, I had wanted to begin it with the oldest picture going first. In amazement, I saw it was to be my 2nd grade school picture, which I had given to Rosanne when she and I had shared our childhood together. How strangely humbling it still is for me in knowing she had saved that photo for over five decades. All of the world's earthly riches dim in comparison to lifelong friendships.

I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!!

(Elaine "Holton" Scott may be contacted at siteseein526@bellsouth.net.)

Children's Holiday Party At Dowdell

Save the date! Children of all ages are invited to attend the library's annual Children's Holiday Party on Thursday, December 13th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Library is adjacent to the South Amboy High School off O'Leary Boulevard. For more information, please contact the Library at 732.721.6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

Trip to Atlantic City

The OLV Senior group is sponsoring a holiday trip to Tropicana Casino on Sunday, December 9, 2007. The cost of the trip is \$25.00 with \$10.00 return in cash. Participants will also be able to see the Holiday Spectacular Show. The bus departs from OLV lower parking lot at 11AM and returns approximately at 9PM. For further information or to book a seat, call Jack at (732) 254-7263.

Parishes Celebrate Anniversary

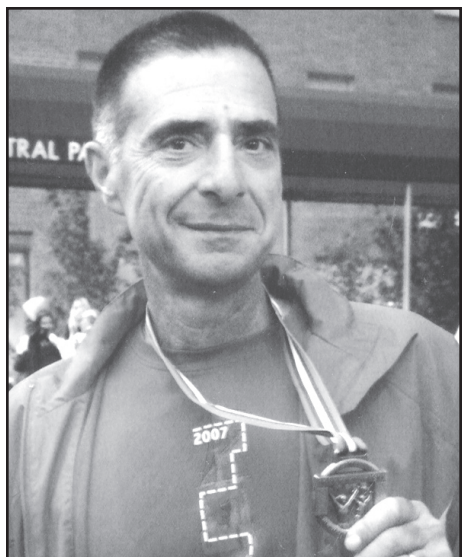
Parishioners from St. Mary and Sacred Heart in South Amboy and St. Bernadette's in Parlin gathered on Sat., Oct. 13 at the Gazebo, located on Bordentown Ave., South Amboy to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's Apparition to the 3 children. They honored Our Blessed Mother with hymns, reciting the rosary and meditations. This prayerful gathering was coordinated by Rita Priolo, a parishioner of St. Mary's Parish. "The America Needs Fatima Rally" was celebrated throughout the United States on Oct. 13 by various parishes and rosary groups, because our Blessed Mother Mary wants public prayer for the conversion of our country and the triumph of her Immaculate Heart.



Parishioners from St. Mary, Sacred Heart and St. Bernadette's gather at the Gazebo on Bordentown Ave. in South Amboy to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's Apparition to the three children.

Sayreville Doctor Ran In N.Y.C. Marathon

By Clem Skarzynski



Dr. Nicholas Cartegna of Sayreville, proudly displays his New York City Marathon Medal at the completion of his 5:14:07 run. (Photo courtesy of Julie Cartegna)

Over 2 years ago, Sayreville resident and local chiropractor, Dr. Nicholas Cartegna began his own personal running program, just "To stay fit." As time went on, Nick "Bested" his previous runs by adding miles to his scheduled runs. Then, with inspiration from his wife Cindy and 2 daughters Julie and Beth, and his chiropractic patients, Nick really wanted to Test his abilities-"I wanted to see if I had what it took, to really compete as a runner," he said. So, officially at age 49, Nick began a quest only about 39,000 or so other runners could try to achieve. A shot at running in the New York City Marathon!

Knowing he needed at least 2 years to build and train to a marathon level, Nick began with numerous 5K events, his first was in Barnegat, NJ with a 31:26 time. Prior to his first 5K, he had a consistent 3-4 times a week of planned and marked out runs, increasing his mileage, and decreasing his times.

Nick constantly entered all the local races he could, from 5K's, 8K's, 10K's on up, to 18 mile events. When he thought "He was ready," he entered the "Lottery System" for a chance to run in the NYC Marathon, and got in on his first attempt! Then things

got serious. No more Ring Dings or Frozen Devil Dogs, now it was pasta, water and Gatorade. This past July 16th, Nick began his "Formal training." Up at 5 a.m., hit the Sayreville roadways for 15 miles a day, choosing routes with hills to increase his endurance. 13 weeks of rigorous training and commitment, topping it off with two 18-milers, then tapering down for 2 more weeks with 9, 8, and 3 mile runs, then two 3-mile walks, 4 days before "Marathon Sunday" on Nov. 4th.

It's here! At age 51, Dr. Nick puts on his official "Race Bib." He'll wear the #42113, as he sprints off the Staten Island side of the Verrazano Bridge into Brooklyn-We're off to the blaring sound of Bruce Springsteen's "Born In The U.S.A.," 39,000 runners saw New York City Fireboats below, spraying water towers of blue, orange and white into the air, forming a "rainbow" in the morning sun. According to Nick, "It was absolutely breathtaking!"

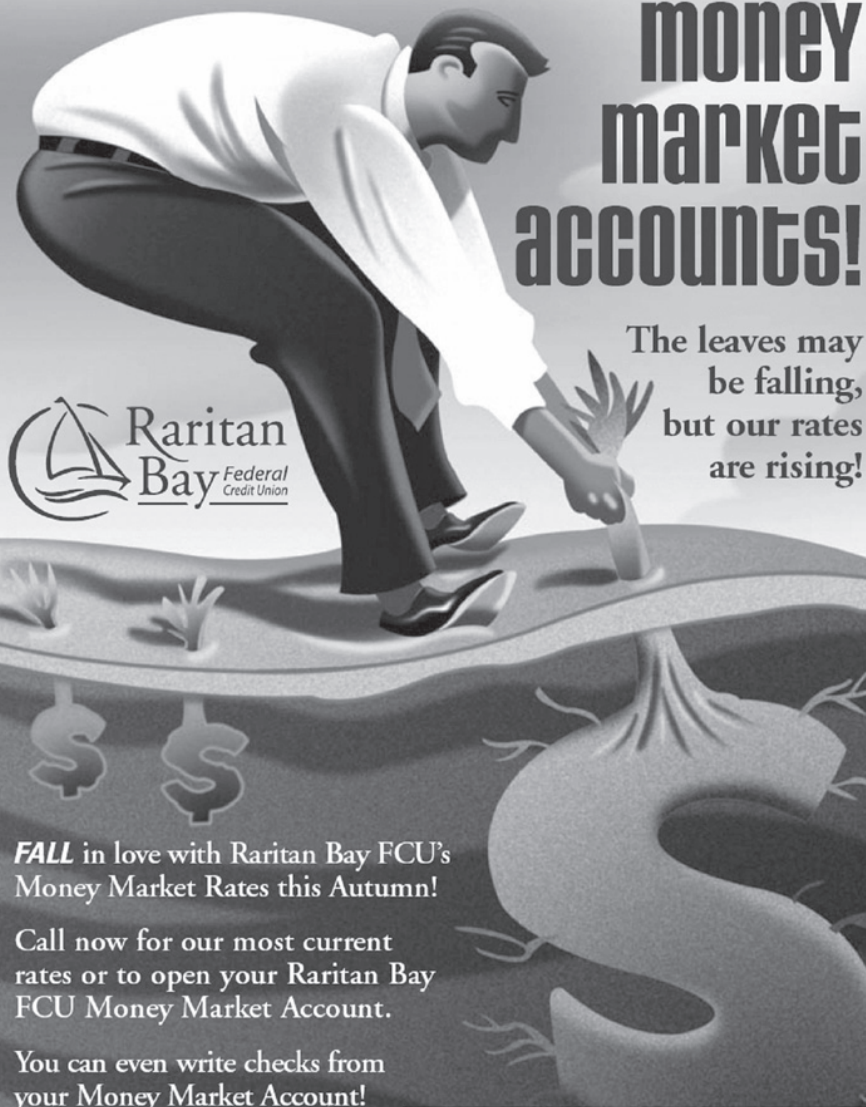
Through Brooklyn, into Queens the crowds cheered the runners on. Manhattan next, then into the Bronx, with the final turn back into Manhattan for the final sprint up 1st Ave., into Central Park, with thousands of cheering spectators, cameras, and runners by the thousands, crossing through the finish line boxes, as their "Timing Chips" attached to their sneaker laces "Chirped into a steady high pitched wail, as each runner completed the 26.2 mile trek!

Dr. Cartegna, runner #42113, clocked in at 5 hours, 14 minutes, and 7 seconds, and finished at #32,075 out of 39,000 competitors. He had completed his goal! "As I went through the finish line, it was bittersweet. I didn't want it to end. I didn't want to let go of the moment. I could have run 10 more miles, I felt so good," he said.

Will he do it again? "Yes," he said without hesitation. As will all the other runners. And many from the South Amboy, Sayreville and Parlin area, who also ran their personal bests, will do!

To Nick Cartegna, and all of our local participants, congratulations on an exceptional accomplishment! You've earned that beautiful medal!

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Sayreville War Memorial HS teacher/coach, Richard Gluchowski (wearing a gray sweater with Navy horizontal stripe) and his wife are pictured in the front row at the Bon Jovi concert on Opening Night at the Prudential Center in Newark. He won the tickets through the "Today Show" contest.

Bon Jovi Opens Prudential Center

The brand new and much-heralded Prudential Center in Newark opened on October 25 to the rockin' sounds of one of the world's most popular bands, Bon Jovi, fronted by former Sayreville resident, Jon Bon Jovi.

The attendance was listed at 17,500, as Bon Jovi entertained the crowd at the \$380 million arena which is nicknamed "The Rock."

25 Years Ago

1982-Here are just a few songs that made it to #1 in '82: I Love Rock 'N Roll; Eye Of The Tiger; Centerfold; Jack & Diane; Who Can It Be Now?; Mickey; Abracadabra; Truly; Up Where We Belong; Hard To Say I'm Sorry; Maneater; Ebony & Ivory. Remember any of these?

#1 Pop Hits-Nov. 17

- 1999-Smooth-Santana
- 1989-When I See You Smile-Bad English
- 1974-Whatever Gets You Through the Night-John Lennon
- 1960-Georgia On My Mind-Ray Charles
- 1952-You Belong To Me
- 1947-I Wish I Didn't Love You So
- 1930-Three Little Words

#1 Country Hits-Nov. 17

- 1995-Check Yes Or No-George Strait
- 1986-That Rock Won't Roll-Restless Heart
- 1971-Lead Me On-C. Twitty/L. Lynn
- 1969-Okie From Muskogee-Merle Haggard
- 1959-Country Girl-Faron Young
- 1945-With Tears In My Eyes-Wesley Tuttle

Music Trivia Challenge

By Tom Burkard

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|---|---------------------------|
| 1. ___ Thank God I Found You | a. Sly & The Family Stone |
| 2. ___ Thank You Girl | b. Brook Benton |
| 3. ___ Thanks For Saving My Life | c. Mariah Carey |
| 4. ___ Thank God It's Friday | d. The Beatles |
| 5. ___ Thank You For Being A Friend | e. Alanis Morissette |
| 6. ___ Thank You (Falettinme Be Mice Elf) | f. John Denver |
| 7. ___ Thank God I'm A Country Boy | g. Cheryl Pepsii Riley |
| 8. ___ Thank You Pretty Baby | h. Love & Kisses |
| 9. ___ Thank U. | i. Billy Paul |
| 10. ___ Thanks For My Child | j. Andrew Gold |

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

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AEROSMITH- Millennium Collection (Universal)

I never was a big Aerosmith fan, but this solid collection (1 CD) of hits will make

even the most pessimistic listener a fan. From "Dude..." through the coolest song in the world this week- "Rag Doll," it's just a slug-fest of hits and smashes! Aerosmith is touring with Joan Jett. See the show and get a full dose of heavy-duty rock 'n' roll!

CHARLES MINGUS- Millennium Collection (Universal)

Mingus was a brilliant, and original jazz musician. This set (1 CD) is rounded out with tastefully selected crowd pleasers from Mingus' vast jazz catalog. All hits, no misses that were taken from the master recordings. This is the heart and soul of Mingus, featuring new liner notes. The recordings capture the band at the height of their career. This collection will give you a thirst to find the rest of his superb catalog which is truly a mind-blowing experience!

LETTERS

Dear Tom,

The article on Feffer's, the family and the store brought back many fond memories, since I grew up on Henry St., just a short distance from Pine Ave.

The original Feffer store was housed in the front room of their home located at the corner of Pine Ave. and Henry St. It was packed to the ceiling with merchandise. Mr. Feffer had this house moved to Henry St., where it was remodeled into a 2-family dwelling, and then, in 1929, the present store was built.

Sadie managed this store and did an excellent job. She never married. Moe was a brother, and the bearded man described in the article was probably Mr. Feffer, her father.

Thank you for this nostalgic article, telling how it was "Long ago in our town."

With Best Wishes,
Helen Peterson Morgan
(Formerly of South Amboy)
Toms River

Dear Tom,

I read the wonderful article about the Feffers submitted by The Ghost. I did some work for the Feffer family and got to know a little about them. It was nice to see that The Ghost recognized their decency and humanity.

My childhood memory is similar to The Ghost's. I remember as a 7-year old, I was brought to the store on the morning of my sister's wedding for a new shirt and tie. His impressions of that experience were similar to mine.

I noticed that the story had a few blanks. Let me try to fill them in.

The article referred to the soft spoken young son. His name was Philip Faffer, and he was the youngest brother of Sadie. He was trained as a bookkeeper and kept the books at the store. The daughter, "frail and slight and clear eyed and lilting" was Marion Faffer, Sadie's younger sister. Marion Faffer was disabled, and the family, particularly Sadie and Philip, dedicated their lives to her care. By the way, Sadie's proper name is Sarah.

The Ghost mentioned Sadie's husband Moe. Actually, Sadie never married. She had a brother, Moses Faffer, known to most as "Moe." Although Moses lived above the store, he did not work at the store. I believe he and Sidney Faffer worked at one of the local factories. The physical description given of the man thought to be Sadie's husband is more likely a description of Sadie's father, Benjamin Feffer. As a child, I remember seeing Benjamin Feffer pacing back and forth in front of the store, dressed in black from head to toe. His hands were clasped behind his back and he was talking to himself. This seemed like odd behavior to me until my mother explained that he was saying his prayers.

Benjamin Feffer and his wife Bertha had 8 children, Sarah, Feffer, Henry Feffer, Samuel Faffer, Abraham Faffer, Moses Faffer, Sidney Faffer, Philip Faffer and Marion Faffer. After Sadie's mother died, Sadie became the matriarch of the family. Sidney and Abraham married and had lives outside of the store. Henry worked at a local liquor store on Broadway. When it came to the store, however, there was never any question that it was Sadie who was in charge.

In later years, Abraham Faffer, who lived in Perth Amboy, kept his eye on Sadie, Philip and Marion. I got to know Abe and his wife Terry and his daughter Jaclynn. Abe served in the U.S. Army as a young man and worked many years in industry as a chemist.

Please not the spelling. As I understand it, Henry and Sadie were born in Europe before their father and mother immigrated to the U.S. As with many immigrants of that era, their name was spelled phonetically and became "Feffer." The actual spelling of the family name is "Faffer." The younger children born in the U.S. retained the last name of Faffer.

I had the occasion to visit Sadie before she died. I accompanied her attorney, George Kress when he visited her. This was many years since I had last been to the store. I was introduced to her, but she was unable to speak. After a few minutes, Mr. Kress and I turned to leave. At that point, Sadie looked at me and said in a faint but audible voice "your father had red hair." She was right. As sick as she was, she was able to make the connection. I was amazed.

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School Sports

(As of Nov. 5)

By Tom Burkard

Football

Sayreville (7-2) Rasheim Clarke, Javon Hodges, and Matt Gruytch have excelled, taking up the rushing slack since ace Reinaldo Rodriguez has been on the DL for over a month. The Bombers should make a serious run for the CJ Group IV title, with Piscataway the team they must beat.

Cardinal McCarrick (1-7) Dontre Merriks has been super for the Eagles. Also playing well are Ryan Brock, Taylor Clark, Kevin Savoia, Jesse Stone, Brendon Maxwell and Melvin Smith.

Boys Soccer

South Amboy (12-8) The Guvs get plenty of scoring from Oscar Cuello, #9 in the county with 41 points, and also his brother Diego, Mateusz Sobolweski, Rusty Shaborovsky, Colin Krzyzanowski, and many others.

Sayreville (11-9) Bombers All-Time leading scorer, Kene Eze #3 in the county in scoring with 63 points, and #2 in goals (30) leads the way. Matt Welna and Luis Jimenez have made big contributions to the Blue & Gray.

Cardinal McCarrick (4-12) Sean Williams topped the Eagles with 16 goals and 37 points. Austin Kaiser found the net in the Eagles' final game, a 5-1 victory over Mater Dei.

Girls Soccer

Cardinal McCarrick (11-8) Ann Trecolis is #2 in Middlesex County in points (66) and goals (25) to lead the Lady Eagles offense. Goalie Emma Murray has 5 shutouts. Sarah Balon, Allison Smith and Ashley Malone have also helped Coach Jeff Sprague's club.

Sayreville (11-8-1) Ruba Sbeah is the top offensive threat for the Bombers. She is followed by Jolise Aponte, Staci Jankielewicz, and Kayla Hubela. Goalkeeper Allie Couzo has 7 shutouts.

South Amboy (8-9-1) Hannah Riley, Kaleigh Delucca, Lynn Bloodgood, and Casey Jukus provide the scoring punch, while goalie Katey Charmello has registered 3 shutouts.

LETTERS

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All of the Feffer children are gone now, but for many like the Ghost and me, not forgotten. I will always remember Philip. He is one of my personal heroes. He was a simple, shy, quiet man whose burdens became greater as he got older. He always endured. He kept the store open all day, every day. He kept a kosher kitchen, and cooked for himself and his sisters. He spent long days preparing for high holy days. Philip never drove a car. He rarely left South Amboy. Many years ago, I took Philip to New Brunswick. I could see a childlike sense of wonder in his eyes as we traveled on the Turnpike and crossed the Raritan River. He never had a bad word to say about anyone. Above all, he dedicated his life to caring for Marion.

Jim Vail

South Amboy

Dear Tom,

Enclosed is my check for my renewal subscription. I enjoy receiving your newspaper each month. Although it's been at least 50 years since I lived in South Amboy, I still feel it's my hometown, and have many fond memories of the town and the people.

Regards,

Stan Olenczak

(Formerly of South Amboy)

Florida

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Miara Wins Title

Heather Miara, Georgian Court University's standout Cross-Country runner, captured the individual title at the NJIAAW Championships at the Richard Stockton College of NJ recently. Heather, a Sayreville resident finished the 6k race almost

Field Hockey

Sayreville (4-8-2) Danielle Hoyte and Chrissy Deleto were the top scorers for the Bombers.

Girls Tennis

Sayreville (15-4) One of the best girls tennis teams in school history, the Bombers are led by singles players, Jane Viernes, Jessica Kitrys, Wilson. The doubles teams of Katherine Verhara-Fallon Conry, and Sonya Shah-Sanzana Farouque are also near the top of the county's best list.

Cardinal McCarrick (5-10) Jessica Harland and Ji Yun Won appear to be the best singles players, and the doubles team of Rachel Soltis-Jessica Costa has been the Lady Eagles' finest.

South Amboy (0-16) Lacey Holovacko topped the singles players with (2) wins, and the doubles team of Alicia Bancerc-Celeste Barnett won (5) matches for the Lady Guvs.

Boys Cross Country

South Amboy (6-1) Coach Fred Henry has turned in an outstanding job, guiding the Guvs to the State Group I Championship round. The top 2 runners all season are Matt Richmond and John Winkler. They are usually followed by Mark Parisen and Brian Septor.

Sayreville (4-3) Shane Zuczek leads the pack and is followed by Stephan Bisaha and Nick Pizzi.

Cardinal McCarrick (3-5) Matt Wiater is the Eagles' #1 runner, and is usually followed by Ryan Kelly and Sean Kelly.

Girls Cross Country

Sayreville (6-0) One of the best team in the county, the Bombers are led by Shannon McKenna, Melissa Gulyas and Cassie Campbell. Also helping out are Erin Fitzgibbons and Rebecca Serrano.

Cardinal McCarrick (3-3) Top runners in no particular order are: Jennifer Daniels, Joanna Prumos, Jamie Williams and Kristen Hansen.

South Amboy (3-5) Myra Dabkowski is the leading runner, followed by Kim Richmond, Amanda Grace and Alice Chiu.

Najjar Wins 100th

Sayreville Bombers football Coach George Najjar, in his 13th season at the school notched his 100th career victory, as the Blue & Gray came from behind to nip Colonia, 28-26 in a real nail-biter.

Rasheim Clarke scored 2 touchdown runs from 1 yard, and 25 yards. Javon Hodges raced for a 14-yd. TD, and Matt Gruytch had a 1-yd. TD plunge. Darrell Stephenson was perfect booting 4 extra points. Coach Najjar's outstanding record at Sayreville is (100-36), with one CJ Group III Championship in 1996.

Guvs Advance To Championship

Coach Fred Henry's talented South Amboy Guvs Boys Cross Country team has advanced to the state championship by virtue of its 5th place finish out of 18 teams in Central Jersey Group I. The 7 SA runners in order with their place and time are: Matt Richmond 25-18:22; John Winkler 33-19:02; Kyle Septor 40-19:20; Mark Parisen 45-19:31; Connor Anderson 52-19:47; Chris Ikan 72-21:02; Dustin DeVoe 80-21:44. There were 118 runners from 18 schools. Coach Henry stated that, "All of our runners had their individual best times by far at Thompson Park." He also said that, "This is the first time in about 20 years that our school has gone to the state championship." SA's record in dual meets is (6-1) one of the best in history.

40 seconds ahead of the field with a time of 23:40.14. The Lions finished 2nd place. The talented freshman has been Georgian Court's #1 runner all season. Congratulations, Heather!



Bishop Ahr HS gymnastics coach Brant Lutska (center) is all smiles with the addition of freshman gymnasts Melody Smith (left) and Meghan Larkin to his varsity squad. Lutska, who has five consecutive state high school championships to his credit, will call on both 2007 St. Mary Elementary School grads for major contributions over the next few years.

Local Gymnasts at BGAHS

Local gymnasts Melody Smith and Meghan Larkin have been friends and teammates since the age of seven. Both are members of the 2007 graduating class of St. Mary Elementary School and presently train together at American Gymnastics Academy in South Plainfield.

As gymnasts, they drew the attention of renowned high school gymnastics coach Brant Lutska in the fall of 2005. At the time, Lutska was in the midst of his third consecutive state championship season at Bishop Ahr High School (BGA) in Edison, and the girls were beginning 7th grade at St. Mary.

The possibility of both girls continuing their athletic and academic journey at BGA began to emerge. Each would bring a résumé that included individual USAG-NJ state championships.

This August the freshman "package deal" reported for preseason practice, and Coach Lutska saw a promising future. "Melody and Meghan are a delight to have on the team," he said. "They have great work

ethic, and their future is really going to soar next season.

"Melody has a few things to clean up on (balance) beam, but she's going to be just phenomenal," Lutska added. "(Both) have great gymnastics potential; cleaning up little bent knees here and there will take their scores into the high nines."

In a duel meet vs. Piscataway HS, Melody turned in a first place finish on floor exercise to help the Trojans in a convincing 102.9 to 76.315 win over the Chiefs.

At the Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) championship on October 18, Meghan contributed a solid performance on balance beam before a packed house at South Brunswick High School as Bishop Ahr turned back a strong challenge from the host team to gain a sixth straight GMC title. The margin of victory was a heart stopping nine tenths of a point.

The Bishop Ahr gymnastics team includes another area resident. Ashley McQuade of Parlin is a junior on the squad, and an all-conference performer.

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The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From the Sports Archives...



1958-Sayreville football superstar, Tommy "Red" Michaels (l), who was the county's scoring champion in 1957 with 105 points, and finished 2nd place in '58, is shown with Coach Homer Dill (c), and Charlie Skwira (r) at a practice session. (Photo courtesy of Homer and Shirley Dill)

20 Years Ago

1987-Coach Reggie Carney's Girls Cross Country and Boys Cross Country teams were possibly the best in the school's history. Although final records are unavailable, the girls record was (9-0) and the boys (7-3) as of Oct. 25, 1987.

The girls were led by Krissy and Jenny Kuziemski, the top runners, and also Capt. Maryann Stephanick, Amy Toscano, Renee Bialoblocki, Chris Noble, Dawn Webb. Other contributors were: Bridget DeFort,

Mary Kaye Bouchard, Kim Wallace, Sheri Hackett, Lorraine McNerny, Dana Stephanick, Colleen Gallery, Dawn Matthews, Debbie Toth, Joanne Salkiewicz, and Erin Arnold.

Brian Kuhn who was running at 17:38 and Joe Durso were the top runners. They received plenty of support from Brian Reagan, Steve Chrzaszcz, Bob Limardo, Colin Olsen, Corey LaVigne, Mike Bialoblocki, and Billy Sturgis.

20 Years Ago

1987-Lynn Ust, the greatest girls basketball player in Hoffman/South Amboy HS history set a school single game scoring record by pouring in 38 points in a Group I state tournament game against South Jersey Champion, Florence. The Lady Guvs won in a romp, 85-47, and in the Group I final, they blasted North Jersey Champion, Waldwick, 73-29. Lynn pumped in 28 points and was selected MVP. In 4 tournament games, she averaged an awesome 29.8 points per game. Coach Reggie Carney's talented club finished the season ranked #5 in the USA Today newspaper, and #2 in New Jersey, (quite a surprise after going unbeaten for 2 years (67-0).

Horseshoe Champions

The South Amboy Recreation Dept. held an annual Horseshoe Tournament from 1987-1992. The following were crowned champions:

Singles-1987-Mike O'Connor 1988-Mike Kelly Sr. 1989-Ted Pavlonnis 1990-John Kenny 1991-Bob Carew 1992-Paul Prouty.

Doubles-1987-Tom Hessner & Matt Witham 1988-Bil O'Leary & Bob Carew 1989-John Kenny & Mike Kelly Sr. 1990-John Kenny & Mike Kelly 1991-Bill O'Leary & Bob Carew 1992-Paul Prouty & Fred Pizzi.



Glory Days In Local Sports

1945-Hoffman nipped Keyport, 31-29 in overtime, as Joe Zera scored all 4 points in OT, finishing with 10. John Bodenmann took scoring laurels with 13 points.

1959-Sayreville's baseball club downed Metuchen, 6-4. Jack Jankowski was the winning pitcher in relief, and drilled 2 singles and a double. 1968-St. Mary's basketball team ripped JFK, 82-42. Jim McCloud and Mark Bratus pumped in 16 points apiece, Ted Krzyzanowski 13, and George Krzyzanowski 12. 1975-Dave Ritter booted 3 field goals and 11 extra points, scoring 20 points for the Bombers football squad. 1980-The Hoffman Lady Guvs trounced Highland Park in hoops action, 93-55. Jamie White led the attack with 19 points, and was followed by Sue Check 16, Carol Akerman 15, Sue Akerman 15, and Linda Smith 14. 1998-Coach Ed Twomey's St. Mary's boys cross country team flew past Highland Park, 19-38. Tom Boychuk finished 1st, Charles Riccardi 2nd, Anthony Valdivieso 3rd, and Gerard Pizzillo came in 4th. 2000-Kaitlyn Katko poured in 26 points to lead St. Mary's to a 55-50 overtime victory over Carteret.

T.H.E. Game

Year-1975 Sport-Basketball Teams-Immaculata vs. St. Mary's

Recap-The night belonged to Joe Kolakowski, who ripped down his 1,000th career rebound with 1:51 left in the first half, to become the first and only St. Mary's player in history to accomplish this feat. Immediately following the historic moment, the game was stopped, and AD Steve Nestinger Joe with the ball, and Father William Schlatterbach gave him with a trophy from his class.

The Saints marched on to a 71-51 romp, as Kolakowski finished with 14 rebounds and 15 points. Pete Bukovec tossed in 17 points, and John Conlon 11 for SM. MVP-Joe Kolakowski

50 Years Ago

1957-Sayreville's star athlete, Ron Kuran was the Middlesex County basketball scoring champion with 474 points, and a 23.7 avg., while leading his club to an (18-3) record. He was a 1st Team All-County choice in The Evening News. Kuran was the first Bomber basketeer to score 1,000 points in a career, and finished with a superb 1,230 points.

Polo Grounds

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The combinations of my love for both history and baseball drove me to the old site of the Polo Grounds. I went with Matt Ambroziak and located two fascinating landmarks. The first was a stairwell located at Coogan's Bluff. At the base of this stairwell is an original plaque from the 1930's in honor of their late owner John Brush. This stairwell originally led people to a ticket booth. The other fascinating landmark is a plaque that stands at the exact location where homeplate used to be. As I stood there, I looked out to where the outfield was while envisioning Willie Mays making his miracle catch in the

1951 World Series. I was in complete and utter awe. At that very spot, Bobby Thomson hit the "shot heard 'round the world" to win the 1951 National League Pennant. I honestly felt the chills roll down my back as I thought about the history that took place at the very spot I was standing on.

A real quick fact that not too many people know is that the current New York Mets have the colors orange, black, white and blue. The orange and black are in honor of the time that the Giants played in New York while the white and blue are for the Dodgers.

Basketball Memories

By The Ghost 2

1960-61 were not glory years for South Amboy basketball. That season, St. Mary's and Hoffman had a combined win total of (5). What is unusual about that is the Guvs and Eagles won their games against the same opponent on their respective schedules. Who did Hoffman win their 3 games against, and St. Mary's win their 2 against? The answer will follow below.

Guvs' Coach Jim Croddick and Eagles' Coach Luke Lenahan played underclassmen almost exclusively, even using some frosh. Although 1960-61 was a horrible experience for the coaches, it certainly proved worthwhile for them in the future. In 61-62, Hoffman improved to (15-8) and the Saints to (16-9). Having been a member of St. Mary's team in 61-62, we felt pretty good about ourselves despite our 9 losses, because compared to the previous 3 seasons, when St. Mary's had a combined (11-46) record, we finally gave the fans a little something

to cheer about. Hoffman would become Group I State Champions in 1963, and good teams followed. St. Mary's would field strong teams through 1965, the best being (18-5) in '64. Unfortunately for both schools, Coach Croddick, a good and very nice gentleman would die suddenly. Coach Lenahan would leave St. Mary's after 1965 to teach at what was then called Madison Twp. (Now Old Bridge) and later enjoy success as varsity basketball coach there. Now back to the trivia question. Through a fluke in scheduling, Hoffman not only beat Hightstown in 2 regular season games, but they also met in a tournament game, and the Guvs prevailed once again. It might be interesting to know what Hightstown's record was that season?

Both of St. Mary's wins came in the City Series games, when the Eagles were able to salvage some local bragging rights (Very little bragging) by defeating Hoffman 41-36 on George St. and 48-38 over on Second St. Key players for St. Mary's were Joe Jankowski, Bob Suminski, Frank Kennedy, Jack Kreiger, Jim Heffernan (the only senior), Tom Fitzmorris, Bill Tibbitt, and Jay Derent. Hoffman was led by Bob Poetsch, Manny Formoso, Gene Lopez, Carl Wernett, Jerry Drill and John Lange.

Ron Kukulski, then Sports Editor for the old South Amboy Citizen presented The City Series Trophy immediately following the game to a smiling Eagles' captain Jim Heffernan, as an equally smiling Coach Lenahan, Father James Russell and a less than happy looking Coach Croddick looked on.

*NOTE-Most people know who the original Ghost is, but we've only heard one person guess the identity of The Ghost 2, who wrote this great story. Any ideas? Let us know.

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Where Have You Gone, Lenny Popowski?

By Tom Burkard



Lenny Popowski

Lenny Popowski was one of the most talented all-around athletes in Sayreville High School history. A 1961 graduate, he starred in baseball, football and basketball, while racking up 11 varsity letters.

As a 5-3, 120 pound freshman, he pitched a no-hitter in his first jayvee game, and was soon called up to the varsity by Coach John Wortley. The switch-hitting (A rarity back then) youngster, played mostly outfield and pitched 1 game, but gained lots of respect by batting over .400 with the big team.

The gifted performer developed a nice repertoire of pitches as a sophomore, including a curveball, change-up, folly floater, and screwball that really opened opponents eyes, and gained plenty of accolades for him throughout Middlesex County, as he defeated some of the top clubs around with his stellar pitching and strong hitting. By the time Lenny was a junior, he was regarded as one of the best pitchers and hitters in the county and state. In 1960, during his junior year, he pitched perhaps one of the greatest games in NJ schoolboy history. In a battle of unbeaten clubs, South River and Sayreville, he faced the great Andy Dustal, who went on to professional ball, and Popowski actually out-pitched him for most of the game. The two top pitchers battled through 13 innings scoreless innings, and after Popowski retired the first batter in the 14th, the Rams stroked 2 singles and used a throwing error to their advantage, as they scored 2 runs, and won the contest 2-0 in 14 innings. The Bombers needed just a couple of breaks, and they would have won. In the 12th inning, pinch-runner Bob Carew ended up on third base, and Bill Mandy tried a squeeze bunt, but missed, and Carew was caught mid-way between third and home to halt the game-winning opportunity. Carew, who Popowski says was his favorite teammate, said that, "The game would have been over." He also added that, "It was a great pitchers duel, back and forth with nobody getting any hits."

The pitching performances of both Dustal in victory, and Popowski in tough-luck defeat, may never be equaled in Middlesex County, or perhaps anywhere in the state. Dustal struck out 17 batters, walked 3 and gave up 6 hits, including a single and double to Billy Falgares, and 2 singles to Fran Marchesi. Popowski, the little lefty with so much heart, gave it his all, as he fanned 13, issued 1 walk, and allowed just 2 singles.

Lenny recalled the game: "South River was undefeated, and it was the biggest crowd ever at the field behind Borough Hall. It was the best game I ever had, the game of my life! The defense on both sides was great, making diving catches, backhands, and going into the holes. I wasn't thinking about the no-hitter. I was keyed in on the game because it was so intense."

In addition to playing for the great John Wortley, Lenny had the opportunity to play for two other outstanding coaches, Homer Dill in football, and John Gutkowski in basketball.

Popowski's best memory in football was when the Bombers team of '60 ended Highland Park's 23-game unbeaten streak that ran from 1957 through Oct. 31, 1960, when Sayreville won 20-14.

He also recalled playing basketball on TV in 1958, when the Bombers played Metuchen in the Holiday Festival Tournament.

Lenny had pro tryouts with Boston, Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, and also at an Eastern Regional tryout camp at Passaic. He came very close to getting a contract with the Red Sox in Ocala, Florida, making the club until the final cut. His old buddy, Bob Carew recalled, "In our senior year in '61, we both made All-State. We had a tryout with the Phillies at Waters Stadium in Perth Amboy."

After high school, Popowski got married, worked at Sweitzer, Merck, and last February retired from the MUA after 32 years. His daughter, Tricia Popowski was All-Everything at Hoffman High School in the '80's, starring in softball and basketball. She went on to the University of South Carolina, where she was a 3-time All-American center fielder, twice selected to the 1st team, and once 2nd team. A national aluminum bat company thought so highly of her ability, that they manufactured and marketed her own signature aluminum bat.

Lenny played fast pitch softball with Sweitzer's in the Industrial League, and in the mid '80's, he played slow pitch softball in 5 different leagues at one time. He played for my club in South Amboy during that time, and was one of the best pure power hitters I ever played with or against, and he could hit the long ball, lefty or righty. He was a great teammate! Popowski's old sidekick, Bob Carew said, "He was always in a good mood. He was a switch-hitter, and could hit the ball great from both sides. We traveled together my last 2 years in high school."

Allie Ust, who faced Popowski in high school, remembered "He had a very good curve and good velocity. He was excellent with off-speed pitches. Lenny was also a very fast runner, and on one occasion, he hit a ball to me at second base, and beat out the throw. It simply amazed me how fast he got down the line!" Ust was one of very few hitters that found success against Popowski. He once belted a double off the superb left-hander.

Lenny Popowski was without a doubt, one of the greatest all-around athletes in Sayreville High School history, making an extra-special mark on the baseball diamond, where he is a member of a very elite group of pitchers that have won 20 or more games in their career. He also possesses, and will probably will hold for many more years the record for pitching the longest no-hitter, 13 1/3 innings, although it is not counted as a no-hitter, yet still is one truly, special feat most pitchers could only dream about.

Day At The Vendors

The South Amboy Irish-American Association will be holding a "Day At The Vendors-One Stop Shop" on Dec. 2nd at Christ Church Hall, Main St., South Amboy from 1-4 p.m. All are invited. For more info, contact Kathy Howard at 732-687-5392.

Hike For Adults

Cheesequake State Park will sponsor a Cedar Swamp Hike for Adults on Nov. 25. Hikers are asked to meet at the Interpretive Center for a fall hike on the Green Trail through the Cedar Swamp of Cheesequake. Participants must be over 18 years of age. The event starts at 1 p.m, and for more info call 732-566-3208.

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

Confessions Of A South Amboy Guy:

South Amboy's Most Exotic Neighborhood----"PERT" Where would any of us in the 50's's have been without the Marathon Bus Company? How much fun was it on a Sunday afternoon after church to head out with your friends, rain or shine, to catch the bus and go over to Perth Amboy to the movies to see The Three Stooges, or Abbot and Costello, or Roy Rogers in full length movies before their prospective television careers. From upper David Street, we used to go down and wait for the bus mostly on the corners of Main Street and Stevens Avenue because there you could get either the cosmopolitan Public Service 12 or 58, or the good old one destination Marathon. Not only would you have transportation, but depending on the route of the bus, you could miraculously squeeze through the "hole in the wall", get the grand tour of Mechanicsville by Check's Tavern, glide past Abe Korbs and Harry Cutlers to see their collections of smashed up wrecks, or gaze down from the heights of the back bus onto the tottering, rickety Victory Bridge. What a bridge! Until its recent rebirth, there was never more than a few inches of leeway on either side of the bridge's four lanes of sudden, teasing death, with cars hurtling fearlessly at each other from both sides of The Raritan.. And with the curve of the road, the traffic coming out of the Amboy's Drive In movie, hoards of short distance, but time constricted commuters scurrying to and from their jobs in the booming factories of Perth Amboy, day or night the bridge was always busy and always hectic and always dangerous. But even with this excessive amount of danger and it was a journey that had to be chanced in order to get to one of the most exotic neighborhoods of South Amboy, and that was Perth Amboy!!! Yes it's true. They might have considered

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Bolk-Kurtiak

(Photo by Brian Stratton)

Nancy Rose Kurtiak, daughter of Nancy and Thomas Burkard of South Amboy, was married Oct. 20, 2007 to Edward Albert Bolk, of Parlin, son of the late Nancy and Albert Bolk.

Rev. James Hagerman performed the ceremony at St. Bernadette Roman Catholic Church, Old Bridge, where the bride was given in marriage by her parents.

Matron of honor was Reesa Lewandowski. Bridesmaids were Allison Casanova, Caitlin Crawford, and Lori Martin.

Best man was Michael Vicino. Groomsmen were Kenneth Aunio, Mark Gesumaria, Scott Mish, and Ring Bearer, Scott Mish Jr.

After a reception in the Victorian Room at the Sayreville Knights of Columbus, the couple honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico. The couple now resides in Parlin.

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WWW.?



Does this look familiar to you? You probably pass this structure everyday in either South Amboy or Sayreville. Send your answers in to: satimes@aol.com. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

WWW Winners

The photo in last month's WWW? contest was of The First Baptist Church, which is located on the corner of Second and Stockton Streets, South Amboy. Correctly identifying the picture were: Christina Olender, Marian Mills, Mary Ann Matarangolo, Fred Henry Jr., Ann Henry, Frank Puccio, Estelle Pluskota, Terry Erickson, Tom Kross. Congratulations to all!

Cheerleaders Identified

In last month's 1963 South Amboy Sabres' cheerleaders photo, two girls were unidentified. Now, thanks to our very observant SA Times readers, we can identify them as Mary Jane Kukulski (top row) and Marion Nebus (bottom row).

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Saturday, 12/15/07 at 7:30 PM



1940's-This lower Augusta Street group of youngsters is pictured during the summertime at the South Amboy Beach, near Raritan Bay, way before Sunscreen was invented. They probably used J & J Baby Oil to prevent sunburn back then. Pictured (l-r) Bottom row-Robert Duliba, Richard Clazey, and ?. Middle row (l-r) June Clazey and George Clazey. Top row (l-r) Bonis, Elizabeth (Krutel) Combs, and Katherine Duliba. (Photo courtesy of Kathy (Bautochka) Venette)

more letters on pages 16 and 17



Dear Tom,
I am enclosing a picture that was taken at the lower end of Augusta St. at the "river" as my aunt called it by Raritan Bay. The picture was taken in the 1940's. All of these kids lived on lower Augusta St. My grandparents Wasil and Katherine Krutel lived on lower Augusta St. with my mom Helen (Krutel) Bautochka, Uncle Anton Krutel, Aunt Anna Krutel, and Aunt Elizabeth (Krutel) Combs, who is in this photo. I hope this could be used in The SA Times for others to enjoy.

Sincerely,
Kathy (Bautochka) Venette
East Brunswick

but the little boy appears to be Francine's brother Billy Cheeseman, most likely, her other brother Danny Cheeseman is pulling in front. Thanks for sharing this photo! It brought back many fond memories of wonderful times we shared as children.

Michele Kosovich Manzo
(Formerly of South Amboy)
Aberdeen

Dear Tom,
I do not know who "The Ghost" is, but I certainly enjoyed 'its' column in your Oct. 20th issue.

I guess as I 'mature,' I become even more sentimental and it brought tears to my eyes as I read the names of some of my dear friends over the years-the Massings, Smokey, Woody, Tony Lopez, the Tarallos, Gus Potts, Marty Keays, and on and on-all gone, but not forgotten. I knew all of the Feffers, in fact, Marian Feffer was in school with me at one time.

I was born, bred and will probably die here (not too soon I hope) but it has been a great 'town' in which to live. It has changed some, but so has the world, and life goes on!

Lois Neill Morriss
South Amboy

Tom,
Last month's SA Times Mystery Picture was an easy one. The future Miss America is my sister, Francine Cheeseman-Shaw (CEO of DuPont Performance Elastomers) and the boy, who was told NOT to peek out from behind the float, is none other than yours truly Bill Cheeseman (Det. Sgt. South Amboy Police-Retired). I believe the photo was taken in August of 1958 during the Salt Water Day Baby Parade.

By the way, the paper is great! I always look forward to reading about and seeing pictures from the good ole days!

Take Care,
Bill Cheeseman

Dear Tom,
I've enclosed a check for a 1-year subscription. I feel lost when I miss an issue of The SA Times! I want to thank you and your staff for your **hard work** every month. And, thank you for keeping all the fondest memories of South Amboy and Sayreville alive, and **keeping us informed** of all the latest!

Best Wishes,
Mary A. Snover
Parlin

To The Ghost,
I read with great pleasure your article about the Feffers. I wish I could say that I only made 2 shopping trips there. My mother did not drive and we lived on John St., so when you needed some little things, like shoelaces or summer Keds, that's where we went. They sold the best uniform knee socks-you outgrew them before they wore out (My mother said they were made of iron).

I agree with all your thoughts about the store, but because you were just 9, I think you didn't realize that the Feffers were all siblings. Sadie, Moe, Phil and Marion were the children of the older gentleman with the long beard, Hymie. At least this is what our family passed down to us.

The present owners of the store have kept the shelves and the ladders, but the socks and Keds have been replaced by other antiques.

Thanks for a good read.
Helen (Eldridge) Petriell
(Formerly of South Amboy)

Tom,
Thanks so much for putting Brandon's picture in the newspaper for us. It really made his day!

Shirley Kubinak

Dear Tom,
Enclosed is my renewal check for The SA Times. I always look forward to reading this **great newspaper!** It is so **informative** and is always filled with articles from the good ole days! Thanks for another great year!

Sincerely,
Phyllis (Zonkowski) Palfy
(Formerly of Sayreville)
North Brunswick

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I Am

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c.1995

I am man
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I am an adult
I am son, I am grandson, I am grandson,
I am godson
I am brother, I am cousin, I am nephew
I am uncle, I am godfather
I am son-in-law, I am brother-in-law
I am husband
I am father
I am friend, I am neighbor
I am stranger, I am society-
Whatever title I inherit

Whatever role I become and play
Whomever I may influence, by me being
a player
May it be done as "To do unto others"
In their roles of I am.
Someday I may be a grandfather,
A great grandfather
Maybe a widower, or senior citizen-
Throughout our life's presenting charac-
ters
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Concert At Sayreville

The Cultural Arts Council of the Borough of Sayreville will sponsor the Lynn Dolce Soprano Concert (Accompanied by Donald K. Pennell on the piano) on Thursday,

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South Amboy Councilman Russ Stillwagon (l) addresses the crowd at the Veterans Day Services held in front of South Amboy City Hall. Phyllis Letteriello, Acting Commander of American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 of South Amboy is pictured (c), and Sgt. Joe Castellano of Post #62 (r). (Photo by Tom Burkard)

"Pop"

By Michael J. McCarthy

I had been dreading this day, this hour, this minute, this second since I first understood what death was. I stood in front of the casket where I was to pay my last respects to "Pop," my grandfather, the man who I had admired my whole life. Proceeding to the casket, the last thing that I remember was looking at Pop's necklace, the golden emblem of St. Christopher looking up at me. I closed my eyes. In that split second, I journeyed back, reminiscing about all the lessons Pop had taught me, everything we had shared in the 16 years he was in my life.

As a child, I remember waiting for that one weekend a month when Pop would come to Wallingford, CT., and play catch with me in the backyard. Bright and early, I would gather the equipment--just 2 gloves and a ball--so that when he arrived, we could begin right away. I couldn't wait to show him how much I had improved since the last time he was here. I pretended I was Wade Boggs as he skipped grounders to me, diving left and right, desperate to impress him.

We both enjoyed sitting out on his front porch with bottles of Yoo-Hoo, talking about baseball. An umpire for 60 years, Pop had seen it all. He liked nothing better than talking about the game in general. He would reminisce about the games he'd umpired and reflect on games that I had played. He had so much love and respect for the sport, a quality that he had passed down to me. I could never get enough of it. I soaked up every word, savoring his knowledge and wisdom. It's unnerving knowing that these conversations will never take place again, but also comforting to know that the stories he shared with me will never be forgotten.

The most optimistic person I've ever known, Pop never dwelled on the negative. After a horrible game, I could call him on the phone, and he would always stay positive. There'd be times after games when I would not talk to anyone until I got home and had a conversation with Pop first. "One time at bat, one throw, or one game will never make

or break your career as a ballplayer," he'd say. Pop had a knack for putting everything into perspective for me.

Our last phone call took place the night of his death. My baseball coach had told me at practice that day that if I continued working hard and proving my dedication, that I'd start the first state tournament game. I hurried home and called Pop. I could tell by the sound of his voice that he was there on the other end of the line, with a big smile on his face. He was so proud of me, his grandson, his most loyal fan.

Late that night, I woke to the shrill sound of the phone. Something in my gut told me that it was my grandmother calling. I just looked at the phone. I wouldn't answer because I knew. And I was right. Pop was dead.

Back in the funeral parlor, as I stood there looking at my grandfather, I placed a baseball next to his right shoulder, and then made the sign of the cross. I walked away from that casket, knowing that it was the last time I'd every lay eyes on my grandfather.

Pop will always have an impact on my life, and to this day, I consider him my number one influence. He was not only a dedicated grandfather, whom I respected greatly, but also my coach who taught me about baseball and life. No matter how far apart we are from each other, he is still with me. I feel him there with me every time I lace up my spikes and step onto the ball field. But, he's still there when the game is over too.

NOTE: Michael J. McCarthy is a senior at Lyman Hall High School in Connecticut. He is the son of one of South Amboy's greatest baseball players, Joe "Moose" McCarthy, who is perhaps the greatest catcher in Hoffman HS history. Michael wrote this story about his late and beloved grandfather, Joe McCarthy, who gave so much to our local communities. A special thank you to Rose McCarthy of South Amboy, Michael's proud grandmother, who shared this beautiful and touching tribute with us.

8th Annual Halloween Party



Over 40 children attended the annual Halloween Party at the Kides house this year. This charity event benefits the local Ronald McDonald House.

Halloween is always a festive time of year at the home of Nick and Judy Kides of Sayreville. This year was no different from previous years with them holding their 8th annual charity Halloween Party benefiting the local Ronald McDonald House.

Each year the Kides and their two children, Nicholas and Nicole, decide which charity/organization their Halloween party would benefit, and then invitations for the event are passed out to their classmates at St. Stanislaus Kostka School as well as local friends and family. This year's choice was the Ronald McDonald House in New Brunswick.

The party was a huge success! Over 40 children came in costume and brought a requested donation in order to attend. They participated by making "placemats" for the Ronald McDonald House. Kathy Dennis, the house manager, said they are always in need of them for the dining table. She stated that they make the room feel warm and festive

and that some families that have stayed at the home grow so fond of them and asks if they can take them with them when they leave. With that said, the children made over 35 of them with various holiday themes. They also painted pumpkins and took part in the annual decorate a mummy contest.

Several days after the party, Judy Kides along with her in-laws and her sister, Sharon Condiracci of Monroe Township, dropped off a car load of donations to Kathy Dennis at Ronald McDonald House. Aside from the requested donations they needed, they also presented Kathy with a monetary donation of \$500 given by friends of the Kides family.

Lastly, the Kides are grateful to all the families that have attended their parties over the years as well as their generous contributions. Without them, Judy Kides stated, this event wouldn't be as successful and rewarding as it has been. We look forward to doing it all again next year.

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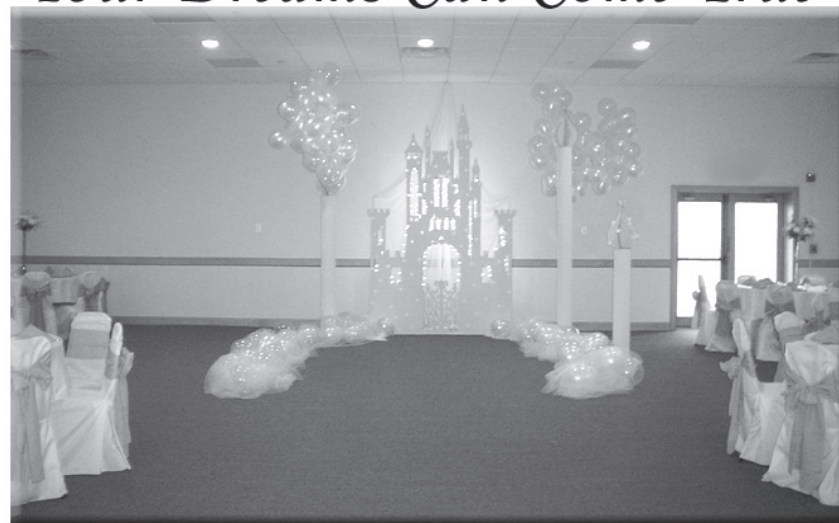
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Obituaries

Anastasia, Virginia, 84, of South Amboy died on Oct. 31.

Bilecky, Claudia, 51, of South Amboy died on Oct. 14.

Burrets, John B. Sr., 88, of Parlin died on Nov. 4.

Cosenza, Raymond O., 67, of Melrose died on Nov. 3.

Coyle, Joseph B. Jr., 56, of South Amboy died on Oct. 9.

Davies, Ann M., 100, of South Amboy died on Oct. 30.

DeSarno, Lillian M., 85, of South Amboy died on Nov. 4.

Farrell, Kathi, 54, of Monroe died on Oct. 12.

Finn, Irene, 79, of Parlin died on Oct. 27.

Flagg, Joseph M., 26, of South Amboy died on Nov. 3.

Furlong, Edward, 86, of Parlin died on Oct. 22.

Kalicki, Walter T., 91, of Sayreville died on Oct. 30.

Kusic, Florence, 79, formerly of South Amboy died on Oct. 19.

Leslie, Dorothy, 93, of South Amboy died on Oct. 19.

McCarthy, Sarah A., 60, of South Amboy died on Oct. 9.

Mickiewicz, Henry J. "Hank," 91, formerly of Sayreville died on Nov. 2.

Moldenhauer, William H. Jr., 83, of Parlin died on Oct. 31.

Monroe, Robert R. Sr., 74, of Parlin died on Oct. 15.

Norcross, Raymond, 69, formerly of South Amboy died on Oct. 19.

O'Brien, Jean B. Lytkowski, 71, formerly of Sayreville died on Oct. 12.

O'Connor, Edward J., 86, of Morgan died on Oct. 30.

Parsler, Donna L., 38, of Parlin died on Nov. 4.

Ploskin, Mark, 58, of Parlin died on Oct. 27.

Scully, George E., 82, of South Amboy died on Nov. 2.

Zamorski, Walter G. "Butch," formerly of South Amboy died on Oct. 14.

Zdep, Mary, 91, formerly of Sayreville died on Sept. 30.

Ziola, Frank A. Sr., 89, of Morgan died on Oct. 31.

**THE SPINAL
COLUMN**
By DR. JOHN MISIEWICZ

Babies Need Exercise Too!

Getting babies to be active really is not difficult. Put a 3-month old briefly on his tummy and watch him struggle to lift his head. Provide small crawlers with sturdy furniture to pull on and soon they will stand. However, too many babies and tots are confined for long periods in strollers, baby seats, and walkers, says the National Association for Sports and Physical Activity.

Babies, toddlers and preschoolers need simple but targeted daily activities that are crucial building blocks in learning to walk, run, and eventually do all the other tasks the rest of us take for granted, the Association says in new guidelines for children under 5.

The non-profit group establishes exercise guidelines for babies and older children to help parents, teachers and day care centers to help develop motor skills. Many parents assume skills such as rolling, sitting, and walking will just come naturally as babies grow, says Guideline co-author Jane Clark, a movement specialist at the University of Maryland. "You have to provide an environment that hooks the brain up to the muscles," she said. "We 'containerize' kids to keep them safe while parents are busy," added Michigan State University exercise physiologist Jim Pivarnik, a co-author of the Guidelines. Give them a safe environment and "let them out, let them explore, let them move."

For example, an infant who spends much of the day in a bouncy seat may like watching the suspended toys, but probably will roll over or sit later than babies who spend more time stretching out on a blanket. Those babies that don't develop the cross crawl pattern before walking have been shown to have hand-eye coordination problems which leads to further physical and mental challenges.



Rock 'N' Roll-legend, John Fogerty performs before a packed house at Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank on Nov. 8th. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Fogerty's Revival Rocks Red Bank

By Clem Skarzynski

Backed by Matt Nolen on the Hammond B-3, David Santos on bass, Hunter Perrin on guitar, and two of John's mainstays Billy Burnette on guitar and "The world's greatest Rock 'N' Roll drummer, Mr. Kenny Aronoff, Mr. CCR himself, John Fogerty brought his Revival Tour to the stately Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank to a stand-up crowd of Fogerty fanatics. John and Co. just wailed from the get-go, rattling off Creedence hits to John's new "Revival" CD, one after another.

Opening with a rockin' "Good Golly Miss Molly, to "Suzie Q," "Green River," "Down On The Corner," to "Travelin' Band," John and the band mates had a blast. John

really enjoys playing his arsenal of guitars, running across the stage, smiling, never missing a note! Of course, the CCR anthems "Born On The Bayou" and "Proud Mary" were on the set list too! Gotta say SA Times Music Consultant Mr. Jack "CCR" Dorman was beyond words when the boys did a live version of "Ramble-Tamble," a rockin' instrumental jam, never really done "live" before. Quite cool! Even with the baseball season over, John put on the "Baseball Bat" guitar for "Centerfield" and the crowd went wild! A great show! Our thanks to Count Basie Theatre for having us there. Many thanks!

South Amboy's Neighborhood Of Valor

By Frank Hunt

No part of South Amboy suffered heavier casualties during World War II than the famous FISHTOWN neighborhood of the City. This section encompasses the area from Pine Ave. West to the "Dead-Ends" of Augusta, David, Henry, and John Streets. A neighborhood small in area, but large in true patriotism, and love of country! The fallen heroes from this very small area of South Amboy are proudly listed here: AUGUSTA ST.-Maximillian "Moxie" Nebus, US Army Ranger, killed in action, Italy. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross posthumously. This is the second highest Combat Award issued by the US Army; DAVID ST.-Dennis Quinlan, US Army Air Corps, Gunner on B-17 Bomber shot down over Germany, and his next door neighbor

Charles "Bucky" Hess, US Army, killed in combat training exercise; HENRY ST.-Edmund Pupek, US Marine Corps, killed in action, Iwo Jima, and his brother Chester Pupek, US Army Air Corps, Gunner on B-17 Bomber shot down over Germany; Walter "Hank" Keenan, US Army Paratrooper, killed in action D-Day, Normandy, France; Louis "Bub" Nelson, US Army lost on troop ship sunk by German Air-To-Ship missile in Mediterranean Sea (This action was classified at that time); JOHN ST.-Eugene Gatz, US Army Air Corps, Flight Engineer on B-24 Bomber, missing in action over Hungary.

FISHTOWN went to war and paid a terrible price-truly a NEIGHBORHOOD OF VALOR!



Contest Winners-"Beatlemania Now-2" contest grand prize winners, happily show their concert tickets. Pictured (l-r) are Terry Erickson of South Amboy and Mary Dowd of Morgan, who correctly answered 4 very difficult Beatles trivia questions to win The SA Times, contest. The answers were: 1. The Beatles appeared on Ed Sullivan 4 times. 2. They played a total of 20 songs. 3. Their last song was "Help." 4. Soupy Sales was the act before The Beatles final appearance. Terry and Mary won 4 tickets apiece an (\$80) value for each winner. The upcoming show is at St. Mary School Gym on Sat., Nov. 17th at 8 p.m. Mary said that, "I like everything about The SA Times. The old stories, and pictures from years ago. It has a hometown feeling." Terry stated that "The SA Times has so much information. I sit and relax while reading it for at least an hour when it comes out. The old stories are so informative and enjoyable. I love reading about all my old friends and people I haven't seen for a long time. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



About half the members of 12 Girls Band pose with Emmie Jones (Back row, 2nd from left) at their recent show.

Band Comes to America

By Emmie Jones

I just got to see one of the most outstanding shows I have ever seen "12 Girls Band".

Hailing from China with their latest record release "Shanghi", these girls take traditional Chinese instruments and 1500 years of music tradition and make a unique style of contemporary music. From Folk tunes to Pop Hits as well as Jazz and Classical masterpieces they play it all. They were even a Headliner at the "LIVE EARTH" concert in Shanghi this past summer.

The Band started in 2001 when Mr. Wang wanted to do something different with his music in China. His challenge was how to mix Eastern & Western Music to form a New World Music style sound. Then 4000 musicians applied for a chance to be a member of this new band and when the auditions were over these 13 ladies shined on. These Ladies are all Top graduates from the Central Conservatory of Music; PLA Art College and the Central University for Nationalities. Yes I said 13 Ladies, you see the bands name was thought up after the band was formed and being the number 12 is a big influence in the Chinese culture the name was set "12 GIRLS BAND" but they needed 1 extra so if one girl fell ill they could always play to the name "12 Girls Band". They do play a lot with all 13 ladies as I saw them at Town Hall in NY on the 23rd of October. The band play's about 5 kinds of Chinese instruments:

Gu-zheng: 16 to 25 string instruments (sounds like a harp)

Yang qin: 12 to 25 stringed instrument (sounds like a harpsichord) played with 2 hammers made of Bamboo and rubber

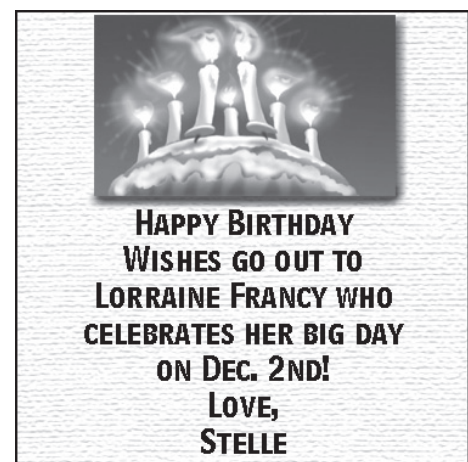
Pipa: 4-string instrument that sounds a little like a banjo played upright

Er-hu: 2 string instrument that sounds like a violin/fiddle played with a bow

Dizi: wind instrument sounds like flutes but they all have different keys (6 different kinds and sounds)

They have toured the US twice before (2004 & 2005) with this tour being their 3rd year over here. They have sold millions of records across Asia and are the highest-ranking Asian artist on the Billboard Top 200 chart. The 12 Girls Band wants the American People to become familiar with their style of music and (Zhang Kun Pipa player says) hopefully bring happiness to people who listen to them. If you want to see & hear these girls play go to the store and buy the 12 GIRLS BAND LIVE FROM SHANGHI DVD or the same on CD. As the owner of Basement Audio Productions in Sayreville I had the pleasure of talking with the F.O.H Chinese crew who ran the sound for them as part of their production before the show and thanks to them and the Production Manager Benjamin Chen I was able to get back stage to meet these lovely ladies, take some photos and get all there autographs after the show, yes I do speak a little Chinese imagine that a 1976 graduate from Sayreville High that learned Chinese.

ROCK ON GIRLS!! See ya in September 2008



Sayreville Memories

By Nancy Reich

Does anyone remember "The Black Tower" where Shop Rite is currently located? How about the clay pits in that area? Do you remember swimming at BA Lake? How about Hammond's Sweet Shop across from Emma Arleth School?

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Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber

Salt Water

Surf Fishing is now getting better in the ocean for Striped Bass and Bluefish. Some big Bass weighing up to 30lbs have been caught at Seaside Park and South. In the Bay at local beaches its slow now, but it should get better. I saw a few Bluefish caught at Cliffwood beach, one was a good 10lbs. I returned to LBI and tried the surf for Kingfish and Croakers in the south part of Holgate but all I did was feed the crabs in otherwise perfect conditions. Party Boat Bluefishing is still very good. Most of the 6 to 12 pound fish are caught on jigs. Some Stripers are mixed in too. Bottom fishing is very good consisting of Sea Bass, Ling and a few large Porgies. The Blackfish limit goes up to 8 after November 15th and that fishing should be good. Look for some large ones in the 10lb range or better!



Fresh Water

My wife and I fished on Sunday afternoon in the lower Pequest. She lost one big Sucker. I only caught one Trout but it was about 15 inches and fat. On Halloween I fished the Musky at Beattystown and did nothing, so I tried the South Branch at Long Valley and Califon. I caught a holdover Brown about a foot long and a nice 3lb Rainbow pushing 19 inches. Small plugs and spinners did the job. There are lots of Small Mouth Bass in the Delaware River and a few Walleyes To.

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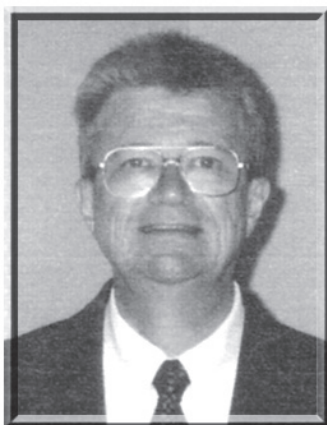


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Confessions Of A South Amboy Guy:

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themselves a separate city, but we in South Amboy knew that Perth was all ours. How could we live without Perth Amboy? We had to go to Perth to the State Motor Vehicle Division to get our drivers licenses, and driving tests, to the State Unemployment Office, to Perth to get our Social Security and draft cards. And, when I went into the Army, the bus left from directly in front of the Five Corners. It's hard to admit it, but without access to Perth, we in South Amboy of the fifties may have withered away and died. How would we see a movie without The Majestic, the Royal, The Strand, The Roky, and The Ditmas? Who would clothe us without Robert Hall, The Surprise Store, Father and Son, Lerner's, Reynolds, or Mickey Finns? Where would we get our gimcracks without Fiskins, Sears, Melody Record Store, R&S, Woolworths, or McrCroy's? Where could we get an indoor swim or an inside basketball game with the YMCA? Who could we at Saint Mary's love to beat as much as our like named Catholic school arch-rivals in Perth Amboy? So join me in a toast to the old Marathon, and a toast to the my second favorite part of South Amboy-----"Perth"

The Ghost

Kiddies Corner

Photos by Tom Burkard



Apple Break-Zachary Raymond (l), age 2 1/2 and his sister Katelyn Raymond (r) who will be celebrating her 1st Birthday on Nov. 27th, spent a beautiful Fall day at a farm in Maine. After sorting through pumpkins for Halloween, they went over to the apple orchard section, and decided to take a well-deserved break! (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Michael Miller (r) and Kathy Miller (l) owners of Country Kitchen in Sayreville pose proudly near the historical marker that was dedicated next to their building last month. The structure dates back to 1883, and has been used as a reading room, a library, and hall. It was later known as Sayreville Hall, a place where events such as community meetings, grammar school graduations, sports events, and silent movies were held. The building has been registered as a national historical site since 1979. The Millers said that their business, located at 365 Main St., is "A neighborhood eatery, like a meeting place. People meet here and make friends. It's a landmark, and many motorists come in and ask for directions. We have a warm and homey atmosphere." There were about 30 people including local politicians and dignitaries who turned out for the dedication ceremony. Anna Aschkenes of the Middlesex Cultural & Heritage Commission unveiled the historical marker, and was assisted by Sayreville Historical Society President Andrew Lytkowski. (Photo & Story by Tom Burkard)



"Little Princess," Aoife Kearney age 3, came to pay a Halloween visit to her friends in South Amboy. She is the daughter of former South Amboy resident and St. Mary's HS graduate, Pat Fitzmorris Kearney. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Memory Search

How many of these do you recall? Metal ice cube trays with levers; mimeograph paper; Beanie & Cecil; Tommy 7; Bozo The Clown; Andy's Gang; Roller Skate keys; Drive-In Movies; Cork pop guns; Reel-to-reel tape recorders; 5-cent packs of baseball cards; Washtub ringers; Lincoln Logs; Invisible V-8; Tinkertoys; Fort Apache play set; Lincoln Logs; Penny candy; 15 cent hamburgers at McDonald's; The Fuller Brush man.

Music at Saint Mary's

Mixed Company from Yale On Sunday, November 18, 2007 at 4 PM
Mixed Company from Yale, an 'a capella' vocal ensemble from Yale University, returns to St Mary's Church for an encore performance. This 18 voice student choir will perform pop music from the 60's, 70's, and 80's in "doo-wop" style.
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St. Mary's High School class of 1942 recently held their 65th class reunion at The Buttonwood Manor. Father Dennis Weezorak, Pastor of St. Mary Church was a special guest at the reunion. (Photo by Nicole Dale)



St. Mary's High School class of 1941 held their 66th class reunion at The Buttonwood Manor. Everyone had a great time. (Photo by Nicole Dale)


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Oktoberfest at OLV. The Bayen Verein German Dancers are shown dancing the festive music provided by Bernie's Orchestra. (Photo by Nicole Dale)

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Ercegovic-Freyer

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Corinne Freyer, daughter of Lynn Stratton-Freyer of South Amboy, and granddaughter of Louis and Marlene Letwenski of Forked River, was married on November 3, 2007 to Dennis Ercegovic, son of Vinko and Mirela Ercegovic of Astoria, Queens. The couple was married at Most Precious Blood Roman Catholic Church in Astoria, Queens where the bride was given in marriage by her Grandfather, Louis Letwenski.

The Maid of Honor was Cara Toscano. Bridesmaids were Maria Norris, Samantha Stratton, Sandra Telesmantic, Jenny Vukosa, Kasia Pawlowska, Robyn Pastena and Eugenia Bass. Flower girls were Isabel Olivia Smith and Lana Grgas Grando. The Best Man was Zoran Perkov. Groomsmen were James Norris, Angelo Matesic, Ivica Matesic, Steven Dadie, Daniel Kilduff, John Hatzoglou and Al Melchiorre.

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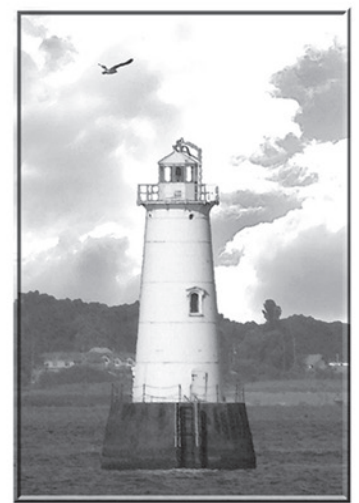


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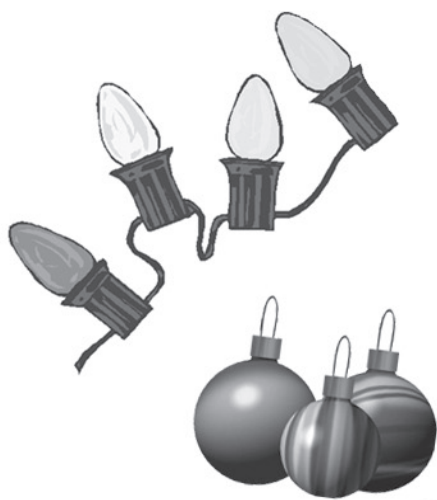
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