

MELROSE BLACKHAWKS SENIOR DRUM & BUGLE CORPS.

On June 6th, the Blackhawks traveled down the Parkway to compete for the Garden State Championship Title at the NJ Elk's Convention in Wildwood. The corps emerged victorious in its division. This was another in a long list of titles won at this event.

On June 13th, the corps once again competed in Wildwood, this time in the NJ American Legion Convention Parade. Once again, the corps defended its title of State Champion with a score of 86.5. This was the 22nd overall title for the corps at this parade.

The corps is celebrating its 30th anniversary season in 2009. The corps history is storied. It has won numerous titles in Fireman's parades throughout New Jersey and New York. It has represented the NJ State American Legion at their national conventions in Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Indianapolis, and Charlotte, North Carolina. It was the first Senior Drum and Bugle Corps to perform in Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom. The corps has performed in Holiday Parades in Daytona Beach Shores, Florida as well as performing for the NY Yankees, NJ Nets, and Somerset Patriots.

The corps is always looking for new members. The corps practice on Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM at the Mickey Sedlak Civic Center behind the Borough Hall in Sayreville. There is no fee or dues. For further information, please call 732-888-1467 or visit the corps website at www.melroseblackhawks.com.

Concerts In The Park

Don't miss the Middlesex County Park & Recreation's popular Concerts In The Park at Raritan Bay Waterfront Park in South Amboy/Sayreville. The concerts are held on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m., and run through Aug. 27.

July 29-Bernie Goydish and The Jersey Polka Stars; Aug. 5-The Elefta Hungarian Folk Band & Dancers; Aug. 12-The Jack Alan Orchestra; Aug. 19-Irish Night featuring The Perry Brothers Irish Band; Aug. 26-The Tim Gillis Band.

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Green Steps Down

Ron Green, who was the Sayreville Republican party chairman, stepped down from his post in early June. Former Councilman Frank Makransky has taken over the position since June 8, when Green's term expired.

Sayreville Budget: \$50.5M

The Borough of Sayreville Council voted to approve the 2009 budget for \$50.5 million, with \$24.3 million to be raised through taxation. The budget represents an increase of \$599,329 since 2008. Tax payers will see an average hike of approximately \$125.



Major Leaguer-Kevin Mulvey (c), and his proud parents, Tom (l) and Carole (r) of Parlin are pictured after hearing the great news that Kevin, was promoted to the Minnesota Twins Major League Baseball Club. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Mulvey Promoted To Twins

By Tom Burkard

Almost every boy who plays the game of baseball dreams of one day putting on a major league uniform. On July 15th, Parlin's Kevin Mulvey got the biggest call in his lifetime when he was promoted to the Minnesota Twins Major League Baseball Club.

Mulvey, a talented right-handed pitcher, was hurling for Rochester in Triple-A ball, and was 3-6 with a 3.93 ERA in 17 starts. He struck out 81 batters in 103 innings, while walking only 31.

A starting pitcher throughout his entire professional career, he will be used in long relief for the Twins. Minnesota's GM Bob Smith said, "He's best prepared to come up and help us right now. This will be a long relief role. We need someone who can pitch multiple innings and he's certainly done that."

At the start of the 2008 season, Mulvey was the key player the NY Mets sent

along with three others to acquire Johan Santana.

In an exclusive SA Times interview with Kevin at his parents' home, where a celebration was being held, he said that, "I've been fortunate to have had this experience with my family, while I was home for the All-Star break, and getting the call at that time was pretty nice. It's a great feeling, kind of surreal right now."

Mulvey has no problems with pitching long relief for the Twins, none whatsoever. "I'll do whatever is asked of me, and put a smile on my face. I'm ecstatic and happy to be in the big leagues," he said. We're certainly happy for Kevin and wish him a successful career in the Major Leagues!

Kevin Mulvey is living proof that dedication, and hard-work payoff, and dreams really do come true!

10th Annual Antique Car Show/Flea Market-August 2nd

The Independence Engine & Hose Co. #1 of South Amboy will hold its 10th Annual Antique Car Show/Flea Market on August 2nd from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Broadway in South Amboy. The rain date is August 9th.

The Advanced Entry Fee is \$10 per vehicle, and on the day of show \$15. Pre-registration is August 1st. There is blacktop parking; no judging of vehicles; fans choice trophies; sponsor awarded trophies; Chief's Trophy; Mayor's Trophy. Dash plaques will be presented to the first 100 entrants. There will be \$1 mugs of Bud and Bud Light all day, provided by The Landmark for all vehicle entrants. Don't forget to try some of the firemen's Famous Satski's Ribs.

Hose Co. #1 is currently looking for vendors/craft vendors to participate. Advanced entry is \$20, and on the day of the show \$25.

The Antique Car Show/Flea Market will feature all types of fun and entertainment including 50's music by Jukebox Jimmy; Raffles where you can win lots of prizes; Irish Dancers, and so much more.

This is always a great, fun-filled day for family and friends, so come on down to Broadway in South Amboy on August 2nd for some super summer fun!

For information call or write: Mike Toth, 41 Miara St., Parlin, NJ 08859 or call 732-525-8378 or e-mail: mtoth1@optonline.net.



Sayreville's Greg Kuczynski smiles as he crosses the finish line to win the 26th Annual Frog Hollow 5K Run recently. He defeated a field of approximately 140 runners to capture the prestigious race. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

A Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for South Amboy's Mary Rita McCarthy will be held on Aug. 12th at South Amboy Middle/High School Cafeteria from 5-8 p.m. Cost is \$8 for adults, and \$6 for children 12 and under. For tickets and more info, call 908-420-4120 or 732-727-2851, or 908-489-8867 or 732-525-5952. Come on out and support one of the finest ladies South Amboy has ever known!

O'Leary Wins Cook- Off

South Amboy Mayor John T. O'Leary recently won the annual Mayors Healthy Cook-Off held at Wegman's supermarket in Woodbridge. O'Leary captured the best overall dish for his tasty stuffed filet mignon with a side of crab cake. Other mayors competing were North Brunswick's Francis "Mac" Womack, Nancy Malool of Scotch Plains, and Woodbridge Mayor John McCormac. Congratulations, Mayor O'Leary!

O'Connell Resigns

South Amboy Councilman and war hero John "Jack" O'Connell has resigned to accept a government post in Washington, D.C. He said that the position will be a 6-12 month assignment with a joint agency under the Dept. of Defense. O'Connell has been on the City Council since 2007 and his energy and dedication to the City of South Amboy will be missed.



Jack O'Connell

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Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Big Winner

Ron Sanders of Sayreville won the grand prize of \$20,000 in the Provident Bank’s “Live Free For AYear” sweepstakes. Congratulations!

Trains, And More

Ed Paczkowski, owner of Foodtown, is probably South Amboy’s biggest model train enthusiast. You can get an up-close look at Ed’s great collection of trains and much more, by going to Youtube.com, and searching for Great Big Uncle Ed’s Trains. John Samuel did an outstanding job with the video and music for the sight. Check it out!

Jaskowiak Certified

South Amboy native and ’68 St. Mary’s grad, Joe Jaskowiak recently received his certification for teaching English as a Second Language from the University of California at Irvine. He also earned his part-time California Teaching Credential for German and teaching English as a Second Language. That’s an amazing accomplishment 41 years after high school graduation! Congratulations Joe “Jasko!”

Dingler Graduates

Jeffrey Dingler of Parlin was awarded a Bachelor of Music Degree, Summa Cum Laude, from Rutgers University-Mason Gross School of the Arts in May 2009. Jeff is a 2005 graduate of Sayreville War Memorial HS. Congrats!

In Memoriam

Manville “Max” Kurtz, 82, of South Amboy died on June 11. He retired in 1991 after working 26 years as a Middlesex County Park Policeman. “Max” was a terrific guy who always had a kind word for everyone. Stephen Sieron, 81, of Parlin died on June 27. He was co-owner/operator of Sieron Vault Co. Parlin, until his retirement in 1988. He was also a volunteer fireman with President Park Fire Co. for 61 years, and served as Fire Chief in 1955.

They will be missed but never forgotten.

Pleasant Little Trivia

By Tom Burkard

1.In 1980, this liquor store was located on South Pine Ave., Morgan? a.South Pine Liquors b.Keg & Kork Liquors c.Parkway Liquors

2.What was Brothers III? a.night club b.health club c.men’s clothing store

3.Where was Mike’s Three XXX’s Tavern located in Sayreville? a.Main St. b.Bordentown Ave. c.Washington Rd.

4.South Amboy PBA president in 1986? a.Thomas Brinamen b.Steve Pavich c.Roy Dragotta

5.The president of Vince’s Rental & Sales Co. in Sayreville in ’80? a.John Wojcik b.Vince Kupsch c.Walt Binkowski

6.South Amboy Elementary School principal in ’89? a.Carol Galley b.Joanne Lane-Frank c.Chester Zamorski

7.Where was Ben’s Tavern in Sayreville? a.Oak St. b.Embroidery St. c.Rt. 35

8.Hoffman High’s Student Council president in ’64? a.Cynthia Kurtz b.Dennis Wood c.Jerry Drill

9.This business was located on Rt. 35 in Morgan? a.My Wife’s Place b.The Tunnel c.The Bedroom

10.Pastor of Sacred Heart Church in 1988? a.Father Joseph Romanoski b.Father Joseph Banach c.Father Thaddeus Riszowski

11.President of Sayreville Senior Citizens Club in ’79? a.Rose Phillips b.Joseph Kuran c.Art Grabarkewitz

12.The Blue Moon in South Amboy was formerly called? a.Paradise Lounge b.Shooters c.Broadway Central

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



Jason Frankenfield (L) from Boy Scout Troop 95, escorts Mitchall Hall from Cub Scout Pack 95, with flags to be retired, at Troop 95’s Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony at Frog Hollow Swim Club, held on June 6th. The Scouts retired about 25 flags. Anyone wishing to have a flag retired for next years ceremony, Call Scoutmaster Marty Ruzsala @ 732-721-5432 to schedule a pickup. The Troop would like to thank all who donated flags. (Photo Submitted)

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Cornucopia Restaurant



Cornucopia Restaurant owner Suleyman Kilic is pictured standing by his popular establishment, located in nearby Keyport. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

The Cornucopia Restaurant located at 98 Maple Place in nearby Keyport, must be doing something right. It serves an average of 20,000 people per month, and no one goes away hungry from this cozy, family restaurant. Cornucopia offers 30 or more daily specials in addition to its regular menu. Delicious entrée can be selected from the following categories: Steaks & Chops; Veal; From The Ocean; Pasta; Poultry; Hot Open Platters; Baskets. Also featured are ½ pound Charcoal Burgers; Tasty Sandwiches; Triple Decker Club Sandwiches; Cold Salad Platters. And for all of you early risers, you can choose from a wide assortment of delights such as Omelettes; Pancakes; French Toast; Belgian Waffles; Egg Sandwiches; Cereal, and assorted Fruit Juices. You

can be sure that there will be something from this outstanding restaurant that will whet your appetite.

Mustafa and Suleyman Kilic are the father-son owners who have presided over the popular restaurant for 28 years. Some of their success must be shared with chefs Franco Aurelio and Jimmy Kopalas, who pride themselves on hand selecting all the fresh fish and meat served at Cornucopia.

The Cornucopia is one of the area's most popular restaurants, and many consider it a "landmark" in Keyport. The Cream of Turkey Soup is one of the restaurant's most tasty and popular features but you have to stop in Sunday, the only day that it is offered. People who order this can't get enough, and become regular patrons on Sunday. The Cream of Turkey Soup is said by many to easily be the best in the entire state of New Jersey if not the United States.

Mustafa's other son, Hidayet Kilic is also involved in the family business enterprises, which also include the Cornucopia Cruise Line out of Perth Amboy. The Cornucopia Princess features catering for up to 500 people, and gift certificates are available for a memorable trip on this beautiful ship. The New Jersey dinner cruise liner is the state's biggest sight seeing and dinner cruise company. Have your special dinner, party or wedding cruise on the Cornucopia Princess.

In addition, the family recently purchased the Yellow Rose Diner, another fine eatery located at 41 Highway 36, also in nearby Keyport. For catering information, call the Cornucopia Restaurant at 732-739-6888 or the Yellow Rose Diner at 732-739-2828.

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South Amboy High School held it's Graduation on June 19, 2009. Pictured are: Matt Richmond, (l) Valedictorian and Alice Chiu, (r) Salutatorian, Both Matt and Alice delivered very inspirational and motivational speeches for their classmates, family, friends, faculty and administration. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

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Yearbook-St. Mary’s 1969

By Tom Burkard

The year of 1969 will always be remembered by most people for three major events: The first man on the Moon; Woodstock; The Miracle Mets. Speaking of miracles, I was the recipient of one on June 8, 1969, when I received my diploma from St. Mary’s High School! I was privileged to be a part of the great Class of ’69, and my wonderful memories of my friends and those days are still remembered and cherished to this day.

In September 1968, we returned for our last year, and “People Got To Be Free” by The Rascals ruled the pop charts.

We were the first class to graduate from the “new” St. Mary’s HS, after spending two years on split sessions at St. Mary’s Grammar school, after the “old” high school burned down in a huge fire near the end of our freshman year on May 4, 1966.

It was an interesting time for us to grow up, with flower power, free love, VW Bugs, peace signs, strobe lights, psychedelic signs and much more were a part of everyday life in America. Long hair was “in” for men, but not allowed at SM. Boys wore blue blazers with the school logo for 3 years, but were not required to do so as seniors. The “collegiate” look also featured brown penny loafers. Girls wore blue plaid uniforms, and always got in trouble with the principal Sister Madeline and other nuns for “hiking” their skirts above the knees to keep in style with the popular miniskirt look.

The new school was dedicated on Nov. 3, 1968, and also that month Richard M. Nixon was elected President, while innocent young Americans were fighting and dying in a land called Viet Nam. At SMHS, a new demerit system was introduced, and you could get a demerit for chewing gum! A specified number of demerits meant suspension.

Some of our fine teachers were: Joseph Bulman, Sister Estelle, Sr. Dominic, Ronald Lucas, Richard Mager, Stephen Nestinger, Charles Nuziale, Gary Ternyila, Sr. M. Lil-

lian, Sr. M. Corelita, Margaret Wist, Father Fulton. Betty Farrell was the wonderful School Nurse.

Eugene Cross was Student Council, President and Kathryn O’Connor the Secretary. Mark Bratus was Senior Class President. The social schedule was a busy one, with dances almost every week in the cafeteria, featuring talented, local rock ‘n’ roll bands. In addition there was the Christmas Choral Festival in December, and also the Christmas Ball, a night I will always treasure. Who could forget First Friday Masses, Vocation Day, and numerous assemblies (which got us out of class). How about the senior boys whistling and singing “When The Saints Go Marching In” of course with different lyrics as we entered and exited the assemblies. Remember the words? The ’69 Spring Festival was a smashing success, as it replaced the annual school play. Maurice Nadeau was excellent in his role of Don Quixote.

Popular hangouts were Frank’s, The Jug, or The Rec. Where did you hang after school? Remember being bused to the Senior Prom at the Berkeley-Carteret Hotel in Asbury Park? I can still recall the first song, “You’ve Made Me So Very Happy,” and a happy most memorable night it was!

Marjorie Zalewski and Kathy Roehrich were co-editors of the excellent yearbook, while Virginia Curato was Editor-In-Chief of “The Crown,” school newspaper. Rosemary Sullivan was Editor of the literary magazine, and Sheila Camire was President of the National Honor Society.

Other ‘69ers included: Ed Akacki, Wendy Akerman, Patty Albert, Elaine Balance, Richard Baranowski, Michelle Barrett, Joann Binacamano, Susie Bergold, Gail Batruk, Bob Blakeslee, Cindy Boland, Theresa Bonis, Susie Boretzky, Joe Bulman, Kathy Bulman, Helen Burke, Mary Ann Carroll, Nora Carroll, Joe Casey, Mike Coakley, Susie

Coman, Mary Ellen Conahan, Brian Conlon, Sue DeBarba, Karen Delaney, Donna Derent, Denise Dibling, Laurie DiMeola, Marty Dombrowski, Jean Driscoll, John Duggan, Carol Eldridge, Sandy Elias, Jim Fennessy, Chris Ferraro, Nadine Fox, Katherine Fradella, Carol Glynn, Al Gomolka Jr., Kathy Gray, Ricky Gray, Cathy Hansult, Nancy Harkins, Frank Hawes, Jean Healy, Alice Hefferson, Anne Hertlein, Mike Holovacko, Bill Holtz, Paul Janas, Jimmy Keays, Denise Kenny, Jena Kelly, Carl Kosmo, Judy Kurowsky, Pat Lagoda, Linda Lapchuk, Anna Liyana, Barbara Liyana, John Madura, Linda MacNeil, Jo-Ann Lupo, Tom Marciniak, Phil Maresca, Bill Margaretta, Denise Matura, Judy McAndrew, Debbie McGinn, Pete McIntyre, Ed McKavanaugh, Jeanne McMahon, Sue Miller, Elizabeth Mokrzycki, Laura Mosel, Sharon Mulroy, Sue Mulvey, Patty Munn, Chris O’Brien, Jean O’Brien, Jill O’Connor, Tom O’Brien, Jon O’Connor, Kate O’Connor, Terry Oskierko, Mary Penkala, Lynn Piechocinski, Nancy Piluso, Sharon Quick, Terry Redmond, Michele Richland, Mary Rogers, Margaret Rose, Tom Ruszala, Virginia Schuster, Luke Sciallo, Judy Seaman, Diane Seidenberg, Jim Sorrentino, Colleen Stetson, Mary Ann Stewart, Mary Ellen Subjack, Joanne Sumski, Mary Ellen Surich, Allen Temperini, Tom Tice, Barbara Tobin, Mary Jane Toolan, Mary Ellen Toomey, Helen Trpisovsky, John Trzoniec, James Vail, Antoinette Viglionese, Margaret Wallis, Elaine Whitehead, William Wozniak, Elaine Wright, Stanley Zdanowicz, Margaret Zrebiec.

The school’s sports program had a banner year, as the boys’ basketball team finished a super (21-4), and the baseball team captured the South Jersey Parochial B State Championship, the last time it was ever accomplished in the land of Eagles.

Senior athletes included Mark Bratus, Jim McCloud, Bob Howarth, John Clark,

Dennis Nardon, Jerry Henderson, Tom Burkard, Jim Day, Chris Creed, Cindy Ostrowski, Joe Jancola, Kathy Hanas, Bob Paulukiewicz.

We’ll never forget our final month as high school seniors. The senior trip was to New York City to see the popular movie, “Romeo & Juliet,” and afterwards, we dined at an exquisite restaurant. The final day at school was a blast, actually blasting car horns, as we staged what is believed to be the first senior car parade around the school, honking horns, yelling, hollering waving, as all the other classes inside stood by the windows and waved their “goodbyes.”

Graduation Day June 8, 1969, was filled with mixed emotions as the Class of ’69 bid farewell to many great friends, some that we would never see again. Barbara Liyana received the Highest Academic Award. Our graduation songs were emotional classics “The Impossible Dream,” and “There’s A Place For Us,” and to this day, 40 years later, can still bring tears to the eyes of many of the St. Mary’s Class of ’69 members.

Let’s pause for a moment and remember our deceased classmates: John Cackowski, Carol Cieslarczyk, Bill Gundrum, Kathy Higgins, Tommy Holton, Pat Mezynski, Patty Nemeth, Kathy Sager. May they rest in peace.

St. Mary’s Class of 1969 came from many different backgrounds, had many cliques, yet always pulled together, whether at school dances, basketball games, or just about anything, we all got along, and were there for each other. There truly was peace and love at St. Mary’s HS in 1969. The year was probably the most memorable and important one in my life. Hardly a day goes by when I don’t think of a friend, classmate, good times and great memories from ’69. Through life’s long journey, I’m happy and proud to say, I had 4 years to spend and enjoy, with some of the greatest people on earth. Long live St. Mary’s Class of 1969!





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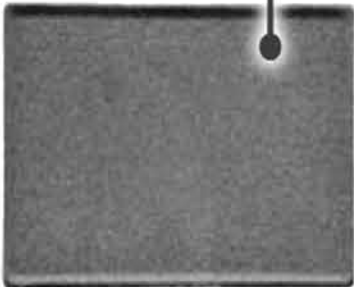
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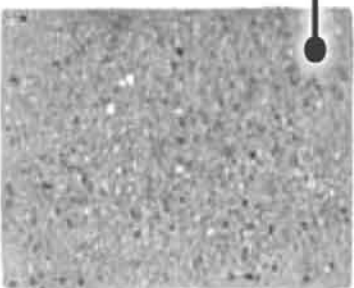
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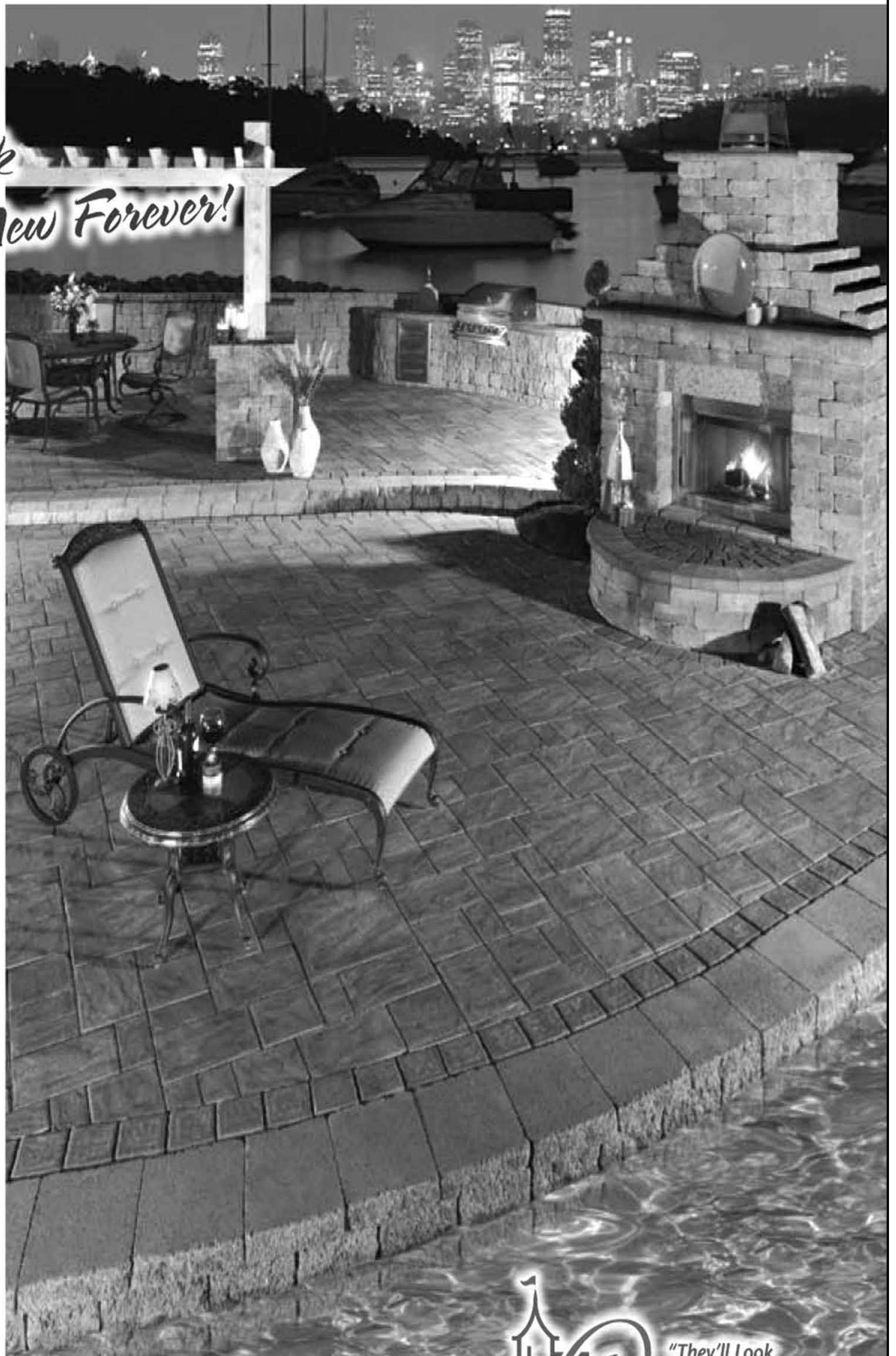
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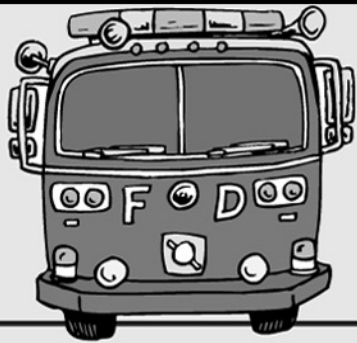


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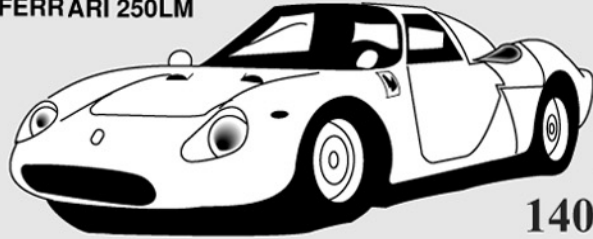
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Frog Hollow Winners-Greg Kuczynski (l) of Sayreville captured 1st place (Overall) in the 26th Annual Frog Hollow 5K race. Dactilia Booth (r) of Long Branch took 1st place (Women's Division). (Photo by Tom Burkard)

THE SUMMER OF '09, THAT'S 2009!

By Henny the DJ

I did a lot of talking about how I thought that a monthly Doo Wop Party would be the perfect vehicle to focus our renewed interest in our old hometown and our old hometown friends that has been generated by the great articles and pictures that Tommy Burkhard has given us these past years in the Sa Times. Of course, it is not the Fifties or the Sixties and we all have changed radically through the good and the bad things that we have experienced in our lives, but to be able to enjoy a style of music together that provided the sound track for much of what we remember of the Fifties and Sixties in the same town that provided these memories is a rare treat, for sure, and one worth a chance to succeed.

I have heard from a number of people who have been kind enough to share some ideas for songs and who have offered South Amboy Trivia Questions that would put some crackle and pop into our parties, especially if we had some good prizes.

And I am proud to say that everything is moving along well in that direction.

In the end of September edition of this paper I will have the details of what I hope will be some times that we all can enjoy together.

I think what motivates me to pursue this is, is that if I saw a Doo Wop Party advertised that was organized especially for

Mulvey Graduates

Erin Mulvey of Parlin, recently graduated cum laude from Boston University. Her Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry and molecular biology was conferred by the university's College of Arts and Science. She is the daughter of Carole and Tom, and sister of Minnesota Twins pitcher, Kevin. Erin completed the B.U. honors program and also achieved a minor in history. The Bishop Ahr Class of 2005 grad is continuing her studies, and has also accepted a position as laboratory ananlyst at The Dana Farber Cancer Research Institute in Boston, Massachusetts. Congratulations, Erin!

South Amboy people from Hoffman, Saint Mary's and Sacred Heart, the first thing I would do is call Judy and Teddy Wallace, Nancy and Charlie, Jackie and Margie, Lopy, Pecquer, Jackie Gallagher, my brothers and my sister, my cousin, Carol Ann, Bonnie and Charlie, Root Beer, Woody, Yoo Hoo Teddie, and Mary Rita and ask them what time they wanted me to pick them up.

Have a nice summer! Hennythe
Dj@aol.com

Rose

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate

I met a most fragile, beautiful rose
Amongst loud noise and people
Struck my eyes this lushed pose
Her leaves and limbs so feeble
Felt my heart possessed the power
To pluck this joyless bloom
Dejected from the garden flowers
Each petal dripped with gloom
Wither no more oh delicate Rose
Thy elegance I behold
Thy loveliness as pure as the morning
snows
Though no bouquet will hold
A fine, tall lucid vase of glass
To keep thy budding art
Belongs thou to the choicest class
I pick thee with my heart
Thou may no more to thrive my eyes
Then only this poem shows
Be gone the woeful fleeting sighs
One finer vision of this Rose.

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

(To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, on far cases almost despaired of). Most holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the church honors and invokes you universally as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of, pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings., and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen. Thank You St. Jude. -E.P.



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NOVENA TO ST. ANTHONY
Oh Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for his creatures made you worthy when on earth to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited on your word, which you were ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. (Make request). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle. O gentle and loving St. Anthony whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the sweet infant Jesus who loved to be folded in your arms and the gratitude of my heart will be yours. This novena has never been known to fail. Say Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be. -B.T.S..

Murder Mystery

St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus #8478 presents "Murder Marinara," a murder mystery comedy show on Sat., Sept. 26, at St. Bernadette Church in Parlin. The show will be held in Lourdes Center and the cost is \$35 per person. For complete information and tickets call George at 732-525-9373 or Tim at 732-721-7197.



The Frog Hollow Swim & Tennis Club held it's Annual Fishing Trip on the Misty Morn on July 10th, 2009. Top picture is the Pool Winner and Biggest Caught John Garguilo. Bottom is Bill Henry with the 2nd biggest catch. All had a Great Time. (Photos by Jerry "Bear" Celecki)

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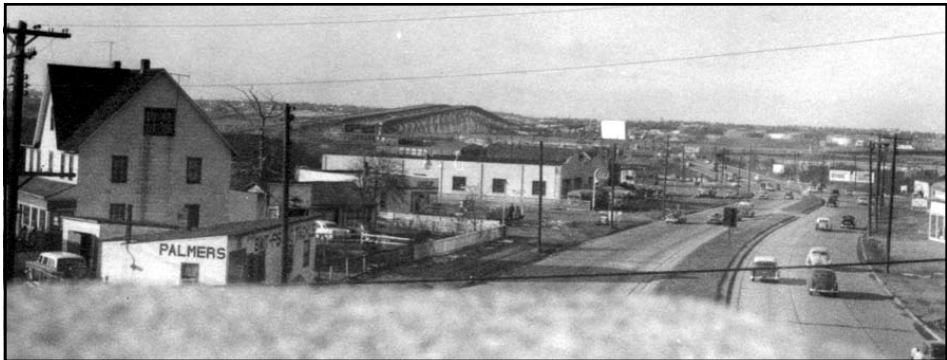
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NASCAR Bucket Specials



Avid SA Times reader, Dennis “Yogi” Danku of Sayreville offered us a challenge by saying, “If you really want a tough picture, try finding one of Palmer’s Bait Stand that used to be on Routes 9 & 35 South in Melrose, right before the overpass at Kearney Rd. My brother Bill and I used to deliver The Perth Amboy Evening News in the lower section of Melrose for about 3 years (1960-62), but even before then I can remember going to Palmer’s for bait & tackle to fish with in back of Abe Korb’s Junkyard on the river.”
Dennis: We love a challenge, and even though we ran a different photo of Palmer’s Bait Stand about 10 years ago, we’re filling your request.
(Photo courtesy of Anna Friberg)



The Shoregate community recently held it’s annual A.R.M.S. fundraiser picnic. Councilman Jack O’Connell was on hand to present Ronnie Micciulla with a military challenge coin from his last tour in Iraq. The challenge coin is from the Multi-National Force Iraq (MNF-I). A.R.M.S. is an organization that collects items to send to our armed forces men and women serving our country overseas. Pictured (L-R) Bea Harvey, Ronnie Micciulla, Jack O’Connell and Lina Dreesen. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

South Amboy Gas Station

Ceil Gosford said that the gas station on Main St. & Stevens Ave. in the 1950’s was run by Charles Daley and Bill Delaney. Thank you Ceil for your help on the names, which were apparently incorrect last month.

The Miraculous Prayer

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked for many favors. This time I ask you this my special one (mention favor). Take it, Dear Jesus, and place it within your own broken heart, where your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become your favor, not mine. Amen. (Say this prayer for 3 days, promise publication and your favor will be granted. Never known to fail.) -EP

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The South Amboy Boys 12U baseball team captured the Sayreville AA Tournament. (Story/ Photo Submitted)

South Amboy Boys Win Tournament

The first game of the Tournament was South Amboy vs. Madison Park and won by South Amboy 9 -3. The offense was led by Keith Warzecha, Julian Munoz, and Tim Kales as they all went 3 for 3 at the plate. The pitching was led by Nick Reagan who struck out 7 of the 9 batters he faced for the win with relief from Jamie Perez and Riley Rone.

The second game South Amboy won 9 – 4 against Holmdel with Tim Kales getting the win with strong relief from Jamie Perez and Julian Munoz. The offense was led by Keith Warzecha, Giovanni Spatoro, Jamie Perez and Nick Reagan, all of whom had two hits each.

Game three South Amboy faced the host team, Sayreville, and won 12 -2. Danny

Gentile pitched the entire game for the win. Strong defense was led by Sam Riley, Logan Picciotti, Tom O’Leary, Riley Rone and Max Garcia

The Championship Game was played against Millstone, and South Amboy came out on top with a score of 5 – 4 with Tim Kales accounting for all 5 RBIs on a 1st inning 3 run monster home run and a fourth inning 2 run homer. The defense was led by four outstanding plays at second base by Jamie Perez and strong pitching by starter Tim Kales and winning pitcher Nick Reagan, who ended the Tournament with two wins and a 0.00 ERA.

The team is looking forward to Tournaments in Fords and Madison Park

South Amboy 100 Years Ago Part 3

By Tom Burkard ~ Contributor Anna Harris Friberg

Manufacturing Interests

“1909-Among the supplies now manufactured here are cement, building blocks, architectural terra cotta, underwear, government uniforms, shirt waists, silk embroidery, asphalt, asbestos roofing paints, carbonated beverages, sausage and lard, and cement flagging and curbing blocks. The mining of clay and fire sand is by far the most important industry in this vicinity and hundreds of men are employed at it. The clay is claimed to be of the best quality of the kind found in N.J., and is used principally in the manufacture for foundry and stoneware. The fire sand is also of exceptional quality for foundry molding purposes and for use in the manufacture of fire clay, flue linings, molding purposes, etc.

The Pennsylvania Railroad employs approximately 500 men in the machine shops and on the coal docks. The P.R.R. and Raritan River Railroad, both repair rolling stock at this point and the large payroll is an important item to the general prosperous condition always found here. Oystering and clamming also form an important occupation for many men.”

Transportation

“Few if any towns in N.J. can boast such valuable shipping and passenger facilities as South Amboy. Located on 4 different lines of steam railroad—the Camden and Amboy, Pennsylvania, New Jersey Central, and Raritan River railroads, all parts of the country are within immediate touch. Electric cars operating from here put Keyport, Long Branch, Red Bank, Atlantic Highlands, Asbury Park, and all towns along the seashore within easy reach on the one side, while to the west cars run direct to New Brunswick and connect with trolleys either to Elizabeth, Newark and New York or to Trenton, Philadelphia and intermediate points. Practically all of New Jersey can be reached from here by electric cars (trains). The shipping facilities by water are unsurpassed. A \$30,000 public dock, running into water sufficiently deep to accommodate the largest ocean-going vessels and a projected steamboat line operating daily between here and New York

will enable shipments to be made by water or rail. The Pennsylvania Railroad ships from South Amboy, by water, over one quarter million tons of coal per month.”

Business

A continuation of the many local businesses follows: George Green, Clothier and Outfitter shop was located at 156 ½ Broadway; A.L. Kaufman, Fine Footwear; Patrick F. Fallon, Hotel and Livery; J.C. Albright, M.D., Physician and Druggist; Robert P. Mason, Insurance, Conveyancing, etc. “Judge” Mason also served as Justice of the Peace, and Commissioner of Deeds; Cornelius McGonigle, Watchmaker and Jeweler; Leroy C. Stark, Jeweler and Optician; Pimlott Hotel, owned by Ira B. Martin; Howard D. Littell, Coal; William L. Munn, Contractor and Builder; South Amboy Lumber and Supply Co. was one of the most successful and best equipped businesses in the City.

First National Bank-Was first chartered and commenced business in 1888. In 1908, over \$12,000 was paid to depositors as interest on their balances.

Citizens Light and Fuel Co.-In 1898, A.P. Bachman of New York secured control of the old South Amboy Gas Co. Many improvements took place such as the plant changing from an oil-gas to a coal-gas plant, and while the quality of the gas has been greatly improved, the rate has been materially reduced.

Prominent Resident

Frank E. DeGraw was postmaster of South Amboy in 1909. He was appointed to the post by President Roosevelt in 1907. He was the second Mayor of the old Borough of South Amboy, and also served 3 terms as a councilman. DeGraw was also elected twice to the Board of Freeholders.

Professor Russell M. Fitch was supervising principal of South Amboy’s public schools since 1895.

Note: Sure hope you enjoyed reading about the history of South Amboy going way back, 100 years ago. I’d like to send a very special thank you to Anna Harris Friberg for providing so much help and information for this 3-part series.

Ice Cream, You Scream!

How’s the rest of that go... We all scream for ice cream! (Yeah, that’s it!)

Well, it looks like there is only one reader who has any memory of the ice cream trucks that used to come around to our local neighborhoods way back when. The only reader brave enough to share his memories was former South Amboy resident Rich “Ish” Ambroziak, who said, “If I’m not mistaken, didn’t Luke Lenahan drive the Mr. Softee truck one summer? I remember waiting for Mr. Softee at the corner of John and Feltus Streets. Can’t recall who was at the wheel of the Good Humor truck. Back in the 50’s there was an Italian ice truck that we used to catch at Feltus and Catherine Streets. He sold those little white paper “squeeze” cups with scoops of Italian ice. Also, nothing like a “Double-Dip” from Joe Smoke’s on Broadway.”

SA Times Publisher Tom Burkard remembers “An old Italian gentleman named Johnny with an old beat up ice cream truck. Of course everyone called him Johnny The Ice Cream Man. I can never forget Mr. Softee coming around every night, and the old Mechanicsville gang, after playing about 6 full games of whiffle ball, and 3 games of Steamin’ in throughout the day at the Burkard Sports Center, would get their sweet cravings fulfilled by Mr. Softee, better known as Mr. Jack “Oats” O’Toole. A couple of years later, Mr. Luke Lenahan also had a Mr. Softee truck which we faithfully patronized as well. When Jack O’Toole had the route, he ran a “Name the Parakeet Contest,” and if you had the best name, you would win a free ice cream delight of your choice.” I was a very lucky youngster one evening, when I saw my name on the list of winners displayed on the window of the truck.”

Burkard also recalled back in the ‘80’s when he was doing a landscaping job on George St. with his worker Walter Therkelsen, when “A Good Humor truck came by, on this red- hot summer day, and we stopped it. We went over, and to my surprise, it was my old Little Fellas League teammate and friend who I hadn’t seen for many years, George Beck! I believe he owned the business for a few years and did quite well with it.”

OLV Parish Trip to Polish Festival in Doylestown

Our Lady of Victories Parish is sponsoring a trip to Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pennsylvania on Sunday, September 6, 2009. The bus will leave the parish lower parking lot at 9AM and return at 6PM.

The Polish Festival has a Mass either in Polish or English. There will be music, dancing, and a variety of activities to enjoy during the day. The price of the trip is \$35.00 which includes bus transportation, admission to the festival, and light refreshments on the bus. Contact Geri at (732) 257-4351 by August 25.

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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This photo shows the resurfacing of Main Street, South Amboy, which was done over the past month. All kinds of construction and improvements has been taking place recently throughout South Amboy and Sayreville. (Photo by Ken Rogers)

LETTERS

Dear Community Business and Residents,

Friends Helping Friends, a group of community minded individuals who have banded together to assist local residents in need (medical illness, financial hardship, etc.), are sponsoring a fundraiser, and would very much appreciate any contribution you might be able to make. This fundraiser is being held on behalf of Mary Rita McCarthy, a lifelong South Amboy resident, who is suffering from Scleroderma (hardening of skin and organs), a degenerative disease of which there is no known cure. Mary Rita, for those who may not know her, has always enjoyed life to the fullest, and we, her friends, will not let her stop now.

Mary Rita worked at South Amboy Hospital for many years before working for the City of South Amboy, first at the Senior Citizen Center, and most recently the Municipal Court office. She has always assisted local causes including the Johnny Z./Woody M. Scholarship, the Raritan Bay Seafood Festival, etc. As Mary Rita has lived here all her life, and has supported her community whenever possible, we are seeking your help in supporting this fundraiser now that she is in need. Your generosity and civic mindedness is well known throughout the community, and we hope you will see fit to help us as well.

To financially assist Mary Rita, Friends Helping Friends is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on Wed., Aug. 12th from 5-8 p.m. at the South Amboy Middle/High School. Tickets are \$8 for adults, and \$6 for children under 12. To purchase tickets, make a monetary donation, or donate food or paper goods for the dinner, please contact Mary Kate Kelly Vacca at 908-420-4120; Carolyn Guikoff Charmello at 732-290-7545; Nancy McCarthy Ayers at 908-489-8867; of Capt. Darren LaVigne at 732-525-5952. Donations may be sent to:

SAND/Mary Rita McCarthy c/o 15 Bertram Ave., South Amboy, NJ 08879. All checks are to be made payable to "Sand Resident Association."

With Grateful Appreciation,
The Friends Helping Friends Committee

New Officers Chosen

By Steve Schmid

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 has chosen its officers for 2009-10 Columbian year: Grand Knight-Wayne Castello; Deputy Grand Knight-Tom Pearson; Chaplin-Rich O'Brien; Chancellor-George Kardos; Warden-Marty Lampart; Recorder-Jim Ramos; Treasurer-Steve Schmid; Financial Secretary-Rick O'Connor; Inside Guard-Tom Kross; 1-Year Trustee-Leo DiGuilio; 2-Year Trustee-Al DiGuilio; 3-Year Trustee-Mike Ricciardi.

Dear Tom,
Best wishes for your continued success with The SA Times. It's great, and you do an outstanding job with it!

Sincerely,
Shirley Dill
Sayreville

Tom,
Keep up the good work, the paper is fantastic! Brings back good memories.

Take Care,
Joe Parsler Jr.
Parlin

Tom,
The newspaper is great! I try never to miss it, and now I won't thanks to the web site.

A Faithful Reader,
Lynn Loy
Morgan

Hi Tom,
Now we're confronted with "cold churned light." Will miss hard copy of The SA Times, but will "see" you online.

Rich "Ish" Ambroziak
(Formerly of South Amboy)

Monthly Flea Market Seeks Vendors

St. Mary Church is seeking vendors for its Indoor Flea Market to be held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, beginning Aug. 8. Flea Market hours are from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Flea Market will be held at St. Mary's School Cafeteria on Stevens Ave. Tables are \$15 each. There is convenient parking in the school's private lot-entrance is on Second St. For info please call Angel at 732-501-5133.

Eternal Tail Light Cruise

The Hollywood Knights Car Club will hold an Eternal Tail Light Cruise on Tuesday, July 28 from 5-9 p.m. at the Peter Pank Diner, Highway 9 North, Sayreville. The event will be held in remembrance for past Cruisers. Music and entertainment will be provided by DJ Rich, and there will be 30 awards presented. The car show is FREE, with no entry fee, but donations will be accepted for Brain Injured Children.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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



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Steer Inn Comments

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Wetson's was another poplar burger joint in the 60's and early 70's. We did receive a couple of answers to last months WWW that identified the photo as Wetson's in Airport Plaza, Hazlet. Both (Steer Inn & Wetson's) sold burgers for 15 cents and had similar structures. Do you remember any other burger joints no longer in existence? Let us know at satimes@aol.com.

Behind it was a movie house (Madison Cinema), and behind that was Pathmark, which now shares the same foundation as the Storage place today."

The team of Roxanne Keegan, Kevin Kania and Dawn Roberts said, "We were talking about this place last Saturday when we were out to lunch. I can remember having a grilled cheese sandwich there where they turned a hamburger roll inside out and toasted cheese between the bun. They didn't use sliced bread, just the rolls. They were the good old days. Keep the pictures coming." Joseph T. Bartkiewicz said, "The Steer Inn was located on Rt. 9 and Ernston Rd. on the border of Sayreville/Old Bridge. It was owned by the celebrity Dick Clark of the American Bandstand TV show." Richard Adamecs, St. Mary's Class of '64 said, "I worked there in the summer of 1962 or '63. They were based in PA, and owned by Dick Clark. A great experience!"

Patricia Klosek remembered that "The Steer Inn was a forerunner to McDonald's, and two could eat there for less than \$1." Parlin's Joe Parsler Jr. said, "The Steer Inn was located on Rt. 9 North on the Sayreville/Madison Twp. Border, before it was called Old Bridge. If I'm not mistaken, it was there in the early to mid 60's." South Amboy's Judy Cyriax said, "I remember eating a steak sandwich there. It was so good, but so greasy."

Carol O'Chat recalled that "My father loved this place considering my mother was not a good cook, and this was the only "restaurant" he would take us to. We loved the hamburgers. I believe this was way before McDonald's." John Evaldi of Parlin said that "My parents would take my two brothers, sisters and I there every Sunday after church for lunch. I always enjoyed a cheeseburger, fries and shake. I really miss that old place."

Tom Zambrowski, Hoffman High Class of 1966 writes, "I think the manager was a fellow named Don Buford, but I am not positive. Keep up the good work with your newspaper." Kathy & Dennis O'Leary of Sayreville said that, "If you park near the storage place there now, you can still walk over to that area and find among the tall grass and weeds, some traces of the parking lot and foundation, feeling like a modern-day archeologist. Well, we ate the burgers from there, and they were good." Former Sayreville resident Thomas M. Wisniewski said, "My favorite selection was the triple cheeseburger."

Deb Marion happily recalls, "What a treat for our family with 5 kids to get to "eat out" there! We all remember picking up our new maroon '65 Ford station wagon with wooden sides and seat belts (Dad paid extra for them to be on every seat, not just the driver) from Spinelli's (Washington Rd., across from Rappleyea) in December, 1964, and heading to Steer-Inn for a celebration. My sister who was just 3, spilled a strawberry milkshake in the rear compartment and we 3 youngest rode home holding our feet up, so we didn't step in it. Good thing my dad wasn't too fussy about his cars' appearance!"

Sandy Evaldi Shaver, who grew up in Morgan reminisced, "I have wonderful

memories of my dad and mom driving me and my siblings, John, Frank, Mark, and Michele on Sundays after church for burgers and milkshakes. It was the best burger hop in town. It was "The McDonald's before McDonald's" to me and my family." Dee Ostrowski of Morgan said that, "When dad was doing the grocery shopping at the supermarket behind it, I'd run up the hill and get as many of those 15 cent burgers my tummy could hold. That was two!"

Tom Burkard, SA Times Publisher recalled "My sister Stella driving my best friend, Joe "Jesko" Jaskowiak and myself in her new white '65 Mustang to the Steer Inn when it first opened. The burgers and shakes were unbelievable!"

Joe Harrigan popular local realtor said, "We sold the Steer Inn to a Burger King franchisee sometime in the early to mid '70's. It was subsequently acquired by the NJDOT, as part of the road widening and Ernston Road underpass project."



Announcement

The Sayreville Veterans Alliance is pleased to announce that the Sayreville Veterans Honor Roll located at Borough Hall will be upgraded to include US Veterans of WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Vietnam Era, Lebanon Crisis, Grenada, Panama, Persian Gulf, Somalia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Haiti, Operations Southern & Northern Watch, Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan, Operation Determined Force-Kosovo, Operation Iraqi Freedom and other qualified US military veterans.

To qualify for inclusion on the Sayreville Veterans Honor Roll, the Veteran must be or have been a resident of the Borough of Sayreville during his/her time of service. Proof of service and residency (DD-214 or other military discharge papers) must be submitted along with the Honor Roll application.

Veterans currently on active duty may also apply. Proper induction papers and copies of orders may be submitted in lieu of discharge papers. Applicants must be honorably discharged US Veterans. Applications can be picked up at the Borough Clerk's Office, 3rd Floor, Borough Hall, 167 Main St., Sayreville.

The Sayreville Veterans Alliance reserves the right to review and approve all applications. Applications will be accepted up to Sept. 1, 2009. In addition to the updating of the Honor Roll, the Veterans Memorial Brick Program will be accepting applications. Further information and regulations on the brick program can be found with the application at the Borough Clerk's Office.

Thank You.
Kenneth P. Kelly
Rich Kosmoski
Co-Chairmen, Sayreville Veterans Alliance



Cuts for a Cure, Cut-A-Thon for Pancreatic Cancer Research was recently held. Pictured: Kneeling L-R: John Lavery, Carli Lavery, Maryann Lavery-Minnella, Mike Minnella. Standing L-R: Claudine Canzano Lavery, Donna Lavery Vasile, Lenny Vasile, Nicole Vasile, Casey Barboe, Karen Lavery Barboe, Peter Barboe. (Photo submitted)

Cancer Cut-A-Thon Nets Thousands!

The Hair Shop of Parlin, held it's 2nd annual cut-a-thon that benefited the Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research recently. "Cuts for a Cure" was a huge success said owner, Maryann Lavery-Minnella. The Hair Shop raised \$ 5,421.00, which surpassed their total of \$3,300.00 from last year.

Each year this event holds a special meaning to Ms. Lavery-Minnella and her siblings because they lost both their parents, Jack and Connie, to this horrible cancer. Maryann commented that the cut-a-thon would not have been as successful if it wasn't for the many volunteers who gave their time and merchant donations she received.

Fourth Degree Officers Chosen

By Steve Schmid

The Knights of Columbus Msgr. John F. Brady Assembly 676 of South Amboy 4th Degree has selected its slate of officers for the 2009-10 Columbian year: Faithful Navigator-Brent Smith Jr.; Faithful Captain-John Erbetta; Faithful Pilot-Donald McClelland; Faithful Comptroller-Brent Smith Sr.; Faithful Admiral-Michael

Romer; Faithful Purser-Stephen Schmid; Faithful Scribe-Robert Bove; Faithful Inner Sentinel-Richard O'Brien; Faithful Outer Sentinel-Dennis Keller; Faithful 1-Year Trustee-Stephen Krupski; Faithful 2-Year Trustee-Albert McLaughlin; Faithful 3-Year Trustee-James Smith.

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Remember When?



Do you remember when the DeSantis Tavern on First St. in South Amboy was one of the area's most popular watering holes? The tavern was known for its championship baseball teams and fine entertainment. Owner John DeSantis (c) is pictured with two unidentified ladies at his establishment in this undated photo, possibly taken in the late 1930's or early 40's. (Photo/info submitted)

PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN

By Elaine Scott

Bankruptcies, foreclosures, lay-offs, bail-outs, budget-cuts, double-digit unemployment, out-sourcing, and a National Debt with so many zeroes the amount is totally incomprehensible to most of us. Add in astronomical healthcare costs, an ever-shrinking economy, increasing cost-of-living expenses, our State of California verging on financial collapse, and Stimulus Packages with a total amount containing almost as many zeroes as our National Debt, and what you have is America 2009-style. As government "experts" debate on how to resolve our present economic problems in the future, the answers actually lie in America's past, in the way it used to be just a mere 50 years ago.

1959 was an economic boom-time in America. While Veterans were using their hard-earned G.I. Benefits to purchase the new tract homes in the suburbs, new construction was taking place all over the U.S., and factories were going full-steam trying to keep up with the supply and demand. More work meant more money to spend, and spend is what Americans had been doing. The only difference between then and now was our parents had spent cash. With the memory of the "Great Depression" still vivid in their minds, and the sacrifices inflicted by WWII and the Korean War, "good money" was to be spent wisely. Only "fools were soon-parted" from their hard-earned cash.

In that year of 1959, when Dwight D. Eisenhower was in the White House, opportunities for a better life abounded. Those opportunities, though, hadn't included free rides, hand-outs, and stimulus checks. Instead, Americans had been stimulated by personal goals to work hard, and to save enough money to reach them. As people put their cash into saving accounts, banks were flourishing, eager to grant mortgages to people who could afford to pay for them. In that time before credit cards, living the

American Dream had taken lots of planning, and lots of hard work for a person's dream to be fulfilled. "Nothing worthwhile in life comes easily," and Americans had been well-aware of it.

Just five decades ago, there hadn't been any need to have any "Made in America" labels, as mostly everything had been made right here in the U.S.A. Americans bought American-made cars, television sets, furniture, clothes, toys, and everything else made by their fellow-Americans. Back then, American products had stood for quality, the best made in all of the world.

50 years ago, as doctors were still making house calls and dispensing free pills from their well-worn black leather doctor bags, healthcare wasn't an issue. Since it was the norm for Major Medical Benefits to be included in employment, there were no worries over the high-cost of insurance premiums. Although there was no coverage for doctor's visits, family doctors were paid cash, often getting paid after their patients' payday. There was still an honor system in those years, and doctors, like everyone else, had gotten paid for their services. The last thing anyone had wanted then was to owe money to anyone for anything.

In that year of 1959, Americans had been unified, working together for the betterment of America. Taxpayers' money had gone towards keeping America solvent, safe, and secure. The only government welfare was the welfare of our country. Companies had thrived from their own initiatives to succeed, fathers had supported their children, illegal aliens had been deported, and the Pledge of Allegiance, the one still containing the words, "under God," was being recited with pride.

Pride in being an American...that's what America needs to get on track once again.

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

1969 And 40 Years Later...

By Marjorie Zalewski Bryner

Not too many people can walk the halls of their high school and recall their senior year and graduation 40 years later. Being a member of the current administrative staff of Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's High School, I had this opportunity during the past 2008-09 school year. To say one has gone full circle is an understatement.

Being a member of the Class of '69, how ironic it has been that I witnessed the school on fire during my freshman year. I then attended split sessions for the following two years, and was part of the first class to graduate from the current "new" building.

The halls that I once supervised as a Senior Hall Proctor are once again being observed by my watchful eyes. Instead of being hesitant of knocking on the Faculty Room door, I am now confident to enter that very same room. Knowing that I am sitting on the other side of the desk, where such great teachers like Mr. Ronald Lucas, Mr. Charles Nuziale, and Mr. Stephen Nestinger sat is moving; having meetings in Sister Madeline's office is even more humbling. When I walk past Room 8, I hear Algebra being taught today, yet I can still hear Sister Margaret at her piano, leading the Glee Club in song as we prepared for the Christmas Choral Festival. Then there is the cheering on of our Eagle athletes and let's not ever forget the Senior Parade around the school on our last class day.

Having the opportunity to sit among the Class of '09 this past June, brought back so many memories from the Class of '69. Although St. Mary's High School experienced a name change several years ago, so much has changed since the Class of '69. Yet, so much remains the same in the hallowed halls now known as Cardinal McCarrick High School. To one graduate of St. Mary's, I am proud to be a part of the past, and even more proud to be a part of the future of Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's High School. The BLUE and GOLD traditions continue!!

Help Our Soldiers

VFW Post #4699 Ladies Auxiliary of Sayreville is looking for knitters to knit scarfs for our soldiers overseas. Instruction will be given to you if interested. Help our servicemen and women who are fighting for us. For more info call Lorraine Rock at 609-448-2587.



Katie Sabatini (l) says "Thank you for our freedom" on a sign she made for the Sayreville Memorial Day Parade. Proudly looking on are Madeline Suchowiecki (l) and Stella Misiewicz (r). (Photo submitted)

Sayreville Photo Contest

The Sayreville Shade Tree Commission is sponsoring a photography contest (for Borough residents only) with this year's theme being "Sayreville's Special Tree."

The top prize will become Sayreville's Tree of the Year and the photographer will receive a \$50 gift card, while 2nd place and 3rd place get \$40 and \$30 gift cards respectively.

Entries will be screened by Sayreville Shade Tree Commission, and the top 10 photos will be posted at the Shade Tree booth at Sayreville Day in Sept. The winner of

Trip To Ocean City, MD

St. Mary's Seniors will be running a 4 day/ 3 night trip to Ocean City, MD from Sept. 15-18. Cost is only \$335 per person, double occupancy (single supplement is \$75 additional). For complete information and to make your reservation, call Kathleen at 732-721-5030.

Patriotic Citizens Sought

The Ladies Auxiliary of Sayreville #4699 VFW is looking for any American or patriotic citizen who displays their American flag everyday. If you know of someone who does, the Auxiliary will give them a certificate, and they will be invited to a meeting and be presented with the Auxiliary's American Certificate of Appreciation. For more info, please call President Lorraine Rock at 609-448-2587.

Hoffman High Multi Year Reunion

The 11th Annual Hoffman HS Alumni Reunion is scheduled for Aug. 16th from 1-6 p.m. at the Armory in Perth Amboy. The Reunion is open to all alumni of Hoffman HS regardless of what years you may have attended. Cost is \$50 per person, which includes a buffet dinner and dessert bar, along with beer, wine and sangria. If your class is celebrating a special milestone this year, why not celebrate it at the Multi-Year Reunion? Tables can be reserved specifically for you, your classmates, and guests, and you are free to customize them any way you would like with balloons, pictures, yearbooks, etc. Please feel free to contact Susan DiGiambattista-Mattson, Class of 1977, with any questions at Smatts4@aol.com.

There is currently an HHS Alumni Group on Facebook, so details will be posted there as well as Classmates.com. Please be sure to spread the word to your fellow classmates, so that we can make this year the biggest turnout yet. We're looking forward to seeing everyone in August!

Sayreville Day-Sept. 13th

This year's Annual Sayreville Day will be held on Sept. 13th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Kennedy Park on Washington Rd. Watch for more details in the Aug. 22nd issue of The SA Times.

On Saturday, May 16, 2009, Stanley and Ann Jankowski celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with their six children and 11 grandchildren, plus immediate family and friends at Monticello Bistro Café in South Amboy. Everyone enjoyed a delicious luncheon, and beautiful centerpieces of daisies by Jacqueline's Florist of South Amboy. The cake created by Bake and More of South Amboy, was in the shape of their home, where they have raised their children and grandchildren for the past 44 years. On Sunday, May 17th, at St. Mary's 10 a.m. Mass, surrounded by their children and grandchildren, they were honored by Father Dennis with a special acknowledgement of their years of marriage, which began in St. Mary's Church, South Amboy, 50 years ago on May 16, 1959.

Summer Fun, Fun, Fun

Photos By Tom Burkard



Janet Ust and Tami Coyle are pictured instructing Sayreville youngsters on their jump shots, during the weeklong Borough of Sayreville Recreation summer basketball program.



South Amboy youngsters enjoy a basketball shooting contest at August A. Charmello Park, as part of the Recreation Department's summer program.



Kids are having a great time at the South Amboy Recreation Summer Arts & Crafts Program at August A. Charmello Park, under Assistant Recreation Supervisor Karen Charmello Koestler, park counselors, and assistants.



Connor Johnson gets ready for a cool slide down the "Super Slide" at Burke's Park in Parlin on a hot July day. Recreation Supervisor Linda Zurawski (l), and Park Counselors Rob Arvanites (c) and Kevlyn Zurawski (r) supervise the activities.





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Caption-Superstars-Jon Bon Jovi (l) and Bruce Springsteen (r) perform at the Count Basie in Red Bank in '08. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Bon Jovi Enters Hall Of Fame

Former Sayreville resident Jon Bon Jovi and his songwriting partner, Richie Sambora, formerly of Woodbridge were inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame at its 40th Anniversary Show on June 19th in New York City. The popular duo entertained the crowd with one of their big hits, “Wanted Dead Or Alive.” Also honored with entry into the Hall of Fame were two great guys, Felix Cavaliere and Eddie Brigati, who wrote many hits for their 1960’s group The Young Rascals, later known as The Rascals. Crosby, Stills & Nash were also inducted, and several other talented writers were honored.

Bon Jovi Helps Homeless

Rock superstar, Jon Bon Jovi recently announced plans for an environmentally friendly housing facility for 79 homeless men and women in downtown Philadelphia. He has worked to build more than 150 units of affordable housing in 7 cities through his Philadelphia Soul Charitable Foundation since 2006.

Upcoming Events At: The Count Basie Theatre
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countbasie theatre.org

Bruce Hornsby & the Noisemakers
Tuesday, July 28, 2009, 8:00 PM
Jason Alexander
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Thursday, July 30, 2009, 8:00 PM

The Italian Laugh Pack
Starring: Pat Cooper, Dom Irrera & Tammy Pescatelli
Saturday, August 01, 2009, 8:00 PM

Jersey Shore Rock-n-Soul Revue: Power of the Trio
Saturday, August 08, 2009, 8:00 PM

Cyndi Lauper & Rosie O'Donnell
Sunday, August 09, 2009, 8:00 PM

John Legend (with special guests, India.Arie & Vaughn Anthony)
Wednesday, August 12, 2009, 7:30 PM

An Evening With George Thorogood & The Destroyers
Thursday, August 13, 2009, 8:00 PM
Tori Amos
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Friday, August 14, 2009, 8:00 PM

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Phillips Records CD

By Tom Burkard

Former South Amboy resident, John Phillips, who was the leading scorer for St. Mary’s boys’ basketball team during the 1955-56 season, recently played keyboards and recorded songs on a CD. The untitled work contains 20 super song hits, from the 1950’s and 60’s, and Phillips is flawless on the keys playing his top of the line Yamaha PSR S900 arranger/workstation.

He said that he “adds various instruments and beats, sounds, tempos, etc. The keyboard comes with over 1,000 voices (instruments) and Styles (various backups such as Rock ‘N’ Roll, Country, R & B etc., and each one of these has many different varieties to choose from. Then it’s a matter of learning the instrument and what it can do, and then bring it together.”

John dabbled in music back in the early 1950’s, when he took accordion lessons, and played in several local bands at weddings,

Gayle Wins Music Award

Former Sayreville resident Davie Gayle recently won the RadioIndy Grindie Music Award for her outstanding CD, “Amber In The Clay.” The talented singer/songwriter received the award for Independent Artist Music Excellence.

Davie along with her brother Michael, and siblings, Midge Painchaud and Pat Daly are currently in the studio doing live recording of a new EP, which is expected to be released in late 2009. Together, the family band is known as Sweet Alyssum. Congratulations and best of luck, Davie!

high school dances, etc. He played with “A real good guitar player from Mechanicsville, Johnny Stru, but like many of us got hooked on playing basketball, and his music talent was put on hold for a long time.

His CD is a work to behold, with very relaxing and easy listening music. Some of the songs include well-known numbers such as Runaway, It’s Only Make Believe, Poor Little Fool, You Belong To Me, Crazy, Diana, Spanish Harlem, Eddie My Love, Fools Rush In, Are You Lonesome Tonight, Kansas City, Only You, Smoke Gets In Your Eyes, Stand By Me, and several others.

Phillips said that his mother bought him a new accordion about 25 years ago, and told him to play it, and he did, eventually graduating to keyboards. He performs at many events in his South Jersey community, and even played for his high school class reunion. “They were shocked. It was a secret, and no one was supposed to know. Back in those days, playing the accordion was not the “in” instrument,” he said.

In addition, John has recorded a CD with Big Band songs from the 1940’s, and other CD’s as well. Outstanding job, John!

#1 Country Hits- July 25

- 1994-Summertime Blues-Alan Jackson
- 1980-True Love Ways-Mickey Gilley
- 1971-Bright Lights, Big City-Sonny James
- 1963-Act Naturally-Buck Owens
- 1957-Bye Bye Love-The Everly Brothers

Music Trivia Days Of The Week

By Tom Burkard

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1.__ Sunday Bloody Sunday | a.The Rolling Stones |
| 2.__ Monday Monday | b.Spanky & Our Gang |
| 3.__ Friday On My Mind | c.Chicago |
| 4.__ Ruby Tuesday | d.Cat Stevens |
| 5.__ Come Saturday Morning | e.The Mamas & The Papas |
| 6.__ Another Saturday Night | f.The Sandpipers |
| 7.__ Sunday Morning Coming Down | g.U2 |
| 8.__ Saturday In The Park | h.Johnny Cash |
| 9.__ Never On Sunday | i.The Easybeats |
| 10._ Friday I’m In Love | j.The Bay City Rollers |
| 11._ Saturday Night At The Movies | k.The Chordettes |
| 12._ Tuesday Afternoon | l.The Cure |
| 13._ Sunday Will Never Be The Same | m.The Moody Blues |
| 14._ Saturday Night | n.The Drifters |

Answers

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

Springsteen Fans

For all of you Springsteen fanatics out there, check the You tube.com website under Springsteen Steel Mill. There is a great clip of “The Boss” with one of his early bands, Steel Mill performing in 1971 at D’Scene, which was located on Rt. 9 North in Sayreville. Bruce and company play a song called “I Can’t Take It Anymore.” It’s really interesting to see how far this superstar has come since the early days.

Also, there is an interesting photo of The Castles, Bruce’s first band, in the July 28, 1966 issue of the old South Amboy Citizen. The publicity photo was for a gig they were going to play at the Route 35 Drive In at Hazlet.

One Hit Wonders

20 Years Ago

1989-I Remember Holding You-Boys Club; When I’m With You-Sheriff; What I Am-Edie Brickell & The New Bohemians; Beg Your Pardon-Kon Kan; Heaven Help Me-Deon Estus with George Michael; Thinking of You-Sa-Fire; Iko Iko-Belle Stars; Where Are You Now?-Jimmy Harnen with Synch; Cry-Waterfront; Angel Eyes-Jeff Healey Band; Talk It Over-Grayson Hugh; Swing The Mood-Jive Bunny & The Mix-masters; Don’t Make Me Over-Sybil; Don’t Close Your Eyes-Kix.

*Last Month’s personal favorite was “Easy Lover” by Phillip Bailey with Phil Collins.

Select your favorite One Hit Wonder for this month, and let us know at: satimes@aol.com.

#1 Pop Hits-July 25

- 2002-Hot In Here-Nelly
- 1993-Can’t Help Falling In Love-UB40
- 1988-Hold Onto The Nights-Richard Marx
- 1975-Listen To What The Man Said-Wings
- 1962-Roses Are Red-Bobby Vinton
- 1959-Lonely Boy-Paul Anka



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School Sports

By Tom Burkard

2009 Final Baseball Stats

Sayreville (13-9-1) Coach Mike Novak's top hitters were Jake Campbell .493, Brandon Cuomo .418, Blake Cuomo .362, Brian Truchan .348. Campbell led the club with 36 hits and tied for the doubles crown with 6. Although (2-5) on the mound, he led the Bombers with 32 K's, 46 innings pitched and a 5.02 ERA. Other leaders were: Glenn Cannon 23 runs; Brandon Cuomo 26 RBI, 6 homers, and tied for the doubles lead with 6; Joe Bongiorno and Brian Truchan tied for the stolen bases title with 12. Robert Stewart racked up a fine (5-1) mark to top the team in wins.

Cardinal McCarrick (10-7) Coach Frank Notaro's leading batters were Israel Vargas .448, who also led the club in doubles with

7, and tied for the lead with 19 runs and 26 hits, Francisco Cedeno .441, who tied for most hits 26; Carlos Napoles .404, tied for most runs 19, Ben Mendoza .396, Medina .389, Lunger .353. Ryan Smith hit 2 home runs and had 18 RBI to top the Eagles. Joe Lunger had the most wins (4-2), and most innings pitched 30.3. John Raddich led the club with 43 strikeouts and a 3.55 ERA.

South Amboy (7-8) Rookie Coach Joe Szaro's top hitter was Kevin Riley with a sizzling .425 mark. Dustin DeVoe hit .367 and led the club with 7 doubles. He also topped pitchers with a (4-3) record, 3.20 ERA, 39.3 innings pitched, and 37 strikeouts. Other team leaders were: John Winkler 17 RBI; Dave Tucka 15 runs; Kyle Ravaioli 13 stolen bases; Dylan Brown 3 triples.

2009 Final Softball Stats

South Amboy (11-8) The Lady Guvs top 3 hitters were Kaitlyn Hubbard .342, Catherine Eber .333, and Hannah Riley .327, who topped the team with 15 RBI.

Cardinal McCarrick (12-9) Jen Shereyka did it all for the Lady Eagles. The soph sensation led the county in batting, hits, doubles, and triples, and she's still has 2 years left! Pitcher Jessica Hartland was #3 in the county with a miniscule 0.61 ERA, and was (12-6), with a .321 batting avg. Soph catcher Jamie Williams was #2 in the county

Shereyka Tops County

Cardinal McCarrick's sophomore sensation, Jen Shereyka turned in an unbelievable 2009 season, by capturing the county batting championship with a blistering .586 avg., and also topped all others in hits-41; doubles-18; triples-5; tied for #2 in runs-30; tied for #4 with 25 RBI. Her slugging percentage was an off-the-charts 1.029! Congratulations, Jen and keep up the outstanding work!

Denuto Will Not Return

The Sayreville Bombers' greatest wrestling coach in the school's history, John Denuto will not be back this season. The Sayreville Board of Education, at its June 23 meeting, approved him to coach again this year, but two weeks later rescinded their decision.

Denuto was absolutely phenomenal at the helm of the Blue & Gray wrestling team, guiding them to an awesome 84-20 record in 4 seasons, which included winning its first ever county championship, and also first sectional crown. In addition, he was selected GMC Coach of the year in 2008. Denuto will certainly be missed, but never forgotten for getting the Bombers recognition and respect as a county and state wrestling power.

with 6 home runs, and tied for #2 with 28 RBI, while batting .311. Rebecca Beshada hit .367, Kaitlyn Wiemer .362.

Sayreville (6-11) Ace pitcher Alexa Baldasare had a fine 1.81 ERA. Colleen Leschinski paced the club with a .367 avg. later are teaching the youth of Sayreville. Great job, ladies!

Widgeon Makes All-State

Cardinal McCarrick's super track star, Brenton Widgeon was a Non-Public Schools 1st Team All-State selection for the 100. Widgeon became the Eagles first trackster in history to garner this status. Congratulations!

DeMild: Male Athlete Of The Year

Sayreville standout James DeMild was selected 2008-09 Male Athlete of the Year and received the Haley Memorial Award.

DeMild starred in football, basketball and baseball. He was 1st Team All-Area wide receiver, which is where he will play at Montclair State University this fall. He was the Bombers MVP in basketball, averaging 10 points and 10 rebounds per game. While starring for Coach Mike Novak's baseball squad, he batted .319 with 14 RBI and 3 homers, including a memorable one that traveled over the left field fence over 400-feet away. Congratulations, James!

Wanko, Heimall Super At EBT

South Amboy's Matt Wanko and Matt Heimall had a terrific year at East Brunswick Tech. Wanko finished #3 in the Gold Division in batting with a .471 avg., and was #2 with 22 RBI. Heimall also turned in a fine season, but his stats were not available at press time.



Pictured at the Sayreville Recreation Department's Summer Basketball program are instructors Janet Ust and Tami Coyle, and future basketball stars Gregory and Kathryn Harrigan. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Ust, Coyle Teach Youngsters

By Tom Burkard

Sayreville's Janet Ust and Tami Coyle started playing basketball together in third grade at Our Lady of Victories, and by the time they got to 8th grade, the talented duo led the team to an unbelievable (64-2) record with both losses coming from a much older AAU team. Coyle scored over 2,000 points during her days at OLV, and Ust racked up over 1,600.

Janet took her talents to Bishop Ahr HS, and was an All-Area, All-County, and All-Division selection for all 4 years. In addition, she led her team to the GMCT championship, and was chosen MVP of the tourney. Janet graduated in 2001, and left as the Girls All-Time leading scorer with 1,332 points, an record which still stands today. She went on to Mount St. Mary's University, and was on the team all 4 years, but a torn ACL during junior year ended her collegiate career early. She currently teaches Math, Science and Social Studies at the Sayreville Upper Elementary School.

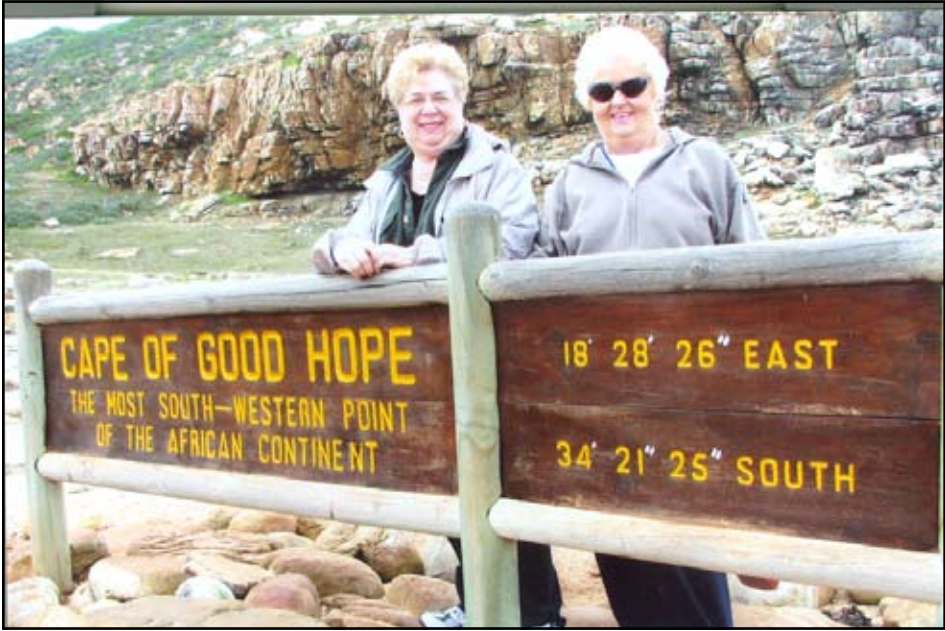
Tami starred for Coach Nick Russo's perennial basketball powerhouse at St. John Vianney. During her 4 seasons with the Lancers, she was a member of 4 state cham-

pionship teams—2 basketball, 1 soccer and 1 softball. Vianney also captured 2 Tournament of Champions (TOC) during her superb career, which she said was "really nice." Tami was also selected the "Shore Athlete of the Year" as a senior at St. John.

Coyle matriculated to Rider University, which she excelled in basketball and soccer for all 4 years. She is currently a Special Ed teacher for Kindergarten at Truman Elementary School in Sayreville.

Janet and Tami have been working for the Sayreville Recreation Dept., instructing Sayreville's youngsters on the finer points of basketball during the week-long Basketball Program, marking their second successful year. Tami said that "The 1-week program doubled this year, and we've now moved outside (By Borough Hall). We get a chance to show the children skills that our dads taught us."

The Sayreville kids are really blessed to have two of the greatest basketball players to come out of the Borough as their instructors. Janet and Tami learned how to play the game of basketball together in third grade, and now many years




Caption-Dotty French of Parlin and Ann Marie McCarthy of Rutherford, NJ, traveled to South Africa for 19 days, also visiting Zimbabwe, Botswana, and Zambia. Dotty said that, "We also went to Johannesburg, Victoria Falls, Chobe National Park, Vineyards of South Africa, Cape Town, Durban, Zulu Land, Nelspruit to Kruger National Park, Cape of Good Hope." In addition they went on 4 safaris and saw 25 different animals. The very busy trip included a cruise on the Zambezi River, and the Chobe River. French said that "The best and most memorable experience was when we "walked with the lions" in the bush outside Victoria Falls." (Photo/story submitted by Dotty French)

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Remembering

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on vacation in Naples, Italy, and the local paper had a story on how South Amboy was wiped off the face of the map. My mother actually fainted when she found out what it said. My brother, Joe, had to wire her to assure her everything was alright." News travels fast, but in the age of no computers, cell phones, e-mail and twitter to help you get your message to someone abroad, must have taken, what seems like forever.

Ray Garnett (Retired from Hercules) Sayreville "I was working 2nd shift at Hercules (A place that has seen its fair share of explosions through the years). When the explosion occurred, I worked in the acetate area, down on B-line, when all of a sudden, the 2 steel doors flew open real fast (Not an assuring thing to happen in a place that manufactures gun powder), and then closed automatically. We knew that something had to happen somewhere, but what? Later on, word filtered out from the guardhouse and spread throughout the plant that there was a large explosion in South Amboy and a good number of people had been killed, but we had no other details. Many people from South Amboy were employed at Hercules and had lots of relatives or friends living in South Amboy. You could not help but wonder if everyone was alright. My mother and sister lived at 108 South Broadway at the time, between David and Henry Streets, over the old Post Office. They just came down the stairs when the explosion took place. The front door window blew in and traveled three quarters of the way up the stairs, where they just descended. Thank God they were not running 30 seconds behind or they would have been caught right in it. Now being they lived on the even number side of the street (Facing the blast area), the percussion blew the glass in."

In the last issue, Kenny Mundy was in Dick Lewis' store at 165 North Broadway, on the opposite side of the street (Facing away from the blast area), where the windows were blown out into the street. Note how the windows on the even side were blown in and on the odd side were sucked out.

Bobby Leslie (Retired Roofing Contractor) "Bobby was 13 years old at the time. "I was out in front of my house on upper Raritan St., playing curb ball with some friends when the explosion took place. All you could see was a mushroom cloud rise high in the air a distance away. I did not know what took place, so I ran home to find some windows were blown out. My father, Fred, was driving through the hole-in-the-wall at the time when the blast occurred, and said he thought the car was bouncing side-to-side, off the walls. A few days later, my friends and I decided we were going to walk down the tracks towards the Jersey Central to see what was happening. We were approached by some Army soldiers who turned us back."

As it turned out, Bobby and his friends had a nice, early start to summer vacation in the spring of 1950 because of damages to St. Mary's School. The school was forced to close until September.

In the next and final chapter (Thank God), I will talk to Frank "Inky" Norek and Joe "Who" Kudelka, two long-time city residents who between them have served the City of South Amboy for over 100 years. Don't miss it in the Aug. 22nd issue of The SA Times!

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Ad from the Past

Remembering The South Amboy Explosion Part 3

By Bill Garnett

The events that have taken place on May 19, 1950 will stay forever fresh in one's mind, who has experienced such a tragedy. One distinctly remembers all the accounts of what has transpired as if it had happened yesterday. For example, like when your first child was born or where you were when John F. Kennedy was assassinated on Nov. 22, 1963, when Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon on July 20, 1969, or when the New York Mets won the World Series on Oct. 16, 1969.

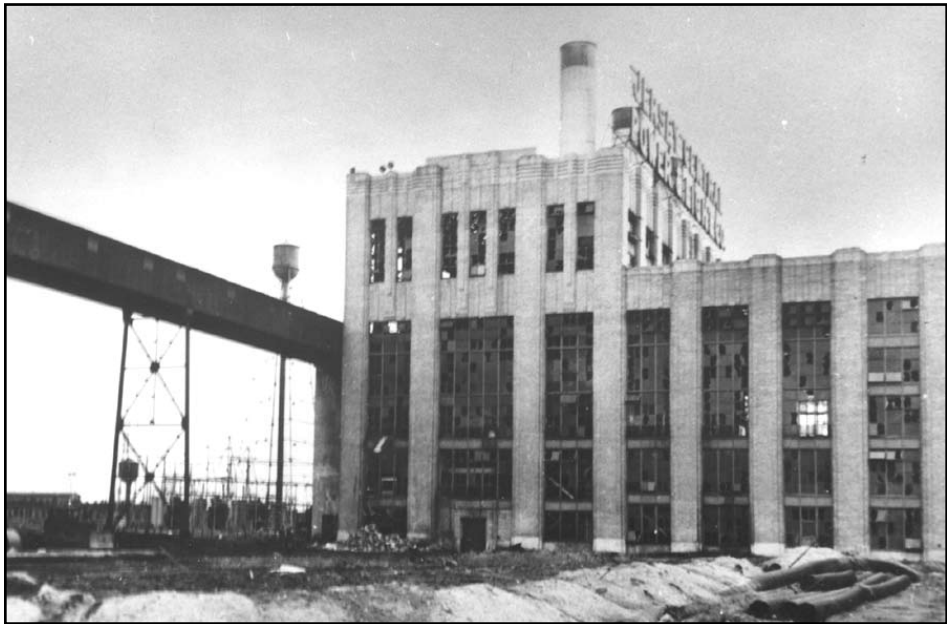
So, I sought out a cross section of residents to get their story, first hand, on what they were doing on the evening of the South Amboy Explosion.

John Malinowski (Retired Associate Producer), Sayreville "I was coming home that evening from work in New York City, and I was in the first train car on the Pennsylvania Railroad. We were approaching South Amboy, just in back of Miller, Bergin

& Welsh lumber yard, when the explosion happened. All the windows in the passenger car blew in and the train was lifted up a little from the percussion. We were standing up at the time as the train was rolling into South Amboy, and the blast knocked everyone to the floor. When I arrived at the train station, I could not see my wife, Marion, anywhere. She was supposed to be picking me up. There was a lot of confusion and chaos all about, so I decided to run all the way home to Cedar St. Marion was at the station when the blast took place, and a short time later, debris started falling on the car. She started to head back home, out of fear for her safety. She was intercepted by some people who had an injured person. They put him in the car and instructed her to take him to the emergency room (The first of many that night). I made it home to find some windows had been blown out, but not really much damage. While in the yard



Greenspan's Market was open for business at 126 North Broadway following the explosion. Notice the front windows all boarded up. This is now the site of Jimmy's Broadway Diner. Not much really has changed in 59 years. (Photo/info courtesy of Bill Garnett)



Jersey Central Power & Light Co. suffered extensive damage from the South Amboy Explosion in 1950. Notice most of the windows blown out. (Photo by the late Joseph Loy, courtesy of Lynn Loy)

the next day, I discovered some articles of clothing the men were wearing when they were blown up." John lived a good half-mile from the blast area.

Rose McNamara (Housewife/Du Pont Film Plant) "We were living on Highland St. at the time when we heard the blast. My husband and I ran upstairs to check on our 2-year old daughter, Charlene, to make sure everything was alright. When we came back down to the living room, we discov-

ered that the ceiling had now become part of the floor. It must have fallen moments after we left the room to go upstairs. The family relocated up to my mother's house on Conlogue Avenue. The house had very little exterior damage, some minor cracks to the foundation. I remember my first thoughts were that the Russians had hit us with an atomic bomb. After all, the Cold War was going on and the U.S. was involved in the Korean Conflict at the time. My mother was

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Explosion Memory

John Egan of South Amboy recalled the 1950 South Amboy Explosion:

"I was 8 years old, and living in Perth Amboy at the time. My cousin and I were standing on the Perth Amboy boardwalk looking directly across the bay when the barge blew up. We saw a huge half round "red ball" that reminded me of the Japanese flag. Approximately 20 seconds later came

the sound of the blast, which we thought was loud thunder. As we started to run home, thinking a bad storm was coming, we saw all the windows in the homes along the way, blowing out. I remember as a result of the blast, we had to send our "Big 12 inch screen TV for repairs because of the broken glass from the windows exploding."



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Recap-In one of the biggest upsets in City Series history, the Lady Eagles, nipped the Lady Guvs, 7-6, as Courtney Kowal scored the winning run on a wild pitch in the bottom of the 7th inning, to end SA's 13-game winning streak. Jillian Palomo was the winning pitcher, and received hitting support from Diane Unger, who blasted a triple. Regan Rone and Kim Peterson doubled for SA. MVP-Jillian Palomo

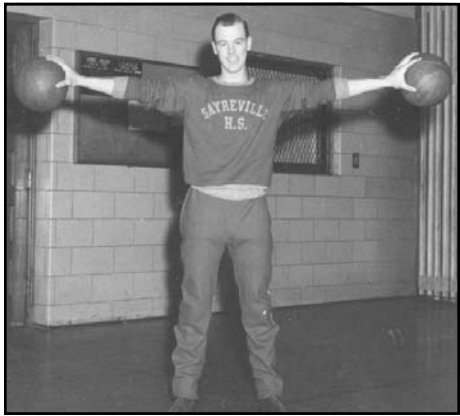


Glory Days in Local Sports

1948-St. Mary's slipped by Rutgers Prep 7-5, as winning pitcher Ray Stockton laced 2 hits and knocked in a run. 1956-Bob Witkowski fired his third complete game/ no-hitter of the

year, and second straight no-hitter, as Sayreville trounced Jamesburg, 11-0. Witkowski fanned 19 batters. Ron Kuran drove in 3 runs with a single and double.

1969-St. Mary's nipped Gloucester Catholic, 5-4 in the South Jersey Parochial B state tourney semis. Winning pitcher John Kibbler's beautiful bunt brought in Joe Wallis with the winning run in the 7th inning. 1975-Hoffman stopped South Brunswick 5-3 in the MCBT. Rudy Neumann was the winning pitcher, and Ron Stillwagon tripled in a run. 1981-Sayreville girls' softball squad topped Woodbridge, 3-1 behind winning pitcher Colleen Crozier, who fired a nifty 3-hitter. 1995-Hoffman girls' softball team destroyed Dunellen, 15-0, as ace Jamie Keeter fired a 5-inning no-hitter and struck out 11. Kristy Parfianowicz drove in 4 runs with 2 doubles and a single. 2002-South Amboy beat St. Peter's 9-6 in baseball action. Winning pitcher Billy Seres stroked a double, and Brian Idyk banged a triple.



Don "Mickey" Czok palms two basketballs at the same time. This was not an easy feat back in '44, when this picture was taken. "Mickey" was a talented basketball player and also a pitcher on the Bombers' baseball club. He went on to Coach St. Mary's baseball and basketball teams in the early 1950's. (Photo courtesy of Homer & Shirley Dill)



1967-This photo which was in last month's issue, is actually of Tom Kelly congratulating Tony Ruzala for his game-winning hit against Hoffman. In the June issue of The SA Times, the caption, which came from a '67 St. Mary's Crown newspaper, incorrectly identified Fred Henry instead of Ruzala.

It Was Tony Ruzala!

Last month's picture from '67 of a St. Mary's baseball player getting mobbed after winning the game has always been controversial according to former St. Mary's baseball standout, Tony Ruzala. He sent us an e-mail to set the record straight after getting his copy of last month's SA Times. Here's what Tony told us:

"I notice a mis-caption on the St. Mary's Eagles 1967 picture. I remember the day that photo was taken. There are a few flaws. First of all, if it was Fred Henry pitching, why didn't any players have their gloves on? Second, notice the bench that the players are heading to at Vets Field. We had the visitors' bench, why? Because the other team, which was Hoffman, not St. Patrick's, got first pick. This picture originally appeared in "The Crown" newspaper, the last edition before we graduated in 1967, right?" Right Tony, and The Crown sportswriters messed up the details. (It wasn't me honest. I wasn't on the staff).

Tony continued, "I know the guy getting mobbed in the picture. It was me! Tom Kelly mauled me and about 2 after the picture

taken, I was eating dirt because I lost my balance. The reason he was so enthusiastic was because he just scored the winning run in extra innings off my single.

Fred Henry was our "Ace" pitcher that year, but I don't believe we even played St. Patrick's that year." Tony said that he was angry when the school newspaper came out, but "Since we got the paper a few days before graduation, I had no time for a rebuttal."

He went on to say that, "I never saw so many people at a game at Vets Field before that day. It was a big day for me, but all I got was mauled and ate dirt after winning the game in extra innings with a single to right center. After beating a mighty Hoffman team and their ace pitcher Curt Wood, it was probably the biggest win of the '67 season."

*A special thank you to Tony for setting the record straight on this unfortunate error that occurred 42 years ago.

Note: Fred Henry told us that the unknown Eagle to the right of Ruzala was Joe Donnelly.

From The Youth League Archives



Late 1970's-The talented South Amboy Little Fellas League All-Star baseball team is pictured after winning a trophy. Pictured top row (l-r) Coach Joe Pacansky, Steve Martin, Peter Smith, Mark Thompson, Coach Mr. Leonard, Carson Bloodgood, John McQuade, Kevin Gorczyca, Coach Mr. Wence. Bottom row (l-r) Billy O'Leary, Jeff Pacansky, Billy Bright, Joe Lewis, Pat Leonard, Jimmy Beshada, Kenny Huryk, Craig Gorczyca, John "Skeets" Skarzynski. (Photo courtesy of Jean Smith, Names courtesy of Skarzynski Family)

Diamond Dust

1969 AAABA-South Amboy 3 New Brunswick 1. Joe Kelly hammered a 3-run double. Fred Henry chalked up the victory, while Ron Croddick got 2 hits.

1973 South Amboy Men's Senior Slow Pitch League-Bottle Stop 18 Brave Bull 8. Ron Croddick ripped 4 hits. South Amboy AA 10 Dot's Luncheonette 0. Warren Eberle walloped 2 hits.

1974 South Amboy Little Fellas League-Modern Trans 7 Parkway Fabs 0. Winning

pitcher John Pyontek fired a brilliant 1-hitter and struck out 14.

1975 SA Little Fellas-Daylight Bakery 12 English Chevron 8. Winning pitcher Darren Gorczyca fanned 12. Chris Martin ripped 3 hits including a homer for EC.

1979 SA Little Fellas-Lions 13 Protection 8. Tom "Tippy" Hessner was the winning pitcher, and Frankie "Boy" Dill blasted a long 2-run homer.

35 Years Ago

South Amboy Men's Senior Slow Pitch Softball

1974-Main Liquors finished 3rd in the Central Division with a (9-8) record. Gene Cross was the ace of the staff, winning all 9 games. The late Jim Passafiume led the regulars with a .436 batting avg., and was tops with 17 hits. Tom Mackay scored 11 runs and drilled 4 doubles to lead the ML club. The other starters were Joe Donnelly, Bob Howarth, Fred Henry, Jon "Pancho" O'Connor, the late John Kaboski, and late Mike Krotosek. Fran Fitzmorris, Greg Lyon, Paul Borgan, Gil Pritchard and Bob "Rex" Paulukiewicz all put in occasional performances.

Next Month: 1974 Vince's Confectionary softball team.



30 Years Ago

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Fluke fishing both in the ocean and bay is quite good. As you can see, with an 18 inch size limit its harder to get keepers. Some people are doing well and are catching a good number of keepers regardless. Some fish are in the 7 to 10 pound range. Party boat Bluefishing is good to excellent mostly on jigs. Fish are large from 6 to 15 pounds. Striped Bass are still around but thinning out. There was a school of Bass off Sandy Hook that had a few Black Drum under it running 40 to 50 pounds that were caught and released. Other surprises are a 17 pound 41 inch Cobia caught in the bay off Belford on a jig and a 60 pound Drum that hit a black bomber plug in the surf. Coastal surf fishing consists of mostly Bluefish and a few Stripers and more Kingfish are being caught. Local beach action has been sort of slow with only a few Bluefish have been caught. The gnats are making it uncomfortable some days. Bottom fishing is good for Sea Bass, Ling and some large Porgies going over 2 pounds.

Fresh Water
Recent heavy rains put the damper on everything. This will clear up and statewide fishing in the lakes and rivers should be good all over. I know of one nice 6 pound hybrid Striper someone caught at night in Spruce Run Reservoir. In Round Valley, Rainbows and Brown trout are being caught mostly at the end of the day.

Reel Action

Patrick Conlon, 6 ½ years old of Sayreville, caught 16 fish in the Sayreville Recreation Department’s Fishing Derby. For his outstanding effort, he was awarded a brand new rod & reel. Congratulations!

Obituaries

Bell, Thomas F., 70, of Sayreville died on June 10.
Beres, Frances M., 84, of Sayreville died on June 14.
Boehm, Rene J., 48, of Sayreville died on June 19.
Bucko, George Jr., 68, of Sayreville died on July 27.
Burgerher, Stephen K., 75, of Sayreville died on June 22.
Crowley, Dennis P., 71, of Sayreville died on July 14.
Gaspar, Joseph J. Jr., 65, of Sayreville died on July 2.
Gnudi, Richard, 55, of Parlin died on June 28.
Gugliotta, Mickey S., 37, of Sayreville died on July 3.
Hoffman, Robert F., 84, of Sayreville died on June 30.
Jenkins-Hausmann, Justin L., 26, of Morgan died on June 24.
Kenny, Rosemary A., 83, of Parlin died on July 15.
Kosakowski, Louis W., 84, of Sayreville died on July 1.
Kurtz, Manville “Max,” 82, of Sayreville died on June 11.
Malaspina, Paul J., 78, formerly of Sayreville died on July 10.
Mallett, Julia, 83, formerly of Sayreville died on June 15.
Marottoli, Joseph F., 78, of Sayreville died on July 3.
Morano, Elizabeth J., 63, of Sayreville died on June 14.
Motylewski, Sophie, 94, of South Amboy died on June 20.
Murray, Eileen R., 49, of Parlin died on July 6.
O’Brien, Catherine M. Schaefer, 88, of Sayreville died on June 21.
Protasenia, Anna, 85, of Parlin died on June 19.
Rufner, Mary A. Vigilante, 90, formerly of South Amboy died on June 17.
Saunders, Donald F., 81, formerly of South Amboy died on June 30.
Sieron, Stephen J., 81, of Parlin died on June 27.
Sioufy, Carmen M., 84, of Parlin died on July 1.
Turner, Patricia, 76, of Parlin died on June 28.
Weber, Ronnie M., 51, of South Amboy died on June 24.
Zaremba, Beverly Malkiewicz, 63, of South Amboy died on June 27.

I Had A Dream!

By Frank Hunt

I looked out my front door and there was my brand new car! Light brown in color, all shining and bright! I ran out and opened the door and smelled the “new-car” smell. I pressed the starter button on the floor and heard the rumble of its mighty V-8 engine, and ran through the 3-speed floor mounted gearshift (with the clutch pedal depressed).

Then I turned the engine off, got out and looked this beauty over. I counted all the great features this Dream Car had. It was a

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And then I woke up! I ran out the front door and there was: ALAS-my drab, mundane Honda Civic! What a letdown! Who cares about these boring, quiet modern machines. Bring back my wonderful Ford V-8 2-Door Coupe! But it can never be. The Dream Car can never return---or can it?

Local Wildlife



Al Gomolka Jr. (l) Superintendent of Cheesequake State Park, and Resource Interpreter Jim Faczak (r) show off the park’s beautiful Russian Land Tortoise which was abandoned at the park. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



What’s all the fuss about? Why can’t they let me get a good days rest on this comfortable limb? (Photo/Caption by Bill Garnett)



This frog posed for the camera at the South Amboy Water Works recently. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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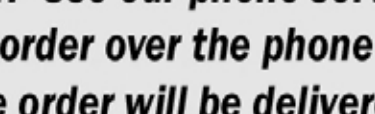
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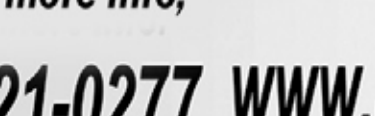
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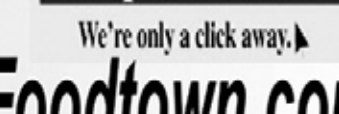
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