Farewell to a Friend
by Tom Burkard

Gerald "Gerry" O'Connor of South Amboy passed away on Feb. 25th, and left many wonderful memories behind to cherish for those who knew and loved him. I can recall vividly the openness and kindness he showed to a group of new members of the South Amboy K of C #426. I was one of them, and Gerry, who was the Grand Knight at the time, didn’t realize how welcome he made us "raw recruits" feel, and how much it was appreciated. We felt right at home.

Who could ever forget his love for Notre Dame football, or anything Fighting Irish for that matter? He had a tremendous pride in his Irish ancestry. He enjoyed recounting great stories about his high school playing days, as he was a star athlete at Phillipsburgh Catholic. Also his softball pitching heros in his younger days... His days as Little League Coach, and the tremendous pride he had in his sons and daughters fine athletic careers... The green & white fundraiser contest he always ran... Head coach of our first K of C softball squad in '91... Was everything. He never gave up. He always listened if you had a problem... He liked to be called "Coach," and he was a great Coach and friend. He was as honest as they come, and stood up for what he believed was right... Great family man... An Ironworker by trade for 39 years... The proudest man on earth when his grandson won the foul shoot title... Survived by his wife Shirley, sons Martin and Neil, 3 daughters Lanterta, Kathleen, and Patricia, and 9 grandchildren...

He will be sincerely missed, but everyone who knew Gerry will never forget him... God Bless 'ya, Coach!

The following shared memories of Gerry O'Connor.

Al DiGuilio - "As a new man in town, Gerry O'Connor made us 'raw recruits' feel, and how much South Amboy K of C #426. I was one of them, and Gerry, who was the Grand Knight at the time, didn’t realize how welcome he made us 'raw recruits' feel, and how much it was appreciated. We felt right at home. Who could forget his love for Notre Dame football, or anything Fighting Irish for that matter? He had a tremendous pride in his Irish ancestry. He enjoyed recounting great stories about his high school playing days, as he was a star athlete at Phillipsburgh Catholic. Also his softball pitching heros in his younger days... His days as Little League Coach, and the tremendous pride he had in his sons and daughters fine athletic careers... The green & white fundraiser contest he always ran... Head coach of our first K of C softball squad in '91... Was everything. He never gave up. He always listened if you had a problem... He liked to be called "Coach," and he was a great Coach and friend. He was as honest as they come, and stood up for what he believed was right... Great family man... An Ironworker by trade for 39 years... The proudest man on earth when his grandson won the foul shoot title... Survived by his wife Shirley, sons Martin and Neil, 3 daughters Lanterta, Kathleen, and Patricia, and 9 grandchildren... He will be sincerely missed, but everyone who knew Gerry will never forget him... God Bless 'ya, Coach!"

Mike Garrone - "He was a terrific guy. He and McAndrew started the ball rolling... God Bless 'ya, Coach!"

Tom Burkard - "As a Public Advocate, His job will be funded. Gillespie's hours will be flexible. The Sayreville Borough Council unanimously voted to award a bid to Pierce Manufacturing Inc. for a Triple Combination Pumping Tilt Cab fire truck for $354,975. The President Park Fire Co. will be the happy recipient of the new emergency vehicle, three years after its initial request. Senior Citizens Awareness Day

The South Amboy Municipal Alliance Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse will be sponsoring a Senior Citizens Awareness Day on Wednesday, May 3th, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Breakfast and Lunch will be served. For further information contact the Senior Resource Center at 525-5966.

Board Hires Lawyer
The South Amboy Board of Education hired Arthur Hilson as Special Counsel at $110 per hour, and a $7,500 limit, to check into unsatisfactory work performed by contractors on the South Amboy Community School.

O'Leary Testifies Before Transportation Committee
South Amboy Mayor John T. O'Leary recently testified before the US House Subcommittee on Surface Transportation in Washington DC. The Mayor followed Congressman Frank Pallone (D-6th Dist.) in testifying in support of $76.2 million transportation improvement project which will link several major regional routes and modes of transportation into one central point of transfer within the City of South Amboy. It is hoped that the proposal, sponsored by Congressman Pallone on behalf of the City, will be included in the re-authorization of the Intersurface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) which Congress is currently considering. It is also the first time the city has publicly unveiled its Regional Intermodal Transportation Initiative.

Bob Noble
Remembered
by Beverly Kovacs

Bob Noble, age 58, Housing Director for HUD and the McCarthy Towers, fell to his death on Monday, March 10, while checking for a leak on the McCarthy Towers roof.

The entire community is in a state of shock and bewilderment over his untimely passing. There was never a problem that this soft-spoken man could not find a way to cure. No matter who you were, rich or poor, from South Amboy or not, you could always count on Bob being there for you. If he didn't have an answer for you he would find someone who did. His resources were endless. No favor or job asked of him was ever too great or small. He was always our Ambassador of Goodwill, a true asset to our community. No matter when or where you met him there was always a minute for a smile, hello and a few minutes of conversation. Bob was a man of "many hats." Fire Department, City Council, Irish Association, the list goes on and on. He was a good personal friend to my family, as well as to my community. Words cannot express how much he will be missed. On behalf of myself and my family, as well as The South Amboy-Sayreville Times, our heartfelt condolences go out to his family.
Margaret I. Wincey Romanoskie, 74, formerly of Sayreville, died recently at the Forge. For info call 270-6380.

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Retirement Dinner
The South Amboy Police Department is holding a retirement dinner for Detective Sergeant Raymond Durski and Sergeant William Housman on April 3, 1997 at the Grand Marquis, Rt. 9 So., Old Bridge, New Jersey. Cocktail Hour at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., dancing and entertainment. Tables seat 10 but accommodations for 12 and 14 persons are available. Call Steve Lozak. Chairman, for tickets and information, 727-5308.

Tax Assistance
The Dowdell Library of South Amboy is pleased to announce that the IRS will be providing free assistance to those who need help in completing their tax returns. Assistance will be available from 5:00-7:30 p.m. on March 31, April 3, 10, and 14. Those interested can reserve a 15 minute consultation with a representative of the IRS by calling (908) 721-6060. The Dowdell Library of South Amboy is located on the corners of Second Street and North Stevens Avenue.

Sayreville PBA Banquet
Sayreville Policemen’s Benevolent Association Local 998 proudly announces our Annual Retirement Banquet.
Date: April 29, 1997
Time: Cocktails at 7:00 p.m., Dinner at 7 p.m., dancing till 11 p.m.
Tickets are $60.00. For information call Captain James Holovacko 525-5945, Detective Robert McKeon 525-5944, or Detective Darren LaVigne 52506952.
DSG Durski retired with 30 years of dedicated service to the city. Sgt. Housman retired with 25 years of dedicated service.

Kukulis Named GM
Former South Amboy resident, 1960 St. Mary’s High grad, and Sports Editor of The News Tribune, Ron Kukulski, has been promoted to general manager by his employer, The Sun-Sentinel newspaper in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Prior to his latest move up the corporate ladder, Ron was Advertising Sales Manager. As GM, he will be responsible for launching the company’s new sign business, running the day-to-day operation, and developing alliances with other related businesses. Congratulations, Ron!

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News From The First Baptist Church
Combined Church of South Amboy/Sayreville
by Ruth Connors

Vacation Bible School Program - 1997 - "Tenth Anniversary." The first planning meeting was held at The First Presbyterian Church, 150 North Broadway, South Amboy, NJ
Theme: "Sunrise Balloon Adventure (build up on faith)
Place: Christ Episcopal Church, 257 Fourth Street, South Amboy
Representative Director: Kathy Vincent
Date: July 21, 1997 - July 25, 1997
Time: 8:45 a.m. to noon.
This year we will give out buttons with each registration to encourage early registration.
A pre-registration date will be decided on at the next meeting. The program will start on time this year - any late registrations will be done after the opening assembly. All children are taught according to their age level. Classes are divided into Nursery, Toddlers, Pre-kindergarten, Kindergarten, Primary, Middlers and Juniors. Each class is divided into five classes of Bible Stories, Craft, Music, Recreation and Snacks.
The color code for classes will be done this year with ballows to fit in with the theme.
Participating Churches: The First Baptist Church, The Presbyterian Church, Trinity United Methodist Church. Our Lady of Victories, St. Bernadette's Roman Catholic Church, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, and this new year, we welcome the Sayreville United Methodist Church.
Vacation Bible School started ten years ago completely on faith, not knowing where we were going but trusting God to lead us and provide all things. He has blessed this ministry. In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.
"The program is FREE, it is important that all children come, it is supported by free will offerings plus other donations. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 15, 1997, at 10 a.m. in Memorial Hall (upstairs) at Christ Episcopal Church.
A friendly Church for the whole family - Pastor Don Knauer - telephone (908) 721-0137.

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Spring is here and the circus is in town. It is about time people found other areas of amusement that do not involve the torture and treatment of animals just for their entertainment.
Everyone, including the children, should be aware of what goes on behind the scenes. The elephants, the most advertised circus animal, is the most abused. Chained for hours, traveling in heat and cold all year, forced to perform sick and injured acts, the circus can just hear them - isn't this fun?!? Please, do not pay money to contribute to this inhuman spectacle.
You women out there taking Premarin - do you know where it comes from? To ease women's discomfort, it involves terrible suffering for more than 75,000 pregnant mares. These female horses are artificially impregnated up to 20 times in their lifetime, confined in narrow stalls for months, hooked up to collectors to collect their urine. The foals (babies) are slaughtered. There are non-animal derived medications readily available and easily effective.
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**LUNCH HOURS**
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- Monday-Fri. 5:00 p.m.-Midnight
- Saturday 12:00 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- Saturday 5:00 p.m.-Midnight
- Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- Sunday 7:00 p.m-Midnight

**Tuesday is "Pizza Day"**
$2 Bar Pies - Eat in and take out Specials
$5.95 Large Pies
Fresh dough made on premises and cooked in our brick ovens. Pizzas are available every day for eat-in or take out. Just call ahead for your take out orders!

**Wednesday is $5.00 Pitchers**
Bud, Bud Light, Bud Ice, Black & Tan On Tap.

**Thursday is "Pasta Day"**
EVERY ITEM ON THE MENU IS $3.95
- Penne Pasta in Vodka Sauce
- Mini Cheese Raviolis
- Fettucini Alfredo
- Shrimp Scampi over Angel Hair
- Chicken & Broccoli over Linguini
- Ziti & Meatballs
- Cavatelli & Broccoli and more!

**Friday is "Fish Fry"**
- Flounder Sandwich Platter - $4.75
- Fried Scallops Platter - $5.50
- Fried Shrimp Platter - $4.75
- Combo Platter - $6.75
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- Combo Platter - Eat in or call ahead for take-out!
- All platters include french fries, cole slaw & a Pickle. All our fish is fresh & prepared on premises!

**A Sample of Our Everyday Menu**
- Charcoal Broiled Burgers
- Charcoal Broiled Hot Dogs
- Grilled Chicken Sandwich
- Roasted Clams
- Chicken Fingers
- Hot Wings
- Jalapeno Popper
- Nachos/Taco
- Fries
- Pizzas
- Onion Rings
- Pork Roll
- Steak Sandwich
- Quesadillas
- Fried Mushrooms
- Shrimp Basket
- and many more — too numerous to list.

**Sat. April 5**
Congratulations to Maria & Dennis on their big day! From Billy & the entire staff at the Dugout.

**SANDWICHES**
- Meatball Parmigiana
- Chicken Parmigiana
- Sausage with peppers & onions and more!
Polka Dance
St. Stanislaus Koska Parish of Sayreville, NJ, will sponsor a POLKA DANCE on Saturday, April 19, featuring popular Grammy nominee, Stan Balanda and The Average Polka Band from Chicago, IL. Dancing will be from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight, in the Parish Hall. Polish style refreshments will be available. No B.Y.O.B. please! Advance tickets for choice table reservations are on sale and can be obtained by calling John Niewinski at 908-257-5622 or Marie Blanken at 908-254-7293. Tickets are $10.00 in advance and $11.00 at the door. The affair is open to the public.

Chinese Auction April 4th
Animal Rescue Force is holding its 5th Annual Chinese Auction on April 4th at 6:30 p.m. and calling begins at 8 p.m. Admission is $4.00, including two sheets of tickets. For more information, call (908) 257-7559.

Noble's Death Saddens City
by Tom Burkard
Bob Noble's untimely tragedy left our entire community in shock. One of the most highly recognizable people in South Amboy, he was admired by everyone for his happy-go-lucky personality, and he always had a kind word for whoever he would meet.

His charisma was magnetic, and if he really had wanted to, he probably could have been Governor of New Jersey or even more ... Bob was a fine politician as Counselman, a great family man, and a friend to all. He will never be forgotten by anyone. for he was respected and loved by all. He was always ready to lend a hand to anyone in need. I felt he was a friend, and I will sincerely miss talking to him, (usually at the Post Office). Bob is survived by his loving wife, Claire, sons Robert, Paul, Tim, Brian, daughter Chris and several brothers and grandchildren. Several locals shared their memories of Robert Noble:

Al Sorrentino Jr. - "He'd do anything for a lot of people, and helped whoever he could."
Alfie O'Connor - "I'll remember his wit, off-the-cuff remarks, and his great sense of humor. He was a fine gentleman."

Evening of Brass and Jazz
The Melrose Blackhawks Drum & Bugle Corps in conjunction with the Sayreville War Memorial H.S. Marching Band will be co-sponsoring a Drum & Bugle Corps indoor show entitled "An Evening of Brass & Jazz."

It will be held at the Sayreville War Memorial H.S. auditorium on Washington Road in the Parlin section of Sayreville. The date of the show is April 12, 1997 and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Ticket prices are $8.00 for general admission and $6.00 for seniors and available from Corps members as well as for sale the show night. Featured performers will be the New York Santissima, Wym City Toppers from NY, The Golden Eagles from Long Island, The Tarrytown VFW Drug & Bugle Corps from NY, The Phoenix Junior Drum & Bugle Corps from Lakewood, NJ, The Bayonne Raiders Junior Drum & Bugle Corps from Bayonne, NJ as well as the host performers Sayreville HS Jazz Band and the Melrose Blackhawks Drum & Bugle Corps for Sayreville/South Amboy NJ.

For more information, contact The Melrose Blackhawks Hot Line at 908-721-7575. Food and refreshments will be available for sale during the evening.

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The Borough of Sayreville is in the process of assessing all local businesses and industries, shopping centers, parking lots, any building that is open to the public, etc., for compliance with ADA regulations regarding handicapped parking.

Areas of consideration include: ratio of handicapped parking spaces to the total number of spaces, 2-part legal signs at each space, van accessible spaces as required for sale, access to crosswalks as required for in crosswalks. Several locals shared their memories of Robert Noble:

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Norine Meets Namesake

by Norine Croddick Switzer

Sr. Norine Howarth taught St. Mary’s Grammar School, So. Amboy from 1927 (at the young age of 19) to 1929 - canonical year. From 1941 to 1952 she was at St. Mary’s High School, So. Amboy. She taught my mother, Agnes Seaman Croddick in the class of 1946.

The 89-year-old nun will be celebrating 70 years in the convent this August. She was a former principal and Mother Superior with the Sisters of Mercy during her vocation in other Catholic schools in the state of New Jersey.

My mother thought so highly of Sister Norine that she named her first born daughter, myself, after her. Sr. Norine said my mother sent her a picture of herself and a blonde baby girl in 1957. We met for the first time last year in February. One of my first questions to my namesake was, “Who was the spelling of Norine after?” She said the spelling “came from the clear blue sky.”

Sister Norine is the epitome of loveliness, smart, fun, etc. May I add she is in good health. My brothers, sisters, and relatives think Sister Norine is wonderful.

Mr. Frank Norek (class of 1945) said, "She was the greatest . . . Sister Norine taught us Spanish and the song God Bless America in Spanish, which I can still sing today." Mrs. Norek, Edwina Baumann Norek (Class of 1948) stated, "Sister Norine is sharp . . . she was a good teacher, you remembered what she taught you, and she also taught you how to live life.”

My husband, Shawn said about this article, “Local girl meets namesake after nearly 40 years.”

It is so special and personal to meet the person whom you have heard about your whole life; a namesake has a touch of our life you always carry with you. Sister Norine tells everyone the nicest thing she heard from me was, “I have been looking for you my whole life.” (She said it goes right to her heart.)

We are both enjoying a close relationship, initially bound by a name, is different and deeper than a friendship, “she is my cup of tea.” I am looking forward to taking walks with her this Spring. This is truly a blessing from God . . . but “with God all things are possible.” - Matthew 19:26b

Diabetes Support
Free Diabetes Support Groups are being co-sponsored by The Marion Tanzman Diabetes Center of Raritan Bay Medical Center and the American Diabetes Association. Anyone coping with diabetes is invited to attend with spouse or friend on Wednesday, March 26, from 7-8:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Center, 551 New Brunswick Avenue in Perth Amboy (opposite the hospital’s main entrance). Agendas are determined by participants and refreshments are served. Participants must register by calling (800) 624-6555.

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**Easter and Passover Blessings to All**

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The Management and Employees of South Amboy would like to extend our Warm Wishes to all of our Patrons, for a "Safe and Happy" Easter and Passover Season

So that our employees may also enjoy their holiday with the family, we will be closed all day Easter Sunday.

South Amboy Foodtown will have a large selection of turkeys and smoked hams for your Easter Dinner

We will again offer our special Homemade Kielbasa

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CHECK YOUR MAIL FOR OUR FULL COLOR CIRCULAR

Our Liquor Department has many fine wines on sale to enhance your Easter dinner

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Students at St. Stan’s School in Sayreville participated in a month-long environmental science study along with schools from around the world.

The students collected rain and measured its pH as part of the sixth Students Watching Over Our Planet Earth (SWOOP) acid rain study. More than 300 schools including ones from Australia, Canada, China, Finland, France, Guam, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, New Zealand, Romania, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, and the United States enrolled for the spring study. The project began on February 17 and ended on March 14.

“We were pleased to have the students from St. Stan’s participate with us,” said Terry Kerns, project director. “Having data from their area added greatly to our study.”

The goal of the project was to involve students in long-term science activities that give them opportunities to share data with students in other areas or in different years, according to Kerns. SWOOP, originally created by Los Alamos National Laboratory, is an environmental science organization that offers collaborative internet projects.

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For more information, call the Development Office at 721-0748.

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(School Song) Written in 1947

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Do You Remember When?

by Beverly Kovacs

I am frequently asked by our readers when they meet me, "Why do you only write about the other side of the bridge in the "Good Old Days." This is because I was born and raised in Carteret, and these are the things I remember. Having lived in South Amboy for 20 years my "Carpet Bag" has taken deep roots and I love this town and people as much as if I was born here. My four children have all graduated from Hoffman High and I am very interested in the history of our town. I am beginning a series, hopefully not of just South Amboy, but our neighboring towns of the "Good Old Days." Anyone wishing to share with us their memories can do so by either calling our paper at 727-0398 or writing and leaving a name and phone number so that we can contact you. I am beginning this series with O'Connor's Candy Store as related to me by Rick O'Connor, whose family owned it.

O'Connor's Confectionery

O'Connor's Confectionery as it was known, was located at 124 North Broadway (next to now CK Deli). Their phone number was "456." The family lived in an apartment over the store until moving to Bertram Avenue where they still reside. The business was mainly run by Rick's father Frank and mother Peg. Peg also worked for the phone company (where Dr. Roth's office is now located.) Frank came to work full time in the family business after the Morgan Explosion.

The store is remembered for its black and white marbled counter and brass soda fountain; also for their ornate window displays, especially at Christmas. Booths and tables graced the back room. The busiest times were the High School lunch time crowd as well as the pre and post time movie crowds from the Empire Theater which was located across the street (where the apartment complex is located next to the Movie Machine.). In the evening the men would gather waiting for the 7:00 p.m. train to arrive with the next day's papers and racing forms from New York. They would be dropped off on Augusta Street next to Madura's. The store also sold Hallmark cards and gift wrap as well as cigars, Schraft's Chocolates, and penny candy. Milk was delivered by Walter "Pete" Casey and ice by Manny Applegate of the Swan Hill Ice Company on lower Henry Street. Their ice cream was from Forsgate Farms topped by their own homemade whipped cream and a cherry. The most sought after desserts: Small cokes or soda 10c... Chocolate and vanilla sodas (also know as Egg Creams)... Fresh squeezed orange, lime juices and lemonade... Hot fudge, wet walnut sundaes served over French Vanilla ice cream... and the ultimate banana splits 85c. The waiter/waitress staff were the local high school students such as Rick O'Connor, June O'Leary, Muriel Sullivan, Mary Ellis, and Dolores Noble. From all the people I've spoken to this was the "IN" place to be in the "Good Old Days."

Please write or call us for your memories of the "Good Old Days."

Pictures With the Easter Bunny

The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 of South Amboy will hold their 2nd Annual Pictures With the Easter Bunny event on Sun. March 23rd, Palm Sunday, at the Hall on Stevens Ave. Parents Bring your own cameras to take your child's picture. Pictures are for children up to age 12 only.

An Easter Egg Hunt for Infants-6-year olds will be held at 1:30 p.m. weather permitting. There will be candy for all the children. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will be taken immediately after the Easter Egg Hunt.

Happy Easter!

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- Bouquets
- Balloons
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Obituaries
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Boscheid, Richard, 87, formerly of S. Amboy died Feb. 25.
Fierro, Francis C., 74, of Morgan died Mar. 15.
Ligari, Mary M., 72, of Sayreville died Mar. 15.
Noble, Robert, 58, of S. Amboy died Mar. 16.
O'Conner, Gerald M., 72, of S. Amboy died Feb. 25.
Scheider, Catherine Sweeney, 85, of Parlin, died Mar. 13.
Stankowski, Stefan, 66, of Sayreville died Mar. 15.
Drunk Driving Lesson

Students of South Amboy will step outside the classroom for a lesson in the dangers of drinking and driving when the Neon Driving Simulator, a unique vehicle which allows drivers to experience driving drunk, makes an appearance April 17th.

South Amboy High School is one of the three schools in the city area which is holding an anti-drinking and driving days in conjunction with the Simulator's appearance during the week of April 14th. The South Amboy PTO is co-hosting the appearance at the High School.

In addition to the Simulator, a school assembly will be held featuring guest speakers.

The Simulator will visit approximately 150 high schools throughout the United States between January and December of this year. Students with valid driver's licenses will be allowed to operate the Neon Drunk Driving Simulator throughout the day.

The Simulator is the new Dodge/Plymouth Neon equipped with an on-board computer that can be programmed to simulate the delayed reactions of alcohol-impaired drivers by delaying the car's braking and steering reaction times.

The Simulator allows sober drivers to experience first hand the dangerous loss of physical coordination which results from drinking alcohol, but without the danger normally associated with drunk driving.

The participants first drive one lap of the pylons-line course with the car unaltered by the computer. Each driver will then have the opportunity to drive the car after a hypothetical number of drinks and the driver's body weight has been entered into the computer.

Faculty members, law enforcement personnel, media representatives and parents have also been invited to participate in the school's Drunk Driving Simulator during school hours.

We hope you will be able to join us on April 17th. Please contact JoAnne Nagle of the South Amboy PTO at 721-8481.

Lyme Disease Support

Memorial Medical Center at South Amboy will host the Middlesex County Lyme Disease Support Group meeting on Wednesday, March 26, in the Medical Center cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. People living with Lyme Disease and their families are welcome to come and share their concerns with others.

The group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month. To register call Memorial Medical Center at (908) 721-1000, ext. 2104.

Jas' Lagoda

"low?" I had it painted on the building. The next stop was on Rt. 35 in the Melrose section of Sayreville, where I bought the Edison Bar. We then opened a bar business on Main St. in South River, and finally finished my career at the current Lagoda's Saloon on Broadway. I was sent like a missionary to straighten out all drinkers.

I have leg trouble, and it helps.

I went to see the Orioles play the Twins at Ft. Lauderdale and saw Tommy Kelly. John Worley and his wife were also at the game. Tommy was very friendly.

What do you like most about Florida?

Warm weather. I feel better down here. In World War II, I was drafted and was stationed in Florida, and always hoped to come back here. I love the hot weather. I have leg trouble, and it helps.

What do you miss most about Florida?

What do you miss most about South Amboy?

I miss my friends, relatives, customers. I enjoyed my business, drinking with my customers. I really enjoyed their company.

What makes a person to such a highly successful business career?

I always worked on volume. I treated everyone equal. I didn't make myself, the people made me.

What do you like most about your highly successful business?

It will be 2 years in April since I've retired and moved here.

Tell us about your highly successful business.

What is your career?

I have been in the liquor business from 1953-1995. My first Lagoda's Bar was on Felts St. in South Amboy, and I sold it, and it became Roxy's. I then had a liquor store on Broadway which was previously Pruba's. While there, Kenny Rogers and me invented the phrase "Are your spirits
School News from OLV

Congratulations to OLV School Varsity Cheerleaders for achieving 1st degree of excellence and OLV Junior Varsity Cheerleaders for achieving 2nd degree of excellence scores and taking home the 2nd Place Overall trophy. The competition was held in February at Christ the King in Manville. The squads placed 4th in the Tri-County Competition held in March, competing against 19 schools.

Congratulations also to OLV students Ginette Gotta, Kara Kurzawa, Katherine Mesa, and Christine Thomas. Their entries in a contest for young poets of New Jersey will be published in the anthology “A Celebration of New Jersey’s Young Poets.”

March is national “Arts in Our Schools Month” and the arts are alive and well and thriving at OLV. The Victory Players - members of the OLV Drama Club - took their play “Swiftly” on the road and performed for the residents and staff at the McCarrick Care Center in Somerset, March 17th. The play was originally performed by the students during Catholic Schools Week. The OLV Chorus has been asked back to perform in the 1997 holiday run of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat held at the State Theater in New Brunswick. Students recently participated in a contest creating posters and essays for themes of “What American Means to Me” and “What Celebrating a Birthday is Like.” Third Graders will stage a classroom play entitled The Littlest Leprechaun for their families and grades 2 through 4 enjoyed a performance of Peter Pan at the Sayreville War Memorial High School.

The annual “Penny War” to help the environment is in progress at OLV between the two classes in each grade. All pennies collected will be used to adopt breeding eagles. Last year’s proceeds were used to purchase acreage in the Rain Forest to prevent development of the land.

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The event was held in the Marriott Hotel in Evansville, Indiana on Feb. 8th, and 100 people attended. Betty and Bill retired and moved to Evansville, which was Betty’s hometown. The party was attended by their children, brother Jack and wife Carol, sister Marge Gorczyca and husband Ron, along with friends from NJ, California, Florida, and Indiana.

Fishing Flashes

by Teo “Weebles” Weber

Salt Water

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Art Rust Jr. hosted a Sports Talk Show on WABC Radio in New York in 1986. The program offered a contest in which listeners could send in a postcard, and the winners could bring another person, and receive a free dinner, a night at the Claridge Casino in Atlantic City, NJ and brunch with Mickey Mantle and Sparky Lyle. Ed English (R) of South Amboy, NJ won the chance of a lifetime, and brought his cousin, Andy Hulsart (2nd from left), also of South Amboy along as his guest. Yankees great reliever, Sparky Lyle is on the left, and of course icon Mickey Mantle (2nd from right). Photo was taken at The Twenties Supper Club & Lounge on 9/6/86.

Harlem Wizards Play Ball

A special evening of family entertainment is being sponsored by the Sacred Heart Recreation Club. The Harlem Wizards will play the Hearts on Friday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary’s Gym, Stevens Avenue, South Amboy. Refreshments and Wizards souvenirs will be on sale, and a free post-game autograph session will be held. Tickets for students and senior citizens are $7 advance and $8 gate; general admission is $9 advance and $10 gate. For non-stop laughter and fun for all ages, be sure to pick up your tickets at any of the following locations: Dot’s Luncheonette, Broadway; Foodtown, Bordentown Ave.; Lockwood Boat Works, Rt. 35; Raritan Printing, 109 N. Feltus St., and after all Masses at Sacred Heart Church. For more information, see any Rec Club member, or call 721-0004 or 727-0622.

South Amboy Middle School Chess Team Victorious

Tuesday, February 25, 7th and 8th Graders from the South Amboy Middle School traveled to Colonia for the season opener of the chess team’s initial campaign. Though without uniforms, cheerleaders, or even a school cheer, the team spirit was flying high. Mr. Meyers the Chess advisor for the Colonia Middle School was in for a big surprise.

South Amboy Middle School Chess Team has been meeting since October on Tuesdays after school and one Monday a month during school hours. Team advisor, Mr. Grant, says that their cerebral skills had been untested until this past Tuesday. Between six and eight boys have been actively playing each other and some play against computers at home. According to Mr. Grant it’s hard to tell where we stand in relation to other clubs, but the excitement arises when playing another school. Joe DeLucia, Milo Pietro, Dan Rowley won their matches. Steve Gravey drew, and Chris Glomski, the number one South Amboy seed lost a tough match to the Colonia number one seed. The boys are looking forward to future competition with other schools; meanwhile, its back to the chess board.
South Amboy Mayor John T. O'Leary (R) signs an agreement with Raritan Bay Federal Credit Union President Robert J. Sabb (L) establishing a Visa Credit Card for the community of South Amboy. The Visa card will provide a source of revenue to assist the city emergency services. All residents and friends of the volunteer medical services were encouraged to get their applications when they become available and lend their support to this great effort.

Pictured L-R: Robert Baskerville (brother), Estelle Brown (granddaughter), Hattie Alexander (birthday girl), Geraldine Booker (sister), and Mayor Jim Zagata.

Sayreville Resident Turns 105

On February 28, Sayreville resident Hattie Alexander celebrated her 105th birthday at Carriage House Manor. She was presented with a resolution adopted by Mayor Jim Zagata and the Borough Council. Hattie's family and friends at Carriage House Manor made the event a huge success.

On Friday, January 31st, Alex Ziro, another resident at Carriage House Manor celebrated his 100th birthday.

Mayor Zagata commented, "Carriage House Manor brings pride to Sayreville by taking good care of its residents. It is impressive how many of its residents are members of the century club."

Mayor Zagata invites any Sayreville resident who has achieved an important milestone in their life to inform him so that they may receive recognition from the Borough.

Good Luck to All of Our Teams in '97 & Also to our new Sayreville Men’s Softball League Team

Party with us at Freddie's S.A. Pub after the Games!
Memories of the Mick

A young and powerful Mickey Mantle poses near batting cage at Yankee Stadium. Do you know what year he won the Triple Crown? You can find the answer to this and 535 other fun and challenging questions in "The Ultimate Mickey Mantle Book" by Tom Burkard. First printing will be out the end of April. Call your book store and reserve now. Code ISBN 0-8065-1893-6

The South Amboy Historical Society held their Reorganization Meeting at the Dr. Charles W. Hofmann Senior Resource Center. The members chose William Marshall as President, Phil Purcell as Vice-President, Pat Olexa as Secretary, and Phil Israel as Treasurer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 1997 at the Senior Center, 108 S. Stevens Avenue at 7 p.m. Walter Szewko will do a presentation on the Morgan family. Members are encouraged to bring old photos depicting South Amboy. New members are welcome. Pictured is Phil Purcell, (L), Mayor John T. O'Leary, and William Marshall (R).

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Q: What 1962 movie starred both Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris, the year after they combined for 115 home runs?
A: Safe at Home, which Leonard Maltin said "is a must for Yankee fans ... if no one else."

Q: On the Commerce High basketball team, what position did Mickey star at? (Hint: Mantle never reached six feet in height.)
A: Guard.

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A: Billy Martin

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On Tuesday, February 4, 1997, my family and I experienced a devastating fire that destroyed our home and left us homeless. We lost 10-12 years of memories and our precious dog (Pongo).

We are totally grateful to the fire department for their quick, efficient and heroic efforts in their attempt to save our dog and put out the fire. The members of the South Amboy, Sayreville and Old Bridge Cheesequake Fire Department along with the Police and South Amboy First Aid Squad worked hard and did a fine job.

I would particularly like to extend my gratitude to our official Edward Szatkowski and Fire Chief Phil English, Larry McMahon and Drew Newcomb. They showed the utmost professionalism and offered us comfort and warm words.

We may have lost our home and all of its contents, but we have gained eternal friends.

Thank You All!
The Arvelo Family

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Chiropractic Care

The Spinal Column

By Dr. John S. Misiewicz, D.C.
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Arthritis Treatment - The Chiropractor's Role

The unfortunate fact about arthritis is that once a joint has experienced structural damage, little or nothing can be done to "heal" the damage. The role of chiropractic is one of providing our patients with a form of service that will take the stress from a joint making the patient's life more comfortable.

This is accomplished through a broad range of treatments, including manipulative techniques, heat treatments, educating patients in proper posture while manipulative techniques, heat treatments.

The reasons are simple. Even though arthritis is a degenerative disease, we can play an important role in maintaining and increasing mobility. In treating elderly patients, we like to emphasize the point that stiffness and pain do not automatically go along with old age. Much of the pain and lack of mobility elderly persons experience can be alleviated through gentle, simple adjustments along with therapeutic techniques.

As one ages, the muscles responsible for maintaining the proper spinal alignment tend to lose their tone. As youthful elasticity decreases, we are more likely to experience health problems related to the spine's inability to function properly. When vertebrae become misaligned stress is placed on muscles and nerves.

The techniques for correcting misalignments for the elderly are more gentle than those we would use for younger adults. Our methods of treatment are painless, both preventative and corrective in nature.

I believe that feeling young is a matter of good health rather than physical age. If you're a senior citizen and have never tried Chiropractic as a means for obtaining or maintaining an active lifestyle, why not call so that you can learn how Chiropractic can keep you active and healthy your entire life.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Recently the Sayreville Memorial V.F.W. Post 4699 and the Ladies Auxiliary held their Annual Awards Program at the Post Home on Jersey Mill Road.

Honored for "Outstanding Fireman" were L.t. Robert Lasko and William F. Martin from the Melrose Fire Company for rescuing a 90-year-old man from a house fire.

Honored for "Outstanding Police Officer" was Patrolman David Lasko in his quick actions stopping a suspicious vehicle at the High School parking lot during the Prom.

Honored for "Outstanding First Aider" for the Sayreville First Aid Squad was Steven Ranka.

Honored for "Outstanding First Aider" for the Morgan First Aid Squad was Mary Chris Moskal.

Honored for "Outstanding Sheriff's Department" for doing our annual safety program for the V.F.W. and the Ladies Auxiliary were the two officers in charge of the program, who came from the Middlesex County Sheriff's Department, Mr. Robert Kuter Jr. and Larry Hamilton.

Honored for "Outstanding Citizen" were Barbara Heimall for her outstanding work with the Senior Citizens and also for all her volunteer work over the years.

Honored for his "Outstanding" quick action in calling 911 when his mother suffered a severe asthma attack and difficulty breathing.

Honored are four Voice of Democracy winners: from St. Mary's High School a senior, Jennifer Landis; from Sayreville High School, 1st Place - Wills Laskowski, a junior, 2nd Place - Derek Wan, a junior, 3rd Place - Karen Martin, a sophomore.

After the awards program a dinner was served.

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The Barnburners

Album Review by Phil Balmasone

The Barnburners Lucky Dog

The Barnburners latest music, Lucky Dog, is a little bit country and a lot of Rock and Roll. Recorded at TraxEast in South River. They mix a lot of their musical influences, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Patsy Cline, rockability and blues rock, into their own original style. All the songs on Lucky Dog are original compositions - check out their earlier releases - including an original Christmas tune, Little Miss Christmas - it's a screecher! For more info contact: P.O. Box 474, Raritan, NJ 08889, 201-736-2759.
The Ventures, Walk, Don't Run
The Rockin' Rebels, Wild Weekend
The Virtues, Guitar Boogie Shuffle
The Champs, Sandy Nelson, "The Killer," Chuck Berry. Sound familiar?
During the late '50s and into the early '60s, your duck-tailed, chino-shorts-wearing, sock-hopping, pop-tongued, pom-pom kissed, and danced to "the devil's music" at juke joints and sock hops everywhere... but to a certain number of "baby boomers" and future "flower children" it was more than just "dance music." Those blaring sounds of the '50's, those "guitars," those verb-soaked guitars, pounding, baring it all, and snare drum ride cymbals that thumped and throbbed, were... magical, with so much influence that to this day I'm still mesmerized when I hear those songs, those groups, that somehow transported us into future "rock stars" to the "land of cool." Yeah, if any of us, never took a music lesson. After all, we were trained by that most important decision of "What would I look really cool with? a guitar or a set of drums?"... it is..." the "Melodia/Mechanics/Inno Collection," the "Morgan Mob," "Mum's Village Gang," etc... Keeping in mind that these are musicians that I've worked with or had contact with. Tom Burkard will mention more names to boggle the "payin' their dues." The '64 line-up included: Eddie "Whitney" DiDio on guitar, Bobby Leigh on bass, the late Gene Bacchus on electric guitar, Bob Weston, vocals; and my good friend Mickey Joe Yamich on drums.
Now the fun begins. The follow- ing "Honor Roll" of local rock 'n roll - the icon of cool. Would you believe, the very...first "live" rock 'n roll band I ever heard, and the last bunch I got a hold of to complete this saga. It was a pleasure to talk to Roger Johnson again. I used to sneak into the Sayreville High School dances just to hear those guys rock. Without a doubt the #1 group for the seniority thing. This talented crew was the original "Morgan Mob" with Roger, Daryl James, Frankie Joone, Clay David, Eddie DiDio, Bobby Spencer, and George Nick. The older, the better. The '64 line-up worked the drums for Roger. Gotta stop at in Roger's Rising Star Talent Agency on Route 35 in M errow Thursday afternoons...” Thanks for getting us all started.
The Rockets - 1958-1960 - One of the all-time 1958 featured Vincent Poulson on sax, Frank Barberi on guitar, Fred Band on guitar and lead vocals, and Joey Arrthel the drummer. This group played at the old Lo's R. S. Drive- in every weekend in the summer, before the movie and at intermission... They also gigged at Barley's Res- taurant, and Firehouse Bar downtown Jersey. Harlem Nocturne and Ram- bunctious were their fan songs.
The Ramrods - 1961-1962 - Once again, the fabulous Vincent Poulson on sax, Fred Band, guitar, Richie Band, bass; Donnie Denwich, guitar; Joe Elmo, piano. They played at school dances.
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The Elegants II (L-R): Sam Cavallaro, Clem Skarzynski, Tom Gurgol, John Bates, Frank Piccisci. hopped on the bike for that ride up to Sayreville-Southern Shores to shop it to W.T. Grants to get a "brass monkey" that would propely us to the next level of rock 'n roll stardom. Back home, turned on the "route 425" music scene and over and over... you get the sce- nario? God, I miss those days. Then came TGI Friday's, and we started meeting in February 1964 when everyone, I mean everyone watched the Ed Sullivan Show to see "The Beatles...", then, whoever was not consumed in the '60's, your duck-tailed, chino-shorts-wearing, sock-hopping, pop-tongued, pom-pom kissed, and danced to "the devil's music" at juke joints and sock hops everywhere... but to a certain number of "baby boomers" and future "flower children" it was more than just "dance music." Those blaring sounds of the '50's, those "guitars," those verb-soaked guitars, pounding, baring it all, and snare drum ride cymbals that thumped and throbbed, were... magical, with so much influence that to this day I'm still mesmerized when I hear those songs, those groups, that somehow transported us into future "rock stars" to the "land of cool." Yeah, if any of us, never took a music lesson. After all, we were trained by that most important decision of "What would I look really cool with? a guitar or a set of drums?"... it is...
Boomers Set Record
The Sayreville boys basketball team set a new record for a season in the area, by connecting on 209 three-point field goals. Soph, Marcini Zobrin topped the team with 73, and junior Lendant Norris pumped in 63. Rookie Coach Dennis Barbeiri’s Blue & Gray shot 209 of 570 from the 3-point range, for a fine 37%. Barbeiri had an excellent season, turning the club around from a 7-16 to a 16-10 record.

Eagles Fall in States
St. Peter’s of New Brunswick routed St. Mary, 82-54 in SJ Parochial B Boys state tourney play. Nick Burkard nailed 20 points, and Ed McCabe 13 for Coach Lewis’ contingent.

Steinert Downs Bombers
A powerful Steinert blunted the Bombers of Sayreville, 91-67 in boys CG III Group III state tourney action. Leland Norris scored the nuts for 30 points, Raff Harrigge 19, and Matt Potenski 10 for the Bomb Squad, who played without injured tray ace, Marcin Zobrin.

Lady Bombers Beat Saints
Sayreville’s Lady Bombers avenged an earlier loss to St. Mary, and defeated them 63-53. Jessica Painchud paced the way with 26 points, and Brianne Vazquez was tough all around, scoring 13 points, nipping 9 boards, and dishing out 5 assists. Janine Swanson tossed in 22 markers, and Laurie Ust 10 for the Blue & Gold.

St. Mary Wins in States
Coach Don Sztawski’s South Amboy Eagles nipped a strong St. Peter’s in the South Jersey Parochial B quarterfinals, 38-35. Janine Swanson was high scorer with 17 tallies and Laurie Ust hit for 10.

25 Years Ago . . .
1972 South Amboy Men’s Senior Basketball League
Player-Coach Greg Hlavusch’s new team entry, Far Out Trucking quickly established itself as a force to be reckoned with. The Truckers finished with a fine 6-3 mark, good for 3rd place out of 10 teams in the league. Hlavusch was the club’s top scorer with 17 ppg., and also big board crasher. He was followed by Roe “Mucci” Ciszewski 16.2 avg., Bob Keegan 15.2, strong rebounder, Ken Wolter 7.2 ppgs. Others putting in occasional stellar performances were: Bill Keegan 6.6, the late Jimmy Lyrens 6.5, the late Billy McKinney 6.0, Leo Dobin 5.1, Paul Jankowski 5.0, Warren Walerak 4.0, Don Potts 2.1, Pete Ewinski 1.3 . . .

Trip to Myrtle Beach
A seven day trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, is planned for May 17-23, 1997 including all meals, shows, sight-seeing. For more information, please call 721-5717 or 525-5961.

Diamond Dust
1950’s
South Amboy Little League
Hollywood 7 Enterprise 0. Winning pitcher Jack Seaman fired a 2-hitter and struck out 13. Tom Rienthouse crashed a 3-run homer.

Middlesex County Freethinkers Little Fellas Tourney
South Amboy PBA & First Aid 2 Sayreville Emergency 1. John Wozieciowski fired a beautiful 1-hitter and whiffed 10 for the win. Bill Falgras fanned 8 but took the tough setback.

1970
South Amboy Little Fellas
English Chevrons O. George Bongiorno fired a 1-hitter and struck out 16 for the victory.

South Amboy Little Fellas
Enterprise 8 Parkway Fabricators 0. Winning pitcher Ron Morgan fired a 1-hitter and kayded 12.

South Amboy Girls Softball
Royals 10 Angels 0. Ann Noble crunched a 2-run home run.

South Amboy Men’s Softball
Lions 10 Vance’s Confectionary 6. Gary Read orbited a towering round tripper.

Morgan Girls Softball
Angels 9 Janice Distributors 5. Debbie Spiecker belted a dinger.

Morgan Boys Little League
Cranford 8 Fire Co. 7. Brian Anthony had a great game by blasting a double and home run.

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Sabres Football - 1974
Coach Ray Durski’s South Amboy Sabres Junior Pee Wees, playing their first game ever, dropped a 13-0 contest to the Milltown Rangers. . . . The Pee Wees, under coach Walter Zamorski were nipped, 7-6 by the Rangers . . . The Midgets under new head coach Primo Pacchioni triumphed, 13-6. Tom Donnelly excelled by running for two touchdowns from 15 yards and 37 yards out. J. Hall sprinted around left end for an extra point . . .

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Glory Days in Local Sports
by Tom Burkard

T.H.E. GAME
by Tom Burkard
Year: 1978
Sport: Boys Basketball
Teams: Sayreville vs. Edison (Season Opener)
Recap: The Bombers mounted a balanced scoring attack, as six players hit for double figures, to pace Sayreville to a 89-63 rout over the Eagles of Edison. Tom Lakoski sparked in all phases of the game, and topped the box score with 19 points, as well as racking up many assists and steals. Ralph Novak tossed in 17 points, and pulled plenty of rebounds, Dan Ogtome swished in 14 markers and crashed the boards well, Vinnie Settina drove in 3, and Scott Pazur pimped in 11 points apiece.

Player of the Game: Tom Lakoski

South Amboy Park
Opening Day is scheduled for Sunday, April 27, 1997 and the season will end at some point from July to mid-August depending on the number of rain outs and play off.

The deadline for submitting rosters and full payment of the entry fee is March 31, 1997. For further information and roster applications please call Chuck Roberts at (908) 745-4222.

South Amboy-PB A & First Aid 2 Sayreville
Hollyhock 7 Enterprise 0. Winning pitcher Jack Seaman fired a 2-hitter and struck out 13. Tom Rienthouse crashed a 3-run homer.

Middlesex County Freethinkers Little Fellas Tourney
South Amboy PBA & First Aid 2 Sayreville Emergency 1. John Wozieciowski fired a beautiful 1-hitter and whiffed 10 for the win. Bill Falgras fanned 8 but took the tough setback.

1970
South Amboy Little Fellas
English Chevrons O. George Bongiorno fired a 1-hitter and struck out 16 for the victory.

South Amboy Little Fellas
Enterprise 8 Parkway Fabricators 0. Winning pitcher Ron Morgan fired a 1-hitter and kayded 12.

South Amboy Girls Softball
Royals 10 Angels 0. Ann Noble crunched a 2-run home run.

South Amboy Men’s Softball
Lions 10 Vance’s Confectionary 6. Gary Read orbited a towering round tripper.

Morgan Girls Softball
Angels 9 Janice Distributors 5. Debbie Spiecker belted a dinger.

Morgan Boys Little League
Cranford 8 Fire Co. 7. Brian Anthony had a great game by blasting a double and home run.

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Sabres Football - 1974
Coach Ray Durski’s South Amboy Sabres Junior Pee Wees, playing their first game ever, dropped a 13-0 contest to the Milltown Rangers. . . . The Pee Wees, under coach Walter Zamorski were nipped, 7-6 by the Rangers . . . The Midgets under new head coach Primo Pacchioni triumphed, 13-6. Tom Donnelly excelled by running for two touchdowns from 15 yards and 37 yards out. J. Hall sprinted around left end for an extra point . . .

Trip to Myrtle Beach
A seven day trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, is planned for May 17-23, 1997 including all meals, shows, sight-seeing. For more information, please call 721-5717 or 525-5961.

The Sayreville Lady Dem’s recently held their regular meeting at the civic center, guest speaker was Mrs. Sue Dill, Vice President of the trust department of the PNC Bank. Honored guests in attendance were: Assemblyman John Wzniewski, (3rd from right), Freeholder Kathleen Cupano (2nd from right), South Amboy Mayor John T. O’Leary (L), Woodbridge Democratic Chairman Joseph F. Vitale (R).
The Florida Experience - 1997

by Tom Burkard

Everyone has that one big dream. Most people would love to win the lottery. Recently, one of my greatest dreams became a reality. I, along with entourage, went to Florida during Major League Baseball Spring Training, and it was more of a thrill than I could have ever imagined.

We, along with thousands of bikers, (it was Bike Week), arrived at Daytona Beach on Thursday, Feb. 27th. Motorcycles lined the main street in that town. I found today’s bikers to be pretty decent people, and witnessed no problems.

On Friday, we went to Tampa to see the Yankees Spring Opener versus St. Louis, and believe it or not, we got good tickets! I had also hoped to meet George Steinbrenner on business, but he was out of town, trying to sign the Japanese prospect, Irabu. I began promoting my book, The Ultimate Mickey Mantle Trivia Book, distributing flyers around the Tampa ballpark, and all the other parks we went to...The weather was hot and beautiful every day in the high 80’s-90’s, and quite humid at times.

We visited my brother Joe and his wife Elaine on Saturday, just outside Sarasota, and it was the first time that the Burkard boys ever went to a game together, as we saw the White Sox/Rangers game. St. Mary’s freshmen baseball coach, John Mansfield caught a Will Clark home run, and it was the first time that the Burkard boys ever went to a game together, as we saw the White Sox/Rangers game.

On Sunday, the tour continued at Ft. Meyers, where we went to see old friend and teammate Tom Kelly’s Minnesota take on the Red Sox. I spoke briefly with Tom, and he’s optimistic about this year’s club. It’s hard to believe that he’s been managing almost 12 years, and has done a tremendous job, winning 2 World Series...

It was quite an honor for me to meet my favorite big leaguer, Twins All-Star 2nd Baseman, Chuck Knoblauch, who batted .343 last year. He is a fine young gentleman with a great future...We crossed Alligator Alley, and didn’t see a one, and ended up in Ft. Lauderdale to see the Orioles-Braves, our final game of our tour on Monday, March 3rd.

Prior to the game, we visited The Sun-Sentinel newspaper in Ft. Lauderdale, where former South Amboy resident, and Sports Editor of the old News Tribune, Ron Kukulski has risen to the top of the corporate ladder in advertising. Ron was an inspiration to my writing career, and it was great seeing him after 20 years. He showed us the entire newspaper building, and it

was a most interesting tour. The Sun Sentinel is one of the largest daily papers in the US...

I really wanted to see Cal Ripken, but would you believe the Iron Man didn’t play? He was injured. Braves star 3rd baseman, Chipper Jones signed hundreds of autographs, and after several unsuccessful attempts, I got him to sign a baseball. He signed it Chipper J. #10. (Thanks a lot Chip. I could mean anything.) Andrew Jones, the youngster who hit two homers against the Yanks in the World Series also signed the ball (really can’t read his signature either), but I sure got some good pictures of the Jones boys...

After the game, we visited former local businessman, Jas’ Lagoda and his wife Helen. See our V.I.P. Interview on Jas’...We also spent a pleasant visit with South Amboy’s John & Bernice Kovaleski at their lovely home. It was great to see them, and their hospitality was most appreciated.

Tuesday turned out to be one of the biggest days in my life, as I was a special guest on The Pete Rose Show radio program, broadcast live from The Pete Rose Ballpark Cafe in Boca Raton. The show is syndicated to 230 stations all over the country. Pete, his partner Bruce Schein, and I had a wonderful interview about The Ultimate Mickey Mantle Trivia Book, and he immensely enjoyed trying to answer my questions from the book. The interview lasted 15 minutes. I found Pete to be a really energetic person, (he was all over his huge cafe, in between interviews), and a really great guy, who made me feel comfortable. Before I left, I felt that baseball’s all time greatest hit man, (4,256 hits) and I were old friends. Pete’s Executive Producer, Todd Callahan is an extremely talented young man with a tremendous future...Also met Pete’s son, Pete Jr., who is trying to catch on with the Reds AAA team. He’s gained 25 pounds (upper body), and is hitting the longball. Petey is a real nice guy, and I hope he makes the majors.

We also met Stan Bahnsen, who was Rookie-of-the-Year for the Yanks in the late ’60’s...

If you’re ever in Fla. check out Pete Rose’s Ballpark Cafe!

Special thanks go out to John DiGuilio, formerly of NJ and owner of Whiskey Pete’s Tavern & Eatery in Daytona Beach. The food is incredible! John is the nephew of South Amboy K of C #426 PGK, Leo DiGuilio...And a big, sincere thank you goes out to everyone who helped make The Florida Experience the best time in my life.
The Yankees and St. Louis Cardinals line-up prior to Spring Training opener at Tampa, Florida. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Chicago White Sox power-hitting first baseman, Frank "The Big Hurt" Thomas signs autographs for lucky fans at Spring Training in Sarasota, Florida. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Sayreville's Eddie "Buddy" Popowski (R), a coach with the Boston Red Sox for 59 years, has had a field named in his honor at the Sox Ft. Meyers Spring Training Complex. Pictured with "Buddy" is former South Amboy resident Joe Kelly (L), who happens to be Minnesota Twins Manager Tom Kelly's dad.

Atlanta Braves star third baseman, Chipper Jones poses for a beautiful photo with a young fan, prior to Orioles-Braves contest at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Tom Burkard (L), couldn't be happier, as he meets his favorite major league baseball player Minnesota Twins All Star second baseman, Chuck Knoblauch. Burkard followed him since he was an All-American at Texas A&M, and finally met him at the Twins Spring Training home in Ft. Meyers, Florida.

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