

Wisniewski Begins Campaign For Governor

By Tom Burkard

Assemblyman John Wisniewski kicked-off his campaign for Governor of New Jersey before a packed house at Sayreville War Memorial High School gymnasium recently.

Wisniewski, who has spent over 20 years in the New Jersey General Assembly, has fought on the side of middle and working class citizens. He has been unafraid to stand up to special interests in order to protect New Jerseyans: from opposing Transportation Trust Fund Tax, to standing up to Gov. Corzine’s attempt to privatize the NJ Turnpike, or exposing Gov. Christie’s Bridgegate scandal.

Wisniewski connected with the audience on many important issues, and the following are quotes from his great speech:

“It’s time for a new governor, a governor who will transform our government away from transactional special interests that have held us back. A governor who will be on the side of the people. As governor, we’ll fight for a \$15 minimum wage, ensure women equal pay for equal work. We will provide affordable childcare for middle and working class families. We’ll rebuild our roads and bridges. We’ll make sure the wealthy pay their fair share, and we’ll put thousands to work with good jobs.”



Assemblyman John Wisniewski recently announced his candidacy for Governor.

Wasko Named Superintendent

Former Sayreville resident Michael Wasko was recently appointed superintendent of schools for the Hanover Twp. K-8 School District.

Wasko ran track at Sayreville War Memorial HS, and went on to attend Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU) on a track & field scholarship. He later became a graduate

Remembering The 75th Anniversary Of Pearl Harbor



U.S. military veteran Bill Tierney, a member of American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 of South Amboy, prepares to toss a memorial wreath into Raritan Bay to honor all those who perished during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Sayreville American Legion Lenape Post #211 Honor Guard Commander Larry Bishop (l) and Ken Kelly, as they are about to toss the ceremonial wreath into the Raritan Bay to honor all servicemen and women who made the supreme sacrifice on Dec. 7, 1941. (Photo/story by Joe Lotkowitz)

Sayreville Wins Championship

By Tom Burkard

The Sayreville Bombers football program has gone full cycle from the championship years, to a scandal, to a new head coach and rebuilding year in 2015, and now in 2016, back to statewide football powerhouse prominence, as the locals battled back from an early 14-0 deficit to score the last 42 points of the game, and win the NJSIAA North 2 Group IV state championship, 42-14 over Middletown North.

Sayreville faced some strong opposition on the road to the crown, and in the playoffs, had to defeat #4 seeded Phillipsburg, 21-7, and in the semis, stopped the #1 seed/defending champion Middletown South, 42-28. It seemed like destiny, along with strong determination that drove this superbly-coached Chris Beagan team to the title.

The #5 seeded Bombers (9-2) got off to a slow start against the #2 Lions (9-2), but when the Blue & Gray machine started rolling, there was no stopping our local favorites. Sayreville got great performances from Jaquae Roberts, who rushed 25 times for 159 yards and 2 touchdowns on runs of 10 and 22 yards. The Bombers game plan was geared

towards a running attack, and saw star quarterback Jayson DeMild, known for his high-octane passing game, attempt only 9 passes with 3 completions. However, he rushed for 42 yards on 11 carries including TD runs of 1 and 2 yards. Brandon Cenci made a great interception and ran 41-yards for a Bomber TD. Ciyro McMoore broke loose for a 35-yd. touchdown run with 1:08 left in the contest. Matthew Crowley booted 3 extra points. Michael Liberti rushed for 50 yards on 12 attempts, and also caught a pass for 15 yards.

The Sayreville defense was also tremendous, and received big games from Michael Porcaro, Mohamed Turay, Christian Platon, Darren Gorczyca, Bryce Christian and Cenci.

Coach Chris Beagan praised his outstanding team, calling them unselfish and resilient, and mentioned that he was very proud for the team and the whole community.

Congratulations go out to Coach Beagan, his coaching staff, players and cheerleaders. What a year! What a team! You have brought pride back to the Borough of Sayreville by your hard work, dedication, and exemplary conduct on and off the playing field. You are really true champions!



The jubilant Sayreville Bombers football team celebrate after capturing the NJSIAA North 2 Group IV title, by blasting Middletown North, 42-14. See other photos on page 19. (Photo submitted)

Ex-Chief Dies

By Tom Burkard

John Donnelly, 88, of South Amboy died on Nov. 24. A very popular figure with a kind heart, he was highly-respected throughout the local communities. John was ex-chief of the South Amboy Fire Dept., and was one of the Grand Marshals honored at the fire department’s 100th Anniversary Parade in 2015. In 2009, he was Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. He was a proud U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War, and will be missed, but never forgotten by so many. May God Bless him!



John Donnelly

Best Decorated Firetruck



Protection Engine Co. #1 won Best Decorated Firetruck at South Amboy’s annual tree lighting celebration for the second year in a row. Pictured (l-r) Kevin Riley, Jamie Norek, Chase Szatkowski, Tom Szatkowski, Mac Russell, Don Riley, Chris Norek, Jen Shereyka, Ken Walczak (back), Tom Parsons and, Incoming Chief Steve Szatkowski. Congratulations! (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Msgr. Behl Dies



Msgr. Behl

Msgr. Richard A. Behl, 75, formerly of South Amboy died on Nov. 25. He was ordained on Dec. 17, 1966, and shortly after was assigned to St. Mary’ Church in South Amboy, where he served as associate pastor. He then went on to St. James Parish in Red Bank, and the Church of the Nativity in Fair Haven, holding the same title. In ‘77, Rev. Behl received his first

pastorate at Our Lady of the Mount Parish in Warren. In 1985 he was appointed pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Bernardsville. In 1995 he was named rector of St. Francis Cathedral in Metuchen, and in 2007 became pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle in Old Bridge. In 2008, Msgr. Behl was knighted into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem. He was also on the national board of Pontifical Mission Societies. Msgr. Behl had an amazing life as a religious, and to think he got his highly-successful start at St. Mary’s, where he also taught Religion at the high school in 1967-68.

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Tony Olivieri (l) and his wife Carol are pictured at South Amboy's Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Fire/Rescue Parade. The couple is standing near their sled which was used for Santa. Tony said that he found the sled in the trash that someone had thrown out, and he and his wife recycled it about 25 years ago, and have been using it for decorating, ever since at Christmas time. (Photo/story by Joe Lotkowitz)

Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Father Pavich Doing Fine In The Diocese

The word is out that former South Amboy resident Father Jason Pavich is doing a highly-commendable job as director of the diocesan Office of Vocations. Father Jason was appointed to this post in March. Keep up the excellent work!

Father Drozd Celebrates Silver Anniversary

Father Marian Drozd, Parochial Vicar of Sacred Heart Church recently celebrated the 25th Anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood. Congratulations!

Bartlinski Graduates Police Academy

Joe Bartlinski recently graduated from the Monmouth County Police Academy. Congratulations Joe and best of luck!

In Memoriam

Joseph Gray, 95, formerly of Parlin died on Oct. 27. He was a great guy admired by all. Ann Marie Tauber, 83, of Melrose died on Nov. 10. She worked for 40 years as Administrative Secretary at Rutgers Cooperative Extension Service of Cook

College. Locally, she was a proud member of Sacred Heart Altar Rosary Society, and served as its President for 14 years. A fine, dedicated lady, she was respected by all. Salvatore Raspa, 88, of Parlin died on Nov. 15. Before his retirement, he was a foreman for JCP&L in Sayreville.

These wonderful people will never be forgotten.

New Year's Day Bingo

St. Stan's will hold a New Year's Day Bingo on 1/1/2017 at 225 MacArthur Ave. Doors open at 12:00 PM, Bingo begins at 1:30 pm, Kitchen will be open with specials. Come and join us for fun and winnings, Good Luck and St. Stan's Parish would like to say a great big THANK YOU for coming to our bingo's and supporting us.

Happy New Year & may God continue to bless you and your family.

Handel's Messiah!!

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PLEASANT LITTLE TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

1.Chairman of the South Amboy Republican Party in 1969?

a.John Baranowski b.Stanley Jankowski c.C. Leslie Batchelor

2.What year did the Sayrewoods Shopping Center open?

a.1945 b.1956 c.1960

3.What section of Sayreville was Hide Away located in 1983?

a.Melrose b.Morgan c.Oak Tree

4.St. Mary Regional HS School Nurse in '95?

a.Mrs. Dombrowski b.Mrs. Farrell c.Miss Albanes

5.President of Sayreville War Memorial HS Senior Class Council in 1999?

a.Kimberly Salaycik b.Charles Bowden c.Karen Martin

6.How many graduates did the South Amboy HS have in 1999?

a.80 b.90 c.97

7.Sayreville War Memorial HS Student Council President in '85?

a.Cindy Fingerlin b.Al Budny c.Joe Condiracci

8.Hoffman HS Student Council Chairperson in 1985?

a.Randy Stratton b.Mary Beth Toscano c.Amy Petrosky

9. Where was Greenhaus Jewelers located in Sayreville?

a.Main St. b.Bordentown Ave. c.Rt.9 South

10.What is the name of the park located on Conover St. in South Amboy?

a.Mechanicsville Park b.John Ciszewski Park c.Veterans Park

Answers

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

Business Of The Month Broadway Seafood



The excellent staff at Broadway Seafood (l-r) Owners Soonja and Mark Abbatiello, Jeon Seung Won and Audrey Loyer. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Broadway Seafood opened on December 15, 2010 and owners Mark and Soonja Abbatiello have established a very popular restaurant offering the freshest seafood. The menu offers a wide variety of items to please every seafood lover. Appetizers include: Shrimp Cocktail, Fried Calamari, Crab Cakes and Fried Soft Shell Crab. Another great starter to your meal are the fresh homemade soups: Manhattan Clam Chowder, New England Clam Chowder and Seafood Bisque. Fried or broiled sandwiches and platters with coleslaw and your choice of regular or sweet potato fries include: Flounder, Haddock, Clam Strips, Shrimp, Scallops, Soft Shell Crab and Crab Cakes. Fresh and fried fish is also available by the pound. Clams and fresh smoked

whiting are also available.

Broadway Seafood also specializes in Korean dishes such as shrimp fried rice, scallop fried rice, kimchi (a very healthy cabbage dish), and seafood dumplings. During the month of March special Corned Beef and Cabbage dumplings are available. Local honey as well as honey from Maine to Florida is available in several sizes.

It's not too late to place your Christmas Eve orders so either stop in at 109 North Broadway in South Amboy or call 732-721-0077.

Mark and Soonja would like to thank their customers for their patronage the past six years and they look forward to continuing to bring you the best in seafood dishes.

Trip to Pittsburgh/ Cleveland

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Pittsburgh/Cleveland from July 10 - 14, 2017. The price of the trip is \$725 which includes the bus transportation, bus driver gratuity, lodging, 4 breakfasts and 4 dinners. Points of interest include: Flight 93 Memorial, Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater, tour of Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, rock and Roll Hall of Fame and much more. For further information or to reserve a seat please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

TO ST. JUDE

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored and glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude gave me hope. -T.B.

Wasko

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He has been part of the Hanover school district for 17 years, having previously worked at Paramus, where he was assistant principal and principal of Memorial Junior School in Whippany, which is part of the Hanover school district.

Wasko, his wife Sherri and three sons live in Bridgewater. His parents are Michael and Joan Wasko of Sayreville.

Congratulations Michael, and best wishes for continued success!

March For Life Trip

Our Lady of Victories Council #2061 will be sponsoring a bus trip to Washington D.C. to participate in the Annual March for Life on Friday, January 27, 2017. There will be a 6:45 A.M. Mass at Our Lady of Victories Church 42 Main Street Sayreville prior to departure. The bus will depart at 7:30 A.M. from the church parking lot. A minimum donation of \$25 (\$15 for children) is requested. If you support this cause but are unable to make the trip, a donation to help defray the costs will be greatly appreciated. For further information about the trip or to reserve a seat, please contact Peter Wagner at 732-257-5396 or Michael Yetsko at 732-727-7639.



South Amboy Elementary School Teacher of the year, Kerry Schaefer (l) and Education Specialist of the year Evelyn Gonzalez (r) received beautiful flowers in appreciation for all they have done. Congratulations ladies!! (Photos Submitted)



South Amboy Knights of Columbus #426 Grand Knight Jack Mieczkowski is pictured with his wife, Daniela along with the many children who turned out for the Free Family Movie Matinee on Dec. 4th. The event was a huge success! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

Yearbook-South Amboy 2001

By Tom Burkard

Robert Bloodgood was the Superintendent of Schools. William Beattie was the principal. Some of the fine faculty included: Tom Magielnicki (who retired at the end of the school year), Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Kuhn, Mrs. Dunlap, Mr. Larkin, Mr. Fugiere, Mrs. Gagnor. The yearbook, titled, "Uniquely Different" was dedicated to Richard Malik and a special page in remembrance of Katrina Suhan was also included. Valerie Kijowski and Dorothy Kelleman were co-editors of the yearbook. Kijowski was also president of the National Honor Society, while Kelleman was editor of the literary magazine. Jamie Maliniak was Student Council president. Lisa McCarthy was president of the Junior/Senior Class. King and Queen of "Homecoming" were Hector Pena and Magdalena Popiel. SA High School featured many extracurricular activities and events including: Walk America, Open House, the grand opening of Lighthouse, a branch of Raritan Bay Federal Credit Union, Peer Leadership, Winter Concert 2000, "The Sound of Music" school play, Spirit Week, and the Spring Dance. Seniors in the great class of 2001 were: James Abbatiello, Nicole Barlics, Kristi Buckalew, Robert Brzezinski, Adam DeHanes, Amy Disbrow, Mike Dula, Vivian Girges, Kelly Hoehman, Jennifer James, Rosanne Lada, Crystal Leff, Rafael Moura, Rebecca Newcomb, Scott O'Neill, Joel Picone, Sandra Richards, Robyn Rios, Candace Russell, Katherine Skrzyniarz, Stanley Szeszko, Marcelo Torino, Jennifer Vecchione, Christine Westfall, Krzysztof Wojda, Lukasz Zaluwski, Jaroslaw Zwiercan. A few cute nicknames were: Butter, Beamer, Jellybean, Pronto, Babe, Woody. The talented senior athletes included: Melissa Bartlinski, Dan Beam, Craig Colfer, Greg Fay, Tom Gorecki, Lisa McCarthy, Jennifer Nadratowski, Kristal Nemeth, Magdalena Popiel, James Riehl, Jennifer Richmond, Jennifer Rios, Cynthia Sartain, Christine Urynowicz, Angelica Vargas, Katherine Wira.

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South Amboy Middle/High School Congratulates Students of the Month for November. Each month during the school year, the Middle/High School teaching staff nominates students, one per grade level, as students of the month. The nominations are based on character, school spirit, and academic integrity. For November, we are happy to announce our winners. Pictured from left to right in the back row are: Dr. Patrick McCabe, Principal; Grade 6 - Brianna Moehl, Grade 7- Louis DeGrazia , Grade 8 - Harris Pyo, Grade 9 - Nashari Payano, Grade 10 - Cassandra Taggart, Grade 11 - Felix Torrez, Grade 12 - Conrad Grygoriev. (Photo/Info Submitted)

OLV Seniors January Meeting

The January meeting of the 2016-2017 OLV Seniors will be held on Friday, January 6, 2017 at 1 PM in Monsignor Hall. After our business meeting, we will have our members-only Polish Luncheon. The cost of the luncheon is \$12.00 which must be paid prior to the meeting. Call Mary Bouchard at 732-727-5056 to make a reservation and to send payment. No reservations will be taken

after January 1, 2017. Payment is due for the Jonah trip and the Azalea trip. Deposits of \$20 for a day trip and \$50 for a multi-day trip are due for all other OLV Senior trips. For information on our trips call Teri at 732-737-7639. Non-perishable food items are needed for the St. Vincent de Paul Society food bank. For further information, please contact Teri Yetsko at 732-727-7639.

SWMHS Class Of 1967 Reunion

Sayreville War Memorial HS is seeking to contact members of the Class of 1967 for its 50th reunion. The event will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017, at the Town & Country Inn, Rt. 35 & Broadway, Keyport, NJ. Cost is \$50 per person to include a buffet and cash bar. Please contact any of the following for more information: Joyce

Elyea joyceelyea@gmail.com, 732 742 3537, Rose Blaszkza @ rosesz822@gmail.com or Geri Marchitto @ Gerim1714@aol.com. If anyone has any information on the following missing classmates, please advise: Wayne Carroll. Janet Logan, Rosa Ramos and Victoria Volman.

Pasta/Open Mic Night

A Full Night of Entertainment with the Knights of Columbus Open Mic Night and Pasta Night Fundraiser! On Friday, January 27, 2017 at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus, 308 Fourth Street South Amboy from 6:00pm-9pm. Baked Ziti or Spaghetti,

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Victorian Christmas At Clinton, New Jersey

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People board the horse-drawn carriage for a ride through the historic town of Clinton.



Carolers dressed in Victorian style clothing, helped fill the air with beautiful Christmas songs..



Hundreds of antique cars & donated gifts at Wayne's Speed Shop's 7th annual Toys for Tots. (Photo by Ken Smetana)

South Amboy Elementary Academic Achievement

Marking Period One, Fourth Grade Honor Roll With Distinction: Amanda Moreira Burgos, Aaliya Piperato. Honor Roll: Irtaza Abbas, Dina Bashir, Andrew Biancarosa, Anthony Biancarosa, Daniel Evanski, Caylin Gulick, Eryk Gurdak, Emily Herrera, Josef Hoenle, Nigel Johnson, Emma Kalantsis, Samuel Kaplan, Devin Krass, Vincent Lee, Aaron Murray, Arianna Noble, Gavin Oshman, Anya Pathak, Dominik Pawlus, Genevieve Pierre, Mia Pina, Ola Slomiany, Christian Stair, Laura Steiner, Brianna Sweatt, Dorian Williams.

Fifth Grade Honor Roll With Distinction:

Carolyn Grace, Corinna Hatter, Sofia Hoenle, Alexandra Kross, Liza O'Neil. Honor Roll: Vera Bacsoka, Mary Brew, Scott Caputo, Lemonik Cedano, Davey Cheng, Kyle Cooke, Maaz Farooq, Sebastian Fernandez, Jamie Finnegan, Gabriella Gendy, Emma Glasser, Kiona Horigan, James Jamolawicz, Aaliyah Lopez, Isaiah Mercado, Jonathan Moakler, Karissa Molina, Charles Murray, Victoria Myers, Mia Pereira, Vincent Pham, Michayla Piperato, Magali Rodriguez-Herrera, Michelle Rojas, Maxwell Roth, Priyanka Sharma, Kimberly Steiner, Shyann Timms, Danna Trejo-Garcia, Addyson Wojaczyk.

Trip to Sight and Sound – Jonah

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Sight and Sound to see the play Jonah on Thursday, April 6, 2017. The price of the trip is \$150.00 which includes the show, lunch at Shady Maple, bus gratuity, and snacks. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

Holiday Humor

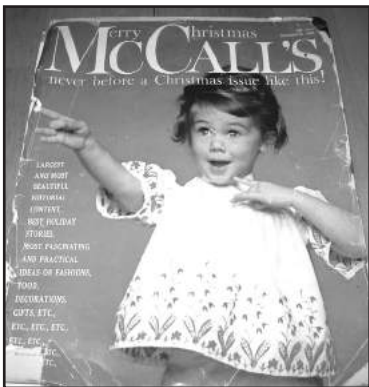
*What happens to you at Christmas? Yule be happy! *What game do reindeer play in their stable? Stable-tennis! *You don't see many reindeer in zoos, do you? No. They can't afford the admission! *Who delivers presents to baby sharks at Christmas? Santa Jaws! *Why is a cat on a beach like Christmas? Because they both have "Sandy Claws"

McCall's 1960 Christmas

By Elaine Holton Scott

Measuring 13 1/2" by 10 1/2", and costing a whopping 35 cents, the December 1960 Christmas issue of McCall's Magazine had contained 216 pages packed with the excitement of the coming Holy Day. Its red cover was a perfect background for the picture of the cute little girl wearing a white cotton top (no permanent press back then) beautifully embroidered with a red flower design. This colorful photo was a real attention getter, and 56 years later, it still is. In 1960, Christmas was still a time for all Christians, Catholics and Protestants, to proudly celebrate our Lord's birth. Christmas music, Christmas TV specials, Christmas decorations, Christmas gift ideas, Christmas cards, Christmas trees, Christmas toys, Christmas tablecloths, Christmas cakes & cookies, and just about everything Christmas had filled our lives. The Christmas season had always begun with Christmas mangers, many of which had outlasted the people who had built them, being reassembled in front of government buildings in the same spots they had been placed decades before; treasured 78 rpm Christmas records being taken from their dusty album covers to be played on family record machines; and boxes of shiny new tinsel were bought in readiness for decorating the Christmas tree.

Just one month after John F. Kennedy had won the Presidential election against Richard Nixon, the cover of the December issue of McCall's magazine proclaimed in big letters, "Merry Christmas... never before a Christmas issue like this!" Inside, the pages had fulfilled that promise. The entire contents of the magazine had wisely been aimed towards its female readers, as women have always been the gender to keep the retail companies



solvent. Hopefully to inspire the "weaker sex" to have long Christmas lists with their products on them, ads abounded on page after page, along with ideas for Christmas crafts, Christmas recipes, and personal Christmas remembrances. Beautiful young ladies with "cat eyes" drawn with black liquid eye liner modeled Maybelline's Angel Face Powder in their ads; more beautiful models with "cat eyes" drawn with black liquid eye liner advertised Pan Stik makeup for Max Factor; the much in demand Corning Ware and Pyrex

baking dishes on the market since 1958; Penney's full and half slips daringly modeled by real women instead of displayed on mannequins; the "all new" F.M. radio; Twinkle Copper Cleaner to help ease some of the drudgery of cleaning copper pots and pans; Candy Cane flavored ice cream sold by a company called, Foremost; Old Spice grooming products for men and Yardley for both men and women; Quaker Oats, the old kind you had to cook, so, as the ad had stated, women could make their husbands a good breakfast before they went to work; sewing machines for all the homemade clothes women were making; Carnation Evaporated Milk for use in holiday baking; Frigidaire stoves built with pull-out ovens to help make oven cleaning easier; step by step instructions for "building a Snowman Cake"; Memories of by-gone Christmases by Dave Garroway, host of the original Today Show from 1952 to 1961; clothes to buy for little girls, and Miss Clairol hair color for big ones, with their memorable advertising question, "Does she or doesn't she?" Of course, anyone who had a television set had known the answer was... "Only her hairdresser knows for sure." MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYONE!!!

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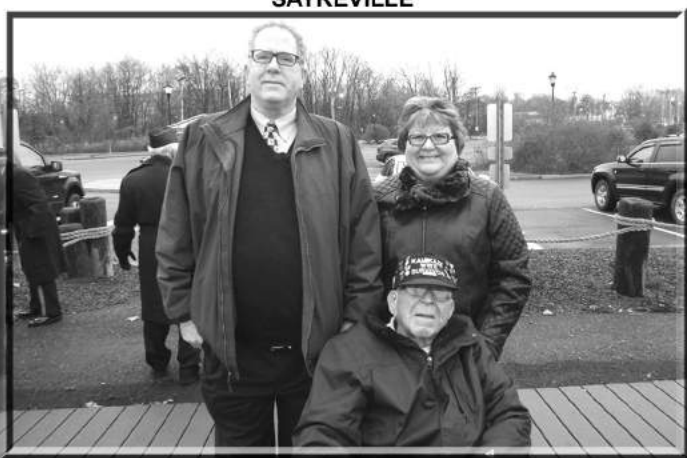
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U.S. military veteran Harold Dennen (front) and his daughter Wendy (back right) met with Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O'Brien (l) prior to the Pearl Harbor service. (Photo by Joe Lotkowitz)




Members of American Legion Lenape Post #211, local dignitaries and others participated in the prayer service for the 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor. (Photo by Joe Lotkowitz)

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American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 of South Amboy members are pictured prior to the memorial service for those who lost their lives in Pearl Harbor 75 years ago on Dec. 7, 1941. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



U.S. military veterans, who are members of American Legion Post #62 of South Amboy salute during the playing of "Taps" at the Pearl Harbor service. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



The Park People held their 5th annual Christmas tree decorating session on Dec. 10 at Waterfront Park. It seems like the group gets smaller and smaller each year. Well, they all wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and that all of the people that pass the tree will get some enjoyment from it. (Photo/story by Joe Lotkowitz)



Sylvia Rapoport, Marketing Manager (l) helps gather up the food collections from the Amboy Bank Administration Building, and a few neighboring branches, to give to the Old Bridge Food Bank Director Anahita Feltz (c) and volunteer John Cont (r). (Photo/Story Submitted)

Amboy Bank Hosts Its Annual Food Drive

In the month of November, all 23 offices of Amboy Bank have been collecting food and household items for food banks in their branch area. Every Amboy office manager selected a food bank to collect for in their community. In many cases Amboy has a strong relationship with the organizations including the Samaritan Center, the Old Bridge Food Bank and Elijah’s Promise.

Gregory Scharpf, Chief Retail Banking Officer, stated “Thanks to the support of our generous employees and clients the program

has been a huge success. Year after year we are realizing that hunger is a reality in every town, not only in our most challenged communities. We are pleased that our annual food drive helps restock the shelves of many food banks in the area.”

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The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Azalea Festival in Norfolk, Virginia from April 27 – 30, 2017. The trip includes 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts, and three full course dinners. Shows include the Virginia International Tattoo Show and the NATO Parade of Nations with reserved seats.

Passengers will also visit the Norfolk Naval Base, MacArthur Memorial and more. The price of the trip is \$590.00 which includes the above plus bus transportation, bus gratuity, and snacks. For further information or to reserve a seat, please call Carmen at 732-254-9425.

Holiday Humor

*What does a reindeer say before telling you a joke? This one will sleigh you! *How do you make a slow reindeer fast? Don't feed it! *What do you call a man who claps at Christmas? Santapplause. *Why does Santa Claus like to work in the garden? Because he likes to hoe, hoe, hoe! *What do monkeys sing at Christmas? Jungle Bells, Jungle Bells!

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VETERANS HONORED



Father Stanley Gromadzki, Pastor, and Sacred Heart Church honored the Sacred Heart Catholic War Veterans on Veterans Day starting with Mass at 8 am for the Living & Deceased Veterans. (Top photo) Following the Mass Father Stan had breakfast with the Vets. (Bottom photos) After the breakfast there was a special Memorial Service at the Sacred Heart Cemetery. Father Stan read off all the names of our deceased Veterans. Several parishioners attended the service. (Photos story submitted)

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SWMHS Class of 1976 Celebrates
40 Year Milestone

(Photos/Story by Pat Douglas)

The Sayreville War Memorial High School Class of 1976 had their 40 year reunion back on September 24th. The event was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Edison NJ in the Windsor Room and was attended by approximately 140 alumni and other guests. Alumni were treated to a wonderful full course buffet with assorted desserts and specially made cakes, and also a 5-hour open bar. Performing for the party was the very talented band The Expressway led by fellow 76er Bill Frank. The band performed all songs written and performed in 1976. The Expressway rocked the party as alumni filled the dance floor! The band surprised and pleased event goers by calling up Midge Glinesky Painchaud, lead singer for the band "the Fog" who was in attendance with her teachers and relishes the opportunity to let them know how much they are appreciated. Mrs Rutski provided beautiful hand made bracelets to all the alumni ladies in attendance. Over 70 of them. It was her way of saying "You were as important to me as I was to you". The ladies all loved the gift and were extremely grateful. Thanks so much Dolores Rutski! Attending with his class was Dr. Stefano Tarantolo. The only 76er who has been inducted into the Sayreville HS Hall Of Fame for his contributions to humanity in the field of medicine and more specifically, the field of cancer research and blood disorders. Dr. Tarantolo lives in Nebraska and his time is always precious, but he always finds time to spend with his old friends and classmates. Indeed that is the attitude of so many of the class of 76 and all classes. As Kathy Reardon stated "Our Class Loves Get Togethers, and the more the Merrier!" Classmates came from all over the USA. From East, West, North, South, and the Heartland, they all came to Edison, NJ to share old memories and create new ones. It was a night to remember. If all that wasn't enough, the High School provided a basket of Bomber clothing products and other school paraphernalia. The basket was raffled off during the reunion and Mrs. Haltli picked the winning ticket which happened to be 76er Phil Brennan. Phil then proceeded to give many of the items to his classmates. The reunion was just part of the weekend fun. At least 50 classmates attended a pre-reunion party the night before. The Venue? The Bombers/New Brunswick football game. Classmates got together for a tailgate party near the Bomber End Zone and enjoyed a barbecue and soft drinks and a great Bomber Victory! After the game, many of them went to the Brickhouse to complete the evening. It was a great night. A special thank you to Patty Vogel Wlodarczyk and Barbara Krainski Pugner for all they did to make that happen. And also to Ms. Susan Jaysnovitch, who gave the class a beautiful Class of 1976 banner. All reunion goers were treated to a beautiful class of 1976 glass, and a comprehensive Alumni Directory. A memorial table was set up to remember those classmates who have passed on. The Committee has so many people to thank that it's impossible to name all of them. So many people contributed to the success of the evening. But we can't go without thanking all of the donors who made the evening possible. Your donations helped keep the ticket prices low and also assisted several classmates in the process. Thank you so much! There is no better class than the Class of 1976. Their thoughtfulness and generosity is second to none! See ya all in 2021!



Bill Frank and Bill James of The Expressway Band share the stage with SWMHS 76er Midge Glinesky Painchaud of "the Fog" as they cover Stevie Nick's "Stop Dragging My Heart Around"



Retired Faculty Patricia Haltli, Georgia Baumann, Alfred Baumann, Dolores Rutski and husband Richard Rutski enjoying the evening as special guests of the Class of 1976.



Reunion committee members Kathy Phillips Reardon, Gina Ruggiano Davis and Robin Ruczkowski Rozanski pose for a picture prior to the start of the reunion.



Classmates fill the dance floor!

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May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray us. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank You St. Jude. -P.S.

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.) -T.B.

Christmastime in Germany

By John (Flip) Phillips

During my business career, my wife Iris and I had the opportunity to spend time relaxing with our German friends during the holiday period. What surprised us was the marked difference between how we celebrated the season versus how they did. There was very little outside decorations like we are used to seeing. Even inside the houses there was very little other than a fresh Christmas tree with beautiful locally made ornaments. We expected to see gaily decorated shopping malls, cities and villages. The only place that was decorated as it's done here is the area where they held their Christmas Kindel or Weihnachten Markets, better known to us as the Christmas Markets.

The Christmas Markets

Let's see, we enjoyed: Frankfurt am Main, Bad Homburg, Rudesheim, Wiesbaden, Munich, Bad Nauheim, Rothenberg on der Tauber and the big one, Nuremberg. Each one was different with local customs on display. Frankfurt, Munich and Nuremberg were very big with Ferris Wheels, Merry Go Rounds and bands playing Christmas Carols and music for dancing and singing. It was cold but after a couple mugs of Mulled Gluhwein (warm spiced wine) and a hot grilled German Wurst (rot or weis) you get in the mood and forget the weather. The large "vocal" crowds also kept you warm. The Markets are held in the old part of the city primarily in the center square. The old buildings and streets dating back hundreds of years add to the atmosphere, especially if it's snowing. In the Market's you will find seasonally decorated booths that sell almost everything, from locally made Christmas Ornaments and toys to beautiful Amber jewelry creations, and of course lots of local food. Without a doubt Nuremberg and Frankfurt were the best, with Nuremberg by far the largest.

The villages and small towns are similar except for size. They are unique and more locally oriented but just as much fun. One of our favorites was Rudesheim a little wine village on the Rhein. A stroll up the Drosselgasse (a small alley way flanked on either side by wine bars and small hotels) listening to the music and eating a schnitzel right off the grill is something to enjoy and remember. One of my friends was born and raised there. His family owned a vineyard and he always got us great hotel arrangement overlooking the Rhein. And we returned several times.

Another smaller Christmas Market I

Stem Grant Received For Pre-Schoolers At South Amboy YMCA

The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy (MEWSA) has received notification of a grant award in the amount of \$7,500 from the PNC Foundation to implement a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Program at the Ready...Set...Learn Early Education Center at the South Amboy YMCA. This grant is unique in that the curriculum will focus on teaching and learning activities through a STEM lens for 2-4 year olds. The PNC Foundation is a long-time supporter of non-profit organizations and an advocate for educational programs geared towards children and youth, especially for pre-school children ages 2-4, with a focus on a STEM course of study.

The funding will go towards the purchase of iSmartStart Tablets and the creation of an individualized, observation-based assessment system to document development and learning across key milestones, based on The Creative Curriculum® and GOLD® teaching strategies. STEM-related experiments and activities will be incorporated to provide a well-rounded, hands-on approach to learning, forming a solid foundation for understanding key concepts later on. "We are firm believers that it is never too early to introduce STEM concepts into our early education programs", said Rose Cushing, CEO & President of the

remember is Rothenberg on der Tauber. This is a walled town that was settled in the early Middle Ages. Every day around noon they reenact something that happened centuries ago. Legend has it that when the Swedes conquered the town they wanted to destroy it. However, the Burgermeister (mayor) pleaded with them to spare his town. He was given the challenge to drink over a liter of wine without stopping, and if he did the town would be spared. He did it and every day around noon an upper window in the Rathaus (town hall) opens and a little man comes out and drinks the wine. The Christmas Market stops to witness the event. People toast the Burgermeister and then the market carries on. And it happened again. At the

end of WW2, the American army was about to level Rothenberg because it was occupied by the German army. An American general convinced them to surrender and spare the beautiful town from destruction.

It was fun...it was enjoyable...it was different...made especially so because we shared many of the experiences with our friends Hans and Ilse. They would explain many of the traditions, and helped with any language difficulties, especially when we were bargaining to purchase something. Hans was my colleague in Germany and Ilse and Iris "hit it off" when they met.

So, if you have the chance to visit one of the Christmas Markets go. And, if it's your first time, make it Nuremberg. Then take the short ride to Rothenberg ob der Tauber it shines during Christmas. There is a "large, large" Christmas shop there that I am sure the ladies would enjoy. It's called Kathe Wohlfahrt, and it has an excellent web site, check it out.

About the weather: Germany is an interesting country in that you can almost draw a line west to the east using Frankfurt am Mein as the middle point. Above that line you get the weather from the Baltic, cold, damp, dank and dreary. They have a saying: when the sun goes down at the end of October you do not see it again until the spring. Below that line you are in Bavaria. There in the winter it's cold, but the sun does come out now and then, and it snows, often big time. And, don't forget the sun comes up (if at all) late in the morning and evening falls from 3 PM on during the late fall and winter months.

So, if you get the chance go. You will enjoy the experience.

YMCA of MEWSA. "It will prepare the children for success in college, career and life". The program is scheduled to begin in January 2017 with the goal of implementing a full-day program by September 2017.

The YMCA has previously received a grant from the PNC Foundation for a summer extended learning program at Harborview Early Learning Center in Woodbridge which served to limit the amount of summer learning loss experienced by students that were entering Kindergarten.

For more information about the Ready...Set...Learn Early Education Program, or other YMCA Childcare Programs, please visit our www.ymcaofmews.org/locations/child-care or contact Krystyn Gallant at 732-553-9622, Ext. 4210.

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By Joanne Niestempski

One pound of cream cheese 1 pound of butter three cups of flour - little more if needed Mix all of the above together and let set in refrigerator 1 1/2 hours or overnight. Roll dough on floured board. Cut into triangles. Place filling at wide part of triangle and roll towards point of triangle. Bake at 350 for 15 to 20 minutes on an ungreased cookie sheet. Fillings-poppy seed, nut, apricot or any of the Solo can fillings.

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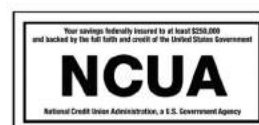
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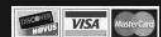
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Students in the Class of 2016 received acceptances to such top-tier schools as Boston College, New York University, Fordham, and Villanova. Although early in the admissions process, the Class of 2017 students have already been offered places at Princeton University, Quinnipiac University and Seton Hall University.

Getting accepted to elite colleges and universities is certainly an accomplishment, but thriving academically during four years of study there is the ultimate goal. That is when students benefit the most from their Mater Dei Prep education.

Ryan Curley (MDP '16) is currently a freshman in the University of Delaware Honors Program studying economics and mathematics. He credits his success at Mater Dei Prep as the key to his college acceptances, including Boston College and the UD Honors Program, in which he benefits from small classes, a special Honors Academic Advisor, and a spot in the coveted freshman Honors dorm. "I am surrounded by a lot of really smart people," Ryan acknowledged, "but with the encouragement I always received over my Mater Dei Prep career...I've felt comfortable fitting in well with everyone."

"I've been able to dive into the college process with a lot of confidence and I'm grateful to all of my teachers" for that, said Ryan.

Emma Wulforst (MDP '16) chose New York University after being accepted into the school's Core Liberal Studies program. "I've got the best of both worlds in the Liberal Studies program," said Emma. "I have the class sizes of a much smaller college, which reminds me of Mater Dei Prep, with all the benefits of a big university."

Emma feels her Advanced Placement classes in both science and history prepared her for her college course load. "I am really enjoying my biology class and not feeling overwhelmed, thanks to everything I learned in AP Bio last year," she said. "And all the reading and writing we did in both AP World and AP Lit, prepared me for all the reading and papers in my writing and philosophy classes."

Christina Buzzanco (MDP '16), a freshman at Villanova, explained how

taking advantage of all the dual enrollment and AP classes, got her ready for her next educational step. "I felt prepared going into college, not only for the volume and quality of work expected in a collegiate setting, but also knowing I had the tools necessary to be successful in a college classroom."

All three graduates credit the personalized guidance they received from their Mater Dei Prep teachers and administration as a big reason for their successes. "I am not a math person," admitted Emma, "but I love science, history and writing. Because of the individualized class scheduling, I wasn't forced into a higher math class just because it was on some sort of pre-designed academic 'track.' I was able to focus on my strengths and really excel in those subjects."

"Mater Dei Prep emphasizes its small, intimate nature and variety of course work in the College Advantage Program through Advanced Placement and dual enrollment courses. This exposes our high school students to collegiate level rigor. Equally important the small class size gives students the opportunity to receive strong academic support to develop collegiate skills and foundations in the advanced classes", said Mr. James Hauenstein, President.

Academic preparation isn't the only way Mater Dei Prep lays the groundwork for student success. Ryan explains how he has "fallen back on" his experiences in Mater Dei Prep's award-winning theater program to help him make "multiple presentations" in an Introduction to Business class. "I'm also playing intramural soccer, which won't surprise my MDP cross-country coach Mike Tursi," said Ryan.

Princeton had its eye on Elijah Barnes (MDP '17) for quite some time, giving him a provisional acceptance in the spring. Elijah signed his letter National Letter of Intent with Princeton on November 14, 2016. While his prowess on the basketball court may have gotten him noticed by the number one-ranked university in the nation, his academic abilities gained him a place in their Class of 2021.

As Mater Dei Prep plans for the Class of 2021, the school is committed to continue pairing the rigorous curriculum and small class size. This model will continue to lead to Mater Dei Prep's prestigious college acceptances and more importantly student achievements at their universities.

St Ambrose 3rd Annual Pocketbook Bingo

On Friday, January 20, 2017, St. Ambrose School will hold a Pocketbook Bingo. Doors open at 6:30pm Bingo calling starts at 7:30pm. St. Ambrose School is located at 81 Throckmorton Lane, Old Bridge. \$25 includes admission, 10 bingo sheets containing 3 bingo cards on each (10

games in all) prizes Include Michael Kors, Coach, Kate Spade, Vera Bradley and more! Raffle tickets will also be sold. coffee, tea, and dessert will be served. You are welcome to bring your own refreshments. Call Eileen Lee at 908-902-9121 for more information

Trip To The Sands

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring 2 trips to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The dates are: Sunday, February 26, 2017 and March 19, 2017. The cost of the trip is \$35. You will receive a \$20 slot voucher and \$5 food voucher. Please contact Carmen at 732-254-9425 for information or to reserve a seat.

Trip to Hunterdon Hills Patriotic Show

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring an evening trip to Hunterdon Hills on July 15, 2017 to "The Land We Love," a new patriotic show. The cost of the show is \$125 which includes the show, a delicious dinner, bus transportation and bus driver gratuity and snacks on the return trip. For information or to reserve a seat please contact Carmen at 732-254-9425.

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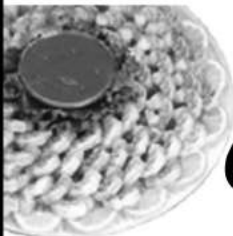
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The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, B.A., M.S.

PART 2- At a fire scene you will notice a variety of colors for the helmets that the fire fighters wear. One of the more common colors is white which has always been the color worn by the department chiefs. When you want to know who is in charge of the fire scene, look for the white helmet. Company officers, the lieutenants and captains who lead their individual company will be wearing a red helmet. All state certified firefighters will be wearing the traditional black helmet. Helmets come in a variety of styles and it is usually up to the individual as to his choice. Probationary firefighters who are not yet certified are distinguished by either an orange helmet of an orange frontal on the helmet. Traditionally fire helmets were made of leather and the reference to leather is still abundant throughout the fire service. Some firefighters even call themselves "Leather Heads". Unfortunately, leather helmets have out-priced themselves from the fire service and are too expensive for many departments to purchase.

The frontal, which is the leather piece that is attached to the front of the helmet and identifies the fire company an individual belongs to or references to a specific title. It is common to see different numbers on these frontals designating the various companies that make up a department. The "Chiefs" frontal is usually adorned in a gold leaf design and includes his/her name.

Bagpipes have been a long standing tradition at many fire department ceremonies especially at a firefighter's funeral. This tradition dates back over 150 years when during the Great Potato Famine in Ireland created a massive Irish immigration to the East Coast. The only jobs available to these immigrants were those that no one else wanted, those that were dirty, dangerous, or both. They became firefighters and police officers. Those who have attended funerals where the pipes are played, know

how haunting and mournful the sound of a pipe can be. It is a rite of passing with the most common tune played being "Amazing Grace." Over the past 150 years, the pipes have come to be a distinguishing feature of a fallen hero's funeral.

Tolling of The Bell: Long before the internet, telephone, radios, and pagers, fire departments alerted firefighters of a fire through a telegraph system. Those growing up in South Amboy were familiar with these call boxes and their location. Many knew on which corner they were located along with the coded box number. When you pulled the white handle down on these boxes, a coded signal was sent to all firehouses and dispatch center. Inside the firehouses, a paper tape system punched out the number of the box alarm along with a bell ringing in the numerical code. How many still remember the outside whistles sounding this same numerical code? When you heard the whistle, you counted the coded number and if you knew where the boxes were located, you knew where the fire was responding. These coded systems were also used as a way of notifying the fire department of the death of a fire fighter. A series of five dashes, a pause, five more dashes until there were a total of twenty signified that a firefighter died. This became known as "The Tolling of the Bell." The Sayreville Fire Department continues this tradition during their Memorial Day services. The bell is rung for the passing of each fire fighter who had passed away since the last Memorial Day service.

In closing, I would be remiss if I didn't make mention of the patron saint of firefighters, St. Florian. These medals are worn around the necks of fire fighters as a symbol of their devotion to St. Florian and asking him to protect them as they perform their ultra-dangerous duty.

Wishing all our readers a very Merry Christmas and a safe Happy New Year.



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Front Page News At Christmastime

2011-State Superior Court Appellate Division upheld the verdict of Fred Henry as Mayor of South Amboy in the closest election in city history, 1128-1127 over Mary O'Connor...Air Force Lt. Col. John F. O'Connell was selected as one of 17, 2012 Afghanistan/Pakistan Fellows at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces... The Sayreville football team won the CJ Group IV state championship by beating Manalapan, 23-11.

2006-Bruce Springsteen returned to Sayreville for the first time in many years, playing at the Light of Day Parkinson's Disease Benefit at Starland Ballroom... South Amboy teacher, Octavia Zampella, was honored by the March of Dimes and presented with the Franklin Award in recognition for outstanding efforts by March of Dimes volunteers...Two Sayreville veterans USMC-PFC Woodrow Hausserman and US Army Lt. Col. Vincent Chitren were honored posthumously with memorial plaques at Sayreville Public Library.

2001-Patti Kanecke was hired as South Amboy's first full-time policewoman in

history...1970 Hoffman HS graduate John Yates was recovering from serious injuries suffered during the terrorist attack on 9-11 at the Pentagon, where he worked as a security manager when the plane hit... Beloved Sayreville baseball legend Eddie "Buddy" Popowski died on Dec. 4...U.S. Army 1st Sgt. Stanley J. Kusic received the N.J. Distinguished Service Medal from General Paul Adjutant General of the state of New Jersey.

1996-The 2nd Annual South Amboy-Sayreville Times/South Amboy Knights of Columbus #426 Christmas Dinner For The Underprivileged was once again a huge success, as over 100 attended...Jacqueline's Florist & Gifts was recognized for the second consecutive year, by being one of the Top 100 sending florists in the state of New Jersey.

1991-The South Amboy Police Dept. Gold Shield Association sponsored a play "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"...A new group, Friends of Timmy was organized by Jim Ryan, Assistant Captain of the South Amboy First Aid Squad. The main purpose was to locate 5-year old Timothy Wiltsey.



It's beginning to...look a lot like Christmas, thanks to the City of South Amboy workers Anthony Olivieri (l) and Ken Krass (r) and others who have helped decorate Broadway for the big holiday. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year To All

Mayor Fred A.
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Middlesex County's popular Roosevelt Park Family Ice Skating Rink is now open for its 14th season. (Photo/Story Submitted)

Ice Skating Rink Opens For 14th Season

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The rink is closed on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Per session admission is \$6 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and children 17 and under. Discounts are available for multi-session passes and groups. Skate rental is available for \$5 a session and helmets are for sale.

Visit the Skate Zone Café food concession which offers a variety of hot and cold drinks and snacks, including chicken nuggets, hamburgers, pizza, mozzarella sticks and grilled cheese sandwiches.

For more information, call 732-745-4484 or visit www.middlesexcounty.nj.gov.

Christmas Memory

1968-Sayreville War Memorial HS students entertained the Women's Auxiliary of St. Peter's Hospital and a group of nuns at the facility in New Brunswick. Nadine Jaworowski was the moderator, and also gave an interpretation of "Keeping Christmas" by Henry Van Dyke. Sandy Campbell played

guitar and sang "Jesu Bambino," "What Child Is This," and "Virgin Slumber Song." Mark LaMagra interpreted Hal Boyle's "Christmas In Heaven." For the grand finale, Sandy Campbell accompanied by Pat Lacey sang "O Holy Night." English teacher Ruth Zdanewicz assembled the program.

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Sayreville Holiday Parade/Tree Lighting - Dec. 4th

Photos by Tom Burkard



Merry Christmas



Assemblyman John Wisniewski, who is running for Governor, waves to the crowd, and is flanked by Councilman Steven Grillo (l) and Councilwoman Mary Novak (r).



Sayreville's state championship football team riding in the parade.



The sign says it all, and the community is proud of its Bombers and all that they have accomplished this year.



Sayreville War Memorial HS cheerleaders pictured on the back of a truck.



Players, coaches and cheerleaders are pictured on stage, while other players hold up the championship plaque.



Sayreville's own favorite, Patsy Palma was outstanding as he belted out some popular holiday tunes.



Sayreville's NJ District 10 Junior League champions marched in the parade.



Mary Kilcomins (l) and her daughter Colleen Kilcomins Norton (r) lead the Melrose Blackhawks as they march down Main Street.

My Christmas Card List

Author Unknown

I have a list of folks I know, all written in a book,
And every year when Christmas comes,
I go and take a look.
That is when I realize these names are all a part,
Not of the book they're written in,
But of my very heart.
For each name stands for someone
Who has crossed my path sometime,
And in that meeting they've become
The rhythm in each rhyme.
While it may sound fantastic for me to make this claim,
I really feel that I'm composed of each remembered name.
And while you may not be aware of any special link,
Just meeting you has changed my life
Much more than you may think.
For once I've met somebody, the years cannot erase
The memory of a pleasant word or of a friendly face.
So, never think my Christmas cards are just a mere routine
Of names upon a Christmas list, forgotten in between.
For when I send a Christmas card that is addressed to you,
It's because you're on the list of folks I'm endeared to.
For I am but a total of the many folks I've met,
And you happen to be one of those I prefer not to forget.
Whether I have known you for many years or few,
In some way you have had a part in shaping things I do.
And every year when Christmas comes I realize anew,
The best gift life can offer is meeting folks like you.
So, may the spirit of Christmas that forevermore endures
Leave its richest blessings in the hearts of you and yours.

Christmas Eve

(Author Unknown)

Misty magic took to air
As I cuddled in the big arm chair
And stared into a candle glow
As outside glittered with new snow.
Mother sang of "Silent Night",
While Father banked the fire tight
How I tried to make my heart beat slow,
As outside glistened with new snow.
In the hall the Christmas tree -
Blinked fantasies in light to me;
And Mother's voice sang sweet and low,
As outside was glittered with new snow.
The heart remembers best it seems,
The recall of exciting dreams.
Oh... how I tried to make my heart beat slow
As outside glistened with new snow.

Christmas Long Ago



1952-The Friberg girls of South Amboy (l-r) Ethel, Anna, and Linnea posed for a beautiful photo by their Christmas tree. (Photo courtesy of Anna Harris Friberg)

The Birth of That Little Baby"! Boy

By Albert Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate C.1989

He is the reason for this season of Christmas
He is the reason for this season of joy
There'd be no santa, there'd be no presents,
Without His presence. . . And the birth of
that little baby boy.
There are silver bells and candy canes
Christmas trees with railroad trains/
There are carols piped thru shopping malls
Colored lights to deck the halls
Christmas cards and flowers
Red Cookies made of gingerbread
There are hopes of snow with stockings hung
Toasts of cheer and party fun
He is the reason for this season of Christmas
He is the reason for this season of joy
There'd be no Santa, there'd be no presents,
without His presence. . .
And the birth of that little baby boy.
Hearts are tickled, eyes aglow
Everywhere this magic flows
All due to one Nativity
And done the wiser it should be
He is the reason for this season of Christmas
He is the reason for this season of joy
There'd be no santa, there'd be no presents,
without His presence. . .
And the birth of that little baby boy. Happy
Birthday Jesus.

Another Year

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c. 1995

Another year comes and goes
And what have we now for to show?
Another year older and wiser some say
Or more crime, more pollution and more
bills to pay
Unless you've won the lottery - oh, what joy -
Me, personally, I've a new baby boy!
We regret the losses, but praise the gains
And work towards another year with what
remains
Forgetting the old, with high hopes for the new
Resolutions abound, but will they hold true?
Here's a prayer for this New Year
"Help us to cope with our woes"
For soon we'll be saying
Another year comes and goes."

Real Christmas Fun

Author Unknown

Half the fun of Christmas Is the deep, down
pleasure
We get from giving others Joy in the fullest
measure.
Half the, Jim of Christmas Is shopping
thoughtfully
For gifts that bring a glow to those
Who find them under their tree.
Half the fun of Christmas Is baking things
to share;
Is sending messages of love
To those for whom we care.
Half the fun of Christmas Is walking down
the street
Just wishing health and happiness
To friends and neighbors we may meet. Half
the fun?
No all the fun Is the heartfelt pleasure
We get from giving other folks Joy in fullest
measure.

Yuletide Is Happiness

By Mary Fogarty c.1966

*Christmas is a wreath of holly
And young ones with their faces jolly
Candy canes and Christmas trees
Toys and gifts wrapped up to please
Merry eyes and crimson cheeks,
And words of joy when old friends meet
Merry Christmas through the years
Joy and laughter and some tears
Down the ages it has come
From the heavens it has rung
Peace on earth, good will to men,
And it echoes back again
And as long as time shall last
Be it present, future, past
Down eternity it will ring As man pays
tribute to his King.*

ED NOTE: This outstanding poem was written by Mary Fogarty, a St. Mary's junior at the time. Mary was also one of the finest singers ever in the school and a wonderful person.

Sourh Amboy Annual Tree Lighting And Holiday Fire/Rescue Parade - Dec. 2nd



Photos by Brian Stratton



Santa greets the crowd and asks if they were naughty or nice!



The tree is lit and glistening!



The South Amboy Middle/High School Chorus entertained the crowd with seasonal songs.



This group of High School students served up cookies and hot chocolate to the crowd.



Santa makes his way through the huge crowd of excited children & adults!!



The decorated Fire and Rescue Trucks light up Broadway..



The South Amboy Middle/High School band performed a medley of Holiday Hits.



The Girl Scouts did a great job singing..



Denice Hogan of Sayreville is pictured with a former student, rock superstar Jon Bon Jovi at the JBJ Soul Kitchen in Red Bank. “ I’ve been volunteering at JBJ Soul Kitchen. It’s a great restaurant that also helps so many people. I love working there.” (Photo/info courtesy of Denice Hogan)



Music Trivia States

By Tom Burkard

- 1.Indiana Wants Me
- 2.Arizona
- 3.Kentucky Woman
- 4.North To Alaska
- 5.Ohio
- 6.Sweet Home Alabama
- 7.California Girls
- 8.New York, New York
- 9.Rainy Night In Georgia
- 10.Massachusetts



- a.Lynyrd Skynyrd
- b.Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young
- c.Johnny Horton
- d.The Beach Boys
- e.Brook Benton
- f.Neil Diamond
- g.The Bee Gees
- h.R. Dean Taylor
- i.Mark Lindsay
- j.Frank Sinatra



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

Bon Jovi Debuts #1

Bon Jovi’s new CD, “This House Is Not For Sale” debuted at #1 on the Billboard chart with 129,000 units sold. Led by the talented former Sayreville resident and rock superstar, Jon Bon Jovi, the album is outstanding from tracks 1 through 12, even without Jon’s longtime co-writer and tremendous guitarist Richie Sambora, who left the band a few years ago, and has not returned.

Billboard magazine also announced that Bon Jovi received the Legend of Live award at the 13th annual Billboard Touring Awards on Nov. 9 in Beverly Hills, California.

The band will start a tour in support of the new album on Feb. 8 in Greenville, SC, and will travel to arenas throughout the country except for the Northeast.

Another Jersey boy, Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band won Billboard’s award for Top Tour of 2016.

Weeklings Release New Album

By Tom Burkard

The Weeklings, a super-rockin’ group comprised of some of the most talented/ experienced musicians on the Jersey Shore, recently released their second album, “Studio 2,” which was recorded at Abbey Road Studios in London, England this summer.

The members of the band have most impressive resumes, having played with everyone from Brian Wilson to Paul McCartney, and on the Jersey scene with Springsteen, Bon Jovi, Southside Johnny, and Bobby Bandiera. In addition, Glen Burtnik toured with the band “Styx,” for awhile. Other members of The Weeklings include former South Amboy resident Joe Bellia a standout on drums, John Merjave, and Bob Burger.

Hershey Gardens: A Great Place To Visit

On your list for potential short vacation or day trips next summer, be sure to include on your list, Hershey Gardens in Pennsylvania as a must for the entire family. Located very close to Hersheypark. Hershey Gardens features an unbelievable Butterfly Atrium, which is open year-round with more than 600 tropical and North American butterflies, representing 200-300 species in a tropical environment with a soothing water feature. Nature lovers have to see this place! It is really beautiful, and when you enter, it’s like stepping into another world!

The Educational & Horticultural Wing offers excellent opportunities to expand educational programming with stimulating, immersive hands-on activities. This also educates on the importance of butterflies in the ecosystem, the life cycle and senses of the butterfly, and their migration patterns.

A featured special section is known as The Children’s Garden which is

Benefit Concert

The South Amboy High School Players will present a Holiday Showcase to benefit Tom Bikowski on Tuesday Dec. 20th, at 7pm at the South Amboy HS Theatre. Scheduled to perform are John Walsh, Sarah Wells and the Waves of Motion Co. plus many more acts. All seats are \$10 (General Admission). Tickets can be purchased at the door or for advance tickets please call 732-841-5248.

Frank Sinatra Party

On December 17th at 1pm South Stevens Pub will kick off it's annual Christmas Party. At this time last year the Pub also celebrated Frank's 100th Birthday Party. So this year the Pub decided to combine the two celebrations for an afternoon of music, food, grog and friendship. Sinatra tunes will fill the air along with holiday, dance, country music and more. There is no better DJ at playing this kind of variety than George Baranowski. We are asking all who attend to please bring an unwrapped toy for us to distribute locally.

Bands Played At Fundraiser

By Joe Lotkowitz

On Dec. 3, a fundraiser was held at Sacred Heart Memorial Hall for Emily Rand, who was injured near Rutgers University. All the money raised from this event will go towards medical expenses incurred at this unfortunate incident on Oct. 30. Local bands “Steel Groove” and “Split Decision” each performed, and donated their time and service for this worthy fundraiser. The crowd enjoyed all the events that took place.

Clem & Friends Star On Youtube

By Tom Burkard

Clem Skarzynski, a feature writer for The SA Times and his fabulous band, Clem & Friends, consisting of Fran Fee, Tim Fee, Rich Standowski, Jerry Mokar, Matt D’Esposito and Clem, rocked Kennedy Park in Sayreville at the 8th Annual Blast From The Past Car Show/Concert. You can catch



Sayreville resident Debbie Carling recently met TV personality Carson Kressley at Delicious Orchards in Colts Neck. (Photo submitted)

You Tube-in

By Tom Burkard

Like Bluegrass Music? Well you might check out Joe Val & The New England Bluegrass Boys, who can really play, and are an interesting change of pace from the usual genres. Incidentally, Joe Val happens to be President of Centenary University...Matt O’Ree, who toured with Bon Jovi last year has a good rockin’ song out “Black Boots.”

Some new Christmas songs for ‘16 that recently came out and deserve a listen or two: A Circle Of Love-Dolly Parton & Jennifer Nettles; Christmas Always Makes Me Cry-Kacey Musgrave; Tennessee Christmas-Amy Grant



Pictured at the South Amboy Sadie Pope Dowdell Nov. 29th show of the Weird and Wonderful of South Amboy are front row (l-r) Library Director Elaine Gaber, Dennis Kuhn, Melissa Mulcahy, Barbara Bringman. Back row (l-r) Gregg Alexander, Sheila Alexander, Mayor Fred Henry. (Photo/story by Joe Lotkowitz)

educational and lots of fun for the children. In the summer, tulips, roses, and countless other flowers, shrubs and bushes provide for a breathtaking landscape around Hershey Gardens.

Hershey Gardens provides great views of Hersheypark, the town of Hershey and iconic Hershey landmarks, including the original chocolate factory smokestacks. The Terrace area runs from the conservatory to Swan Lake and offers views of Hershey

Gardens and The Hotel Hershey. Remember this fantastic place is open daily, year-round, and if you get the chance, go check it out for a most memorable experience.

For more information go to: HersheyGardens.org or call 717-534-3492.

*Aspecial thank you to Communications and Public Relations Specialist Anthony Haubert for all of your help, and a most informative tour.



Pictured is a view of the fabulous Hershey Hotel from the back of the Butterfly Atrium.



This beautiful Blue Morpho is one of the most popular/rare butterflies in the world, and is from South/Central America. The Butterfly Atrium is one of only 25 in the U.S. that is open year-round.



The children's garden, in addition to featuring beautiful flowers, landscape, etc., offers many hands-on, fun activities for the youngsters.

School Sports

By Tom Burkard

College Notebook

Matt Zebrowski (CBA) of Sayreville is now in his junior year at Seton Hall University, where he is a two-time defending league champion in the 200-meter butterfly, and should have another amazing season with the Pirates swimming team...Steve Herdman (South Amboy) a junior at FDU-Florham (3-3) is averaging 9 points and 5.8 rebounds per game for the basketball squad. In a 72-64 win over Drew, he led his team with 20 points and grabbed 9 rebounds, while dishing out 4 assists and going a perfect 8-for-8 on the charity stripe. His teammate, freshman Joe Duffy, who now lives in South Amboy, and played high school ball for JFK, has seen limited action so far averaging 1 assist and 1 rebound per outing...Elizabeth Kaczmarek (Sayreville) is having another standout season for Iona. She was recently named Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Swimmer of the Week. While competing against Monmouth U., she won the 100 individual medley in a (MAAC) leading time of 1:02.60, and captured the 200 breaststroke in 2:34.87. In a dual versus Providence U., Elizabeth won the IM in a (MAAC) best of 4:42.87...Alyssa McDonough (Sayreville) is averaging 13.4 ppg., and 4 rebounds per

game for FDU-Florham (3-2) women's basketball team. She leads the team in free throw shooting with a perfect 15-for-15, and is tied for the lead in steals-15, and blocks-3... Jackie Rodriguez (Sayreville) averages 7.8 ppg, and is #1 in 3-point field goals-29 for William Paterson University (3-2)...Jehyve Floyd (Sayreville) is averaging 2.5 ppg., and 1.5 rebounds in limited action with Holy Cross University (2-4)...Shana Anderson (South Amboy) is playing for the Middlesex County College women's basketball, and Michael Valentin (Sayreville) plays for the MCC men's hoops club...On the college coaching scene, Jen Kuziemski Palmateer (Hoffman) is now in her 6th season as head coach of the Monmouth University (2-3) girls basketball team...Anthony Bozzella, who got his coaching start at St. Mary's HS many years ago has his Seton Hall University (4-2) women's hoops squad off to a good start...Sayreville resident Sean Rappleyea (St. Joseph's), is one of four freshman on the 30-man ice hockey roster at the University of Alabama in Huntsville (4-10-2). Sean, a fine defenseman, has played in 6 games at the Division 1 school.

Bombers Fly Through States

On their way to the North 2 Group IV state championship, the Sayreville Bombers had to defeat two very strong opponents in the playoffs before getting to the final with Middletown North.

The highly-talented Sayreville squad, pounded Phillipsburg, 21-7 in the NJSIAA North 2 Group IV quarterfinal state tournament game. Quarterback Jayson DeMild ran for a touchdown, and also fired 2 touchdown passes of 69 and 14 yards to Connor Holmes and Jahsim Floyd.

In the semifinals, Sayreville continued its march to the championship by blasting last year's champion, Middletown South, 42-28, as DeMild was phenomenal, throwing for 345 yards and 4 touchdowns, as well as a 1-yard run for another score, to lead the attack.

DeMild hit Jacari Carter with 7 passes for 182 yards, including an 85-yard scoring strike, a 33-yard TD. Ja'Quae Roberts also hit paydirt from the 2-yard line with 3:07 left in the game. The 85-yard TD pass came on a second and 13, and gave the Bombers the lead for good, 35-28 with only 6:36 showing on the scoreboard. DeMild also connected on an 8-yd. TD pass to Floyd. Mark Whitford completed a 2-point conversion pass to Andrew Wille with 10:21 left in the game.

Rosario Named To All-Conference

Sayreville standout cross country runner, Kayla Rosario was selected by the coaches to the 2016 All-GMC Girls Cross Country team. Congratulations Kayla!



The South Amboy High School boys varsity soccer team, led by Captain Conrad Grygoriew, presented to Regan Rone and her sister Ryan Rone Moran soccer shirts the team had ordered honoring the memory of their brother, former captain Riley Rone. (Photo/info Submitted)

Walsh, Wells All-State

South Amboy's outstanding boys cross country runners Patrick Walsh and Joe Wells were chosen to the Star Ledger's Group 1 All-State team. Walsh was a 1st Team selection, who captured the NJSIAA CJ Group 1 Sectional crown, and also, even more

impressively, the Group 1 state championship. He also had a chance to compete in the Meet of Champions. His teammate Joe Wells was a 3rd team All-State pick. Congratulations Patrick and Joe!



The Sayreville Leprechauns JV Team Cheerleaders Pictured standing (l-r) Junior Coach Rosie Holzapfel, Coach Karen Sissick, Justine Denby, Emily Jurkiewicz, Haley Redding, Jessica Redding, Christa Winkler, Junior Coach Nicole Leonard, Coach Kaitlyn Stefaniuk, Coach Krystle Park. Kneeling (l-r) - Sara Arter, Jayde Gildea, Dorian Kaiser, Zarah Williams, Jamie McIntosh, 3rd row - Amanda Mozden, Madison Miller, Morgan Brennan, Alison McLaughlin, Kaitlyn Fritz, Cameran Kasperan, Caroline Konarska. (Photo/Info Submitted)



The Sayreville Leprechauns Pee Wee Team Cheerleaders Pictured (l-r) Junior Coach Jen Pajak, Coach Jessica Crimmins, Megan Zsorey, Jayden Mann, Jaden Kaiser, Jasmine Gonzalez, Mya Jackson, Kelley French, Coach Brienne Chaney, Coach Kaitlyn Stefaniuk, Junior Coach Jen Tamburri. Bottom left Caitlyn Berecsky, Kylie Taeschler, Heather Pechulis, Christina Fritz, Crystal Margotta. Not pictured Junior Coach Kacey Logan. (Photo/Info Submitted)

Sayreville Leprechauns Cheerleaders

(Article Submitted By Organization)

For the first time in Sayreville Leprechauns history, we will have sister cheer teams representing Eastern Region and Sayreville in December 2016 at the Pop Warner Cheer and Dance National Championships at Disney's ESPN Wide World of Sports complex in Orlando, Florida. We couldn't be more excited for these girls and coaches.

Our PeeWee cheer team consists of girls in 5th and 6th grade who during the course of the season was a runner up at the NJ States competition held in October, took 1st place at the Central Jersey competition in October to advance them to compete at Eastern Region

and placed 1st at Eastern Region to secure a bid to compete at the National Championships next month.

Our Junior Varsity cheer team consists of girls in 7th and 8th grade who during the course of the season took 1st at NJ States competition held in October, took 2nd place at the Central Jersey competition also in October to advance them to compete at Eastern Region where they placed 1st to secure a bid to compete at the Nationals Championships next month.

Each region is made up of multiple states and Eastern Region isn't any different. These girls competed against the best in

Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington D.C. There are 8 regions throughout the country in Pop Warner and they take the top two in each category to compete in Florida. It is such a great accomplishment for these girls and we are so excited to see them rock the mat down in Disney to compete for the title of National Champions.

If you would like to donate to the teams to help offset their travel costs, please send donations to: Sayreville Leprechauns, Attn: 2016 Cheer team donation, PO Box 1179, Sayreville, NJ 08871.

Champions!



Sayreville football players celebrate after the final play of their championship victory over Middletown North. (Photo submitted)



The Bombers continue their celebration on the sidelines after the huge title game triumph. (Photo submitted)

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Sports Archives



1943-1944-The talented Sayreville Bombers basketball team racked up an excellent (16-9) record. Pictured (l-r) Homer Dill, Donald “Mike” Czok, Coach Bill Colucci, John Johansen, Ted Gutkowski, John Wortley. (Photo/names courtesy of Ed Puchalski)

Gozora Remembered

By Tom Burkard

Steve Gozora, 71, formerly of Sayreville died on Oct. 20. During a very interesting lifetime, he wore many hats. After playing basketball for Sayreville HS and graduating, he went into the service, and was a Medic in the Vietnam War with the Black Horse Division. Steve later became a history teacher at Sayreville War Memorial HS, where he taught for 37 ½ years, retiring in 2006. He was one of the greatest coaches in Bombers history, guiding the varsity baseball team from 1979-1999. In addition, he served as president of the South Amboy Lions Club for 2 years, and was past president of the SEA, serving from 2003-2006. Steve also owned a baseball summer camp, which was held in several schools in NJ for many years, and was called Baseball USA.

Steve Gozora was a top-notch human being, who helped shape thousands of young lives in a positive manner, through sports and as an educator over the years. He will be sadly missed and always remembered.

2001 GMC Boys Basketball Tournament

First Round- Sayreville nipped Bishop Ahr, 62-58, as Samir Sanu pumped in 25 points and Ryan Charzewski 12...St. Mary’s walloped Woodbridge, 54-40, as Kevin Burns poured in 24 points.

Second Round- Middlesex shocked defending champion Sayreville, 47-44. Sanu topped the scoring with 10 markers... Piscataway blasted the Eagles, 71-61, despite 17 points from Burns. His teammate Rosario chipped in with 10 tallies.

Mandy Broke Record

1960-Sayreville senior Bill Mandy fired in 45 points to break the old mark of 43 set by Ron Kuran in 1956, as the Bombers blasted Brick, 88-56. At one point, Mandy scored 17 straight points for his team. He went on to be chosen 3rd Team All-State, All-Groups

Back In Those College Days

Jerry Connors (St. Mary’s) played baseball and basketball at Belmont Abbey College; John Ciol (Hoffman) played basketball for West Virginia University and also Belmont Abbey College; Woodrow “Woody” McCarthy (St. Mary’s) played football and basketball at St. Bonaventure’s University.

Glory Days

1958-St. Mary’s boys basketball team lost the season opener, 74-65 to Rutgers Prep. Pat Mullane scored 18 points, Tommy “Tex” Leonard 14, and Tim Gelsinon 10 for Coach Woodrow “Woody” McCarthy’s team. 1962-In the 1st round of the Middlesex County Holiday Basketball Festival, St. Mary’s plastered defending champion Perth Amboy, 81-64. Jack Kreiger paved the way with 29 points and 12 assists, while Tom Farrell scored 20 points, and ripped a school record-breaking 35 rebounds. 1979-Hoffman boys basketball squad downed Montgomery, 68-53. Bill Lewis topped the scoring parade with 25 points, followed by Jim Bright 14, and Frank Kuziemski 12 points and 17 rebounds. 1984-Sayreville girls basketball team topped Edison 45-35. Kate Briody led the way with 17 points, and Caryn Lukie added 13. 1998-South Amboy girls basketball squad pounded Piscataway Tech, 53-12, getting 10 points apiece from Kim Peterson and Kristen English. 2001-Sayreville smashed Bishop Ahr, 69-41. Steve Gitlin paced the attack with 21 points, and Steve Pugh added 13.

Free Throw Contest January 14

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are holding their annual Free Throw Shooting Contest for boys and girls aged 9 to 14 Saturday January 14 at 9 a.m. The event will be at Sacred Heart Gym with the entrance behind the church on Walnut St. South Amboy. Participants must provide a copy of their birth certificates at time of registration. For more information call 732-721-2025.

Past Business



Early 1900’s-This vintage photo is over 100 years old, and shows the G. Straub Meat Market which was located at 160 Broadway in South Amboy.

16 Years Ago

The 2000-2001 basketball season opened with one of the biggest romps in City Series history, as St. Mary’s plastered South Amboy, 80-42. Coach Joe Lewis’ contingent was led by Kevin Burns, who set the nets on fire for 39 points and sat out the 4th quarter. The scoring exhibition by Burns is believed to be a City Series record. Coach George Krzyzanowski’s Governors were led by Dan Nuzzie with 19 points and Tom Gorecki 11.

The Boxscore:

St. Mary’s 80

Burns 39 Craig Kierst 9 Marc Nietubyc 9 Kouvas 6 Rodriguez 5 Joe Corcione 4 McCurdy 4 Morris 2 Jose Rosario 2 Dan Szatkowski 0.

South Amboy 42

Nuzzie 19 Gorecki 11 Nick Shaw 6 Glomski 6 Siekendick 0 Beshada 0 Bixby 0.

25 Years Ago

1991-St. Mary’s won its fourth straight game by downing archrival Hoffman, 66-57. Rob Zaleski paced the Saints with 21 points, and was followed by Leo Cannon 15 and Dan Blaha 11 points. Gary Kuhn, the county’s leading scorer with a 31 ppg. scoring average, was held to 19, by Brian Thomas in a fine defensive performance. Drew Sabine popped in 17 points, and Jeff White 12 for the Governors.

70 Years Ago

1946-Hoffman boys basketball club stopped Sayreville, 43-35. George Munck led the way with 17 points, Jim Croddick added 11 and Johnny Bodeman 10. Sayreville was paced by Bill Boyler, who took game scoring laurels with 21 points, and Bob Mytnick 6.



2001 - Three-Time Middlesex County scoring champion. Regan Rone (2nd from left) displays one of her many soccer skills to teammates Amy Haug (L), Heather Letts (2nd from right), and coach Rich Klein (R). Haug and Letts were the County’s top two assist leaders for the Gold Division Champion, South Amboy Lady Guvs. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

T.H.E. Match Sport-Wrestling Year-2001

Teams- St. Mary’s (4-6) vs. Sayreville (4-10) **Recap-** The Sayreville Bombers wrestling club easily trounced the Eagles, 55-18. Victorious for Sayreville were Jason Summerer, Eric Pampaloni, Brian Fitzgerald, Roger Jasiak, Mark Poore, Bryan Jenkins, Kenny Smith, Dan Lopez. Leon Zielinski had the quickest pin of the day in 0:35 seconds. St. Mary’s winners were Pat Bonkowski, Casey Woods, and Scott Barc. **Standout Wrestler-** All of the Bombers who won their matches were super.

Looking Back To...1949

O’Brien Sets Scoring Record

John O’Brien poured in a record-setting 41 points to lead the Jerome A.A. of South Amboy to an 85-44 triumph over Hillenbach’s in the St. Mary’s Memorial Basketball Tournament, which was played at the Perth Amboy Recreation Center. His twin brother Ed O’Brien scored 15 points, John Connors 15, Murphy 11, Tabasko 2, Bennett 1, while Vail and Crozier saw limited time in the contest. In the next round, Jerome A.A. walloped Westfield, 82-71 as John O’Brien hit for 26, Ed O’Brien 20, Connors 15, Murphy 10, Crozier 8 and Bennett 3.

Neumann Construction Wins Sayreville Softball Title



Neumann Construction recently captured the Sayreville Softball Weeknight ‘A’ League championship for the second straight season, finishing with a (15-1) record. Neumann played inner-city rival South Amboy Plumbing, which was led by Mario Batista, and swept to the title in the best of 3 series by scores of 18-3 and 16-14. The champions pictured Back Row (l-r) Christian Geant, Tim Adams, Jason Fischer, Jared Mundy, Mike Dejoy. Bottom Row (l-r) Justin Amedeo, Robert Izzo, Brian Dejoy, Jim Abbatiello, Brian Seres.

Not Pictured but played during season-Nick Scariello, Robert Geant, Rick McCutcheon, Joseph Sepelyak. (Photo/story submitted)

Ring Day At St. Stan's
(Photos/Info Submitted)



8th grade student Ava Iaccarino receives her school ring from Pastor Rev. Kenneth Murphy as 8th grade teacher, Mrs. Irene Foret looks on.



The 8th grade students show off their new class rings. Also pictured in the photo are: left bottom row, Mrs. Elena Malinconico, Principal, left second row, Mrs. Irene Foret, 8th grade teacher, and far right, top, Rev. Kenneth Murphy, Pastor.

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Sayreville Police Mourn Joan Kemble

On November 15, 2016, Joan Kemble passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family. Joan’s career with the Borough of Sayreville began in 1982. She was hired on to be the Chief of Police confidential secretary. Joan worked in this position for 29 years, retiring in 2012.

Joan served 6 chiefs while employed. Her career began with Chief Raymond Sweeney, upon his retirement she served Chief Douglas Sprague, Chief John Grabowski, Chief Edward Szkodny, Chief Michael Burns and current Chief John Zebrowski. After a funeral mass from St Mary’s RC Church in South Amboy, the funeral procession was led from South Amboy to Holy Cross Cemetery in North Arlington, NJ with a Sayreville Police Motorcycle escort. Once at the cemetery, she was laid to rest next to her husband James and other family members.

It was destiny that led Joan to the police department. Her late husband, James Kemble was a Lieutenant with the New York and New Jersey Port Authority Police, before his passing in 1976. Her brother in law, Joseph Kemble was a Sergeant with the Jersey City Police Department. And it was nonstop from there. Joan’s son Tom Kemble went onto become a Lieutenant with the East Brunswick Police, her son in law Jerry Pizzillo, Chief of Police South Amboy Police, grandsons James and Thomas Pizzillo, Patrolmen,

Sayreville Police, grandson Thomas Kemble, Detective, NY and NJ Port Authority Police and grandson Daniel Kemble, NJ State Corrections. So you can see, Joan came from a police family and was highly regarded for this lineage in her family with law enforcement. Joan was an exceptional woman, and was always volunteering her time with others. She was a member of the Elks Lodge 2030 in Keyport, Ancient Order of Hibernians in South Amboy, the Red Hat Society, the Ladies Auxiliary of Middletown, Knights of Columbus #3402 in Keyport, and Sayreville Brain Injured Children of Sayreville.

Joan was born and raised in Jersey City. Her and husband James moved from the city to the new suburb community called “President Park”. They were one of the first families to move to this 1950’s modern family community, replacing city life, for life in the country. Joan lived in the same house for 62 years. She once recalled that having the dormer added was a whopping \$90.00 extra. Joan called Sayreville her home and was very proud of it.

The Kemble Family would like to thank all members of the Sayreville Police, South Amboy Police, relatives, neighbors and friends who paid their respects to Joan by their attendance, kind words and prayers, and a special thanks to Chief John Zebrowski to assign Sgt. J. Bartlinski and Ptl. J. Satorski to escort the funeral procession to the cemetery. This extraordinary woman will be missed by all.



Joan Kemble

Veterans Meeting

Catholic War Veterans, Sacred Heart Memorial Post 578, South Amboy, NJ will hold a membership meeting on Monday,

Jan. 2, 1 p.m. at Sacred Heart Convent Meeting Room, Walnut St., South Amboy. All Catholic Veterans are invited to attend.

WWW.?



This is our last photo of 2016, and many people are tied for 1st place by naming all 11 Mystery Photos correctly. The champions will be announced and a photo/story will appear in the January issue. Best of luck! Email your answers to Satimes@aol.com by January 9th.

November Winners

Congratulations to the following who correctly identified last month’s Mystery Photo as the Parlin Guard House or Gate House on Cheesequake Road in Sayreville. The winners were: Debbie Carling, Phil English, Chuck Pickard, Pat & Bill Scully, Dennis Quinlan, W. Tom Kross, Elizabeth Leveille, Gerry Sherry, Peggy & Steve Yuhas, Kenneth Sumski, Jim Poltrictzky, John and Meredith Kwitkoski, Joan Fulham, Gary Feret, Mary Agnes Morris, Dane Colburn, Jeannine Lund, Scott V. Farina, Jack



November WWW.?

Piskorski & Lorraine Krause, Ed Bender, Lisa Grankowski, Walter Starzec Jr., Ron Twardos, Dawn Roberts and Kevin Kania.

Letters

Tom,
Albie just gave me a copy of the 25th Anniversary issue, and it was great! I just wanted to congratulate you also (one among the many)! Really, what an accomplishment! Did you ever expect that this little venture 25 years ago would have such a positive effect on SO MANY people over the years?
God bless you always my friend!
Barry Gomolka, (Formerly of Morgan) Pennsylvania



Seasons Greetings from the City of South Amboy



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Where in New Jersey?



December's location might come to you with a bang! Send your answer in to: satimes@aol.com or scan below by January 9th.

November Information Where in New Jersey? By Brian & Phyllis Stratton



November winners are Joanne Niestemski, Kurt Kapes., Marlene Letwenski, Dennis Quinlan, Virginia Zrebiec, Elizabeth Leveille, Ken Hughes, Joan Gorczyca, Joseph Nycz, Darryl Spiecker, James Fox, Gary Feret, Anna Palfey, Dane Colburn, Mark Herdman, Pat & Bill Scully, Scott V. Farina, Lisa Grankowski, Walter Starzec Jr., Rich "ish" Ambroziak,

The Dinosaur

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that way you can take EXIT 77 and see this true New Jersey landmark.

November Where in New Jersey? The Dinosaur



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Former St. Stanislaus Kostka Student Killed In Afghanistan

A huge memorial service was held at Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church on Dec. 3rd to honor 30-year old Staff Sgt. John Perry, formerly of South River, who attended St. Stanislaus Kostka School, where he met his wife Julianne, who is from South Amboy. Ironically, John was taught back then by his mother-in-law, Edna Mazur Pilch. The crowded church included many veterans, dignitaries, and people from the community, who turned out to pay their respects for this young man who paid the ultimate price, serving for the country that he love so much.

Perry, who was with the 1st Cavalry Division Sustainment Brigade Operation Freedom’s Sentinel, was killed in the line of duty in Afghanistan on Nov. 12 by a suicide bomber who detonated an explosive device outside Bagram Air Base. He was in his second deployment in Afghanistan, serving as a Combatives Instructor.

He was a member of the American

Legion Post in South River, and currently resided in Stockton, California with his wife and 2 children, and recently celebrated their 8th wedding anniversary.

SSGT. Perry was posthumously promoted to Staff Sergeant and awarded a Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

John was a loving husband to his wife Julianne and father to his 2 young children Lenna and Gavin. He is also survived by his mother Kathy Perry of Old Bridge, his father Stewart Perry, his wife Claire and sister Anita of California, his mother and father in-law Edna and Stanley Pilch of Sayreville, and father-in-law William Good of West Virginia.

Also killed in this tragic event was PFC Tyler Iubelt of Illinois, and 2 contractors at the base. There were 16 others seriously injured.

Staff Sergeant John W. Perry will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery on Dec. 15th with full military honors.

SA Times photographer Joe Lotkowitz (r) and feature writer John Phillips (l) recently met for the first time in 61 years at a holiday luncheon at Sciortino’s in South Amboy. They had a great time reminiscing about the band they had in 1950, which included Robert Hess. The musicians first job was playing at the South Amboy Fire Dept. Christmas Party, which was held at Clare & Coby’s Restaurant on Rt. 9 in Sayreville. Joe said that “We knew about 6 or 7 songs that we played from a “fake book.” As the story goes, we had no transportation or any idea of how we were going to get to the “gig,” but we got lucky because Joe’s neighbor was a fireman, and took us to the job on a firetruck. Everyone had a terrific time, and the most requested song that night was for the “Marine Corps Hymn,” thank God!” (Photo by Tom Burkard)



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At this time of the year when we are safely at home spending time with our families let us remember those who do not have that luxury since they are away fighting to keep America safe. Even with the letters, care packages and the occasional phone call that our men and women in the Armed Forces receive they will be especially lonely and will miss their families more now than at any other time of the year. Please keep them and their families in your hearts and prayers during this holiday season! If you know of a family that will be celebrating without a loved one please reach out to them to see if there is anything that you can do to help make their Christmas brighter. In order to show your appreciation to the Veterans at home shake their hand and thank them for serving this great Country that we live in when you see them on the street or while out shopping.











Elijah Barnes (c) signs his letter of intent to Princeton University with his family and Mater Dei Varsity Head Coach Ben Gamble (back right). (Photo/Story Submitted)

Barnes Signs With Princeton

On Monday, Nov. 14, Mater Dei Prep senior Elijah Barnes proudly signed to play basketball on the college level at Princeton University.

“Elijah going to Princeton is a dream come true,” said his father, Robert Barnes. According to Robert, the goal for Elijah was always to attend a Division 1 school and he is happy Mater Dei Prep and head coach Ben Gamble could help make that happen.

“When we came to Mater Dei Prep we were looking for a great high school,” explained Robert, adding that they also found a home. “Mater Dei Prep makes us feel like (part of) a family. Elijah loves the school, faculty and his coach.” Elijah was an integral part of the 2015-16 Mater Dei Prep team that won the Shore Conference for the first time in the history of the school with an exciting comeback victory. Coach Gamble spoke highly of Elijah on signing day. “Elijah made a life decision and I am proud of him,” he said. “I am so happy for Elijah, his family and Mater Dei Prep.”

Coach Gamble understands that Mater Dei Prep “sets the bar high” for both academic and athletic standards. He appreciates the foundation the school gives all students: “The academic environment is great and the support is available if help is needed.”

Elijah has followed the same college

preparatory path all Mater Dei Prep students follow, and knows that will serve him well at Princeton. “Academically, Mater Dei Prep showed me how to use my knowledge in life,” he said. Everyone here has “pushed me to do better. I am excited to be able to be part of a great program at Princeton. People come there from all over the world and are the best at what they do.”

“We are all very proud of Elijah and what he has accomplished on the court and, more specifically, in the classroom,” said Dennis Tobin, Mater Dei Prep athletic director and assistant principal. “Elijah is a role model for all our student-athletes.” After the signing, Elijah offered some insight into things he learned on the court at Mater Dei Prep, as well as in the classroom. This school “made me realize that in basketball, teamwork trumps all,” said Elijah. He hopes to carry that philosophy to the next level at Princeton. He also acknowledged the help of everyone around him to get to this point in his life with a “special thanks to my parents, Coach Gamble and Mater Dei Prep.”

For more information about Mater Dei Prep athletic programs, please call 732.671.9100 or visit materdeiprep.org. Please visit materdeiprep.org to register today.

Spice Of Life

By Joe Lotkowitz

Remember when spices were for seasoning food, and not for room fresheners? Spices filled your life with all the pleasant aromas your nose could imagine. Many spices had themes to be very creative such as: flowers, plants, and yes, even birds. Here are a few tempt your nose, mind, and memories. “Autumn Queen Cream Tartar,” “Teen Queen Nutmeg,” “Yellow Bonnet Cinnamon,” “Moon Mace,” “Buster Brown Black Pepper,” and “Pocono Cayenne Pepper.” Well, these are just a few to jog

your memory, if you are lucky to remember them, or better yet, own some old spice tins or containers, you may be in the money. Collectors are looking for these rare items and some of these relics may go up to \$1,000.00. Collectors look for colorful labels that might be rare, and most of all in excellent condition. Spices started early in our country, with the American Indians, and the great influx of European settlers that followed. So, I hope you’ll get lucky at yard sales or flea markets!

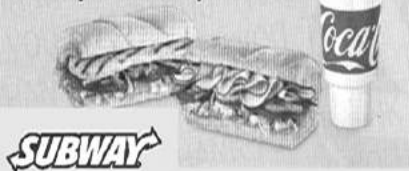
Autoteam Receives Award



Autoteam Car and Van Rental won the 2016 Renter Rated Award for “Best Vehicles.” Autoteam owner Benno Bachmann received a plaque for the “Best Vehicles.” Autoteam is located on Rt. 35 South in South Amboy, and is an independent car rental company. Autoteam was established in 2001, and serves the New York City tri-state area. Only 15 miles from Newark Liberty International Airport, Autoteam offers a variety of vehicles including sedans, SUV’s, minivans, 12-passenger vans, and 15-passenger vans. Owner Benno Bachmann said, “We are very honored and excited to hear the news that we received the 2016 Renter Rated Award for excellent vehicles. We strive to provide quality vehicles as well as exceptional service to our customers. After all, that is what they deserve.” Congratulations Benno and staff on a well-deserved award! Pictured above (l-r) Edna Ochenge, owner Benno Bachmann, Damaris Ochieng. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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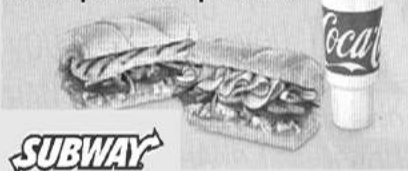
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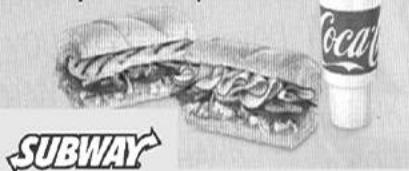
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Al McLaughlin Fondly Remembered

By Steve Schmid

Al McLaughlin is being remembered as a great family man, active church participant and dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus. Al recently passed away at the age of 84, but made his mark in the Parlin community. Al joined the Knights of Columbus and became a charter member of St. Bernadette Council 8478 when that council was formed in October 1983.

He worked his way through the chairs and became council Grand Knight. Al then became Faithful Navigator of the Fourth Degree Monsignor John F. Brady Assembly 676. He was also a state district deputy assisting several other councils in the area. Al worked with State Advocate Wayne McCormick in assisting councils all across New Jersey. Members of St. Bernadette Council will miss Al very much. John Erbetta said Al was a mentor and was a very nice man and gave him advice on being a K of C officer. Jim Smith said "When he was Grand Knight, Al always helped out with council activities." Dennis Keller recalled that Al was a "true Catholic gentleman." Tom McGuire remembered Al ushering the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Bernadette's. "He would always be in the same location and wouldn't let anyone else usher from his spot." When he stopped driving, he still went up the hill for his Sunday Mass. McGuire said Al and his family always put up the church's nativity scene for the Christmas season. He worked at Greyhound Bus Lines for 47 years and worked his way to become regional Vice President. He was an avid baseball fan and had the honor of representing his company at Yankee Stadium for special ceremonies. Al is survived by his wife Anne, his three sons, their wives, and grandchildren.

Breakfast With Santa December 18

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their annual Breakfast With Santa Sunday December 18 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Enjoy a hot breakfast with your family and bring your camera to take pictures of children with Santa Claus. Cost is \$8 Adults, \$3 Children 2 to 12, under 2 FREE. For more information call 732-721-2025.

Trip to Hunterdon Hills

The OLV Seniors is sponsoring an afternoon trip to Hunterdon Hills on June 8, 2017 to see Legends of POP which includes music from Elvis, Neil Diamond, Bee Gees and more. The cost of the trip is \$115 which includes the show, bus transportation, bus driver gratuity, delicious meal and snacks on the return trip. For information or to reserve a seat please contact Finita at 732-721-5081.

The Phillips Brothers



Pictured in 1942 are Johnny, who is a feature writer with The SA Times, the late Jimmy and Joey (Pinger) Phillips. (Photo submitted)



Congratulations

Congratulations to Janice Reilly Skokowski of South Amboy who was selected Employee of the Month for Edison Twp. She is a Registered Environmental Health Specialist in the Dept. of Health & Human Services. Pictured (l-r) is Edison Mayor Tom Lankey presents the award to Janice. (Photo submitted)



Reptile Show At Hamburg, PA- Dec. 3rd
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



This strange looking turtle is a Mata Mata, and one of the most rare turtles in the world.



This vendor shows off his Bearded Dragon, a type of lizard.



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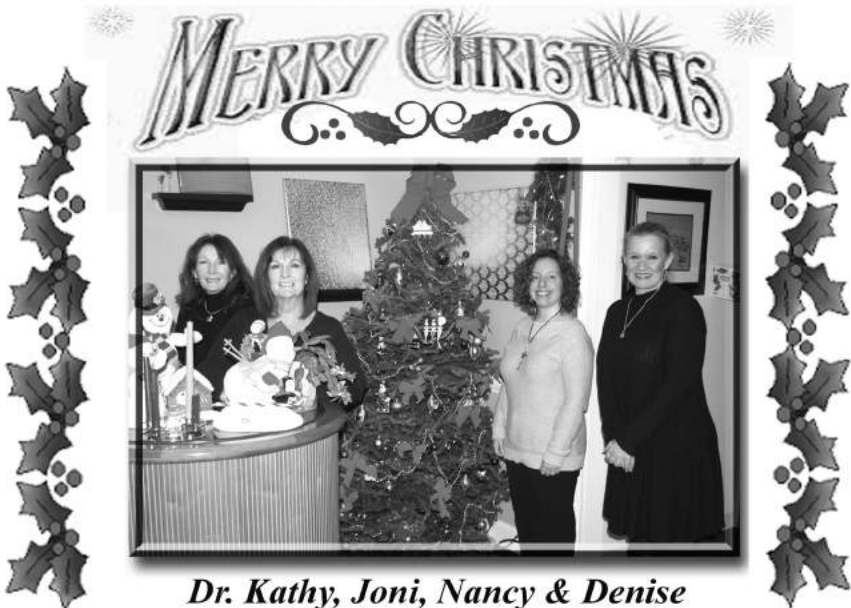
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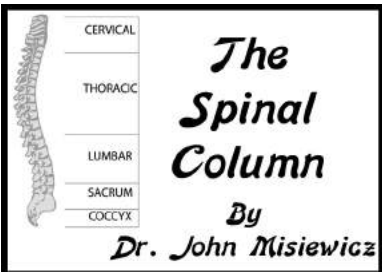
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Santa is a perfect candidate for back problems – He's overweight. The same holds true for us mortals. Sometimes the cause of your back problems is not your back, but your front: your "spare tire" may be the cause of your aching back. And the solution to your back problem may not involve a pill or surgery.

You spine is the central support of your entire skeletal system. It is designed for strength to support your body weight and flexibility to allow movement. When healthy, your spine is S shaped with three natural curves. When these curves are in balance, your body weight is evenly distributed. To maintain this alignment, you need to have strong and flexible muscles in your back, legs and abdomen. The abdominal muscles are especially important in supporting the spine.

A potbelly changes the curvature of the back. The stomach pulls the backbone forward, stressing muscles and ligaments and putting pressure on discs. If you have ten extra pounds on your abdomen, you are putting an additional 100 pound strain on your back. This additional strain occurs because the lower part of your spine is not receiving adequate support from your weakened abdominal muscles. Your back muscles try to maintain the proper spinal balance, but after end up strained or sprained.

Although excess weight does not cause back problems, you can do something about it. Follow a diet and exercise program to maintain a healthy weight and strengthen your muscles. Develop healthy eating habits that work for you. And make exercise, diet and proper spinal hygiene an important part of your day. As always an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



Salt Water

Striped Bass fishing in the ocean has gotten real good on most days. Party Boats are catching them on jigs, also rubber shads are real good lures to use. Bass go up to 40 pounds. Some very large Bluefish are mixed in but these fish will leave soon due to cold water temps. The Bass will stick around past the new year. Surf fishing in the ocean also is producing fish mostly on cut bunker and popping plugs. Some good areas are Bradley Beach and the north part of LBI. Island Beach is good too. Bay Surf fishing in our area is kind of slow. I checked Cliffwood Beach and other spots a few nights but only saw a few people. No one had a fish and only a few had had bites. Blackfish fishing on the party boats is pretty good if you know how to catch them.

Fresh Water

There are still a few big trout around in places that have enough water. I returned to the Pequest on Veteran's Day weekend. I managed to catch one nice 16 inch plus Rainbow. I then drove over to Peapack Brook and fished a small dam. I caught and released a 6 inch native Brown and had a larger one come after my lure. In mid November, I tried the Musconetcong in several spots in the Hackettstown area. There was low water in most spots and I only got a halfhearted nibble on a worm. I even tried the famous Saxton Falls but only caught weeds. I ended up at Tilcon Lake. I lost a very small Bass close at my feet and missed a possible Salmon on a lure. On Black Friday, rather than shop, I made the long ride back to Tilcon Lake. I did nothing but make a lot of futile casts.

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Brucato, Barbara J., 74, formerly of South Amboy died on Nov. 30.

Chao, Haruko, 69, of Sayreville died on Nov. 25.

Coakley, Kathryn M., 93, formerly of Morgan died on Nov. 25.

Czarnecki, Jeanie M., 56, of Sayreville died on Nov. 16.

Donnelly, John M., 88, of South Amboy died on Nov. 24.

Dracula, Nancy C., 70, formerly of Sayreville died on Nov. 29.

Gozora, Stephen R., 71, formerly of Sayreville died on Oct. 20.

Gray, Joseph L., 95, formerly of Parlin died on Oct. 27.

Ioffredo, Louis J. 92, of Parlin died on Nov. 23.

Jeannette, Marie A., 84, of South Amboy died on Nov. 21.

Kasay, Alice, 85, of Parlin died on Oct. 26.

Kemble, Joan C. Habert, 87, of Parlin died on Nov. 15.

Kosmoski, Irene Dembinski, 89, of Sayreville died on Nov. 23.

McKenna, John J., 91, formerly of Sayreville died on Nov. 30.

Palmowski, Irene, 89, of Sayreville died on Nov. 20.

Prokopiak, Adam, 91, of Sayreville died on Nov. 18.

Raspa, Salvatore J., 88, of Parlin died on Nov. 15.

Rosselli, Nicholas J., 36, of South Amboy died on Nov. 24.

Tauber, Ann Marie P., 83, of Melrose died on Nov. 10.

Thompson, Jeanette, 92, of South Amboy died on Nov. 13.

Thomson, Kevin, 60, of Parlin died on Nov. 21.

Turner, Barbara L. "Bobbie," formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville died on Nov. 28

Barbara "Bobbi" Louise Turner

Barbara "Bobbi" Louise Turner, of Spring Lake, passed away on Monday, November 28, 2016. Barbara was born in South Amboy, one of 11 children to William P. and Mary (nee Dunn) Kilcomons. She resided in both South Amboy and Sayreville before moving to Spring Lake. Barbara was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother as well as a devout Catholic.

In addition to her parents, Barbara was predeceased by her beloved husband, John A. Turner, Sr., in 2005. She is survived by her son, Maj. John A. Turner, Jr. (USMC, Ret.), and his wife, Charlene, of Blue Bell, Pa., and by her son, Paul K. Turner, of Spring Lake. Barbara is also survived by her grandson, John A. Turner III, and his wife, Jessica, of Germantown, Tn., and her two great-grandchildren, Jack and Jillian.

There was no visitation at the funeral home. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Catharine's Church, Spring Lake, on Saturday, December 3, 2016, at 9 AM. The burial ceremony was private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Barbara's memory may be made to the St. Vincent DePaul Society, c/o St. Mark's Church, 215 Crescent Parkway, Sea Girt, NJ 08750, or to Mercy Center, 1106 Main Street, Asbury Park, NJ 07712. Condolences may be left at www.obrienfuneralhome.com

Clutter Free New Year

If your kitchen table is covered with stuff and your closets are jam packed then this program is for you! Join Organizing Humorist and bestselling author, Jamie Novak, for an evening of laughs and helpful advice at Sayreville Public Library on Wednesday, January 18 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

2017 can be a clutter-free year for you once you learn where to begin, what to do first and how to stay motivated. This program will cover how to sort through your stuff as well as how to tame your overlooked calendar. Attendees must be 18 or older. For more information or to register, call Jennifer at 732-727-0212 ext. 25 or register online at www.sayrevillelibrary.org/ now!

St. Stan's H.S.A. Christmas Bazaar - Dec. 4th
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Santa Claus poses with back row (l-r) Janice O'Brien, Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O'Brien, St. Stan's Principal Elena Malinconico, while other youngsters from the school enjoy their visit with Santa.



Pictured (l-r) are Amy Williams and Gina Rispoli, President of St. Stan's H.S.A.



Jill Rzepka (l) and her niece Jenna really enjoyed the fun and activities.



One of these youngsters was lucky with number 33 on the wheel, and won a nice toy.

Sayreville, Monroe Police Added To
"Project Lifesaver"

Middlesex County Sheriff Mildred S. Scott is pleased to announce the addition of the Monroe Police Department and the Sayreville Police Department to the Sheriff's Office's search and rescue component of the County's Project Lifesaver program.

The combined effort will enable the County to better meet the need of some of the County's most vulnerable citizens: seniors living with Alzheimer's or Dementia and Autistic children who have tendencies to wander away.

Sheriff Scott said: "Project Lifesaver helps to keep these vulnerable citizens safe and provides peace of mind to their families."

The program includes a radio frequency tracking device worn by the participant. The device emits a unique radio frequency that enables the team to search and locate the participant should they wander away or get lost. The Sheriff's Office works in conjunction with the County Office of Aging and Disabled Services, overseen by Freeholder Blanca B. Valenti, to administer the program.

"This is a fantastic program," Freeholder

Valenti said. "We have many seniors, near seniors and children with autism who wander off, so it is wonderful to be able to help them and their families. I am glad that the Monroe and Sayreville Police Departments have joined us, and hope to see more departments come aboard in the future."

This program is offered free of charge to Middlesex County families who meet specific criteria. Currently, about 25 children and nine adults are enrolled, Sheriff Scott said.

The program is overseen by Sgt. Keith Lane of the Sheriff's Office, and Charlene Ilkowitz and Debra Hehir from the Office of Aging and Disabled Services.

The Monroe and Sayreville Police Departments join the Woodbridge Police Department, which already is partnering with the Sheriff's Office

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Hail and blessed by the hour and the moment in which the son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of his Blessed Mother. Amen. -S.S.



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Sayreville American Legion Lenape Post #211
Christmas Party- Dec. 4th
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Everyone had a great time with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Families and friends got into the spirit of the season at the Christmas Party.



Merry Christmas

Santa and Mrs. Claus take a break after a busy afternoon of giving out gifts and posing for photos.





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