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Kevin Mulvey

Mulvey Named Head Coach At Villanova

Becomes The 11th Head Coach In 150-Plus Years Of Wildcats Baseball

A well-known in local baseball circles has taken the management reigns at his college alma mater. Kevin Mulvey was named the 11th Villanova head coach in the program's 150 year history. Mulvey, a former standout pitcher for the Wildcats has been elevated to the head coaching position after spending the previous four seasons as the team's lead assistant coach.

Villanova University Director of Athletics Mark Jackson announced that Mulvey is just the fifth person in the last 68 years to guide one of nation's longest-running baseball programs. "I am thrilled that Kevin will be taking over the operations of Villanova baseball. After an extensive national search, it quickly became clear that Kevin was the ideal fit to lead Villanova baseball into its next great chapter." Jackson said "His knowledge and experience at all levels of baseball, his respect and concern for our student-athletes, and his vision for the program stood out amongst a pool of highly-qualified candidates. Above all, as a Villanovan, Kevin understands the University's mission and culture, which will be the foundation of his leadership."

The origins of the Wildcats baseball team date back to 1866. The Villanova baseball program has an all-time record of 1,891-1,444-29 (.569) in 151 seasons. The team has tallied nine seasons with 30 or more victories and two 40-win seasons while making seven NCAA Tournament appearances all-time. Villanova has produced 55 major leaguers.

Upon retirement from professional baseball, Mulvey returned to campus in 2013 to begin his coaching career and he spent the past four seasons as the Villanova pitching coach. He had also coordinated the team's nationwide recruiting program and oversaw the academic progress of the Wildcats student-athletes as the coaching staff's liaison to the Office of Academic Support. Mulvey, a former top draft pick of the NY Mets, pitched in the major leagues

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The South Amboy High School Girls Varsity Tennis Team with Coach Brian Wohlt (back row, far right) pose on the newly resurfaced tennis courts at the John Zdanwicz Park on Sixth Street. The girls are very proud to be hosting matches against teams from Middlesex County on the beautiful blue and green courts. They would like to thank the Mayor and City Council for all their efforts in getting this project completed. (Photo by Brian Stratton).

Former Councilman Dies

Former South Amboy Councilman and Past Board of Education President, Bruce Richmond, 82, of South Amboy died on Sept. 15. Bruce was a U.S. Navy veteran and also a graduate of NCE. He served as 3rd Ward Councilman, and in addition owned Architectural Materials in South Amboy, and was a highly-respected citizen and businessman. Bruce will be missed, but never forgotten by those who knew him.

Laurie Hernandez Inspires Local Kids

By Steve Schmid

The recent success of 16 year old Laurie Hernandez at the 2016 Rio Olympics is spurring interest from inspired young people hoping to follow her success. Laurie is from nearby Old Bridge and has been training at the Monmouth Gymnastics Academy in Morganville since she was 5 years old. Monmouth Gymnastics manager Christine Mellas said five active students are enrolled from Sayreville and South Amboy. Mellas said people from these and other towns are willing to drive to find the best facilities and coaching for their children, Mellas said they've received many calls from parents interested in their facilities. Sayreville and South Amboy currently don't field teams so parents must look elsewhere if their children want to pursue gymnastics. Mellas said they are "beyond excited" at Laurie's success. "She showed immediate potential by her second and third class," Mellas added. Laurie Hernandez won a gold medal as a member of the U.S. women's all around championship team. She also won an individual silver medal on the balance beam. She was recently honored with a homecoming at Old Bridge and threw out the first pitch at the Mets game September 3 with an acrobatic motion. She is also competing in "Dancing With The Stars" on national television.

SAA's 1st Annual Chili Cook-off

Come and head out for the Sayreville Athletic Association (SAA) 1ST Annual Chili Cook-off on Sun., October 16th at Buddies Tavern and Banquet Hall, 277 Johnson Ln, Parlin, NJ from Noon - 3:00 P.M. Think your chili recipe is the best in Sayreville? Enter your chili in the cook-off for an afternoon of fun, friendly competition, and the chance to win a cash prize! Applications can be acquired by sending an email to SAAchilifest2016@yahoo.com. Don't have a chili recipe? No problem! Come spend the afternoon sampling the best chili Sayreville has to offer! Contact Tiffany at: (732) 527-2285 or e-mail SAAchilifest2016@yahoo.com. The Heat is on!!!!

South Amboy Arts

ON TRACK a Solo Exhibition by Laura Petrovich-Cheney is the first exhibit at the new South Amboy Arts. It is on display now through October 16th at the Broadway Gallery located at 141 N. Broadway, South Amboy, NJ 08879. Gallery Hours: Wednesday 12 pm-7 pm, Thursday 12 pm-7 pm, Friday 12 pm-7 pm and Saturday 10 am-4pm. For more information, please contact info@southamboyarts.org or call 732-753-9486. For more about the artist, Laura Petrovich-Cheney, please visit www.LauraCheney.com

St. Vincent de Paul Walk/Run

Our Lady of Victories Conference of St. Vincent de Paul will be participating in the National "Friends of the Poor Walk/Run" on Saturday, Sept. 24 beginning at 8:30. at Kennedy Park, Washington Road, Parlin. All walkers/runners are welcome and all funds raised will be for the benefit of the poor served by OLV's Conference. Donations will be accepted at the event and can also be made by check, payable to OLV St. Vincent de Paul Society and mailed to the Parish Office at 42 Main Street, Sayreville, NJ 08872.



Steven Tarr III

South Amboy Native Assumes Naval Submarine Command

By Steve Schmid

Valentine Tarr of Sayreville had the honor of seeing his uncle Steven Tarr III take over the command of the USS "Topeka" at a special change of command ceremony held recently at Polaris Point in Guam. Valentine said "It was very expensive trip for my wife and daughter but it was a once in a lifetime experience." He is "extremely proud" of Steven's accomplishments. Commander Tarr is a native of South Amboy and graduated from Sayreville High School in 1995. He studied one year at Stevens Institute before enrolling in the the U.S. Naval Academy on the recommendation of Congressman Frank Pallone. Steven graduated from the Naval Academy in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. Following training, he served on the USS "Louisville" from October 2001 to August 2004 in the Western Pacific in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and the Middle East in support of Operation Iraq Freedom. He was a watch officer and flag aide at Commander Submarine Group Seven in Yokosuka Japan from September 2004 to December 2006. He was a navigator on the USS "Seawolf" and the USS "Connecticut" from June 2007 to July 2010 completing a Western Pacific deployment. He served as executive officer on the USS "Buffalo" from January 2012 to July 2013 in Apra Harbor Guam plus the change of homeport to Pearl Harbor. Steven was promoted to deputy executive assistant to the commander United States Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor from July 2013 to September 2015. Steven has a Master of Arts degree in national security studies from the United States War College. He also graduated from the Naval Defense University Joint Forces Staff College and the United States Naval War College Maritime Advance Warfighting School. He earned two Meritorious Service Medals, four Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, and

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South Amboy native Fran Freeman (r) recently returned to town and visited with his sister Kathy Murphy. Blessed with an amazing voice, Fran sings with The Virginia Gentlemen, a Barbershop Harmony Chorus, that performs all over the country, and has won numerous awards. Back in the late 1960's, he was the lead singer for the local rock band, The Carltons, that featured now famous actor Greg Evigan, Joe Tanski, Brian Dowling, Ray Drost, Burt Buhler, and later Greg Kusic. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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a.1922 b.1936 c.1999
- 2.When did Hoffman HS once again become South Amboy HS?
a.1990 b.1996 c.2001
- 3.In 1976, where was Club Bene Dinner Theatre located?
a.Morgan b.South Amboy c.Parlin
- 4.In '77 where was Essex Chemical located in Sayreville?
a.Bordentown Ave. b.Jernee Mill Rd. c.Main St.
- 5.In 1983, the president of Melrose Improvement Association?
a.Louise Derzawiec b.Richard Gaul c.Richard Standowski
- 6.Where was Hercules Inc. located in Sayreville?
a.Minnisink Ave. b.Washington Rd. c.Cheesequake Rd.
- 7.Sayreville's building inspector in '76?
a.John Zollinger b.Micah Aliano c.George Kolb
- 8.What year was St. Mary's HS Inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame banquet?
A.1969 b.1999 c.2000
- 9.In '97, where was Monte's Cafe located in South Amboy?
a.North Broadway b.North Stevens Ave. c.Ridgeway Ave.
- 10.Appointed South Amboy Business Administrator in '97?
a.Stanley Marcinczyk b.Frank Minnick c.Edward McLane



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

Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Happy Birthday Virginia!
Happy Birthday wishes go out to former SA Times feature writer Virginia Stillwagon, who will be celebrating her 85th birthday on October 7th. Have a wonderful day Virginia!

In Memoriam
Mary Kurtz, 69, formerly of South Amboy died on Aug. 29. She was an elementary school teacher in Old Bridge Twp. until her retirement. In addition, she served as a Eucharistic Minister, and was active in many clubs. Helen Stockton Randall, 84, of South Amboy died on Sept. 2. She was a Crossing Guard in South Amboy for 16 years, and prior to that worked in St. Mary's School cafeteria for 10 years. She was a very kind-hearted lady, and will be missed by all. Linda Brown, 67, of Sayreville died on Sept. 5. She was employed by the Sayreville Board of Education for 14 years, and previously at South Amboy Memorial Hospital in the Medical Records Dept. She was also Past Matron & Past Grand Officer of Philo Chapter OES. Michele Lopez, 72, of South Amboy died on Sept. 6. Before retiring in 2006, she was a teacher for the Perth Amboy Board of Education, and previously taught within the South Amboy school system, where she was very popular and highly-respected.

Tricky Tray

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas #769 will hold their annual Tricky Tray Charity Fundraiser on Saturday, October 8th, 2016, 1:00-4:00PM at St. James Church (lower level) located at Main St and Amboy Ave, Woodbridge NJ. Admission is \$10.00 (no refund) and includes coffee, tea and desserts. Grand Prizes - Flat Screen TV, Coach bags, Wine baskets, Gift Cards and much MORE! Doors open at 12:30pm, For Tickets/Reservation call, or pay at the door Mary Ellen O'Connor 908-294-0146.

Michele was also a member of the South Amboy Irish-American Association, and the NJ Education Association. Stephen Zuczek, 65, of Sayreville died on Sept. 5. He was employed by MCUA as a maintenance mechanic for 17 years, and prior to that as a plumber with E.Z. Plumbing in Sayreville. He was also a self-employed DJ owner of Flip Side DJ, and was the house DJ of Union Jack in South River. Joseph Shereyka, 87, of Sayreville died on Sept. 10. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving 4 years, and he worked for the Sayreville Board of Education in the maintenance and grounds dept., and also was a teacher at Lincoln Tech Institute.

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The South Amboy YMCA Received a \$2500 Grant from the South Amboy Elks National Foundation for its Livestrong Program. The Livestrong wellness program is designed for cancer survivors and those fighting cancer on a daily basis. The program provides a certified wellness trainer that works with each individual on the level of their physical strength, and keeps an accurate record of each individual to show how they are improving, And progress to a healthy lifestyle through exercise and stretching. In the photo: L-R, is Rose Cushing, CEO,YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge and South Amboy. Lisa Sanguiliano, District Executive Director. Nicole Miller, Membership Marketing Director. Beth Helsby Coordinator. Val Tarr, Chairman of South Amboy Elks National Foundation. And Mike Green, Exalted Ruler of South Amboy Elks Lodge. (Photo Submitted by Val Tarr)

Business Of The Month Madura Pharmacy



The talented staff of Madura Pharmacy pictured (l-r) is Anne Marie Madura-Wolpin, R. Ph., Rose Marie Quackenbush, Pharmacy Tech., Divya Patel, Pharmacy Tech., Trupti (Tina) Patel, Pharmacist-In-Charge. (Photo by Tom Burkard)
Missing from photo Susan Szatkowski, Pharmacy Tech., Ann Stempinski, Pharmacy Tech.

Anne Marie Madura-Wolpin graduated from Rutgers University in 1980 as a Registered Pharmacist. Tina Patel graduated from Arnold and Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy (Long Island University) in 2001 as Pharm D. Both Pharmacists and the dedicated staff have a rigorous schedule filling prescriptions, counseling patients, providing vaccinations, medicare drug plan consultations and providing comforting conversation when necessary. The pharmacy is always filled with a wide-range of conversation with a host of patients and friends. Talk focuses on their prescriptions, as well as happenings around town.

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New Supervisor At The Dowdell Library

Sadie Pope Dowdell Public Library is excited to introduce the new Supervising Library Assistant, Dennis Kuhn to the Dowdell Library. Mr. Kuhn brings with him more than 13 years of Library experience and has an extensive background having held several positions in regional libraries. He earned his Master's in Library Science from Clarion University, and earned his Bachelor's Degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Dennis is working on several projects including creating content for the Library's online newsletter and mobile website,

supervising volunteers, working with staff on library programs, teaching 3d printing workshops and much more. Mr. Kuhn hopes to use his innovative ideas and skills to create new programs and resources for the South Amboy community.

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

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with the Minnesota Twins and the Arizona Diamondbacks.

During his tenure as an assistant coach in the past four seasons, Mulvey helped maintain Villanova's long-standing reputation as a program that develops successful student-athletes both on and off the field. The baseball team had a grade-point average of 3.007 for the 2015-16 academic year. The baseball team's recruiting efforts in recent seasons struck a successful balance between keeping top local talent in-state while also attracting high-profile players from around the country. At least one Villanova pitcher ascended to the professional ranks in each of Mulvey's four years as the program's pitching coach. The most recent to join the group of professional pitchers is 2016 junior left-hander Woody Bryson, who was signed by the New York Yankees last month.

Mulvey, a fan of both legendary major league baseball managers Tom Kelly and Jack McKeon, was asked about the draw to coaching and the success of those local legends. "I think I understand what drove them. The opportunity to share your experiences and perspective and have a positive influence on young players is very fulfilling and certainly it goes beyond the baseball field, as I experienced that same guidance and mentorship growing up. In addition, as you work your way up in the greater community of college and professional baseball, you form lifelong relationships with athletic directors, administrators, club

owners, general managers, players, scouts, trainers and others behind the scenes, but very important support personnel. It's a great fraternity, and I was treated to some of that special treatment when I was traded to the Minnesota Twins. Tom Kelly welcomed me with open arms and demonstrated an elevated and sincere concern for my success and well being. It was a great experience," said Mulvey.

Prior to his collegiate pitching career, Mulvey elevated through the local ranks playing for the Morgan AA, Sayreville AA, St. Joseph's H.S., the Bishop Ahr H.S. Trojans, Clara Barton American Legion, the Diamond Jacks, the Baseball Warehouse and the Bergen Beach AA. "I had the truly great fortune of playing with and against some outstanding local teammates over the years and for some of the finest local coaches and people in and around Middlesex County and they all have had a very positive imprint on my career with Coach Scott Runkel at Bishop Ahr as a perfect example." Mulvey's sister Erin was also a local standout basketball player at Bishop Ahr. Now a doctor at NY Presbyterian Hospital in NY, Erin and her husband Lenny D'Andrea maintain residences in Manhattan and Stanford, CT. Kevin and his wife, Athena, a former Villanova soccer standout, make their home in King of Prussia, Pa. Kevin's mom Carole and dad Tom, live in Parlin. (Photo/story courtesy of Villanova University)

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The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Resorts International on Monday, December 5, 2016 for a spectacular show of Christmas Memories featuring the gifted 20 piece Latshaw Pops Orchestra complete with singers and dancers. The price of the trip is \$100 which includes the show, bus transportation, bus gratuity, \$10 slot play bonus, meal voucher, and snacks on the bus. For further information or reserve a seat, contact Carmen at 732-254-9425.

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Yearbook-Hoffman 1971

By Tom Burkard

Hoffman's Class of '71 returned to the John St. institution for its final year in September 1970, and probably were groovin' to the top songs of the day, "War" by Edwin Starr and "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" by Diana Ross, as they cruised "The Pleasant Little City." Eugene "Jimmy" Dobrzynski was the Superintendent of Schools, and several of the faculty included: William Ulbrich, Rich Kady, Carol Smarch, Sally Ahlsten, Febronia Grener. The yearbook was dedicated to Andrew Kriss.

In '71, "Jesus Christ Superstar" was huge on Broadway; "Look" magazine went out of business; George C. Scott won an Oscar for his role in "Patton," but refused it; President Nixon devalued the dollar; militants bombed the U.S. Capitol in Washington over the prolonged Vietnam War.

While at old Harold G., Donald Cross was senior class President, Mary Susan Switzer, V.P., Judith Jonason, Sec. Mary Theresa Bobek and Susan Kijowski were co-editors of the yearbook. Karen Vona was editor of the school newspaper. Marianne Moroski was Student Council President. Susann Muller was President of the Future Teachers of America Club, and also the Library Council. Bobek was also President of the National Honor Society. The graduating class of 70 was one of Hoffman's largest in history at the time. Some of the great Class of '71 included: Karl Buickerood, Deborah Cahill, Barbara Charmello, James Charmello, Dawn Dadan, Francis Dragotta, Linda Eppinger, Deborah Garsick, Maureen Helton, Karen Johnson, Frank Jonason, Christine Kozak, Alex Letts, John Mackiel, Deborah Mason, Nancy McCabe, Patrick McCarthy, Eileen O'Leary, William Parsons, Kenneth Peterson, James Ploskonka, Richard Scully, Linda Skrynka, Michael Tingle, Mary Ward. The sports program was big in the "Land of Governors" in '71. The basketball team under Coach Ray "Butch" Tomaszewski was one of the best in the school's history, and the baseball club under coach John "Mr. Z" Zdanewicz, finished 13-5-1. Many seniors participated in sports, including: Ed Mancini, Dean Colucci, Ed Conlon, Don Gendlek, Tony Charmello, Raymond Smith, Charles Pawlowski, the late Carolyn McCarthy, Mary Ann Chonsky, Janet Shaluha, Karyn Nix, Benita Formoso, Alfred Clark, Michael Colucci, James Croddick, Peter Dobrzynski, Robert Huryk, Patrick Quinlan, Dan Paone, Joseph Vigilante, Roger White, John Wojciechowski, Tom Wortley, Dennis Yanoski. H.G. Hoffman High's Class of '71 was a truly fine group of most interesting and talented people.

Free Polka Concert

The Goodman Polka Orchestra will perform a FREE concert sponsored by the Sayreville Cultural Arts Council on Wednesday, October 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sayreville Senior Center, 423 Main St. ALL ages invited; light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Edna at 908-208-2358 or email Sayrevilleculturalarts@gmail.com

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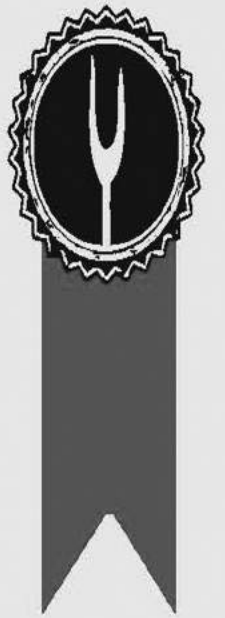


On Sept. 3rd, the Hair Together Salon held a fundraiser for the Nelson family of Sayreville, whose house was destroyed by fire on Aug. 22nd. Pictured (l-r) Kristin Nelson (mother), Danny Righetti (salon owner), and Jilyn (daughter). If you would like to make a donation, you can drop it off at the hair salon on Route 9 South by the Farmer's Market in Sayreville. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowitz)



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Kim Seber, organizer of the Fed Up! event, addresses the standing room only crowd. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

International Overdose Awareness Day
By Brian & Phyllis Stratton (Photos by Brian Stratton)

Wednesday, Aug. 31 marked International Overdose Awareness Day, and to raise public consciousness on overdoses, several towns throughout Central Jersey hosted events.

South Amboy held an event in remembrance of Jesse Flynn, a resident of the city who died at the age of 22 this past May from a heroin overdose. The event, called "Fed Up!" featured many speakers, including South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry and Police Chief Darren LaVigne.

Andrew Piscatelli, owner of Core Health located

in the South Amboy Medical Center also spoke about services that are available here in South Amboy. He also read a thank you letter from the sister of a patient, expressing "this place is amazing" and "the one on one care she is getting is incredible."

"Her family and I have been praying for a miracle and this time I believe God answered our prayers."

The event was intended to reduce the stigma surrounding drug-related deaths, to offer support and services to families and friends who are facing addiction, as well as those who are taking steps to recovery. It ended with a candlelight vigil from 7:45 to 8 p.m in remembrance of those who have died from overdoses..

Clinton Township also held an overdose awareness event on the steps of the historic Hunterdon County Courthouse in Flemington. Information was provided about the 911 Lifeline Legislation and the Overdose Prevention Act, which were passed with the aim to help save lives in situations involving drug or alcohol overdoses. A rally was also held in Morristown and an event was held in Old Bridge with a community walk and candlelight vigil at the Municipal Complex.

The following is the moving speech given by Linda Flynn, mother of Jesse Flynn.

First of all, I would like to thank Kim Seber and everyone involved for organizing and supporting this event. I'd also like to thank my family and friends...we are overwhelmed with the love we've received since losing our son just 3 months ago. Never in a million years would I ever think that I would be in this position to give this kind of speech...yet here I am. This is my reality.

While writing our son's obituary I could have just chosen to write "died suddenly" and left it at that, ignoring the whys and hows like so many obituaries of people who die young. But instead I wrote, "Jesse Flynn, age 22, died, Sunday, May 29, 2016, of a heroin overdose. I wrote that I would not call it a sudden death because we watched him suffer for years from the disease of addiction. But through it all, he was kind, funny and hard working. We were never embarrassed by his addiction. We were nothing less than proud of his fight and in awe of his determination to recover!"

Most applauded my honesty but some thought it was harshly unnecessary. I don't care. I stand behind my decision and my words. People were going to talk and gossip anyway and only part of the truth would be revealed but I, his Mother, wanted to be the one to put the truth out there for all to see. Because of the stigma that is out there today many live in shame handling their addiction alone...unsupported. I want to be part of the change. I don't want Jesse's passing to be in vain. I want to help and inspire others to stop the silence, speak the truth and start real conversations about addiction.

I want people to understand that Jesse, like all people with chemical dependence, was so much more than his disease. Jesse was a caring son, brother and cousin fueled by wit, sarcasm and charm! He was also a new father. His baby girl, Charlee was just 8 months old when he passed. His girlfriend's 2 year old son, Riley, called him Daddy. He loved those two very much and spent most of his free time playing with them and caring for them while his girlfriend went to work and college. When he wasn't with his family you could find him at the gym, local basketball court or hiking. He was learning to play golf. He worked for the family business. His Dad was his biggest fan those months leading up to his death. My husband told me on a daily basis how proud he was of Jesse's work ethic and his determination to one day take over the family business. He had so many wonderful friends and I have heard many stories from young people in recovery who credit Jesse for their sobriety. I've been given poems written about him and one of his best friend's even wrote a song about him! He touched so many lives in such a positive way.

His best friend was Devin. I thank God everyday for bringing her into our lives because she talked Jesse into coming to me for help when he first knew his disease was out of control and did not know where to turn. Even though in the end neither her nor I could save him, without a doubt, died knowing he was loved tremendously and supported unconditionally by us both. As crazy as it sounds...I think in the end that's what killed him...I think he knew how proud we were of him and knew we truly believed he was fighting his demons

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and winning. I think he was too embarrassed to tell us the truth...that he was still struggling. So he pushed Devin away and convinced me that he was doing just fine. I told him almost daily how much I loved him and how proud I was of him. I never really stopped to question him and really listen to how he was feeling and what he was going through. Perhaps I didn't want to know the answers. Denial was my best friend...I truly believed that my love for him was enough...but it wasn't...I thought I could wish it away but I couldn't...honestly there were times that I could ignore it away...but I could not... or even pray it away and God knows I tried.

For weeks before I wrote this I was jotting down notes in my journal trying to organize my thoughts and figure out what I wanted my central message to be...my son's addiction and ultimately his death has forever changed me, my family... every single aspect of our lives. There are so many things I need and want to say but today my message must be to the loved ones of those struggling and in early recovery.

Please educate yourself. Don't trick yourself into thinking..."not my child." and I am not even talking about the early days when you have no reason to believe your child is even doing drugs. I'm talking about when there is absolutely no doubt and they have asked for help and are taking steps towards recovery. That is the time denial really sets in or at least it did for me. The first time Jesse asked me for help I had him IN a rehab the VERY next morning. (yes, we were lucky we had good insurance and he got right in! Too many are uninsured and are too sick to wait weeks for a bed to open...but that's a whole other problem that needs to be addressed too!)

Jesse's first stint in rehab was a 28 day program at Seabrook House followed by their 90 day extended care program! We were ecstatic and so very hopeful. We got him into a great program! For those few months I felt like the weight of the world left my heart. Knowing he was safe, gave me the false security that my son would also be one of the survivors. He was going to make it. He was going to overcome his addiction! We went to all the family sessions and even joined Naranon for support. I joined several online Facebook support groups which gave me so much comfort. But I only saw and listened to the stories of those who



Jesse Flynn

were successfully in recovery. I completely blocked out all the stories of relapse and ODs...because that would never happen to my child!

Jesse left the program a week early. His counselors and our family warned us it was

too soon but we didn't listen. Some told us to try tough love and tell him he couldn't come to our house...leave him no where to go so he has no choice but to stay in treatment. But my fear was that if he didn't come to our house he'd go to a friend's house and start using again. I believed our love was enough to save him.

When he came home he was good for just about two months. This time he wanted to try a week long detox followed by an IOP program. IOP is an intense outpatient program. He worked the program even added NA meetings but within a few months was using again. He wouldn't go into a long term treatment facility...so it was back to one week of detox then IOP and meetings. We supported him because at least he was trying and it did seem each relapse brought him closer and closer to recovery. Each time it happened he shared more with us about what he was learning about himself so we had hope...so much hope!

But as you can guess that was short lived. Not even a month later on the same night we found out he had relapsed again, he told us his girlfriend was pregnant! We all begged him to go far away for long term treatment but he wouldn't. He promised to do a 28 day program then IOP and NA meetings. HE/WE truly believed this pregnancy would give him the determination he needed to remain clean and serene. He promised to do everything to give his babies the father they needed and deserved.

For almost a year he worked really hard on his recovery. We were so proud of him. He went to meetings and IOP. There was a slip here and there with drinking and pills but he looked so good. He was eating healthy and going to the gym. and he sounded so good we were foolishly able to just look at them as "slips" not "relapses" because he

always seemed to pick himself back up. But, of course, he slowly stopped going to meetings and IOP. And we sat back and let him...believing that his job, the gym and his babies were enough to keep him sober.

The day we got the call that he overdosed...I was in such a state of denial...no! not my baby...he was clean...he was suppose to make it...he was not suppose to die...he was loved too much to die...he was prayed for too much to die...he had so much to live for... and he was too healthy to die...yet I was there at the hospital when they pronounced him dead...not believing for a single second that it was real. I somehow made it through his funeral not believing for one second this nightmare was real! Three months later it still does not feel real...I'm sure it never will.

Because I will grieve a lifetime I accepted the invitation to speak because I want to turn tragedy into transformation...loss into legacy...my grief is a force to be reckoned with! I promise to honor my son by being part of the change and part of the conversation!

Being Jesse's mom is the best gift I was ever given...even death can't take that away!

Thank you...

The organizers are already hard at work on next years event and were so thankful to all the community organizations and speakers who gave their support to this worthy cause..

OLV 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.

Atlantic City Trip

St. Stan's Holy Name Society would like to invite you to come out and join us for an afternoon of fun & hopefully big winnings. The bus departs from St. Stan's parking lot at 225 MacArthur Ave. every first Thursday of the month at 11:00 am, to reserve a seat or if you have any questions please call Roman at 732-254-5352. Profits help subsidize school costs.

Senior Brooklyn Christmas Light Tour

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the world famous Christmas Lights and Decorations of Dyker Heights on Friday, December 16, 2016. The cost of the trip is \$165 which includes a delicious dinner at the famous Tommaso Restaurant with singing chef Tom Verdillo, bus transportation, bus gratuity, and snacks. A deposit of \$20.00 is due upon signing. For further information please contact Finita at 732-721-5081.

SWMHS Class of 1967

Sayreville War Memorial High School 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 Helmstetter @ 732 742 3537 joyceelyea@gmail.com, Rose Blaska @ roses822@gmail.com, or Geri Bove @Gerim1714@aol.com

If anyone has any information on the following missing classmates, please advise.

Wayne Carroll, William Curtis, Barbara Gawron Wiederkehr, Marlene Irwin, Dale Kurowsky, Janet Logan, Rosa Ramos, Gail Rhodes Sand, Victoria Volman and Stanley Zebrowski.

Trip to Norfolk's Azalea Festival

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.



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Construction work being done on the railroad tracks on Washington Rd. near Deerfield Rd. (Photo courtesy of Walter Krzyzkowski)

The Man Coming in the Night

By Elaine Holton Scott

I remember how silence would fill our home. Except for possibly the rustle of a newspaper, the sound of sandwiches being wrapped in waxed paper and bagged for the next day's lunches, and the loud ticking of a clock, there would be silence. Even the radio would be off as everyone's ears would be listening to any noises from outside. At last, we'd finally hear a car pull up and soon afterwards, footsteps heading to our porch. Quickly opening our front door, we'd happily welcome the man into our home. In awe we'd be of him...our "savior" coming in the night. No, he wasn't a priest, nor was he our doctor. He was our TV repairman, equally important to our mental health every time our television "went on the blink." Kneeling in front of our one and only television set, we'd all watch as he checked the back of our TV, afraid he'd tell us the big picture tube had "blown out." When he'd pull a small tube from his metal toolbox, we'd, literally, breathe a collective sigh of relief. Soon, the television would come alive again...and so would we.

Once upon a time, the kitchen had been considered the heart of a home. After television sets became standard in most households during the 1950's, the heart of the home relocated to the living room. Quickly, America had become "addicted" to nightly TV viewing, and that "addiction" had helped to make the TV repairman a very prominent figure in all of our lives. As the years passed, the little 8-sided television screens evolved into 4-sided, bigger ones. When black & white portable TVs with attached antennae became available, the age of tin foil wrapped "ears" began. Those much lighter weight portables had customers carrying their sets

to the TV repairman's shop. Instead of him coming to you...you went to him. During the mid-'60's, the onset of color television, arrived...usually by boat from Japan. The market soon became flooded with Japanese names few people could pronounce. As for the so-called color, it was very varied. Navy blue would appear to be purple; the heavy pancake makeup they all had worn before the TV cameras back then would make their skin look orange; black became green, etc. In other words, we had "color" but just the wrong colors. Adults, usually fathers, got the job of correcting the color fiasco with knobs in the back of the sets, often screwing up the whole picture. Business for TV repairmen boomed. In the 1970's, console television sets became the rage and would remain so for over two decades. Everyone, including myself, had wanted to own one of those "big screen" TVs built into beautifully designed wooden cabinets. Shelling out a lot of money was worth having a 21" to 23" screen. The only thing better were the 25" screens available in the 1980's. All the while, the TV repairmen made his nightly visits to cure the woes of ailing television sets and their impatient owners.

By the 1990's, it was still a commonplace sight to see console television sets in most homes, adapted, of course, for cable viewing. The newer television sets, though, were wood-free, encased in plastic instead, and had protruding backs to hold all the necessary tubes. The bigger the screen size, the bigger the protrusion. Then, along came the flat-screened television sets which had no tubes at all. The days of the TV repairman coming in the night would soon be but a memory.



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The first day of school at Our Lady of Victories School. Left photo Robert Shaw (fourth grade), Ryan Shaw (second grade), and Samantha Shaw (seventh grade). Right photo Angelina Vargas (eighth grade) and Anthony Vargas (third grade). (photo submitted)

Coach Bingo & Tricky Tray

St. Stan's H.S.A. is sponsoring their 4th Annual Coach Bingo & Tricky Tray fundraiser on Friday, October 14th in the school gym located at 221 MacArthur Ave., Sayreville. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and calling begins at 7:30 p.m. Ticket price is \$30 per person and includes 12 games of bingo (3 cards per game), coffee, tea, and dessert. Additional bingo boards and daubers will be available for purchase. Attendees are welcome to bring their own food and refreshments. Tickets can be purchased in the Parish office or by contacting Gina at 732-432-8361. You must be 18 years old to enter and participate.

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Lyrics For Lucas October 26

A benefit concert and silent auction is slated for Wednesday October 26 at Starland Ballroom Jernee Mill Rd. Sayreville. Glen Burtnik & The Weaklings will perform along with other bands. Proceeds will benefit Lyrics For Lucas Foundation, an organization dedicated to helping grieving families who lose a young child. For more information visit the website at lyricsforlucas@gmail.com.

Submarine Command

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three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals. Valentine Tarr said Steven fondly remembers growing up in South Amboy and likes to come back to see friends and family. Valentine Tarr said his Navy schedule makes it hard to find time to do that. Commander Tarr currently lives in Santa Rita Guam with his wife Mary and their two children.



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The Smoke Column

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

PART 2.

Most fire departments have commercial washers and dryers specifically designed for the cleaning of PPE. If your department has these units, use them after each time you finished fighting a smoky structure fire. Many firefighters think that if they have scrungy, dirty PPE that it is a sign of a veteran firefighter who has fought some of the biggest fires. That should no longer be the mentally in the fire service. Clean PPE is the sign of a professional fire fighter, one who considers safety and health a priority and takes pride in wearing that equipment.

Lung and Brain cancer which is also very common among firefighters can be caused by the diesel exhaust that is emitted from the apparatus we ride in. For many years, the apparatus would be started inside the firehouse and in so doing, a large puff of black exhaust smoke would be produced. As the firefighters were getting dressed to respond on the apparatus, they were engulfed in this toxic cloud of carcinogens. These toxic emissions filled the fire stations and landed everywhere. Any PPE, that wasn't being donned by a fire fighter, hung in the locker and was covered with the black soot. Unfortunately, most of our PPE is black in color so it was difficult to see the dust forming on our PPE. Within the last 10-15 years, mechanical equipment has been designed to reduce or eliminate these toxins from the atmosphere inside the fire stations. Some units come on automatically and exhaust the emissions out of the fire stations with the use of exhaust fans and roof vents. Other systems have an exhaust hose that must be manually attached to the exhaust of the apparatus as it is backing into the firehouse and stays attached until the apparatus exits the fire house. This system is only reliable when there is someone available to connect the exhaust while the apparatus is backing in. This in itself could become a hazardous condition since a majority of apparatus accidents occur while backing up.

Not being one who wants to change how

fire departments operate or make changes in their procedures, I only want to keep you safe from the daily hazards encountered. I would like to provide some ideas for you to ponder that may prevent a tragic death.

Normally when we respond to a structure fire, all fire fighters riding the apparatus have on their PPE including their SCBA (without mask). We pull up to the scene of the fire, do a size-up of the situation, grab a hose line and rush to the front door. It is at this point that we put on our SCBA mask to block out the toxins of smoke from the fire. We call this "going-on-air."

Remember that this structure has been burning before we received the call to respond so it has been emitting poisonous toxins for quite a while. Couldn't those toxins be outside the structure and couldn't we have been breathing them BEFORE we donned our breathing mask? The area immediately surrounding the burning structure could have the same level of hazardous toxins that are on the inside. Shouldn't we be "going-on-air" as we grab for the hose line and approach the burning structure? That would prevent us from breathing any of the emitted toxins.

It only takes a few breaths of toxic smoke or the high heat caused by the fire to cause irreversible lung and respiratory tract damage. As stated earlier, this damage can occur instantly or accumulate in the body over a lifetime. High levels of carbon monoxide remain inside and outside the structure well after the fire is out and the hoses are picked up. Just because you don't see smoke doesn't mean the area is safe. A safe atmosphere can only be determined by monitoring the air with the appropriate measuring devices. Stay safe out there, it's a dangerous duty we perform.

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for us. St. Jude gave me hope. -P.S.



The Tighe Family celebrating Dorothy's birthday on an Alaskan Cruise. (Photo Submitted)

Dowdell Library Foundation Fundraiser

You can save money shopping at Boscov's and will help support the library. Please support the Dowdell Library Foundation on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at all Boscov's locations from 9 am to 11 pm. Simply purchase a shopping pass for \$5 which entitles you 25% off your purchases and other discounts throughout the store. You may purchase a shopping pass at the Dowdell Library (located off John T. O'Leary Blvd., and adjacent to the South Amboy Middle/High School). In addition to the shopping pass, all Boscov stores will be providing free refreshments and a raffle with prizes including up to three \$500 shopping sprees.

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Deep Cut Bridge Part II

By Fran Fitzmorris

As with Part I, this second part also holds a special place for me. Not only is the story interesting, but, many, I'm sure, will still be able to picture the area and the story associated with it.

Who would have thought that in less than two months after the forest fire, the area around Deep Cut Bridge would end up in the spotlight again. The country was seven years into Prohibition and the eighteenth amendment, which forbid the making, drinking and selling of liquor. More of the public seemed to be against the amendment than for it and it was obvious that it was virtually impossible to police. That job was given to the Treasury Department, led by Eliot Ness, who had the job of stopping the flow of illegal liquor to speakeasies. The headquarters for the federal agents in New Jersey was in Newark.

One day in late August, local federal officials, possibly out of Perth Amboy, discovered a section in the woods near the Deep Cut Bridge that was being used to manufacture illegal whiskey. With the help

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of Sayreville police and state troopers, federal agents raided a barn there and one of the largest amounts of illegal liquor ever found in this section of New Jersey was discovered.

On that day, law enforcement officials found two complete distilling machines, one holding 1,000 gallons and the other 250 gallons, four large vats, 300 gallons of finished product and 3,000 gallons of unfinished product. The raid required three trucks to carry out the confiscated material to Newark. The two men arrested were from Brooklyn, N.Y. and they were held without bail for the Grand Jury. There was no follow-up on the outcome and, perhaps, they got off relatively easy.

New York gangsters controlled the flow of the liquor business between New York City and Pennsylvania, as far as Philadelphia. The woods of Sayreville were just one of the great places to conduct business locally back in the Twenties. It's also possible, but never proven, that more residents of Deep Cut were making illegal whiskey even though none was sold as told in this story.

OLV Parish Trip to the National Shrine

Our Lady of Victories is sponsoring a pilgrimage trip on Saturday, November 19, 2016 to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. Bishop Checchio will lead the pilgrimage which will conclude the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy and celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the creation of the Diocese of Metuchen by St. John Paul II.

A donation of \$45.00 is being asked to defray the cost of the bus, snacks, morning continental breakfast, boxed lunch, and driver gratuity. For further information or to reserve a seat please contact Teri at 732-727-7639 or 732-742-1320.

Saint Lawrence Knights of Columbus

All are invited to our annual chicken dinner on Saturday October 1, 2016 at Saint Lawrence Church Parish Center from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Admission-Adults-\$14.00, Children under 12 years old \$5.00. Menu-coffee, tea, soda and water, salad, main meal with side orders. All kinds of good stuff to end the meal. Please attend and enjoy the meal with friends, family and neighbors.

Balance


By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate, c.1997

Body, mind, spirit- A prescription?
Fruits and veggies, not burgers or cakes.
Work, movement, especially the walk.
Water, water, water. Naps, retreats, rests.
Think rosey, not gloom.
Smile a-gressions away,
Reading invigorates and teaches,
Laugh a little, cry a little.
Awake with God.
Go to sleep with God,
Give of yourself to all,
Forgive, be kind, pray.
Work these each day
A prescription for balance.
Balance equals harmony, stability, well-being.


Trip to Sands Casino

South Amboy Columbiettes are sponsoring a trip to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem PA Saturday October 15. Cost of \$30 includes round trip motor coach transportation, \$20 slot play, \$5 food voucher, and refreshments. Motor coach leaves the Knights of Columbus parking lot at 10 AM. For reservations call Cheryl or Steve at 732-727-1707

50th Anniversary




Stanley Zakrzewski and Linda Switzer-Zakrzewski celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on October 8th. They were married at Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church in South Amboy, NJ. Stanley is from Sayreville, NJ and Linda is from South Amboy, NJ. They lived in Sayreville for most of their married lives. They have a son, Stanley Jr, and a cute little morkie named Bella. They now reside in Reidsville, North Carolina.



Holly Wood of South Amboy, New Jersey graduated Summa Cum Laude from Kean University with a Bachelors Degree in English with a concentration in Writing. Her G.P.A was an impressive 3.9. While at Kean, she was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, the oldest and most selective Honor Society, boasting a membership of Hillary Rodham Clinton. Holly was also a member of Sigma Tau Delta International Honor Society of which she was Vice President for two years. Holly was placed on the Dean's list and was a student Scholar for 4 years.

We are very proud of our daughter, Holly and her list of academic achievements while attending Kean. The world is hers.



Cruisers Donate to Sayreville BIC



DJ Richie Flash (r) and the Just Us Cruisers donated a check for \$500 to the Sayreville BIC at the Blast From The Past Classic Car Show & Concert. Also pictured is Sayreville Recreation Director Jerry Ust (l) and Christina Johnson of Sayreville BIC. (Photo/info by Tom Burkard)



Middlesex Water Company tested some of the fire hydrants in South Amboy in August. This hydrant is located on Stevens Ave., and shows the powerful stream that they can produce. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

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October Events For Children & Teens At Dowdell Library

Visit the Dowdell Library of South Amboy this October and take part in Teen Read Week and our Creepy Halloween Party. Get creative this year with our "Book Face" contest in celebration of Teen Read Week October 11-15. Stop in the Dowdell Library and search for a book with a face on the cover and take a selfie using the book face instead of your own. The most creative photo will win a prize. If you need ideas, please ask a staff member, we will be happy to help you select a book cover. All photos can be emailed to comments@dowdell.org Deadline will be on Saturday, October 15 at 4 pm. Prepare to be creeped out at our Creepy

Halloween Party Monday, October 24, 3:30-5:30 pm. Children of ages can participate in our costume contest, and try their luck at the touch station where they will have to figure out what creepy item is in each box! Prizes will be given out for the best costume, and for the person who guesses all three creepy items! Refreshments will be served!

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

Mater Dei Prep Introduces Academic Merit Societies

Mater Dei Prep has developed and updated four academic programs for the 2016-17 school year under the new Academic Merit Societies. James Hauenstein, President and Principal of Mater Dei Prep shared, "After examining the course offerings at Mater Dei Prep the past year, I realized by expanding existing programs and developing new offerings we can further provide the exciting foundation to allow each student's collegiate aspirations to flourish."

Two programs, Capstone and the Collegiate Foundation Academy, formally known as Center For Achievement, are revamped programs, while the Presidential Scholars and the Exemplars program are new this year. All programs enhance Mater Dei Prep's educational philosophy of individualized support for each student.

The revised Capstone program offers those students with the highest academic potential the opportunity to experience a variety of exploratory learning activities. In addition to maintaining a high grade point average, students in the Capstone program must participate in four experiential learning activities each year. These activities include a pre-teaching component and a post-trip reflective essay. This invitation-only program size is limited and includes a partial tuition stipend. The ultimate goal is to expand each capstone student's experiences and use it to draw on for future plans.

Mater Dei Prep continues to recognize the learning needs of all students including those with unique learning abilities. With the creation of the Collegiate Foundations Academy (formerly the Center For

Achievement) the successful positive support model to assist students will be expanded to include a variety of collegiate support programs for all Mater Dei Prep students. Planned additions include a writing center, math center, study skills center, and a peer-tutoring program for underclassmen.

Students who possess strong academic potential and leadership but lack the financial means to afford the Mater Dei Prep tuition may be invited to the newly formed Presidential Scholars program. This select group of students will be given tuition assistance and a four-year academic course plan. The program was created and overseen by James Hauenstein, President and Principal of Mater Dei Prep.

The other newly formed program in the Academic Merit Societies will utilize one of Mater Dei Prep's largest resources: its alumni. Each alumnus Exemplar will pair with one student, using their unique background and work experience to assist the student in achieving their collegiate goals. The Exemplars may provide educational support, and college admissions and career guidance.

All of the programs in the Academic Merit Societies are designed to enhance the already rigorous and individualized academic curriculum at Mater Dei Prep.

For more information about these programs or about Mater Dei Prep, please visit materdeiprep.org or call 732.671.9100. Additionally, registration is now open for fall Open Houses on Sunday, October 16 or Wednesday, October 19. Please visit materdeiprep.org to register today.


Back in school



Students at St. Stan's school are dismissed at the end of the first day which was on Wednesday, August 31st. (Photo by Magdalene Florczak)

Reunion Mass

St. Mary Church will be holding a reunion Mass honoring past teachers and staff members of St. Mary Elementary School on Sunday, Nov. 13, at the 10 a.m. Mass. A brunch will take place immediately after Mass in St. Pat's Hall. Alumni of St. Mary Elementary School are also encouraged to attend and thank those ladies and gentlemen who taught and served St. Mary Parish over the years.



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

Exclusive Interview With Singer/Songwriter Dan Toye

By Tom Burkard

TB: Seems like you always loved music. Did anyone inspire you to start playing guitar?
DT: There was always music available in our house, My older brothers and sisters played records like Buddy Holly, 50's tunes and we always watched American Bandstand and my Mom was a big country music fan. I didn't buy my first guitar until I was in high school, and set into playing with some classmates and just learning some stuff. Dave Wisniewski had a lot of skill and we would trade songs, Tony Mauro too.
TB: Could you tell us about some of the bands you played in?
DT: I was only in a band for a short time, mainly for school talent shows, we called ourselves, are you ready? The Experimental Cow! My buddy Danny Jones shared the mic with me and we had Dennis Henry on lead guitar and the late Bob Hawes on bass.
TB: Who is your favorite musical artist and group of all-time?

DT: I guess I would have to say John Prine would be my favorite artist, but there are so many, some are not so widely known and I have met many local people whom I admire very much. Van Morrison is also a huge part of my background musically. I also touch on Irish folk songs by people like The Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem.
TB: Who do you think you sound like?
DT: I've been told I sound like a Prine/Dylan type with some Bruce mixed in, and that is very flattering but I really just sound like me.

TB: What were some of your favorite gigs?
DT: A close friend of mine had a CD release party for me in her home, a small crowd but it was my favorite gig so far. I also enjoy playing with my buddies Gorgo and Christian Beach down at Albert Hall in Waretown a few times a year. Espresso Joe's in Keyport is another venue I enjoy. I was the first guy to ever play there about 13 years ago and they are still going strong.
TB: What was it like to reunite with your brother Bob Toye and perform with his

legendary St. Mary's HS group of the 60's, The Profit\$?
DT: I tell 'ya, that was my favorite gig of all time! Playing with Jimmy Coan, Mike Henry, Timmy Tice, Joe DeLucia and my brother Bob was so much fun. And we had Franny Fee with us as well. I think people were shocked that we were so good that night. Unfortunately we lost Jimmy not long after that. As a guitarist, he was so smooth, I learned a lot from him. Still miss him. We practiced 3 or 4 times over a year or so and it came together very well. I was a bit younger than them in high school, so I never got to sit in like this.
TB: What inspired you to record a CD at this time of your life?
DT: I've been writing songs for a few years now and people had been after me to record them. The technology now is so good that you can make a quality recording



Dan Toye performing at the K of C Open Mic Night in 2013.

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Sayreville Police Auxiliary Carnival

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



The Rockdaddys prior to their performance (l-r) Fran Fee, Tim Fee, Emerson Jones, Rich Standowski.



Young and talented musicians from the School of Rock opened the show for The Rockdaddys band, who was the featured act.



Everyone had a fun time at the carnival.



This group of Sayreville teenagers really had a terrific time at the carnival, as you can see by their happy faces.



This happy youngster was the winner of a nice prize at the Thunder 106.3 booth.



Flames roar out of the attic at the fire on Jacobsen St. in Sayreville last month. (Photo by Keith Addie)

Jacobsen Street Fire

By Ex-Chief Rich Kosmoski

The afternoon of August 22, 2016 started off as do most dog days of summer, lazy, peaceful, and serene. At 2:11 pm, that quietness was shattered when a Sayreville Police Dispatcher sent out an alert. Police, fire, and EMS units were notified of a confirmed working structure fire with occupants trapped on the second floor at 11 Jacobsen Street. As a first responder, I know first-hand that this is probably the most adrenaline-pumping type of alarm that can be received. Upon hearing this information over the airwaves, firefighters attempt to picture in their minds the situation that is unfolding. Every second that passes seems like a minute while every minute that passes seems like forever! Our bodies go into overdrive as we prepare for the inevitable and what we are about to encounter when people's lives are in jeopardy. Responding in the apparatus may only take minutes but they are precious minutes that trapped victims may not have.

All of Sayreville's emergency responders went into action as a general alarm for the entire Sayreville Fire Department was toned out along with both the Sayreville and Morgan First Aid Squads. The first emergency responders to arrive on the scene were Patrolman Brian Gay along with First Assistant Fire Chief George Gawron. They were immediately alerted by neighbors of people trapped in the rear of the structure. As they attempted to retrieve a ladder to aid in the rescue, one person had already jumped from the window but there were four more occupants behind her and the fire was quickly closing in on them. Patrolman Gay caught and broke the fall of the second and third person as they jumped. Chief Gawron prepared himself to catch the next occupant. This happened to be a one-month old baby that was in a car seat. As the baby was tossed from the window, Chief Gawron braced himself for the catch. The next thing he knew, the car seat with baby inside was safely in his arms.

By this time neighbors had obtained an old wooden ladder which was positioned at the window and used to safely rescue the adult victim of the burning structure. Everyone escaped safely with only superficial injuries.

Following these rescues, Chief George Gawron assumed the role of Incident Commander and ran the Fire Department Operations. Second Assistant Fire Chief Steve Kanca arrived on the scene and was in charge of the firefighting attack crews that were inside the structure. Two aerial ladders were positioned in front of the structure and were flowing water on the burning building and the two adjoining structures on each side to prevent them from igniting. Attack

crews made entry inside the second floor in an attempt to extinguish the fire in the various rooms and on the underside of the roof. Both interior and exterior attacks were unsuccessful as fire quickly broke through the roof. At this point, Assistant Chief Gawron decided that there was the possibility of a total roof collapse because of the deteriorated structural members which could result in a catastrophic event. Air horns were sounded, emergency alert tones were transmitted and all fire fighters were ordered to immediately evacuate the structure for fear of collapse and being trapped under the debris.

The fire was now being fought defensively from the exterior and entry into the second floor of the structure was prohibited for the fire fighters until the fire was placed under control. This decision was made because it was impossible to save the upper portion of the structure and the risk of getting someone hurt was not worth the benefit of saving an already burned out second level. Once the fire was placed under control and the remaining portion of the structure evaluated, firefighters were allowed into the first floor in an attempt to rescue the resident's two cats. Lt. A. Mercado and FF G. Lestuck attempted to search the first floor for the two felines. Within minutes they carried out one cat, scared but much alive. They re-entered the building a second time and located the other cat, also alive and well. Both cats were presented to a tearful but happy owner.

As surrounding mutual aid fire departments manned the Sayreville fire stations, the SFD remained on scene until approximately 6:00pm. Structure fires are always considered bad fires because it is someone's home and property that is being destroyed. But, in the fire service fires are referred to as either a "good fire" or a "bad fire." This fire has to be considered a "good fire" because there were no deaths, no major injuries, no extension of fire to the surrounding structures, and "Every Fire Fighter Went Home" afterwards.

This fire was located on Jacobsen Street just behind St. Stan's church. For the first two hours into the fire, I noticed Fr. Ken Murphy, Pastor of St. Stan's, standing behind the church watching the firefighters in action. Maybe, just maybe, Fr. Ken was praying for some divine intervention from up above so that we were able to have a safe and successful conclusion to this disaster. His prayers were answered.

Congratulations to P.O. Brian Gay, First Assistant Fire Chief George Gawron, the entire Sayreville Fire Department, the EMT's, and all those who assisted in any way to prevent a tragedy.

South Amboy PTO 1ST Handbag Bingo

The South Amboy PTO will be hosting its first Handbag Bingo on Friday October 14th, 2016. Doors open at 6PM, first game will be called at 7:00PM. Come have a great Friday night out with friends and family for a chance to win one of our amazing bags- Michel Kors, Kate Spade, Coach...just to name a few. We will also have 50/50 and raffles. The event will take place in the South Amboy Middle High School Cafeteria

(200 Governor Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy NJ). For more info or to purchase tickets please contact Dana Mullen at SAPTO08879@gmail.com. MUST be 18 years or older to attend. Want to come with a large group?? No problem, tables can be reserved for groups of 10 or more. Light refreshments will be available. Make your reservation while seats are still available.

Mother Teresa Canonized

By Tom Burkard

Mother Teresa was canonized a saint by Pope Francis on September 4th in Rome. She established the Missionaries of Charity in 1950 to serve the destitute and dying in the slums of Calcutta. The order now continues its mission of “wholehearted and free service to the poorest of the poor,” on 6 continents. She also opened houses for the destitute and dying, for people with AIDS, orphans and those with leprosy.

Throughout her lifetime, Mother Teresa lived and breathed doing works of mercy, helping needy people, while trying to make the world a better place for all. She always

worried about people being hungry and getting enough to eat, and with her genuine caring, determination and influence, often got food for countries who were literally starving.

Some of Mother Teresa’s most famous quotes included:

“Do Small Things With Great Love;” “Forgive and forget and you will be really filled with God’s love, really have the peace of God in your heart;” “Be the first one to say sorry;” “Everyone of us has something beautiful. If we only take the trouble to see it, we will be able to love that person, even that person who hurts us most.”

Locals Met Mother Teresa



Back in 1995, locals had the honor of meeting Mother Teresa. She is pictured giving a religious medal to South Amboy’s Mary Horezga at the Missionaries of Charity in Plainfield. Other South Amboy residents in the photo include: the late Mary O’Leary (directly in back of Mother Teresa), Kaitlyn Katko (2nd from left) and young Buddy Keir (foreground). (Photo/story was submitted and appeared on page 1 in the August, 1995 SA Times)



South Amboy Residents Met Mother Teresa

A group of South Amboy residents trekked to Plainfield to see Mother Teresa, who is considered by many to be a “living saint.” Mother Teresa visited the Missionaries of Charity in Plainfield, after accepting 10 women into her order at ceremonies in Newark’s Sacred Heart Cathedral. The nuns agreed to live a life of poverty, chastity, obedience, and to serve the poorest of the poor. The South Amboy contingent was led by Mary O’Leary, who was joined by Mary and Walter Horezga, their five children, Mary Theresa, Mary Ann, Walter, Andrew, Joseph, Nancy Pavich, Carol Lukie, Christine Keir, Buddy Keir, and Kaitlyn Katko. Mother Teresa gave each of them a religious medal, and they all seemed to agree that meeting her was a wonderful experience, and that she was a truly special person.

Lyrics For Lucas Benefit Concert



Our healthy, beautiful 22 month old son Lucas passed in his sleep on February 13th, 2016, cause of death SUDC (Sudden Unexpected Death in Childhood), which occurs when an apparently healthy child beyond the age of 1 year dies without warning & without cause. He is survived by his twin sister Kali.

In his loving memory & for his love of music, we have created a non-profit organization, the Lyrics For Lucas Foundation, to raise awareness & funds for SUDC research & to help develop a future in which SUDC no longer exists. Currently, there is only one SUDC foundation in the world & it relies on private funding to help families & conduct research.

Genetic testing for SUDC victims is paramount to preventing future losses & creating a research data pool that may one day eradicate SUDC. Because there is no funding for Genetic Testing, proceeds will also go toward a Genetic Testing Fund, SUDC Awareness and Family Support, regardless of financial need.

- **Where:** Starland Ballroom, 570 Jernee Mill Rd., Sayreville NJ
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Special guest host “Cousin Brucie” kicks off the show.



Peter Noone strikes a praying pose while singing the beautiful “Listen People.”



Gary Lewis & The Playboys turned in a fine performance.



Peter Noone and his group Herman’s Hermits captivated the crowd with their outstanding music.

Peter Noone, Gary Lewis, And Cousin Brucie Shine At PNC Bank Arts Center

By Tom Burkard

Two of the biggest bands of the sensational 60’s, Herman’s Hermits starring Peter Noone and Gary Lewis & The Playboys, along with special guest host “Cousin Brucie” turned in an amazing evening of great music while rekindling many fond memories of long ago.

Despite showtime temperature reading in the upper 90’s, plus very high humidity, Gary Lewis & The Playboys turned in a fine performance. Lewis, now 71, was quite energized throughout his set, which saw the band blaze through their big hits including, “This Diamond Ring,” “Count Me In,” “Save Your Heart For Me,” “Everybody Loves A Clown,” “She’s Just My Style,” “Sure Gonna Miss Her,” “Green Grass,” and many more. In addition, they performed a few covers very nicely including “Wooly Bully,” by Sam The Sham & The Pharoahs, “Brown Eyed Girl,” by Van Morrison, and Frankie Ford’s “Sea Cruise.”

Very few people realized that Gary Lewis was selected Male Vocalist of the Year for 1965, beating out the king, Elvis Presley and also Frank Sinatra plus many more great vocalists.

Speaking of being energized, Peter Noone could be compared to the Energizer Bunny, (Remember him)? He was non-stop throughout his more than an hour show, running around the stage, dancing, clowning around, leading “the wave,” and of course, singing beautifully with his excellent voice and backup band of Hermits. Mr. Noone, better known to the children of the 60’s, as Herman breezed through the group’s list of Top 40 hits, such as “Mrs. Brown You’ve Got A Lovely Daughter,” “Silhouettes,” “Wonderful World,” “Can’t You Hear My Heartbeat,” “There’s A Kind Of Hush,” and the crowd-pleasing, “I’m Henry VIII, I Am,” in which he turned into a fun sing-along with the audience who had an incredible time despite the inferno-like heat conditions. Sue

Gomolka of Parlin said that, “It sure was a great night! Peter Noone is a stand-up comic too! I know every song he played. It felt like I was in the back of our family’s Rambler singing with my mother and sister, and heading to Two Guys.”

Noone was also a laugh-riot throughout the performance, telling hilarious jokes, and impersonating Johnny Cash by singing “Ring of Fire” almost sounding like the late Cash, to the delight of the crowd. He also joked that he was the son of Elton John and Mick Jagger, and went on to imitate Elton’s voice, and Jagger’s voice, while strutting around the stage like Jagger does in concert. Herman’s Hermits also played a fine cover version of “Ferry Cross The Mersey” by Gerry & The Pacemakers. Noone still has excellent vocal pipes at 68 years old, and is also a top-notch entertainer/comedian, and real crowd-pleaser.

“Cousin Brucie” Morrow, possibly the greatest radio personality in metropolitan area history, kicked off the evening of fun and entertainment, by making his grand entrance down the center aisle, while being accompanied by a NJ State Trooper. “Cousin Brucie” was terrific as always, and really touched the crowd by saying that, “I love you all very much.”

Following the show, Peter Noone held a CD sale/autograph signing session toward the center of the building, and was cordial to everyone who stopped by to meet him. South Amboy residents, Margaret “Peggy” Prusakowski Poulsen and her sister, Mary Ellen Senape were thrilled to shake Noone’s hand, and so was this writer, who also had the honor of shaking hands with Tommy James at last year’s show.

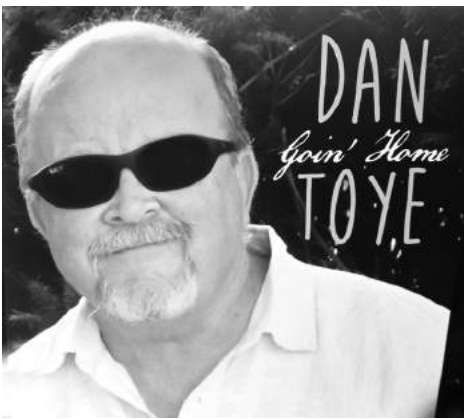
The packed-house really enjoyed this show from start to finish. The free performance was presented by The Garden State Arts Foundation.

Dan Toye Releases “Goin’ Home” CD

By Tom Burkard

South Amboy’s Dan Toye, an outstanding vocalist/guitarist/songwriter has released his first album, and it is so good, it makes one wonder why it took so long to actually record such a truly superb work from the first song, “Ain’t One For The Money” to the 11th and final cut, “Mississippi Queen.” The rest of the song list includes “Catechism Sky,” “Let’s Ride,” which Dan takes the readers on a trip through South Amboy, Sayreville and Morgan, when he was growing up, and mentions a couple of familiar locations and people in the catchy tune. Other songs on this must-listen-to CD are “I’m Sorry What I Said,” “Cry, Cry, Cry,” “Like A Diamond,” the title cut, “Goin’ Home,” “That Dream,” “Marie,” and “Sonny Boy.”

Toye has been entertaining and delighting people at Open Mics throughout the state for many years, and is a mainstay at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 Open Mic gatherings on the last Friday of almost every month. In addition, he has performed at many other events including the Sayreville Blast From The Past Annual Car Show, Sayreville Day, St. Patrick’s Day celebration at the SA Knights of



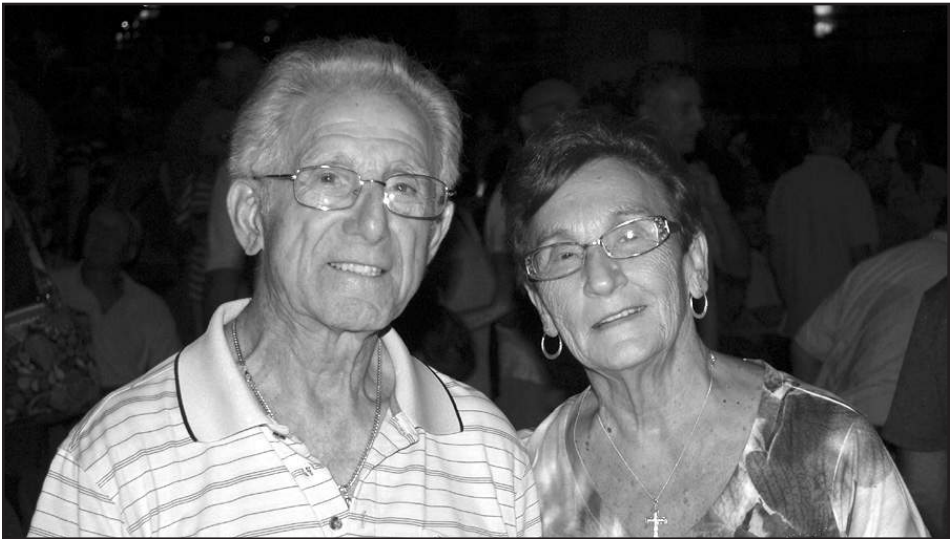
This is the cover of the new “Goin’ Home” CD by Dan Toye. (Photo by Luanne Toye)

Columbus, and many more events. One of his career highlights had to be playing with the legendary St. Mary’s HS band from the 1960’s, “The Profit\$ at a high school reunion several years ago. Dan’s brother Bob was the terrific lead singer for the group, and it was extra special for him to be on stage with his older brother.

The “Goin Home” album is one that deserves a listen, or two, maybe three or more, by any music lover. Dan’s lyrics are superb and catchy, and his stories in each song are most interesting. What makes this a more impressive work is that Dan is the lone performer on every cut, playing excellent rhythm guitar while singing.

Halfway to St. Patrick’s Day Open Mic Night

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 will kick off the Open Mic series Friday September 30 beginning at 7 PM. Irish music will start the night off. Corned Beef sandwiches will be available at a cost of \$5. Anyone or any group who can play songs or sing individually is cordially invited. Instruments are available. No cover charge. Snacks and refreshments are available. For more information call 732-721-2025.



Vince Siciliano (l), former owner of Vince’s Barber Shop in Parlin, and former St. Mary’s Elementary School teacher Fay Straniero (r) had a wonderful time at the PNC Bank Arts Center concert featuring Herman’s Hermits starring Peter Noone, Gary Lewis & The Playboys, and “Cousin Brucie”. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Music Trivia Happy

By Tom Burkard

1. _ Oh How Happy

2. _ You’ve Made Me So Very Happy

3. _ Happy Days

4. _ I’m A Happy Man

5. _ Happy, Happy Birthday Baby

6. _ Happy

7. _ Oh Happy Day

8. _ Happy Birthday Sweet Sixteen

9. _ Happy Together

10. _ Don’t Worry Be Happy

11. _ Happy Trails

12. _ If It Makes You Happy

a. The Edwin Hawkins Singers

b. Neil Sedaka

c. Sheryl Crow

d. The Turtles

e. Blood, Sweat & Tears

f. The Tune Weavers

g. The Jive Five

h. Bobby McFerrin

i. Pharrel Williams

j. Pratt & McClain

k. The Shades of Blue

L. Roy Rogers & Dale Evans

Answers

1k 2e 3j 4g 5t 6i 7a 8b 9d 10l 11l 12c

School Sports

(As of Sept. 17)
By Tom Burkard

Football

Sayreville (2-0) Coach Chris Beagan's club is off to a flying start, and it should be an exciting season in Bomberland.

Boys Soccer

South Amboy (2-0) Watch for a big season from Gustavo Pena, Daniel Pena, Conrad Grygoriew, and Jeremy Pena. Goalie MacKenzie Buczak recently registered a 1-0, 15-saves shutout over East Brunswick Tech.

Sayreville (2-2) Kevin Sousa has been scoring for the Bombers, and others contributing are Tyler Barreiro, Joey Martinez, Ope Olaloko, Dawud Mbenga. Goalie Michael Phillips recently notched an 8 save shutout.

Girls Soccer

Sayreville (3-0) It looks like there will be many offensive standouts for the Bombers this year, including Lauren Attardi, Erin Wimmer, Kaitlin Esposito, Eliza David, Stephanie DeOcampo, Victoria Barreiro, Jamie Jurkiewicz, Jacqueline Ventricella and talented goalkeepers Jordan Wilson and Rebecca Barbosa, who have split time at the net.

South Amboy (1-4) The Lady Guvs feature plenty of firepower with Alexa Noon, Alissa Bikowski, Gabbi Rugel, Jayana Correa.

Field Hockey

Sayreville (0-5)

Bombers Rip Bears

The Sayreville Bombers football team, led by the fine quarterbacking of Jayson DeMild, and rushing of Michael Liberty, demolished East Brunswick, 46-18 in the season opener for both clubs. De Mild fired 3 touchdown passes to Elijah Clark, Colton Redding, and Andrew Wille. Liberty rushed for 2 TD's, and Christian Colon rushed for 1.

Guvs Cop First Contest

The South Amboy Governors boys soccer squad smashed Middlesex Academy, 8-5 in the first game of 2016 for both teams. Gustavo Pena tallied a hat trick and an assist, Conrad Grygoriew scored 2 goals and 1 assist, and Jeremy Pena found net for 2 goals.

Sayreville Girls Win First

The Sayreville girls soccer club opened with a huge 6-0 victory over North Brunswick. Lauren Attardi paved the way with a hat trick, and got plenty of help from Erin Wimmer, 1 goal, 1 assist, Eliza David 1 goal, and an assist from each of the following; Stephanie DeOcampo, Victoria Barreiro, Jamie Jurkiewicz. Goalie Jordan Wilson posted the shutout.

South Amboy Wins Opener

The South Amboy girls soccer club nipped Carteret, 5-4 in its season opener. Alexa Noon pumped in 3 goals to lead the way, Gabbi Rugel scored a goal, and Jayana Correa added a goal and 2 assists.

Vigilante, Sofilkanich Lead Area Teams

Bishop Ahr head football coach, Joe Vigilante of South Amboy, and New Brunswick head football coach Don Sofilkanich, also of "The Pleasant Little City," are hoping to have banner seasons this year. Vigilante's club finished (4-6) in '15, but he is optimistic because he has 16 starters returning. Coach Vigilante has a career record of (8-12) with Bishop Ahr.

Sofilkanich, in his third year with the Zebras, guided them to an outstanding (9-2) mark in 2015, and is now an overall (12-9) at New Brunswick. He said that "We have a lot of big challenges now that we've moved to Central Group V and also the GMC Red Division." Best of luck to two really excellent coaches!

Bombers Shoot For Big Year

After finishing (5-5) under first-year Sayreville head coach Chris Beagan, the Bombers are looking to become contenders once again in Central Group V. Talented quarterback Jayson DeMild was seriously injured with 3 games left in 2015, and the Big Blue dropped each contest. DeMild was fabulous in the first 7 contests, completing 61 out of 121 passes, for 1,006 yards and 6 touchdowns. If he remains healthy, he should have a fine senior year. Other talented Bombers include Mike Liberty, who racked up 875 yards on 151 rushing attempts and 8 TD's last year. Andrew Wille excelled at the wide receiver position a year ago, hauling in 21 passes for 303 yards and 2 touchdowns. Michael Porcaro is tough at a guard slot, and made 22 tackles in '15. He will also play on the defensive line. Jahsim Floyd and Elijah Clark should give DeMild good targets to hit. Christian Platon will be starting at center, Damian Lupo at guard, Bryan Capric and Tristan Behr are the tackles. Augustin Del Valle will see line duty as well.

Looking to hold opponents in check is the Bombers defense which consists of Jac-Que Roberts, Bryce Christian, Platon, Mike Germann, Darren Gorczyca, Colton Redding, Liberty. Brandon Cenci will be at safety, while other defensive players will be Clark, Jacari Carter, and Ciyro McMoore. Cenci is expected to do kickoffs and punting, and possibly place-kicking. Also vying for kicking spots are Nick Milewski and Matt Crowley.

Sayreville Makes It 2 In A Row

A huge play by Sayreville soph Jacari Carter saved the day for the Bombers. Trailing 13-11 midway through the 3rd quarter, he raced to stop Edison's Nick Yanik, who was heading for a sure TD, and caused him to fumble, which gave the Big Blue its big chance. On the very next play, quarterback Jayson DeMild found Andrew Wille for an 80-yard scoring strike to give the locals the lead, as they captured a thrilling 18-13 victory. DeMild threw for 252 yards and 3 TD's, while Jahsim Floyd had 4 catches for 84 yards and 2 TD's. The Bombers are now (2-0) and really rollin'!

South Amboy 911 Memorial Service

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry addresses the crowd.



SA Fire Chief John Kelly thanks all of the locals who responded by going to help at the Twin Towers on 9-11-2001.



Pictured following the service are (l-r) 1st Assistant Chief Steve Szatkowski, Chief John Kelly, Assemblyman Craig Coughlin, Mayor Fred Henry, and American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak.



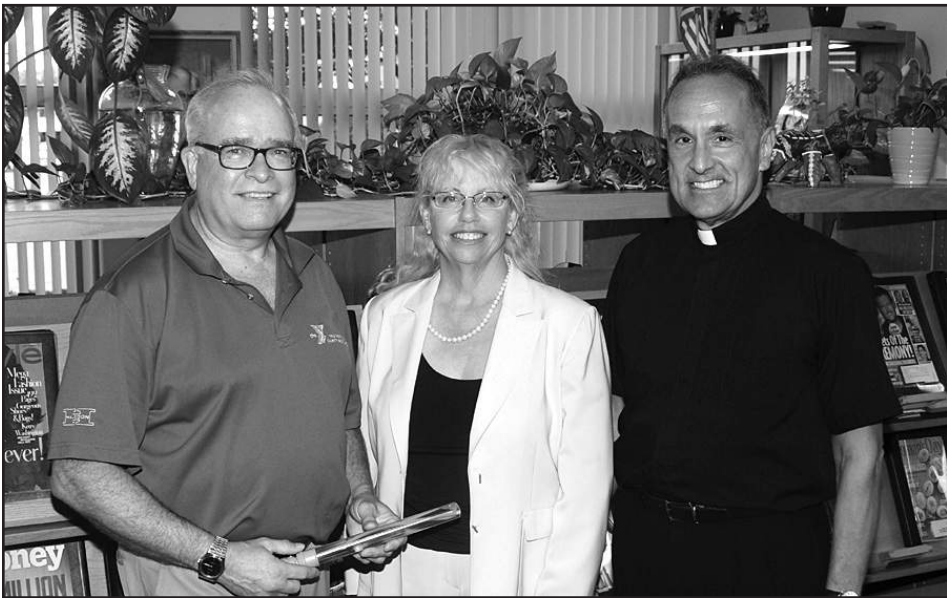
Bagpiper Frank Wahler plays a beautiful song at the 911 Memorial Service.



Members of the South Amboy Fire Dept. following the South Amboy 911 Memorial Service.



Sayreville's incumbent Democratic Councilmen Dan Buchanan (l) and Ricci Melendez (r) pose with Tito Soto at the recent Blast From The Past Car Show and Concert at Kennedy Park. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



(l-r) South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry, Dowdell Library Director Elaine Gaber and St. Mary's Pastor Father Dennis Weezorak all had a great time at the Library's end of summer celebration. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

PAHS Class of '71 45th Reunion

Perth Amboy High School will hold its 45th reunion Saturday October 8 from 6 to 11 PM at Hilton Garden Inn at 50 Raritan Center Parkway Edison. Cost of \$75 per

person includes dinner buffet, cocktail hour and cash bar. For more information call 732-485-6016.

FREE Karate Classes

South Amboy Recreation Department

3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th Grade Students Only

Each student must be a resident of South Amboy
Limited number of students - First Come First Serve

Registration Date : Monday, September 26, 2016 6-7 pm

Location : 108 South Stevens Ave. (the So Amboy Senior Citizen Bldg).

Registration Fee : \$20.00 Per Child or \$30.00 Per Family

The registration fee is the only cost to you for this six month program (the classes are FREE).

(Uniforms are optional and will be offered at registration).

Checks for registration must be made payable to "City of South Amboy".

This is a great program for your child, learning self-defense, self-confidence and self-control from a highly experienced martial artist.

If you miss the registration date or need additional information, please call 732-721-9093 ASAP since this is a limited class size.

Youth Group Director
Master Brian O'Connor

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Sports Archives



1948-South Amboy went to the All-American Amateur Baseball Association national tournament at Johnstown, PA. Pictured kneeling is Coach Rich Ryan talking to his talented pitching staff (l-r) Alfie O'Connor, Jerry Connors, Bob Kenny, and Ray Stockton.

Remember When?

1997-The Fake' Brings Football Title To Sayreville

By Tom Burkard

The talented and determined Sayreville Bombers brought home the school's first sectional championship since Coach Vince Abbatiello's unbeaten 1948 team, as they downed Middletown South, 14-10 in a thrilling, pressure-cooker, to capture the coveted Central Jersey Group III football title. Quarterback Charlie Bowden scored a first quarter touchdown from one yard out, and John Bell kicked the extra point, to give the Big Blue a 7-3 lead, which they held until the final stanza, when the Eagles hit paydirt, and an extra point to take a 10-7 lead, and had Sayreville in trouble with a capital "T". Before a cheering crowd of 2,200 at Sayreville's home field, the Bombers had the ball on their own 28-yard line with 3:52 remaining in the game. John Bell came in to

try for a field goal that could tie the contest at 10-all, as Bowden was the holder. The scenario was set for quite possibly the biggest play in Bombers football history. Center Danny Unkel snapped the ball to Bowden, and Bell put on an academy award winning performance with a fake kick. Bowden got up from his knee and rolled right, and tossed to Lennie Carter across the field for the game winning 11-yard touchdown pass. Bell booted the extra point, for the final tally. John Farinick intercepted a Middletown South pass on the Bombers 20-yard line with :07 left, to thwart the Lions, and give Sayreville their long-awaited state football title. Coach George Najjar's championship team finished (8-3), and left a memory that would never be forgotten.

1997 Final Soccer Stats

Boys Soccer- South Amboy 7-8; St.Mary 7-9-1; Sayreville 0-14.
Top Scorers- Ed McCabe-St.Mary 30, Pat Fasaro-St.Mary 24. Goals- McCabe, P.Fasaro 12 each.
Girls Soccer- South Amboy 14-5; St.Mary 13-5 (12-0 in Gold Division); Sayreville 12-5.
Top Scorers- Melissa Furey-St.Mary 81 (2nd in area), Kim Peterson-South Amboy 70 (5th in area), Randi Rone-South Amboy

66 (7th in area), Jessica Painchaud Sayreville 63 (8th in area), Liz Novak-St. Mary 48 (15th in area).
Goals- Furey 37 (#1 in area), Peterson 27 (tie for 5th), Painchaud 27 (tied for 5th), Rone 23, Nicole Montanile-St.Mary 18. Assists- Rone 20, Novak 20, Peterson 16.
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Girls Tennis- Sayreville 4-10; St.Mary 4-10.



Back In Those College Days

Kathy Redling (St. Mary's)-Southern Connecticut U./Eastern Kentucky U., basketball; David Milewski (Sayreville)-Rutgers U., football; Jessica Costa-(Cardinal McCarrick)-Muhlenberg College, softball; Larry Lenahan (South Amboy)-Centenary College, basketball; Julio Rosario (Cardinal McCarrick)-William Paterson U., basketball; Chrissy Keir (Cardinal McCarrick)-University of Charleston, basketball; Sydney Ransom (Cardinal McCarrick)-Fairfield U., basketball; Jacinda Dunbar (Cardinal McCarrick), Quinnipac College, basketball; Courtney Hulsart (South Amboy)-Rowan U., basketball; Nicole Baginsky (Cardinal McCarrick), New Jersey U., bowling; Bridget Giovenco (Sayreville)-West Chester U., soccer; Allie Couzo (Sayreville)-Felician College, soccer; Cheyenne Grant (Sayreville)-College of St. Elizabeth, basketball; Jessica Kitrys (Sayreville)-Adelphi U., basketball; John Radich (Cardinal McCarrick)-Ramapo College, baseball; Catherine Eber (South Amboy)-College of St. Elizabeth, softball; Jake Campbell (Sayreville)-Montclair State, baseball; Matt Bouthillette (Sayreville)-Middlesex County College (MCC), baseball; Scott Griffin (Sayreville)-MCC, baseball; Kevin Pacansky (Cardinal McCarrick)-MCC, baseball; Fallon

Conry (Sayreville)-William Paterson U., tennis; Lanie Andrews (Sayreville)-FDU, field hockey; Devon Carney (South Amboy)-Brookdale CC, soccer; Delon Stephenson (Sayreville)-Rutgers, football; Daryl Stephenson (Sayreville)-Rutgers, football; Jamie Unkel (Sayreville)-FDU Florham, field hockey; Rachel Castellito (Sayreville)-Stockton U., cross country; Jeremy Cruz (Cardinal McCarrick)-MCC, basketball; Mike Burwell (Cardinal McCarrick)-Towson St., basketball; Maggie Presnal (Cardinal McCarrick)-Marywood U., basketball; Janet Ust (Bishop Ahr)-Mount St. Mary's College, basketball; Krystal Pearson (Sayreville)-Brookdale CC, softball; Andrea Garcia (South Amboy)-MCC, softball; Matt Lavan (South Amboy)-MCC, baseball; Vincent Gambardella (Sayreville)-MCC, baseball; Joe Smith (South Amboy)-MCC, baseball; Matt Welna (Sayreville)-Rider U., soccer; Mike Nagle (South Amboy)-Stevens Tech, lacrosse; Tracey Thomsen (Sayreville)-Bloomfield College, softball; Mike Kuziemski (Bishop Ahr)-FDU, football; Kelly Gorman (Cardinal McCarrick)-Manhattan College, cross country/outdoor track/indoor track; Briann Downes Cardinal McCarrick)-Rider U., cross country/outdoor track/indoor track.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1952-St. Mary's baseball club nipped St. Peter's, 10-9, as Bill Richardson notched the win in relief. 1967-Coach John Wortley's Sayreville baseball nine downed Union, 4-1 in the CJ Group IV semis. Winning pitcher Dale Kurowsky ripped 3 hits. 1979-Mark Wahler singled in Steve Szatkowski with the game-winner in the 6th inning, as Hoffman nipped Jamesburg, 3-2. Winning pitcher Randy Neumann fired a 4-hitter and fanned 8.

1983-St. Mary's nipped Piscataway Tech 5-4 behind winning pitcher Chris Pelletier. Joe Blaha singled in the game winner. Jeff Pacansky added an RBI double. 1995-Sayreville girls soccer squad stopped J.P. Stevens, 2-0, as Jessica Painchaud and Stephanie Allocco scored goals. 2002-South Amboy boys' soccer team pounded St. Peter's, 8-1. Jared Gonsalves and Pablo Penagos both had huge games with 2 goals and 2 assists apiece.

Diamond Dust

1998
American Legion
Sayreville 11 Clara Barton 5-Nick Sas had a single and blasted a long grand slam home run. Todd Casazza orbited a 2-run dinger, and John Bell was a perfect 3-for-3 with a triple and 3 RBI. Ken Hays notched his 5th win of the year.

Broad Street of Hamilton 9 Sayreville 4-Sayreville was eliminated from District 3 baseball tourney action. Casazza and Matt Rubio ripped a single and double apiece, with Rubio driving in 2 runs. Hays excelled in relief, hurling 5 scoreless innings, while allowing 2 hits. He fanned 3. Coach John Denuto's club finished the season with a fine (18-9) mark.

Senior League
South Amboy 10 Madison Park 0-Winning pitcher Dan Poulsen and Jason Cross combined on a 5-inning no-hitter. Poulsen struck out 3 in 3 innings. Ed Behnen belted 2 doubles, scored twice, and had an RBI, while Joe Vigilante went 2-for-3 with 3 RBI.

South Amboy 12 Colonia 9-Ryan Novak blasted a 2-run triple, as Cross chalked up the win in relief.

South Amboy 5 South River 4 (8 innings)-Poulsen pounded a clutch, walk-off double to score Mike Niestemski with the game-winner in a thrilling contest.

South Amboy 10 Sayreville 9-Gary Bigg stroked 2 hits and knocked in 3, while Greg Fay fired 3 scoreless innings in relief and whiffed 3 for SA. Sean Sanders laced 2 hits and had an RBI for Sayreville.

Back In 1964...

The South Amboy AAABA baseball team won the state final with a thrilling 3-1 victory over East Brunswick. Trailing 1-0 in the 7th inning, George Stramback blasted a 3-run homer to send the locals to the National finals at Johnstown, PA. The South Amboy club finished 2nd place behind Maryland.

*Does anyone have clippings, photos or information on this excellent team. Please let us know.

Champions

1994-Jacqueline's Florist softball team captured the South Amboy Girls Softball Junior Division championship for the 3rd consecutive year, with an (11-1) record. The champs were coached by Vicki Lewis, Joe Lewis, and Dave Wallace. The roster of talented players was Bonnie Keeter, Tracey Sommers, Amy Blaha, Julie Wallace, Caroline Semeniuk, Marianne Corridon, Jessica Wallace, Christine Westfall, Melanie Townsend, Christine Corridon, Laura Toye, Allison Babino.

1993-The Gundrum Service won the Sayreville Recreation Soccer Division II Girls title, and finished the fall season with a (7-0-2) mark. The club was coached by Barbara Rone and Keith Kish. The players were Regan Rone, Melissa Braun, Leslie Dugan, Candice Fox, Stacy Haase, Kaitlyn Katko, Eric Kish, Amy Lestuck, Christie Mauriello, Caroline Niziolek, Alysha Prybylko, Lauren Rubio, Kathleen Schultz.

T.H.E. Game

Year-1958
Sport-Middlesex County Freeholders Little League Tournament Championship Game

Teams-South Amboy vs. North Brunswick Recap-South Amboy captured the championship over a tough North Brunswick, 2-0. Ace pitcher Jimmy Vida won his 3rd game of the tourney, with a fine 6-hitter, which was his 2nd straight shutout, as he had topped Perth Amboy National, 4-0 in the semis.

South Amboy's first run was unearned, and Jack Kreiger blasted a long home run over the center field fence in the 5th for the final tally. The classic Little Leaguers team was coached by Alfie O'Connor and Frank English.

Champions: Vida, Kreiger, Danny Ust, Lenny Kuczynski, George Stramback, Jim Carney, Tom Vona, Bob Cavanaugh, Joe Monaghan, Dennis Wood, Jerry Drill, Tom Purcell, Manny Formoso, Ray Drill, Joe Chodkiewicz, Phil Belgio, Art O'Donnell Jr.
Players-of-the-Game-Jimmy Vida, and Jack Kreiger.

Locals Who Played/ Coached Other HS

Bob Beers (Sayreville) coached Roxbury HS to North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 cross country championship, and was selected Coach of the Year by The Star Ledger; Greg Marshall (South Amboy) ran cross country for Bishop Ahr. Joe Poplowski who was from Sayreville played basketball for St. Peter's, New Brunswick HS, and went on to coach boys basketball at Bernards HS, and later Immaculata HS. Mike Lyons who grew up in Sayreville went to St. Peter's, New Brunswick HS, and went on to score over 1,000 points, and was an All-County, All-State selection in the early 1960's. In a memorable game against St. Rose, in which St. Peter's lost 81-80, he engaged in a scoring battle with the great Bob Verga, who went on to Duke U., and then a pro career. Lyons outscored Verga, 45-39 in an amazing performance.



Congratulations to the Sure-Hit Home Improvements Men's softball team from South Amboy on winning the Greater Middlesex County Sunday League championship. This dominant Sure-Hit team captured the crown by posting a perfect (24-0) record! The championship was won in a best of 3 series, which was played at Warren Park in Woodbridge on Aug. 7th. The champs are pictured as follows top row (l-r) Tim Adams, Christian Geant, Jared Mundy, Vincent Spitalotto, Patrick Riporti, Eric Douglas, Matt Ryan with son Matthew, Team Sponsor Thomas Ryan. Bottom row (l-r) Mario Batista, Brian DeJoy, Brian Seres, Jim Abbatiello, Eddie Fulham. (Photo/story submitted)

Would You Believe Six MLB Championship Rings From One High School?

By John (Flip) Phillips

What do you think are the odds of three guys from different eras, and from the same high school would together collect 5 World Series Rings and 1 Pennant Winning Ring. Well, believe it, it happened! Two of the guys Allie & Jack were born and raised in South Amboy. Tommy was born in Graceville, Minnesota and raised in Sayreville, but all of his baseball happened in the little city by the bay. No, not San Francisco but South Amboy. And, what high school did they attend? Why the blue and gold Eagles, Saint Mary's.

First there was Alfred Aloysius Clark, better known as Allie, a kid from the 1930's. After a great high school baseball career where he made All State he was signed by the New York Yankees. He spent a couple of years in the minor leagues making it to the AAANewark Bears the Yankees highest farm team. Then it was off to the Army serving in WW2 as a combat medic. After the war he returned to baseball and worked his way up the Yankee minor league system until he made the majors. He came up to the Yankees in 1947 and had a role in getting the Yanks into and winning the World Series against the Brooklyn Dodgers. World Series Ring #1. He played with a lot of famous Yankee players both in the majors and minor league. Story has it that Bobby Brown (the Yankee third baseman) had a home down the shore and would pick up Allie on his way to home games up in the Bronx. Now Bobby later became Doctor Brown, and at one time was the president of the American League. In the off season 1947/1948 Allie was traded to the Cleveland Indians.

In the off-season he had a tavern on Broadway called the Sportsman's Inn. A lot of his teammate friends came for a visit when they were in the area. I remember sitting on the step of the Augusta Street side entrance (I lived on lower David Street back then) listening to the baseball talk. I pestered him into giving me a Cleveland Indian hat. I wish I still had it. Just like with the Yankees he played a significant role in getting the Indians into and winning the world series against the Boston Braves. World Series Ring #2. He was traded to the Philadelphia Athletics during the 1951 season, and then to the Chicago White Sox in 1953. That was his last year in the majors. He then spent a number of years, 1953 to 1957 with the Rochester Red Wings a triple A team in the International League. He was one of the league's big "sluggers" during those years finishing with a .306 batting average and over 300 RBI's. Which brings me to my final Allie tale:

During my business days with DuPont I visited our Rochester plant a few times. On one of my first visits I got to talking with the cab driver on my way to the plant. I knew Allie played there and I asked the driver (he was an older gentleman) if he remembered Allie. Not only did he remember him but told me he was a legend: "he could really hit". One of the small manufacturing sites I visited was right in back of the left field Rochester Red Wings stadium scoreboard, a big one. The plant manager had a baseball on his desk and I asked him where it came from. He told me when he came to work one day it was sitting there on the ground behind the wall. Yes, it was hit by Allie, a real shot.

Now, in my opinion, if Allie played today, and hit the way he could, he would no doubt be a high priced player. Especially as a designated hitter in the American League. What do you think?

Some Honors: Saint Mary's: All State in baseball 1939 and a member of the school's Hall of Fame. Rochester Red Wings: Hall of Fame member (1998) and listed in the top 10 of many of the team's long history statistics. Fun Facts: He once pinch hit for Yogi Berra in the 1947 World Series. And he wore Babe Ruth's uniform number 3 while with the Yankees. Finally, what better thing can you say about someone other than that he was a nice man who always had time for kids. He passed away in 2012.

Next in line is John Aloysius McKeon, better known as "Trader Jack", (note the same middle name as Allie). Where do I start? Well, at the beginning I guess. Jack was just another South Amboy kid who developed his

baseball skills in the 1940's on the sandlots around the city. In the early 40's Jack's dad (Joseph) formed a Boys Club, and Jack and brother Bill, (Biff, a pretty good player himself)), along with many other guys from South Amboy traveled around the area in a "minibus" to play teams from other towns. They were coached by Chet "Doc" Meinzer and won just about every game. Then the next step was playing for Saint Mary's where he was both All County and All State. In the summer of 1948 Jack got his start as a manager. He was the player manager of the Jerome's Tavern team in the city's senior baseball league. Brother Bill remembers that after every win the sponsor treated the team to a victory ice cream soda at Jack's candy store on Stevens Avenue, next to the St. Mary's Convent. Next came the South Amboy All Stars, a team formed by Jack and brother Bill on the front porch of their John Street home. They called the team the

became manager of the Kansas City Royals. And this started another long, long baseball journey that included managing stints at Oakland, San Diego, Cincinnati and finally skipper of the Miami Marlins in 2003 when they won the World Series beating the New York Yankees. Jack was also the General Manager of the San Diego Padres when they won the National League Pennant in 1984. So, Ring #1 was to recognize the San Diego achievement, and Ring #2 was for winning the World Series in 2003. *Brother Bill also received a Pennant winning ring in 1984, for being one of the team's top scouts.

Some Honors: All County and All State baseball while at St. Mary's. Jack was manager of the year in 1999 with the Cincinnati Reds, and manager of the year in 2003 when he guided the Miami Marlins to a World Series victory. He was inducted into the St. Mary's Hall of Fame in 2000. *A member of the AAABA Hall of fame.

it was as long as we could play, and listen to the baseball stories on the way up and back. I'll never forget that cigar that Jack seemed to always have lit or not. Both Jack and Bill were minor leaguers back then. Bill was in the Milwaukee organization while Jack was with the Pirates.

I believe Jack is in retirement now, but you never can tell. He attended Holy Cross and Seton Hall before getting a BS degree from Elon College in North Carolina. I wonder how he found the time. Jack and his wife now call the town of Elon, N.C. home, and what's interesting is that the town is about the same size as South Amboy. He's still a small town guy.

Jay Thomas Kelly known in Minnesota Twins country as TK. Tom was born in a little town named Graceville in Minnesota, grew up on Evelyn Terrace. in Sayreville but played all of his baseball in South Amboy. This included Little League, Babe Ruth and an outstanding four years playing for the Saint Mary's Eagles, where he won All-County and All-State honors. Tom's dad was also a pretty good baseball player in his day. He pitched for St. Peter's High School in New Brunswick and played in the minor leagues. In 1968 Tom signed a professional contract with the "old" Seattle Pilots. The Pilots franchise moved to Milwaukee in 1970 and became the Brewers. In 1971 he was released by the Brewers and wound up in the Minnesota Twins system. That would start a very long relationship with the Twins that still continues. Some of the minor league cities he played in included Charlotte, North Carolina, Tacoma, Washington and Rochester, New York. In Rochester the team was the Red Wings, the same team that Allie Clark started for back in the 50's.

In 1975 TK made it to the majors with the Twins but only played in 49 games, alternating between first base and the outfield. Prior to the 1976 season his contract was purchased by the Baltimore Orioles and it was off to Rochester and The Red Wings. Then the big career change took place. He returned to the Minnesota organization in 1977 and became player/manager of the AAA Tacoma Washington team, the top minor league team of the Twins. In 1978 he played for the AAA Toledo Mud Hens and that would be his last full year as a player.


From 1979-1982 he managed several Minnesota Twins minor league teams. In 1983 he was added to the major league coaching staff under then manager Billy Gardner. He was promoted to manager toward the end of the 1986 season, and there he would remain until 2001 when he retired. A year after he took over as manager (1987) the Twins won their first Division Title since 1970. And they would become World Series Champs in 1987 and 1991, Ring#1 (Cardinals) and Ring#2 (Braves). TK was the 11th and longest serving manager (16 years) in the team's history dating back to the early 1900's when they were then the Washington Senators. There were good years and bad years during his time as manager, but they say he always kept things in perspective. He was known as a player's manager.

Some Honors: St. Mary's: All County/ All State. Voted into the school's Hall of Fame in 2000 along with Trader Jack McKeon and Allie Clark. Selected Manager of the year in 1991 by both the Baseball Writers of America and the Sporting News. Tom's number 10 was retired by the Twins in 2012 and he is also a member of the team's Hall of Fame.


Tom is retired now except for his role as a special assistant to the Twins General Manager. He and his wife Sharon live in Maplewood Minnesota a suburb of St Paul. I think the following sums up why he was successful and considered a player's manager. Exiting the Twins clubhouse is a Tom (TK) Kelly quote: "We're all in this boat together. Everybody grab an oar".


*I want to thank Bill (Biff) McKeon for taking the time to help me put this together, and our editors Tommy Burkard and Brian Stratton who encouraged me to pick up the pen again. I look forward to telling the story of the 1948 South Amboy All Stars.

Six Rings!




**Yankees - 1947
World Series
Champions**







**Indians - 1948
World Series
Champions**




**Twins - 1987
World Series
Champions**







**Twins - 1991
World Series
Champions**



**Padres - 1984
National League
Champions**





**Marlins - 2003
World Series
Champions**

"GovEagles" because it was made up with the best players from both Hoffman and St. Mary's. After winning the New Jersey Amateur Baseball Tournament, off they went to play in the All American Amateur Baseball (AAAB) tournament in Johnstown Pennsylvania. There was a couple of guys on that team who got to the major leagues, the O'Brien twins, Johnny and Eddie. And a few others climbed the minor league ladder. The team was loaded with some of the best young players South Amboy had. This surely is a story for another time. I remember as a kid waiting at the old city hall on John Street for the news: Did they win? In 1949 Jack signed a baseball contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates. I bet the scout who signed him was Gene Thomas who lived in South Amboy. Now the legend began.

Trader Jack began his professional career playing for the Greenville Pirates, and that started a long, long journey in the minor leagues: player, player manager, scout and back to manager again. Finally, he got his first major league job in 1973 when he

And, Tigers/Veterans Field is now named in his honor. And, many, many more... and probably more to come. Not bad for a South Amboy kid who grew on John Street. * Jack and brother Bill were voted into the AAABA hall of fame in 2011, followed by the O'Brien twins in 2013.

Fun Facts: He once traded his son in law...hence the name "Trader Jack". It was said that he was always quick to pull the trade trigger. He never played a game in the majors. But was the oldest big league manager in history to win a World Series, jumping ahead of legends Connie Mack and Casey Stengel. And, he managed across five decades!

I remember being coached by brothers Jack and Bill when the St. Mary's grammar school team won the Tri County Catholic League basketball tournament back in 1954. I believe their father owned a taxi company and we would pile into a "big" car (no seat belts back then) for the trip from South Amboy up to New Brunswick on cold Saturday mornings to play in a cold gym. We didn't care how cold

WWW.?



This month's Mystery Photo located in South Amboy or Sayreville is a very popular business. Send your answer in to: satimes@aol.com ny August 15th.. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

August Winners

The correct answers for last month's "Mystery Photo" contest were either the current Madura Pharmacy, or also acceptable was Hoffman's Pharmacy, which preceded Madura Pharmacy. Congratulations to the following winners who correctly identified the photo: W.Tom Kross, Dennis Quinlan, Estelle Pluskota, Pat & Bill Scully, Dorothy Zarzyczny, Joanne Niestemski, Samantha Stratton, Chuck Pickard, Gerry Sherry, Mary Griswold, Annrita Bartlinski, Sheila Knudsen, Joan Fulham, Lisa Grankowski, Fran Kosanovich, Marlene Letwenski, Judy Guilfoyle, Nancy Berry, Joan Gorczyca, John Gelsinon, Jim Malkiewicz, Chelle Martin, Joanne Niestemski, Marie English, Gary



August WWW.?

Feret, Mary Agnes Morris, Peggy Yuhas, Pete McIntyre, Scott V. Farina, Elizabeth Leveille, Jack Piskorski, Lynn Loy, Dane Colburn, Joan Stoddard, Dennis & Kathy O'leary, Eleanore Westerholm, Adele O'Hara, Maryanne Matarangolo, Walter Starzec Jr.

Letters



Tom,
Another "good" read. Always something to "tinker" the memory. Tom, I liked your story re "Summer Memories." I always think of the 50's as a Golden Era for SA.....but it sounds like what I remember about growing up continued through your time, the 60's. Although they were different times I bet the 40', 30's etc were about the same. But, has it continued to be like we remember? I bet not. There is too much to do "solo" now, and hanging out with the guys, playing make up games or walking around town with your girlfriend in the summer evening being harassed by your friends passing in cars just does not happen. Oh well, it is what it is.
John "Flip" Phillips
(Formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville)



Tom,
Enjoyed the photo of Coach Vince Abbatiello 1946 Sayreville HS Football Team as Trader Jack/Eddie/Jackie O'Brien and I would hitch a ride to Lower Sayreville on Friday Nights to watch this Championship Football Team. The Team played on the field by the old Sayreville Police Station(Main Street) and they along with the Sayreville Band would march from the School to the field while the Band blasted out their school song. I remember Connors from Morgan as the Quarterback who ran the ball as his front line was big/strong/ tough. I also enjoyed the photo of Hoffman HS. former great athletes, Johnny Ciol/ John "Poncho" Kovalski/John "Skeeball" Skarynski and surprisingly Billy Bouchard and Charlie Koener look the same as they did years ago. As Comedian Bob Hope would say "Thanks for the Memories".
Bill "Biff" McKeon
(Formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville)
Indiana

Tom & Brian,
Another great job, starting with the design (sailing boats behind the "Times") on the first page. Seems the paper keeps getting a more professional look with each edition.
Tommy, your summer memories of long ago "almost" match mine, different because boys devoted most of the time to sports...while girls, like myself, besides playing softball in the field and on the street, also played jump rope (double dutch), sidewalk games, and roller skated down Wilmont St. (the best, but not for the faint- hearted). Good memories, cousin!
John Phillips just has that special talent for storytelling....like he's sitting reminiscing with friends.
Brian, I loved all the dog photos. I wish everyone of them could win. Fran how strange that I hadn't even known the Deep Cut Bridge had a name! I wonder if the 1926 fire was responsible for clearing the trees at the top of Raritan Street (in the early '70s, a supermarket had been built on the empty field). Hmmm
Where in NJ...Brian I remember IFF from when it was first built. The building surely didn't look like it does now! I think it's really nice for you and your wife to have a column together.
Love the photos of the animals at Popcorn Park....as well as the local wildlife. So many photos lately in the paper!!
Great job, guys!!!
Elaine Holton Scott
(Formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville)
Georgia



Mr. Gomolka,
I just wanted to take the time to thank you for your memorial poem about my uncle (and godfather) John Kaboski. It's hard to believe it has been 20 years since he has been gone. We don't have a very large family, so it was very touching to see how much he is missed and loved by all who knew him. Seeing his smile again brightened my day.
With many thanks,
Beth (Kaboski) Cahill

We would love to hear from you!



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End Of Summer Celebration At Dowdell Library

"Hogwarts Style"

Photos by Brian Stratton



(l-r) Councilman Mickey Gross, Councilman Tom Reilly, Mayor Fred Henry, Library Director Elaine Gaber, Councilwoman Zusette Dato, Business Adminstraor Camille Tooker and Councilwoman Christine Noble.

Plenty of refreshments with a Harry Potter theme were available.



Library Director Elaine Gaber (l) presents Mayor Fred Henry (r) with a magic wand.



Everyone had a Great Time!



The excellent staff at Dowdell Library (standing l-r) Dennis Kuhn, Melissa Mulcahy, Allison Stickle, Nancy Charmello, Laura Golia, Marilyn Cipollari, Barbara Bringman. Seated is Library Director Elaine Gaber.

Where in New Jersey?



with this month's challenge.

Here is a little history and information on Windmill Hot Dogs:

Windmill Hot Dogs

Windmill is a chain of restaurants that are located in New Jersey with most close to the Jersey Shore. They are known best for their hot dogs as well as other fast food. The original location which was our August Where in New Jersey photo is a windmill-shaped building and is located in West Long Branch. It was built and opened in 1963. Leo and Ed Levine bought the restaurant in 1976, and opened a second location in Belmar three years later. Windmill Gourmet Fast Foods has grown to include seven locations, three franchises and four owned by the family.

Windmill hot dogs are large and prepared on a flat grill Jersey Shore style. They are said to be a favorite of Bruce Springsteen. Does anyone remember the Windmill location that was located in Keyport on Rt 35 Northbound, across from Home Depot?



September's location may prove to be a difficult one, but it is an historic location that you may not know is even in NJ, unless a light bulb goes off in your mind. Send your answer in to: satimes@aol.com or scan below by October 10th. (Photo by Phyllis Stratton)

August Information

Where in New Jersey?

By Brian & Phyllis Stratton

Last month's Where In NJ? Proved to be a tough one. Answers ranging from New Amsterdam Village Apartments to Don Quixote Restaurant were given. The correct answer was Windmill Hot Dogs located in West Long Branch, NJ. Correct answers were given by the following: Chelle Martin, Joan Stoddard, Peggy Yuhas and Pete McIntyre. Thanks to everyone who played and best of luck

August-
Where
in New
Jersey?
Windmill
Hot Dogs

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 Classic Car Cruise Night (Photos by Tom Burkard)



South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 Grand Knight Jack Mieczkowski (c) and PGK's Ray Suchcicki (l) and Ken Smetana (r) display huge trophy that was presented to the top car in the show.

This beautiful baby blue T-Bird from the 50's was popular with those who attended Cruise Night.



Dan Spencer and his wife Grace Hoffman Spencer really enjoyed the Classic Car Cruise Night, and especially this cool 'Vette.



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Dan Toye
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very easily, even in your own home. Just me and the acoustic 6 string and my pal, singer/songwriter George Wirth did all the recording on his computer. Again, it took a year or so because of work schedules etc. recording a full band of course would be a little more involved.

TB: How would you describe your CD "Home Again?"

DT: I would describe it as classic folk since it is only me and a guitar. I think people would expect to think a bit on a few songs and tap their feet on a few, and maybe shed a tear or two here and there.

TB: What is your favorite song on your great CD?

DT: I like "Sonny Boy" the best. "Marie" is a fun song to play, and "Ain't One For The Money" kinda lifts people up.

TB: How long have you been playing at Open Mics, and could you tell us some places where you have appeared?

DT: Thank God for open mcs because they give artists a starting point if they are new at it, and a great place to perform new stuff if they are old hands. Espresso Joe's has one every Wednesday. Garvey's in Monroe is on Wednesdays also. The KofC right here in town has an open mike usually the last Friday of the month during the fall and winter months. I play Irish songs for the Knights every year on the day of the St Patrick's Day parade when they have their after parade dinner, that is always fun, and I did play the Blast From The Past Car Show one year in Sayreville opening for The Rockdaddys, that was a thrill.

TB: Your song lyrics are fabulous. Where do you draw your inspiration from?

DT: I try to write lyrics that come from someplace in my life, people I've known, or people I made up, but based on things everyone can relate to. To write well. I need to read well, lots of poetry, old and new.

TB: On your CD, you are completely solo with just an acoustic guitar, right? You still sound amazing with your finger picking. What kind of guitar do you use?

DT: This CD was recorded with just one guitar, a Martin CEO 6 acoustic. there is a mixture of fingerpicking and flatpicking depending on the song. The softer songs are probably finger picking.

TB: How long did it take you to record your album?

DT: It took a year or so to record as I said and some songs weren't even done when I started it. "Let's Ride" is the one song local folks who grew up here will love, since it mentions a lot of places and people that they may know, including Tommy " Buck" Burkard ! By the way Tom, there is no way to thank you for all you've done with this great newspaper ! Everyone loves it !

TB: Where can your outstanding CD be purchased?

DT: The CD is available for purchase or download from CD Baby, iTunes, or Apple Music, or at any shows I play.

TB: Do you have any upcoming gigs where music lovers can buy it?

DT: I'll be at the Open Mike at the KofC on Fourth Street on Sept 30, It is a halfway to St Patrick's Day celebration and I will have some CD's with me there. And on Oct 18 I will be playing in Farmingdale at Pierce Church at 7:30pm, along with David Vargo and Jonathan Tea. It is a new series in a church with great acoustics! and I have another CD release event at Espresso Joe's on Front Street in Keyport on Sept 24th

TB: Once again Dan, congratulations and best of luck on a truly amazing CD, "Home Again."

DT: Thank you Tommy for everything and for promoting local talent!

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 -B.S..

Memories Of The Towers And The Loss Of Innocence

By Holly Heims Pitti

I know people who don't live in the northeast wonder why we keep making a big fuss on the 9/11 anniversary, but please indulge me and let me share why it continues to haunt me personally. My story admittedly pales by comparison to those who lost family and loved ones, but it's painful and paralyzes me every year on this day.

As a kid, my father owned one of those iconic little green newspaper stands on the corner of Church and Vesey Streets in downtown Manhattan. I'd sometimes go to "work for" him in that little booth as he shouted out the latest headlines to attract customers to the stand. He sold newspapers, maps and candy to businessmen and lost tourists heading to the financial district.

One day I saw a big plywood wall across the sidewalk from the news stand. It had a huge sign proudly announcing the world's tallest buildings were about to be built right on that very spot. I was sad because I wanted the Empire State building to always hold that claim. Dad said times change and this is going to be a big one.

Soon after seeing that sign, they started digging "the hole". Pile drivers seemingly worked day and night. The rhythmic sound was exciting to me, but dad had to endure that sound all day, every day. It was maddeningly annoying to him. The cadence seemed to come from everywhere at once: "Shmmpp-

ka-POW shmmpp-ka-POW, shmmpp-ka-POW all day long. Such was the price of progress.

As construction continued, Dad won

eventually made him a fixture with the construction workers, cops, and commuters.

I recall a construction worker taking Dad, me, and my brother, up a construction

petrified, but I'm happy I had that experience.

The WTC station grew to be a major commuting hub, and my dad moved his operation to a beautiful marble walled alcove at the bottom of a mile long escalator leading to the trains. Sadly, Hudson News, took over most large newsstands in NYC, and those magical days came to an end.

By this time, the towers were complete, the construction crews were replaced with commuters, and the controversy around whether the towers were a skyline "eye sore" had been settled. The new skyline was accepted and even celebrated for the role they played in the imagery of downtown.

For 20+ years after they were completed, I would take every opportunity to catch a glimpse of the skyline and recall those exciting years.

A couple weeks after the attacks, I stood at ground zero, seeing the void as I looked up, dust filled storefronts, and the acrid smell of the still smoldering pile filled the air, and a profound sense of loss overcame me. The towers and I matured together, and I feel a piece of my history died along with those who may have bought a candy bar, or stopped to chat with my Dad many years ago. May they rest in peace. I'll never ever forget.

(Dad still can't talk about the events of 15 years ago.)



The NY Skyline on the night of 9/11/2016/ (Photo by Holly Pitti)

a bid to move his newsstand inside to a permanent structure right at the turnstiles to the subway, by the Port Authority Police Sub Station. His little operation expanded its offerings, and his friendly demeanor

elevator to the 77th floor. No walls yet, just a huge expanse of floor with a single rope around the perimeter to mark the edge. It felt like the wind could just blow me over the edge despite being 100 feet away. I was

Sayreville 911 Memorial Service

Photos by Tom Burkard

Many local dignitaries participated at the 911 Memorial Service including Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O'Brien, Assemblyman John Wisniewski, Assemblyman Craig Coughlin, Senator Joseph Vitale, and Congressman Frank Pallone.



Mayor Kennedy O'Brien



Assemblyman John Wisniewski



Assemblyman Craig Coughlin



Senator Joseph Vitale



Congressman Frank Pallone



The monument is adorned with beautiful floral sprays and other remembrances from local organizations.



Many Sayreville organizations attended the Memorial Service.



Saluting the flag in honor of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.



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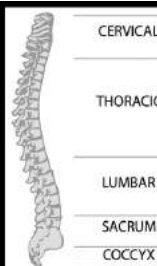
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The Spinal Column

By
Dr. John Misiewicz

The Burden of Childhood Backpacks

Some kids may feel they carry the weight of the world on their shoulders. Considering the load many are carrying, that's almost true! They are stuffed with textbooks, notebooks, papers, pencils, CD players and anything else they can think of.

After observing the children and speaking to other parents and teachers, I learned that "pack mulling" was not unusual for children in elementary and high school. With over 30 percent of school-aged children reporting frequent backaches, it has become increasingly important to select the correct pack and how to use it. Here are some suggestions when selecting a backpack: 1) Adjustable, wide and padded straps; 2) Think padding in the area that rests against the back; and 3) Several compartments to avoid shifting contents.

The American Chiropractic Association recommends the following:

60 lb. person	5 lb. backpack
61-75 lb. person	10 lb. backpack
100 lb. person	15 lb. backpack

As a general rule, backpacks should not exceed ten percent of your child's body weight, nor should a pack exceed fifteen percent of an adult's weight.

Books should be separated into several compartments and heavy items should be placed closer to the back. Be sure to place pointed or sharp items away from the back.

Backpacks should be worn as close to your child's body as possible, especially when walking to and from school. One strap should be worn on each shoulder so that the weight is balanced evenly across the back. Straps should be adjusted so that the backpack rests on the hips and pelvis with less strain on the back muscles. If the backpack has a waist belt, it should be fastened to ease neck and shoulder stress.

As always, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure! Following these simple steps will ease the stress placed on your child's spine and prevent future problems.

Occupational Endangered List

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate

c.2003

If not extinct I do insist
A threatened and endangered list
Of jobs once common in our midst
Now so rare and tenuous:
Iceman, rag or junkman,
chicken plucker,
Milkman, TV repairman,
milkin' maid,
Typewriter maker,
telephone operator,
Door to door salesman,
coal delivery man,
Carhop waitress,
movie projectionist,
House call doctor,
midwife,
Blacksmith, butler,
dishwasher,
Drugstore soda fountain jerk,
prospector,
5 & 10 cent store proprietor,
newspaper barker,
Street sweeper,
toll collector,
Truant officer,
dog catcher,
Lighthouse keeper, grave digger,
And many more have gone the way
Of the dinosaur I hate to say
Who knows that if maybe some day
There will be no jobs,
only time to play!

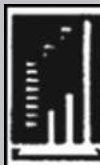


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Jim Harkins with his beautiful 1980 International Scout Rallye.



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Jerry Mocar (l) on Sax and Clem Skarzynski (r) on Guitar team up for a great rendition of "Sleepwalk".



Jerry Pizzillo (r) and his wife Susan (l) with their classic cars. (l-r) A 1951 Chevy, 1929 Ford Model A and a 1922 Ford Model T that has a great story that Jerry will share with our readers in a future issue.



Rich and Ann Steele with their incredible 1967 Pontiac GTO.

Sayreville Day

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



James Craft gives an outstanding rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner," at the opening ceremony of Sayreville Day.



State, local and other dignitaries are pictured following the opening ceremonies of Sayreville Day.



Assemblyman John Wisniewski (l) and Sayreville Councilman Steve Grillo are pictured near the Democratic booth.



Pictured (l-r) are Republican candidates in the upcoming November election: Zhiyu "Jimmy" Hu-Freeholder, Peter "Pedro" Pizar-Sheriff, Joe Scillieri-Freeholder.



The "Happy Express" and other kiddie rides brought lots of happiness to youngsters at Sayreville Day.

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Beck, Roseanna E., 66, of Parlin died on Aug. 22.
Brown, Linda A., 67, of Sayreville died on Sept. 6.
Clark, Eugene, 58, of South Amboy died on Sept. 5.
Colucci, Dean J., 63, formerly of South Amboy died on Aug. 22.
Foley, Camille D., 64, of Parlin died on Sept. 15.
Grays, Mohanee, 61, of Sayreville died on Aug. 20.
Hogarth, Elsie, 59 of Sayreville died on Sept. 7.
Hubbs, Frederick J., 90, of Parlin died on Sept. 11.
Jadwinski, Irene, 51, of Sayreville died on Sept. 12.
Jankowski, John "Jack" "Jake," formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville died on Aug. 31.
Kijowski, Walter, 90, of South Amboy died on Sept. 14.
Klimek, Florence, 92, of Sayreville died on Aug. 31.
Kurtz, Mary A., 69, formerly of South Amboy died on Aug. 29.
Lebeda, Paul, 86, of Melrose died on Sept. 7.
Lopez, Michele, 72, of South Amboy died on Sept. 6.
McNamee, Dana, 27, of South Amboy died on Sept. 5.
Nappe, Mae, 90, of South Amboy died on Sept. 15.
Pajak, Celeste, 63, of South Amboy died on Aug. 27.
Pappa, Anthony "Tony," 93, of South Amboy died on Sept. 13.
Piatkowski, Susann L., 57, of Parlin died on Sept. 3.
Quirke, John M., 58, of Sayreville died on Aug. 19.
Randall, Helen M. Stockton, 84, of South Amboy died on Sept. 2.
Richmond, Bruce R., 82, of South Amboy died on Sept. 15.
Shereyka, Joseph P., 87, of Sayreville died on Sept. 10.
Zuczek, Stephen E., 65, of Sayreville died on Sept. 5.



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Cook's strong ties to the community, and her impeccable reputation as a highly qualified Nurse certainly play an important

role in the overall patient experience at Alameda Center, as she excels in examining and developing the plans of care for each new admission, and performing extensive risk assessments – both pivotal elements in a patient's successful rehabilitation.
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What A Catch!



Keepers and then some were the catch of the day by (l-r) Kenny Kraeuter, Scott Testa, Ed Mancini and Mark Abbatiello (Owner of Broadway Seafood) on a trip to Sandy Hook. (Photo Submitted)



Mahi Mahi and a Wahoo were caught in Key West Fla by (l-r) Conchita & Tom Whitaker, Broadway Seafood owner Mark Abbatiello, Capt. Barry Hitch, Nancy Campbell and Charlie Beal. (Photo Submitted)

Fishing Flashes
By Teo "Weebles" Weber



Salt Water

Fluke season closes on September 25th but the fish are out on their way to the ocean. They are catching them in the Bay but there are fewer keepers. The big storm we had can be a contributing factor. Before the storm, Party boats began to catch some bigger Bluefish 3 to 5 pounds. The storm will likely bring bigger fish from up north. Surf fishing slowed up by the storm is recovering. There was a good bite of King Fish, especially to our south at LBI. I have heard of some Pompano caught there, as the water temp was 73 degrees. Some Benito and False Albacore showed up at Barnegat Ridge. Sea Bass season is closed until mid October, but those boats bottom fishing are mostly catching Ling

and Blackfish plus a few Triggerfish. A new state record for Triggerfish is being posted better than 6 pounds. Barnegat Bay dock accesses have Blackfish, Snapper Blues and small Sea Bass off street ends public docks. **Fresh Water**
Low water and heat still are problems. In lakes largemouth Bass, Panfish, Catfish and Carp can be caught, mostly early or late in the day. Hybrid Stripers are still biting at night in Spruce Run and Lake Hopatcong. If you have a boat, you can catch Lake Trout deep jigging in Merrel Creek and Round Valley Reservoirs. Fall Trout stocking begins on October 11.

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Local Wildlife
(Photos by Tom Burkard)

This large frog was spotted recently in Sayreville.



A mallard duck flaps its wings and gets ready for flight.

This blue jay is pictured on a bird-feeder in the backyard of a local home.



A hungry chipmunk enjoys a tomato 'Mater' sandwich in a local garden.

Gateway To The Shore



Chris and Michele Gavron have transformed the front of their house (photo left) and back yard (top photo) to reflect South Amboy being the Gateway To The Shore.

The back yard has been nicknamed "Pebble Beach" and is very inviting with the pebble ground cover, bamboo fencing and nautical theme.

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