

South Amboy Native Vicar General

by Steve Schmid

Reverend Monsignor William F. Fitzgerald, a 1943 graduate of St. Mary's High School, has been named Vicar General for the Trenton diocese. Bishop John M. Smith appointed Fitzgerald to his new position, the second highest in the diocese, in July.

Msgr. Fitzgerald is responsible for the finances, taxes, accounting, buildings, in addition to the buying and selling of properties and insurance for the diocese.

Prior to his new appointment, Fitzgerald served as Chancellor for the Trenton diocese. While serving in the post, he implemented a program to provide diocesan employees a pension, the first to do so in the United States. He also developed a self insurance program for the diocese which has since been copied by other dioceses. He noted proudly that this has resulted in a great savings for the Trenton diocese.

In 1981 a decision was made to create a new diocese, since Trenton had over 1 million Catholics in its region from Phillipsburg to Tuckerton. Msgr. Fitzgerald worked on the split, which created the Metuchen Diocese with Bishop Theodore McCarrick as the new spiritual leader.

The terms of the division called for four counties to remain with the Trenton diocese while four others, including Middlesex County, were to form the new Metuchen diocese. According to Msgr. Fitzgerald, Trenton maintained 55 percent of the priests, parishioners, and properties, while Metuchen received 45 percent. He noted then Bishop McCarrick was very satisfied with what he got in the new Metuchen diocese, fully aware that everything was divided up fairly in a five month time span. Currently there are 700,000 Catholics in Trenton and 500,000 in Metuchen.

Msgr. Fitzgerald has had a long and distinguished career. He was ordained a priest on June 28, 1950, around the time of the South Amboy explosion. Damage in the city caused him to celebrate his first Mass at St. Lawrence Church in Laurence Harbor.

In 1953 he was appointed Assistant Chancellor of the Trenton Diocese and was named Vice Officialis in 1960. He became the Moderator of Diocesan Council of Catholic Nurses & Diocesan Physicians Guild in 1961. He was appointed Vice Chancellor for the Trenton Diocese in 1963. He also became Papal Chamberlain with the title Vy. Rev. Msgr. in 1963.

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South Amboy's New Police Chief

by Tom Burkard

25-year police veteran, Jim Holovacko has been appointed South Amboy's new Chief of Police, succeeding former Chief, Leo McCabe. Born in Perth Amboy, his family moved to South Amboy when he was in the fifth grade. He went through the St. Mary's school system and graduated high school in 1964. Holovacko was employed at DuPont's from 1964-72, and along the way, served with the U.S. Army from 1966-68 at Fort Hood, Texas. He took and passed the Police test in 1970, served as a South Amboy Police Reserve that same year, along with Patrolman Dragotta, and was appointed to the PD in 1972. With 1984 came a promotion to Captain, and he was assigned to the Patrol Division, where he worked with a large group of officers. "We're pretty fortunate in South Amboy not to have a lot of violent crimes, most incidents are alcohol or drugs, and juvenile related, said the new chief. In 1988, he was re-assigned to Plain Clothes, and was Captain of Administration in charge of the Detective Division and Records Bureau.

Chief Holovacko stated that, "Policing is a young man's game. Today's cops are younger, better educated, stay in shape better. The image of the coffee-drinking, donut-eating cop is gone. They have more personal pride, and with that comes a good image, and gains respect from the people. We have to gain people's respect."

Jim is a baseball lover, who as a youngster aspired to be a baseball player, as many of us did back in the 1950's and 60's. He coached in the South Amboy Little Fellas League for 25 years, instructing youngsters on the First Aid, Jo-Tom's, and PBA teams from 1964-89. Holovacko has been the Jayvees baseball coach at Bishop Ahr High School from 1992 to present. "I like coaching because you feel that you're helping the kids. After they graduate and see you a couple of years later, they recognize you, and call you coach. They really appreciate what you've done for them," he proudly said.

Knights of Columbus Installs Officers

The newly elected officers of the Knights of Columbus of Our Lady of Victory Council 2061 were installed Saturday, July 19. The installation ceremony was held during the 6:00 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Victories Church in Sayreville.

The new officers are: Grand Knight Joseph Notarangelo; Deputy Grand Knight John Schnitzer; Chancellor James Poltrictzky; Financial Secretary Daniel (Chuck) Czernikowski; Treasurer Edward Tauber; Recorder James Batissa; Lecturer Fred Baumann; One Year Trustee William Kimball; Advocate James Bowes; Warden Fred Morrow; Inside Guard James Morey and Outside Guard Anthony Gerbino.

Very Reverend Terrance Lawler, Pastor of Our Lady of Victories, presided at the Celebration of the Eucharist and the Knights of Columbus District Deputy, Wayne McCormack conducted the installation. Father Lawler congratulated the new officers and praised the Council's work in the community. The Pastor acknowledged Grand Knight Notarangelo and his fellow officers for their strong support of the parish and clergy and their services for the common good.

After the church ceremony, two hundred people attended a celebration dinner and dance honoring the newly elected installed officers at the Knights of Columbus Victorian Hall.



Chief Jim Holovacko

If the South Amboy budget permits, Holovacko hopes to expand manpower, especially in the Detective Division, and Traffic Division. He would also like to update the firearms program and upgrade weapons, and also change the patrol uniforms to "something a little more modern, and improve our image. Our cars have been changed now to black & white. Sometimes change improves working conditions, and shows you care about people," stated the Chief.

Chief Holovacko's most dangerous situation as a police officer was at a bank robbery at the Pulawski Bank. "I received an active alarm, and was the first one on the scene. I blocked off the driveway, and the perpetrator came out, and we faced off. He had his hand in the bag, and I thought he had a weapon, and luckily, fake money that was in the bag exploded and distracted him, and I was physically able to grab and arrest him. He later pled guilty to 7 different bank robberies."

Baseball is Holovacko's main hobby, but when he can find some free time with his busy schedule, he enjoys walking and also watching sports on T.V. When asked how he would like to be remembered, he responded, "as a person who was a good Administrator in the Police Dept., and as a person who answered the call to the public and responded to it."

The modern-minded new Police Chief will definitely be accessible to the public. "We want the public to know we're here and feel free to call us. My door is open. I have an open door policy. I like to deal with the public," said Chief Holovacko. Congratulations, and here's wishing you the best, Jim!

Father Weezorak Chosen New Administrator at St. Mary

by Tom Burkard

Father Dennis Weezorak has been selected St. Mary Parish's new Administrator, and is expected to be appointed the new Pastor, replacing Father William Leonard, sometime in September after the diocese's new bishop is installed.

Father Dennis grew up in Pittsburgh, PA, and his family later moved to Reading, PA. He earned a business degree from Penn State, and worked for a management firm for 6 years, and then decided to enter the priesthood after thinking about it throughout his life. He was ordained on May 3, 1986 for the Ogdensburg, New York Parish, and was at four different parishes in upstate New York before coming to New Jersey.



His home diocese is Allentown, PA. Prior to bursting on the scene at St. Mary, he worked at Our Lady of Mount Virgin in Middlesex, NJ. Father Dennis arrived at the South Amboy Parish in June of 1994.

Although Father Dennis doesn't foresee any "earth-shaking changes", he looks forward to getting parishioners involved in all parish activities. "The essential thing in making the parish a community is the individual involvement of the parishioners. We don't start anything that doesn't have a lay person to lead, or at least be in charge of the group, to know what's going on. It's crucial," said the future Pastor.

He said that Father Joe Romanowski, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish is a "really good guy, and we have to work together." Father Dennis also stated that "Father Leonard did a lot of very, very good things here, and I want to continue them and build on and add to it." The importance of parishioners becoming active in the parish high on Father Weezorak's list; "We need the parishioners, all of them, to be here, active, and a part of what's going on."

One major personnel change has occurred over the summer, as St. Mary Grammar School will have a new principal, come September. Sister Peggy Russell, a Mercy Sister will take over the reins, and she has plenty of experience. "She has an excellent background, and I have complete confidence in her," said Father Dennis.

Father Weezorak has limited time for hobbies, but when he does get a rare break from his many responsibilities, he enjoys bicycling, reading novels, photography and travel.

Father Dennis' friendly and positive personality lead one to believe that he will have an open-door relationship with his parishioners. "I want to get feedback from parishioners, to see what they want, and changes that they feel are necessary. I try to be level with, and give everyone a fair shake," he said. Congratulations, and Best Wishes in your new position, Father Dennis!



Rev. Msgr. William F. Fitzgerald, P.A., V.G.

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Live entertainment includes Sheldon Edmunds and Ned Norland. For further information, please contact Scott at (732) 390-9833.

St. Stan's Annual Breakfast

St. Stan's Rosary Altar Society will be holding their Annual Breakfast on October 5, after the 7:30 Mass. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. Ticket Chairperson Vicky Wos 257-3324, Bernadine Lajewski 257-3077, Publicity Chairperson Stella Chitren 254-2934.

Free Concerts In Sayreville

The first performance of the Sayreville Cultural Arts Council's annual Fall Concert Series starts on Thursday, September 4, 1997. Appearing for the second time will be The Not Ready for Broadway Players. They will present **The Envelope Please, 1997**, a revue of Tony Award-winning musicals throughout the years. The show is presented in the fashion of the Tony Awards complete with 4 men and 4 women singers, a host of presenters, music, and, of course, "The Envelope, Please." The show will begin at 7:30 p.m., at the Senior Center, 423 Main St., Sayreville. Admission is free. All performances are open to the public.

The second performance of the Sayreville Cultural Arts Council's Annual Fall Concert Series will be on Thursday, September 25, 1997. Appearing for the first time will be Hughes Trembly and Friend. The performance will contain music from Broadway shows and also various ethnic songs. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 423 Main St., Sayreville. Admission is free. All performances are open to the public.

Pleasant Little Trivia

by Tom Burkard

1. Replaced Mrs. Howard Ervin as Board of Ed President in S. Amboy in 1969? a. John Tobias b. Mary Hagger c. Vincent Higgins
2. Mayor of S. Amboy in 1944? a. E. Nehrkorn b. Tom Scully c. M. Welsh
3. In 1954, this S. Amboy liquor store was located at 631 Bordentown Avenue? a. Union Wine & Liquors b. Mary's Package Goods c. J&D's
4. Hoffman High's junior class President in 1963-64? a. John Jankowski b. Anthony Pelican c. Donald Baranowski
5. South Amboy's Fire Chief in '65? a. Rick O'Riley b. Frank Conroy c. Ted Morris
6. In '49, this S. Amboy pharmacy was located at 118 N. Broadway? a. Rexall b. Arky's c. American
7. Sayreville's borough Clerk in 1977? a. Joseph Mooney b. Mary Kosakowski c. Claire Gaines
8. Where was St. Mary's 1948 Prom held? a. Molly Pitcher b. Forge c. The Manor
9. Sayreville High's '52 Christmas Dance was called? a. Red & Green b. Mistle-Toe Time c. Holly Hop
10. Sayreville's Mayor in 1977: a. John Czernikowski b. Art Buchwald c. Dick Govina
11. This David St., S. Amboy business specialized in auto repairs in 1972? a. Top Shelf b. Terry's Garage c. David & Goliath
12. Frog Hollow's first manager? a. Ray Bradley b. Albert Heim c. Richard Mendes

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

Talk of the Towns

by Tom Burkard

5 Years Younger?

Last month's Yearbook feature may have been a bit deceiving. The actual year was 1972, not 1977 as it was titled. Typos do happen, even in the large dailies. Did all of the '72 grads from St. Mary's feel 5 years younger? I sure hope so. If only we could turn back the clock!

Weinman Still a Force in Baseball

Dan Weinman, a 1970 St. Mary's grad, and member of the last state baseball championship in '69 is still playing highly competitive baseball in the Fort Worth, Texas Senior Men's Over 30 Baseball League. A young 45, Weinman is his club's ace pitcher and also plays first base. He recently blasted a 3-run tape measure home run for the White Sox. Dan has overcome elbow injuries, and has become one of the top hurlers in the league. He tells us that he chats occasionally with Billy Martin's son, Billy, who is an opponent of his on the Ft. Worth Astros. Junior wears number 1, and plays second base, just like his late dad did for the Yankees.

Reunion a Huge Success

The Hoffman High School Class of 1947 recently held their 50 year reunion, and a wonderful time was had by all. Officers were: Shirley Skow-President, Dorothy Bannerman-V.P. Josephine Malkiewicz-Treas., Lenora Greenspan-Sec.

Freemans Celebrate 25th

Happy 25th wedding anniversary greetings go out to Fran & Geraldine Freeman, formerly of South Amboy and now living outside of Baltimore. The big day is Sept. 9th. It was great hearing from Fran for the first time in about 29 years. He called to thank us for **The History of Local Bands** series, which he enjoyed immensely. He sang a few songs on the phone, and believe me he's still got it! He also mentioned a band that we inadvertently missed, **The Bayshore 5**, which was led by Joe Hessner on drums, Mike Conley, Skip Buckalew, Frank & Billy Graff and Bob Eginton. Thanks for the memories, Fran!

Melrose Fireman's Band

Do you remember the Melrose Fireman's Band? The group was all from the Melrose Hose Co. They consisted of: Harold Andrejewski-wash tub-bass, Charlie Kampo-trumpet, Kenny Revolinski-glass washboard, George Wisniewski-welded spoons, Dennis Caruso-trombone, Bob Standowski-trumpet, Wayne Chorpita-drums, Rich Standowski-accordion.



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OLV Opening School Schedule

The following is the schedule for OLV 1997 Opening Days of School:
 Grades 1 to 8: School will reopen Wednesday, September 3, 1997 at 7:50 a.m.

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In 1966 he assumed the job of Chancellor for the Trenton Diocese. In 1967 he was appointed Pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Trenton until 1973. He then became the Pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in West Trenton, a position which he continues to hold. He has also been named to serve on various boards dealing with religious, educational, and health issues. In 1983 he was appointed Episcopal Vicar for Administration for the Trenton Diocese. He was named Vicar for Organizational Services in 1986 and was reappointed in 1989 and 1992. He was named Moderator of the Curia in 1992.

Msgr. Fitzgerald recalls fond memories of his days growing up in South Amboy and attending St. Mary's Elementary and High Schools. He reports that Sister Josita, his high school science teacher for all four years, is still in good health today. There are other fond memories of those school years too; especially the annual carnival held in St. Mary's school yard from Stevens Avenue to Second Street. He recalls Msgr. James Foley calling it a fiesta of 10 nights and 10,000 delights.

The Monsignor recalls playing baseball with Richie Schultz, his now deceased classmate, who later became mayor of South Amboy. Another fond memory of Alfie Clark, who was two years ahead of him in high school and who later played in two World Series with the Yankees and Indians using the name Allie Clark.

Although his work is in Trenton, the Monsignor regularly returns to South Amboy to see his relatives: Francis Thompson, Tony Vona, and Vic and Peggy Grieco. Accompanying him on these frequent visits is his sister, Sister Marian William Fitzgerald, who is a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia. She resides in the St. Francis Medical Center in Trenton and also assists him in the diocesan office.

for students in grades 1 to 8. They will report to the "A" classrooms. Both A&B classroom teachers will meet the students.

Kindergarten: Report under the church in the "Great Room" on Thursday, September 4, 1997 at 7:50 a.m.

Pre-K: Students enrolled in the 2 day program (Tuesday/Thursday) will report at 8:15 a.m. on Thursday, September 4, 1997 under the church in the "Great Room." Students enrolled in the 3 day program - (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) will begin on Friday, September 5, 1997 under the church in the "Great Room."

Beginnings 3 - Students enrolled in the 2 day program (Tuesday/Thursday) will begin on Thursday, September 4, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. under the church in the "Great Room." Students enrolled in the 3 day program (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) will begin on Friday, September 5, 1997.

Dismissal - On Wednesday, September 3, there will be a 12 noon dismissal for students in Grades 1 to 8.

On Thursday and Friday, September 4 and 5, there will be a 12 noon dismissal for students in Grades K to 8.

Pre-K dismissal will be 12:15 on the days the students attend.

Beginnings 3 dismissal is at 11:30 a.m. on the days the students attend.

There will be no school on Monday, Sept. 8th due to the installation of Msgr. Vincent D. Breen as Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen.

Spaghetti Dinner to Benefit First Aid

The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 will be holding a fund raiser Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the South Amboy First Aid Squad on Sept. 12 from 5-8 p.m. at the K of C Hall on Fourth St. and Stevens Ave. Cost is \$7 per person, and it's for a great organization who are always helping people. Tickets are available at the door or in advance by calling 721-0036. No takeout. Let's help our First Aid Squad, so they can help us!

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Yearbook - Sayreville 1972

by Tom Burkard

In early September of 1971, as the Sayreville seniors prepared for their final year of school, people throughout the country were watching the hottest thing on T.V., **All In The Family** with Archie Bunker . . .

Some of the Sayreville faculty included, Raymond Gebauer, Jacquel English, Carolyn Strain, Stuart Miller, Dennis Visnovsky, Patrick Dineen, Marie Janoski, and Colette Solinski . . . On the Student Council were: Pres. Bruno Lavette, VP John McDonnell, Corresp. Sec. Linda Miglin, Rec. Sec. Diane Schaefer, Treas. William D'Amico . . .

The Senior Class officers were Pres. Phyllis Kielian, VP Colleen Fraass, Sec. Pat Freeman, Treas. Milton Kreissner . . . Bonnie Downs was Editor-In-Chief of the yearbook . . . Cheryl Polguy was the 1971 Homecoming Queen . . . Who could forget Blue & Gray Week or Holiday in Greece? . . . Maureen Ludlow was Editor-In-Chief of the newspaper . . . The fall play was called **Portrait of Jenny** . . . Some of the many seniors were: Tom Ashe, Donna Balas, Carole & Jackie Albert, Thomas Besso, Margaret Bettyas, Edward Boehm, Rochelle Brandon, Robert Bruhn, Connie Cadmus, Gary Carter, Anthony Cebulski, Gary Colfer (former South Amboy Fire Chief), Colleen Coyle, Jim Creamer, Yvonne Coyle, Tom D'Amico (great guy and old friend from Melrose), Kevin Curtis, Dennis Davy, Diane Czarniecki, Susan Dobias, Kathleen Dobrinski, Danny Donnatelli, Jervis Edelman (another great Melrose guy), Richard Fee (good friend from where else? Melrose), Cynthia Ferenci, William Fig, Irene Fort, Debbie Gabel, William Gawron, Edward Gamble, George Georgas, William Germann, Gary Gomolka, Patricia Gomolka, Catherine Good, Alexis Grabowski, Barbara Harkins, Leo Hart, Jeff Hashagen, Judy Humcke, James Johns, Donna Jefferys, Beverly Jones (nice lady), Diane Jones, John Keating, Richard Kenny, Melanie Kidd, Ronald Kijowski, Tim Kostares, Gerard Klimek, Sue Krainski, Donna Kuc, Bob Lasko, JoAnn Lenahan, Michelle Lenci, Marie Leo Grande, Victor Liberti, Joseph McCloud, Mary Anne McCutcheon, Colette Lynch, Bob McKeon, Steve Maness, Donna & Joan Malkiewicz, Joanne Marine, Diana McGill, Don Merski, Donald & Ron Miller, James Mudd, Debbie Miros, Elaine Moskwa, Edward Nardone, Dorinda Noel, Walter Olszewski, Karen Olson, Susan O'Leary, Kathy & William O'Toole, Scott Parkstrom, Timothy Pearson, Robert Point (successful lawyer), Diane Quinn, Karen Rauth, Nancy Reagan, Kathleen Rudd, Robert Salmon, Patricia Scully, William Senape, Patricia Skinbinski, John Smith, John F. Smith, Mark Stanton, Karen Striffler, Michael Tonzola (good guy), Chinita Tutt, Judith Uman, April Vivian,

Nancy Twardos, Don Wisniewski, Beatrice Witham, Virginia Wysocki, George Zulin, Abbie Zeisler . . .

Sayreville had many clubs in '72. Some of them and their presidents were: Science - Patricia Walsh; Ski - Kenneth Hoguta; National Honor Society - Gary Greene; Language - Donna Sedlak; Pep - Karen Keister; Library Council - Debbie Chevalier; Future Secretaries - Donna Balas; Future Business Leaders - Ellen Shinnick; Future Teachers of America - Joanne Prato.

Just to name a handful of the fine athletes in Bomberland who graduated n '72: Mark Champion, Alan Pasztornyicky (great guy), Jerry Ust (another fine gentleman and excellent coach), William Unkel, K. More, Ron Miller, Greg Ungano, Joseph Choma, Bill Beavers, Bob Szkodny. Janet Ryan (currently the Sayreville girls softball Coach with the most wins in history, and still going strong), was Co-Capt. of the girls basketball team in '72. Brian Letts Co-Capt. the Wrestling squad, and Donna Sedlak was co-capt. of the girls gymnastics team . . . Robin Arentsen was captain of the twirlers, and Marie Hubbs co-capt.; Kathy Simcox was Capt. of the Color Guard and Cheryl Polguy co-capt. . . .

In '72 President Nixon went to China, and Russia, and later in November won the presidency by the second largest landslide in history . . . Mark Spitz won 7 gold medals in swimming that summer . . .

If you can answer the final question about the Sayreville High Class of 1972, you'll win the prize. What was the name of the 1972 spring musical? a. **Spring is Here**; b. **April Showers**; c. **How to Succeed In Business Without Really Trying**. If you answered c., you are correct, and a real winner!

The Most Beautiful Thing

by Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate c. 1982

Thoreau may have said nature
Romeo may have thought Juliet
Gershwin his piano,
Dorothy thought home
To Pa Kettle, Ma Kettle,
To Scarlett it was Tara,
Honest Abe believed it was freedom,
Cleopatra revered her jewels,
Elvis adored his mother,
Joyce Kilmer barded it a tree
And Patton truly believed war,
All of us have a "most beautiful thing"
But to me, ah! to me,
The glow on the face and in the heart
Of you and I happily together in love.

Raritan Bay Medical Center Opens a Cardiac Catheterization Lab

Raritan Bay Medical Center has opened a new Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory, enabling patients to have this examination performed at their community medical center rather than traveling by ambulance or car to distant hospitals.

"We are delighted to bring this much needed service to our area," said Keith H. McLaughlin, president/CEO. "Hundreds of patients were transferred to other facilities last year for this procedure. For local residents, the addition of cardiac catheterization services is a real plus."

A cardiac catheterization is a visual heart test conducted by a cardiologist. After inserting dye into the patient's blood, the physician watches a monitor to observe the blood flow and study the condition of blood vessels and the presence or absence of obstructions. This assists the physician in making appropriate treatment recommendations to the patient.

"Raritan Bay is fortunate to have cardiologists who are very experienced in the technique of catheterization," says John R. Middleton, MD, medical director of Raritan Bay Medical Center. "These physicians will now be able to test their patients at Raritan Bay Medical Center."

Rakesh Sahni, MD, has been named medical director of the lab. Howard Noveck, MD, and Ravindra Patel, MD, will act as associate directors.

The new Cardiac Cath Lab is located on the critical care floor of Raritan Bay's Perth Amboy Division, adjacent to the Intensive Care Unit, Coronary Care Unit, and new Cardiology wing. Most inpatient and outpatient cardiac testing will be available at this location so that patients will be more comfortable and all the information will be accessible to the physician.

The Cardiac Cath Lab consists of a procedure room with adjacent control room, a three-bed recovery room, observation room, nurses station and a chemical room for film developing and a cineroom for doctors to review and dictate their films. State-of-the-art digital computer equipment will be used to develop composite pictures which can then be transmitted to remote locations. Digitized and computerized images provide for speedy and less-awkward transmission of images. Medical professionals can view and analyze images via computer instantaneously without having to wait for delivery of processed procedure film.

Staff members include the medical director, nurses, a registered invasive cardiovascular technologist, a special procedure radiologic technologist and an administra-

tive secretary.

"Cardiac catheterization, in combination with a stress test, echocardiogram and Holter monitor, provides a nearly complete understanding of the patient's disease," says Anthony Chiaramida, MD, director of Cardiology at the medical center. "A doctor will be able to give the patient a realistic assessment of whether he had heart disease, recommend and initiate the appropriate treatment and offer thoughts on prognosis based on the best information available."



Animal Care

By Virginia Stillwagon

Last year more than 3 million children were the victims of animal bites. And contrary to the belief that children and pets get along, most bites were inflicted by the family pet or a neighbor's. Most bites are caused by dogs, but cats if they feel threatened will strike out also.

Teaching children and pets to socialize at an early age prevents problems later. Children should be taught to show affection without scaring the animal. They should start out by stroking the dog or cat's back rather than its head or face. Hugging is unnatural to an animal that might feel trapped or threatened.

Children should learn a pet's body language as when to approach or stay away. A friendly cat will purr and have a relaxed tail, while a fearful cat may hiss, arch its back and flatten its ears. Angry dogs growl, stare and bare their teeth, while a friendly dog will wag its tail. Never get too close to a pet's face during any interaction and never stare into a pet's eyes. In animal language this is a threat and may make the pet nervous.

Games like fetch where an object is thrown are preferable to pets grabbing objects with their teeth while the child holds on to it with their hands and staring at the animal. Also do not encourage a kitten to chase and bite fingers. When the animal is older this game can be quite painful when the adult cat sinks its claws or teeth into the child's hand.

The big problem when approaching a strange dog is the child is too quick. They usually run up and grab. Children should be taught to never touch an animal unless an adult gives permission. When children do encounter a stray dog whose intentions are not clear they should stand rigid, do not yell, scream or talk, hands at their sides and stare straight ahead.

This info comes from a video, **Dogs, Cats & Kids**.

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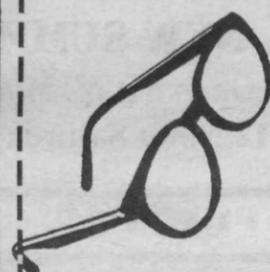
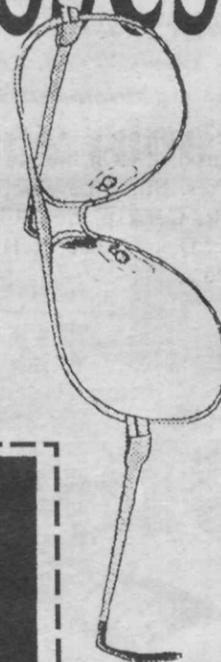
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Fishing Flashes

by Teo "Weebles" Weber

Salt Water

Hearing good reports of the bay Fluke fishing. I tried it in mid-July, on a rental skiff out of the Highlands. I ran all over the Navy Pier buoys 6S and 8S, Romer Shoal, and even went to 10S. Outside of 2 short fluke, I sand shark, some big sea robins and only managed 1 keeper. One afternoon, my wife and I went to the Reach area, but did nothing so we moved to the 3 buoy area Chapel Hill Channel and had a combined catch of 6 Weakfish to 3 pounds, 5 nice fluke all around 2 pounds, 2 big sea robins, and 1 large clearnose skate. Charlie Koerner, reigning Salt Water Fishing King recently showed me a cooler full of nice bay fluke up to 3 pounds. The South Amboy Beach fishing is up and down with Rexie and some other beach regulars picking away at small blues. One day I saw a large one lost. Party boat bluefishing is at a peak now, with more bonito mixed in. First false albacore and Spanish mackerel showed south of us. Along with more bonito and skipjack tuna moving inshore this will develop into a good mixed fishing for us.

Fresh Water

The water levels at Spruce Run and Mulhockoway Creek were low. I saw 1 nice 15 inch brown, but couldn't catch it. I did manage one small sunfish. I tried for hybrid, but lost only a small bass. Close to home, Farrington Lake still produces an occasional nice bass or pike. There are reports of pickerel, sunfish, and several large carp at Kennedy Park in Sayreville. If you can stand the boat traffic, Lake Hopatcong offers outstanding fishing for hybrids and catfish.

St. Mary Key Club Helps Handicapped

On July 25, a group of handicapped students from the Regional School Monmouth Campus had the chance to experience something they don't normally get to take advantage of: a pool. They were given this opportunity through the efforts of the Key Club of Saint Mary Regional High School in South Amboy.

The secretary of the club, Jaci Talnagi, whose sister Jessica is a student at the school, thought of this service project, and planned the event with the school. Her aunt and uncle, Michele and Gregg Williams, were kind enough to donate their home in Monroe for the project to take place that day.

Along with the staff of the school, a group of Key Clubbers attended the event to assist with the many responsibilities involved when hosting an event of this type. Among the 11 students present to help out was the President of the club, Rob Hornak. "The day was an outstanding success, said Hornak. "I am extremely glad that we were able to entertain students from the Regional School."

The Regional School, formerly known as the Monmouth County Day Training Center, is a school for handicapped students located in Deal and is operated by the Monmouth County Departments of Education and Human Services.

The party began when the 7 students arrived with a group of faculty on 2 buses. They were all too excited to try out the inground pool, and try it they did. The children had a wonderful time swimming, thrashing, and splashing about, much to the delight of everyone present. After the fun in the pool it was time to eat, and plenty of food there was, as the barbecue was busy for quite a while. Some of the students even went to take a look at the many farm animals that were on Williams' property. Finally it was time to go, and as the youngsters went back to their buses, an overwhelming sense of joy was in the atmosphere. Both Key Clubbers and students were delighted with the day's success. The staff of the Regional School, led by Kathy Schwed, was also quite pleased with the outcome of the day, once delayed by rain.

The Key Club of Saint Mary Regional HS was chartered in March of 1997, and is sponsored by the Keyport Kiwanis Club.



Raritan Bay Federal Credit Union's CEO Thomas O'Shea (L), congratulates Alleya Bass (C) and Erin Mulligan (L) on their selection for \$500 scholarships

Raritan Bay Federal Credit Union Presents Local Students With \$500 Scholarships

Raritan Bay Federal Credit Union announces its winners of two \$500 scholarships to local high school students Erin Elizabeth Mulligan and Alleya Bess. Both girls attend South Amboy schools - Erin attends South Amboy High School and Alleya attends St. Mary's Regional High School. The scholarships were offered to all high school seniors within the communities the Credit Union serves (Sayreville, South Amboy and South River).

Winners were selected based on scholastic achievement, extra-curricular and community activities, teacher references, leadership qualities and written essays.

Thomas O'Shea, Chief Executive Officer of Raritan Bay Federal Credit Union stated "This scholarship program is another example of the many ways we demonstrate our commitment to the community. We are pleased that we are able to assist in the continuing education of our members."

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K of C Hawaiian '97

Our Lady of Victory Council #2061 of the Knights of Columbus will hold a Hawaiian Night Dinner and Dance fund raiser on Saturday, September 6, from 7:00 p.m. to midnight. The festivities will include a complete dinner, open bar, and dee-jay dancing at the Knights of Columbus Victorian Hall on Washington Road, Parlin. The cost is \$20 per person, all are welcome to attend. For tickets contact: Joe Notarangelo at 254-2831 or Joe Kabara at 257-4351.

Joreen Debuts on Broadway

Joreen Baquilod, who will be in third grade at St. Stan this coming school year, will be appearing on Broadway in *The King and I* at the Neil Simon Theater starting August 12, 1997.

She will be one of the King's daughters and an understudy for Princess Ying Yawlak. In the play, Joreen also gets to sing solo the beginning part of the song *Getting to Know You* and also does a lot of singing with the other kids in this highly acclaimed hit Broadway revival.

At St. Stan, Joreen has been actively involved in talent shows and is a member of the St. Stan Church Children's Choir. Her teacher last year was Ms. Lisa Manganaro

and her music teacher was Ms. Edna Good. Joreen had enjoyed the prestige of being in the principal's list and has been a consistent honor student. Last year, she was awarded by her teacher as the Student of the Year.

Joreen starting modeling at the age of 4 and has appeared on various print ads. She was also on the TV commercials for Tea Bunny. At the age of 5, she joined the Sayreville Main Street Theater Company and played the role of "Molly" in *Annie*. She was also involved in *Fiddler On the Roof* and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

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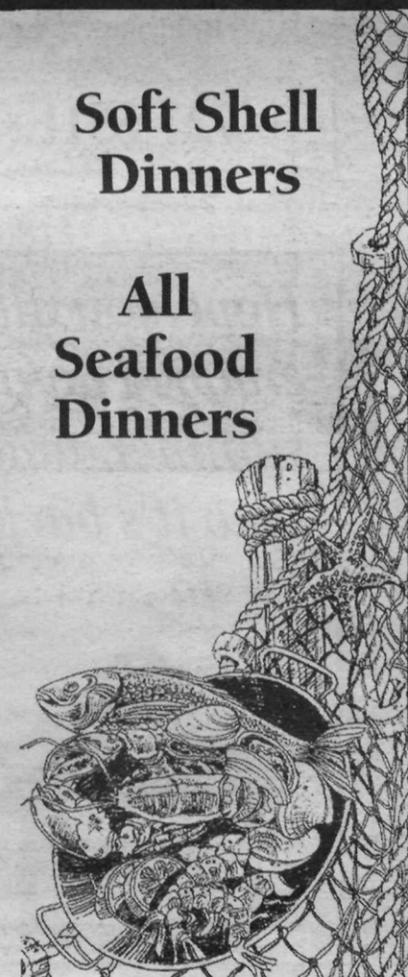
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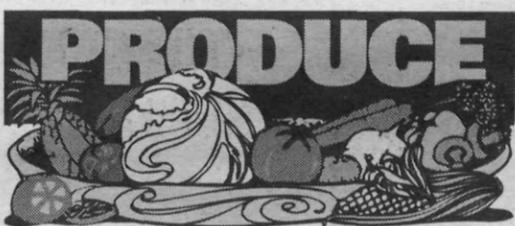
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Sgt. Ryan

Aug. 12, 1929

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Aug. 17, 1929

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August 17, 1929

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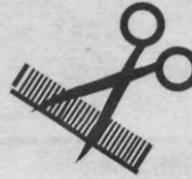
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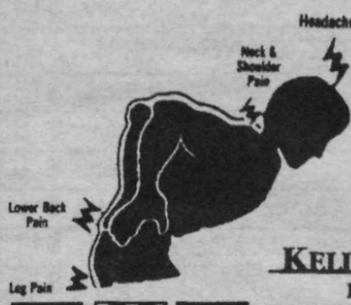


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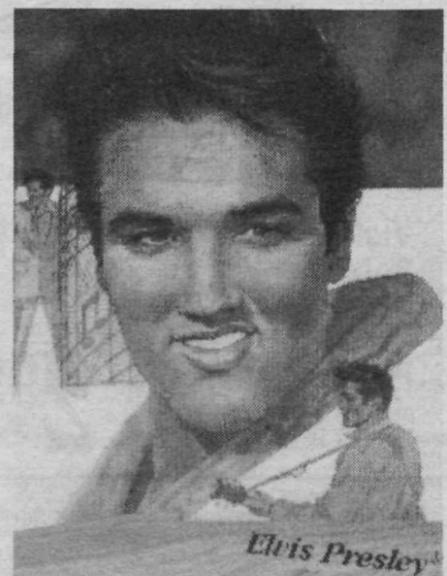


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Elvis Presley

Remembering Elvis 20 Years After His Death

by Diane Norek Harrison

Elvis died on August 16, 1977 at the age of 42. I believe Elvis and his music had a big impact on a lot of people. He had a style of his own. When asked who he sounded like, Elvis said, "No one."

Elvis started his climb to the top in 1954. Ironically, the year I was born. I can't remember his appearances on the Ed Sullivan Show, but I remember his movies on TV. Seeing him in the movies finally put a face to the guy singing on the radio. My father would come home from the 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. shift and tell me an Elvis movie was on the late show and we'd watch it.

When Elvis died my girlfriend Debbie Pavlonis called to tell me. I had sprained my ankle the night before and was in pain. I didn't pay attention to what she just told me. I realized later there would be no more "68 Comeback Specials" or "Aloha From Hawaii's."

I finally got to visit Graceland 11 years ago and it was great. I didn't have many Elvis records 20 years ago. After his death I bought his 5-record album set.

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To the Editor:

As a community activist and a district committee member, I deem it a responsibility to update the community on cellular tower legislation. This bill is of almost significant importance to all of us.

Therefore I would like it to be known that "Senate Bill 824/Assembly Bill 672" has been passed and signed into law. It is now referred to as "chapter 145" of the public laws of 1997. This bill was introduced on February 26, 1996, and finally after some changes was passed by a vote of 77 to 0 on June 26, 1997.

This bill is without a doubt a much needed piece of legislation because all communities could be prosecuted from cellular towers being erected in residential areas. After viewing a tower that was placed next to a residential home in a neighboring community, I became upset and deeply concerned. This I thought could happen in any one of our neighborhoods. With the help of another district committeewoman, namely Dolly Wronovics, we made the cellular tower issue our number one project.

As of this writing, we are waiting to hear from our local borough attorney to draft and present an ordinance that will aid our community along with this new legislation.

I would like to commend and thank Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger the sponsor and our 19th district assembly representatives John Wisniewski and Arline Friscia the co-sponsors. They demonstrated sincere concern and interest in guarding the health and welfare of all people in all the communities.

I would be remiss if I did not extend a very personal "Thank You" to John Wisniewski for giving us the opportunity to appear on his focus on the 19th District program on TKR. This provided us with the means to be heard and inform the community on what we were trying to do on the issue of cellular towers.

All the officials mentioned were extremely cooperative, always keeping the lines of communication between elected officials and their constituents is needed and necessary. A personal note or a phone call goes a long way in letting a person know they are being "heard" and not forgotten. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Nellie Malet
Committeewoman District 9

To the Merchants of South Amboy:

On August 4, 1997, a meeting for Merchants of South Amboy was held at The Landmark Tavern & Cafe. We had a great time planning the 200 Bicentennial Festival. Exciting venues are planned, but this is a project that requires all of us to make this three day downtown affair a complete success. We need your **IDEAS**, your **THOUGHTS**, and most of all we need **YOU**.

The attendance at the August 4th meeting was extremely small. We cannot expect to fulfill a successful Street Festival with only three merchants represented.

Thousands and thousands of people will attend this three day affair. This will be a great introduction to many of the great amenities and great merchants our town offers.

We are planning a visit to all our mer-

chants with information and to let you know, the next planned meeting will be held at the Landmark on Tuesday, September 9, 1997.

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Age 62 - South Amboy**

John A. Kubisiak died Wednesday, July 16, 1997 at South West Vermont Medical Center, Bennington, VT. He was 62.
He was born in South Amboy and had lived in Clifton before moving to North Pownal, VT a year ago.
He was a journeyman printer and had been employed at the **South Amboy Citizen, New Brunswick Home News, and Newark Evening News.** Most recently, he had worked for the Middlesex County Road Department.
He was a parishioner of Most Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral in Passaic.
He was a life member of the Bay View Rod and Gun Club of South Amboy.
Surviving are his wife, the former Theresa Ships; two sons, John R. of Tarpon Springs, FL and Robert A. of Wilkes-Barre, PA; a daughter, Denise M. Yockman of Old Bridge; a brother, Bernard A. of South Amboy; a sister, Anita T. Usmiani of Robbinsville; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.
Services were held at Most Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral. Burial was at East Ridgelawn Cemetery in Clifton.

Obituaries
Badea, Constantin, 67, of Parlin died Aug. 19
Bailey, James F., 58, of Sayreville died Aug. 19
Bulman, Robert F., 38, formerly of S. Amboy died Aug. 18
Covert, Sophie zonak, 84, of Sayreville died Aug. 15.
Crosby, Mary E., 89, of South Amboy died Aug. 13.
Maloney, Rita A. Fenlon, 76, of South Amboy died Aug. 12.
Matura, Joseph N., 84, of Sayreville died Aug. 11.
Poniatowski, John E., 82, of Parlin died Aug. 13.
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NEW MUSIC REVIEW

by Phil Rainone

Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, Fuel

July 23, 1997 - Tradewinds, Seabright.

We got to the club just in time to hear the first band finish their set with a good cover of **Pleasant Valley Sunday**.

Next up was the band Fuel (Sony/550). They gave it all they had during their brief set. They sound like a more powerful 'Oasis.' Lead singer Brett Scallions has a good voice and stage presence. Songs like the Alt./Powerpop **Shimmer** and **Bittersweet** really solidified their set. By the end they had won over some new fans. Their new CD will be out after Jan. '98. Buy it!

Recently Joan Jett and the Blackhearts invaded the New Jersey Shore. They attacked with a vengeance, and played as if it were for the last time! The Blackhearts opened with two early songs, **Bad Reputation** and **Cherry Bomb** (a Runaways song). Both songs were given new life, by a powerful rhythm section.

Highlights were a mix of originals, (**I Love Rock & Roll, I Hate Myself For Lovin' You, Friend to Friend** (new); and covers, **Light of Day** (Springsteen), **Roadrunner**, and **Do You Wanna Touch Me**, with a LOUD 'call and respond,' "Yeah! Oh Yeah! Oooh Yeah!" The Blackhearts played some songs from their upcoming release, **Headlocked**, which is due out in August (Good tunes!)

Joan seemed to have control of the packed crowd, using eye contact, and body language.

Bassist Sean Coos kept a cool, intense beat, with a stance to match - almost as if her were a 'biker.' Lead guitarist Tony Bruno threw the crowd into a frenzy with his short, but intense solos. The drummer, Thommy Price, added a pounding backbeat, that drove the songs.

A lot of bands now a days only reproduce their record on stage. But like the Ramones (**It's Alive**), and Beach Boys (**Live 69**), the Blackhearts 'Live' show is exactly how a band should sound - they redefine their originals, and re-work the 'cover' tunes into their own unique style.

Hopefully, their record company will be smart, and put out a 'Live' CD in the near future.

The encores (only two) were a great reworking of **Real Wild Child** (a cool rendition is also done by Iggy Pop), and Sly and the Family Stone's **Every Day People**.

They left us wanting to hear more, which is the way it should be!

For more info: Fuel: 20 Mumma Ave., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055; Joan Jett and the Blackhearts: Blackheart Records, 155 East

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The Quiet Room's CD, **Introspect**, is by far, a stand-out piece of work! Chadd Castor's voice, combined with a driving guitar and rhythm section, make for some great music. Their originality shows that they have a great future ahead of them!

Both these bands give a nod to the past, (Yes, ELP, Rush), but add their own unique style and passion.

Other melodic/alternative bands from Dominion, Mercury Rising, Tomorrow the World, and Undertow. Check out Undertow's single, **Home**, a good example of how modern rock should sound! For more info, contact: Dominion Records, P.O. Box 70, Skillman, NJ 08558

Josie Kreuzer - Hot Rod Girl

This rockabilly band is loaded with originality! After repeated listenings I still wanted to hear more. Songs like **Runaway Train**, **So-Called Boyfriend**, and **I Waited Up**, give you a feeling of 'realness' that you don't find in today's country music. Josie's passion and yearning throughout this recording reach out and touch your heart!

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- 1952: **Auf Wiederseh'n Sweetheart**
- 1942: **Jingle, Jangle, Jingle**

THIS DAY IN MUSIC - AUGUST 23

- 1987: The Grateful Dead headlined at the 20th Anniversary of "The Summer of Love" Concert.
- 1980: Talking Heads made their debut.
- 1970: Lou Reed left his group, The Velvet Underground
- 1948: Rick Springfield was born.
- 1947: Keith Moon (Who) was born.

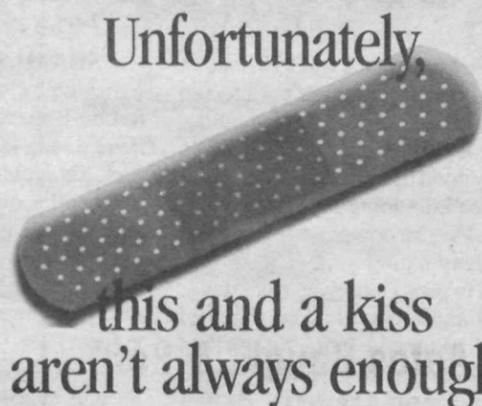
Locals Attend National Scout Jamboree

The "Pleasant Little City" was well represented at the 1997 National Scout Jamboree held in Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. Among the 35,000 scouts and scouters in attendance, seven venture scouts from Troop 391 of Christ Church Parish were in attendance. They were part of Troop 110 of the Thomas Edison Council.

Those attending, pictured from left, Edward Marion, Charlie Potthoff, Peter Schultz, Sean Russer, Jason Meszaros, Steve

Silva and Chris Rose. The scouts have been actively involved in training for the jamboree over the past full year. The Jamboree was held from July 28th to August 6th.

The scouts participated in numerous events, athletics, merit badge midways and, as member of the Order of the Arrow, a massive conclave at the gathering. The Jamboree marked the 60th anniversary of the first jamboree held in Washington, D.C.



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HISTORY OF LOCAL BANDS PART 6

The Final Chapter

By Tom Burkard

Not too many people know that I was involved in the wonderful world of music. Although not blessed with a natural God-given ability to sing or play guitar, I worked hard, and went further than most in local bands could imagine. My good friend, Clem Skarzynski of music fame coaxed me into doing my music story. He said, "The series wouldn't be complete without you telling your story." So here it goes . . .

My first inspiration to play guitar was when I was a little over 5 years old and I saw Elvis on "The Ed Sullivan Show" for the first time in 1956. Sports then began to dominate my life, and getting a guitar was put on the back burner until early '64 when the Beatles arrived. Mom finally bought me a guitar that Christmas, a Silvertone acoustic from Sears & Roebuck in Perth Amboy. I took lessons for about a month in early '65 at Sayre Woods Music Center, and instructor Tony Zazzareno taught me to read notes and keep a beat. The great Glen Giles of Jades fame once filled in as my teacher for one lesson . . . I kept practicing through 1965-66 with anyone who had more experience than me, and lived in Mechanicsville, such as Roger Swanton, who taught me **Stoked** by the Beach Boys, and cousin Roy Erickson, a tremendous musician who went on to fame in the Frank Thomas & The Coachmen band. Roy showed me how to play **Twilight Zone** and **Peter Gunn** . . . I also had a practice band with no name, with Wayne Meszaros on lead & vocals, Al "Butchie" Stamm on guitar, Rick Shingola on drums & vocals, and me on rhythm. In the summer of 1966, I went to my first block dance at the Hoffman High outdoor basketball courts, and realized I wanted to play in a real band. I happened to know Ricky "J" Jarusiewicz of The Austin Four, and the late Danny Erickson of the Citations, and watching them play really inspired me. They made people feel happy with their music and that motivated me to practice even harder . . . While I was honing my guitar chords, my nephew (like a brother) Ricky Shingola of Perth Amboy was developing into a terrific drummer . . .

In early 1967, Morgan's Bob Masterson, a drummer and I decided to start a band. He got his two Morgan friends, Walt "Corky" Moskal, a fabulous lead guitarist, and Jimmy "Mushie" Mathisen, a superb bass man, and we practiced at the Masterson Family basement for the first time . . . We made a successful debut in August, 1967, at the Perth Amboy Sports Show at Mac Williams Stadium. Picking a name was always tough, and we felt we weren't too good or too bad, so we called ourselves **THE IN BETWEEN**. We dressed like Beach Boys with paisley shirts and penny loafers. Our lineup before the huge crowd of 500, mostly Latin-Americans who cheered us on was: drums and lead vocals, Rick Shingola (who sang **Gloria** better than anyone), lead "Corky" Moskal, bass Jim Mathisen, rhythm yours truly, tambourine Bob Masterson. I now had a Tulio guitar and a Silvertone twin 12 amp with reverb . . . That year we also played at a couple of Roller Skate & Sock Hops at the South Amboy arena, and also in a big "Battle of the Bands" at St. Mary's gym, before a packed house of about 700 . . . We also made arrangements to go on WABC 77 radio's "Big Break" show, a live on the air contest to win a recording contract, but had to cancel because none of us drove, and we couldn't get a ride into New York City . . .

THE FIFTH EXTENT - 1968

A new name, but basically the same group . . . We now wore sparkle Nehru jackets . . . we played at some private parties, and also two summer Block Dances sponsored by the South Amboy Rec. They were held next to the old city hall on John St. Both events were jam-packed with local teens. We recruited keyboard/vocalist superstar, Billy Lotkowitz of Morgan for one of the block dances, and **Good Lovin'** never sounded as good as it did that night with that master musician . . .

THE LIVE FIVE - 1968

In the early fall of '68, we added powerful singer/showman Mike Conley of South Amboy to give us some needed color. A soulful singer, he patterned himself after Jim Morrison and James Brown. Once while practicing at my parents home, he threw his fist into the air to end a song, and punched a hole in the living room ceiling. We competed in the East Brunswick Jaycees Battle of the Bands before a SRO crowd of music lovers at East Brunswick High. It was our first and only appearance as a group, and marked my finale as a teen, thus beginning a 12-year hiatus from the music world. Corky and Jimmy went on to play for other fine bands, and Rick played for **SHAMUS**, who reached their peak when they opened for the late and great Harry Chapin on his World Hunger Tour at Princeton University.

MEMORY LANE - 1980

Made my comeback with fellow Kean College student, a powerful singer, Bob Mele of Union. This duet was a far cry from Simon & Garfunkel, and survived just a few gigs . . .

SHAMUS - 1980-81

Ringleader Walter "Corkey" Quigley, an Eddie Rabbit/Bruce Springsteen look alike played lead guitar and sang lead vocals. His sister Gail played bass, Rick Shingola drums, and me on rhythm. This was a good '60's oldies group, billed by Corkey as "the number 1 party band." We played every weekend for a year straight at the old Howard Johnson's Discovery Lounge on Rt. 9 in Sayreville. Thanks a lot Cork for always telling me I couldn't sing or play . . . I went on to form . . .

THE GAMBLERS - 1981-82

Guess what? After countless hours of practice, I found I really could sing, and wasn't the world's worst rhythm player! This trio also featured Bob Kogut pounding on drums and Johnny Guiro on lead guitar. I played rhythm and was lead vocalist. We played '60's music, and performed mostly at Monaghan House and Ho Jo's. John Bates of Sayreville filled in occasionally on guitar, and Stan from Woodbridge on Keys and bass . . .

TOMMY BUCK & TENNESSEE - 1982

I was writing a lot of songs, and put this group together with the intention of recording, which we did. We cut a 45, my updated version of Barry McGuire's 1965 #1 hit **Eve of Destruction**. I called mine **Destruction '82**, which described the problems facing the world in 1982, an awareness song that mentioned unemployment, nuclear war, assassination, etc. The flip side was a foot-stompin' sing along Country tune **City Cowboy**. I recruited top-notch professionals, Larry Gaimaro of Brooklyn, NY for steel and bass guitar, Gary Cohen from New York City on lead and rhythm, nephew Rick Shingola drums and vocal harmonies, and I sang lead . . . The record was on local radio stations as well as college radio . . . One of my biggest thrills in music was dropping the 45 off at WRSU Rutgers, hurrying home, and hearing it on the stereo for the first time . . . This group never performed live . . . I felt we needed a **TOMMY BUCK & TENNESSEE** performing act to promote the record, so I recruited Mickey McGuire lead guitar, Bob Kogut drums, and Al Romanowski on his Venture guitar playing rhythm, while Tommy Buck (yours truly) sang lead. We played several area gigs at The Monroe Manor and Regal Beagle in South Amboy, but didn't mesh . . .

TIME PEACE - 1986-87

Another comeback! After about 4 years of inactivity, put my best oldies group ever together. We named it after The Rascals greatest hits album. Once again, I was on lead vocals and rhythm, popular former South Amboy Hospital worker Dave Bruno was tremendous on drums, the fabulous Mark Stancik on bass, could also sing with the best, and the multi-talented, John Lennon look-alike, Stan from Woodbridge on the keys and lead guitar . . . Played many clubs throughout the area, and did our grand finale on Labor Day Weekend, 1987 at a big South Amboy-Rec Block Dance on the old Hoffman High outdoor basketball court . . .

THE LINCOLN CONSPIRACY - 1987

Drummer Dave Bruno and myself were looking for a way to record a few of my originals, which he thought were outstanding. One day while at Hy-Way Music in East Brunswick, we met a young and talented lead player Paul Papandrea testing some new guitars . . . He was just what we needed to give us a youthful and modern sound. He recruited his buddy, Ralph Eberspacher for bass, and after a few practices, we were in JMM 16-track studio in Metuchen, recording an EP titled **Like A Zombie** . . . Papandrea was fabulous, as everyone was in this dream-come-true recording experience. Sue Gomolka was on vocal harmonies. Bruno played super drums and percussions, Eberspacher bass, and I sang lead vocals, and also was mixed on harmonies . . . Al Gomolka Jr., the world's greatest Abraham Lincoln portrayal was picked to be our front man for a stage show, because I felt Lincoln would be a trusting figure, and kids would listen to our message about NOT DOING DRUGS. Our title cut, **Like A Zombie** was an ANTI-DRUG song . . . The EP was played on major college stations throughout the US, and made it to number 42 on the large USC radio's Top 100 playlist, finishing ahead of many nationally known and more experienced groups . . . We also had an intriguing offer from Americana Records, one of the largest companies in Japan. They wanted us to provide them with 1 million CD's of **Like A Zombie**, and they would sign us to their label . . . Our only problem? We were \$3 million short for the CD's . . . We also had a video, **The Corvette Lady** (possibly the best song on the EP) in the works, but it never panned out . . . My main plan was to incorporate Lincoln into a live, entertaining stage show/concert, but we never played out as a group . . . Ten years after the release of the EP, the hard-rockin' song **The Corvette Lady** recently caught the attention of several



This was my first band in 1966. We only practiced in the yard, but took it seriously and wore suits. Pictured: L-R: Wayne Meszaros, Tom Burkard, Rick Shingola, Al "Butchie" Stamm.



TOMMY BUCK & TENNESSEE - 1982

This group cut a 45 record, **Destruction '82**, and **City Cowboy**. Pictured, L-R: Gary Cohen, Rick Shingola, Tommy Buck (Burkard), Larry Gaimaro.



THE LINCOLN CONSPIRACY - 1987

This band cut an EP Anti-Drug Album **Like A Zombie** with 5 songs and charted at #42 on the USC Radio Top 100 play list. Pictured, L-R: Ralph Eberspacher, Dave Bruno, Tom Burkard, Al Gomolka, Jr., Sue Gomolka, Paul Papandrea.

local music moguls, and they felt it would be a perfect song to rejuvenate **The Beach Boys** careers, because it could easily fit into their style. As you're reading this, the **Beach Boys** are probably (hopefully) reviewing it right now . . . My music career was a learning experience and a lot of fun, and I guess not too bad for a guy who couldn't sing, and was a fair rhythm guitar player . . .

HALF NOTES

Guys from my first band **THE IN BETWEEN** are doing well. "Corky" Moskal is an oceanographer for the US Navy in Mississippi. Jimmy Mathisen is a butcher/DJ, and Rick Shingola is a truck driver . . . I once jammed with St. Mary's guys Tony Giunta and Steve and Ray Stanley . . . Most of our 1960's practices were outdoors, twice a week on my side porch, and the Police would be there almost every time, telling us to turn it down . . . My good friend from SM Class of '69, Joe Casey, a talented keyboard man, practiced with us once, as did phenomenal lead vocalist Fran Freeman . . . My favorite songs to sing in our 60's group were **Gloria**, and **Good Lovin'** by The Rascals . . . I sure hope you enjoyed this 6-part, 6-month series, **THE HISTORY OF LOCAL BANDS**. It was probably the longest ever in the state of New Jersey, and judging by the positive feedback, you, the readers, had as much fun as we did straining our brains for facts from long ago . . . God bless and stay well!

REUNION/JAM - Anyone who was mentioned in the 6-part series that would like to perform at a Reunion/Jam which is in the works for possibly a Sunday at the Music Box in South Amboy, Route 35, can contact the SA Times at (732) 727-0398, fax (732) 721-5216, or call Clem Skarzynski at (732) 721-6935. We will need all the help and experience we can get for this, so please let us know soon!

South Amboy Girls Softball: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

by Octavia Zampella

It started with a small ad in the local paper asking any girl, between the ages of 12 and 17, who wanted to play softball to come down to the field that night. There were 69 girls who showed up, and they were divided into 4 teams: Pirates, Yanks, Dodgers, and Giants. The year was 1971, and Girls Softball was born in South Amboy.

Enthusiasm for the game started to gain momentum and the following year 200 girls, between the ages of 10 and 17 registered to play. They were divided into a Junior and Senior division, with 8 Junior teams and 6 Senior teams.

In 1976, the Midget division was created for the 8 to 10 year olds. Now, with a total of 18 teams, the league started to grow and become more organized. The first president of the league was the late Peg Reiger, ably followed by Sue Gumprecht, Nancy McLaughlin, Roger Robertson, and Wayne Castello. (If I left out anyone, I apologize. But trying to research 26 years of league history was difficult, since people pass on or move away, and memories fade.)

Tournament play reached its peak in the late 70's. The Senior girls won the Edison tournament in 1978, and that same year the Midget girls won the Morgan tournament. In 1980 and 1981, the Junior girls had beaten the prestigious Edison Angels, winning the tournament twice. Softball fever was catching on, and the teams were abundant with a powerhouse of raw talent. Names like Tricia Popowski, Maryann Lewis, Lyn Ust, Kim Schuck, Maureen Martin, Michele Defort, Jenny and Kelly Jankowski, and Michelle Charmello became well known throughout the county. These girls, and many others like them, filled the high school rosters of Hoffman and St. Mary's, and became legendary not only throughout the county, but the state as well.

But I would be remiss if I didn't take the time to mention the names of many of the men and women who contributed their time to help "polish" and "fine tune" the talent these girls were blessed with. People like Stanley Jankowski, Jim McCabe, Maureen Martin, Jean Smith, Al Ust, Vince Paisal, Joann Donnelly, Danny Lewis, and many, many others worked hard to provide good leadership within the league.

It's hard to imagine that prior to 1974, when the current softball field was constructed, most of the games were played on the small field behind the old Little League field. I don't think it really mattered then where they played. What was important then, and still fundamental today, was the enjoyment of the sport as well as a recreational outlet of healthy activity for the girls of our community.

For approximately 5 years, between the late 70's and early 80's, there was also a recreational outlet for the women of the community, with the formation of several teams composed of older women who played softball just for fun. But eventually, as careers and families started to take up our "free time," it became harder to play and the teams were disbanded.

It was also around this time that the league began to flounder. As girls grew up, moved on, and parent involvement dropped off, interest started to wane. The league had dropped to 5 teams: 2 midget teams and 3 teams made up of Junior and Senior combined. I was "volunteered" to help out at first base for my daughter's midget team, as the coaches were so short-handed. Coaching at that time, and still going strong today, were Leslie (Jankowski) Tighe, and Margie (Jankowski) Fiehl. Their enthusiasm and love of the game gave us all the energy we needed to build the league back up. (They tried to retire once before, but we wouldn't let them.)

Today, our league consists of 15 teams totaling 200 girls. There are 6 teams in the Midget Division (ages 7 to 10), 5 teams in the Junior Division (ages 11 to 13), and 4

teams in the Senior Division (ages 14 to 18). Our registration fee is still only \$20.00, and each player receives a gift such as a sweatshirt, teeshirt, equipment bag, etc., just for signing up. We have an annual Tag Day and a candy sale as our fund raisers, the proceeds from which are used to pay for our annual awards banquet. The girls receive trophies and/or First Place team jackets.

We have many fine sponsors who support our league, namely Accurate Concrete, S.A. Boat Club, Ladies Auxiliary of the S.A. Boat Club, Dr. Madura D.D.S., South Amboy P.B.A., Gundrums Service, Raritan Bay F.C.U., Center Deli, Independence Engine Co., Jacqueline's Florist, Multicare, Landmark Cafe, Amboy Aggregates, Broadway Bagels, and Krauzer's North. Their sponsorship helps us purchase our uniforms. The City of South Amboy supplies us with most of our equipment and the fees for our umpires. All other expenses and/or improvements are our responsibility. That is the reason for our registration fees, and our annual fund raisers.

Our coaches participate in annual certification clinics that stress teamwork, sportsmanship, fundamentals, and safety on the field. Many of us are CPR certified, so as to provide your child with the safest possible environment in which to play. Also, the league has conducted clinics in pitching, catching, and fielding, to improve their skills.

Currently underway is our Building Fund Campaign, to help finance the construction of a storage shed adjacent to the girls softball field. The league has no facility of its own, and consequently has nowhere to store equipment and uniforms. We presently use our homes and the trunks of our cars for storage. This becomes cumbersome, as well as making it difficult to keep track of equipment. If you are interested in making a donation to our Building Fund, you may do so by sending it c/o S.A. Girls Softball, P.O. 262, S. Amboy.

As you can see, the South Amboy Girls Softball League has come a long way in the last 26 years. It has a rich history, involving many fine people in our community who gave selflessly of their time for the purpose of providing an enjoyable and rewarding experience for our children. It becomes increasingly difficult as the years go on. Housewives are now working mothers who divide their time between their careers, their homes and the field. Many fathers have jobs that involve more traveling time than in the past, and they rush home to make it to the field in time for their games. But they do it for the love of their children and yours, and ask for nothing in return but your support and cooperation.

Society today makes it increasingly difficult to keep our children involved in activities such as organized sports. Teenagers especially, look forward to purchasing their own cars, and the priority is on jobs and earning money, not sports. But, somehow, our Senior Division has managed to thrive with more and more girls returning to register once again. We thank them for their commitment. We thank all our girls for their loyalty and hard work. We thank our parents for their support and cooperation. We thank the City of South Amboy and our sponsors for their continued support. We thank Mary Lou DeBlis who, as our Recreation "Guru," not only seems to always get us what we need, but who is also available, day or night to answer questions or help solve problems. She has been a true friend on and off the field. We finally thank the citizens of South Amboy for all their generosity during our fund raisers.

In closing, I would personally like to thank all our managers and coaches for their dedication to the league and for all they have done to continue to maintain the basic principles on which our league was built: Team fundamentals, good sportsmanship, and above all FUN!!!

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The Cooperstown, N.Y. Experience

by Tom Burkard

Well, never in my wildest dreams did I envision being at Cooperstown, NY on Hall of Fame Weekend, Aug. 1-3 signing my own book **The Ultimate Mickey Mantle Trivia Book**. It wasn't at the Hall of Fame, itself, but about a block away at the American Baseball Experience, 99 Main Street, where one floor was jammed with the largest single collection of Mickey Mantle memorabilia containing over 1,000 items autographed by The Mick, and more, including my book real soon. Owner Tom Catal's collection is valued at more than \$3 million dollars. Also on another floor is baseball's only Wax Museum, an interesting trip through time with baseball's greatest. Would you believe that the great Pete Rose was at Cooperstown on the induction weekend, and wasn't even one of the inductees? He most definitely was, and sat no more than 4 feet away from my table, signing every collectible imaginable dealing with him. I had the best seat in Cooperstown that weekend, watching the All-Time Hit King's every move for a total of 8 hours on Saturday and 2 on Sunday. It was great seeing him again (I had been a guest on his Pete Rose Sports Show in Boca Raton, FL in March). We chatted occasionally throughout the two days, but he was kept so busy signing autographs, he had little time for idle conversation. His autograph prices were: \$25 balls or flat items, \$35 caps or mini helmets, \$60 bats, uniforms, equipment or artwork, \$150 Mizuno bats, and people gladly paid the price. They were thrilled to see him! Fans who brought their own cameras, and those who just wanted to shake his hand and wish him well or say "you deserve to be in the Hall" were not charged.

Rose's former Reds teammate, George Foster, was signing autographs alongside Pete, and they had a lot of reminiscing to do on their days with The Big Red Machine. In addition to all of this activity for "Charlie Hustle", he did plenty of interviews for national radio, TV, and newspapers, so you might say Pete had a heavy schedule. I did ask Pete how his son Petey Jr. was doing in the Reds AA farm system, and he replied, "He's got 16 homers and 75 rbi's, and may be called up by Cincinnati in September." He is one very proud father.

On Friday August 1, ten minutes after I had set up my table, Bobby Richardson and his wife were touring the American Baseball Experience, and came by, and I introduced myself, and congratulated him on the fine job he did at Mickey Mantle's funeral. He was the minister in charge of the service, as well as one of the Mick's former teammates. I told Bobby I admired his great play with the Yankees in the 60's,



Tom Burkard (L), SA Times Publisher, and author of **The Ultimate Mickey Mantle Trivia Book**, had the dream of a lifetime come true when he spent 10 hours signing his book, right next to one of his greatest baseball idols Pete Rose (R) at the American Baseball Experience in Cooperstown, NY on Hall of Fame Induction Weekend, August 1-3.

and we had a picture taken. He's a real Southern gentleman. While strolling down Main St. on lunch break Saturday, I spotted former Dodgers great, Steve Garvey sitting at a table in front of a sports collectors shop I introduced myself and asked if he had any New Jersey relatives, and he said an aunt and uncle. I told him I had met them 15 years ago at a pizzeria they owned in Old Bridge. A real nice, All-American type of guy, he also posed for a photo. I also got a picture with George Foster, who had a strange, yet funny manner. I also took pictures of Hall of Famers Ferguson Jenkins, Enos "Country" Slaughter, Red Schoendienst, who took his sun glasses off for me, and former Dodgers pitcher Joe Black.

I told Pete about the St. Mary's connection with Tom Kelly, and Jack McKeon, and asked what he thought about McKeon. "He's only going to be there until the end of the season," said Rose.

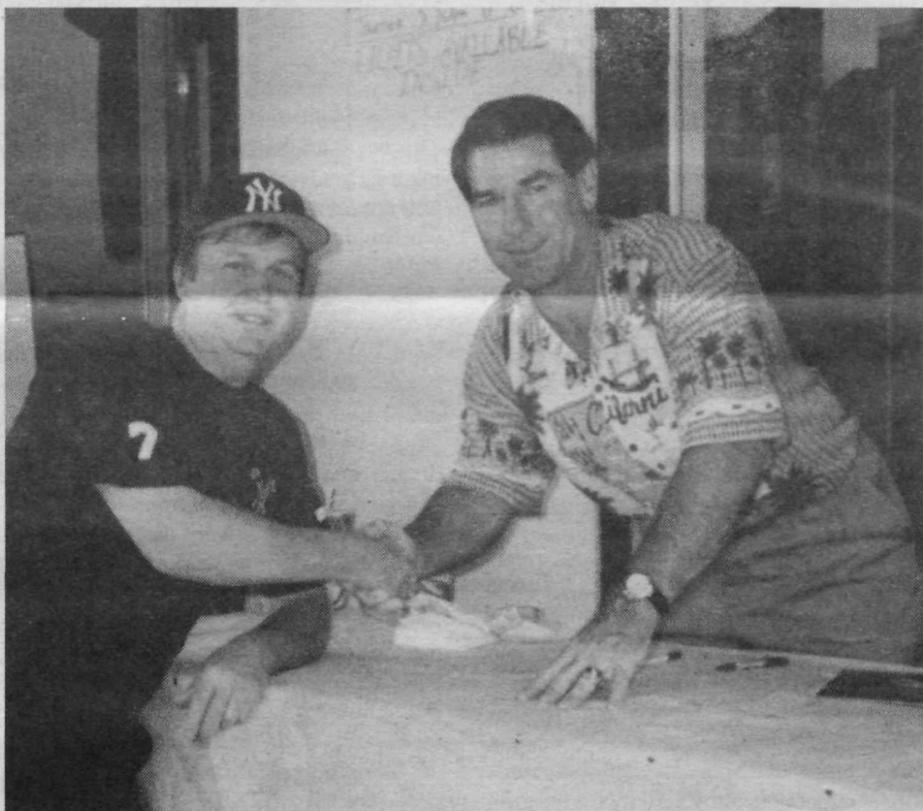
I never did get to the Hall of Fame induction ceremonies, and can't say that I really wanted to. I had just spent 10 hours, no more than 4 feet away from the only true player who should have gone into the Hall that day, Pete Rose. Phil Niekro, Tommy LaSorda, and Nellie Fox were all great in their own ways, but pale in comparison to the All-Time Hit King who should have been enshrined years ago.

Pete Rose allegedly bet on baseball games and was banned from baseball. He has openly admitted betting on football, but no one has ever proved that he played the

game of chance on his own game. Many of our fabled heroes in the Hall of Fame were not squeaky clean. Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, and more recently Ferguson Jenkins and many more. The hallowed doors opened for them, and if you investigate them, they surely did worse than bet on college football contests. How about a second chance for Pete?

How many times has Major League Baseball in the '90's forgiven the rapists, drug addicts, child abusers, wife abusers? Yankees owner, George Steinbrenner spends millions of dollars on players with jaded pasts such as Darryl Strawberry, Doc Gooden, Pascual Perez, and Steve Howe, how many times? He seems to forgive these players more often than they deserve. When is baseball going to wake up and realize these crimes are far greater than betting on football? No one in the history of baseball has worked harder, or given 200% at all times on the playing field as Pete Rose did. Let's get Pete Rose in The Hall of Fame right now! No one deserves it more! If you'd like to help Pete get into the Hall of Fame, join his growing official 4256 Hit King Fan Club, by writing to PO Box 4256, Indialantic, FL 32903.

The Cooperstown Experience was one I'll never forget for the rest of my life! It was a tremendous thrill just being around baseball greats like Rose, Garvey, Foster, Richardson, Jenkins, Slaughter, Schoendienst, and Black. They are all class acts!



Tom meets another one of his favorite players, former Dodgers great Steve Garvey (R). Moments before, Steve told Tom that his aunt and uncle lived in NJ.



Former Yankees great second baseman Bobby Richardson (L) was the first ballplayer to meet Tom, 10 minutes after his arrival at the American Baseball Experience in Cooperstown, NY. Bobby was a terrific second sacker - for New York in the 1950's & 60's and is currently a minister in South Carolina. He handled Mickey Mantle's funeral two years ago this month.

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Girls Softball Update

The South Amboy Girls Softball League is still soliciting donations for our building fund which has been ongoing since the spring. The purpose of the fund is to offset the cost of our new storage building which is located behind the backstop of the girls field. If you are interested in making a donation, you may do so by sending it c/o South Amboy Girls Softball, P.O. Box 262, South Amboy, NJ 08879. Anything you can afford to donate will be greatly appreciated.

The Girls Softball League would like to thank the following businesses and orga-

nizations who have so generously contributed to our fund already: S.A. Knights of Columbus, S.A. Foodtown, Thatcher & Lanza, R&R Printing, The John Donnelly Foundation, St. Mary Senior Citizens, Sacred Heart Senior Citizens, South Amboy Education Association, Raritan Printing, Middlesex Water Co., South Amboy Glass, St. Stephen's Masonic Lodge, South Amboy Lions Club, and Marlene's Beauty Salon. Your support and generosity enables us to continue our work in offering the girls of South Amboy an enjoyable and rewarding recreational experience.

Evening of "Inquiry"

Our next "Inquiry Night" is set for September 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish House (located on the corner of our parking lot, facing Feltus Street.)

Inquiry evenings are designed to provide an atmosphere for individuals who think they may be interested in becoming Catholic to "Come and See," or for those Catholics who may have been baptized but never completed their initiation through confirmation and Eucharist. It is an opportunity to come and inquire about the Church with others who are inquiring.

Inquiry, as such, is the first step in the Rite of Initiation of Adults. It is intended for those over the age of seven who have not been fully initiated in the Catholic faith. Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. (Those who have already been baptized and received Eucharist are not candidates for the RCIA but are prepared for confirmation separately).

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is also intended for those who are coming to the Catholic Faith from other denominations. These evenings are scheduled periodically, depending on the needs of those who are present. All are welcome! For further information, please call Fran at 721-2828.

The Spinal Column

By Dr. John S. Misiewicz, D.C.
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A Healthy Child Learns More Easily

Educators and school systems are coming under tremendous heat for so-called inadequacies in teaching methods, with what seems to be a generation of children where many are slow-learners and slow readers.

Health authorities are becoming more and more concerned about the health of non-achievers and how it affects averages, medians, and comparative abilities in these children. With other things being equal, there is no doubt that a healthy child learns more easily than the child with health problems.

Childhood is a very physical time for all of us. Jumping and running, falls and accidents, are all part of a normal childhood and yet they can cause spinal misalignments and nerve damage with serious consequences. Most parents are aware that a child with an undetected hearing or eye problem, may not do well in school. This is also very true for children who may sustain minor spinal injuries during their summer activities.

One of the most apparent physical handicaps is a spinal scoliosis which may be evidenced by slightly irregular posture. The head may be tilted to one side or one shoulder or hip higher than the other. For this reason regular physical checkups have become an important aspect of the home-school regimen. Of course it is up to parents to explore the possibilities of a health problem.

Teachers and coaches need the support and cooperation of parents in providing the best possible conditions for good learning. It is important that any physical corrections be made before poor learning habits and low academic achievement become a "way of life" for the student.

Give your children the advantages of good health, good posture, and learning through regular chiropractic care!

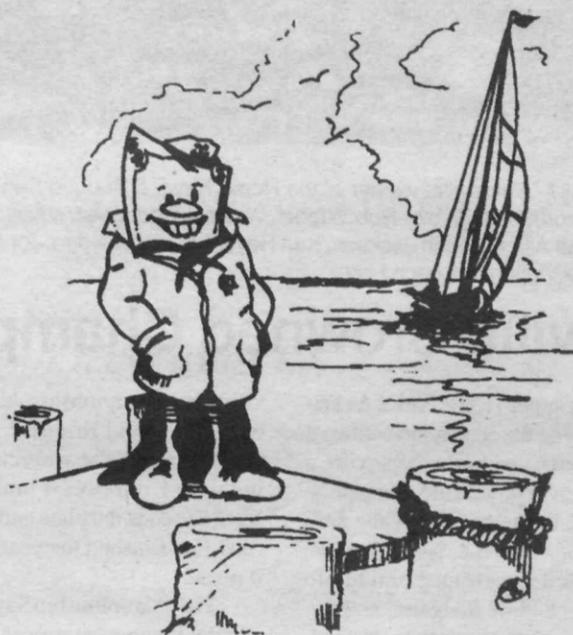
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THE CHAMPIONS! - Sayreville, winner of the Home News & Tribune Senior League Title. Pictured L-R, Bottom: Matt Rubio, Rob Wrobel, Andrew Rodriguez, Vincent Porcaro, John Bell; L-R, Top: Matt Aikens, John Jackson, Ken Hays, Charlie Bowden, John Denuto, Coach (rear center), Joe Vigilante, Coach Mike.

Sayreville Crowned Champs

Sayreville's super Home News & Tribune Senior League baseball team captured the league playoff championship with a thrilling 5-4 win over powerful St. Joseph's.

Trailing 4-2 in the bottom of the seventh, with 2 outs and the bases loaded, Kenny Hays drilled a single up the middle to drive in two runs and tie the game at 4-4.

Joe Vigilante then came through with the biggest hit in his career, a clutch, pressure-packed base hit to the opposite field to score John Bell from third, and give Sayre-

ville the championship before a crowd of over 200 at Old Bridge.

Hays was the winning pitcher, allowing only 1 run over 4 innings, and he also went 2 for 4 at the plate and knocked in three runs. He finished the year with a perfect 6-0 mark.

The championship Sayreville squad finished with an exceptional 18-2 record, and St. Joe's ended at 18-3. Congratulations, Sayreville!

Ciol 17 . . . 1968: The Governors riddled Highland Park 85-70 on the hardwood. Bob Keegan and Greg Havlusch both burned the nets for 26 points, and Curt Wood had 18 . . . 1971: Sayreville nipped Cedar Ridge, 3-2 in baseball behind Greg Lyon's 11-k's winning effort. Al Pasztonyicky drilled a 2-run double, and Bruce Buckiewicz singled in the game-winner in the fourth . . . 1981: In girls softball, Hoffman's Lady Guvs destroyed Dunellen, 11-3, as Robin Piazzolla fired a 3-hitter and whiffed 4 in route to her 13th win of the year . . . 1987: St. Joseph's downed the Bombers 7-4 in baseball, despite a triple and 4 rbi's from Rich Gluchowski, and a two-bagger from Ed Fischer . . . 1993: Andy Ahern's 18:05 was the Eagles quickest cross country time of the season for Coach Ed Twomey's awesome 15-1 powerhouse . . .

Glory Days in Local Sports

by Tom Burkard

1928 - In baseball action, St. Mary's hammered Holy Trinity of Westfield, 12-1. Winning pitcher Ed Carroll struck out 5. Shortstop John Zdanewicz stroked two singles and a double . . . 1935: Conrad Gomoika was chosen captain of St. Mary's varsity baseball club. He went on to become an All-State selection . . . 1942: In basketball state semis, Camden Catholic nipped the Eagles 26-24 on two highly controversial calls. John Norek poured in 12 points for the Saints who finished at a superb 22-8 . . . 1952: In hoops, Hoffman ripped Manasquan 62-58, as Jim Inman poured in 25 points and John



How Nice Are We?

In a nationwide survey, one company asked 1,000 Americans how likely they would be to do certain things, which of those things they would most appreciate having done for them, and who - from a list of five celebrities - they think is nicest.

Oprah Winfrey took the crown, and Tom Hanks came in second over Rosie O'Donnell, Katie Couric and Martha Stewart.

Eighty-six percent say they are "very likely" to hold open a door for others. Nearly two-thirds say they are "very likely" to jump-start a neighbor's car or to loan a friend \$20.

Nice is in, says Hallmark Cards, Inc. From an advertising campaign titled "Look Who's Nice" for Hallmark Gold Crown stores, to a wildly successful new line of everyday cards called "Out of the Blue," the company is betting on the best in all of us.

Three-quarters of women surveyed are "very likely" to compliment someone's new outfit, while only a third of men would do so. More than half the women (but only a quarter of the men) are "very likely" to mail

a card to a friend or relative for no particular reason.

Men are most willing (71 percent) to help a neighbor jump-start a car. Respondents over age 50 are more likely to let cars merge in a traffic jam and to let people in front of them at the checkout stand (66 percent to 37 percent, age 18-24); they are also most likely (63 percent) to send a card when it's not a special occasion.

Only 36 percent said they are "very willing" to point out to someone they have food stuck in their teeth. They are more willing to loan a friend \$20 (65 percent).

When asked what they appreciate, the \$20 loan came in last; help jump-starting a car came in first. Women particularly appreciate having a door held open.

The survey comes against a backdrop of Hallmark Gold Crown's new "Look Who's Nice" commercials. The prime-time spots feature the stores' shopping bags and icons of niceness.

Increasingly, those bags contain "Out of the Blue" cards featuring everyday messages.

Take the "Nice" survey yourself on Hallmark's web site at www.hallmark.com

History of Local Youth Leagues - Part 2

by Tom Burkard

Contributors: Jack Seaman, Don Szatkowski, Pat Rock

The 1950's

Jack Seaman tells us that he was a 7-year-old member of the 1952 charter Allie Clark's South Amboy Little League team. Mr. Stanton was their coach, and some of the other players were: Paul Ust, Jack Roberts, Joe Grimley, Charlie Nonnemacher. Allie Clark's then became Hollywood Sales, and later Daylight Bakery. Other fine ballplayers who were teammates of Seaman's on these powerful teams of the 50's were: Frank Eskra, Tom Rittenhouse, Joe Beninato (successful businessman), Bernie Chlebowski, Kenny Stack, Larry Pristavec, Bob Hardy, Ken Szelag, Ron Kominkiewicz, and Bob Chuilli.

Some of the other quality players in the South Amboy Little League and their teams of the fantastic 50's were: First Aid - Bob Martin, Ron Stryshak, Bob Rock; PBA - Manager Casper Poetsch, Coaches August Charmello, William Wiatt, players Tom Pristavec, Bob Weiss, Rich McCloud, Barry Slover, Jim O'Leary, Bob Poetsch; Rotary - John Malik, Al Read, Denny White, Tom Adams, Ron Egan, Bill Adams; K of C - George Stramback, Walter Lange, Jim

Zdanewicz; Lions - Joe Pohl, John Keller, Billy Hogan, Joe Osmanski, Jim Gioffre, John Jarusiewicz, Don Osmanski, Dennis Wood; Enterprise - Joe McCarthy, Al Ust, ; Weiss - Pat Marotta, Paul Pavich, Charles Volk, Dan Falk, Frank Ruzala; Progressive - Frank Murray, Charlie Schachel; Protection - Vince Poulsen; Rotary - Paul Nagy, Jim Holovacko . . .

The 1957 Protection team was coached by Augie Charmello and Frank Mussolino. The players: Bob Kukulski, Tom Purcell, Joe Jankowski, Billy Garaffa, Ed Schaber, Frank Jankowski, Danny Ust, Bill Connors, Wayne Olsen, T. Nicorvo, Bob Mackiel, Don Szatkowski, Ed Szatkowski, Bill Garnett, Ed Mackiel, John Norek, Jim Bonk.

Don Szatkowski tells us an interesting bit of trivia: "Curt Wood, in his rookie year in the late 1950's, was the catcher for Lions, and his brother Dennis, who was in his last year was the star pitcher."

Pat Rock recalls that his Weiss team won the championship 2 consecutive years in the late '50's. "Our coach was Frank Dziekan, and some of our great players were: Ray Drill, Ray Selover, Ray Kurzawa, and Pee Wee Parsons."

South Amboy 9 Year Olds Win Two Titles

The South Amboy 9-year-old baseball all-stars captured two tournament championships this summer. In their own South Amboy Tournament, they finished at a perfect 4-0, defeating Monroe for the crown. The South Amboy charges also went undefeated in the Perth Amboy Tourney, finishing 4-0, and downing Irvington for the championship.

The talented group of youngsters really turned it around after losing their first two games in the Morgan Tournament, won 2, and finished 3rd, and reeled off 10 wins in a row, which included the two undefeated championships in South Amboy and Perth Amboy. Congratulations, guys, on a great season!



ALL-STAR CHAMPIONS - Front row, kneeling, L-R: Alex Rodriguez, Adam Szatkowski, Derek Miller, Mike Jukus, Ryan Miller, Joe Bartlinski, Jared Mundy; Second Row: Tom Szatkowski, Tim Reilly, Joe Magnifico B-Man Seres, Mike Ostrander; Coach Randy Neuman, Mgr. Alex Rodriguez, Coach Joe Bartlinski, Coach Steve Szatkowski. Missing from photo, Justin Gumprecht, Coach Scott Gumprecht.

T.H.E. GAME

by Tom Burkard

Sport: Baseball

Year: 1941

Teams: Hoffman vs. St. Mary's in City Series action

Recap: The Saints took a 6-5 lead in the top of the 8th on an rbi single by Bill O'Leary. Ralph Evigan unloaded a clutch double with the bases loaded to score Abbie Read and Walt Rogers in the bottom of the 8th and give the Guvs a thrilling 7-6 triumph. Evigan also ripped a three base hit. Rogers had a single and double, Johnny Bockus a single and triple, and Tom O'Connell 2 hits. The winning pitcher was Adam Westernick who fanned 6, while John "Bing" Miller struck out 5 for St. Mary's.

Player of the Game: Ralph Evigan of Hoffman

25 Years Ago . . .

1972 - South Amboy Slow Pitch Softball

Dot's Luncheonette finished 5-12, third place out of four American League East Division clubs. Jack Phillips topped the team in most offensive categories: runs-22, hits-23, doubles - 5, and batting average .390. Tom Lange blasted a league leading 10 home runs. Other full time performers and their averages were: Kevin Crowley .381, Lange .346, Tim Farrell .341, Ed Lee .340, Jack O'Connor .333, Len Hersey .295, the late John Kopystecky .263. Occasional players and their averages: Delikat .556 (5 for 9), St. Amour .469 (15 for 32), Jim Gordon .457 (16 for 35), Bill Farrell .429 (3 for 7), Andolphi .417 (5 for 12). Those seeing even less playing time were: Rick Ragula, Norm Kilcomons Jr., John Gulick, Booker, and George (Brian or Gary?) Hersey was the top pitcher with 3 victories. Player-Coach Kopystecky notched one win.

FROM THE SPORTS ARCHIVES . . .



1970's - Hoffman's talented basketball team (L - front to back): Bob Besner, Bruce Richmond, Joe "Moose" McCarthy, Jack Hulsart, Coach Ray. "Butch" Tomaszewski; (C - L&R): John Szatkowski, George Bongiorno; (R - front to back): Henry Wortley, Tom Suau, Mike Downs, Ray Poulson.

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

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THANKSGIVING NOVENA TO ST. JUDE
 O Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition. In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. St. Jude pray for us and all who invoke your aid. Amen. Say three Our Father's three Hail Mary's and Glorias. Publication must be promised. This Novena has never been known to fail. I have had my request granted. Publication promised. E.P.

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 BLESSED RITA, SAINT OF THE IMPOSSIBLE, I COME TO YOU WITH CONFIDENCE IN MY GREAT NEED. (MENTION YOUR REQUEST)
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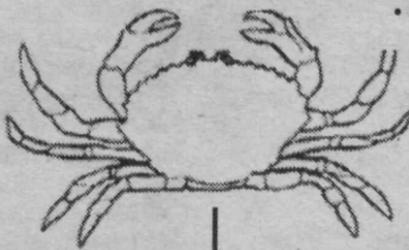
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