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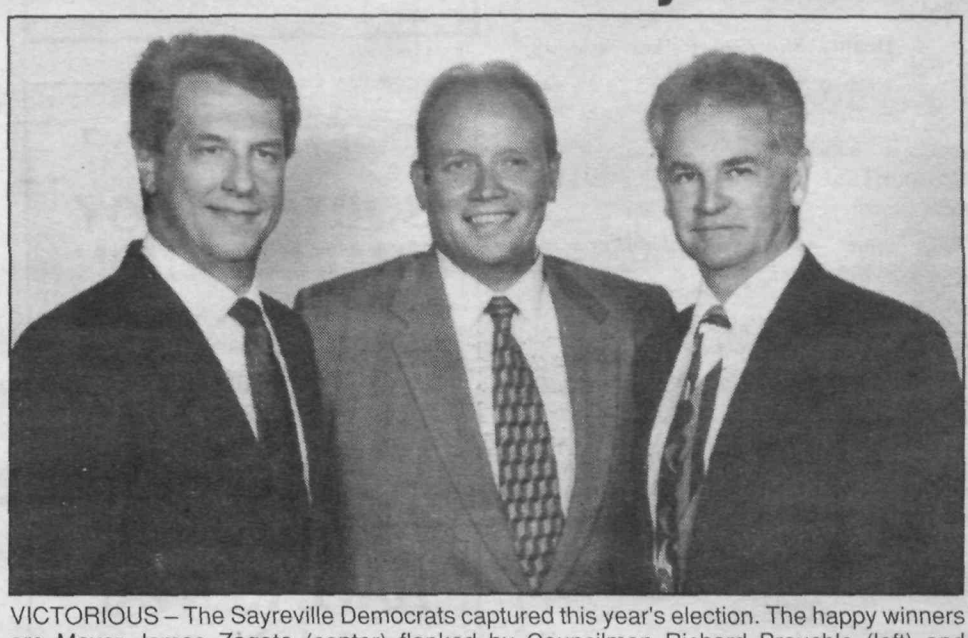
Wisniewski, Friscia Win Assembly Seats

Popular Sayreville Democrat, John Wisniewski and Arlene Friscia were victorious in their bid to unseat incumbent Republicans Stephen Mikulak and Ernest Oros for 19th District Assembly seats. The voting went as follows: Wisniewski 21, 308, Friscia 20, 239, Mikulak 15, 482, Oros 13, 911.

Christmas Tree Lighting Dec. 8

Mary Lou DeBlis, Superintendent of Recreation, announced that the South Amboy Recreation Committee, in conjunction with the Girl Scouts will be holding their Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, and Sing-A-Long at the Gazebo on Bordentown Avenue at 6:00 p.m. on Fri., Dec. 8th. Anyone attending is asked to bring an unwrapped gift for the needy. Refreshments will be served after the event at the Senior Citizens Center, and a visitor from the North Pole is expected to drop in.

Democrats Control Sayreville



VICTORIOUS – The Sayreville Democrats captured this year's election. The happy winners are Mayor James Zagata (center) flanked by Councilman Richard Brauchle (left) and Councilman George Diffin (right).

The Sayreville Democrats swept this year's election, with Mayor-Elect James Zagata leading the fiercely fought campaign. His running mates for Council, George Diffin and Richard Brauchle also came away big winners.

In the Mayoral contest, Zagata received 3,168 votes to Republican Frank Makransky's 2,531 and a strong showing by Independent Steve Lozak who racked up 2,112 votes.

Incumbent Councilman, Diffin topped the voting for Council with 4,115. Brauchle was a close second with 4,076. Republicans Mark Cholowski had 3,170 and Beverly Rappleyea 2,937. The Democrats will now hold a strong 5-1 edge on the council.

Sayreville Man Killed in Fall

On Nov. 9th, Edward Gunshefski, 28, of Sayreville, fell 28-1/2 feet to his death at his place of employment, New Jersey Steel Corp. in Sayreville. Gunshefski and another employee were working on a catwalk outside, to try and clear a clogged pipe. Gunshefski apparently went to the silo to relieve pressure in the line, and was walking back toward the other worker, when the tragedy occurred. The co-worker noticed Gunshefski had not returned in 5-10 minutes, and then noticed the hole in the roof.

Investigators could not determine whether he fell or jumped 9 feet from the catwalk onto a roof below, then the roof gave way, and he fell 28-1/2 feet to his death.

Autopsy results said he died from "multiple devastating injuries."

Toy Drive Begins Nov. 20

South Amboy's Superintendent of Recreation, Mary Lou DeBlis announced that the Annual Toy Drive will be held from Nov. 20-Dec. 8. Unwrapped toy donations should be brought to the Senior Citizens building. Toys collected will be distributed to the needy children of South Amboy for Christmas.

Pick Up Tickets for Christmas Dinner

The South Amboy-Sayreville Times and South Amboy Knights of Columbus #426 will distribute 150 tickets to the underprivileged and needy of the S. Amboy, Sayreville area, on a first come, first served basis, for their 1st Annual Christmas Dinner December 10th.

Pick Up Dates and Times: Sat., Nov. 25th from 9 a.m. to noon; Sun, Nov. 26th from 9 a.m. to noon.

Tickets for the dinner will be distributed at the K of C Hall, Fourth St., South Amboy.

TO QUALIFY AS UNDERPRIVILEGED:

People should bring the following documents:

- Middlesex County Welfare Card (active)
- St. Vincent DePaul Society updated letter
- PAAD cards - Senior Citizens Prescription Cards (current)
- South Amboy or Sayreville updated Welfare Cards and also a Driver's License or Social Security Card (current)

REMEMBER: There will be only 150 tickets on a first come basis for adults & children!

Notice – City of South Amboy

Take notice that the Planning Board of the City of South Amboy, N.J. will adjourn their regular monthly meeting scheduled for November 21, 1995 and has rescheduled for Monday, November 27, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. at Dr. Charles W. Hoffman Senior Resource Center located at 108 South Stevens Avenue, South Amboy, N.J.

The following matters will be listed on the agenda for the Business Meeting:

Old Business

1. South Amboy Redevelopment Plan - Central Phase
2. John Meszaros Application
3. Broadway Facade Application #14 & #16

Action regarding the above matters may be taken at this meeting.

Linda Garnett, Secretary
South Amboy Planning Board

Christmas Concert Nov. 26

The Robin Noel Sights & Sounds of Christmas Concert will be held on Nov. 26th at the First Baptist Church of S. Amboy on Second and Stockton Streets.

The event gets underway at 6:30 p.m., and the public is invited. Light refreshments will be served after the concert. For further info call Pastor Mitchell - 721-1216.

Christmas,
Chanukah,
New Year's Edition
December 16

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December 6
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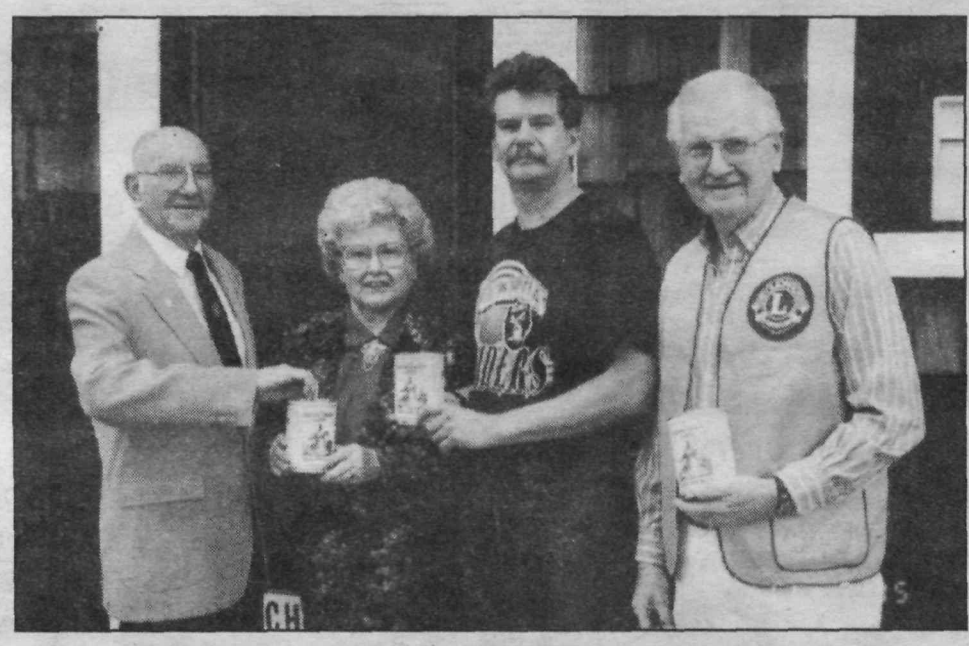
At press time, we were shocked and sorry to hear of the untimely death of Franklin "Horse" English, who died Nov. 13. He was a very giving person who did a great deal for the community. His activities included organizing Blood Drives, sponsoring Sports Teams, various Lion's Club Projects, and others too numerous to list.

He will be sadly missed.

Kopysteckys Chair Fundraiser



SOUTH AMBOY LIONS CLUB BEGINS HOLIDAY CANISTER CAMPAIGN – The chairpersons of the Lions Holiday Canister Campaign are Dorothy and Jim Kopystecky of Dot's Luncheonette, business people serving the community for 30 years.
Pictured left to right: late Lion Frank English, Dorothy and son Jim of Dot's Luncheonette, and Ray Tomaszewski, President of South Amboy Lions Club.

Local business owners Dorothy and James Kopystecky will serve as chairpersons of the South Amboy Lions Club's annual Holiday Canister Campaign.

The Kopystecky's, who have owned and operated the popular Dot's Luncheonette on Broadway for the past 30 years, have long been active in assisting various charities in the city. They volunteered to chair the event.

"It's an honor to help lead the Canister Campaign because as business people in the city we have seen the many admirable accomplishments of the Lions Club throughout the community," Dot and Jim said. "The Lions have touched many lives and they have created a warm, family environment for helping people in our community."

The Lions are calling on professional people, local merchants, and those in industry for donations to help sponsor the Annual Holiday Party of the Blind, an event the club has sponsored for the past 40 years. Lions Club members make arrangements for blind people to be transported to and from the dinner, at no cost to that person.

Local residents can help this worthwhile event as well, and canisters for donations will be distributed to business and industries throughout the community in November.

The Lions Club needs your help and support to continue their work in helping the blind and hearing impaired.

Talk of the Towns

by Tom Burkard

Recreation Supt. Recovering

Mary Lou DeBlis, South Amboy's Superintendent of Recreation is recovering nicely after triple bypass heart surgery. Get well soon, Mary Lou, you're in our thoughts and prayers!

Sayreville Marching Unit Takes 3rd Place

The Sayreville War Memorial High School Marching Unit took 3rd place out of 13 bands at CMBC tri-state Championships at Giants Stadium on Nov. 4th. Congratulations!

Collectors T-Shirt Draws Raves

Have you seen the Past Pubs of South Amboy collectors t-shirt, offered for only a limited time by the South Amboy K of C #426? The shirts feature 20 South Amboy Pubs during the 1968 era, that are presently out of business, or re-named.

These collectors tees go for $12 and there are only about 30 left, so you've got to hurry and call Gene at 525-8763 and get yours now! Incidentally, the profits go for an outstanding cause, the Sean McCarthy Scholarship fund!

Bundle of Joy Arrives in Parlin

A beautiful baby boy, Tyler Anthony Olivieri was born on Oct. 15th, and tilted the scales at 8 pounds, 12-1/2 ounces. The proud parents are Stefanie Housman & Anthony Olivieri of Parlin. Congrats, and God Bless!

Health Fair a Huge Success

The South Amboy Rotary's Annual Health Fair at Hoffman High was again a huge success!

Hundreds of area people came to have their eyes checked, hearing tests, stress tests, and blood pressure taken, in addition to many other health-related services. Hats off to the Rotary Club for helping the community!

Pleasant Little Trivia

by Tom Burkard

1. Popular bar on the corner of S. Feltus & Augusta Sts. in S. Amboy in '54? a. Brave Bull b. Freddie's SA Pub c. Spud's Bar

2. Garage located on E. Main St., Sayreville in '49? a. Steigel's b. Springer's c. Jack's

3. Mayor of S. Amboy in '39? a. Thomas Gleason b. Joe Simon c. Aptul Patel

4. Beauty Shop on Parker Ave., S. Amboy in '74? a. Heads Up b. Marlene's c. Mallaroy's

5. St. Mary's School Play in '45? a. Blossom Time b. Summer Place c. Midnight Fever

6. South Amboy Police Chief from 1984-87? a. Juan Garcia b. Leroy Kurtz c. Jack Webb

7. Served as Chairman of S. Amboy's Heart Fund in '69? a. Fred Henry b. Stuart Kline c. Rich Barry

8. President of S. Amboy Irish-American Assn. in 1987-88? a. Ginny Tierney b. Jim Carney c. Ed Semoneit

9. Last owner of Marathon Bus Line Co.? a. John E. Burns b. Kenneth Doukas c. Nick Capriglione

10. S. Amboy Postmaster in '68? a. Blake Taylor b. Peter Marvookas c. John Howley

11. WAS NOT located at the old Sayrewoods Shopping Center? a. Grant's b. Shades of Blue c. Kresge's

12. Bar that WAS NOT located on First St., S. Amboy in '75? a. Gay 90's b. Roddy's c. Country Korner

ANSWERS

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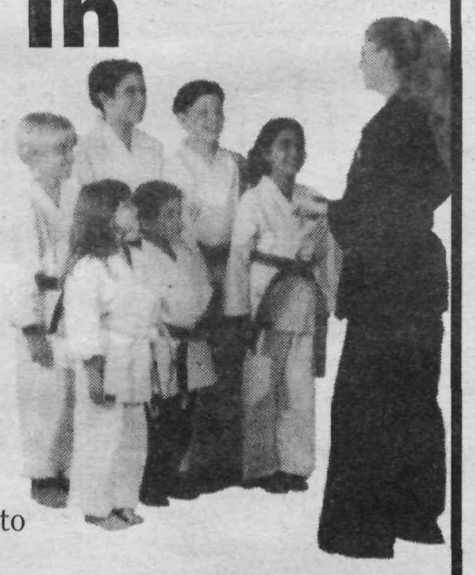

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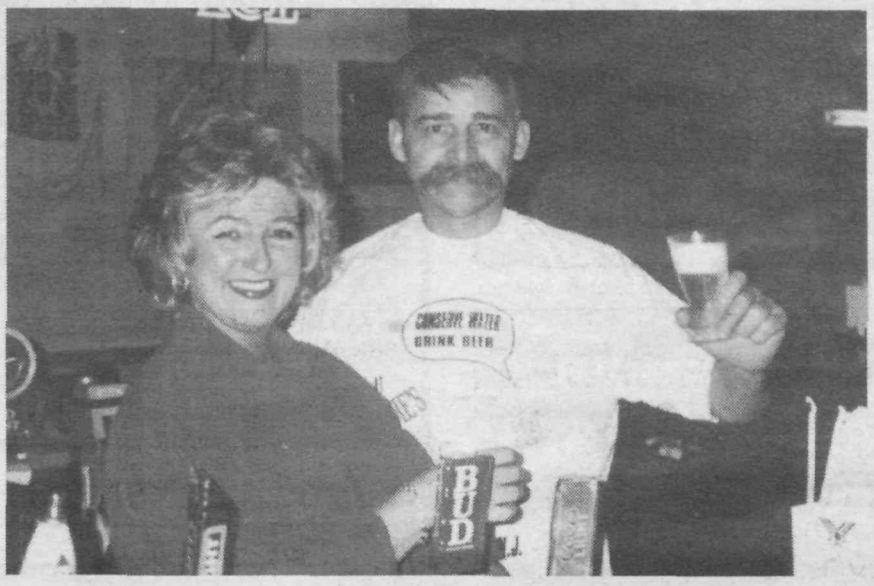

Freddie's SA Pub owners June Curran (L) and Fred Brembor.

40 years of combined experience, a completely refurbished bar, all kinds of great weekend entertainment, as well as fantastic food and specials, make Freddie's SA Pub, located at 115 N. Feltus St., S. Amboy, one of the true hotspots around.

Owners, Sayreville native Fred Brembor and June Curran, have made many exciting changes since purchasing the establishment in May from Bob & Greg Anthony. Freddie's SA Pub is fully involved with the community by sponsoring all types of sports teams, organizations, local charities and fund raisers. They also run yearly trips for skiing, Atlantic City, fishing and the racetrack.

The modern-styled pub looks more beautiful than ever, and offers not just a pub, but a family atmosphere, where all are welcome to gather and socialize in most friendly surroundings. Freddie's SA Pub's kitchen is open daily from 11 a.m. 'til midnight, offering a delicious selection of fresh food daily. Happy Hour is offered Mon.-Fri. from 4-7 p.m., featuring 1/2 price appetizers and $1 draft beers. Pub patrons can also get $1 draft beers every Tuesday night. New dinner specials and Ladies Night, where drinks are 1/2 price for the ladies make Thursday a great night for socializing. Local top-name entertainment livens up Fri. & Sat. nights at Freddie's SA Pub.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Tom,

Thanks for writing the article about the Class of '55 from Hoffman High School back in March of this year.

This was and is a very special group of people. On September 30th, 1995 we celebrated the 40th anniversary of our graduation at the South Amboy Elks Club. Of the thirty living members of the class, 23 showed up for cocktails, chit-chat, and a buffet dinner. This is over 70% if you're calculating . . . an outstanding response I think. And, it was the sixth time we've had a reunion. Find me another class who can compete with those numbers!

In case you'd like to print any of this, the following were in attendance:

Lucille (Braun) Kurtz, Anita (Dexheimer) Semoneit, Donald Fritz, Adele (Galuska) Becker, Frank Grimley, Rudy Gunther, Ethel (Heller) Piscitelli, Irv House, Jean (Inman) Koerner, Bill Lake, Ruth (Larkin) Lawrence, Steve Malkiewicz, Elly (Nagy) Krygier, Janet (Neiltopp) Larson, Elaine (Nelson) Savage, Charlie Rehfuss, Connie (Septor) Levering, Sally (Steeves) Sorenson, Dave Switzer, Bob Turner, Jean (Zoll) Cubway, Joan (Zoll) Travisano, Elena (Zulin) Wahler.

Hope you'll find this interesting.

Sincerely,

Connie (Septor) Levering

Dear Editor,

South Amboy deserves a great big thank you for making the 1st Annual Halloween Safety Party for children a huge success.

Thank you's are extended to Mayor John T. O'Leary, City Hall, members of the Council, the South Amboy-Sayreville Times for printing all of the necessary event information, the Christ Church for sponsoring the event, and the many people who donated money, goods, and/or services to this event.

Most of the thanks goes to you, the families who came to this event and participated in a new and safe community gathering, that will hopefully continue year after year!

Gratefully yours,
Christina Smith
The Toy Brokers
Event Coordinator

*Editor's Note: It was an outstanding event, in which over 300 children & adults participated. Christina did a standout job for our community, and our hats go off to her!

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Grow to be strong not weak"
Hope came next by way of a bug
"One day, you'll see, a butterfly I'll be,
Things change, be still, don't tug"
Faith followed next with a lump of coal
"Someday, you'll see, a diamond, that's me,
Darkness will form into brilliance - your soul"
Charity came by the breeze on his face
"Give of yourself, flow free"
The little boy left his woodland place
Saying "Wisdom has spoken to me."

Infant Care Class

Raritan Medical Management Services, a division of Raritan Bay Medical Center is offering Post Partum and Infant Care Class to educate parents-to-be in basic skills for after-delivery care of mother and child. The class is on Wednesday evening, November 22, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at offices at Raritan Plaza II in Edison. The charge is $20 per couple. For registration and information, call (908) 417-9494.

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Yearbook - Sayreville 1965

by Tom Burkard

The Animals topped the pop charts with their now legendary "The House of the Rising Sun," as the Sayreville High Class of '65 began their final year of high school, that September 1964 day . . . In Nov. LBJ defeated Goldwater for the Presidency . . . The Cardinals ended the Yankees dynasty by beating them 4 games to 3 in the World Series . . . At Sayreville High popular teachers were: Charles Koenigsberg, Vija Hazners, Maria Galgano, Arthur Knowles, George Marotta, Roseann O'Donnell, Aldee Miller, John Resh, Mary Dulemba, Patricia Rummings, Edward Weber . . . Senior Class officers were: Pres. - John McCarthy, V.P. - Lawrence Wallace, Treas. - Kathy Kelly, Sec. - Mary Jude Elwood . . .Barbara Porter was Valedictorian, William Hausler - Salutatorian, Maryann Mercer - Tertiarian . . .

School Activities of the day were: Teens Against Polio; Save The Children Foundation; Clothing Drive, March of Dimes Candy Day . . . A new policy was introduced which organized a permit system in the parking lot . . .Linda Beck was Editor-In-Chief of the Yearbook . . . Mary Ann Rusin and Frank Barneburg had the lead parts in the Junior-Senior Play "Seventeen." "Camelot" was the musical production held on April 22-24, and was a smash hit . . . Thomas Strugala was Student Council President, and Martin Marrazo V.P. . . . Alan Gwizdak was Editor-In-Chief of "Echo Lites" . . . Captain of the Color Guard was Mary Jude Elwood . . .

Outstanding senior athletes, many of whom were selected all-county and all-state were: Jeff Osowski, John Karlowitz, William Trzaska, Robert Burdak, Gary Bodak, Glenn Lemerich, Robert Nita (Sayreville Policeman), Paul Slovik, James VanFossen, John Wojcik . . .

Some of the Class of 65: Lois Bailey, Richard Bennis, Richard Biesiada (P.B.A. Little League teammate of mine, killed in Viet Nam), Barbara Brand, Joseph Carter, Marcie Carver, Patricia Daire, Barbara DeBiase, Eugene Dobrznyski, Richard Donnelly, Janice Esser, Collette Farrell, Patricia Ford, Eleanor Geleta, James Greenhaus (successful Sayreville businessman), Robert Grover, Alice Horn, Anna Hyde, Kathryn Kath, William Kehoe (S. Amboy businessman), William Kenny, Marie Kittstein, George Komosinski, Daniel Kosmoski (super softball player in the '70's), Lawrence Krainski, Raymond Kurzawa, Nova LaCross, Carol Loper, Thomas Mitsock (great guy), Joseph Myers (Sayreville Police). Joyce Molnar, Carol Newmark, Theresa Nowaj, John Noble, Rosemarie Opiola, Maryann Petner, Merilin Popp, Richard Reess, Eileen Salmon, Bernard Scully, Joseph Storrs Jr. (one of Sayreville's all-time greatest softball players), Louis Soos, Mary Ellen Sullivan, John & Robert Travisano, Wayne Turback (successful S. Amboy businessman), Kevin Wolfe, Rosemary Yanotka . . .

Can you match any of the following nicknames? Cookie, Bobo, Bod, Boz, Box, Tut, Glassie, Blondie, Moonbeam, Mary Canary, Bowzer, Swecker, Wombat, Dizzy, Jelly, Fuzzie, Gets, Cat, Slick, Needles, The Streak, Klinker, Babe, Butch, Doc, Frizzy, Uncle Miltie, Herc, Woody, Buffer, Monk, Oscar, Puddles, Pooch, Cleo, Squid, Beatle, Hopper, Trip, Goat, Ringo, Chico, Meatball, Chip, Zeke . . .

In '65, Sayreville High was really alive, with super sports teams, fund raisers for charities by these caring young adults, who really made their mark in a positive way on society. Long live Sayreville High Class of 1965!

News From First Baptist Church

by Ruth Connors

Christmas Concert

Robin Noel Bulmer will present her second concert of inspirational sacred music on November 26, 1995, at The First Baptist Church. The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Robin Noel is a graduate of Word of Life Bible Institute, and currently is a staff soloist for Word of Life Fellowship. Robin has had the opportunity of touring the United States, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and Europe in concerts. She has also participated in inspirational musical dramas such as the "*Passion Play*," "*Ring the Bells*," "*Sights* and Sounds of Christmas," and "Genesis." Her clear soprano voice and choice of message in song have been an inspiration to many.

Robin was nominated by the Gospel Music Association for a Dove Award as "Outstanding New Inspirational Artist" of 1991.

The public is invited to the concert with Robin Noel on November 26, at the First Baptist Church, Second & Stockton Streets, South Amboy.

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(Never known to fail) Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Must be said 3 times for 3 consecutive days and published immediately after favor is granted.
Thank you. J.F.M.

Library Published Cookbook

The Friends of the Dowdell Library are pleased to announce the publication of their Second Community Cookbook - Just Desserts.

The book contains more than 100 recipes, submitted by the residents of South Amboy, Many of which are ideal for the upcoming season.

Just Desserts can be purchased at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy located on the corner of Second Street and Stevens Avenue. The cost of the book is just $5.00.

The Friends First Community Cookbook, published in 1992, sold out in a matter of weeks, and demand for this book is expected to equal or exceed that. Those interested in purchasing Just Desserts are encouraged to shop early. They will make excellent holiday gifts.

For further information or to reserve a copy of Just Desserts, call the Dowdell Library at (908) 721-6060.

Obituaries

English, Franklin D., 61 of Sayreville died Nov. 13.

Amatucci, Angelo, 78, of Sayreville, died Nov. 11.

Danby Jr., Julius B. "Smokey", 73, of Sayreville died Nov. 7.

Fitzpatrick, Lawrence P., 76, of Sayreville died Nov. 10.

Gardener, Grace, 91, of Sayreville died Nov. 7.

Gunshefsky, Edward, 28, of Sayreville died Nov. 9.

Konopka, Walter, 80, of Sayreville died Nov. 9.

Nicola, George A., 78, of Sayreville died Nov. 10.

Seaman, John, 91, of South Amboy died Nov. 11.

Van Someren, Albertus J., of Sayreville died Nov. 10.

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By Virginia Stillwagon

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Jane E. Kerzan, RN, MSN, CNA of Sayreville has been appointed Director of Nursing at the Old Bridge Division of Raritan Bay Medical Center. The announcement was made by Constance Patten, RN, EdD, vice president of Nursing at the medical center.

Kerzan's appointment coincides with the expansion of the hospital. As part of the Renewal 2000 construction and renovation project, a fourth floor was constructed at the Old Bridge Division adding 33 patient beds and, consequently, expanding the nursing staff by approximately 45 employees.

"We are very proud of the state-of-the-art intensive care unit on our new floor," says Kerzan. "I find, though, that what most impresses patients is the quality of care they receive. Our nurses are not only well skilled, but they demonstrate our 'Pride in Caring' philosophy by providing compassionate and respectful care to every patient."

Kerzan joined the nursing staff of Raritan Bay Medical Center in 1968, following her graduation from the Charles E. Gregory School of Nursing. She has served as nurse manager of both a medical/surgical unit and the coronary care unit, as well as in administrative capacities. For the past 10 years she has served as assistant director of nursing at Old Bridge.

Kerzan earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Kean College and a Master of Science in Nursing at Villanova. She is also certified by the American Nurses Association in Nursing Administration.

At Kean College, where she is an adjunct professor in the RN/BSN program, she teaches a course in group counseling with an emphasis on clients with chronic illness.

Kerzan lives in Sayreville with her husband and college-age son.

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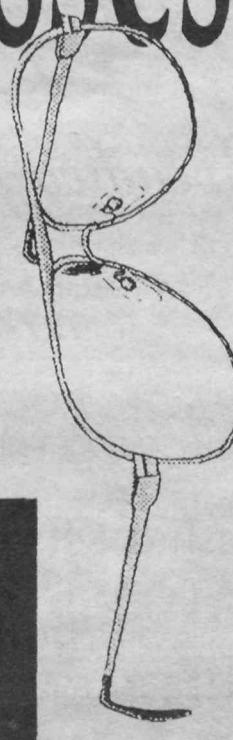

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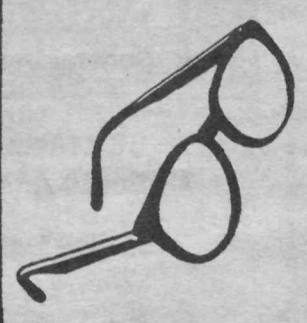

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Places to Go, Things to Do

by Beverly Kovacs

Where oh where has the year gone? It seems it just got here and it's over. The glorious part of this time of year is Mother Natures' paint job. The leaves are just gorgeous! Add to that the temperature is just right for sleeping and day-tripping, not too hot, not too cold. Next to Christmas and its house decorations, this is one of my favorite times of the year to sightsee. Just put me in a car and point me in any direction. I'm like a kid in a candy store, with the "Ooh's and Aah's!" My paint brush travel tour has taken me up to Route 22 to Washington Rock Park in Mountainside, the view in the mountains is spectacular. Bring along your binoculars and on a clear day you can see the Hess Building and the Edison, Parkway Bridges at home. A little further up the road is Turtle Back Zoo and Trailside Museum off Mountain Avenue. You can spend the day on the trails as well as the museum itself, with it's Native American artifacts, and animals native to our area. There is also a planetarium there that for a nominal fee has a great show. The gift shop is always a hit with the kids. They also have a picnic area if you would like to box lunch it. Local upcoming events to look forward to are Dec. 1 to 10, the Proprietary House in Perth Amboy is having their annual Yuletide at the Governor's Mansion with holiday programs and period decorations. The Hungarian Museum in New Brunswick is having their annual Christmas Tree and decorations from Hungary, Poland, and other countries of that region. Also one of my favorites not too far down Route 9 in Old Bridge is the Living Manger.

With Thanksgiving coming one of the things I'm most grateful for is that God has given me another year to marvel at the wonders of His Creation. I don't think we really realize or appreciate how blessed we are. Our country has no war, we can come and go as we please, express our feelings and opinions, and worship the way we choose. Most of us are fortunate to have homes and families. There are also those in our community who are less fortunate, they struggle from day to day just to make ends meet.

In an effort to share of ourselves our paper, The South Amboy Sayreville Times is joining with our Knights of Columbus to make the holidays a bit more cheerful. They are planning a holiday dinner and gift party in December for the underpriviledged. All donations of food or gifts would gratefully be appreciated. Contact our paper or any member of the K of C.

Also our Lions Club is planning a holiday dinner, as well as Saint Mary's. Any food, clothing, or toys would be appreciated. I'm not sure of the exact dates so I'm sure contacting the correct organization would be happy to supply it.

From my family to yours may your Thanksgiving Blessings be many and your troubles few! See you next month.

Knightly News

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 sponsored another successful food drive by gathering more than 1,500 pounds of food during the fall campaign.

Committee Chairman Steve Schmid offered high praise to everyone who contributed food and offered particular thanks to the Sacred Heart Church Holy Name Society members who helped out with the processing of the food.

The South Amboy Knights also wish to congratulate Tony Kubala who earned his Third Degree at Special ceremonies November 3 at the St. Thomas Council of Old Bridge.

The South Amboy Knights also plan to honor the memory of deceased member Pgk. Louis Meszaros by planting a tree in his honor next spring.

The Knights also will hold their annual Children's Christmas Party Sunday, December 17 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the hall.

St. Mary's News

by Kate Hebron

By now, the students of Saint Mary's have gotten into the swing of things. The Freshmen are finding their classes and even opening their lockers. However, it's the Seniors who were most active during November. All four grade levels go on retreats, but since this is the final one for our Seniors, it is the longest. The purpose of this retreat was adulthood. Additionally, focus was placed on developing class unity. Seniors attended one of two retreats that ran from the 8th to the 10th, and the 15th to the 17th.

The Senior Play, "Plaza Suite." took place at 7:30 Friday evening on November 17th. This play in three acts, by Neil Simon, was directed by the Art Dept.'s Mrs. Suzanne Burns, and starred twelve of our Seniors.

On the evening of November 7th the Fall Sports Night was held. This ceremony rewarded all of our Eagle athletes who have had very successful seasons. The girls soccer team, coached by the History Dept.'s Roberto Lozzi, had an impressive 12-5 record. They placed 3rd in the Blue Division. They qualified to compete in the Greater Middlesex Conference Tournament, the Jersey Group I State Tournament, as well as the state and county tournaments.

The girls tennis team had a 4-10 record, and qualified for the Middlesex County Tournament. Their coach Mrs. Cele Sisti from the Home Ec. Dept. wanted to commend Lisa Leonardo, Heather McGinley, and Arianne Dowd. These graduating Seniors were strong singles players. The girls track team coached by the Science Dept.'s Mr. Smith had a 2-12 record. Juniors Bonnie Thurston and Valerie Seaman continuously placed in the top ten finish times.

The boys soccer team, coached by St. Mary's parent Mr. McBride has a 12-2 record. They qualified for the county and state competitions. However, their most outstanding accomplishment was earning first place in the Gold Division. They boys track team coached by guidance's Mr. Edward Twomey, had an 11-3 track record. The Eagles won second place in the Blue Division. This is the first time in thirty years for any St. Mary's Varsity sports team to place in the Blue Division four years in a row.

Best Wishes to all South Amboy Sayreville Times readers for a Happy Thanksgiving. We hope you will enjoy it as much as we students will enjoy our Thanksgiving break.

Harrigan Business Leader of Year

Memorial Medical Center Board of Governor's member Joseph H. Harrigan was elected Business Leader of the Year for South Amboy by the Old Bridge, Sayreville and South Amboy Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Harrigan's contributions to the business community and the South Amboy community at-large earned him this prestigious recognition.

Mr. Harrigan has proudly served on the Board of Governors for Memorial Medical Center at South Amboy for the past nine years. As treasurer of the board he is actively involved in all financial operations for the facility. His responsibilities include the implementation of short and long term strategic planning goals.

"When the Medical Center's Board of Governors asked me to join, it seemed like a natural fit. My father had also served on the board and I viewed it as a great opportunity to help the community," he explained. "I was born and raised in South Amboy and I have had the pleasure of watching Memorial Medical Center grow from a small community hospital into the regional healthcare facility it is today."

Mr. Harrigan is president of J.J. Harrigan and Company, a real estate and insurance business that was started in 1956 by his father James. Joseph Harrigan took over the business and has been successfully running it since 1964.

He also serves as board president of the non-profit organization, Garden State Hospitalization Plan. He currently resides in Sayreville with his family.

The Spinal Column

by Dr. John Misiewicz, D.C.

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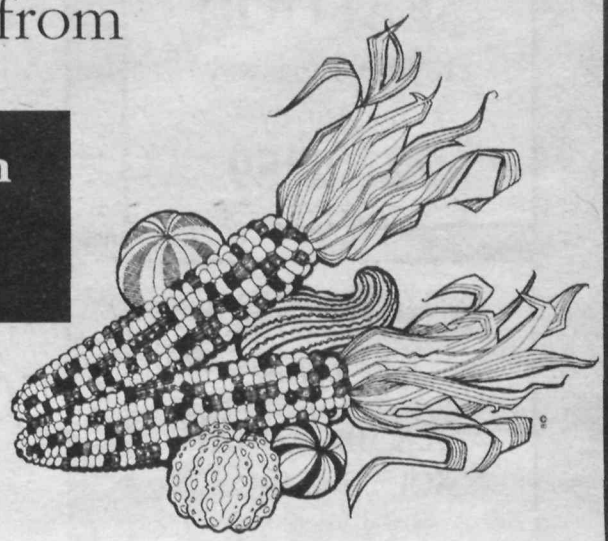

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South Amboy Elks News

by Joe Damion, P.R. Chairman

The South Amboy Elks started its summer by working with the Central District National Service Veterans Committee. Our Lodge played a big part with the picnics the committee held at the following hospitals: Perth Amboy Care Center, Menlo Park Soldier's Home, and Lyon's Hospital. In all we helped serve over 500 patients.

As the summer moved forward, so did the South Amboy Elks. The Lodge held its annual Pig Roast that was attended by over 30 Veterans from surrounding hospitals. The Veterans enjoyed a great picnic and were very happy to receive hats donated by the Ladies Auxiliary.

The annual trip to Monmouth Race Track was attended by over 30 people. Approximately half were volunteers assisting the others who were invited to attend this function through the Handicapped Children's Committee. This was not only a special day for them but also for us Elks knowing that we can make a difference. All who attended had a great time.

Our Exalted Ruler Kenneth Spiecker and myself attended the First Annual Community Safety Party at Christ Church on Oct. 30th. We were pleased to see the great turnout and look forward to working with the community in the future.

On November 12th the South Amboy Elks presented Steven J. Silva of South Amboy and Christopher J. Teeter of Sayreville each with two plaques, one for Americanism the second an Eagle Scout Certificate and an Americanism patch. The two are members of Troop 90 which the Lodge sponsors at our hall. Also they will receive a scholarship for college. An Eagle Scout is the highest honor you can receive in scouting and we'd like to say congratulations to both of them.

On November 19th we will be distributing approximately 25 food baskets to the needy throughout the Community for Thanksgiving. These baskets will include a turkey and all the fixings. We hope everybody's holiday is a safe and happy one.

South Amboy Police Blotter - 1929

Researched by Sgt. Jerry Pizzillo

Jan. 21, 1929

On a complaint of Sarah M., Augusta St., South Amboy, Thomas Gleason, Chief of Police arrested Harry M., charged with calling her vile and indecent names. Brought him into court.

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Sgt. Ryan

Jan. 30, 1929

Joseph J. from Melrose called up and reported that four men tried to break into his place. He fired at them and they ran away. They had their car parked on Scott Ave. They jumped into their car and ran down the road he watched the tail lights of the car and the car turned towards South Amboy. I notified Officers Quain and Reiner on Broadway to keep a look for them. The time is 3:05 a.m.

Roundsmen McCormack

300 Attend Raritan Bay Medical Center's Dedication

The dedication ceremonies at the Old Bridge Division of Raritan Bay Medical Center included a surprise for 300 assembled guests. When president Keith McLaughlin cut a ribbon officially introducing the hospital's new construction and remodeled departments, the doors opened and a uniformed marching band emerged, vigorously playing parade music – compliments of Old Bridge High School.

The Old Bridge Division's event marks one phase of Raritan Bay Medical Center's Renewal 2000 project, a multi-million dollar construction and revitalization program. Construction of a five-story building is in progress at the Perth Amboy Division, and a new Community Health Center will be constructed in Perth Amboy.

Irish-American Assn. Seeks Members

As some of you may know, the sole purpose of the South Amboy Irish-American Association is to produce the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We are in need of active members. Anyone wishing to join may fill out the application below and bring it to our next meeting which will be held December 7, 1995 at Monaghan House beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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Fishing Flashes

by Teo "Weebles" Weber

Salt Water

Striped Bass dominate the scene with many limit catches of keepers being taken in the evening hours by boats drifting live eels and sand worms off Sandy Hook, and different spots in the Bay. The surf is good with plugs and in the bay, Pebble beach produces fish. They should be starting soon in the S. Amboy Beach by the Boat Club. High tide is best. A 17-pound Bass was caught on Sun. 11/5 trolling a plug inside the harbor in Atlantic Highlands. Bottom fishing on local wrecks is very good with mostly nice size Porgies and Seabass, with more Blackfish and Ling each day. Pick your days and go. Bluefish with many large ones over 10 pounds is still very good and will last 'til the end of Nov.

Fresh Water

I returned to Lake Ashroe in Sussex County and tried it at the end of Oct. The fishing was slower due to cold water, but the wife and I caught 7 nice Perch in the 10 inch range, 2 big Crappies around 11 inches, and 6 Pickeral from 13-17 inches. The Fall Trout stocking is finished, and the reports are encouraging, with nice catches made and some large trout reported. Some Largemouth Bass are being caught all over the state, but cold weather slows the action, but Pickeral will still continue to hit.

Smallmouth Bass fishing in the Delaware River is very good, especially in the upper reaches. Close to home, Farrington Lake still produced a few large Pike. Try big Shiners. Hybrid Bass are still being caught in Spruce Run on live Herring.

Food for Fines at Library

Beginning November 13, 1995 and continuing through December 18, 1995, the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, New Jersey will conduct its second annual Food For Fines program.

During this time patrons of the library will be able to eliminate any overdue book fines owed to the library by donating non-perishable food to the library. Those wishing to donate who do not owe fines are also welcomed. The library will then bring the food to a local charitable organization for distribution to those in need during the holiday period.

Last year the library distributed 18 boxes of food to local charitable organizations and hopes to be able to collect and distribute more this year.

The library is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Saturday 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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St. Mary's Class of '70 25 Year Reunion

by Dan Weinman

This is the 3rd reunion I've attended, and I had a blast at all of them. I've been in Texas for 14 years, so I really enjoyed seeing everyone when I came. You feel like the clock has been turned back, and we were all in the St. Mary's Cafeteria.

I imagine someone saying, "I'll meet you at the Jug, before the Hoffman-St. Mary's basketball game Friday night." It seems like yesterday when we won our state baseball championship in '69. "Let's go shoot some pool at the Rec."

But really, it was interesting seeing what everyone is doing with their lives, how some people look the same, some look totally different.

Where people are living and how they got there. I'll always cherish my memories of high school, and my roots in South Amboy. I've made great friends for life, and that is something special, no matter where I'm living. Thanks to the committee for all their hard work and efforts. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

Cheryl Gorman hands a sweater to Ryan Nicola, as his mother, Debbie Nicola, looks on at the Christ Church Thrift Store, where they were restocking for the holidays.

Thrift Store Helps Church & Community

by Tom Burkard

The days of the old downtown 5&10 cents stores are long past, but believe it or not, you can still find some great bargains, starting at a nickel at the Christ Church Thrift Store on Main St. , South Amboy.

Approximately 25 parishioners donate their time and services to make the store a successful operation, providing the Church with a large source of income. Clothing, furniture, household items, toys, books, and an occasional vintage item can be found for prices ranging from 5 cents to $100.

All items are donated by local people, and are reasonably priced. "People clean out their attics, cellars, and garages, and when people die, they clean up," said Cheryl Gorman, wife of Christ Church Pastor Gorman. The store is patronized by many locals, but some customers come from as far away as New York, and some items purchased here are sent overseas to Poland, Romania, and Yugoslavia.

Friday night manager, Debbie Nicola says, "We work with charities, and help the community in times of catastrophes, such as fires, by giving people clothing to hold them over." The volunteers who run the shop spend a tremendous amount of time sorting what items can or cannot be sold. "You give up your Friday nights, but it's rewarding. You are helping others. Once in the cold of winter, a man came in without a coat, and couldn't afford one, so we gave him one," said Nicola.

The Christ Church Thrift Store is open on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and 6-8 p.m., under the managerial expertise of Edna Blakeslee and Shirley Cottrell. On Thursdays, it is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Friday evenings from 6-8 p.m. The Christ Church Thrift Store's motto is "Serving the Community in Christ's Name."

Knights of Columbus Raise $3,000

Edward F. Margie, Grand Knight, St. Bernadette's Council Knights of Columbus #8478, Parlin, announced the results of its Annual Fund Drive for the benefit of retarded citizens. Members collected funds in excess of $3000.00.

At a recent meeting checks were distributed to representatives of the Old Bridge Adult Training Center, the Brain Injured Children of Sayreville, St. Bernadette's Ministry for the Mentally Retarded and Holy Family Center of Carteret.

Plans have been formulated for the 1996 drive which will be conducted April 25 through April 28. Matt Redmond will serve as chairman for the third consecutive year.

Sayreville Martial Arts Holds Kids Karate Tournament

Saturday, November 4 marked the date of the first ever American Fighting Arts (AFA) Intra-School Tournament. Over 80 Karate, Kung Fu, and Taekwondo practitioners competed at the Sayreville Martial Arts Academy on Washington Road.

Students from the Sayreville and East Brunswick AFA Schools competed for trophies in Forms (prearranged pattern of movements against imaginary opponents), Sparring (actual controlled point combat against another student of his/her rank), Weapons (similar to forms, but utilizing a striking weapon rather than an open fist), and Board Breaking competitions.

In addition to regular trophies, winners from each division received points that counted towards five huge Grand-Championship trophies. Winners of the Grand-Championships are as follows: Andrew Niedzielek for the White through Orange Belt Division, Andrew Guzman for the Green through Camo Belt Division, Anthony Griffin for the blue through Purple Belt Division, Anthony Slotwinski for the Red through Brown Belt Division, and Robert Williamson for the Black Belt Division. Congratulations to all tournament winners!!

The "Spirit of the Graveyard" (Bonnie Doroba) helps spook the travelers.

St. Stan's Haunted Forest

Have you ever stumbled upon a haunted forest? Well, the children of St. Stan's School can tell you that it is a rather thrilling and chilling experience! Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Kimmel, the faculty and the HSA, the children had a very special Halloween treat; a trip through a haunted forest that mysteriously sprung up in the school gym. Shrieks and screams echoed through the gym, as a witch guided the cautious travelers through the eerie graveyard, past ghouls and skeletons, and of course, a vampire in a coffin. Those who dared to stray off the path were caught in spider webs; what an adventure! A few lost souls remained in the forest, but all the school children completed the journey and happily joined in the parade around the neighborhood and the classroom parties.

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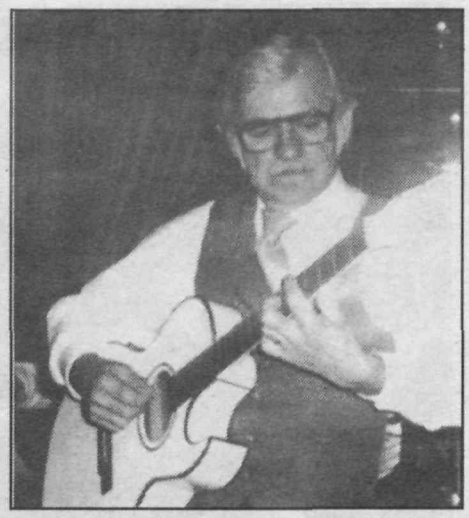

Musician Remembered for Helping the Community

In remembrance to a man and his music, LeRoy Dill along with his son Frankie, daughter Debbilee, and behind the scenes his wife Dorothy all raised funds for various charities for the city of South Amboy.

A long list of memorable performances by LeRoy and his family for charities is as follows: April 25, 1975 - for the Hoffman High P.T.A. in a show called the "Entertainer" . . . April 28, 1978 - P.T.A. again, they performed the "Gong Show" . . . In a special performance for the Cub Scouts of South Amboy, LeRoy & Frankie performed on Feb. 19, 1978 to raise funds . . . On Oct. 3, 1978, cousin Dawn joined the group to help the Woman's Club of S. Amboy . . . A special performance "The Show" for "Kids are People Too" featuring the group was taped at Hoffman High, and was televised on Jan. 22, 1979 on Channel 7 . . .

On July 17-18, 1979, in special performances for the South Amboy Fire Dept., they were in top form . . . The March of Dimes and Heart Fund fete in honor of Joseph Juliano was another charitable event . . . At the Building Fund Concert for the South Amboy Little Fellas Managers Assn., which was held to raise funds for a refreshment stand at the ballfield, they raised $1,407.17, which resulted in a repeat performance to raise money for the ballfield . . . The City of South Amboy honored the Dill family with a dinner at Club Bene and awarded them with a special plaque presented by Danny Lewis, and then Mayor J. Thomas Cross . . . The refreshment stand was in existence until new school construction began in '95 . . .

LeRoy and Frankie hooked up to raise funds at The Fireman's Picnic on July 29, 1979 . . . On July 18, 1980, they came to the aid of The South Amboy First Aid Squad, helping them earn funds by their top caliber performance . . . Dorothy Dill and Danny Lewis organized a show which was a sell-out, for the Lions Club, called "Remember My Name," which Dorothy had produced and directed. Many talented people participated, and the guest star was Danny Pintauro of "Who's the Boss." The show aired on Cable TV. LeRoy & Frankie performed the opening act. Many local stores donated gifts for door prizes, and the show was a huge success, benefiting the blind. It was so successful that Mayor Richard Schultz, a member of the Lions Club requested Mrs. Dill and her family to return the following year for a repeat performance. The memorable show was on March 24, 1982, and resulted in an award dinner given by Danny Lewis and the Lions Club at John's Halfway House. Dorothy was presented with a special award . . .

In closing, we would like to thank LeRoy and his family for a job well done, and for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the City of South Amboy.

LeRoy, who passed away on October 8, 1995, will be sadly missed, and remembered in our hearts always . . .

In Memory
LeRoy C. Dill
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St. Vincent DePaul Society Feeds the Needy

St. Vincent DePaul Society packs turkeys and food for the needy for Thanksgiving. Pictured clockwise starting left front: Peggy Hollywood, "Woody" Poignant, Leo Kusic, Sy Sullivan, Jim Bonis.

by Tom Burkard

Thanksgiving Day 1995 will be much happier for the 210 less fortunate area families, and approximately 500 people, thanks to the dedication and tireless efforts of the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

This outstanding charitable organization, based out of St. Mary's Church, South Amboy, feeds the 210 families, not only at Thanksgiving, but every month of the year. The week before Thanksgiving is special, however, as the underprivileged are given a complete breakfast, and later receive turkeys with all the trimmings.

The group was started 20 years ago by Jean McGowan and Roseann Pompliano, and they called it Christian Concern. They set up a small card table, with small boxes of toys, bags of food, sweaters and shirts, and offered them to the poor and less fortunate of the community. The name was later changed to St. Vincent DePaul Society (he is the Patron Saint of the Poor) by Sister Monica, when she served as Moderator for 6 years. St. Mary's Pastor, Father Leonard, is the current Moderator, and he is tremendously appreciated by the Society's members. "Father Leonard is outstanding in his support behind us, and always gives 200%," said President Frank Pompliano.

The non-denominational organization has grown enormously in 20 years. A 24 hours a day, 7 days a week hot line at St. Patrick's Hall is available for emergencies - 721-7418. The St. Vincent DePaul Society has received tremendous assistance through the year from the following organizations: St. Bernadettes, Our Lady of Victories, Holy Redeemer, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, South Amboy Senior Citizens, South Amboy K of C #426, Sayreville K of C, "the wonderful parishioners of St. Mary's," Bob Heiser, owner of the Landmark, and his manager, Camille Tooker; Community Postal Workers, St. Mary's Grammar School, St. Mary's High School Girls Basketball Team, Hoffman High Honor Society, South Amboy Middle School, South Amboy Library, Entenmanns, Who's Subs, St. Mary's Parishioners generosity with Poor Box, Maria Viglionese (Toni Potthoff's sister), who brought in a tremendous supply of juices from her employer, Nestle's in Calif.

The group still receives food from the government, although it's been cut back drastically according to one very active member, Stanley Kusic. The St. Vincent DePaul Society's ability to get along well with each other, and strive for a mutual goal of helping the needy, make them a most valuable asset to our area. President Pompliano said, "We have a tremendous working group, and anything we run is successful." Marie Kusic joined because she "had just retired, and God has been very good to us, and we owed Him something." Sy Sullivan, a member for 9 years, said that when he joined, "we were helping 35 people, and now it's 210 families. I joined because I felt it was time to help someone else." St. Vincent DePaul Society is also very active in other community affairs. "We run the First Aid's Cake stand at the Fireman's Carnival," said Muriel Sullivan, Sy's wife. She also commented that the Society's membership "is a special group, because you can voice your opinions at meetings."

Saint Vincent DePaul Society's group of 40 members are truly driven by the need to help their fellow humans, who are down on their luck, and having trouble making ends meet. The time and effort they put into this organization to make sure that people and their families are fed, is something they should be proud of, and we should appreciate their caring for our brothers and sisters in need. Congratulations to the St. Vincent DePaul Society for a job well done, and keep up the tremendous work!

T.H.E. GAME

by Tom Burkard

Year: 1953
Sport: Baseball
Teams: Hoffman vs. Rumson
Recap: The (5-5) Governors pulled out an exciting 13 innings victory over their shore foe. Jim Phillips carried the hot bat for Hoffman, going 4 for 5 with 3 doubles. He doubled in the 13th, and scored the winning run on Steve Marks' winning hit. Ace catcher, Bob Munck drilled 2 doubles and a single. Winning pitcher, Don English hurled (would you believe?) the entire 13 innings, fanned 13, and allowed only 8 hits.
Player of the Game: Jim Phillips

On Oct. 11, 1995, H.G. Hoffman High's Class of 1940 held their 55 year reunion at Button wood Manor. Pictured, left to right, front row: Evelyn Lonseth Burkard, Bernice Urbanik Johnson, Ruth Pearson Dowling, Mary Nebus Zrebiec, Fannie Carbone Smith, Ruth Champion Lewis. Back row, left to right: Burton Lewis, Lindley Henry, Willard Alcott, Mrs. Alcott, Marion Dill Gendlek, Annette Mochen Jeskowski, Gloria Swiatkowski Pryga, Alice Schuller Coman, Mrs. Wallace Wood, Wallace Wood, Clarence Bubaltz, Morton Goldsmith.

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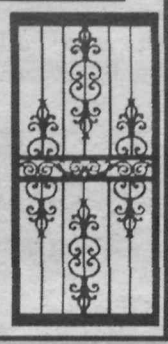

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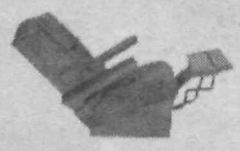

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School Sports

Sayreville Throttles Saints

Sayreville's tennis team breezed past St. Mary's 5-0. Victorious in singles were Elise Givand, Dana Bender, and Tara Eiseman. Doubles winners were Nancy Protosenia & Orlandini; and the team of Salaycik & Shah.

St. Mary's Nets Cardinals

St. Mary's nipped St. Peter's 3-2 in Tennis. Anne Marie Maslowski won in singles, while doubles teams of Courtney Kierst & McLean; and Nicole Daw & Granaghan also came out on top.

Lady Bombers Bow in Semis

The Sayreville girls soccer club dropped a 3-2, GMCT semi-final thriller to a powerful Old Bridge. After jumping off to a 2-0 lead on goals by Jessica Painchaud and Sharon Farinick, the Blue & Gray were throttled by the psyched up O.B. contingent, and fell in the pressure-packed shootout.

Bombers Tame Trojans

Dustin Kemple's 1-yard touchdown plunge in the third quarter put Sayreville ahead for good, as they downed Bishop Ahr, 14-7. Anthony Nalewajko bulldozed in for a 2-yd. TD in the first quarter. The Big Blue Bomb Squad improved to 4-5.

Eagles Cross Country Finished 11-3

St. Mary's Boys Cross Country team, coached by Ed Twomey, finished the 1995 season with an outstanding 11-3 record. This is the team's 4th consecutive winning season, compiling a superb 50-11 record over that time. It also marks the first time over the last 30 years that a St. Mary's Boys Varsity team has put together 4 consecutive winning seasons. This year's team came in 2nd (out of 9 teams) in the Blue Division, and was led by Joe Majkowski, Joe Demeraski, Brian May, Chris Amabile, Keith Bennett, and Steve Petner. Since Demeraski is the only senior, there is a good chance that the team will extend its winning streak to 5 next season. Congratulations Coach Twomey, and boys on a stellar campaign!

Glory Days in Local Sports

by Tom Burkard

1925 - In baseball, St. Mary's nipped Perth Amboy, 8-7, as winning pitcher, Angelo Rapello whiffed 11. Parkes, the catcher, ripped a single and double, and Ed Sullivan was 2 for 2 . . . 1936 - Hoffman's Henry Conroy hurled a masterful 4-0, 2 hit shutout over Roselle Park, and struck out 5. B. Maxfield doubled in R. Maxfield with the game's big hit . . . 1945 - Hoffman plastered Neptune, 10-3 in diamond action. Winning hurler, Jim Croddick crashed 3 home runs, including a 400- foot tape measure job . . . 1952 - The Guvs opened their baseball season with a 7-1 romp over Rumson. Jim Phillips rocketed a bases loaded triple, and winning chucker, Jim Inman was brilliant, firing a 4-hitter, fanning 4, and at the plate, ripping 2 hits, and driving in 2 boys in Purple & Gold . . . 1966 - The Eagles downed Mater Dei, 67-57, in hoops, Paul Jankowski paved the way with 20 points, and received added support from Rick Ragula 17, and Ken Devlin 16 tallies . . . 1971 - St. Mary's Sophomore ace, Jeff St. Amour fired a standout 2-0, one-hitter over St. Rose. John D. O'Toole singled in the first run, and Walt Binkowski singled in Joe Belmonte with the final score. Frank "Skip" Minnick crashed a 3-bagger . . . 1972 - Wally Rondesko was the winning pitcher, and crashed a grand slam home to carry Sayreville to an 8-2 baseball romp over Peddie . . . 1973 - In South Amboy Slow Pitch, Dot's Luncheonette won their first game of the year, nipping Frank's Cafe, 14-12, with Len Hersey garnering the win. Joe Graber stroked 4 hits, and Dan Kosmoski 3 hits including a double and homer for Dot's. Jack Jankowski powdered 2 long homers for Frank's . . . 1973 - In S. Amboy Little Fellas, Modern Trans squeaked by Weiss, 4-3. Winning pitcher, Ed O'Connor struck out 12, and drilled a single and double . . . 1977 - Montgomery mauled the Lady Guvs, 13-5 in softball, despite a 2-run double by Donna Meideros . . . 1980 - The Sayreville Bombers crunched Cedar Ridge, 88-72 on the hardwoods, behind Ralph Novak's 29 points and 13 rebounds. Dan Ogborne took game scoring laurels with 33 points. Rich Garbowski tossed in 13 . . .

Lewis Named Head Coach at St. Mary's

by Tom Burkard

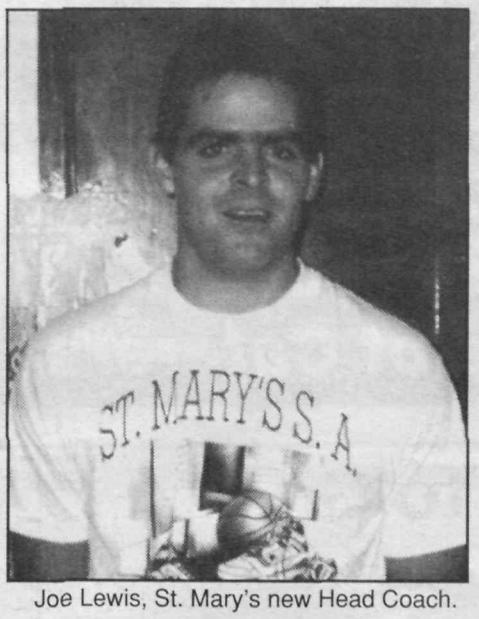
The St. Mary's Eagles will have a new varsity basketball coach this year for the first time in 5 seasons. Joe Lewis, a South Amboy native, and one of the greatest playmaking guards in Hoffman history, replaces one of St. Mary's greatest playmakers in history, Mark Bratus, who starred in the late '60's, and had coached the Eagles since 1990.

Lewis, who coached the Sacred Heart 7th and 8th grade team for the past three years, racked up an impressive 42-12 mark in his first season at the Hearts Club, rekindling memories of the outstanding championship teams his dad, the late Danny Lewis guided there in the 1970's.

Joe starred for Coach George Krzyzanowski's powerhouse Hoffman Governors from 1980-84, and he says "It will be interesting when we meet Hoffman. They have a veteran team, and we have a young one. " Last year, Lewis showed that he was bonafide, big-time coaching material with winning in his bloodlines, as his St. Mary's Jayvees team turned in a stellar 16-7 record, one of their best marks in many years. "It was exciting when they told me, that I would be the new varsity coach. When I coached jayvees, I always hoped to get the varsity job one day," said Lewis. Although faced with a rebuilding year, he said that, "we're a young team with one returnee, but we have a good shot at the Gold Division title, and I hope to finish .500 overall."

Joe Lewis, St. Mary's new varsity basketball Coach, comes from a large family - all gifted athletes, and all proven winners. Their highly competitive spirit was instilled by their late father, Danny, who was one of he fiercest competitors, and successful winners as a basketball Coach, and baseball manager, I had ever known.

If you know any of the talented Lewis Gang, you probably know that Joe was being modest about the Saints finishing at .500, and don't bet against the New Birds taking the Gold title. Best of luck, Joe! It should be an exciting year at the Eagles Den!



Joe Lewis, St. Mary's new Head Coach.

Holovacko Leads Bishop Ahr

South Amboy's Acting Chief of Police, Jim Holovacko, is also a top-notch high school baseball coach at Bishop Ahr. 1995 was an outstanding year for Coach Holovacko's jayvees baseball club as they captured the Daniel Semano Perth Amboy Jayvees Baseball Tournament, winning 5 games without a loss. They defeated powerful teams like Perth Amboy, Piscataway, South Brunswick, and a super Woodbridge nine in the final.

Over the summer, in The Home News League, Holovacko's Bishop Ahr boys brought home the American League Championship, but were nipped in the finals.

Holovacko credits his star shortstop, Jeff Ust of S. Amboy, with helping to turn his team around during the regular schoolboy season. "We started off at 2-6, and then I moved Jeff to shortstop, and we won 13 of our last 14 games to finish 15-7," praised Holovacko.

Ust is a fine all-around athlete, who batted .360 during the regular season, and a lofty .420 in tourney action. Wouldn't he really fit nicely at St. Mary's or Hoffman?

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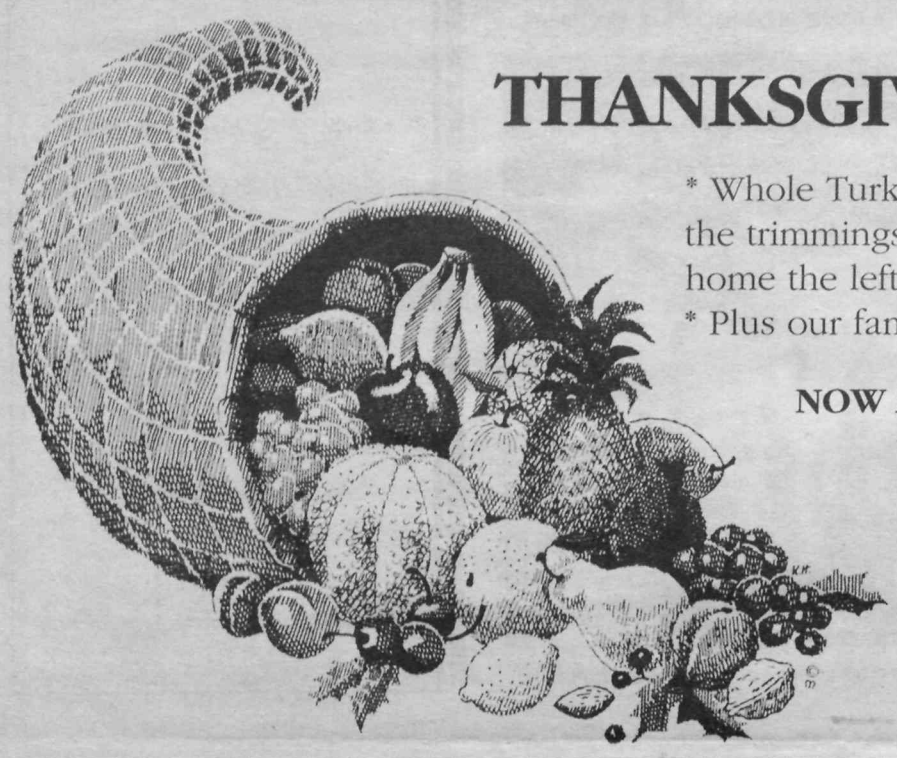

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