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dedicated to  
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South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (c) presents the trophy for best decorated fire vehicle to Pat Rourke (l) and Harry Ward (r) for Enterprise Truck #8 at the city's annual tree lighting and emergency vehicle parade. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



Members of the American Legion and others attended the Pearl Harbor service, and tossing of the wreath into the Raritan Bay.

## 2023 South Amboy St. Patrick's Parade Marshal's Named

The South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day Committee is pleased to announce that Mary Porcello will serve as the Grand Marshall of the 46th annual South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day Parade to be held Sunday, March 19, 2023.

Mary, a resident of South Amboy, has spent several years as the volunteer food bank coordinator at the First Presbyterian Church, South Amboy. In addition to volunteering over 35 hours per week at the food bank, Ms. Porcello has been an elder in the church for over 23 years.



Mary Porcello

Her dedication to the community is evident not only in the hours she spends overseeing the food pantry but in her outreach to families in need regardless of

their circumstances. The pantry, with a staff of 10-15 volunteers, is open every other week on Monday and Thursday from 12 noon to 3:30 pm by appointment only and distributes over 1625 bags of food a month with the help of various organizations throughout South Amboy and community donations of non-perishable food items. Those interested in donating to the food pantry may do so by texting 732-902-1172 or calling 732-721-4516 to arrange a drop off time for donations.

Ms. Porcello is also a past recipient of New Jersey State Governor's Award for her record of service, leadership, and commitment to the residents of her community.

When told that she would serve as Grand Marshall for the 2023 Saint Patrick's Day Parade, Ms. Porcello stated, "This is our community, one of which I am happy to serve. I am quite proud to have this wonderful honor bestowed on me."

Serving as Deputy Grand Marshal of the 2023 parade will be Monsignor John Gordon, a native of South Plainfield who earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy at St. Pius X Seminary, Scranton University, Pa., and a Master of Divinity degree at Christ the King Seminary, Buffalo. He was ordained to the priesthood May 18, 1985, at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen.

Early in his priesthood, Msgr. Gordon served in the parishes of St. Bartholomew,

East Brunswick; Guardian Angels, Edison; St. Magdalene de Pazzi, Flemington, and St. Mary, Perth Amboy. He is currently pastor for St. Joseph Parish, Carteret.

For five years, he served as multicultural director of Hispanic Ministry for the Diocese of Metuchen. His ministry also included terms as chaplain for Bishop George Ahr High School, now St. Thomas the Aquinas High School, Edison; the now-closed S. Pius X High School, Piscataway, and the now-closed St. Mary High School, South Amboy. He was installed as Chaplain to His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI with the title of Monsignor Jan. 29, 2012.

When told of his nomination as Deputy Grand Marshal of the 2023 South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day Parade, he stated that he "is very humbled and honored to serve as Deputy Grand Marshal and congratulates all honorees for this year's parade and all things Irish."

## Blood Drive

The South Amboy/Sayreville Rotary Club is holding a blood drive on Monday January 23rd from 1:00pm to 6:00pm at the South Amboy Senior Citizen Center located at 108 S. Stevens Ave. South Amboy. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Rotary Club 5664 to schedule an appointment.



Luke A. Lovely American Legion Post #62, South Amboy member Bob Moglia, a U.S. Navy veteran, prepares to toss the commemorative wreath in honor of all of our military members who were killed at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. (Photos by Tom Burkard)

## New Year's Day Bingo

St. Stan's will hold a New Years Day Bingo 1/1/23 Doors open 12:00 noon games start at 1:30. Kitchen will be open for lunch. 221 MacArthur Ave, Sayreville.

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On December 1st while attending the SA PBA Christmas tree ceremony Mayor Fred Henry was afforded some time to acknowledge the retirement of Hershey Patel owner of Main Liquors after 32 years, and presented a plaque from the City of South Amboy. Mr. Patel was very community oriented and contributed to many local organizations and charities. Main Liquors will continue to operate under new management and will continue to be a product business in the city. (Photo/info by Jamie Norek)

**Talk Of The Towns**  
By Tom Burkard  
**Photograph Book Of Hoffman H.S. Reunions**  
H.G. Hoffman High School Alumni Association has held many Multi-Class Reunions over the past 20 years, and there is one (1) photo album that has many of these memorable events with lots of pictures. If anyone would be interested in it, please contact Ethel Friberg-Babcock at: 609-209-9691. Call her quickly, as the first caller gets the book!

**What Christmas Means**  
(Author unknown)  
When the hustle and bustle is over  
And the last of the gifts has been wrapped  
And the cookies and cakes are all ready  
For the big Christmas plans you have mapped;  
When the children are quiet and dreaming of the presents  
Saint Nick will bestow,  
And the fire on the hearth burns less brightly.  
And the clock has struck twelve long ago;  
You relax by the embers and ponder  
On this happiest evening of all  
On the meaning of Christmas to mankind  
By Christ's birth in the low cattle stall.  
In the giving of gifts upon Christmas,  
People pattern the Father above  
Who, in giving His Son, gave his best gift... ..  
So the meaning of Christmas is love

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

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PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN  
(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). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it and it will be granted to you. Thank you. -M.M.

MIRACULOUS INVOCATION TO ST. THERESA  
O Glorious St. Theresa, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and counsel mankind, I invite your miraculous intercession. So powerful are you in obtaining every need of body and soul, our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a "prodigy of miracles, the greatest Saint of modern times." Now I fervently beseech you to answer my petition (mention here) and carry out your promise of doing good upon earth of letting fall from heaven a shower of roses, henceforth, Dear Little Flower, I will fulfill your plea to be made known everywhere and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen.  
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## Pleasant Little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard



- Served as South Amboy Mayor from 1969-70?  
a.J. Thomas Cross b.William "Doc" O'Leary c.Peter Rush
- What year was Raritan Bay Waterfront Park officially opened?  
a. 1984 b.1990 c.1995
- South Amboy HS valedictorian for the Class of '2001?  
a.Magdalena Popiel b.Jonathan Swift c.Elena Kravitz
- Borough of Sayreville Chairperson in 2001?  
a.Thomas O'Shea b.Jamaal Jackson c.Christine Spezzi
- What year was the first annual South Amboy-Sayreville Times/South Amboy Knights of Columbus #426 Dinner for the Underprivileged of Sayreville and South Amboy held?  
a.1991 b.1994 c.1995
- What pizza/restaurant business was located at 3067 Bordentown Ave., Parlin in '97?  
a.Water Tower b.Wine Cellar c.Hill-Top
- Principal of Cardinal McCarrick HS in '06?  
a.Jean Kline b.John Gloss c.Dr. Iannuale
- When did the Sayreville Leprechauns Pop Warner League football team have their first season?  
a.1961 b.1954 c.1971
- This former South Amboy resident was on the TV show "Jeopardy \$100,000 Tournament of Champions in 1989?  
a.Fran "Cigus" Vanni b.Joe "Jesko" Jaskowiak c.Len Ambroziak
- Reappointed Borough of Sayreville Attorney in 2008?  
a.Stanley Sinkiewicz b.Brian Hak c.Marianne Jones

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



## South Amboy Schools Teachers of the Year and Educational Services Professionals of the Year!



Pictured (l-r) SA Elementary School Vice Principal Michelle Buchanan, Principal Sean Dunphy, Elementary School Teacher of the Year - Mrs. Corin Duffy, K-1 Teacher. Elementary School Educational Services Professional of the Year - Dr. Lisa McAlonie, School Nurse and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frederick Williams. (Photo Submitted)



Pictured (l-r) SA Middle/High School Interim Principal Dr. Martin Guczeski, Middle/High School Educational Services Professional of the Year - Mr. Michael Elson, Technology Coordinator, Middle/High School Teacher of the Year - Ms. Nicole Vancil, and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frederick Williams. (Photo Submitted)

## South Amboy Elks, January Events

All take place at our lodge at 601 Washington Ave, South Amboy, NJ 08879 Thursday January 5 th, 2023 South Amboy Elks along with the American Red Cross will be hosting a Blood Drive. The hours are 1pm-6pm. Booking an appointment is safe and secure by logging in to RedCrossBlood.org and entering SoAmboyElks to register. Or by calling 1-800-733-2767. You may also call the Lodge @ 732-727-7170 for more information. We are located at 601 Washington Ave, South Amboy.

Sunday January 15th from 9am – 11:30am will be having their monthly Buffet Breakfast. The cost is \$12. 00 per person, children 7 years old and under are \$6.00. This Buffet Breakfast features a made to order omelet station along with pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, hash browns, bacon, sausage, coffee, tea, juice and more. It really is the best around. Come give us a try! For more information call 732-727- 7170. The lodge is located at 601 Washington Ave, South Amboy, NJ 08879

SUMO WRESTLING at the South Amboy Elks. Saturday January 21st from 7 to 11pm. Ticket cost is \$25.00 per person. Select beverages are included, and a light fare menu is available for purchase. Come grab a table with your friends, suit up in our special blow-up Sumo Wrestling suits and laugh the night away! For more information call 732-727-7170. Advance tickets are available and suggested. Tables of 8 can be reserved. We are located at 601 Washington Ave., South Amboy

PRIME RIB DINNER South Amboy Elks is hosting a Prime Rib Dinner Fundraiser. Tickets are IN ADVANCE ONLY. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Dinner includes salad, baked potato, vegetable, coffee, and dessert. An alternate menu item of half a roasted chicken with all the same fixings is also available, the cost is \$20.00 per person. Tables of 8 can be reserved. We are located at 601 Washington Ave., South Amboy. Call 732- 727-7170 for tickets.

## A Simple Christmas Prayer

By Al Gomolka Jr.  
Times Poet Laureate  
c. 2012

A babe was born  
on Christmas Day  
To save us from our sins  
All we have to do is believe  
And everybody wins!  
Merry Christmas,  
Christ is with us  
And everybody wins.

### A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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## Yearbook-Hoffman 1982

By Tom Burkard

"Endless Love" by Diana Ross & Lionel Richie ruled the popular music world in early September 1981, when the Hoffman High School Class of '82 returned for their final year at the John Street institution. . . The principal was Mr. DePasquale, and some of the fine faculty included; Mr. Riegle, Mrs. Acox, Mrs. Lopez, and Mr. Olszak. . . The yearbook, titled "The Best of Times," was dedicated to Richard Bonner. Senior Class Officers were President Patti Attardi, VP-Jane Carey, Sec-Celeste Puccio, Treas.-Donna Horvath. . . Some of the seniors selected randomly included; Wendy Barlow, Douglas Bloodgood, Paul Bucelis, Melanie Boros, Joy Charlton, Diane Cole, Rosemarie DiGiambattista, Michele Facendo, Chet Fischer, Caroline Gaito, Lori Housman, Pete Kerekes, Karen Krygier, Nancy Kovacs, Laura Kulcsar, Eric Kurowsky, Kim Kuzma, Theresa Kwiatek, Maria Lands, Roberta Locascio, Patricia Malone, Christopher Mierzwiak, Claudia Molina, Lisa Paisal, Ann Pawlowski, Daniel Peters, Thomas Rittenhouse III, Maureen Schnyderite, Lawrence Stratton, Nancy Sieber, Lori Sutak, Sam Tarallo, Jeannette Torres, Heather VanWagenen, Nancy Zaleski, John Zygmianiak. . . Hoffman High had plenty of clubs including the Chess Club, Rocket Club, Ski Club and more. . . Cynthia Hansell was Editor of The Literary Magazine. . . Some of the big events and names in the news in '82 were: . . E.T., The Extra Terrestrial which became the highest grossing movie in history. . . Braniff Airlines went bankrupt. . . Bear Bryant retired as college football's winningest coach with 323 victories. . . Varsity cheerleading captains were Celeste Puccio and Barbara Pousseur. Jane Carey was Captain of the Soccer Cheerleaders. . . Talented senior athletes included; Patti Attardi, Thomas Beaudry, Jane Carey, Sharon Christensen, Roy Dragotta, Mark Herdman, George Krauss, Lisa Petrosky, Barbara Pousseur, Alfred Radtke, Jr., Kathleen Regan, Ronald Rosato, William Savin, Joseph Schiavino, Walter Therkelsen, Gary Vona, Frank Wahler. . . On Graduation Day 1982, "Ebony and Ivory" topped the Pop Music Charts, as 57 very fine young graduates received their diplomas.

## New Year, New Fun At Dowdell Library

2023 brings a new year of possibilities and fun to Dowdell Library-including book clubs for teens and seniors, online virtual health classes, storytimes, children's activities and more. Stop by and check out what's happening at your local library!

The Senior Book Club will meet on Monday, January 30 from 10:30 am – 11:30 am (snow date is Wednesday, February 1, same time.) Stop by the Library to pick up this month's book. Want to join? Just contact the library at 732-721-6060.

Play BINGO for adults on Monday, January 9 at 10:30 am. Small non-monetary prizes will be awarded. Participate in the Adult Winter Reading Challenge for a chance to win a dessert culinary basket every time you check out library materials throughout January!

Dowdell Library, in collaboration with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and RWJ Barnabas Health, offers online virtual health programs. Some courses include Stress Reduction through Imagery and Stretch It! Chair exercising, stretching, and flexibility workshop. Please register

by emailing Kathleen Johnson [kathleen.johnson@rwjbh.org](mailto:kathleen.johnson@rwjbh.org). For a complete list of the classes, please visit Dowdell.org.

Parents with toddlers! Join Ms. Maryanne for storytime on Monday, January 9 and Saturday, January 21 from 1-2 pm for stories, games, activities, and crafts.

Kids stop by every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 pm for the After School Fun Club. Drop in for bingo, relay races, scavenger hunts and Pokemon card swaps. Become part of the story and adventure in the Dungeons & Dragons Gaming Club on Thursday, January 26 from 6-7:30 pm, for ages 6 and up.

Teens! Join us for our NEW Teen Book Club! Pick up a copy of the book for the first meeting starting Tuesday, February 21 from 3-4 pm. Are you looking to start your weekend early? Stop by the Teen Hangout on Fridays from 2:30-4 pm for video games, enjoying anime, making crafts and meeting new friends. Do you need community service hours? Join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) on Friday, January 20 from 3-4 pm and bring your ideas for connecting with teens, programming, book selections, and more.

## Local 9 Elections

Local 9 of New Jersey Retired Police and Fire of Middlesex and Monmouth Counties elected their officers for 2023 at their annual Holiday Party. The following officers were re-elected: John Fedorka, President, Joe Britton, Vice-President, Ken Kresowski, State Delegate, Dave Jakubczak, Financial Secretary, Tom Noble, Sgt. At Arms; Trustees-Haag, Norek, Yackel and Tabaszewski.

Newly elected were: Edward Barrett, Trustee, John Meleski, Treasurer and John Yuhas, Recording Secretary.

New Jersey Retired Police and Fire is the only organization combining both retired law enforcement officers of any title and retired firefighters of any title fighting for our C.O.L.A ( Our Local 9 President elect John Fedorka is a retired Federal FireFighter). Anyone interested in joining should go to the website of the State Association ( New Jersey State Retired Police and Fire ). Click on Locals, Click on Local 9 and Click on Application. Local 9 meets the first Wednesday of the month in South Amboy N.J.

## Free Throw Competition January 14

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are holding FreeThrow Championships Saturday January 14 from 9 AM to 11 AM at Sacred Heart Gym on Walnut St. South Amboy. Boys and Girls ages 9 to 14 will compete for recognition, and a chance to go to the district and state level championships. For more information call Jack at 201-240-1091.

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We would love to hear from you!

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# From The Times Archives Seasonal Memories Of Christmas Past

By Elaine Holton Scott

\*Victrola, that's what my dad had called our new record player that Christmas of 1952, just as he would call every other record player until he passed away. Although still a tiny child, I can vividly remember him placing the small suitcase-type container with the player inside of it onto our living room area rug, the one with the big cabbage rose pattern. Taking a 78 rpm from our new pressed paper record album, he gently dropped the record over the spindle before turning on the machine. Lifting the small arm, he carefully placed its needle onto the spinning record, and within a few seconds, the sound of Gene Autry singing Christmas Choo Choo Train filled the air...just as he has done in my memory for the past sixty years. \*The sound of car chains deeply crunching into heavy snow, while "doing a duet" with a broken chain as it flapped this way and that way with each rotation of the tire. \*The little "whistle" sound of the freezing winter wind softly blowing through small gaps around windows and doors in those days before insulation, weather stripping, and storm windows were common in homes. \*Seeing the big old mangers in front of government buildings, placed in the same spots they had been placed for so many years before. Even the sight of the manger in front of Perth Amboy's Vocational School, seen from the dirty, steamy window of the old Marathon Bus, was as much a part of Christmas as the many Santa Clauses lining Smith Street.

\*The understated glow from single strands of Christmas lights around front doors, occasionally mixed with a glowing Hanukkah window candelabra, bringing a cheerful brightness to the dark winter evenings. \*The clickety sound hunks of coal made hitting against each other as they were shoveled into a basement coal furnace. \*A live Christmas tree being placed into a metal bucket filled with coal for support, and the sound the shaking boughs made as the tree was lifted into place. \*Going to bed on Christmas Eve and worrying Santa wouldn't bring any gifts because your home had no fireplace chimney. \*Icicles hanging from rooftop antennae sparkling in the winter sunlight. \*Making angel wings in the newly fallen snow. \*As a child, I wore pants, a long-sleeved shirt, a sweater, 2 pairs of socks, a snowsuit, rubber galoshes, muffler, mittens, woolen hat, and hood in those pre-thermal years. \*Being warmed by a cup of hot chocolate made with Bosco or Nestle's Quik. \*Using the hot oven door to dry clothes or boots wet from the snow. \*Hearing Silent Night and other secular Christmas songs loudly playing from radios everywhere before becoming "socially incorrect" to do so. \*Remembering days gone by when Christmas was a celebration of Christ's birth and not a generic, retail holiday used as an indicator of our nation's economic index. MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY HANUKKAH, EVERYONE!



Gregory Scharpf, Amboy Bank President and CEO (2nd from right), helps Anahita Feltz, Old Bridge Food Bank Manager, (2nd from left), gather the food collections from the Amboy Bank Administration and Operations Buildings and neighboring branches. Scharpf said, "Through the generosity of our staff and clients, we were able to help the Old Bridge Food Bank feed the members of our community who need it most. We'd like to thank everyone for making our annual food drive such a success." Amboy Bank's food drive included all 22 offices making donations to their local community food banks. Also pictured are Pete Delucia and Sean Muirhead, both of Parks and Recreation. (Photo/Info Submitted)

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

**Novena Prayer to St. Anthony of Padua**  
O 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 you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I import you to obtain for me (request). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle. Even so, you are the Saint of Miracles. O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of Sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be. -M.S., S.S., N.P., S.S



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## An Important Message From South Amboy Police Chief Darren LaVigne

### To The Residents of the City South Amboy

Dear Resident,

It is my duty and obligation to report to you on issues which can potentially impact you and your families. Elevated crime rates throughout the state have punctuated the news and Law Enforcement bulletins for some time. South Amboy however, seemed to enjoy a lower crime rate than many communities in our state. However, a few recent events are causing me and my agency's officers great concern. Criminal elements from outside our community are migrating into South Amboy usually in the early morning hours to steal property. Our investigations seem to indicate that these suspects come from urbanized communities north of us. These are extremely brazen individuals who appear to have no regard for consequences. Our close proximity to Route 9 and 35 as well as egress to the Garden State Parkway and the New Jersey Turnpike exacerbate the problem. In the past few weeks two homes have been entered and property was quickly removed. A vehicle was stolen after the suspects obtained the keys from inside the home. In another instance, a laptop was taken. What is particularly concerning to me, is that in both instances the residents were home at the time of the burglary. A consistent pattern seems to be emerging. Suspects are exploiting unlocked motor vehicles which can give them access to garage door openers, as well as unsecured windows that they simply slide open. I must emphasize that at no time were weapons brandished or violence utilized to steal property. No one was injured and the suspects quickly fled. In the latest incident a vehicle was stolen from a neighboring community and was utilized by the suspects to commit a crime in South Amboy. Rest assured, I do not take these criminal acts lightly and have responded in kind. We have enacted an increased patrol presence literally doubling the amount of officers assigned to your neighborhood. My pledge to you is that this activity will not be tolerated in South Amboy. However, I need the cooperation of our residents with basic crime prevention measures. Please do not leave doors and windows unsecured. This applies to both your private residence and your vehicles. Please refrain from leaving valuables in your vehicle such as electronics, money or sensitive documents. As always, please strongly consider leaving exterior lights on during the evening hours. Also, commercially available security cameras and systems have become more affordable. Both RING and NEST Cameras are readily available at many home improvement stores. Lastly, lets work together to keep (OUR) community safe. PLEASE CONDUCT AN IMMEDIATE SECURITY ASSESSMENT OF YOUR HOME AND VEHICLE. PLEASE PERSONALLY CHECK EVERY DOOR AND WINDOW.

Chief Darren LaVigne



The participants in the annual Family Walk To Bethlehem didn't let the rainy weather hamper their pilgrimage to four area churches (Photo by Steve Schmid)

### SA Churches Visited

By Steve Schmid

A group of people battled steady rain, stiff breezes, and chilly temperatures in the annual Family Walk To Bethlehem. The December 11 event originated at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus. They visited Christ Episcopal, First Presbyterian, Saint Mary, and Sacred Heart Churches. They sang Christmas carols and listened to lessons about Christmas and the birth of Jesus Christ. The group returned to the South Amboy Knights of Columbus for soup and light refreshments.



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry and wife Linda, and City Council member Zusette Dato, and newly elected Council member Anthony Conrad are joined by Rosalind Wong, Nadine Aochoa, Tom Kross, Cathy Romano, Mary Ann Matarangolo, Gretchen Evigan, Nancy Berry, and Ed Smith, at the Mayor's Christmas Party held at the South Amboy Senior Center (Photo/info by Steve Schmid)



## Sayreville Library News

### Toastmasters International

Saturday, Jan 7 @10AM. Come join the Toastmasters for their monthly meeting. Learn skills on how to speak in public, clearly, effectively and without fear. Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112

### ESL conversation group

Tuesdays from Jan 10-Feb 14 @5:30PM. Join us for this six-week session for English as a Second Language. This class is designed for those just beginning to learn the language as well as development of stronger conversational skills. This is a six-week course. Attendees must register for the entire course. Registration required. Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.

### Guided meditation with Barbara (Virtual)

Monday Jan 9 and Jan 23 @6PM. Join Barbara Brown, an expert in stress reduction meditations for this virtual meditation session. Ease your mind and relax with some deep relaxed breathing and focused meditation. This is a virtual event. Registration is required to get the Zoom Link

## OLV Senior January Meeting

The OLV Seniors will hold their January meeting on January 6th at 12 noon in Monsignor Dalton Hall. Wear some of your favorite winter attire to the meeting. After the business portion of the meeting, we will have light refreshments.

New trips for 2023 will be announced at this meeting. A \$20.00 deposit is required at time of sign-up. There will be a schedule of payment dates for the multi-day trips.

Food donations for St. Vincent de Paul will continue for the 2022-2023 year. Please bring your canned goods donation to the meeting.

For further questions please contact Teri Yetsko, OLV Senior Group President at 732-727-7639.

Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112. Please be sure to be in a quiet room where you will not be disturbed and be seated in a chair with your feet flat on the floor.

### The Robot is ready to interview you now. (Virtual)

Tuesday, Jan 17 @10AM, Join the Middlesex County Office of Career Opportunity for this new virtual workshop. Learn how to work with bots that study algorithms and various other forms of artificial intelligence in order to boost your chances of landing that big job.

This is a virtual event sponsored by the Middlesex County Office of Career Opportunity. Registration is required to get the zoom link. Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.

### Tuesday Movie Matinee

Tuesday, Jan 17 @1PM. Come join us for our monthly movie matinee. This month: Elvis, the new biography of Elvis starring Austin Butler as Elvis. Rated PG-13/159 Mins. Registration Required. Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.

## Spaghetti And Meatball Dinner

The South Amboy Columbiettes are sponsoring a fundraiser for Tears Foundation. Aspaghetti and meatball dinner that includes salad, bread, coffee and dessert. Cost is \$15 per person. It will be held January 13, 2023 at 5:30pm at 308 4th St. South Amboy. Please call Vicki for more information at 732-598-6910.

## Coats For Kids

The St Bernadette Knights of Columbus are hosting a fundraiser to collect money to donate to Coats for Kids. If you would like to donate send your check to: St Bernadette Knights of Columbus, 20 Villanova Rd. Parlin NJ 08859. Or PayPal.

## Local South Amboy Businesses Support Parade Efforts

Once again, the South Amboy Parade Committee is hard at work planning for the city's 46th annual Saint Patrick's Day parade to be held on Sunday, March 19, 2023.

The committee has announced its fundraising efforts will include "Hoist-A-Pint" events at local establishments throughout South Amboy. The first will take place on Thursday, January 19th at Raise the Bar Lounge (RTB) 117 North Broadway from 7 - 9 pm followed by a second event on Thursday, February 16th at Teddy's Bar, 379 South Pine Ave. from 7-9 pm. Our third and final Hoist-A-Pint will take place on Thursday, March 9th at Monaghan House, 400 South Pine Ave. from 7-9 pm.

Each event will charge a \$20 pp entrance fee, collected at the door, entitling the participant to beer, wine, food sampling and a performance by the D.B. Kelly Pipe

and Drums.

The parade committee will also host a Grand Marshals Night on Friday, January 27, 2023 from 7-10 pm at the Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall (AOH), 271 2nd St, where the 2023 Grand Marshal and Deputy Grand Marshal will be formally announced and recognized for their contributions to our community and the City of South Amboy.

Tickets, available for purchase at the AOH Hall, for the Grand Marshal's Annual Dinner are \$60 per person (includes dinner, beer, wine and soda as well as a performance by the D. B. Kelly Pipes and Drums. Congratulations to all of the 2023 honorees: Grand Marshal -Mary Porcello, and Deputy Grand Marshal, Monsignor John Gordon.

Proceeds from these events will support the efforts of the South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

## Christmas Memories



1954-3-year old Sue-Ann Jonason was having a great time with the new car she got from Santa Claus. Sadly, Sue-Ann passed away in January 1997 at age 45. Her sister Judy Jonason Rowley said, "She packed a lot of life into that short period of time. I miss her terribly. She lives on in my daughter, who has her name, Sue-Ann." (Photo/info courtesy of Judy Jonason-Rowley).

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### Memorial Firefighter Tree Lighting



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### Calling All Collectors

Do you have a unique collection? If so, please consider sharing it with us! The Dowdell Library has a great area for display: The Davidoff Exhibition Area. We also have two display cases that can accommodate smaller items. Please contact the Dowdell Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org for more information.

### Christmas Town U.S.A.

By Tom Burkard  
c.2022

When December  
rolls around  
And snow starts falling  
To the ground  
Seems the world awakens  
To the Christmas sounds  
At Christmas Town U.S.A.  
Where people are happy  
And love is all around  
It's so cool, it's so fine  
In this hometown of mine  
Everything's OK  
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Wishing Christmas  
was everyday  
At Christmas Town U.S.A.  
Watching Christmas  
classics on TV  
Seeing good old  
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Like they still should be  
And Christmas music is  
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You just can't help it  
If you get caught  
in the flow  
Of so much spirit and  
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It's such a happy place  
This time of year  
At Christmas Town U.S.A.  
It's so cool, it's so fine  
In this hometown of mine  
Everything's OK  
At Christmas Town U.S.A.  
Wishing Christmas  
was everyday  
At Christmas Town U.S.A.



### Sleigh Riding On The Hill

By Tom Burkard  
c.2022


After the snow  
All the kids  
would meet  
On top of the hill  
Up on Wilmont Street  
Schools were closed  
And it was time for fun  
The sleds came out  
And kids made  
their runs  
The street was  
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At the bottom of the hill  
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#### The Miraculous Prayer

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked for many favors. This time I ask you this my special one (mention favor). Take it, Dear Jesus, and place it within your own broken heart, where your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become your favor, not mine. Amen. (Say this prayer for 3 days, promise publication and your favor will be granted. Never known to fail.) -L.E.

#### MIRACULOUS INVOCATION TO ST. THERESA

O Glorious St. Theresa, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and counsel mankind, I invite your miraculous intercession. So powerful are you in obtaining every need of body and soul, our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a "prodigy of miracles, the greatest Saint of modern times." Now I fervently beseech you to answer my petition (mention here) and carry out your promise of doing good upon earth of letting fall from heaven a shower of roses, henceforth, Dear Little Flower, I will fulfill your plea to be made known everywhere and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen. Say prayer every day for 9 days. By the 4th day ask for a sign, if prayer is to be answered between 4th and 9th day you will see a rose in a magazine, tv, picture or receive roses. Must promise publication. C.P.




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### Congratulations!



Former South Amboy resident, Jeffrey Ust was admitted to practice as an Attorney for the Commonwealth of Mass. on Nov. 18, 2022. Congratulations and best of luck, Jeff! (Photo/info submitted)



Make A Wish



Three Knights of Columbus Council #426 of South Amboy members are shown presenting a fundraising check to the "Make A Wish Foundation" in Monroe, NJ. The money was raised from an "Open Mic Night" that was held at the South Amboy K of C Hall. Pictured (l-r) Ed Vassallo, George Giovenco, Dominique (from Make a Wish Foundation,) and Bruce Grankowski. Thanks to all those musicians and guests that made the event a success. (Photo/info submitted)

Local Businesses 50 Years Ago

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50 Years Ago

1972-Daniel Zack was President of the South Amboy Memorial Hospital, and Dr. Delbert D. Griffith was President of the Medical Staff.



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The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, BA., MS.

As preparations are being made for the holidays, remember safe practices when decorating and cooking which are both in abundance at this time of year. When fire related incidents occur during the holiday season, they seem to be more tragic in nature and have a devastating effect on those involved, both the civilians and the first responders. When these types of incidents occur during the year, they may not have the same effect on people as the way they do during the holiday season. We can't deny the fact that any house fire will have an enormous impact on the residents, especially when children are involved. Many people give little thought to these fires until it occurs close to home. You can't imagine how you would react if a fire occurred close to home. Just a few weeks ago there was a devastating structure fire in West New York, New Jersey. The fire occurred in a high-rise apartment building which was destroyed. Forty-One families were left homeless and all their possessions lost. Luckily there was NO loss of life. At about the same time, just a few miles away from this fire another structure was fully involved in fire. This fire was at the Salvation Army Thrift Store in Union City. Though this structure did not house people, it served a very meaningful purpose in the area. The store sold top-end clothing and in turn generated a profit. This money was then used to purchase winter clothing for the homeless people in the surrounding communities. This fire was a total loss of both the merchandise and the structure.

Hopefully you won't find yourself involved in either type of these situations. Plan on decorating your home in a safe manner. Most new holiday lighting decorations generate very little heat and draw little current but it still must be properly installed. Remember that it carries electricity and

should be properly protected. If you are having a "live tree" this year, constantly check the water in the base/stand. Without a daily supply of fresh water, the needles will dry out quickly and can be readily ignited by a nearby source of heat. A dry tree will ignite quickly and be consumed in a fire within seconds! The amount of heat/fire generated in that short period of time is immense and may prevent you from escaping. After you have completed your holiday decorations, look at them and see if any look to be unsafe. Some people may still have the older style lighting systems that do generate heat. Be careful that they are not near an ignitable item. For those of you that like to have candles burning for the aroma and ambiance or religious services, be careful where you place them and keep the flaming wick contained whenever possible. During this busy season, the "cooks are in the kitchen." Did you know that kitchen fires are one of the leading causes of structure fires? For some cooks, this may be the only time of the year that they use the oven. Back in the 40's, 50's, and 60's, mom spent most of her time in the kitchen. Today, times have changed and we rely on fast foods, Uber, DoorDash, and Grub Hub and spend less time cooking. Firefighters respond to more stove/oven fires during the holidays that are caused by human error and what we call "culinary disasters." If you haven't used your oven in a while, check inside for any items that might have been placed there for storage since the last time it was used. You can't imagine what an oven or the entire house smells like after an oven had inadvertently been pre-heated with Tupperware left inside. This is a sure invitation for your local fire department to be at your doorstep. I wish you a very safe holiday season.

Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year.





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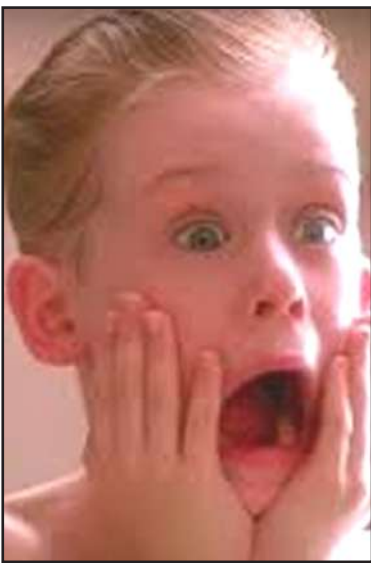
Stop By The Hall

For More Information

Who is it?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

Last month's mystery person was Laugh In's announcer Gary Owens. We did receive a few incorrect answers: Alan Ladd, Dave Galloway, Allen Ludden. The following TV fans knew it was Gary: Dane Colburn, Gary Feret, Dan Owens (No Relation), Eleanore Westerholm, Patti Tengelic, JoAnn & John French, Monica Marie, Vincent Farina, Betty Leveille, Stephen Laskiewicz, Thomas Harrigan, Mike Gressman, Patricia Kanecke, Edna Mazur Pilch, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Mark Moniello, Walter Starzec Jr, Steve Villig.



Do you know who this is? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by January 14th.

November Who is it?  
Gary Owens.

Friends!



While shopping at a nearby mall, this shopper was spotted with his favorite pet, a beautiful cockatiel. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

South Amboy City Officials 50 Years Ago

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What Exit?

This month we are looking for the GSP exit that will take you to the December Where In NJ, send your answer to satimes@aol.com by January 14th.

What Exit?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton  
November What Exit:

Last month's answer which will take you to the Broad St. Diner in Keyport was GSP Exit 117. The following got it right: Pat Scully, Dane Colburn, Gary Feret, JoAnn & John French, Betty Leveille, Thomas Harrigan, Edna Mazur Pilch, Mark Moniello, Pete McIntyre, Walter Starzec Jr, Ed Bender.





South Amboy Middle/High School Honor Roll (Marking Period One)

Middle School  
6th Grade,

Abigail Berecsky, John Bixby, Michael Chambers, Aiden Diaz, Kory Fulham, Nevaeh Godfrey, Amelia Guthrie, Robert Guthrie, Adam Koziej, Calvin Manion, A'Leah Moran, Valentina Moura, Wesley Rucker, Lianna Shilleh, Caleb Sipsis, Brooke Sofilkanich, Holden Vecchione.

7th Grade

Jayleen Almazo-Delgadom, Adam Chihab, Kariana Conde, Mackenzie Conroy, JaylahDeJesus, MyKaela Ferrer, Gary Gragg, Rea Jean, Brady Kenna-Maresca, Gabriel Kisiel, Alexis Lee, Lia McNulty, Nicolette Moran, Maximus Ortiz, Julia Pawlowski, Aidan Pieklo, Kayla Radich, Reagan Restiano, Mila Rodriguez, Oliver Rodriguez, Alfredo Sanchez-Campos, Kendra Sepulveda, Kylee Vazquez, Victoria Williams, Madchen Wyzykowski, Oluwasemilore Mauton Zannou.

8th Grade

Megan Chan, Adrianna Cosme, Noah Cruz, Macy Daniell, Angel Garcia, Madden Gulick, Isabel Gutierrez, Sophia Hernandez, Noel Horigan, Brian Ilewski, Isaiah Lee, Vincent-James LoBianco, Devante Mount, Jaiden Patrizzo, Arnav Pillai, Jarianna Pizarro, Katarina Roessle, Sebastian Roessle, Robert Senape, Abigail Sorensen.

High School

9th Grade

Gia Calisi, Pearl Cintron, Carlos DeJesus, Jaylin Diaz, Lorelei Elson, Lily Falkena, Joseph Foreman, Daniel Fullwood-Carrillo, Lorent Jean, Gurleen Kaur, Khaled Khalil, Jennifer Lee, Caitlyn Martinez, Hali McNulty, Mariam Mohamed, Rocco Navarra, Olivia Soler, Ava Soos, Amanda Torrez, Janna Villanueva, Oluwapamilerin Mausii Zannou.

10th Grade

Dina Bashir, Jordan Camacho, Thomas Cannon, Christopher Chan, Alexander Diaz-Rincon, Anasia Echavarria, Daniel Evanski, Anyssa Fairman, Madeline Graverson,

Eryk Gurdak, Emma Kalantsis, Samuel Kaplan, Isabella Kaprowski, Urooj Khan, Sienna Lee, Vincent Lee, Adam Lombardi, Miriam Marcinekova, Mia McCall, Sarah McLaughlin, Jimmy Mercado, Catalina Muniz, Clarissa Muniz, Gavin Oshman, Dominik Pawlus, Genevieve Pierre, Hannah Sanford, Ola Slomiany, Benjamin Smith, Christian Stair, Mary Thomas, Layla Torino, Oliwia Wierzbicki.

11th Grade

Margarita Arellano, Vera Bacsoka, Sara Bashir, Paulina Borkowski, Sienna Cabral, Angela Calderon, Faith Cannon, Maaz Farooq, Jamie Finnegan, Maurquez Garner, Carolyn Grace, Olivia Gulick, James Jamolawicz, Gabriel Jimenez-Nunez, Faisal Khan, Alexandra Kross, Harry Louis, Jonathan Moakler, Mia Navarra, Karissa Orsine, Vincent Pham, Maria Reyes-Esiquio, Leilani Rodriguez, Michelle Rojas, Isabel Roth, Michael Sanchez-Caba, Neikella Sandy, Palak Sharma, Priyanka Sharma, Lauren Tominus, Justin Venosa, Alfred-Lorenz Villanueva.

12th Grade

Gabriel Albarran, Jazmine Antonucci, Brandon Arlia, Daphne Bautista, Jada Berry, Beth Brown, Kayla Buchanan, Jianny Caraballo, Keely Carroll, Aeris Carter, Natalia Colon, Kateri Day, Nicholas DiForti, Steven Evanski, Jade-Maryann Fabiyi, Josiah Floyd, Brianna Frazier, Zubeilee Genao, Qasim Gohar, Kenneth Herman, Carlos Herrera, Unique Hodge, Monica Irizarry, Sawvera Khan, Jenasis Kolbinskie, Dylan Lozano, Sara Lukie, Alisa Mannan, Skylar Matteo, Matthew McGee, Morgan Moskal, Valeria Moura, Nicole Mroczkowska, Joshua Nunez, Nayomi Ortiz, Devan Pathak, Giovanni Pepe, Evalise Perez, Abygayle Peterson, Jake Rinkus, Benjamin Rzygalinski, Daira Santana-Marmolejos, Jandry Scantos-Acosta, Haylie Senape, Christian Smith, Nicholas Szatkowski, Dakota Templeton, Iyanni Twiggs, Isabella Vargas, Karlee Weber, Teyara Wiggins.

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# Rumbles From The Rock and Roll Reunion

By Clem Skarzynski

Wow, Christmas 2022 already! Hoping you’ve all been good little boys and girls. Sending the best of all Christmas and the New Year can offer to all our readers, in health and happiness. To all my fellow musicians and their families, thank you for being a part of my musical year, and being there to make our “gigs” just an awesome rockin’ experience. Fran and Tim Fee, Scott Lee Bishop, Matt Esposito,

Craig “C” Hoek, Jim Heuer, and “Friends” newest member, Pat Marra, took “Clem and Friends” to some new levels of playing Classic Rock and Roll. Special Thanks go out to Emerson and Amy Jones at “Basement Audio Sound,” for really making “Clem and Friends” sound so good, over the many years we’ve been relying on them to get our “best sound” out to the many audiences we’ve been in front of. You guys put us over the top every time! Can’t forget to send thanks to Tom Burkard, Publisher, and Brian Stratton, of The South Amboy-Sayreville Times for covering everyone of our “shows” for over 20 years, and keeping our

name and fanbase up to date on our schedules and countless “gigs” over the years. You’re always there for us, thank you.

Our wishes and thanks go out to Dave Silva and Rich Standowski for being there for us also.. Lets hope the New Year brings some great shows and togetherness for us again... Best wishes for continued healing for Mrs. Holly ”Aunt Hodge” Fee, wife of drummer Tim “Nurse Ratchet” Fee, on her Injury.. Ya got the best nurse you can get Hodge... He’ll get ya thru it! Most Importantly, I’m dedicating this month’s column to the love of my life, my wife Kathy, who is facing a renewed health challenge. Our thanks go out to all of you for your prayers, concerns and best wishes for her.. To my “8 a.m. Church Family” for their never ending prayer chain, thank you guys... always there for each other! And to the Spezzi Crew for their thoughts, prayers and daily concerns.. thanks to all from my heart! So once again, wishing all a Wonderful, Happy Christmas, and Blessed New Year... Be safe and Aware.

## Acoustic Friday January 27

On January 27, 2023, South Amboy Arts Alliance will kick off a new year of Acoustic Friday shows with performances by Bob Belloff and Sherman & Siehl.

Bob Belloff’s musical interests sprung from a box of 45 rpm records he received from his mother. Those records from the 50s and 60’s, along with the guitar given by his father, ignited Bob’s enduring passion for entertaining. Today, Bob Belloff is a talented musician with a full performance calendar.

Dave Sherman, lead guitar, and John Siehl, guitar and mandolin, have been playing music together for forty years. The duo’s

two-part harmonies and superb musicianship offer a mix of original and cover songs in the Americana style.

SA Arts is located at 141 N. Broadway, South Amboy, NJ. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and the show runs from 7 to 9 pm. Admission is \$5.00, and light refreshments will be offered.

The Alliance seeks interested acoustic-oriented performers of any genre for future shows. For additional information, contact SA Arts at 732-727-4600, extension 5971 or by email at SAarts141@gmail.com. Watch for updates on the South Amboy Arts Alliance Facebook page.



The talented local band, “Disturbing The Peace” recently rocked The Blue Moon on South Broadway in South Amboy. The performers (l-r) Sandor Schneck-guitar/vocals/keyboards/harmonica, Drew Rucinski-vocals/guitar, Doug Zink-drums/vocals; Maurice Evans-bass. Make sure you check this group out at: WWW.Disturbingthe peace-music.com. Also take in a live performance and you’ll have a rockin’ good time. (Photo/info submitted)

## Top 20 Song Shootout

The following songs made The SATimes Top 20 by getting the most views on our Facebook page since last month:

- 1-I Can Hear Music-The Beach Boys;
- 2-Lido Shuffle-Boz Scaggs;
- 3-How Can I Be Sure-The Rascals;
- 4-(You’re My) Soul & Inspiration)-The Righteous Bros.;
- 5-I Don’t Want To Go Home-Southside Johnny/The Asbury Jukes;
- 6-Tuesday Afternoon-The Moody Blues;
- 7-Shotgun-Jr. Walker/The All Stars;
- 8-Wild World-Cat Stevens;
- 9-Tender

- Years-John Cafferty/The Beaver Brown Band;
- 10-Different Drum-Mike Nesmith (from the Monkees);
- 11-Layla-Derek/The Dominoes;
- 12-Since I Don’t Have You-The Skyliners;
- 13-Yesterday’s Gone-Chad & Jeremy;
- 14-Poor Little Fool-Ricky Nelson’
- 15-Turn Down Day-The Cyrkle;
- 16-Love Is A Battlefield-Pat Benatar;
- 17-Doctor My Eyes-Jackson Browne;
- 18-Cadillac Ranch-Bruce Springsteen;
- 19-Ventura Highway-America;
- 20-Time Passages-Al Stewart.

## #1 Pop Hits-Dec. 24

- 2008-Single Ladies (Put A Ring On It) -Beyonce
- 1990-Because I Love You (The Postman Song)-Stevie B
- 1981-Physical-Olivia Newton-John
- 1979-Escape (The Pina Colada Song) -Rupert Holmes
- 1967-Hello Goodbye-The Beatles
- 1958-The Chipmunk Song-The Chipmunks

## #1 Country Hits Dec. 24

- 2003-There Goes My Life-Kenny Chesney
- 1997-Longneck Bottle-Garth Brooks
- 1988-When You Say Nothing At All -Keith Whitley
- 1970-Rose Garden-Lynn Anderson
- 1968-Wichita Lineman-Glen Campbell
- 1955-Sixteen Tons-Tennessee Ernie Ford

The Miraculous Prayer  
Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked for many favors. This time I ask you this my special one (mention favor). Take it, Dear Jesus, and place it within your own broken heart, where your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become your favor, not mine. Amen. (Say this prayer for 3 days, promise publication and your favor will be granted. Never known to fail. -L.E..

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Ask St. Claire for these favors, 1 buisness, 2 impossible. Say 9 Hail Mary's for 9 days with lighted candles. Pray whether you believe in it or not. Publish on the 9th day. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored and glorified today and every day. Request will be granted no matter how impossible it may seem. Publication must be promised. -M.S, S.S, S.S.


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### MUSIC TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard



### Transportation

- 1.Bus Stop
- 2.Motorcycle Mama
- 3.Peace Train
- 4.Leaving On A Jet Plane
- 5.Midnight Train To Georgia
- 6.Come On Down To My Boat
- 7.Jet
- 8.Rock The Boat
- 9.Crazy Train
- 10.Jet Airliner
- 11.Magic Bus
- 12.Yellow Submarine
- 13.Big Yellow Taxi
- 14.Last Train To Clarksville

- a.The Beatles
- b.The Hollies
- c.Joni Mitchell
- d.Cat Stevens
- e.Peter, Paul & Mary
- f.The Steve Miller Band
- g.Gladys Knight/Pipls
- h.Sailcat
- i.Hues Corporation
- j.Paul McCartney/Wings
- k.The Monkees
- l.Ozzy Osbourne
- m.Every Mothers Son
- n.The Who

Answers  
1b 2h 3d 4e 5g 6m 7j 8l 9i 10f 11n 12a 13c 14k.

## Name This Athlete



Can you name this former professional athlete, who is pictured at a sports collectors show many years ago. Send your answers into: satimes@aol.com by January 14th. (Photo from the Tom Burkard Archives)





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# South Amboy Middle/High School Students Of The Month



SEPTEMBER



Front Row (l-r) 7th Grade: Jaylah DeJesus, 6th Grade: Amelia Guthrie, 8th Grade: Vincent LoBianco. Back Row (l-r) 12th Grade: Jazmine Antonucci, 11th Grade: Kiona Horigan, 9th Grade: Joe Foreman. Missing from photo: 10th Grade: Daniel Evanski.

OCTOBER



Front Row (l-r) 7th Grade: Mackenzie Conroy, 6th Grade: John Bixby, 8th Grade: Sophia Hernandez. Back Row (l-r) 9th Grade: Gia Calisi, 12th Grade: Teyara Wiggins, 11th Grade: Vera Bacsoka, 10th Grade: Jordan Camacho.

NOVEMBER



Front Row (l-r) 7th Grade: Ariadna Flores-Galeana, 6th Grade: Michael Chambers, 8th Grade: Maleya Culbreath. Back Row (l-r) 11th Grade: Palak Sharma, 9th Grade: Angel Zannou, 12th Grade: Nick Szatkowski. Missing from photo: 10th Grade: Emma Kalantsis

# The Nightmare Before Christmas



This brother and sister got to meet Jack Skellington last week at the New Egypt Flea Market Tree Lighting. Next they are looking forward to meeting Santa! (Photo Submitted)



Photos by Tom Burkard



Bruce Springsteen with Santa Claus (AKA Big Joe Henry) years ago.



The late and great Kenny Rogers at a Christmas spectacular a long time ago.



Pictured (l-r) Southside Johnny Lyon, leader of Southside Johnny & The Asbury Jukes, Jon Bon Jovi, and Santa (Big Joe Henry).



“The Boss” Bruce Springsteen has Santa (Big Joe Henry) having a rockin’ good time at a Holiday show many years ago.



**Sayreville Recreation Holiday Parade of Lights**  
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Santa and Mrs. Claus joined in the fun festivities, by singing along with their favorite Christmas songs. ←



The great Patsy Palma brought lots of Christmas Spirit to the crowd, with his superb vocals of Christmas songs. →



Mickey Mouse, as always, was a big hit at the parade, sponsored by the Sayreville Recreation Dept. ←

**Dowdell Library Holiday Open House**  
(Photos Submitted)



South Amboy Middle/High School Chorus performed "While the Snow Lay Sleeping" led by Mrs. Veronica Zarrella.



Pictured (l-r) enjoying the Open House are Gary Poland, Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak and Council President Mickey Gross.



Kim, Mario and Aiden enjoy children's activities during the Holiday Open House.





# South Amboy Annual Tree Lighting and Emergency Vehicle Parade

(Photos by Brian Stratton)



The City's beautiful tree all lit up! It's always exciting to see Santa.



The huge crowd enjoyed the night.



DJ Johnny B. was the MC for the vehicle parade.



Enterprise Truck number 8 was the winner this year.



The Girl Scouts entertained the crowd with some Christmas songs. (Photo by Phyllis Stratton).



The First Aid truck was decorated very nice.



Fun with arts and crafts in the South Amboy Arts Alliance Gallery.



# St. Stan's HSA Christmas Bazaar

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



5-year old Olivia Lewis stopped by to say hello to Santa Claus.



Once again St. Stan's HSA Christmas Bazaar featured lots of fun games, prizes, delicious food and much more.



This volunteer was kept busy spinning the wheel, as the place was packed with Bazaar-goers.



The cake/poinsettia wheel was very popular.



Two volunteers were selling chances for this huge basket of scratch-off tickets.



The Bazaar was beautifully decorated, and everyone appreciated the efforts by the HSA, to once again make this a highly-successful event.





The Vintage Car Contest  
By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Tis the season...can you identify this car we are just looking for the manufacturers name. Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by January 14th.

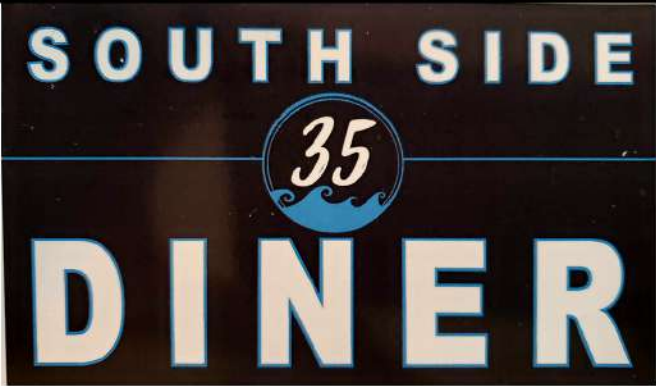
Last month's car was a 1961 DeSoto Avenger, it was the last production year for the DeSoto which was part of the Chrysler family of cars. The following got it right: Pat Scully, Dane Colburn, Gary Feret, JoAnn & John French, Betty Leveille, Stephen Laskiewicz, Anita Quigley, Ginny Severino, Edna MazurPilch, Bruce Grankowski, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Mark Moniello, Pete McIntyre, Walter Starzec Jr.



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Champions



Congratulations to Sure-Hit Home Improvements men's softball team from South Amboy for winning the Greater Middlesex County Fall Weekday Championship. This Sure-Hit team won the best of 3 series to capture the title. The games were played at the Warren Park complex in Woodbridge on Nov. 29th. The champs are pictured as follows: Top row (l-r) Matt Ryan, Ryan Shereyka, Nick Chicarilla, Mike Andersen, Anthony DeMaio, Jared Mundy, Christian Geant. Bottom row (l-r) William Bush, Joe Sepelyak, Joel Rodriguez, Joe Cesaro, Brian DeJoy, John Scifaldi. (Photo/info submitted)

Congratulations Cobras!



The Sayreville Athletic Association U10 champions for the 2022 Boys Jr. was the Cobras, who came in 1st place in the Premier Division in MOSA and were the MOSA Cup champions this season. Congratulations Cobras!



Members of the American Legion Sayreville Lenape Post 211, presented the American Legion - Certificate of Appreciation to Lisas Grover of the St Stans School of Sayreville. Lisa Grover along with other staff members have conducted annual events and fundraisers supporting Veterans. (Photo/Info Submitted)

LETTERS

Letter to Editor:

Thank you, Brian, for the wonderful November issue of the SA Times. Since we moved from Sayreville 20 years ago, I requested a copy of our most missed newspaper that you so kindly provided me with news of Sayreville. Born, raised and lived in Sayreville close to 63 years with so many great memories. Most recently we attended my 65 year class reunion from Class of '57 from Sayreville High school and sorry to say it was the last reunion we would have. It was held at the K of C in Sayreville. I'm including a picture of those in attendance. Again, thanks for the great memories you have provided me of my wonderful and memorable years living in Sayreville through your effortless publication.

Barbara Zonkowski Beyer



The class of '57 from Sayreville High School. (Photo courtesy of Barbara Zonkowski Beyer)

To The Editor,

Just finished reading the latest issue, always interesting! And thank you for accepting my poetry submissions, it's been many years since I've seen any of my work in print!

Janice K. O'Brien



Pallone Announces South Amboy Will Receive \$2.8 Million to Support Coastal Resilience

Washington, DC – Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) announced that South Amboy will receive \$2,869,668 to bolster coastal resilience and protect wildlife habitats. The funding is distributed through the 2022 National Coastal Resilience Fund (NCRF), which is administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). This year's awards included funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

The City of South Amboy will use the funding to restore 20 acres of former industrial land along 1.5 miles of coastline through marsh and living shoreline construction to enhance nesting habitat for osprey, little blue herons, and snowy egrets. The project will revitalize the coastal ecosystem to improve resilience to flood hazards and provide the community with safe access to the waterfront.

"I'm thrilled that South Amboy is receiving federal funding to restore its coastal ecosystem and improve flood protection. Living shorelines projects are proven natural infrastructure solutions that will protect our coastal communities from the effects of climate change, including more flooding from sea level rise and stronger hurricanes. They also improve and protect wildlife habitats," Pallone said. "Since Superstorm Sandy, New Jersey has invested hundreds of millions of dollars to make our state more resilient against

the effects of climate change, and this funding is another step in the right direction to build on this progress."

"It gives me great satisfaction to know that our federal partners understand and endorse our efforts to restore our waterfront. The Raritan Bay has historically been a nexus of commerce, recreation, and beauty for many generations," Mayor Fred Henry said. "Our efforts to restore a living shoreline in South Amboy would have only been a dream without the steadfast support of Congressman Pallone. We are grateful for his unstoppable support and tireless advocacy for us in Washington, DC."

Pallone has been a longtime advocate for living shoreline projects in New Jersey. These infrastructure projects use natural materials and systems, including dunes, wetlands, and oyster reefs to support the natural flood resilience of healthy shoreline ecosystems. Natural infrastructure is cost-effective and adaptable to changing environmental conditions. It also enhances ecosystem functions which can improve water quality and wildlife habitat protection. Certain types of living shorelines can support carbon mitigation. They are also affordable and create jobs. Last month, Pallone wrote to the Biden Administration urging NOAA to quickly implement investments in living shoreline projects from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act.







City of South Amboy Department of Public Works  
**2023 Holiday Garbage Pickup Schedule**

(Dates are tentative due to inclement weather)

New Years Eve	Monday	January 2nd will be picked up that day
Martin Luther King Day	Monday	January 16th will be picked up Wednesday January 18th
Lincolns Birthday	Monday	February 13th will be picked up that day
Presidents Day	Monday	February 21st will be picked up Wednesday February 22nd
Good Friday	Friday	April 7th will be picked up that day
Memorial Day	Monday	May 29th will be picked up Wednesday May 31st
Independence Day	Tuesday	July 4th will be picked up Wednesday July 5th
Labor Day	Monday	September 4th will be picked up Wednesday September 6th
Columbus Day	Monday	October 9th will be picked up that day
Election Day	Tuesday	November 7th will be picked up that day
Veterans Day	Friday	November 10th will be picked up that day
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 23rd will be picked up Saturday November 25th
Day After Thanksgiving	Friday	November 24th will be picked up that day
Christmas	Monday	December 25th will be picked up Wednesday December 27th

**2023 Bulk Pickup Schedule**

Please Note the following changes:

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**NO MORE THAN 10 ITEMS**

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If your trash pick up is <b><u>Monday-your</u></b> bulk pick up days are Wednesday:	If your trash pick up is <b><u>Tuesday</u></b> *Broadway included) - your bulk pick up days are Wednesday:	If your trash pick up is <b><u>Thursday-your</u></b> bulk pick up days are Wednesday:	If your trash pick up is <b><u>Friday-your</u></b> bulk pick up days are Wednesday:
February 1st	February 8th	February 15th	February 22nd
May 3rd	May 10th	May 17th	May 24th
August 2nd	August 9th	August 16th	August 23th
November 1st	November 8th	November 15th	November 29th

**\*ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER & UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES\***

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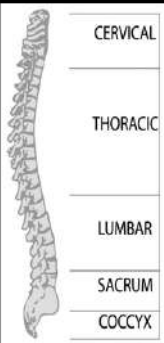
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*The Spinal Column*

By  
**Dr. John Misiewicz**

**Does Santa have Back Pain?**

Santa Claus may be able to travel around the world in a single night, but when it comes to his health, he's no Superman. That bowl full of jelly, a diet rich in fatty cookies and a lack of regular exercise all put Santa at risk for back pain.

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

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

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

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



**Christmas Eve Prayer**

Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

**A PRAYER FOR HEALING**

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

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# WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Do you know what this is? It was very hard to find around Christmas in 1983. Send your answer to [satimes@aol.com](mailto:satimes@aol.com) by January 14th.

Last month’s mystery item was the ever popular Chia Pet in hedgehog form. Many variations have been made into Chia Pets including a Bob Ross head. The following got it right: Leon Credico, Chuck Pickard, Pat Scully, Dane Colburn, Gary Feret, Lynn Loy, Eleanore Westerholm, Patti Tengelics, Joe Tortora, JoAnn & John French, Sonia Iglesias, Donna & Ed Szkodny, Betty Leveille, Stephen Laskiewicz, Thomas Harrigan, Bruce Grankowski, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Mark Moniello, Pete McIntyre, Walter Starzec Jr, Steve Villig, Ed Bender.



November What Is It?  
Chia Pet Hedgehog

## Creative Writing Award Winner



Earlier in the school year South Amboy Middle High School teacher, Mrs. Nicole Vancil had students in her creative writing class enter the Hispanic Heritage Essay Contest sponsored Optimum and TelevisaUnivision. The original plan was to help students develop ideas for future scholarships but also to demonstrate how they can use research as a means to write creatively about topics. South Amboy Middle/High School is proud to announce that one of those submissions, our own Jazmine Antonucci was selected as a Runner-Up contestant winner. The submission entitled “The World Dances” was read aloud by Jazmine and she was presented with her prize by Optimum and TelevisaUnivision. Pictured (l-r) Board of Education member Joan Conway, City Councilwoman Zuzette Dato, Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez, Mayor Fred Henry, Mrs. Nicole Vancil, Board of Education President Lynn Kasics, Jazmine Antonucci, Superintendent Dr. Frederick D. Williams, Altice Representative Marilyn Davis. (Photo/Info Submitted)



The Mount Saint Mary Academy Book Club held a book drive over the past two weeks for The Bridge of Books Foundation. The outreach effort was spearheaded by juniors Katherine Ferris of Westfield and Isabelle Fretz of Chatham. Operating as a 501(c)(3), the foundation aims to provide an ongoing source of new and gently used books to underserved kids throughout New Jersey to support literacy efforts and encourage a love of reading. The Mount community donated new and gently used books for children from birth to age 18. Pictured, left to right, are: Katherine and Isabelle. (Photo/info Submitted)

# Where in NJ?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Do you know where this statue is? I can still hear Bert singing “There she is” send your answer to [satimes@aol.com](mailto:satimes@aol.com) by January 14th

Last month’s answer was the Broad Street Diner located in Keyport, Some readers thought it was South Amboy’s own Raritan diner. The following got it right: Chuck Pickard, Pat Scully, Dane Colburn, Gary Feret, Patti Tengelics,

Gaynell O’Leary, JoAnn & John French, Dawn Durnin, Vincent Farina, Betty Leveille, Thomas Harrigan, Nancy Urban, Mike Gressman, Edna Mazur Pilch, Bruce Grankowski, Mark Moniello, Pete McIntyre, Walter Starzec Jr, Ed Bender.

November Where in NJ?



Broad Street Diner Keyport, New Jersey

# WWW.?



Can you identify this local business? Send your answer to [satimes@aol.com](mailto:satimes@aol.com) by January 14th.

Last month the WWW.? was Hometown Laundry located in Parlin. The following got it right: Pat Scully, Dane Colburn, Gary Feret, Barb Bockus, Dennis Quinlan, Betty Leveille, Stephen Laskiewicz, Lisa Grankowski, Laurie &

Gary Loftus, Walter Starzec Jr, Ed Bender. **Note:** Chuck Pickard was not listed for correctly identifying the last two photos in Oct. and Nov., and Walter Starzec Jr. correctly identified Camillo’s in Sayreville, but was not listed.

November WWW.?



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## Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



**Salt Water**  
The Striped Bass seems to be the front runner almost everywhere. Fishing from the shore in our area picked up pretty good. At Cliffwood one night, I saw people catching Bass on tap water plugs off the rock wall. Another night at Cliffwood I saw at least seven keepers on the sand, one of them looked to be about 34 inches. One guy I was talking to had caught a nice keeper and wanted me to have it, but I told him to let it go. Plenty of Bass at Island Beach and LBI. A visit to Jingles Bait and Tackle in Beach Haven confirmed this as their regular customers keep bringing in Stripers at a steady rate. One Red Drum was caught at the north part of LBI but had to be released because it was over the 18 to 27 inch slot size limit. Blackfish are still being caught at Barnegat Inlet but they are beginning to move out. Party boats are now catching them a few miles offshore along with Sea Bass, Perogies and Ling. Winter Flounder can be found in the Shark River.

**Fresh Water**  
The winter Trout stocking at designated lakes has been completed. Lake Hopatcong is producing Catfish and both hybrid and Largemouth Bass. The usual varieties of fish are showing up in the Delaware River. The shoreline at the Round Valley Reservoir near the boat ramp is worth the try for spawning Rainbow Trout looking for a stream to spawn by instinct.

## Gone Fishin'



Mark "Turtle" Abbatiello, caught this 10 lb.1 oz. fluke while on Capt. Kevin Gorczyca's Goin' Deep charter fishing boat in the beginning of September off of Sandy Hook. (Photo Submitted)

## A Gift Card For Christmas

By Tom Burkard  
c. 2010

If you're  
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And don't know what to get  
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If you're not sure what to get  
And on Christmas Day  
Your loved ones will confess  
The gift card is their best gift  
yet.



# The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

## From The Sports Archives



**1961-62-**It was 60 years ago when St. Mary’s varsity basketball team turned in a fine (16-9) record. The talented team pictured standing (l-r) John Kukulski, Ray Selover, Jay Derent, Bob Kukulski, Bill Schwarick, Art O’Donnell, Bob Suminski, Joe Jankowski, Bill Tibbitt, Jack Kreiger, Frank Kennedy, Tom Fitzmorris, Joe Chodkiewicz, Coach Luke Lenahan. Kneeling (l-r) Gerald O’Connor, Robert Windrem.

### T.H.E. Game

Year-1986

Sport-Boys Basketball

Teams-Hoffman (3-3) vs. St. Mary's (3-3) in City Series action

**Recap-**Hoffman led 66-64 late in the fourth quarter, but Scott Gumprecht hit 2 clutch foul shots to ice the 68-65 thrilling victory for the Governors. Mike Dietrich of St. Mary's took scoring laurels with 27 points, and Bill Reilly pumped in 10 for the Saints, but to no avail. Roger Kuhn tossed in 14 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for The Purple & Gold. Tom "Tippy" Hessner fired in 12 points, and Andy Moran 11 for the winners. **MVP-**Roger Kuhn, Hoffman.

Scoring

Hoffman 68

Kuhn 14 Hessner 12 Moran 11 Moskal 9 Leonard 8 Noble 8 S.cott Gumprecht 6. St. Mary's 65

Dietrich 27 Reilly 10 Wykpisz 8 Waltz 7 Byrne 4 Ferraro 4 Kennedy 3 Paczkowski 2.

## Sabres Player Identified

It took “only” two issues of The SA Times to find out who the mystery South Amboy Sabres Pop Warner football award winner was. The talented player was pictured at the 1973 Sabres banquet with two teammates, Bill Lewis who was on the left, and Mark Ryan on the right. Michael Attardi was the player in the middle, and a special thank you goes out to his sister Patti Attardi Kanecke for providing Mike’s ID. Also sending in the correct identification of Michael was Mary Puccio Tucker.

## Ten Years Ago - 2012



The Cardinal McCarrick HS Cross Country team won the Sportsmanship award for their outstanding season in the Blue Division. The girls team finished 14th in the county at the Greater Middlesex County Meet, ending the season with a record of 5-3. Our boys finished 23rd at the Greater Middlesex County Meet, ending their season 2-6. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



## Glory Days In Local Sports

1965-Hoffman pounded Keyport, 82-61 in basketball action. Curt Wood burned the nets for 28 points and got plenty of help from Billy Clayton 16, Edwin Witkowski 14, and Greg Havlusch 14 points...1972-In the season opener for basketball, Sayreville stopped St. Mary’s, 59-55. Steve Makwinski and John Wojcik paved the way with 18 points apiece. Austin O’Malley led the Eagles with 18 points...1982-Hoffman boys basketball team edged East Brunswick Tech, 55-53. Frank Wahler topped the scoring with 13 points, Peter Smith, Joe Schiavino and Ron Brown fired in 12 points each for the Purple &

### 1993 Flashback

Russo Scores 9 Goals In One Game

St. Mary’s soccer star, Mike Russo blasted in an incredible 9 goals in a 13-1 romp over Piscataway Tech, to set the school record for one game. He went on to capture the Middlesex County scoring title with 67 points, and was also #1 in goals scored with 30. An amazing season for Mr. Mike Russo!

### 70 Years Ago

1952-The Sayreville Bombers powerhouse basketball team captured their 2nd consecutive CJ Group 1 title by trouncing Carteret, 64-49, before 1,100 cheering fans. Sayreville was paced by Rudy Balaskiewicz with 21 points, Gene Malkiewicz 16, and Charlie Kolakowski 11 points, as Coach Johnny Gutkowski’s Bombers record rose to (21-1).

## Remembering “Sonny” Sabine

By Tom Burkard

Ronald “Sonny” Sabine, 74, formerly of South Amboy died on Nov. 8. When he arrived on the South Amboy/Sayreville Men’s Senior sports scene, competing in the popular softball and basketball leagues, players had no idea what a dedicated, and fierce competitor invaded our local circles and teams.

“Sonny” was always out to win, not just games, but championships, and with his great ability, and sports knowledge to recognize the very best players around, he would recruit them for his teams, and in the blink of an eye, turn the teams into the best or one of the best in the league, and of championship caliber. He certainly knew how to recruit top players from other leagues, for his teams and keep all of them happy and together.

Sabine was a winner, and if one of his powerhouse clubs didn’t bring a title, he would go out and recruit new players for the next season, looking to turn it around. He was also a pretty good athlete too, and could really shoot and rebound in basketball, and hit an occasional long ball on the softball diamond. Sonny was also a proud father

too, especially when his son, Drew Sabine starred in basketball for the Hoffman Guvs in the 1990’s.

From 1980-84, I was the Founder/ League Director of the Sayreville-South Amboy Independent Fall Softball League. I turned over the directorship for the ‘85 season to Sonny, who I thought was perfect for the job, especially with his great organizational skills, contacts with players and umpires, and overall love of the game. Sabine did not disappoint, and ran an outstanding league for approximately 15 years until he decided to go into umpiring, and handed the Director position over to Gary Aich. Most players felt that Sonny was also an excellent umpire as well.

John Zdanewicz, the late South Amboy Recreation Director/Hoffman HS teacher/ baseball coach was famous for saying “You’re a real winner.” Well, so was Ronald “Sonny” Sabine, and an unbelievable competitor who loved sports and always rose to a new challenge.

## Locals Play Pro Basketball

Marques Townes, who starred for Cardinal McCarrick and later St. Joseph’s HS is playing pro hoops for the Duna Aszfalt team in the Hungary-A-League. He is having a fine season averaging 15.5 ppg., 3.6 rebounds, 4.8 assists, and 2.1 steals.

Former Sayreville War Memorial HS star Jehyve Floyd is also playing pro basketball for Galatasaray in the Turkey-Sigorta Basketball League. The season has just started, and Floyd played only 8 minutes in a game, and scored 2 points, had 1 blocked shot, and 1 steal.

### 85 Years Ago... In

### Local Sports

By Tom Burkard

1937-St. Mary’s had a talented (would you believe?) boxing team. Frank McCarthy was the coach. The boxers were led by Bill "Doc" O’Leary, Pat Colucci, Jimmy Wade, Ed “Lefty” Zebro, Jack Sullivan, Dennis Quinlan and Frank Fazio. In one of their boxing matches, the Eagles defeated Perth Amboy, 5-3. Zebro won on a foul; O’Leary won a decision; Sullivan, Quinlan, and Wade also were victorious.

Gold...1995-St. Mary’s girls basketball team halted Highland Park, 55-22. Robyn Palomo led the attack with 12 points followed by Erin Gardner and Fateisha Bess who pumped in 10 points apiece...2004-Cardinal McCarrick girls basketball team nipped Middlesex, 53-52. Lauren Zarantanello led the way with 14 points, and was followed by Karen Guskowski with 10...2011-Sayreville boys hammered Highland Park, 73-59 in hoops action. Cody Van Note took scoring laurels with 24 points, and teammates Joe Saitta chipped in with 15 points and 10 rebounds, while Chris Pineiro added 15 tallies.

### 100 Years Ago

1922-South Amboy HS boys and girls basketball teams played Woodbridge. The boys won 30-27, behind Oliver who had 10 points and Green 6. Woodbridge topped the SA girls, 17-14. M. Campbell topped the locals with 9 points and C. Ward added 4. (No first names were noted in the 100-year old newspaper clips).

### 50 Years Ago

1972-Jay Thomas, a freshman, gained a starting post with the Moravian College basketball team. Jay was a standout player in high school for the St. Mary’s Eagles.

### 25 Years Ago

1997-South Amboy boys basketball squad downed Perth Amboy Tech, 62-58. Kevin Cushing torched the nets for 24 points, Ed Behnen 16, and Matt Martins added 11 for the Governors.

### 20 Years Ago

2002-In a 2nd round GMCT girls basketball game, South Amboy stopped Spotswood, 53-39. Regan Rone led the Lady Guvs with 18 points, followed by Kiersten McCarthy 17, and Tracie Szatkowski 12 points.

### 15 Years Ago

2007-The Sayreville wrestling team finished 2nd place behind Old Bridge in the District 20 wrestling tourney. The Bombers placed 5 District champions including Eric Tsang (125); Scott Poore (145); Ramon Santiago (135); Mike Delucco (152); Michael Knight (160).

### NFL Report

Myles Hartsfield, defensive back for the Carolina Panthers (4-8), and a Sayreville War Memorial HS graduate, has had a solid year in NFL action. He has played in 10 games and is credited with 36 solo tackles, 11 assisted tackles, and 1 forced fumble so far.

## Name The Insect



Last month’s Insect is most commonly known as a Camel Cricket, also called Greenhouse Camel Cricket or Striped Cricket. This cricket is rare in this area, and the following people correctly identified it: Kim Chere, Matt Wiater, Mark Moniello, Edna Mazur Pilch.

Incorrect answer-Jerusalem Cricket





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**At Ease**  
By Al Gomolka, Jr.  
Times Poet Laureate  
c. 1999

All hands on deck  
Front and forward  
Chin up, shoulders back  
Why? What? How?  
Where are we headed?  
Ours is not to question why  
Ours is but to do and live!  
We need a strategic plan.  
Preparation, itinerary  
The goal-Peace, Honor, Glory.  
We're on an earthly battlefield  
Not for the folks at home  
But for our souls  
We may lose some battles  
But we must win the war  
The medal of honor is heaven  
So let's go!  
All barrels firing  
We all can be heroes  
Turn to the  
Higher Power  
He shall return  
Proceed, and take no prisoners  
Swords raised.  
Sound off yes sir  
I can't hear you-  
Yes Sir! At ease.



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**The Christmas  
Countdown**  
By Tom Burkard  
c. 2010


It's the Christmas  
countdown  
As the big day  
draws near  
The Christmas  
countdown  
The happiest  
time of the year  
Shoppers scurry  
all around  
As large snowflakes  
Fall to the ground  
Kids are waiting  
For that special sight  
Of the man in red  
With a beard  
snowy white  
Just watching  
the calendar  
every day  
'Til December  
25th comes our way  
It's the Christmas  
countdown.

**The SA Times Front Page News At Christmastime**

**10 Years Ago**  
2012-The undefeated Sayreville Bombers football team captured their 3rd consecutive CJ Group IV Sectional championship...Mechanicsville Hose Co. won the trophy for the best decorated truck in the South Amboy Emergency Vehicle Parade...South Amboy Foodtown closed down after serving local communities for 84 years...Jean Galinski Jarusiewicz celebrated her 100th birthday.

**25 Years Ago**  
1997-Bob and Jane Redford were selected by the Sayreville Lady Dems as

Community Service Award recipients... Late South Amboy Mayor William "Doc" O'Leary was honored posthumously with a plaque from the NJ Mayors Association. South Amboy Mayor John T. O'Leary also presented a proclamation saying "Paying tribute to the memory of William "Doc" O'Leary" to his wife June, and 2 of his 4 children William and Thomas...South Amboy's Glenn Fallon won \$1,000 on WCBS 101.1 FM radio station to help The South Amboy-Sayreville Times/South Amboy Knights of Columbus #426 Annual Christmas Dinner for the underprivileged




**A Rainy Christmas**  
By Tom Burkard  
C.2021

It's another rainy Christmas  
In Florida and California too  
They'll never have a  
white Christmas  
It's so sad but true  
Yet still they have  
the spirit  
Santa always makes  
his rounds  
And they are very happy  
With the Christmas  
sights and sounds  
If they had just one wish  
You know what it would be  
That snow would be  
falling all around  
Outside on Christmas trees  
Back in Miami and LA  
The rain keeps falling  
But the Christmas spirit  
Is in the air  
It's all around  
It's everywhere.

**My Imagination  
And Me**  
By Robert W. Eginton


*When I was just a  
little boy  
Many years ago  
I would let my  
imagination  
take me  
Anywhere we  
wanted to go.  
We could soar above  
the sky so high  
Or swim the deepest sea.  
To distant lands  
so far away,  
My imagination and me.  
We could be a knight  
in shining armor  
Or something as  
simple as a farmer  
Or we could even be  
Something as big  
as a dinosaur  
Or a tiny bumble bee.  
Yes, me and my  
imagination  
We both made  
quite a pair  
Not much caring  
who we were with  
Or where we went.  
As long as we got there.  
We could be the  
King of England  
And meet the  
Queen for tea.  
Or have breakfast  
with The Beatles  
And sing a song or three  
We can go anywhere,  
Or be anyone we  
wanted to be,  
As long as  
we're together,  
My imagination and me.*



**In Loving Memory  
Susan Sullivan Mills**  
July 2, 1944 – December 17, 2021

On the 1-year anniversary of her passing, we remember South Amboy native Susan Sullivan Mills. Sue was raised in South Amboy by her loving parents Evelyn and Richard Sullivan on Conlogue Avenue, along with her beloved brother Richard "Dick" Sullivan. She attended St Mary's, where she was also married to her devoted husband Leon Mills and baptized her 2 sons, Mark and Michael. Sue spent her career teaching in Sayreville, where she also raised her family for 25 years, before retiring to Brick, NJ. However, she always cherished her South Amboy roots. From the Sullivan Family Picnics at the Waterworks, summers at Frog Hollow, playing at the "Tank" with girlfriends Adrienne, Angela, Jean, Judy, Kathy, and Robin, to sleigh riding on Hospital Hill, pinball at Tarallo's, Sunday dinners on John Street, and the not-to-be-missed annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade. South Amboy memories always brought a smile to her face remembering good times with family and friends.

Rest in peace Sue, you are missed.





**Elaine Holton Scott**  
**Fran Fitzmorris**

Two of our beloved feature writers  
Elaine Holton Scott and Fran Fitzmorris  
both passed away in 2022.

We will never forget their hard work,  
dedication, and so many wonderful memories  
and great stories they shared each month with  
The South Amboy-Sayreville Times loyal readers.  
May God Bless them forever in Heaven.

With Love,  
The SA Times Staff





Obituaries

Anderson, Thomas, 71, of South Amboy died on Nov. 23.

Aurnhammer, Harry, 86, of Parlin died on Dec. 2.

Bringhurst, Carol, 62, of South Amboy died on Nov. 28.

Connor, William, 70, of Parlin died on Nov. 20.

Czarnecki, Kenneth J. "Ken," 70, formerly of Sayreville died on Nov. 27.

Doce, Rosa F., 93, of Sayreville died on Dec. 5.

Dyner, Joan M., 93, of Sayreville died on Dec. 7.

Hecht, Tracy Nelson, 52, of Sayreville died on Nov. 15.

Hernandez, Carmen M., 69, of Parlin died on Nov. 19.

Jensen, Clarkson J. "Jimi," 66, formerly of South Amboy died on Nov. 28.

Koscinski, Walter P. "Logan," 91, of Sayreville died on Dec. 6.

Krygier, Elnora D. Nagy, 85, of South Amboy died on Nov. 20.

Mills, Susan Sullivan, 77, formerly of South Amboy died on Dec. 17, 2021.

Mourao, Belmura, 88, of Sayreville died on Nov. 19.

Natusch, John W., 50, of South Amboy died on Nov. 14.

Nebus, Raymond, 68, formerly of South Amboy died on Dec. 12.

Nelson, Donald J., 75, of Sayreville died on Nov. 22.

Nevin, Winifred A. "Winnie," 83, of Morgan died on Dec. 7.

Normann, Virginia, 81, of Parlin died on Nov. 15.

O'Connell, Diane E., 69, of Parlin died on Nov. 21.

Redmond, Lawrence J. "Larry" Jr., 73, of Old Bridge died on Dec. 6.

Sabine, Ronald "Sonny," 74, formerly of South Amboy died on Nov. 8.

Sapata, Maria Matos, 95, of Parlin died on Dec. 8.

Schmidt, Mary F., 66, of Sayreville died on Nov. 19.

Scibek, Walter "Skip," 81, of Sayreville died on Dec. 4.

Sztukowski, Charles F., 77, of Sayreville died on Dec. 12.

Zadlock, Margaret "Meg," 91, of Sayreville died on Nov. 25.

In Memoriam

Mary Schmidt, 66, of Sayreville died on Nov. 19. She was a volunteer teacher for many years at OLV, and also a Latchkey teacher at the YMCA. Mary also founded a Lyme Disease foundation in honor of her late daughter Mandy. Margaret "Meg" Zadlock, 91, of Sayreville died on Nov. 25. She was a past president of the OLV Columbiettes. Kenneth "Ken" Czarnecki, 70, formerly of Sayreville died on Nov. 27. He was very active in the Knights of Columbus in both Sayreville and East Brunswick, where he held top offices. In addition he was also active in many community organizations. Walter "Skip" Scibek, 81, of Sayreville died on Dec. 4. Along with his brother Bennie, they performed with the legendary Scibek Brothers Polka Band, entertaining crowds wherever they went. "Skip" was also the founder of the Folk Group at St. Stan's Church. Lawrence "Larry" Redmond Jr., 73, of Old Bridge died on Dec. 6. Larry was a 1967 St. Mary's HS grad, who was an elected official in Old Bridge, and also active in many Middlesex County/ community organizations. Charles Sztukowski, 77, of Sayreville died on Dec. 12. He was a Sayreville Police Officer for 40 years, and retired as a Captain. He also served with the U.S. Air Force in Vietnam, and attained the rank of Sgt.



Winifred A. "Winnie" Brady Nevin

Winifred A. "Winnie" Brady Nevin, 83, of Morgan died peacefully on Wednesday December 7, 2022 with her family at her side. Born in Swoyersville, Pennsylvania she was a longtime resident of the Morgan section of Sayreville. She was previously employed by NY Bell Telephone as a secretary, a crossing guard for the Borough of Sayreville and the business office of Middlesex County Vo-Tech. A member of St. Lawrence R.C. Church, Laurence Harbor she was a member of the Altar Rosary Society, as well as a member of the Morgan Fire Department Auxiliary. She enjoyed cooking and baking.

Daughter of the late John M. and Margaret McNey Brady she is also predeceased by her husband Arthur E. Nevin, Sr. in 1999; her brothers John, Michael and Bernard Brady and her sisters Helen Dussel, Marita Baragiano, Margaret Brady and Alice Horn Sharp. She is survived by her sons Arthur E. Nevin, Jr. and his wife Donna of Monroe and Kenneth J. Nevin of South Amboy; her daughter Margaret Nevin Berger and her husband Douglas of Manalapan; her brother Martin Brady; her sister Lucille Cuneo; her grandchildren Jessica, Mark and Garrett Nevin and Matthew and Paul Berger and her great-granddaughter Courtney Makayla Smith.

A 9am Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday December 13, 2022 at St. Lawrence Church, 109 Laurence Parkway, Laurence Harbor followed by interment in Christ Church Cemetery. Visitation was held at The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Clarkson J. "Jimi" Jensen

Clarkson J. "Jimi" Jensen, 66, of Hudson, Florida died on Monday November 28, 2022 at Morton Plant North Bay Hospital, Florida. Born in South Amboy he moved to Florida a few years ago. Before retiring he was employed as the maintenance supervisor for the South Amboy Board of Education. He was an Exempt Member and Ex-Chief of the Mechanicsville Hose Company, South Amboy.

Son of the late James and Patricia Bloodgood Jensen he is also predeceased by his sister Kelly Jensen and his granddaughter Kayla O'Donnell. He is survived by his wife Sandra Huff Jensen;



his daughters Lona Jensen and Ginger Vickery and her husband Ryan; his sister Cynthia Rondeau; his grandchildren Alexander, Leonora and Lauren and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday December 6, 2022 from The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's R.C. Church, South Amboy. Cremation was private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

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# The South Amboy Arts Alliance Would Like Your Thoughts

The South Amboy Arts Alliance is a non-profit organization staffed by volunteers. We are operating with the support of the City of South Amboy for the benefit of our community. Members are not required to volunteer; but it is our hope that they will offer time & talent to keep South Amboy Arts Alliance running smoothly.

The South Amboy Arts Alliance’s Mission is to strengthen our community by educating, inspiring and entertaining our members through cultural and artistic offerings that engage and create new alliances to help support local artists.

We look forward to a new year filled with new friendships as we work to develop our creative and educational programming to share with our city's residents. With your continued help, support and expertise South Amboy ARTS will be able to further evolve and become a significant part of our community.

Our Mission is ‘To strengthen our community through educating, entertaining and inspiring through cultural and artistic offerings that engage our residents, and create new alliances and support local artists.’

- We work to accomplish our mission by:
- Being an advocate for arts education at all levels
  - Sponsoring stimulating, innovative and entertaining programs in all arts disciplines
  - Working with the community to create a welcoming environment to attract artists and audiences of all ages, backgrounds and cultures
  - Supporting local artists and arts organizations through grants, sponsorships and networking opportunities

SAARTS programming information can be seen in the SA Times and on SATV. All flyers are posted on the City of South Amboy, SAPTO and South Amboy Arts Facebook Pages. At this time, we are asking for your thoughts for programming and the day(s) and best time(s) they can be offered. Please let us know if you would be interested in helping us with our programming. If you would like to help, contact us at SAarts141@google.com or call 732-727-4600 ext. 5971

Happy Holidays!

## Wreaths Across America

(Photos/Info by Rich Kosmoski)

In remembrance of fallen Veterans and to teach future generations the value of freedom, on Saturday, December 17, 2022, wreaths were laid on the graves of fallen Veterans across America. On this day, which is known as “National Wreaths Across America Day” there were over 2.4 million wreaths placed on Veterans graves throughout the country at over 1,200 locations. Locally, a “Wreaths

Across America” ceremony was held at the Sacred Heart Cemetery which was sponsored by the South Amboy/Sayreville Rotary Club in conjunction with the Sayreville American Legion Lenape Post 211 Honor Guard. In excess of 100 volunteers helped in placing these wreaths throughout the cemetery at various Veterans graves.



Wreaths are prepared to be placed on the graves of our fallen Veterans.



Father Stanley Gromadzki, Pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart” says a prayer as he prepares to place a wreath on the grave of a Veteran.

## MCUA Congratulates Retirees

(Story submitted by Allyson K. Keegan)

“The Middlesex County Utilities Authority would like to congratulate the following on their retirements: Gary Hawarden, Chester Hammel, William Light and Mark Herdman.

Hawarden began his career with MCUA in 2007 as an Operations Operator, and completed his 15.5 year career there.

Hammel joined MCUA in 2007 as an Operations Laborer, and was promoted to lead Operations Laborer in 2008.

Light started at MCUA in 2003 as an

Operator, and was promoted in 2008 to Operator A.

Herdman started at the Authority in 1988 as an Operator. He was promoted to Operator Class A in 1992, then promoted to Operator Class A in 1995. Herdman then transferred to Sayreville Pump Station in 1995, where he completed his 34 year career.

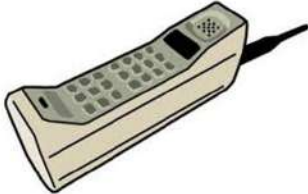
The Middlesex County Utilities Authority would like to thank these men for their hard work and dedication throughout the years of their career. Happy Retirement!”

## T.V. Trivia

Match The T.V. Show To The Picture



- A.Blossom
- b.BayWatch
- C.Frazier
- D.Home Improvement
- E.Seinfeld
- F.Friends
- G.Married With Children
- H.Full House
- I.Mad About You



Answers: 1I,2E,3F,4A,5B,6H,7D,8G,9C.



Hoffman High School Multi-Class Reunion



A fun time was had by all! Catching up with old friends was on the menu at the Hoffman High Multi-Year Reunion held at Mara's on Oct. 9th. Great food, conversations, and laughter made our memories come alive for the purple and gold. Looking forward to seeing everyone again in the fall! (Photos/Info Submitted)

South Amboy PBA Local 63 Tree Lighting

On December 1st South Amboy PBA Local 63 held the annual Memorial Line of Duty Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the corner of Main and David Streets. PBA members, fire dept. members, city officials, friends, family and supporters gathered to light the tree, adorned in blue lights and ornaments, with the names of the 206 law enforcement officers and 26 law enforcement K-9's that died in the line of duty in 2022. Several local businesses contributed to make the event special. (Photos/info submitted)



Spirit Week Banners At South Amboy Middle/High School

One of the Spirit Week events has each grade designing and making a Banner that reflects the personality of each class. This year the 8th grade and 11th Grade Banners took top honors. (Photos/Info Submitted)



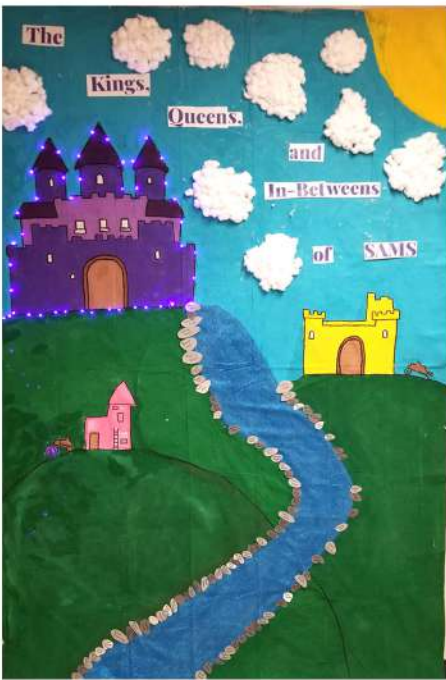
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7th Grade



8th Grade



10th Grade



11th Grade



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BURBON**



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GRIGIO**  
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