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## Local Leaders Sworn In



On January 4th the South Amboy City Council held their yearly reorganization meeting at City Hall. Many state, county, local officials were present as well. Mayor Fred Henry is sworn in by NJ Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin (l) for his fourth term as Mayor, with his wife Linda holding the Bible, and proud family members looking on. See more photos on page 20. (Photo/info by Jamie Norek)



Following the swearing ceremonies at the Sayreville Reorganization meeting Councilwoman Donna Roberts (l) and Councilman Dan Balka (r) are pictured with GOP Chair Karen Bailey Bebert (c). See more photos on page 20. (Photo by Vijay Shah @ Freelance Media)



Sayreville Fire Department members were sworn in on December 30th. Pictured l-r Anthony Mercado, 2nd Assistant Chief; Council Member Mary Novak; Matthew Johnsen, Chief; Council Member Vincent Conti. See story on page 20. (Photos/Info Submitted)



On January 1st, friends, family and fellow firefighters came to City Hall to watch as SAFD members were sworn in by Mayor Fred Henry into their respective positions. Pictured (l-r) Mayor Fred Henry, 1st Assistant Chief Tim Gay, Chief John Dragotta, and 2nd Assistant Chief Rafael Albarran. Chief John Dragotta is a member of Independence Eng. and Hose Co. Eng 7. 1st. Asst. Chief Timothy Gay is a member of Progressive Fire Co. Eng. 9 and 2nd Asst. Chief Rafael Albarran is a member of Mechanicsville Hose Co. Eng 10. (Photo/Info by Jamie Norek)



Sayreville Emergency Squad were sworn in on December 30th. Pictured l-r Dexter Thomas, President; Jesus Velez, First LT.; Council Member Mary Novak; Captain Kevin Ott; Hugo Medina, Assistant Captain; Council Member Vincent Conti. See story on page 20. (Photos/Info Submitted)



On January 9th the South Amboy First Aid Squad swore in the 2023 officers. Longest serving member James "Doc" Ryan swore in Rob Sekerak as President. President Sekerak then swore in the rest into their respective positions. Administrative Officers: Vice President Kim Seber, Secretary Taylor Salmon, Treasurer-Roxanne Keegan, Trustees- Karen Walczak, Elizabeth Leveille, James Ryan and Lee Stiener. Line Officers: Captain-Tim Walczak, Asst. Captain- Rob Sekerak, 1st Lieutenant-Kim Seber, 2nd Lieutenant-Chris Greve, Chief Driver- Mat Coyle. (Photo by Jamie Norek)

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## Congratulations

Former South Amboy resident, Katelyn C. Keegan, an alumni of The American University Graduate School in Washington, DC, graduated from the University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, MD in May 2022 with her Juris Doctor. Katelyn was admitted to practice as an attorney for the state of Maryland on November 28, 2022. She is employed by the United States Department of Defense at Fort Belvoir, Fairfax County, VA. She and her husband Kyle Harding reside in Silver Spring, MD. Congratulations Katelyn! (Photo/Info Submitted)



## Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

### Gottstine Retires

Joanne Gottstine, retired from her position as an Administrative for the Borough of Sayreville Police Dept. Joanne was a hard-working and dedicated employee for 47 years, and her last day was Dec. 30th. Congrats Joanne, and enjoy your retirement!

### Gumprecht Retires From Old Bridge PD

Former South Amboy resident, Scott Gumprecht, who was Acting Police Chief for the Old Bridge Police Dept. retired in September after serving the community for 28 years. Belated congratulations Scott, on a job very well done!

### Maxfield Assistant Chief

Leonard Maxfield, formerly of South Amboy, was sworn in as 3rd Assistant Chief of the Freehold Fire Dept. on New Year's Day. Congratulations, Len!

### Dennen Wrote New Book

Jason Dennen, son of former South Amboy resident Harold "Hal" Dennen, recently had his new book, 8 Days Till Sunrise released, and can be purchased by going to the Amazonbooks.com website. The book, a true story, is about survival, rebirth, and discovering his purpose in life.

**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.

**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 -A.G.

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**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. LE

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**Pleasant Little TRIVIA** By Tom Burkard

1. South Amboy's Municipal Judge from 1954-72?  
a. Joseph Hoffman b. John Everitt c. John Vail
2. Sayreville Borough Council President in '08?  
a. Dennis Grobelny b. Daniel Buchanan c. Paula Siarkiewicz
3. In 2008, where was Colleen's Kitchen located in South Amboy?  
a. South Broadway b. Washington Ave. c. South Pine Ave.
4. Who was the CEO of Parlin DuPont Employees FCU in '08?  
a. Christina Olender b. Stanley Bachinski c. Isaac Horowitz
5. Who was sworn in as Sayreville's Fire Chief in 2009?  
a. John Dunne b. Kevin Krushinski c. Tony Jackowski
6. South Amboy's Fire Chief in 2013?  
a. Brian Kuhn b. Brett Coyle c. Mike Geraltowski
7. Grand Marshal of South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade in '13?  
a. Ronald Rios b. James Downey c. Phil Murphy
8. In '13, where was Maureen's Candy & Cake Supplies located in Sayreville?  
a. Washington Rd. b. Main St. c. Ernston Rd.
9. South Amboy's Fire Chief in 2018?  
a. Steve Szatkowski b. John Kelly c. Mike Toth
10. President of St. Stanislaus Kostka Tuesday Seniors Club in '18?  
a. Mary Ann Szczepanik b. Judy Paczkowski c. Joan Golaszewski

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

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**Featured Business**  
**Medina Tire Service**



The Medina Family, owners of Medina Tire Service, are pictured (L to R) Amber, Frank, Minki, and Daniel (Photo submitted)

Medina Tire Service is a third generation family owned and operated business. The company's origin dates back to 1967 when Frank's father, a Cuban immigrant, opened "The House of Flats" in Newark New Jersey. Frank learned every aspect of the tire business from his father, from being a young boy pushing a broom, to a teenager changing tires and performing wheel alignments. By the time Frank was a young man and in a management position, his father had several locations in areas such as Newark, Paterson, Jersey City, and Hoboken. After being honorably discharged from the Air Force, Frank decided to break into the truck tire industry. In 1984, he opened Medina Tire Service, a mobile truck tire business. Today Medina Tire Service continues to service the trucking industry, but Frank has brought his 49 years of knowledge to a new location here in South Amboy. Frank continued with the family tradition and his son Danny, his daughters Amber and Minki, and his wife Francine all working together with one goal in mind: building a long-lasting relationship with the community. Medina Tire Service is TIA certified, and they offer all major brand tires

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World renowned actor and former Sayreville resident Greg Evigan (c) was in the area recently and visited his cousins John Harris (l) of Morgan, and Clarke Harris at the home of his late grandmother in Morgan. (Photo/info submitted)

**Squillace Selected Best Instrumentalist**

By Tom Burkard

Michael Squillace of Morgan has won his 3rd consecutive Makin' Waves Award as Best Instrumentalist. He is the only musician to win this award 3 times in succession. Michael recently performed in South Korea and Mexico, and helped educate youngsters in Mexico about music. He traveled to South Korea with Jake Tavell & Indigo Soul, and then went on a solo tour in Mexico, playing local venues in Yucatan. Michael visited and performed at School Escuela De Musica Kookix in Mexico. He said that, "This organization teaches music at schools that can't afford programs for their schools only in Mexico. I talked about how important music is, and how amazing it is to see so many young musicians passionate about the arts! I also got to give them some important music accessories."

his sister. Congratulations Michael on your prestigious honor, for being an outstanding instrumentalist, and keep spreading your love of music all over the world. (Photo credit: Evan Criscuolo)



Michael Squillace

In addition, he also raises thousands of dollars to aid cancer patients with his annual Jammin' For Jaelyn concert in memory of

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## Yearbook - St. Mary's 1973

By Tom Burkard

It was back to St. Mary's High School for one final year, as the Class of '73 kicked into gear on their first day of senior year in early Sept. 1972. Their car radios probably blasted popular tunes of the day such as "Brandy," by The Looking Glass, and "Black and White" by Three Dog Night, as they traveled to the Augusta St. learning facility. Father McConnell was Pastor, and Fr. Erickson his assistant... Sister Mary Alice Kelsey was Principal... Popular teachers were; Carol Bohinski, Richard O'Brien, Sister Mary Rose Burghardt, John Durr, Sr. Marlene Fritz, Christine Molson, Sr. Agnes Kelly, Toby Prince, Jay Ziznewski, Sr. Jerome Adler... The yearbook was dedicated to teachers Alex Kous and Michael Fabiszewski... Celine Klimowicz and Bruce Malinowski were co-Editors of The Crown... Jeff St. Amour was Student Council President... Janet Kurtz was Senior Class President... Senior homeroom Presidents were; Bella Ryan, Janet Kurtz, Linda Gordon, Jamie Hodges, Cathie Bush, Bruce Malinowski, Gail Triggs... Pam Sutliff was Editor-in-Chief of Blue ... If you were attending SMHS in '73 you'd never forget those Monday night Religion classes... The school play was "Half A Sixpence"... The annual Christmas Ball was called "Christmas Enchantment"... While on the national scene in 1973... Former President Lyndon Johnson died in Jan... Militant Indians took over Wounded Knee, S.D... Marlon Brando won an Oscar for The Godfather, but refused it... How 'bout the meat shortage, and sky-high prices for it... or the Energy Crisis with dimouts of city lights... or the gasoline shortage where motorists lined up for 60 cents a gallon

gas when they could find a station open. A beautiful time was had by all at the Prom on May 17, 1973, which was held at the swank Manor in West Orange. Students danced to the sounds of "The Experience" band... The boys basketball team finished (14-9). Co-Captains were Rich Krzyzanowski and Austin O'Malley. Cheerleaders Co-Captains were Lynn Zdanewicz and Debbie White... Several of the talented senior athletes included John Ruzsala, Jeff St. Amour, Bob Gering, Mike Grabko, and Andy Liyana... Some of the Class of '73 selected randomly include; Martin Bergin, Arthur Burke, Maureen Bulman, Frederick Chodkiewicz, Mary Beth Chodkiewicz, Lawrence Dibling, Theresa Doherty, Thomas Durski, Jean Durnye, Maryellen Dunn, Patti Jo Farrell, James Flannery, Jeanine Gundrum, Joanne Jankowski, Mary Kelly, Joan Kenny, Michael Kilcommons, Patricia Larkin, Mary Claire Lewandowski, Rory McCormack, Kathleen McMahan, Gary Malowicki, Joanne Marchuck. David Margareta, Darlene Miller, Frederick Miller, James Morrison, Lois Murasko, Christine Norek, Deidre Ostrowski, Jack Pawlowski, Juan Perez. Alyson Pratico, Kathleen Randall, Carol Ann Rice, William Ryan, Gerald Schaber, Carol Sherry, Timothy Sieber, Kenneth Stockton, Andrea Szraga, Philip Tranotti, Thomas Vanni, Deborah White, Eugene Witkowski, John Wortley... Paul McCartney & Wings topped the charts at graduation time in early June, 1973 with "My Love"... St. Mary's High School Class of '73 was a most interesting and talented bunch of young adults, who made a positive mark on society.

## SOUTH AMBOY ELEMENTARY ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT FOR TRIMESTER 1-2022/2023

### FOURTH GRADE-HIGH HONOR ROLL:

Abigail Camacho, Taran Chinglepet, Thomas Downs, Meraj Mannan, Gianna Martins, Jaxson Ortiz, and Kallista Tsoukas.

### HONOR ROLL:

James Eccles, Shaun Godfrey, Zoe Harrison-Campbell, Anthony Melia, Giovanni Mortensen, Serina Mount, Emma Portuhondo, Dante Salazar, Kyle Soper, Iva Trailovic, and Elissa Zavala Escoto.

### FIFTH GRADE-HIGH HONOR ROLL:

Ariana Aronowitz, Adam Bashir, Janallee Gomez, Jacob Romaniuk, and Emma Smith.

### HONOR ROLL:

Mickaila Belle, Ayden Brexel, Harlie-Quinn Byrd, Logan Cerria, Allison Cruz-Zuniga, Journee Freeman, Zoey Fulham, Dante Gavino-Sanchez, Olivia Hernandez, Austin Holovacko, Anthony Isakovan, Raven Jantas, Alina Joubert, Arianna Kross, Joseph Lucia, Nevaeh McLeod, Sarah Murphy, Kelly O'Neill, Esmeily Perez-Baez, Nathaniel Pitsios, Antonio Sambucci, Joniel Santos-Ruiz, Mohammed Shammaa, Brandon Tapia-Torres, and Zah'Ky Whitehead-Rudd.

## Deborah Heart And Lung Center Benefit

Calling all Big-Hearted Horror Fans! We are The Brothers Cuneo, Chris and Gregory, and we will be hosting "HORROR," a horror mini-con and charity event which will benefit Deborah Heart and Lung Center. HORROR is a second Halloween exclusively for horror fans which is celebrated in the dead of winter. The event will take place on Saturday, February 4th from 12-6 and will be held at the VFW Post 4699, 575 Jernee Mill Rd., Sayreville, NJ (across from the

Starland Ballroom). Admission is \$13 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-12 (cash only), all proceeds going directly to Deborah Heart and Lung Center. There will be bands, vendors, author signings, food, raffles and more! Please come out and support this cause because heart and lung disease is what's really scary.

Follow us on Instagram @ihearthorror24 and Facebook @IHeartHorror24. Our email is [ihh2023@yahoo.com](mailto:ihh2023@yahoo.com)

## Lenten Take Out Fish Fry

OLV Knights of Columbus and the OLV Columbiettes Lenten Take Out Fish Fry at Sayreville Knights of Columbus, 775 Washington Road, Parlin (across from the Post Office). This year's Fish Fry Dates are 2/22 (Ash Wednesday), 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, & 4/7/2023. Time: 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. More details to follow. Reminder: this is a Take Out Only dinner.



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## Hoist-A-Pint Event to Benefit the 2023 South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade

March is just around the corner and the South Amboy Parade Committee is happy to announce two upcoming fundraisers to benefit the city's 46th annual Saint Patrick's Day parade to be held on Sunday, March 19, 2023.

"Hoist-A-Pint" events will be held on Thursday, February 16th at Teddy's Bar, 379 South Pine Ave. from 7-9 pm. and again, on Thursday, March 9th at Monaghan House,

400 South Pine Ave. from 7-9 pm.

Each event includes 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. Proceeds from these events will support the efforts of the South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee and the upcoming parade on March 19, 2023.

## Trinity United Methodist Church

(Story submitted)

The Church in the Woods is busy as we come into 2023. We were busy with the holidays and working through outreach programs – Blessing Bags for the homeless, Collecting Socks for shelters, nursing homes and other facilities in need, partnering with Venetian and other nursing home/rehabs with clothing, snacks, and books, donating food to the local food pantries.

Our Sunday School is busy learning about Communion this month during their weekly class. Please join our children every Sunday at 9:30 am. We begin our church service at 9:30 and our children leave during service for their own class.

The thrift shop was closed for a month to provide a break to our workers, but we are up and ready to go now. Stop by on any Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9 am to 11 am (weather permitting) for good values and great prices. Feel free to drop off any donations to the plastic shed which is open 24/7. We appreciate all our donations and

shoppers.

On March 11 from 9-2 pm, the church will host a Spring Fling. This event will be like the Christmas Bazaar with vendors, crafts, cafeteria, tricky tray, bake sale and a special stop with the Easter Bunny and pictures. Please stop by during the day for a fun filled shopping day and encouragement of the Spring and nice weather.

We will also be bringing our Roast Pork Dinner back on April 15. We will continue to have take out only. Dinner will include Pork, Potatoes, vegetables, applesauce, and dessert and cost \$15.00. More information will be forthcoming – but will require reservations / sign ups by calling 732 763 6232.

Our church is known for being friendly and very family oriented. If you are looking for a church, please give us a chance. We are located at 815 Bordentown Ave South Amboy and if you have any questions, please call us at 732 721 3558. God Bless.

## Where Is The Snow?

By Steve Schmid

The 2022-23 winter hasn't started in South Amboy and Sayreville. No measurable snow has fallen making it one of the latest seasons to record this. The National Weather Service defines measurable snow as one tenth of one inch of snow on the ground. New Brunswick, New York City, Atlantic City, and Philadelphia also have no snow while Newark has recorded one tenth of one inch. The lack of snow has harmed local hardware stores, snow plow operators, and ski areas. Barry Muraszko of Total Hardware in Sayreville says the lack of snow has hurt business.

"There's a lull because of the lack of snow" Muraszko said he hopes for a change. "Two or three storms would help." He said they sell snow throwers, snow shovels, rock salt, de-icers, and ice scrapers and sales are well below average. He would like to see some snow in February and March. Meteorologists say for significant snow in our area, storm systems must go offshore allowing cold air from Canada to combine with Atlantic Ocean moisture and create snowfall. That hasn't happened this season.

## Polish Food Fest

(Article submitted)

The South Amboy Columbiettes are sponsoring a Polish Food Festival on February 10, 2023 at 5:30PM at the Knights of Columbus, 308 4th St, South Amboy, NJ. Cost is \$20 for Adults and \$10 for children under 12, which includes: kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato pancakes, golumpki, perogies, beet salad, dessert, coffee and tea!

Live music by the Cellar Dwellers and friends, starting at 7:00 pm, and later, Mic Nite with other special invited musicians. Cash Bar. Take out available at all dinner events! Proceed donation to The Children's Heart Association. Call Vicki 732-598-6910 for reservation.

## South Amboy Elks, Lenten Fish Fry Begins!

The South Amboy Elks will be hosting our annual Lenten Fish Fry beginning Friday February 24th and run every Friday until Good Friday. Our doors open at 5pm with service starting at 5:30. We will offer a wide amount of fresh menu items including Cod, Shrimp, Scallops, Seafood Cakes, and clams.

Your entree will include a soup or salad (will change with the week), dessert, coffee, and tea. Most menu items will be served with French Fries and coleslaw. Look for our menu posted on our Facebook page, or you can call for information 732-727-7170. We hope to see you there.

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## HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AMBOY A BLAST FROM THE PAST

By Jerry Pizzillo

In the past several weeks a dredging operation has begun at the new ferry site located down by the old coal docks. The dredging operation is to accommodate the new ferry slips and terminal for future ferry operation to New York City. As part of the dredging operation an Industrial Archaeologist has to be present to oversee the dredging operation. As we are aware, this site is in close proximity to the 1950 Power Pier Explosion which took the lives of 33 men and caused millions of dollars in damage to the City of South Amboy. On May 19, 1950, 420 tons of military explosives suddenly detonated, causing four transfer barges and several railroad cars to explode. The archaeologist's responsibility is to determine if any objects that are dredged up are of any historical significance. As of this writing there have been several items that have been dredged up. Several large pieces of torn and ripped metal have been dredged up. It has been determined that these pieces are from barges that were transporting the land mines and dynamite that were being loaded onto barges from railroad cars which were at

the Power Pier. After several Congressional and Coast Guard Hearings following the explosion, the cause of the explosion was never determined.

On December 29, 2022, President of the Historical Society, Mary Szaro along with Joe Szaro and this writer met with Lauren Cook, the Industrial Archaeologist to view the remnants of the pieces of the barges and other artifacts that were dredged up. Mr. Cook explained that after the remnants are dredged up, his job is to measure and catalog the items for a report that has to be submitted to several federal and state entities. Also what is dredged up becomes the property of the Historical Society. Upon inspection of the items found, one could imagine the force of such a blast that would cause ¼ inch steel plating to be torn and ripped apart. Some of the metal rivets that held the steel pieces together, were ripped apart from the blast. Once the pieces are released they will be placed in the historical gallery, to be displayed as part of the history of South Amboy from this devastating blast that rocked the city on May 19, 1950.



Dear Friends,  
After 32 years, I have decided to retire and sell my beloved Main Liquors Store. I want to express my sincere gratitude for the excellent support from all my customers, employees, family, and the South Amboy community members throughout the years. The success of Main Liquors is derived from many sources, and the efforts of many people over a very long time. While I will miss each one who crossed my path during my time at Main Liquors, I am looking forward to spending more time with my family and on to new adventures.  
Sincerely Yours,



**Hershey Patel**



Archaeologist Lauren Cook with Mary and Joe Szaro inspect the twisted remnants of barges from the 1950 explosion. (Photos/caption submitted)

### Sayreville Library News

Using LinkedIn to Develop and Network  
Thursday Feb 2 @6PM (In-Person)  
Tuesday, Feb 21 @6PM (Virtual)

LinkedIn is a very important tool in this day and age for job seekers. Learn about how to utilize it and make it work for you in this interactive session.

Registration Required. Register Online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.

Feb 21 is a virtual session. Registration required to get the zoom link.

Mocktails and desserts with Vanessa (Virtual)  
Thursday, Feb 9 @6PM

Join Vanessa, chef and founder of Thirsty Radish, for another fun cooking demonstration. This month: We're making non-alcoholic cocktails and fruit tarts to celebrate Valentine's Day. You won't ever need a box of chocolates again with these recipes.

This is a virtual session. Registration required to get the zoom link.

Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.

Tuesday Movie Matinee  
Tuesday, Feb 21 @1PM

Join us for our monthly movie matinee. This month: Marry Me, A romantic comedy starring Jennifer Lopez and Owen Wilson. Rated PG-13/112 mins  
Refreshments provided. Registration required. Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.

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### ELKS PEER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

During the first weekend in February, The South Amboy Municipal Alliance, and the South Amboy Elks, will be sending six South Amboy High School students to the 34th Annual Peer Leadership Conference in Long Branch.

Students will arrive on Friday morning and proceed to registration. Their next two days will include Keynote addresses, General sessions with special presenters, evening entertainment/chill time activities.

**Conference Mission Statement**

Since 1983, The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has been involved in the war on drugs. For the past 34 years the NJ Elks have sponsored a Peer Leadership Conference.

Our objectives are to increase participants' ability to make healthy decisions

for themselves and others, specifically related to drugs and alcohol, thus serving our communities.

WE provide peer leaders with specific tools and resources to implement action plans in their communities, thus creating a network with the ability to educate their groups, schools, and towns on the skills presented at the conference.

The conference gives participants knowledge and information that promotes wellness.

Over the past 10 years, The South Amboy Elks has sponsored nearly 40 students. Our students have benefited greatly from the conferences and have often said that this was "one of the best experiences of my high school days."



## February, 2023 -- Love Your Library Month

Love your library with fun and exciting programs including the Teen Book Club, Crocheting and Knitting Circle, Storytime, After School Fun Club, Teen Hangout and more!

### Need FREE help preparing your taxes?

VITA Tax United Way can prepare your taxes for individuals earning less than \$64,000. Registration is recommended. Call 732-721-6060 or email comments@dowdell.org

**The Senior Book Club** will meet on Monday, February 27 from 10:30 am – 11:30 am (snow date is Wednesday, March 1 at the same time.) Stop by the Library to pick up this month's book. Want to join? Just contact the library at 732-721-6060.

Adults! Join us for the **Crocheting and Knitting Circle** on Monday nights from 6:30-8 pm. Play BINGO on Monday, February 13 from 10:30 am-11:30 am. Small, non-monetary prizes will be awarded.

Take advantage of our **Notary Public Services** for the benefit of the residents of South Amboy. Library Notaries are available Monday through Friday from 10:00 am – 7:30 pm. To insure prompt Notary service, just call to set up an appointment. The Library can be reached by calling 732 721-6060.

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. For a complete list of the classes, please visit Dowdell.org.

Parents with toddlers! Join Ms. Maryanne for **storytime** on Monday, February 6 and Saturday, February 18 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 Nintendo Wii, Spaceman, Bingo, 3D Pens, Board Games and more! Become part of the story and adventure in the **Dungeons & Dragons Gaming Club** on Tuesday, February 7 from 3:30-4:30 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 2:30-4 pm. Are you looking to start your weekend early? Stop by the **Teen Hangout** on Fridays from 2:30-4 pm for enjoying anime, creating culinary creations and DIY press-on nails. Do you need community service hours? Join the **Teen Advisory Board (TAB)** on Friday, February 17 from 3-4 pm and bring your ideas for connecting with teens, programming, book selections, and more.

Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit [www.dowdell.org](http://www.dowdell.org), or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School.



Members of the American Legion Lenape Post 211 of Sayreville, presented the American Legion Certificate of Appreciation to Lisa Greene of the Truman School on January 11. Lisa, along with other staff members, has conducted the annual Veterans Day Service and Flag Day Service for over thirty years. The school has been a constant supporter of Veterans' Pictured from left to right: Post Commander Joel Bloom, Past Commander Rich Kosmoski, Walt Twardos, Lisa Greene, John Hopper, Past Commander Ed Streck, Frank Sullivan. (Photo/Info submitted)

## SAYREVILLE PBA LOCAL #98 Designer Bag Bingo

**WHERE:** St. Stanislaus School  
221 MacArthur Ave., Sayreville

**WHEN:** Friday, February 10, 2023  
(doors open at 5:30 PM, calling begins at 7 PM)

**COST:** \$30 per person includes 12 games of bingo (3 boards per game), coffee, tea and dessert

- The event will also feature a 50/50 and a variety of Tricky Tray raffles. Extra bingo boards can also be purchased along with daubers.
- All guests are invited to bring their own food and refreshments. For tickets please venmo @sayrevillepba98 (include number of tickets and name) or call 732-407-5344.

**\*\*You must be 18 to enter and participate\*\***

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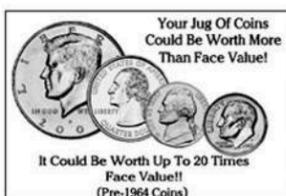
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Santa Claus dropped in from the North Pole to visit with children at the recent Brunch With Santa held recently at the South Amboy Knights Of Columbus. (Photo by Jack Mieczkowski)



Barbara Brower, formerly of South Amboy, really enjoyed her Christmas/New Year's issue of The South Amboy-Sayreville Times. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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Pictured (l-r) following the celebration of Christmas Mass at St. Mary Church is Mayor Fred Henry, Linda Henry, Bishop Checchio, Chip Rivers, Ray Downs, Gail Downs. (Photo submitted)

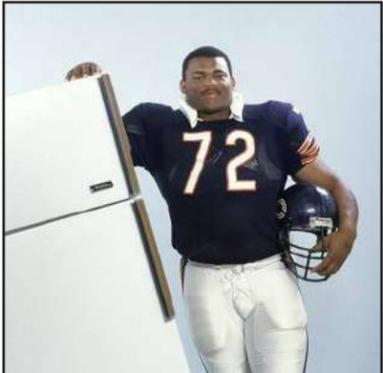


Santa Claus visits with Brendan and Ryan Izzo of Sayreville at the recent Brunch With Santa held at the South Amboy Knights Of Columbus. (Photo/info by Steve Schmid)

**Name The Athlete**

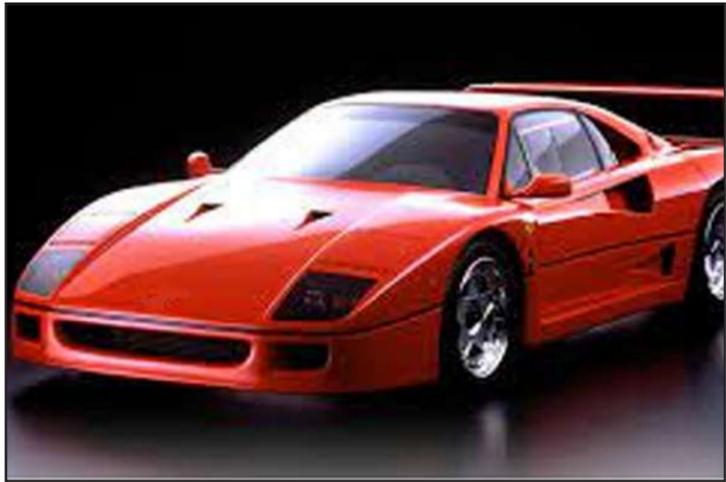
Last month the Name The Athlete was William "The Refrigerator" Perry, a former American football defensive tackle who played in the NFL for ten seasons. He was nicknamed "the Refrigerator" because of his size and remains the heaviest player to score a touchdown in the Super Bowl. He also has the largest Super Bowl ring at size 25. Perry played college football at Clemson and was selected by the Bears

int he first round of the 1985 NFL Draft. Those who correctly identified Perry were: John Gelsinon, Dennis & Kathy O'leary, John Meleski, Dennis Quinlan, Bruce Grankowski, Dennis Larsen, Dan Buchanan, JoAnn & John French, Gary Pelkey, Ken Oleskin, Walter Holt, Leon Credico, Vincent Farina, Walter Starzec Jr, Craig Yetsko, Steve Villig.




**William "The Refrigerator" Perry**

**The Vintage Car Contest**  
 By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Can you identify this car? Chances are you never saw one on the road. Hint, one sold earlier this month at an auction in Florida for \$3.1 million dollars. Send your answer to [satimes@aol.com](mailto:satimes@aol.com) by February 13th.

Last month we had a vintage Christmas ad for a 1969 Ford Motor Car. The following got it right: Bruce Grankowski, John Gelsinon, John Meleski, JoAnn & John French, Anita Quigley, Ken Oleskin, Betty Leveille, Pat Scully, Walter Starzec Jr, Pete McIntyre, Gary Feret, Steve Laskiewicz, Mark Moniello, Craig Yetsko, Steve Villig, Edna Mazur Pilch.

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# The South Amboy/Sayreville TIMES 2022 CHAMPIONS

## Monthly Contest Winners For 2022

The following people had the most correct answers for 2022, in our many monthly contests. Congratulations to all, and thank you for participating so faithfully each and every month!

### WWW.? Picture:

- 13 points: Betty Leveille  
Laurie & Gary Loftus
- 12 points: Gary Feret, Steve Laskiewicz  
Lynn Loy, Dennis Quinlan,  
Pat Scully
- 11 points: Leon Credico

### What Is It? Picture

- 12 points: Steve Laskiewicz and  
Mark Moniello
- 11 points: Gary Feret, John &  
JoAnn French, Laurie &  
Gary Loftus, Lynn Loy
- 10 points: Bruce Grankowski,  
Edna Mazur Pilch, Pat Scully

### Where In NJ?

- 12 points: Gary Feret, Betty Leveille,  
Edna Mazur Pilch, Pat Scully
- 11 points: Mark Moniello
- 9 points: Dane Colburn, John & JoAnn  
French

### What Exit?

- 12 points: Gary Feret and Pat Scully
- 11 points: Betty Leveille,  
Edna Mazur Pilch
- 10 points: John & JoAnn French

### Who Is It?:

- 8 points: Edna Mazur Pilch
- 7 points: Laurie & Gary Loftus,  
Pete McIntyre
- 6 points: Gary Feret, John & JoAnn  
French, Bruce Grankowski,  
Mark Moniello,  
Eleanore Westerholm

### Vintage Cars:

- 12 points: Gary Feret, John & JoAnn  
French, Bruce Grankowski,  
Steve Laskiewicz,  
Edna Mazur Pilch
- 11 points: Laurie & Gary Loftus,  
Pete McIntyre, Mark Moniello
- 10 points: Pat Scully



## St. Stan's School

(Photos/Info Submitted)



The 8th Graders proudly received their class rings on December 2nd during the school's First Friday Mass celebration.



Mary (Emma Guijo), Joseph (Liam Then), and the angel (Janina Bundyra) along with the members of the Chorus, reverently sang during the school's Christmas performance.



The HSA hosted a wonderful Christmas breakfast for the entire school. The Grinch decided to make an appearance while serving up some breakfast, and chaos!



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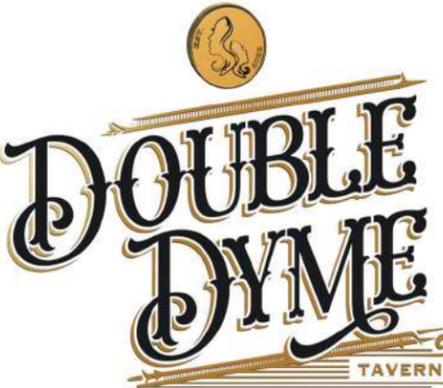
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**American Legion Fundraiser**

The members of Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy are conducting a fundraising event honoring fallen veterans, our members, families, friends and supporters. The funds raised by this program will be used to help with the building of a new post. We will be selling through a custom order a 4" x 8" or 8" x 8" brick that will allow 4 lines of engraving. Supporters can have their families names (first and last), or a comment American Legion Fundraiser (in memory of) etc. On behalf of the entire membership of Luke A. Lovely American Legion Post #62, we thank you for your support. You can order a 4" x 8" brick with up to 4 lines of engraving and up to 18 characters per line for only \$50 or an 8" x 8" for \$100. For more information contact Robert W. Moglia, 732-236-1596 or Gary Poland 732-470-7527.



**School Sports**  
(As of Jan. 7th)  
By Tom Burkard

**Boys Basketball**  
**South Amboy (3-5)** Team Leaders-Points-Jake Eberle 109, Gavin Pelkey 75, Josiah Floyd 61; Rebounds-Eberle 61, Floyd 53, Pelkey 33; Assists-Pelkey 19, Eberle 7, Floyd 6; Steals-Angel Barillas 18, Pelkey 16, Jaydius Jimenez 13; Blocks-Floyd 14, Eberle 8.  
**Sayreville (2-7)** Team Leaders-Points-Sam Jones 148, Chidi Chukwurah 76, Sam Omokeji 74, Keithan Shuler 75; Rebounds-Devon Mitchell 29, Shuler 28, Jones 21; Assists-Jones 14, Omokeji 13; Steals-Jones 8, Chukwurah 6.

**Girls Basketball**  
**South Amboy (1-6)** Team Leaders-Points-Beth Brown 45, Emma Kalantis 27, Evalise Perez 25; Rebounds-Brown 49, Kalantis 28, Olivia Gulick 26, Sarah McLaughlin 23; Assists-Jada Berry 11, Moskal 6, McLaughlin 6; Steals-Berry 17, Kalantis 13, McLaughlin 11; Blocks-Moskal 7, Gulick 7, Berry 6, Kalantis 5.  
**Sayreville (0-10)** Team Leaders-Points-Jenai Negroni 55, Ashley Ament 40, Faith Smith 31, Sophia Matula 22; Rebounds-Ament 53, Negroni 35, Smith 22; Assists-Negroni 17; Steals-Smith 19, Negroni 17; blocks-Ament 7, Negroni 3, Smith 2.

**Brown Leads South Amboy**

The Lady Guvs of South Amboy basketball team nipped Piscataway Magnet, 36-35. Beth Brown turned in a stellar performance by firing in 19 points, ripping 9 rebounds, and also had 3 steals.

**Guv Boys In A Romp**

South Amboy boys basketball squad hammered Central Jersey College Charter, 77-30. Jake Eberle paved the way with 29 points and 12 rebounds, and teammate Josiah Floyd added 17 points, 17 rebounds, and 5 assists.

**Bombers Win Consolation**

The Sayreville Bombers boys basketball contingent won the Buc Holiday Classic Consolation over Long Branch, 52-41. The winners were led by freshmen Sam Jones who pumped in 24 points and Chidi Chukwura 10.

**Locals In The Pros**

**Football**  
**Myles Hartsfield**, cornerback for the Carolina Panthers has recorded 41 solo tackles, 14 assisted tackles, and 1 forced fumble. The 3rd year pro is from Sayreville.

**Basketball**  
**Marques Townes** who attended/played his freshman and sophomore years for Cardinal McCarrick HS, then St. Joseph's, is having a great year in the Hungary A Division Basketball League in Europe. He is averaging 15.6 points per game, and 5.1 assists as a shooting guard with the Duna Aszfalt team.  
**Jehyve Floyd** is on the Galatasary team in the Turkey League also in Europe. Now in his third year as a pro, he has played in only 2 games so far and scored 5 points.

**Sayreville Stops Spotswood**

The Sayreville wrestling team (5-3) defeated Spotswood, 60-18. The following Blue & Gray winners were: 113-CJ McCrea by forfeit; 120-Brandon Snyder-pin 1:07; 126-Aiden Petras-pin 0:46; 132-Frank Galante-by forfeit; 144-Carmine Galante-pin 1:07; 150-Gabriel Folchi-pin 1:31; 157-Michael Zaunczkowski-pin 0:44; 175-Bryce Bouchard-pin 1:48; 190-Jose Perez-pin 0:36; 215-Sean Sylvester-pin 2:53; 285-Connor Walsh-pin 0:58.



**What Exit?**

This month's mystery GSP exit will take you to the January 2023 Where In NJ? We are looking for the exit heading south. Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by February 13th.

**What Exit?**

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

**December What Exit:**

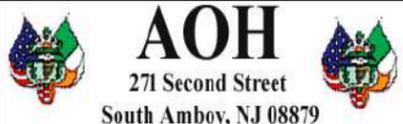
Last month we were looking for GSP exit 38. The following got it right: JoAnn & John French, Nanci Deverin, Pat Scully, Walter Starzec Jr, Pete McIntyre, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Gary Feret, Mark Moniello, Craig Yetsko, Steve Villig, Edna Mazur Pilch.



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**OLV Senior February Meeting**

The OLV Seniors will hold their February meeting on February 3rd at 12 noon in Monsignor Dalton Hall. Wear some of your favorite Valentine 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.

Corned beef sandwiches are being ordered for the March meeting. The price is \$8. If you have not signed up, please call Carmen at 732-254-9425 to place your order.

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.

**Valentine's Brunch at The Elks**  
(Press Release Submitted)

The South Amboy Elks is hosting a Valentine's Brunch on Sunday February 19th from 10am until 2pm.

Bring your sweetheart out for our Buffet Brunch featuring delicious breakfast and lunch menu items.

Included with brunch will be our popular omelet station as well as a carving station featuring different cuts of meat. The price is \$15.00 in advance and \$18.00 at the door. Children 7yrs and under are \$6.00.

Cash Bar with specials on Mimosa' and Bloody Mary's will be available after 11am. For more information see our Facebook page or call 732-727-7170. We are located at 601 Washington Ave. South Amboy, NJ.

**SMOKE COLUMN**

By Staff Writer Richard Kosmoski

There is a menace on our highways that many motorists pay little attention to. We see these vehicles everyday as they crisscross our highways, they are the gasoline tankers. These tankers are a constant sight as they travel from the refineries to your local gas stations. Most of these tankers are driven by independent drivers who are paid by the load. The more loads they make, the more money they make. Tanker drivers will speed on the highways in order to increase the amount of deliveries they can make in one night, which it-turn makes it more profitable. Does this way of thinking pose a danger to our roadways? Tanker rollovers and fires are more common than people know. There are some communities that are notorious for these types of accidents especially where there is a sharp bend or curve in the roadway. Route #9 in Old Bridge has had three gasoline tanker rollovers in one area alone. As the tanker is en route to its destination with as much as eight-thousand gallons of a product, the gasoline is "safe" if it is contained inside the aluminum tanker. It is when that tanker is damaged and the product escapes that this gasoline becomes a hazardous material. In the past few years, we have seen news reports of disastrous roadway accidents involving gasoline tankers. Some of our readers may remember the tanker rollover on Route #9 southbound in Sayreville in 2004. At approximately 3:00am, this tanker was barreling down the highway with a full load of gasoline destined for local gas stations. With a limited amount of traffic on the highway at that time of the night, the driver exceeded the posted speed limit as he rounded the bend in the roadway and his left rear wheels rubbed up against the "Jersey barrier" which caused him to veer right and rollover. The tanker rolled over 180 degrees and immediately burst into flames. The flaming gasoline poured from the ruptured tanker and rolled down the highway until it reached the storm sewers where it seeped into the pipes. Fireballs leaped from other storm sewer

basins throughout a residential area. Luckily, there were no injuries to the driver or first responders in this incident but the clean-up was a massive undertaking and the roadway had to be resurfaced. Another infamous tanker accident occurred on a roadway underneath a New York Thruway overpass. This accident left one person dead and damaged the bridge which was an essential thoroughfare causing traffic chaos from Maryland to Albany. It was estimated to take a year to build a permanent replacement bridge at an estimated price tag of over \$1 million. One of the biggest traffic tanker accidents occurred on the lower roadway approach to the Oakland Bay Bridge in Oakland CA. This area is called "The Maze" because there are so many loops and connecting ramps to the various highways and bridges in the Bay area. CHP reported that the driver was traveling too fast when his truck overturned and burst into flames. As firefighters approached the scene, they noticed that the upper connector ramp was buckling from the intense heat of the fire as well as bolts melting from the steel girders. Due to the location of this incident, which was not near any structures, it was better to let itself burn out. Massive amounts of water and foam would have been needed to suppress the fire. The amount of runoff from this foam mixture would have been detrimental to the Bay waters. Keeping this information in mind as you travel the roadways, be aware of those eight thousand gallon tankers alongside you. Remember that they need room to maneuver their tanker and they cannot stop suddenly!

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

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## Top 30 Christmas Songs

The SA Times Top 30 Most viewed Christmas songs on our Facebook page for 2022 were:

- 1-Have A Holly Jolly Christmas-Burl Ives;
- 2-The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting)-Nat King Cole;
- 3-The Greatest Gift-Andrea, Matteo & Virginia Bocelli;
- 4-Peace On Earth/Little Drummer Boy-Bing Crosby/David Bowie;
- 5-On A Snowy Christmas Night-Elvis Presley;
- 6-Merry Christmas Darling-The Carpenters;
- 7-White Christmas-Bing Crosby;
- 8-Mary Did You Know-Kenny Rogers/Wynona Judd;
- 9-Little Saint Nick-The Beach Boys;
- 10-Song For A Winter's Night-Gordon Lightfoot;
- 11-O' Christmas Tree-Tony Bennett;
- 12-Run, Rudolph Run-Lynyrd Skynyrd;
- 13-Blue Christmas-Elvis Presley;
- 14-Feliz Navidad-Jose Feliciano;
- 15-Where's

- The Line To See Jesus-Becky Kelley;
- 16-Smoky Mountain Christmas-The Cumberland Gap Band;
- 17-The Manger-Anne Wilson/Josh Turner;
- 18-I Love Christmas-Tommy James;
- 19-Wonderful Christmastime-Paul McCartney;
- 20-Baby Please Come Home-The Eagles;
- 21-Christmas In Your Arms-Felix Cavaliere;
- 22-Let It Be Christmas-Alan Jackson;
- 23-Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer-Patsy & Elmo;
- 24-Thank God For Kids-The Oak Ridge Boys;
- 25-The Twelve Days Of Christmas-Mitch Miller;
- 26-I Believe In Santa Claus-Kenny Rogers/Dolly Parton;
- 27-Happy Christmas (The War Is Over)-John Lennon;
- 28-New York City Christmas-Rob Thomas;
- 29-The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year-Andy Williams;
- 30-With Bells On-Kenny Rogers/Dolly Parton.

### #1 Pop Hits-Jan. 28

- 2003-Lose Yourself-Eminem  
 1993-I Will Always Love You -Whitney Houston  
 1983-Down Under-Men At Work  
 1973-Superstition-Stevie Wonder  
 1963-Walk Right In-The Rooftop Singers

### One Hit Wonders 50 Years Ago

1973-Oh, Babe, What Would You Say?-Hurricane Smith; Dancin' In The Moonlight-King Harvest; The Night The Lights Went Out In Georgia-Vicki Lawrence; Walk On The Wild Side-Lou Reed; Daisy A Day-Jud Strunk; Wildflower-Skylark; Hocus Pocus-Focus; Playground In My Mind-Clint Holmes; Right Place, Wrong Time-Dr. John; Brother Louie-The Stories; My Maria-B.W. Stevenson.

### Top 25 Song Shootout

The Top 25, most viewed songs for December on our Facebook page were as follows:

- 1-Let's Dance-Chris Montez;
- 2-California Dreamin'-The Mamas & Papas;
- 3-You've Made Me So Very Happy-Blood, Sweat & Tears;
- 4-Closer To Home (I'm Your Captain)-Grand Funk Railroad;
- 5-Little Deuce Coupe-The Beach Boys;
- 6-Same Old Lang Syne-Daniel Fogelberg;
- 7-Brand New Key-Melanie;
- 8-Tired Of Waiting-The Kinks;
- 9-Baby Don't Get Hooked On Me-Mac Davis;
- 10-Doctor My Eyes-Jackson Browne;
- 11-Our House-

### Australian Singer/Songwriter To Visit SA Arts

(Story submitted)

South Amboy Arts Alliance welcomes Lisa Richards and Craig Shorie to its Acoustic Friday showcase on Friday, February 17, 2023.

Lisa Richards is an Australia-based singer-songwriter with a percussive guitar style and vocals described as "both ferocious and sweet." Lisa's songwriting draws from folk, blues and jazz traditions with songs contemplating themes such as longing, loss and hope.

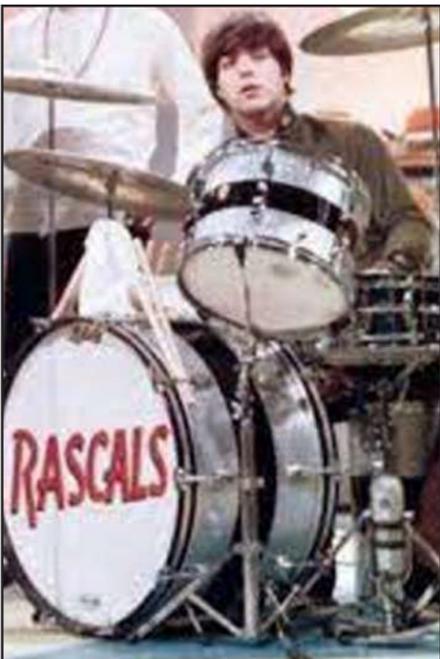
Craig Shorie originally trained as a classical pianist and has been lead guitarist for the Rounders and backup to the Holy Model

Rounders. He will perform solo at the gallery with songs from his wide-ranging repertoire.

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.

Dino Danelli, regarded by many as the greatest Rock 'N' Roll drummer of all-time died on December 15th. He was 78 years old, and rose to fame with The Young Rascals, who later became The Rascals, a popular band in the 1960's that turned out 3 number 1 hit records: "Good Lovin'," "Groovin'," and "People Got To Be Free." Dino last played in South Amboy at the Centro Night Club on May 10, 2008.



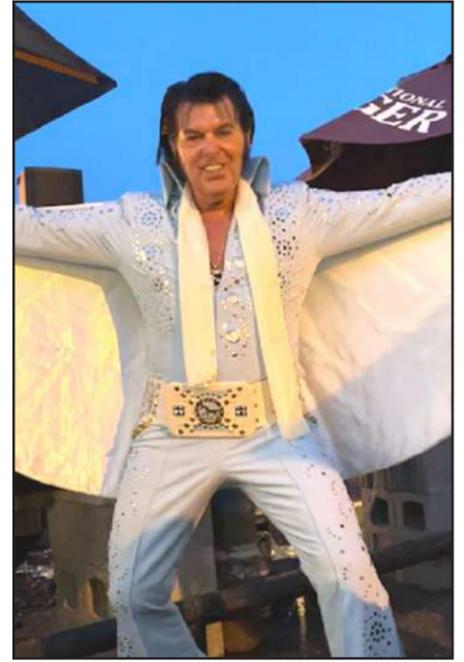
The Young Rascals

### Richie Santa

(Photo by Debbie Carling)

Richie Santa of Sayreville, one of the top Elvis Tribute Artists (ETA) in the U.S.A. will be appearing at Garvey's Pub, 405 Spotswood-Gravel Hill Rd., Monroe on Saturday, Jan. 28th at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 p/p. Call for reservations at 732-521-3311. Tickets are selling fast. Come for dinner and drinks or just drinks.

Last summer, Richie was asked to fill in for the world-renowned group The Lettermen at the PNC Bank Center, which is one of the most popular venues for the biggest acts in the world. As always, he rose to the occasion and gave an outstanding performance for the crowd of 5,000, and following the final song, he received a well-deserved standing ovation. Richie has entertained sold-out crowds on several occasions at the Brick House Bar & Grill in Sayreville over the last few years, and many other places. This is a must see performance by a top-notch entertainer, so make your reservations now!



### MUSIC TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

### Days Of The Week

1. Monday Monday SUNDAY
2. Ruby Tuesday MONDAY
3. Friday On My Mind TUESDAY
4. Saturday Night WEDNESDAY
5. Saturday In The Park
6. Sunday Will Never Be The Same
7. Come Monday
8. Thursday THURSDAY
9. Tuesday Afternoon
10. Wednesday Morning, 3 A.M.
11. Rainy Days & Mondays FRIDAY
12. Pleasant Valley Sunday SATURDAY
13. I Met Him On A Sunday
14. Another Saturday Night
15. Manic Monday

- a. The Shirelles
- b. Simon & Garfunkel
- c. Chicago
- d. The Moody Blues
- e. The Carpenters
- f. The Rolling Stones
- g. The Monkees
- h. The Mamas & Papas
- i. Cat Stevens
- j. Bay City Rollers
- k. The Bangles
- l. Jimmy Buffett
- m. Spanky/Our Gang
- n. The Pet Shop Boys
- o. The Easybeats

Answers

1h 2f 3o 4j 5c 6m 7l 8n 9d 10b 11e 12g 13a 14i 15k.

### Who is it?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

Last month's mystery person was child star Macaulay Culkin of Home Alone fame. The following knew him: Cathy & John Bartlinski, John Gelsinon, Dennis & Kathy O'leary, John Meleski, Bruce Grankowski, JoAnn & John French, Gary Pelkey, Ken Oleskin, Nanci Deverin, Ed Rappleyea, Betty Leveille, Pat Scully, Katelyn C. Keegan, Esq., Walter Starzec Jr, Pete McIntyre, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Gary Feret, Steve Laskiewicz, Ed Bender, Mark Moniello, Steve Villig, Edna Mazur Pilch.



Can you identify this famous performer? On his TV show he liked to thank his brother George. Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by February 13th.

December Who is it?  
Macaulay Culkin.



On behalf of the Friends of South Amboy we would like to thank everyone who came out and supported our charity games on December 17. With your support we are able to assist city residents in need. A special thank you goes out to all the sponsors, participating teams and the South Amboy Board of Education.

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# The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

## From The Sports Archives



1976-77 St. Mary's talented girls basketball team standing, (l-r) Coach Steve Nestinger, Denise Loughlin, Diane Klein, Ann Noble, Grace Bentivenga, Donna Brunialti (stats) Kneeling, (l-r), Sue Klein, Jane DiCosimo, Barbara Turso, Co-Capt.; Kathy Redling, Co-Capt. (1,000 point scorer), Sue Wilson (1,000 point scorer), Lisa Kubisiak.

### T.H.E. Game

**Year-1961 Sport-Basketball Teams-St. Mary's (1-11) vs. Hoffman (2-9) Game #2 of the City Series.** St. Mary's won the first, 41-36, and needed to take this one to capture the city crown and bragging rights.

**Recap-**The Governors of Hoffman jumped out to a 10-7 lead after one quarter, but the Saints came back and won this close contest by a 48-38 margin. The Eagles were led by Jim Heffernan with 16 points, followed by Tom Fitzmorris 9, and Jack Kreiger 7. Gene Lopez copped game scoring laurels by tossing in half of the Hoffman points with 19. Bob Poetsch added 9 and Carl Wernett 7 for Coach Jim Croddick's charges.

**Co-Players-of-the-Game-**Jim Heffernan-St. Mary's; Gene Lopez-Hoffman.

The victory gave the Eagles a sweep of the City Series, and following the game, the South Amboy Citizen Sports Editor, Ron Kukulski presented the Citizen City Series championship to St. Mary's co-captains Jim Heffernan and Joe Jankowski, while Father James Russell, Hoffman's coach Jim Croddick, and St. Mary's coach Luke Lenahan looked on.

**The scoring:**

**St. Mary's 48**  
Heffernan 16 Fitzmorris 9 Kreiger 7 Bob Suminski 6 Joe Jankowski 4 Halleran 2 Tibbitt 2 Derent 2. Frank Kennedy also saw action.  
**Hoffman 38**

Lopez 19 Poetsch 9 Wernett 7 Manny Formoso 2 Jerry Drill 1. John Lange and Pete Inman also saw action in the contest.

### Fulham Selected Coach Of The Year

Edison HS football coach Matt Fulham was recently selected as the MyCentralJersey.com/USA Today Network Big Central Conference Football Coach of the Year for his outstanding coaching performance. Fulham, who is a 1988 Sayreville War Memorial HS graduate, took the Edison Eagles helm as head coach in 2005, when the team was in a 31-game losing streak. The young coach, who was motivated in his new role to see the team improve, helped them slowly, but surely turning things around, and getting better.

The 2022 version of the football team captured the Central Jersey Group 5 championship, marking the school's first sectional title since 1991, and third in history, as they also won back in '76. The champions had a tough road to haul, as early season injuries, coupled with some losses made it a real challenge to bounce back as the season wore on. The Eagles (9-4), who were seeded #6, triumphed in 3 away games to bring home the crown.

### Remembering Pat Mullane

Patrick "Pat" Mullane, 81, formerly of South Amboy died on Dec. 12. While attending St. Mary's HS in the late '50's, he was very consistent, and one of the Eagles best baseball and basketball players. Pat was recently selected to The SA Times Top 20 Baseball, and also Top 20 Basketball players of the 1950's decade for his school. God Bless Pat.

### 50 Years Ago

1973-Sayreville superstar Steve Makwinski scored his 1,000th point with 1:47 remaining in the first quarter on a jump shot, as the Bombers beat New Brunswick, 69-64. Makwinski led the scoring with 29 points, and was followed by Ray Borup 12, and Wayne Kreiger 10 points.

### 55 Years Ago

1968-Remember the talented Sacred Heart CYO high school basketball team. Gene Cross was selected MVP of the squad that consisted of Dan Weinman, Bob Duffy, Gil Stankiewicz, Paul Mauro, Rich Tanchyk, Tony Mauro, Allen Chodkiewicz, and Bob Norman. \*Does anyone have a team picture? Please let us know.

### Back In Those College Days

Matt Fulham (Sayreville) was a tight end on the Juniata College football team.



The squad's starting quarterback Matt Yascko Jr. missed 2 games with a broken nose, and the Eagles had a (2-2) mark early on. They then went on to win 4 of its last 5 games, and copped a playoff spot. In one of those 4 victories, they were tied at 14-all at halftime and battled back for a 42-21 romp. Against St. Joseph's, they trailed 17-14 at the break, and came out to blast them by a 42-23 count.

In the CJ Group 5 semifinals versus #2 seed, North Brunswick, Edison trailed, 31-17 with only 3:52 left in the contest. Once again the inspired Eagles under Coach Fulham scored 2 touchdowns and a field goal with 0:04 remaining to take a 33-31 victory. The fired-up Edison contingent blasted #1 seed, Lenape, 28-14 to capture the sectional title.

Congratulations to Coach Matt Fulham and the Edison Eagles on your outstanding championship run in 2022! Fulham is another fine example of a local boy, who went on in his career and is a huge success.

## Glory Days In Local Sports

1958-Rutgers Prep ruined the season opener for St. Mary's boys basketball team by downing the Eagles, 74-65. Pat Mullane led the Blue & Gold with 18 points, followed by Tom "Tex" Leonard 14 and Tim Gelson 10...1965-Sayreville boys basketball team set a new single game scoring record by blasting East Brunswick, 102-52. Jeff Osowski paved the way with 31 points...1972-Hoffman destroyed Cedar Ridge, 108-67 in hoops action. Jim Keegan topped the scoring attack with 25 points and added 17 rebounds. Bob "Ozzie" Levins tossed in 21 points and had 16 rebounds, Ron Croddick 18 points and 6 steals, while Gary Lange swished in 17 points...1988-Janine Barella fired in a pressure-packed 3-pointer at the buzzer to give St. Mary's girls a thrilling 63-62 semifinal win over Metuchen in the GMCT...1993-Carriann Eberhardt of

Sayreville won her 2nd consecutive GMC Diving title. She was Sayreville's only diver in the event...

2000-Ed Behnen of South Amboy became South Amboy/Hoffman HS All-Time scoring king by pouring in 40 points as the Guvs bowed to East Brunswick Tech, 71-60. Behnen broke the record of 1,630 points, which was held for 32 years by Hoffman legend Curt Wood...2012-Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's boys basketball team topped South Amboy 54-51 in the Hurricane Relief Benefit Game which was played for the families in need following the devastation of Superstorm Sandy. The Eagles were paced by Sky Harris with 14 points and Michael Vick 11. The Guvs top scorer was Steve Herdman 14 points, Nick Kales 13, and Joe Fruncillo 12.

## City Series Thru The Years

### Boys Basketball 15 Years Ago

2008-In the GMCT quarterfinals, powerful #1 seeded Cardinal McCarrick (20-4 had a tough time with #8 seeded South Amboy (15-5), which was the first meeting of the South Amboy schools in 3 years. After a 15-15 standoff in the first quarter, the Eagles led 41-39 at halftime. With 4:10 left in the third quarter, and Cardinal McCarrick leading, 48-45, they broke loose for a 13-2 scoring run, as Mike Burwell pumped in 11, and the lead zoomed to 61-47 after three. The Blue & Gold outscored the Guvs, 19-10 in the last stanza to come out with a 82-61 victory. Burwell took game scoring honors with 25 points and had 9 rebounds. Other Eagles in double figures were Julio Rosario 24, Sean Williams 13, Branten Widgeon 11 points and 8 rebounds. Mark Simko topped the Purple & Gold with 17 points, and was followed by soph sensation Joe Charmello 16, and Larry Lenahan 15 points and 8 rebounds...

### 25 Years Ago

1998-In Game #2 of City Series action, St. Mary's overcame a 27-23 South Amboy lead at halftime, to defeat their crosstown rivals, 51-47. Eddie McCabe paced the Saints, with 13 points, 5 coming in the 4th quarter, when the Eagles outscored the Governors, 14-3. Tom Rizzo pumped in 12 for the winners, while Ed Behnen took game scoring laurels with 19 points for South Amboy...The Augusta Street boys blasted the Guvs, 69-45 in their previous Game #1 battle.

### 50 Years Ago

1973-Local fans were in for a surprise, as they expected a lopsided victory for St. Mary's (5-6) over the winless and inexperienced Hoffman contingent (0-11). The Governors gave the Eagles a battle throughout the contest, but bowed by a 67-55 count. The hustling Hoffman boys despite a

great height disadvantage, trailed by only 5 at the half, 29-24. John Szatkowski popped in 6 of Hoffman's 12 points in the second quarter, while Rich Krzyzanowski accounted for 10 of the Saints 16 in the same stanza. Austin O'Malley fired in 8 points in the 3rd quarter, as the Eagles upped their spread to 49-39. The final score read: St. Mary's 67 Hoffman 55. Joe "Moose" McCarthy connected on an unbelievable mid-court shot as the final buzzer sounded.

Austin O'Malley copped game scoring honors with 24 points, and teammate Rich Krzyzanowski threw in 21. Joe Kolakowski ripped 14 rebounds, and Jeff Sprague dished out 11 assists for the Eagles. John Szatkowski and Henry "Hank" Wortley scored 14 points apiece for the Guvs...

### 75 Years Ago

1948-In Game #1 of the City Series, Hoffman upset the Eagles of St. Mary's (6-0), 41-39 before an SRO crowd at the Hoffman HS gym. The Saints held a short-lived 12-9 first quarter lead, but Hoffman bounced back and went ahead, 23-17 at intermission. The Eagles cut it to 30-28 after 3, but could not overtake the upset-minded Governors. Leading the scoring parade for Hoffman was Ray Wisniewski with 14 points, Jimmy Burkard 12, and John "Skeets" Skarzynski 10. Ray Stockton topped the Blue & Gold with 9 points, and Johnny O'Brien chipped in with 8...

### 95 Years Ago

1928-In Game #2, South Amboy knocked St. Mary's from the ranks of the unbeaten, by snapping their 17-game winning streak, and defeating their hometown rivals, 27-23. South Amboy's Ansel Morris topped all scorers with 13 points. Stan "Sweets" Jankowski and Johnny Grimes were the Eagles leading scorers with 8 points apiece.

## City Series Thru The Years

### Girls Basketball 20 Years Ago

2003-Cardinal McCarrick (17-2) fired in the first 18 points of the game in route to a lopsided 62-19 triumph over South Amboy (9-7). Erin Kilduff of the Lady Eagles pumped in a game high of 19 points, which included 6 3-point field goals. Meghan Langan scored 12 points, grabbed 13 rebounds, and blocked 6 shots, while Alicia Dombrowski tossed in 12 points for the Blue & Gold. Kiersten McCarthy, who entered the game needing 17 points to crack the 1,000 point mark for her career, was held to 8 points by the stingy McCarrick defense.

### 25 Years Ago

1998-St. Mary's easily trounced South Amboy, 71-34 behind Laurie Ust and Courtney Kowal, who tossed in 11 points apiece. Kim Peterson of the Lady Guvs copped game scoring laurels with 16 points.

### 45 Years Ago

1978-The Lady Eagles overcame a close 22-21 Hoffman lead at halftime, to defeat them, 52-33. Kathy Redling burned the nets for 30 points, and teammate Ann Noble notched 10. The Lady Guvs were paced by Jamie White with 14 points and Jo Ann Cadigan who added 10.

### Rangers Devils March 30

For all of you hockey fans, Saint Mary Church and the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are co-sponsoring an outing Thursday March 30 as the much improved New Jersey Devils host their cross river rival New York Rangers in a game that could have huge playoff implications. Pick drop is 7 PM. Cost of \$115 includes game ticket and \$20 voucher for food and beverages. Tickets limited due to demand. For reservations call Chris at 732-735-1737 or Steve at 732-727-1707.

## Locals Who Played Or Coached At Different High Schools

Reggie Carney (Sayreville) coached at East Brunswick HS; Fred Henry (St. Mary's) coached at South Amboy HS; Joe Lewis (Hoffman) coached at St. Mary's/Cardinal McCarrick HS; Bob Beers (Sayreville) coached at Roxbury HS; Greg Marshall (South Amboy) ran cross country at Bishop Ahr;





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## The Spinal Column

By **Dr. John Misiewicz**

### Cold Weather Exercise

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There are special considerations to remember for cold-weather exercise:

Athletes may not be aware of the loss of fluids in cold weather, but the loss is real and potentially dangerous. Athletes have similar hydration needs year round, but many of them simply don't drink enough fluids during the winter months. Sports nutrition experts advise athletes to drink about one quart of non-caffeinated fluids for every 1,000 calories expended each day. "Drink two cups of fluid two hours before exercise and at least 4-6 ounces of fluid every 15-20 minutes during exercise."

Don't overdose. Exercise raises body temperatures significantly and even a moderate workout can make you feel as if it's 30 degrees warmer. The answer to this is wearing several layers of loose-fitting thin layers of clothes.

The first layer should be thermal underwear made of a fabric that draws perspiration away from your body. That layer should not be cotton, as cotton holds moisture next to your skin and makes you feel cold and clammy.

Your middle layer should be a synthetic turtleneck and wool swather. Sweat pants or Lycra tights worn over thermals will help keep your legs warm. If precipitation is evident, your outer jacket should be waterproof, wind-resistant, yet breathable. Or for a short workout in dry weather, just an ordinary windbreaker would be suitable.

Zippers make clothes more adaptable for controlling the amount of air you let in or for removing quickly. Mittens are warmer than gloves. Fingers resting against each other stay warmer than fingers separated by the added air surface between the fingers of gloves.

Headgear is important since you lose so much heat through your head. Be sure to wear good running shoes, with enough support and cushion.

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## 60 Years Ago Hoffman Boys Won State Title



1963-One of the greatest basketball team in Hoffman/South Amboy history, the Group I State Champions are (l-r) Chet Meinzer, Mike "Woody" McCarthy, Dennis Wood, Jim Odom, Ken Wahler, Coach Jim Croddick, John Lange, Jerry Drill, Manny Formoso, Ted Reick, Paul Nagy.

## 60 Years Ago Hoffman Ruled Group I Basketball

By Tom Burkard

March 23, 1963 is one of the most memorable in South Amboy sports history. Under the leadership of Coach Jim Croddick, the Hoffman High School boys basketball team invaded Atlantic City's Convention Hall in quest of the N.J.S.I.A.A. Group I state championship. The Guvs (14-7) were considered the Cinderella team in the tourney, and were huge underdogs against the highly-explosive Wood Ridge (20-2) team. The Purple and Gold battled its way to the title showdown by trouncing Henry Hudson Regional 70-48, and Wildwood, 80-64 in the semifinals. The Guvs' starting five was composed of local basketball legends, John Lange, Ken Wahler, Manny Formoso, Jerry Drill and Dennis Wood. The ready reserves were Mike "Woody" McCarthy, Chet Meinzer, Ted Reick, Jim Odom and Paul Nagy.

There were 5,000 spectators who witnessed the title showdown, which was a see-saw contest, as the lead changed hands numerous times. With only 0:02 seconds showing on the scoreboard, and the Guvs trailing 56-54, Wahler saved the game by firing in a beautiful, clutch 10-foot jumper from the side, to send the contest into overtime. In the extra session, Lange came through by scoring four of Hoffman's seven points, as the hometown kids outscored Wood Ridge, 7-4 to capture the Group I State Championship, 63-60. The victory marked Hoffman's first state basketball title in 23 years. Lange burned the nets for 26 points and Wahler added 16 to lead the champions. Immediately following the game, the players praised Coach Jim Croddick. Lange said that, "Mr. Croddick is the nicest guy in the world. He taught us all we know about basketball. If it wasn't for him, we wouldn't be here right now with the trophy." Jerry Drill said that, "It's all the coach. He was the one that told us how to win. We just played the game." The '63 state champs were superheroes around South Amboy. They were honored by various organizations with banquets and dinners, but most memorable to me as a 12-year old fan in awe of these superstars was the huge parade, which lasted over an hour. Coaches, players, and cheerleaders were driven around the city in 10 convertibles, while spectators cheered "our boys" wildly. The legendary Cloverleaf String Band provided musical entertainment for locals who lined the streets. The cheerleaders,

whose spirit and encouragement inspired the players throughout the season were captain Cynthia Kurtz, Sandra McCook, Ann Marie Stankowitz, Ruth Rittenhouse, Elaine Read, Margaret Smith, Kathleen Tarallo, and Joyce Letts. Dora Vogel was the cheerleaders' coach. The champions received many individual honors and awards following the season. Lange-1st Team All-County, 1st Team All-State Group I; Formoso-2nd Team All-County; Wahler-3rd Team All-County, 3rd Team All-State Group I; Wood-Honorable Mention All-County, Honorable Mention All-State Group I; Drill-Honorable Mention All-County, Honorable Mention All-State Group I.

A few members of the '63 champions commented on their big moment in South Amboy sports history:

Jerry Drill "Kenny Wahler put in the biggest shot in the history of South Amboy basketball to tie the game and send it into overtime. John Lange also had a huge game for us."

Ken Wahler "A lot of people give me all the credit for making the shot to send the game into overtime, but when we went into the huddle, there was no set play. It was going to whoever got open, and I happened to be open."

John Lange "I'll always remember the unity and togetherness. We were really a team! The most important thing was winning. It was started by Coach Croddick. He gave us our attitude. We were all good friends off the court as well. We didn't have a lot of depth on the team. Our team played sick or hurt for three-quarters of the year. I had bronchitis. Kenny Wahler was the only one that was healthy all year."

I'll always remember listening intently to WCTC radio in our kitchen, and rooting for Hoffman in that championship game. I also remember hearing a very jubilant Coach Croddick being interviewed after the victory. This Hoffman team was a group of great guys, not only players, but they were also fine young men, who gave us pre-teens in South Amboy someone to look up to, and try to emulate, and possibly become champions someday, just like Coach Croddick's championship contingent. That one magical night in March 1963 will live on in history as one of South Amboy's greatest and proudest moments in sports.

## 35 Years Ago: St. Mary's Wins CYO Title

1988-St. Mary's won the championship of the Middlesex County CYO 7th and 8th Grade Basketball League by defeating St. Stanislaus of Sayreville. The Saints, who played without starting forward Corey DeBlis, who was out with a knee injury, were paced by Leo Cannon with 16 points, Chris Bratus 12, Tom Kelly 7, Joe Reilly 6, and Al D'Agostino 5 points. Reserves Brian Noble and Matt Cannon turned in solid performances for the champs. The victory was the third title the talented basketballers captured during the

season, and they finished with an outstanding record of (31-2). The League consisted of 10 teams: St. Mary's, South Amboy; Immaculate Conception, Spotswood; Our Lady of Victories, Sayreville; St. Stanislaus, Sayreville; St. James, Woodbridge; Holy Family, Carteret; St. Joseph, Carteret; St. Cecilia, Iselin; St. John Vianney, Colonia; Sacred Heart, South Amboy.

*\*Unfortunately, the final score of this classic contest was unavailable.*

## Where in NJ?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Look familiar? A small NJ Diner that sits close to a Marina. Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by February 13th.



Last month's Where In NJ. Took us to the Boardwalk on Atlantic City, it's a statue of Miss America and her crown. The following knew where it was: Cathy & John Bartlinski, John Gelsinon, Leon Credico, Marlene Letwenski, Bruce Grankowski, Eleanore Westerholm,

Debra A Wrzesniewsky, JoAnn & John French, Vincent Farina, Nanci Deverin, Ed Rappleyea, Betty Leveille, Pat Scully, Walter Starzec Jr, Pete McIntyre, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Gary Feret, Mark Moniello, Craig Yetsko, Steve Villig, Edna Mazur Pilch.

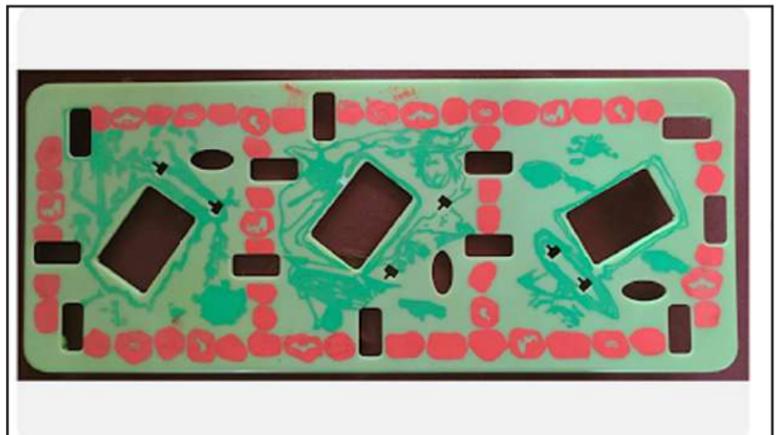
### December Where in NJ?



Miss America Statue and her crown, Atlantic City Boardwalk

## WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



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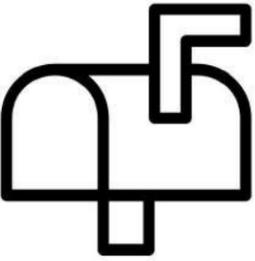
### December What Is It?



Cabbage Patch Kid

Last month in our Christmas issue we had one of the most popular if not almost impossible toys to get in 1983. It was a Cabbage Patch Kid. A doll that came complete with a birth certificate! The following got it right:

Cathy & John Bartlinski, John Gelsinon, Alice Walsh, Leon Credico, Marlene Letwenski, Patti Tengelic, Lisa Berecsky, Joe Tortora, JoAnn & John French, Anita Quigley, Joan Fulham, Vincent Farina, Nanci Deverin, Ed Rappleyea, Betty Leveille, Pat Scully, Walter Starzec Jr, Lynn Loy, Pete McIntyre, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Gary Feret, Steve Laskiewicz, Ed Bender, Craig Yetsko, Mark Moniello, Steve Villig, Edna Mazur Pilch.



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# Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



**Salt Water**  
 It's the Weeblemeister wishing all a great fishing year for 2023. Striped Bass fishing in the Bay is now closed until March 1st. It slowed up in mid-November and last year's hot spot in Perth Amboy near the Victory Bridge wasn't so good this time. I didn't see much happening the times I checked it. It's legal to fish for Stripers in the Ocean. Sand eels are bringing in the Bass to feed at Deal and Seaside Park. There were Winter Flounder caught at Shark River, but that too is now closed until March 1st. Party and charter boats fishing for Blackfish is fair. They are still catching them but there are fewer and fewer of them. Special offshore trips for Sea Bass are very good. Most anglers are catching their limit of 15 fish along with Ling, Porgies, a few Pollock and even Weakfish. A large 18 pound Blackfish was caught from a private charter out of Barnegat Inlet.

**Fresh Water**  
 It's the worst of both worlds at this time. The warm weather was good for Trout fishing, but the severe cold weather put a stop to it. Ice began to form in most upstate lakes but not solid enough to be safe. Two older men lost their lives at Split Rock Reservoir when they both tragically fell through the ice. Divers had to retrieve their bodies. Ice must be at least 6 inches or more to be safe. Right now, it is not safe. Please be sure ice is tested for its thickness before venturing out!

# Look Happy

By Albert Gomolka Jr.  
 SA Times Poet Laureate  
 c.2013

Feel happy  
 -look happy  
 When the husband looks happy  
 The wife is good  
 When the wife looks happy  
 The children are good  
 When the children look happy  
 The family is good  
 When the family looks happy  
 God is happy!

# OLV St. Patrick's Day Trip

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Ligreci's for a St. Patrick's Day celebration. The price of the trip is \$115 which includes a meal, entertainment, bus transportation, bus driver's gratuity, and snacks. For further information or to sign up for the trip, please contact Carmen at 732-254-9425.



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### 95 Years Ago



1928-29 South Amboy HS varsity basketball team pictured (l-r) Malcolm Kirk, Mgr., Eugene Dobrzynski, Norman Fox, Milt Newmark, Manvel Applegate, Angelo Nicorvo, Andrew Peterson, William Kurtz, Fred Reese, Ansel Morriss, Capt. (Photo/Names courtesy of Bill Kurtz)

### WWW.?



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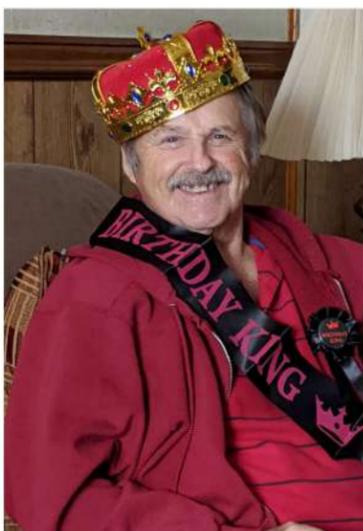
Last month's answer was Bear's Hot Dogs, located on Bordentown Ave., in Sayreville. The following got it right: Cathy & John Bartlinski, Michael Greenhaus, Dennis & Kathy O'Leary, Joan Gorczyca, John Meleski, Bruce Grankowski, Patti Tengelic, Leon Credico, Dennis Quinlan, Eleanore Westerholm, JoAnn & John French, Joan Fulham, Vincent Farina, Nanci Deverin, Don Zrebiec, Ed Rappleyea, Betty Leveille, Pat Scully, Walter Starzec Jr, Lynn Loy, Pete McIntyre, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Gary Feret, Steve Laskiewicz, Mary Agnes Morris, Ed Bender, Barb Bockus, Lisa Grankowski, Sonia Iglesias, Mark Moniello, Craig Yetsko, Steve Villig, Edna Mazur Pilch.

December WWW.?



Bear's Hot Dogs

### In Remembrance



John H. Marcinczyk Jr.

John H. Marcinczyk Jr. who departed this life January 9, 2022 Those special memories of you will always bring a smile if only I could have you back for just a little while. Then we could sit & talk again just like we used to do. You always meant so very much & always will too. The fact that you're no longer here will always cause me pain but you're forever in my heart until we meet again.

Love,  
Sharon, Tammy, Josie,  
Holly & all your grandchildren

### Raymond J Nebus



Ray Nebus, 68, of Seaside Heights NJ, passed away peacefully at home on December 12, 2022 after a yearlong battle with cancer. Born in South Amboy, he lived in South Amboy and Sayreville before heading to the Shore full time. He coached Little League Baseball, co-chaired Sayreville Football Boosters Club, and was President of Middlesex County Babe Ruth Baseball. Ray also played basketball, volleyball, softball and bowling. Ray loved camping, especially in large groups. He could always be found fishing, crabbing and clamming on his boat in the Barnegat Bay or driving his truck on the beach at Island Beach Park.

In 2003, Ray and his wife Penny relocated to Seaside Heights permanently, Ray Nebus General Contracting was instrumental in the rebuilding of Seaside after Superstorm Sandy, volunteering for many residents and lifting and restoring multiple homes along with his son and partner, Matt Rathbun.

Well known in the fishing community, Ray was a fixture at the Casino Fishing Pier where he mentored many young fisherman. He was a respected member of the Berkeley Striper Club, receiving the Bill Scalerati Award. This was given annually to the member that exemplifies Bill's high standards of sportsmanship and dedication. He was instrumental in developing "Kids Day At The Dock" with his good friend Tommy Cortese, owner of Dock Outfitters. This past summer, the annual event was renamed in honor of Ray's dedication to the youth in the community. Ray was also a very active member of the Property Owners



Association of Seaside Heights. He was always ready and willing to do whatever was needed for the betterment of his town.

Ray was known for his quick witted, sometimes alternative way of thinking, just ask his good friends Kenny Roberts, Phil Dudak and Frank Zappella.

But mostly Ray was a family man. His children and grandchildren could do no wrong in his eyes. He always supported them. His grandsons were his pride and joy. 14 year old

Brian was the Captain of the boat. 10 year old John made his grandpa wear nail polish on his toes because he thought it was funny and Ray would always oblige. 7 year old Henry will miss the conversations and jokes he shared with his grandpa. We all will. Ray was one of a kind.

Ray's legacy will live on through his family and friends. He was a presence in a room, no doubt the moment he entered. His stature was large and so was his personality. His stories, some candid and some not so candid will live on forever in our hearts and minds.

Ray is predeceased by his mother Anne Marie (Chickie) Nebus and his father Raymond Nebus Sr. He is survived by his wife Penny (Patricia) Nebus, his daughter Megan Gertler (Joel), his son Brian Rathbun (Stacey), his son Matt Rathbun (Rebecca), brothers Bob (Renata), Frank (Kerry), sisters Mary Lou Flannery-Inzalaco (Dan) and Anne Bloodgood and many nieces and nephews.

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### In Memory Of Bill McKeon



We would like to send our deepest, heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the family of our wonderful friend/contributing writer, William "Bill" "Biff" McKeon, who passed away on January 13, 2023. Bill led a most interesting/diversified life, with his main/special interests and love being his family, baseball, and teaching/education. He will never be forgotten for his great stories and memories that he shared with our SA Times readers through the years. "Biff" will always be remembered by everyone. Thank you "Biff" and God bless you.

Sincerely,  
Tom Burkard  
Brian Stratton  
The SA Times Staff

### 1st Anniversary in Heaven



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Do not stand at my grave and weep  
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I am the sunlight on ripened grain.  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you awaken in the morning's hush  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
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**Whatever Happened To Yesterday?**  
By Robert W. Eginton

As I age,  
may I get there gracefully,  
And let me be the things  
That I need to be.  
And if I should  
falter along the way,  
May I live to falter  
another day.  
Don't get me wrong  
I don't mean to complain,  
I've seen my  
days of sunshine  
I've had my  
days of rain.  
Oh, how the time  
just seems to slip away  
One morning you  
wake up and say  
What ever happened  
to yesterday?

**Corinne Casey Lyons**



Corinne Casey Lyons 79, was born February 19, 1943 and went back home on December 15, 2022 to reunite with her family. She was born and raised in South Amboy, and attended Saint Mary's Grammar School and high schools, moving on to Saint Vincent's nursing school New York City in 1960. Upon graduation she worked in New York for 10 years as an operating room nurse, before leaving With two doctors to start up Jefferson Memorial Hospital in Alexandria, Virginia. She met and married Dr. Gerald Lyons, . They moved to California where Jerry became the Director of the Haight-Ashbury clinic in San Francisco and as a side job, practiced rock medicine at all the concerts in the area, administering psychiatric and medical care for those who needed it. After Jerry's untimely scuba death, she moved to Richmond, California, and then to Honolulu, Hawaii for several years before moving back to Las Vegas. There she became the Director of Nursing at St. Rose of Lima hospital before retiring in 2014. She was brilliant in everything nursing, especially the operating room. Her intelligence caused her to graduate high school at 16, and start her career sooner than expected. She was so creative, in all areas of Art and at the sunset of her life was into card making and working with many textures and mediums. She is survived by her loving sister, Mary Casey-Griffin and her great brother-in-law Stan , and her cherished nephew Michael Griffin, all of Point Pleasant. She is also survived by her roommate and best friend, Susan Brod of Las Vegas and many cherished cousins and friends, who meant so much to her. The final services will be held in Las Vegas with her burial in Hawaii. If you wish to donate to a charity in her name, please consider Gift of Life Family House of Philadelphia, for kidney transplant and donor families.

**William "Bill" J. McKeon**



William "Bill" J. McKeon, 90, of Elberfeld passed away Friday January 13, 2023. He was born September 12, 1932 to Mrs. Anna & Mr. Aloysius McKeon in South Amboy, New Jersey. Bill graduated from St. Mary's HS, South Amboy, NJ & St. Benedict's Prep School, Newark, NJ, where he was All State baseball for 3 years. He went on to graduate from Seton Hall University with a BS & MA Degree. Bill was a US Army Veteran serving in Germany, where he coached the 516 Division Baseball team to the European Baseball Championship in 1955. He also played football and basketball with the 516th Division. Bill was Administrative/ Assistant HS. Principal/ Athletic Director/ Baseball Coach/ Driver Ed Chair-person in Old Bridge Twp. NJ, Assistant Superintendent Keansburg HS, Keansburg, NJ and HS Principal of Washington Catholic HS, Washington, Indiana, and President of the Old Bridge Twp. Teachers Union. He served as President of the South Amboy Recreation Department for 10 years and President of the Board of Adjustment South Amboy 10 years, Volunteer Firemen 25 years. Bill was also chairperson & originator of the first South Amboy Blood Bank in South Amboy, NJ in 1963. He was a former professional baseball player with the Boston/Milwaukee Braves organization (Evansville Braves 1956 & '57). He worked as a professional baseball scout and Coach (Eastern Supervisor Kansas City Royals), Major League Spring Training Catching Coach for the San Diego Padres in 1984, and Major League/Special Assignment Scout for the San Diego Padres General Manager 1984 to 1990. He was also the originator of the Kansas City Royals Baseball Academy in 1970, and the co-organizer of the Tri-State Hot Stove Baseball League in 1988. Bill was a baseball coach for Mount Saint Clare College 1993-1997. He was also baseball coach /manager/advisor for the Evansville Otters professional baseball team and Radio Color Commentator for the Otters up until August 2022. In 2008 he was elected to South Amboy, NJ. St. Mary's HS. Athletic Hall of Fame and in 2011 was elected to the Prestigious All American Baseball Tournament Hall of Fame in Johnstown, PA. He was a former member of the Friends of Bosse Field, North HS Baseball Club, President of the St. John's Daylight Catholic Church Men's Club, and former Knights of Columbus Grand Knight of Council's 565 & 14569, and Trustee for the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Council. What Bill loved most was spending time with his beloved wife Elizabeth, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Bill married the former Elizabeth "Betty" Unfried McKeon in 1957 and was the father of daughters, Cindy Sapp (Jason), Mary Ann Parisi (Danny), Deborah Muller (Ron); sons Michael (Kim), Tim, David (Dawn), Jeff, (Elizabeth); grandfather of Bianca Roland, Alessandra Roland, Erin McKeon, Amanda Muller, Megan Muller, Caitlin Muller and Katie McKeon, David W., McKeon. Austin Roland, Austin Knapp, Sean McKeon, Gavin McKeon and great grandfather of Shailynn McKeon, and Liam McKeon. He is also survived by his brother Jack McKeon (Carol), and sister Marge Gorczyca (Ron). A Mass of Christian Burial was held on January 16, 2023 at St. John's Catholic Church in Daylight, and burial followed. Condolences may be made online at www.AlexanderNorthChapel.com \*\*\*Bill, who was an excellent writer, provided the above self-written obituary.

**Patrick J. Mullane**



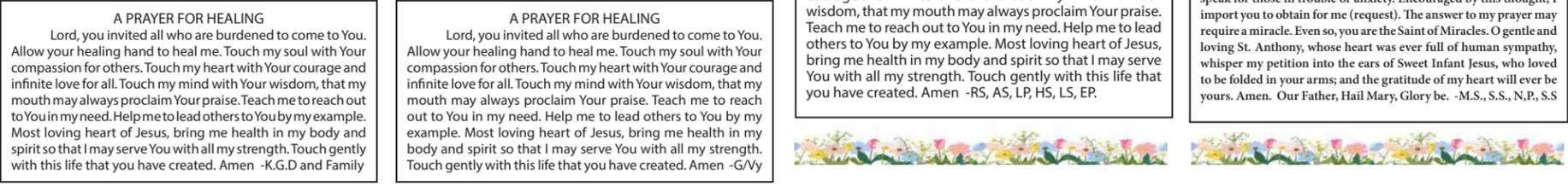
Patrick J. Mullane, 81, passed away peacefully on December 12, 2022. He was born in South Amboy, NJ to Anne (White) and John Edward Mullane on June 26, 1941. He was a terrific athlete, playing on the St. Mary's basketball and baseball teams. Patrick loved the Jersey shore, and as a child he spent his summers in Point Pleasant, NJ. His earlier days were spent in the South Amboy area and in later years he moved to Florida with his partner Joan. He always had a smile on his face and was very well liked. Throughout his life, Patrick was especially enthusiastic about sports. If the sport had the word "ball" in it, he was an avid follower, particularly if it involved local teams. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother Edward. He is survived by his longtime, loving partner Joan Januszak of Coral Springs, FL, as well as his sister Ellen Mullane Gallagher of Edina, MN., and brothers Jim Mullane (Mary) of Shickshinny, PA, Joe Mullane (Donna) of South Amboy, NJ and John Mullane (Susanna) of Clifton Park, NY as well as six nieces and five nephews. He will be laid to rest at the South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth, FL.

**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 -RS, AS, LP, HS, LS, EP.

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**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



**Obituaries**

Baetz, George A., 82, of South Amboy died on Dec. 30.  
 Bradley, Rory D., 40, of South Amboy died on Dec. 13.  
 Dooling, John J., 77, of Sayreville died on Jan. 6.  
 Dynner, Joan M., 93, of Sayreville died on Dec. 7.  
 Ellis, Walter E., 96, of Parlin died on Dec. 31.  
 Figurelli, Margaret A., 80, of Sayreville died on Dec. 19.  
 Good, William A., 92, of South Amboy died on Dec. 29.  
 Grimley, Francis "Frank," 86, of South Amboy died on Dec. 15.  
 Kaufman, Regina, 67, formerly of Sayreville died on Dec. 25.  
 Kennedy, Frank "Shinty," 78, of South Amboy died on Dec. 29.  
 Lennan, Diane, 75, of Sayreville died on Dec. 19.  
 Licitra, Joseph, 51, of Parlin died on Dec. 20.  
 Loniewski, Rosemarie Vitale, 70, of Sayreville died on Jan. 14.  
 Lyons, Corinne Casey, 79, formerly of South Amboy died on Dec. 15.  
 MacKay, Thomas "Tom" Sr., 72, formerly of Parlin died on Jan. 2.  
 Maher, William P., 79, of Parlin died on Dec. 17.  
 Marczak, Edward A., 75, of South

Amboy died on Jan 19.  
 Mazar, Althea "The Lovely," 68, of South Amboy died on Jan. 4.  
 McGrath, Mona L. Hickson, 61, of South Amboy died on Jan. 6.  
 McKeon, William "Bill" "Biff," 90, formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville died on Jan. 13.  
 Morrissey, Jean, 66, formerly of Sayreville died on Dec. 16.  
 Mullane, Patrick, 81, formerly of South Amboy died on Dec. 12.  
 Piccolo, Salvatore J., 58, of South Amboy died on Jan. 7.  
 Quinlan, John E. "Jack," 88, formerly of South Amboy died on Dec. 17.  
 Robinson, Camille Juliano, 46, of Parlin died on Jan. 6.  
 Sakalos, Helen T. Fabiszewski, 95, of Sayreville died on Dec. 24.  
 Samaniego, Francisco J. "Frank," 91, of Sayreville died on Jan. 16.  
 Scott, Ryan, 38, of South Amboy died on Jan. 11.  
 Soriano, David, 63, of Parlin died on Dec. 24.  
 Vincent, Charles J., 95, of Parlin died on Jan. 13.  
 Volosyn, Donna L. Buickerood, 72, formerly of South Amboy died on Dec. 20.  
 Wolfe, Amy E.(Allen), 64, of South Amboy died Dec. 20.

**In Memoriam**

Francis "Frank" Grimley, 86, of South Amboy died on Dec. 15. He was a fine athlete for Hoffman HS in the '50's, excelling in basketball and baseball. Frank was a long-time member of the South Amboy First Aid Squad, and also coached the First Aid baseball team in the South Amboy Little Fellas League. Frank was a great guy, and a pleasure to know, and always had a kind word for anyone he would talk to. He will be missed but never forgotten. William Maher, 79, of Parlin died on Dec. 17. A U.S. Army veteran with Special Forces Airborne, he was a color guard member of the Sayreville American Legion Post 211. Bill worked as a millwright for 24 years at Hercules. Margaret Figurelli, 80, of Sayreville died

on Dec. 19. She was a cafeteria worker at Sayreville Junior High, and Sayreville War Memorial HS, and also past president of the OLV Altar Rosary Society. Amy Wolfe, 64, of South Amboy died on Dec. 20. She was a secretary for the South Amboy Board of Education for 18 years, and also a real estate agent with Century 21, and a wonderful lady. Helen Fabiszewski Sakalos, 95, of Sayreville died on Dec. 24. She worked as a seamstress at Charles Komar & Son for over 30 years. Frank "Shinty" Kennedy, 78, of South Amboy died on Dec. 29. He was one of the really good guys of South Amboy, who pitched for Roddy's softball team back in the '70's, and also was a fine golfer, who had 3 holes in one in his career.

**Edward A. Marczak**

Edward A. Marczak, 75, of South Amboy died on Thursday January 19, 2023 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. Born in Perth Amboy, he was employed by Modern High Lift for over 30 years and Arizona Beverage Co. for over 10 years before retiring. A U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam War he was recently honored for his dedication and selfless volunteerism. He was awarded Citizen of the Year for 2019-2020 by the South Amboy Elks for outstanding voluntary service. He received the Joseph Barlow Memorial Lifetime achievement award for dedication for all veterans. In 2022, he received the Brotherhood of the Year award from the Vietnam Veterans of America NJ State Council. In September of 2022, he received the Legion of Honor Humanitarian Award presented by the Chapel of the Four Chaplains. A proud veteran, he was a lifetime member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, VFW Post

4699, Sayreville, Benyei-Connors DAV Post 67, South Amboy, American Legion Post 65, Metuchen and the NRA. He was also a long-time member and served as president of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 233, Metuchen for more than 16 years.  
 Son of the late Adam and Agnes Marczak, he is survived by his former wife of more than 30 years Patricia Marczak; daughter and son-in-law Carol and Perry Dodge; son Thomas Kelley; granddaughter Dr. Renee Kalaf and husband Chris; granddaughter Christina Diaz; brother Raymond Marczak and wife Rose; brother Robert Marczak; sister Sharon Avale; nephews Forrest and Travis Avale.  
 Funeral services were under the direction of The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by interment in Christ Church Cemetery, South Amboy.

**A PRAYER FOR HEALING**

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**TO ST. JUDE**

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

**Happy Birthday In Heaven!**



In loving memory of  
**Ronald S. Gorczyca**  
 Jan. 22, 1934  
 June 27, 2005

*We think of you in silence  
 We often speak your name  
 But all we have are memories  
 And your picture in a frame  
 Your resting place we visit  
 And put flowers there with care  
 But no one knows the heartache,  
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 Not a day goes by  
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### Sayreville Reorganization/Swearing In

(Photo by Vijay Shah @ Freelance Media)



Councilwoman Donna Roberts is being sworn in for another term.



Dan Balka being sworn in by Senator Sam Thompson.



Sayreville Mayor Victoria Kilpatrick welcomed Senator Sam Thompson who swore in Councilwoman Roberts and Councilman Balka.



Presentation of council member pin by Sayreville GOP chairman Karen Bailey Bebert (c) to Councilman Dan Balka (r) as Councilwoman Donna Roberts (l) looks on.



Father Mark Steele doing the invocation.

### South Amboy Reorganization Meeting/Swearing In

(Photo/info by Jamie Norek)



City Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross is sworn in for his fourth term by NJ Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, as his wife Sue holds the Bible.



Councilman-At-Large Anthony Conrad is sworn in for his first term, while his family members proudly look on.

### Sayreville Leaders Sworn In

(Story/Photos submitted)

On Dec 30th 2022, Council members, family, friends, and fellow emergency responders gathered for the swearing in of the incoming slate of Fire Department and EMS Leadership for 2023. The oaths of office were administered by Jessica Morelos Borough Clerk.

The incoming Chief of the Fire Dept. is Matthew Johnsen, who will be assisted by his command staff composed of 1st.Asst. Chief Vincent Waranowicz and 2nd Asst. Chief Anthony Mercado. Leading the Sayreville Emergency Squad will be President Dexter Thomas, Capt. Kevin Ott, Asst. Capt. Hugo Medina and 1st Lt. Jesus Velez. The Morgan First Aid Squad officer, who was sworn in at the Jan. 3, 2023 Council meeting, will be led by Capt. Allan Berkovitz, Asst. Capt. Jessica Guarrera, 1st. Lt. Nicole Hogan, and 2nd. Lt. James Patnaik.

"Firefighting and Emergency Medical Services are critical to the health and safety of Borough residents and visitors. On behalf

of the residents of the Borough I would like to extend our gratitude to all of our volunteers for their service. Congratulations to our new Fire Department and EMS leadership and grateful thanks to outgoing Fire Chief Nicholas Hubert for his dedicated service in 2022," said Mayor Victoria Kilpatrick.

The Sayreville Fire Department is an all-volunteer fire department comprised of four stations with 100 members. The fire department protects approximately 45,000 residents in an area of 17 square miles and responds to approximately 900 requests for service annually. Sayreville Emergency Medical Services [EMS] are provided by both the Sayreville Emergency Squad and Morgan First Aid Squad. Both organizations are also all volunteer.

All three organizations welcome new volunteers. Information about membership is available via the Borough website [www.Sayreville.com](http://www.Sayreville.com). \*See additional photos on page 1.



Mayor Fred Henry swears in South Amboy Fire Chief John Dragotta as his wife Diane holds the bible and the rest of his family proudly looks on. (Photo by Jamie Norek)