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## Local Holiday Festivities



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (c) presents the trophy for the best decorated emergency vehicle in the annual parade and tree lighting. Accepting the trophy for Protection Engine Co. No. 1, Keith Scheetz (left) and Tom Szatkowski (right). See more photos on page 21. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

## Pearl Harbor Memorial Service

(Photos/captions by Tom Burkard)



American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy, held a memorial service on December 7th to remember those brave American service men and women who were killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor 80 years ago on December 7, 1941. Pictured (l-r) veteran Tom Noble, Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak, veteran Bob Moglia, veteran Gary Poland, Cynthia Poland, Mary Szaro, Linda Garnett, and South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry.



Santa and Mrs. Claus made a special appearance at the Sayreville Holiday Parade of Lights on December 5th. Pictured with them are bottom row (l-r) Councilman-Elect Christian Onuoha, Girl Scouts Tarryn Stokes-Jones, Abigail Maillaro and Councilman Damon Enriquez. Back row (l-r) Councilwoman Donna Roberts, Santa, Mrs. Claus and Mayor Victoria Kilpatrick. See more photos on page 25. (Photo by Phyllis Stratton)

## Athletic Field Renovation Announced

(Press Release)



The South Amboy City Council has awarded a contract to Land Tek Group Inc. of Bayshore, NY in the amount of \$3,192,631.50 to perform renovations to the Allie Clark Athletic complex.

Home of the South Amboy Youth Athletic Association for many decades, three existing fields at the baseball complex will undergo a complete reconstruction including LED lighting and scoreboards, artificial turf, and many other amenities to enhance the family friendly atmosphere of the complex. Designed by City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz, this comprehensive renovation will enhance playability and safety for City children and visiting teams.

Funding in support of this important

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Tom Noble, a proud veteran, had the honor of tossing this beautiful memorial wreath, into the Raritan Bay, to honor and remember all of the brave men and women, who were killed at Pearl Harbor during World War II.

## Riehl Selected Hibernian Of The Year

The Ancient Order of Hibernians Colonel D.B. Kelly Middlesex 1 South Amboy, selected James Riehl as the 2022 Hibernian of the Year. Congratulations Jim, on a well-deserved honor!



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Mike Greenhaus (c) is pictured at Target Field in Minnesota with Joe Kelly (l) and his brother Tom Kelly (r) who managed the Minnesota Twins Major League Baseball (MLB) team to two World Series championships in 1987 and 1991. (Photo courtesy of Mike Greenhaus)

Mount Saint Mary Academy & Saint Joseph High School Plan Annual Math Contest on January 22, 2022

Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung and Saint Joseph High School in Metuchen invite girls and boys in the seventh and eighth grades to participate in the 15th Annual Math Contest on Saturday, January 22, 2022.

The test will be administered for male students at Saint Joseph High School and, for female students, at Mount Saint Mary Academy.

Schools are encouraged to register as a team. However, individual student registrations will also be accepted. There is no cost to participate in the competition.

Check-in will be held at 10 am and

the test will begin promptly at 10:30 am. Campus tours will be available for parents and teachers at 10:30 am. The Awards & Closing Ceremony will take place at 11:30 am.

Students are required to bring a laptop device as the test will be administered electronically.

To register, please visit [www.mountsaintmary.org/admissions/annual-math-contest](http://www.mountsaintmary.org/admissions/annual-math-contest).

For more information, please contact Mrs. Jacqueline Muratore, Assistant Directress for Faculty, Curriculum, and Planning at [jmuratore@mountsaintmary.org](mailto:jmuratore@mountsaintmary.org).

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

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Pleasant Little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

1. South Amboy Lions Club President in 1988-89? a. Bob Pawlik b. Jack Hulsart c. Ray Tomaszewski
2. Where was Gomolka's Auto Body located in the Morgan section of Sayreville? a. Washington Rd. b. Rt. 35 South c. Rt. 35 North
3. In 2004, where was Harry's Automotive located in South Amboy? a. North Broadway b. North Stevens Ave. c. Main St.
4. Where was the Sayreville Family Restaurant located? a. MacArthur Ave. b. Pulawski Ave. c. Bordentown Ave.
5. Where was The Fishery located in Morgan? a. Old Spye Rd. b. South Pine Ave. c. Rt. 35 North
6. South Amboy First Aid Person of the Year in '97? a. Jack Piskorski b. Kevin Zebro c. Mark Hardy
7. Sayreville's Borough Clerk in 2001? a. Marjorie Lanjeski b. Gladys Rzepka c. Emily Hardy
8. Grand Marshal of the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade in 2005? a. Jim Ryan b. Jack O'Leary c. Craig Coughlin
9. In '02, this former Sayreville resident met Pope John Paul II in Rome? a. Mike O'Koren b. Jozsef Banowski c. Joe Castellano Jr.
10. Where is O'Ireland Irish & Celtic Imports shop located in South Amboy? a. North Broadway b. Bordentown Ave. c. South Stevens Ave.

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



**Business Of The Month**  
**The Schreiner Agency**



Pictured (l-r) Tom Schreiner, David Imbriani, and Sean Hill are pictured in front of The Schreiner Agency located at 132D Main St. Sayreville (Photo by Steve Schmid)

Many people in the South Amboy and Sayreville areas probably did not realize that they now have their own dedicated insurance professionals working for them at their doorstep. Allstate Insurance, The Schreiner Agency is located at 132D Main St in Sayreville (parking in the back of the building) located in between the Sayreville Post Office and the Sayreville Municipal Building.

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project is being provided through a 1.5-million-dollar grant from the Middlesex County Open Space fund

"I am pleased that we are able to move ahead on this enhancement of our recreational facilities in South Amboy" said Mayor Fred Henry. "These improvements will provide a state-of-the-art facility for our children, and I am grateful that it has the support of the Middlesex County Board of Commissioners as well as the City Council."

Construction is slated to begin in several weeks and will be completed by Summer 2022.

South Amboy has a long baseball heritage and boasts five local residents who had Major League Baseball careers. Named after NY Yankee stand-out Allie Clark, the complex is located on John T. O'Leary Boulevard and is another element in the City's ongoing revitalization of the waterfront area.

**Middlesex College Food Pantry Donation**



The Middlesex College Food Pantry received a donation of thousands of pounds of food in December from several local Dharmic communities. The program, called SewaDiwali, is a nationwide service initiative that began in New Jersey in 2018 and has grown exponentially since then. The donation was organized by Edison Chapter of Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh, represented by Gopichand Attili, Tarun Maheshwari and Vikas Sangam, as well as local partners,

including the NJ State Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, represented by Sangeeta Chawla; the India Heritage Foundation, represented by Sarvalakshan Das; and the Sai Datta Peetham Cultural Center, represented by Subha Patibandia. SewaDiwali is an initiative by Dharmic communities that believe that service to humanity is service to divinity. (Photo/story submitted)

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Pictured (l-r) from the South Amboy Middle/High School NJEA Co-President Maureen Strzykalski, Teacher of the year-Nancy Kovacs, Cathy Housman-Educational Specialist of the Year, and Dr. Patrick McCabe- principal.



Pictured (l-r) from the South Amboy Elementary School, Kristen LaMagna-Teacher of the Year, and Lauren Strumwasser-Educational Specialist of the Year. (Photos/Info Submitted)

## Yearbook-St. Mary's 1981

By Tom Burkard

St. Mary's Class of '81 returned for their final year, during the first week of September 1980, and as the kids were cruising through town, they probably had their stereos blasting to top tunes of the day, such as "Upside Down" by Diana Ross, and "Sailing" by Christopher Cross. Sister Joan Gavron was principal and some of her fine faculty included Janet Gray, Ruth Zdanewicz, Sister Nathaniel, Thomas Phillips, Robert Howarth, Dorothy Holliday. The yearbook was dedicated to Mrs. Scordinsky, and the editors-in-chief were Kathy Rhoades and Maureen Maher. Some of the seniors included: Robert Arrington, Craig Burkard, Jim Campbell, Nina Cashman, Bernadette Cassidy, Joanne Cassidy, Debbie Collins, Anna Mae Connolly, Karen Cook, Anthony Corcione, Debbie Creange, Terry Davies, Diane Esposito, Jackie DiGangi, Patricia Dohaney, Maryann Donlon, Mary D'Onofrio, Veronica Gilmartin, Jean Flynn, Barbara Hansell, Mark Hancik, Holly Holton, Phyllis Howard, Susan Kanecke, Stephen Kania, Eileen Keevins, Patricia Kelleher, Joseph Kelly, Catherine Kulik, Susan Lambertson, Teresa Lee, Denise Leveille, Sherri MacDonald, Brian Marino, Luis Mendoza, June Miller, Patricia Mrozowski, Thomas Murray, Joan McMahon, Kevin McDonnell, Mary Kate McNamara, Kathleen McQuade, Mary Morenski, Kelly Noble, Patricia O'Connor, Teresa O'Keefe, John Pachkowski, Lisa Palladino, Judith Pelczar, Narna Pepito, Chris Peters, Afshin Peyman, Carlene Polites, Joanne Poltrictzky, Ron Prybylowski, Eileen Toolan, Valerie Savitsky, Lisa Semenza, Steven Servis, Mary Sherbert, Anne Solfaro, Tony Spirio, Kara Sullivan, Anne Szatkowski, Maureen Taggart, George Targonski, Lisa Vella, Debbie Vojtko, Bill Waverczak, William Wilusz, Matthew Wojtaszek, Don Zbiec. The social schedule not only featured plenty of sports, but also clubs and other big events like the Spring Hootenanny, Apostolic Music & Liturgy, the Senior Trip to Florida, the school play, "Barefoot In The Park," and the Valentine's Dance with Queen Karen Nizolek and her escort, Frederick McCourt. In world news, 52 American hostages were freed after 444 days of captivity in Iran. Assassination attempts were made on President Reagan, and Pope John Paul II. England's Prince Charles married Diana Spencer. Rubik's cube was the big fad of '81. Nolan Ryan became baseball's first pitcher to throw five no hitters. Some of the fine senior athletes in the Class of '81 were: John Inman, Brian Gorczynski, Thomas Misak, Thomas O'Leary, Bernie Orszewski, Andrew Pipala, John Stefanski, Mark Bielat, Ken Connor, Bill Parker, Tom McCarthy, Charles "Buddy" Walters, John Bukovec, Zsuzsi Dalyai, Linda Szaro, Gerald Scupp (Good guy), John McLaughlin, Edward Stevens, Chris Hedlund. Kim Carnes' "Bette Davis Eyes" was the top tune in the nation on Graduation Day, 1981, as the St. Mary's graduates embarked on their exciting futures. The class of '81 was a super class with some outstanding young people.





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## The Smoke Column

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

Most of the crude oil that is transported in the U.S. is Bakken oil. So, what is Bakken oil? It is a form of crude oil that is light and sweet and comes from the Bakken Shale oil fields in North Dakota. There are only two economical ways to get that crude oil from ND to the east coast. One of the ways, which most people are against, is through new underground pipelines. The other form of transportation is by railroad tanker cars which could have a disastrous effect on our country's infrastructure if/when a derailment occurs.

This Bakken crude is not like other types of oil that we have pumped from the underground. Bakken oil is volatile and ignites very easily and has been involved in multiple train accidents. What makes this oil different is the fact that it includes high amounts of natural gas liquids which is the reason for its volatility. Bakken crude is transported throughout the U.S. in railroad tank cars. Each tank car can carry 30,000 gallons of crude and each train consists of over 100 tank cars. So, in doing the math, we are looking at over 3 million gallons of a very volatile, toxic substance per train load. Would you feel comfortable with multiple train loads passing through your community each and every day? Unfortunately, these trains pass through New Jersey communities every day and regulations do not mandate that the communities must be notified of them.

What effects does a derailed Bakken oil train have on the local fire department? In all reality, it could become the largest conflagration of a lifetime for many a firefighter. It doesn't matter where the derailment and/or fire occurs, be it on a parked siding in a suburban community, a roll-over of tanker cars into a water source, or in a remote inaccessible rural setting, each one will have the potential of a major disaster.

On December 12, 2020, a train carrying over 100 tanker cars of Bakken oil derailed and caught fire in the small Washington town of Custer. The derailment occurred

despite the train traveling at the slow speed of 7 miles-per-hour highlights how unsafe it is to transport Bakken oil under any circumstances. Outside Casselton, ND, a town of 2400 residents, a 106-car train carrying Bakken oil collided with a 112-car train carrying grain and ignited. Though no injuries were reported, it was considered a catastrophe for the residents who were forced to evacuate as plumes of black smoke rose and spread from the crash site. Authorities said the fire would need to burn itself off because the blaze was too dangerous for the firefighters to approach. Other noted derailments and fires of Bakken oil have occurred in Lac-Megantic, Quebec Canada, where 47 people were killed; Buffalo, NY; Buhl, Alabama; and in a rural wooded inaccessible setting in West Virginia.

So now the question to pose to our local fire departments is, "Are we prepared for an incident of this magnitude if it occurred in our community?" The answer to that question is that no fire department can by itself prepare for an incident of that magnitude to occur in their community. But there is a multitude of resources available throughout the county and the state that can be called upon to assist in any incident. If these resources become overwhelmed, there are resources at the national level that could help when needed. Initially at a large-scale incident, our priority is to protect and rescue our residents followed by protecting property and then the environment.

The next time you see a long train with over 100 tank cars, it is a sure bet it is carrying Bakken crude oil on its way to a refinery. Let's all hope and pray that an incident of this magnitude never occurs in our community.

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On The Front Page-December Issues

5 Years Ago

2016-The Sayreville Bombers football team captured the NJSIAA North 2 Group 4 state championship over Middletown North, 42-14...Former Sayreville resident and U.S. Olympian Michael Wasko was named Superintendent of Schools for Hanover Twp. K-8 school district.

10 Years Ago

2011-American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post 62, of South Amboy Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak honored those who died in the attack at Pearl Harbor by tossing a memorial wreath into Raritan Bay on Dec. 7th...Sayreville's football squad won the CJ Group IV state title by pounding Manalapan, 23-11.

15 Years Ago

2006-South Amboy Fire Dept. was awarded \$249,060 by the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security...Bruce Springsteen returned to Sayreville for the first time since '94, performing at the Starland Ballroom. He surprised patrons and jammed at the Playpen in Sayreville back in 1994...Marty Ziola, American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post 62 member threw a wreath in the Raritan Bay as a tribute on Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7th...Octavia Zampella was honored for her outstanding efforts as a volunteer for the March of Dimes organization.

20 Years Ago

2001-Patricia Kanecke became the City of South Amboy's first full-time policewoman...Hoffman HS Class of '70 member, John Yates, was seriously injured during the terrorist attack on 9/11 at the Pentagon in Washington, DC. He was working there as a Security Manager...Locals mourned the passing of Boston Red Sox legend, Ed "Buddy" Popowski of Sayreville, who died on Dec. 4th at 88 years old... Stanley J. Kusic, of South Amboy received the NJ Distinguished Service Medal for his service as a 1st Sergeant with the U.S. Army in World War II.

25 Years Ago

1996-The South Amboy-Sayreville Times/South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426, held their 2nd annual Christmas Dinner for the Underprivileged of South Amboy and Sayreville. Over 100 youngsters and adults showed up for this successful event...Joe "Who" Kudelka, who organized the 1st "Who's Fishing Tournament," raised \$500, and donated it to the South Amboy Recreation Dept. for the youth of the city.

30 Years Ago

1991-Mark Rasimowicz of South Amboy was a big winner in the NJ Lottery Pick-6 Lottery Bonus \$1 million drawing.

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SILVER BELLS

By Elaine Holton Scott

(Originally printed in the Dec. 16, 2006 Edition of the SATimes).

“Silver bells, Silver bells, it's Christmas time in the city. Ring-a-ling, hear them ring, soon it will be Christmas Day.”

Decades ago, going Christmas shopping didn't mean traveling to temperature-controlled malls to shop in comfort. For us, it had meant taking the bus to Perth Amboy to shop outside, often in bitterly cold weather. As children, we had bundled up in layers of clothing; put galoshes on our feet and either hats or heavy, woolen babushkas on our heads, before hurrying to the corner to wait for Red the Bus Driver to finally make his way through the hole-in-the-wall. When we had become young teenagers, that all changed... gone were the hats and gloves. Wearing skirts, our legs had been bare and our coats were left unbuttoned. Stoically, for the sake of what our young minds had considered “looking cool,” we used to freeze ourselves almost to death. What didn't change was that we still had to wait endlessly for Red the Bus Driver to come along.

Christmastime in the City of Perth Amboy was exciting to us, with Holiday shoppers filling Smith Street, the stores all decorated with garlands and wreaths, and Salvation Army Santas everywhere you looked. There were so many of them: short and tall, thin and fat, and all wearing ill-fitted red suits that had seen far, far better days. “HO! HO! HO! MERRY CHRISTMAS!!” they had shouted, as they waved their “silver bells” in the air, competing with each other to get donations dropped into their big, black kettles. Even with their fake white beards partly dangling from their faces, seeing them year after year was an important part of Christmastime to us in that much simpler time of long ago.

Having Red come to a stop across from Woolworth's, my friends, Nancy and Rosanne, and I would hurry down the bus steps as soon as the doors wheezed open. With the frigid air whipping its way around the 5 corners, we'd “jayrun” across Smith Street between all the cars coming and going, while laughing uncontrollably the entire time. With the excitement of Christmas coming, the innate joy of being young and being together, without anyone telling us how to act and what to do, our laughter knew no bounds. Then, again, it never did when the three of us were together.

Reaching the other side, we'd eagerly look through the store windows, with their glass fronts wet with condensation, trying to see their displays. As we did, we'd hear the stores' Christmas Carols playing inside

mingling with the noise from the cars and buses going up and down the street. All of these years later, the crunching sound of the snow chains and the flapping noise the broken chains had made remain entwined with my Christmastime childhood memories. It seems I can't have one without the other.

Going to Perth Amboy didn't always mean we were Holiday shoppers; usually, we were just Holiday “lookers,” as kids, then, rarely had any extra money to spend. So, instead of spending money, we had “spent time” by going into stores to find ugly clothes that made us laugh, or putting stupid looking hats on our heads to entertain each other. Laughing, we'd quickly leave to go to another store whenever a saleswoman appeared from behind the racks to give us the evil eye.

On the rare occasions we did buy something, the woman behind the counter would always ask, “Wanna box for that?” Whether we had wanted one or not, we always took it because we never passed up anything that was free. If we were really lucky, we'd even be given a paper shopping bag, with handles like hemp, so, we could put our few things together and take turns carrying it. When we weren't lucky, we could have bought one for 5 cents, but we never did. Having parents shaped by the Depression, 5 cents was just too much “good money” to spend. Besides, 5 cents had some value, only a nickel more would be enough to pay for the bus trip back to South Amboy.

As “home by supper” was our curfew, we'd begrudgingly trudge our way to Woolworth's corner to wait for Red. By then, we were beyond “cool;” we were frozen. With our coats buttoned to our necks, our collars lifted, to shield our almost frost-bitten ears from the freezing air, our noses running, and our numb hands tucked deeply within our pockets, we'd stand huddled together trying to keep warm on legs that had felt like blocks of ice. As we stood waiting, children would be smiling at us while we laughed as only the young at Christmastime can laugh. When Red finally came, the last sounds we had heard as we boarded the bus to go home were all the Santas' bells pealing the news that it was Christmastime in the city.

“Children laughing, people passing, meeting smile after smile, and on every street corner you'd hear,,,Silver bells, Silver bells, it's Christmastime in the city.”

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#1 Pop Hits-  
December 25

- 2003-Hey Ya!-OutKast
- 1998-I'm Your Angel-R.Kelly & Celine Dion
- 1985-Say You, Say Me-Lionel Richie
- 1970-The Tears Of A Clown-  
Smokey Robinson/The Miracles
- 1963-Dominique-The Singing Nun
- 1958-The Chipmunk Song-The Chipmunks

#1 Country Hits-  
December 25

- 2005-Must Be Doin' Somethin' Right-  
Billy Currington
- 1993-I Don't Call Him Daddy-  
Doug Supernaw
- 1988-When You Say Nothing At All-  
Keith Whitley
- 1972-Got The All Overs For You-  
Freddie Hart/The Heartbeats
- 1964-Once A Day-Connie Smith
- 1956-Singing The Blues-Marty Robbins
- 1947-I'll Hold You In My Heart-Eddy Arnold

Star Crossing!



Kurt Kvist (l) formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville,  
recently met legendary rock star Pat Benatar.  
(Photo courtesy of Curt Kvist)



Mike Nesmith, 78, guitar player for the great and legendary Monkees band, died on December 10th.  
Mickey Dolenz is the last surviving member of this talented 60's group. This photo was taken around  
2010 at Count Basie in Red Bank. (Photo from the Tom Burkard Archives)



By Tom Burkard

Christmas Songs

- 1.Blue Christmas
- 2.Feliz Navidad
- 3.A Holly Jolly Christmas
- 4.Jingle Bell Rock
- 5.Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
- 6.It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year
- 7.The Christmas Song
- 8.Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree
- 9.All I Want For Christmas Is You
- 10.White Christmas



- a.Bobby Helms
- b.Burl Ives
- c.Elvis Presley
- d.Mariah Carey
- e.Jose Feliciano
- f.Gene Autry
- g.Bing Crosby
- h.Nat King Cole
- i.Brenda Lee
- j.Andy Williams

Answers

1c 2e 3b 4a 5f 6j 7h 8i 9d 10g.

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New Year's Music Trivia

By Tom Burkard

- 1.\_\_New Year's Day
- 2.\_\_It's Just Another New Year's Eve
- 3.\_\_Let's Start The New Year Right
- 4.\_\_Funky New Year's
- 5.\_\_What Are You Doing New Year's Eve

- a.The Eagles
- b.U2
- c.Barry Manilow
- d.The Carpenters
- e.Bing Crosby



Answers

1b 2c 3e 4a 5d.



## SOUTH AMBOY ELEMENTARY ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT FOR TRIMESTER 1-2021/2022

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### FIFTH GRADE-HONOR ROLL WITH DISTINCTION:

Adam Koziej, Caleb Sipsis, and Brooke Sofilkanich. HONOR ROLL: Abigail Beresky, John Bixby, Vivian Calderon, Michael Chambers, Rafael Espinosa, Kory Fulham, Nevaeh Godfrey, Amelia Guthrie, Robert Guthrie, Adam Joks, Mateusz Kosinski, Malani Lombardi, Calvin Manion, Valentina Moura, Alyssa Pellot, Jonti Pizarro, Raymelis Rincon, Zailey Ross, Matthew Soto, and Holden Vecchione.

## OLV Seniors January Meeting

The OLV Seniors will hold their January meeting on Friday, January 7, 2022 at 1:00 PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall. After the business portion of the meeting, Rosanda Grau will speak about her program, Inspire.

The following trip payments are due at the January meeting: Ark trip first installment of \$275; David trip payment of \$150 and Tomasello Winery trip \$20 deposit.

Due to the constant presence of Covid 19 wearing of masks is an optional choice if you are fully vaccinated. If you have not been vaccinated, please wear a mask. If CDC rules change our group will follow their guidelines.

Donations of non-perishable food for St. Vincent de Paul will continue.

Any questions please contact Teri Yetsko at 732-727-7639.

## Game On At Dowdell Library

As a result of a proposal by Councilwoman Zusetta Dato, the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library in partnership with the South Amboy YMCA is now offering youth the ability to borrow sports equipment such as basketballs, footballs and soccer/volleyballs. These items were generously donated by the South Amboy/Sayreville Rotary Club.

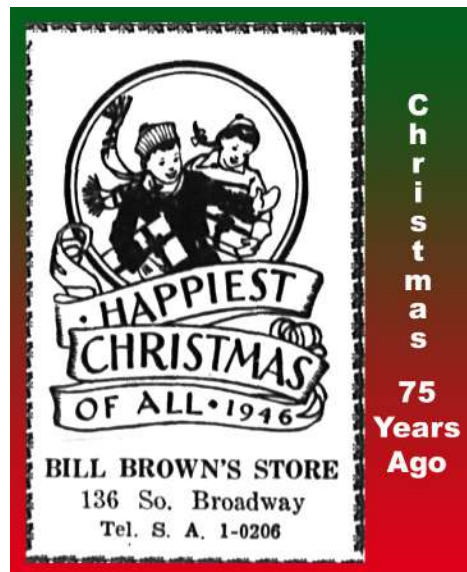
To join the program, parent/guardian's permission is required and youth must have a Dowdell Library card. Just drop in during library hours! Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 am - 8 pm, Wednesday, Friday 10 am - 5 pm or Saturday 12 noon to 4 pm.

The Dowdell Library encourages community members to support this program and DONATE A BALL!

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Contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org). The library is

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### December What Exit..

This exit will take you to a place that is big on music during the warm weather but this time of year things really light up! Send your answer to [satimes@aol.com](mailto:satimes@aol.com) by Jan. 17th.

## What Exit?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

### November What Exit:

Last month's answer to What Exit? was 140 from the north or 140a from the south these exits will take you to Kean University. The following answered correctly: Marie English and Ed English, Maryann Raymond, JoAnn & John French, Pat & Bill Scully, Betty Leveille, Laurie Loftus, Gary Feret, Steve Villig, Craig Yetsko.



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Dear Editor,  
The article on Pearl Harbor by Rich Kosmoski was enlightening. The US had made many mistakes leading up to the attack by docking ships too close together and planes were easy targets because of poor placement. The Japanese also made serious mistakes as Mr. Kosmoski noted. Had they destroyed the oil tanks and the dry docks they would have completed an almost perfect attack. Without the oil reserves the carriers would not have been able to operate for very long. And with the dry docks intact the Navy was able to repair many damaged ships. Without oil at Pearl Harbor it is questionable if the Navy carriers would have been able to carry out the Battle of Midway in June of 1942.  
**Peter McIntyre**  
(Formerly of Morgan)

Dear Tom,  
Thank you, as you continue to accomplish so much good; making so many people happy. Congratulations on your 30th Anniversary! May God bless you always and give you the graces you need.  
**Sister Mary Gomolka**  
(Formerly of South Amboy)

Hello,  
I'd like to thank Maria Wagner for her photo submission of the Bald Eagle over South Amboy. It captivated me one morning as it flew overhead in Sayreville. Her photo is stunning and it has now become a gorgeous hard copy of my memory that morning. God Bless the USA and Patriots World Wide.  
**Merry Christmas,**  
**Karen Lutz**



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Devils Outing  
January 22

For all of you hockey fans, Saint Mary Church and the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are running an outing Saturday, January 22 when the young and hungry New Jersey Devils face off against the Carolina Hurricanes at Prudential Center. Puck drop is 7 PM. Cost of \$79 includes game tickets and a \$10 voucher for food and beverages. For reservations call Chris at 732-735-1737 or Steve at 732-727-1707.

Spaghetti Dinner

First Presbyterian Church's Board of Deacons are having a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 15, 2022 6pm - 8pm. Tickets are: \$15 per person. Please make all checks out to: First Presbyterian Church of So. Amboy. Put "Spaghetti Dinner" in the memo. Space is limited so buy your tickets now! First Presbyterian Church, 150 N. Broadway, So. Amboy, NJ 08879 For more info call 732-721-4516.



WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Can you identify this item?  
It is seen on TV sets this time a year sometimes for 24 hours straight! Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by Jan. 17th.

November What Is It?  
Atari Video Computer System

Last month's mystery item was an Atari 2600 game system. The Atari 2600, branded as the Atari Video Computer System (Atari VCS) until November 1982, is a home video game console developed and produced by Atari, Inc. Released in September 1977, it popularized microprocessor-based hardware and games stored on swappable ROM cartridges, a format first used with the Fairchild Channel F in 1976. The VCS was bundled with two joystick controllers, a conjoined pair of paddle controllers, and a game cartridge—initially Combat[3] and later Pac-Man. Some of our favorite games were: Space Invaders, Duck Hunt, Asteroids and Kaboom.

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Atari 2600 Game System

The following must have played



Merry Christmas from  
South Amboy American Legion  
Luke A. Lovely Post #62



At this time of the year when we are safely at home spending time with our families let us remember those who do not have that luxury since they are away fighting to keep America safe. Even with the letters, care packages and the occasional phone call that our men and women in the Armed Forces receive they will be especially lonely and will miss their families more now than at any other time of the year. Please keep them and their families in your hearts and prayers during this holiday season! If you know of a family that will be celebrating without a loved one please reach out to them to see if there is anything that you can do to help make their Christmas brighter. In order to show your appreciation to the Veterans at home shake their hand and thank them for serving this great Country that we live in when you see them on the street or while out shopping.







The Pink Fire Truck “ALICE” is in attendance at the charity event for Sayreville Emergency 911 Dispatcher Anthony “Moogs” Magliocco.



Participants show off their talents in a corn hole tournament.

### A SPECIAL EVENT FOR A SPECIAL GUY

(Story/Photos by Rich Kosmoski, Ex-Chief)

On a warm Sunday morning in early December a charity event was held for Anthony “Moogs” Magliocco. The charity event was sponsored by both the Sayreville PBA Local 98 and the Sayreville Fire Department. Anthony, who we refer to affectionately as “Moogs,” is suffering from a debilitating disease. Moogs has worked for many years as an Emergency 911 operator/dispatcher for the Borough of Sayreville. He was your first point-of-contact when you dialed 911 and were looking for help. He would be the person to send you help, be it law enforcement, fire rescue, or EMS. During his long and successful career, he has had “our backs” as first responders. He was the person to guide us in our response to your emergency by providing us with vital information as we prepared for the unexpected upon our arrival. He answered all our needs as we worked the incident scene no matter what we needed. He was also OUR point-of-contact as well as

yours. Now that he needs help it is our turn to return the favor.

A corn hole tournament was held at the President Park firehouse with hundreds of players participating. Also included were many door prizes, raffles, drawings, food, refreshments, and do not forget the tee-shirts. Joining in this charity event was the Pink Heels fire truck which provides support to those suffering from all forms of cancer. Their fire truck is really painted all in pink and this truck was named “Alice” in tribute to a former cancer patient.

The weather was unusually warm for a December day so most of the events were held outdoors. The participation from everyone in attendance was tremendous and it was very uplifting for Moogs. A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who volunteered to work the event or participated in the activities to make this charity event a huge success.

### Thanks!

As we turn the page on another year, I’d like to thank Tommy Burkard and Brian Stratton for giving me the opportunity to express in writing my memories of growing up in the city by the bay. No, not San Francisco.....South Amboy, The Pleasant Little City. I want to thank Tommy and Brian especially for making the paper available to us transplants via the Internet. I look forward to every edition as I am sure many around the country do as well. I read just about every article and enjoy the pictures old and new of the past and current happenings in my hometown.

I frequently look back on those years I write about and recall memories of the good and not so good times growing up. And the people who helped make me the person I am

today. My mom, always number one, she was always on my “case”; and the good Nuns at St. Mary’s who kept me focused on things that eventually paid off when I eventually went to college after the Marine Corps.....even though it took eight years of night school. I’ll never forget my Astarita friends from St. Mary’s and Hoffman, and my classmates from kindergarten to graduation. And most of all the South Amboy girl I married 59 plus years ago, my Iris.

So, thanks to the talented staff and feature writers who make the South Amboy/Sayreville Times, a look- forward to reading every month.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
John “Flip” Phillips



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The Sacred Heart Catholic War Veterans are pictured with Father Blicharski (c) following the Veterans Day service for our veterans. (Photos/info by Karen Howarth)



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Can you identify these two performers? They are usually together this time of year for a big band Christmas tour. Send your answers to satiems@aol.com by Jan. 17th. (Photo bt Brian Stratton)

Who is it?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

Last month’s Who Is It? was (Left) Will Lee, bass player for the Beatles tribute band The Fab Faux which he co-founded in 1998. He was also part of David Letterman’s Late Night Show band. (Right) Glen Burtnik a singer, songwriter, entertainer and multi-instrumentalist, best known as a former member of Styx. Burtnik is originally from North Brunswick. Burtnik has written hit songs for Randy Travis, Patty Smyth and Don Henley. The spelling of his name has shortened a few times over the years (born Glenn Burtnick, then changed to Glen

Burtnick, and finally Glen Burtnik, spelled with one N, no C). Burtnik’s link to the Beatles is that in 1978 he auditioned for the role of Paul McCartney in Beatlemania on Broadway and got the role. He is still very active playing in his current band The Weeklings as well as in Max Wienberg’s Jukebox tour.

The following correctly identified them: Marie English & Ed English (2pts), Jim Sissick (2pts), Laurie Loftus (1pt), Craig Yetsko (2pts).



Will Lee

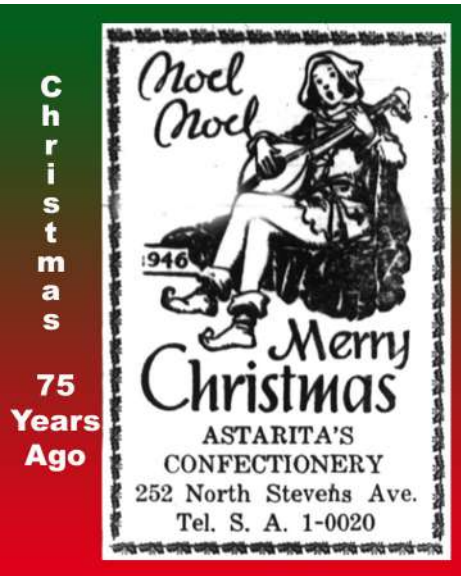


Glen Burtnik

Dowdell Library Biz Fair



‘Tis the season! The Dowdell Library held a fun and very successful Biz Fair on Monday, December 6. Local businesses displayed everything from antiques, jewelry, handmade quilts, to health and wellness items. The community even had an opportunity to chat with a financial planner while sipping hot cocoa. The Library appreciated the Dowdell Library Foundation’s and the City of South Amboy’s support. Pictured (l-r) Rico Vasquez, Mayor Fred Henry, Library Director Elaine Gaber, Dr. Jorge Gonzalez Gomez, Rev. Dennis R. Weezorak. (Photo/story by Dennis Kuhn)



Sayreville Public  
Library Events

Blood Drive

Monday, December 27, @10:30 AM, Donate blood and we’ll let you know if you have the antibodies to help patients battling COVID-19/

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CARC Outreach

Wednesdays during December and January 10:30AM. The Community Affairs & Resource Center is here to help. Members of the association will be on hand to help submit utility and rental assistance applications and eviction prevention self-certification forms.

How To (Finally) Write Your Book For 2022 (virtual)

Thursday, Jan. 6, 6:00 pm. Have an idea for a book in your head but don’t know what to do? Then join us for this virtual seminar. Best selling author, Jamie Novak, will go over her best tips for writing a book in the year 2022. Learn all about how to deal with writer’s block, writing proposals for publishers, and how to navigate the world of self-publishing. By the time you leave, you may be ready to write the next great novel.

This is a virtual event. Please register online via our events calendar, or call 732-727-0212 ext.112 to get the zoom link.

The Hawaiian Islands (In-Person)

Saturday, Jan. 15, 1:30 pm. The Hawaiian Islands: History, Art, Dance, and more. Learn more about The Aloha State in this seminar. Gail Thompson will discuss the history of the islands, from the early settlers to the days of Captain Cook, all the way through the present day. Learn more about the highlights of the main islands, arts of the islands including lei making, quilting, weaving, and even Hula Dancing.

Please register via our events calendar, or call 732-727-0212 ext. 112.

Tuesday Movie Matinee

Tuesday, Jan 18 @ 1:00 PM. This month, Downton Abbey, a film adaptation of the iconic BBC series. Popcorn will be provided.

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By Al Gomolka, Jr.  
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And prevail over all  
With anticipation  
Heaven should.....Will-  
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C. 2021

Everybody’s goin’ down  
To Christmas Town  
Where there’s love,  
peace and happiness  
All around  
And everyone gets along  
At Christmas Town  
The church bells are ringin’  
And carolers singin’  
Everywhere, all around  
It’s a beautiful place  
They call it  
Christmas Town  
Wish it could be  
Christmas Town everyday  
The world would  
be a better place  
To live, work and play  
So let’s head on down  
To Christmas Town  
This time of the year  
We’ll see the lights  
And hear the sounds  
As they light the tree  
At Christmas Town  
It’s the best place  
in the world  
And everyone should see  
Christmas Town  
is the place  
For you and me  
It’s so loving,  
friendly and carefree  
What a perfect place our  
world would be  
If it was like  
Christmas Town  
Everybody should head down  
And visit their own  
Christmas Town  
And remember there’s  
Love, peace and  
happiness all around  
And everyone gets along at  
Christmas Town.





School Sports

By Tom Burkard

Football

Sayreville (8-3)

2021 Final Team Leaders

Passing-Michael Colonnello 570 yds.;  
Rushing-Zaimer Wright 1,403 yds.;  
Receiving-Tim Mayer 260 yds.; Touchdowns-  
Wright 25, Colonnello 3, Mayer 2.

Defense-Sacks-Denzel Osae 6; Interceptions-  
Bryan Clyne 3; Tackles-Caidan Holmes 69.

Boys Soccer

Sayreville (9-10)

Final Team Leaders

Goals-Kevin Appau 11, Kofi Darbo 10, John  
Kovalchuk 10; Assists-Victor Osei-Mensah  
9, Kovalchuk 9; Points-Kovalchuk 28, Darbo  
25, Appau 24.

South Amboy (2-10-1)

No Individual statistics available.

Girls Soccer

Sayreville (2-13-1)

Adrianna Westcott 10; Assists-Jaylin Evans  
4; Points-Westcott 22, Evans 10.

South Amboy (0-12)

No Individual statistics available.

Soccer Players  
Honored

The Home News Tribune honored the  
following local high school soccer stars by  
selecting them to their **All-Area teams:**

**Boys Soccer-3rd Team**-John Kovalchuk,  
Sayreville; **Honorable Mention**-Kofi Darbo,  
Sayreville; **Honorable Mention**-Anthony  
Vella, South Amboy; Angel Barillas, South  
Amboy. **Girls Soccer Honorable Mention**-  
Adrianna Westcott, Sayreville; Eleny Leonor-  
Aleman, Faith Nemeth.

Congratulations to all.

Back In Those  
College Days

Pete Bailey (St. Mary's) was the starting  
third baseman for St. Peter's College baseball  
team in 1956...Pat Lockwood (Sayreville)  
played on the women's basketball team for  
the University of Dayton.



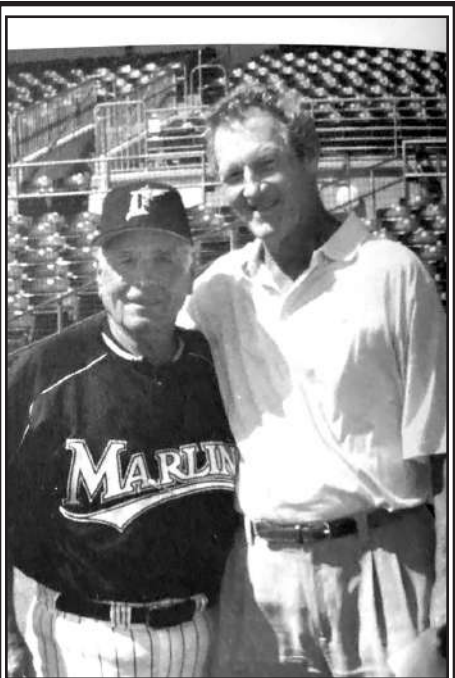
Nick Krimin

College Notebook

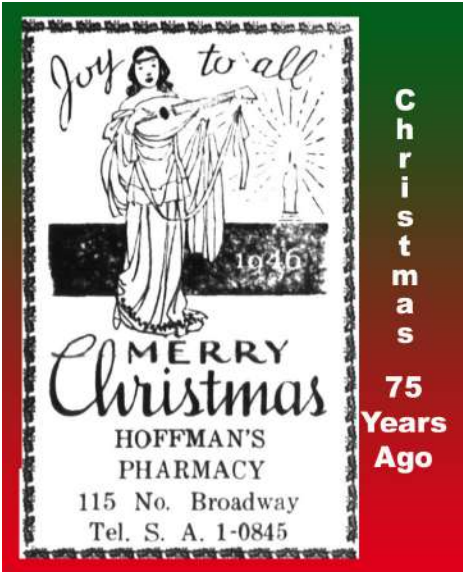
Nick Krimin, from South Amboy, is  
now in his 6th year with Rutgers University,  
and has started all 12 games this season, 11  
at center, and one at guard for the RU team  
(5-7). He attended St. Joseph's of Metuchen  
HS, where he won all kinds of honors and  
awards for his outstanding high school career.

Wind Creek Trip  
January 29

South Amboy Knights of Columbus  
Council 426 are running a trip to Wind Creek  
Casino in Bethlehem PA Saturday, January  
29. Cost of \$35 includes \$30 in slot money,  
round trip motor coach transportation, and  
refreshments. Motor coach leaves from  
the K of C parking lot at 9:00 AM on 308  
Fourth St. South Amboy. For reservations  
and information call Steve at 732-727-1707  
or Ray at 732-721-2025.



Baseball great pitcher Jim Kaat was recently  
selected to the Major League Baseball Hall of  
Fame. Kaat is pictured with one of his first pro  
baseball managers, South Amboy native Jack  
McKeon (l) at Spring Training in 2004. As a 19-  
year old in 1958, Jim won 16 games for McKeon's  
Missoula team in the Pioneer Class C League.  
(Photo from the Tom Burkard Archives)



Santa Claus Visit!



On Dec. 12th members of South Amboy Fire Dept.  
participated in the annual Santa Ride Around.  
Each city fire company was assigned a section  
of the city with an "Assistant" Santa Claus on  
Protection Eng. 6, to wave and greet citizens with  
warm holiday greetings. (Photo/Info Submitted)

South Amboy PBA Tree



The South Amboy PBA continued with its annual  
tradition of adorning a tree with blue lights to  
remember our fallen brothers and sisters. To  
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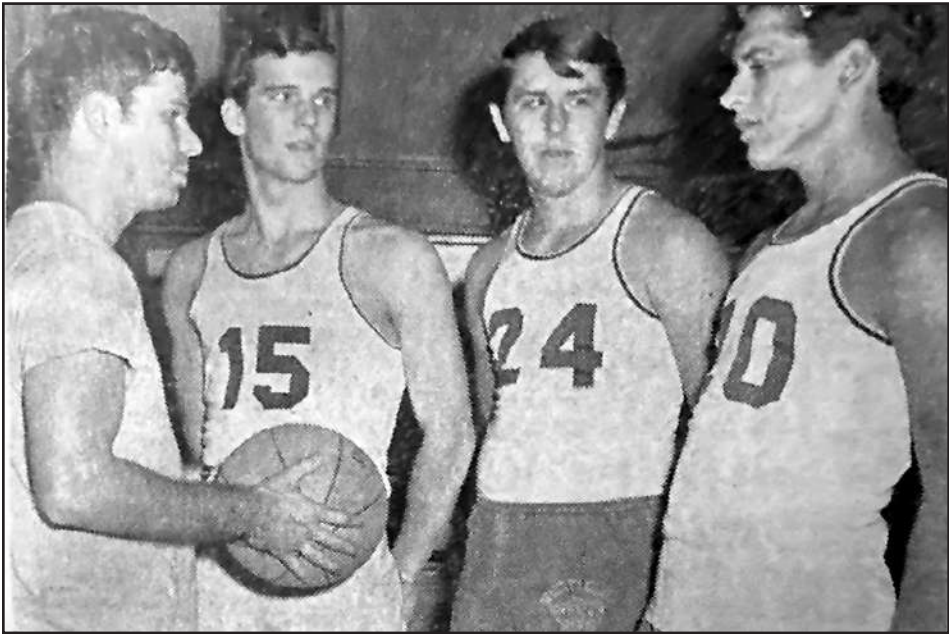
By Tom Burkard

## From The Sports Archives



1957-58 The St. Mary's boys basketball team pictured bottom row (l-r) Coach Woodrow McCarthy, Bob Stader, Tom Leonard, Pat Mullane. Middle row (l-r) Joe Phillips, Stan Kolo, Jim Smelas, Rich Christina. Top row (l-r) Dan Bailey, Steve Flanagan, Al Smith, John Mullane, Tom Gelsinon.

## Remember When?



1970-Pictured (l-r) is St. Mary's rookie varsity basketball coach Sandy Fishman, and three of the 20 greatest Eagles basketball players of the 1970s decade, Nick Charmello, George Krzyzanowski, and Ted Krzyzanowski. The Saints had an outstanding record of (20-6) The photo was taken prior to a team practice.

## Christmas Basketball Tournament Final

50 Years Ago

Dec. 30, 1971-In the Msgr. Sullivan Christmas Basketball Tournament championship game, Hoffman (6-0) battled tourney host St. Mary's (2-4) before a packed house at St. Mary's gym. The fast-moving Guvs raced out to a 22-13 lead after the first quarter, and saw the lead cut to 38-32 at halftime. The determined Eagles cut the lead to 3 after 3 quarters. With 4:33 left in the game, Stan Knast hit 2 free throws to tie it for the Saints. Hoffman's "Golden Boy" Gary Lange went to work, and pumped in 5 straight points midway through the final stanza, to halt the Blue & Gold's comeback rally, as Hoffman brought

home the championship trophy by an 80-69 final score. The Guvs outrebounded St. Mary's 49-42.

Gary Lange captured the MVP award of the tournament, by connecting on 14-21 field goal attempts and a free throw for 29 points. Jim Keegan fired in 20 points and grabbed 17 rebounds, Ron Croddick scored 12, Bob "Ozzie" Levins 10, and Doug Buckalew 9 points and excelled on defense racking up many steals.

Jay Thomas topped the Saints in scoring with 18 points, followed by Knast 16, Craig Beatty 15, Rich Krzyzanowski 12, and Tom Gulick 8.

## Glory Days In Local Sports

1963-The Sayreville football squad mauled Metuchen, 34-12 in the Homecoming Game. John McCarthy broke loose for 2 touchdowns, while Don Andrejewski, Len Gutkowski and Bob Kess each scored a TD. Bill Lehnert booted 3 extra points, while John Karlowitz ran for a conversion...1978-Hoffman boys soccer club nipped Spotswood, 1-0 on a clutch goal by Mark Wahler, who was assisted by Tom Mulligan. Mike Diem was the super goalie who recorded the 9 saves shutout...1983-St. Mary's boys basketball team nipped East Brunswick Tech, 67-65 on a layup with 0:10 seconds left by Joe Byrne. Jim Byrne topped the scoring with 21 points, Randy Wilson tossed in 15 and Joe Byrne had 10...1998-South Amboy girls

## 20 Years Ago

2001-The Sayreville Bombers football club hammered Edison, 35-7. Junior Jabbie had touchdown runs of 11 and 56 yards, and racked up 100 yards rushing to lead the way. Dejon Spruill added a 32-yard TD run, Kenny Smith a 33-yard touchdown jaunt, and quarterback Dan Huff connected on 6-for-8 passes, 91 yards, including a 23-yard touchdown pass to Lamar Holmes.

## 30 Years Ago

1990-91-Gary Kuhn poured in 632 points, a 28.7 scoring average to lead Hoffman boys basketball team. Drew Sabine was second with 251, 14.8; Rob Zaleski topped St. Mary's with 402, 17.5, and Dan Blaha had 290, 12.6. Bill Arango led Sayreville with 323, 14.0, and Jason Kelly scored 271, 11.8.

The final records for the teams: St. Mary's (11-12); Sayreville (10-13); Hoffman (8-14).

## 40 Years Ago

1981-In football action, Sayreville nipped Cedar Ridge, 17-14 on a huge touchdown by Paul D'Arpa with 0:04 seconds left in the contest.

## 50 Years Ago

1971-St. Mary's boys cross country team downed crosstown rival Hoffman, 17-35, as Rich Therkelsen captured 1st place and was followed by teammates John Avagliano-2nd place, Bob Quinn-3rd, Pat Fitzgerald-5th, and Matt Jadecki-6th.

## 65 Years Ago

1956-In game #2 of the City Series, St. Mary's hammered Hoffman, 60-43. The Saints were paced by Tom Pristavec with 16 points, Jim Higgins 12, and Frank Hackett 10 tallies. Pat McCue topped the Purple and Gold with 16 points, and Frank Kitchen tossed in 10.

## 75 Years Ago

1946-St. Mary's stopped New Brunswick, 45-31 before 2,000 fans at Rutgers University. The game was a fundraiser, played to benefit the Infantile Paralysis Fund. Dan Fuller poured in 18 points, Reggie Carney Sr. 11, and Leo Kedzierski 9 for the Eagles.

opened their basketball season with a 78-38 trouncing over East Brunswick Tech. Regan Rone burned the nets for 22 points, and was followed by teammates Kim Peterson 16, Kristen English 12, and Elaina Bajkowski 12...2004-Sayreville girls soccer team shutout Perth Amboy, 4-0 behind goalie Jessica DaRold's 5 saves. Meghan Watters scored a goal and had an assist, while the Bombers got a goal apiece from Caileigh Giovenco, Lynn Mayer, and Nikke Christensen...2012-Cardinal McCarrick boys basketball team nipped New Brunswick, 50-48 to present Coach Joe Lewis with his 300th career victory. Marques Townes led the way with 30 points, and J.D. Rodriguez added 13.



Sophomore John "Flip" Phillips led St. Mary's boys' basketball team in scoring for the 1955-56 season with 295 points and a 13.4 avg.

## 65 Years Ago

1955-56-St. Mary's final scoring for the season was as follows: John Phillips 295 points, 13.4 avg.; Jim Higgins 220, 10.0; Tom Pristavec 169, 8.0; Joe Viggiano 137, 6.0; Frank Hackett 126, 6.0; Bob Stader 85, 4.7; Bob Noble 54, 4.0; John Graber 38, 2.1; Tom McCarthy 32, 2.0; Art Wojciechowski 8, 0.7; Norman Laircy 4, 0.6; Check 2, 0.3.

## T.H.E. Game

Year-1972

Sport-Basketball

Teams-Hoffman vs. South River

Recap-The Guvs had plenty of help from all 5 starters, and needed it to nip South River, 73-71. Doug Buckalew led the scoring with 19 points, followed by Gary Lange 16, Bob "Ozzie" Levins 15 points, and 13 rebounds, Jim Keegan 14 points and 12 rebounds, and Ron Croddick 9 points and 9 steals.

5 Players-Of-The-Game- Buckalew, Levins, Lange, Keegan and Croddick, played a fantastic, all-around game.

## Yogi-Isms

Yogi Berra, perhaps the greatest Major League Baseball catcher of all-time had many quotes attributed to him during his illustrious Hall of Fame career. Here are some that you may not have heard:

- \*"Baseball is 90% mental. The other half is physical."
- \*"It's deja vu all over again."
- \*"You better cut the pizza in four pieces, because I'm not hungry enough to eat six."
- \*"Never answer an anonymous letter."
- \*"If you can't imitate him, don't copy him."
- \*When Yogi saw Steve McQueen in a movie, he said, "He must have made this before he died."
- \*"If the world was perfect, it wouldn't be."
- \*"Be careful if you don't know where you're going in life, because you might not get there."



New Jersey Devils NHL announcer Matt Loughlin (r) met with former South Amboy resident and Past Grand Knight (PGK) of South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426, Mike Mooney, at a recent Devils hockey game. Mike said that, "We spoke about St. Mary's, and South Amboy in general." Matt is a '75 graduate of St. Mary's HS, and is a world-renowned announcer. Mooney is one of few runners who won the Frog Hollow 5K race twice in his illustrious career. (Photo courtesy of Mike Mooney)



# South Amboy Tree Lighting & Emergency Vehicle Parade

December 3, 2021  
(Photos by Brian Stratton)



The Christmas tree in the  
← train plaza all lit up!



Santa made his appearance  
much to the joy of all the children.



Pictured (l-r) Mayor Fred Henry, Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez,  
Councilman Brian McLaughlin and Council President  
Mickey Gross.



Pictured (l-r)  
Claire Kuhn, Holly Hughes  
and Joe Coakley pose  
by the tree in the  
Historical Society's  
← gallery.



Spiced Punch  
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## Walk To Bethlehem



The third annual Walk To Bethlehem took place December 12. The group gathered at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus and visited Christ Episcopal, First Presbyterian, Saint Mary, and Sacred Heart Churches in South Amboy in preparation for Christmas. (Photo by Steve Schmid)

## Our Lady of Victories Parish Celebrates



Our Lady of Victories parish celebrates the Christmas season by lighting property around their buildings with Christmas trees. They will remain lit from 6 PM to 6 AM through the Christmas season until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord in January (Photo by Cheryl Schmid)










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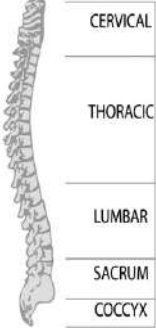
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*The Spinal Column*

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

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

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

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



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St. Therese, the little Flower, please pick me a rose from the Heavenly Garden and send it to me with a message of love. Ask God to grant me the favor I thee implore and tell him I will love him each day more and more. -MS, SS, SP, NP

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 -S.R...



**St. Stan's School**  
(Photos/Info Submitted)



**Gia Drezek (left) and Emma Merendeiro (right) hold the bag for Brandon Leonard (center) as they work together during school clean up day at St. Stan's School.**



**St. Stan's middle school students (l-r) Sofia Pedroso, Sofia Krupinski, and Giovanna Amoah-Nyarko along with principal, Mrs. Lori Hodder, smile for a picture with Bishop Checchio after the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the Diocese of Metuchen. (Photo by Mrs. Lisa Grover)**



**St. Stan's eighth grade students smile underneath their mask after receiving their school rings. Also pictured (l-r) is Rev. Kenneth Murphy, pastor, Mrs. Irene Foret, teacher, and Mrs. Lori Hodder, principal.**



**St. Stan's third grade student, Emma Guijo, crosses her fingers as her and her mother intently watches the wheel of chance at the Annual St. Stan's Bazaar.**



**PreK student, Lianna Nowicki, finds her shoe full of candy left by St. Nicholas on December 6th.**



**St. Stan's students gather with Santa for a photo during the school's First Annual Christmas Tree Lighting.**

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



Does this car look familiar? That tree on top has "a lot of sap." Send your answer to [satimes@aol.com](mailto:satimes@aol.com) by Jan. 17th.

Last month's vintage car was the Munster Koach. The Munster Koach is the family car that was used in the television series, The Munsters. The show's producers contracted George Barris to provide the Koach. Barris paid show car designer Tom Daniel \$200 to design the car, and had it built at Barris Kustoms, first by Tex Smith, but finished by Dick Dean, his shop foreman at the time. The Munster Koach appeared in over twenty episodes throughout the series' two-year run, and was also seen in Munster, Go Home! using different wheels. Tom Daniel's original drawing of the Munster

Koach had it supercharged with a hood scoop and thin, round disc lights. Barris chose the ten-carburetor setup with the ten air horns and lantern lights.

The following correctly identified the vehicle: Clem Skarzynski, Bruce Grankowski, John Gelson, Eileen Coman, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Pete McIntyre, Marie English and Ed English, Ray Andrejewski, Ginny Severino, JoAnn & John French, Eleanore Westerholm, Pat & Bill Scully, Betty Leveille, Steve Laskiewicz, Laurie Loftus, Mark Moniello, Steve Villig.

**November Vintage Car**



**Munster Koach**

**American Legion Lenape Post 211**



On Tuesday, November 23, 2021, the Honor Guard of American Legion Lenape Post 211 of Sayreville presented Debbie Nittolo, Local Store Marketer of Bubba's 33 restaurant in Parlin with a Certificate of Appreciation for her support of Veterans and Veteran's causes. During this past Veteran's Day, Debbie had set-up a POW-MIA empty chair and Remembrance Table at the restaurant in honor of all Veterans missing and in captivity from all wars and conflicts. Debbie Nittolo also held a luncheon for members of the Honor Guard for what they do for the community and the services they sponsor. (Photo/story by Past Commander Rich Kosmoski)








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**Salt Water**

Party and charter boats are still doing well fishing for Striped Bass. Trolling and using jigs is still the way to go surf fishing. It's good at Island Beach and LBI. Some large Bluefish are mixed in but that will change in the colder weather. For now, the local hot spot for Striped Bass is Perth Amboy right in front of the Victory Bridge. I checked this spot a few times and saw at least 2 nice keepers and some shorts that were fairly close too. Claims are the ticket here and I also saw a few missed bites and a few lost fish. I saw large schools of bunkers in the area. For those who fish with bait, Spiny Dogfish are beating the Stripers to the bait most of the time. Bottom fishing is Ling, a few Blackfish, Sea Bass and Porgy if you go far enough offshore. Some Winter Flounder are in the Shark River.

**Fresh Water**

They don't catch them all. My wife and I found out when we returned to the lower Pequest in mid-November. We each caught 2 nice Trout about 15 inches, plus a smaller one. Winter Trout stocking in selected lakes has taken place. Spring Lake received over 200 Trout. Check the NJ Fish and Game website for a complete list.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!



Matthew Stratton took a selfie with one of the many Striped Bass he caught last week. All were "catch and release". 2021 is truly an incredible Striped Bass season that harkens back to the 1960's and early 1970's.



A beautiful Eagle was spotted by the park on Barkalow St. in South Amboy, which was named after two soldiers killed in the Vietnam war, Charles Brown and Robert Hughes. (Photo/info courtesy of Bob Moglia)



South Amboy Fire Department



Brand new Engines 9, and 10 training on the new apparatus at Maras parking lot on a Sunday morning, right after they were delivered to the city of South Amboy. (Photo/info submitted)

Middlesex College Veterans and Servicemembers Association



The Middlesex College Veterans and Servicemembers Association, the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, Democracy House, and the College's Student Life Office collected items from the College community over the month of November to be donated to the Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park, in Edison. Donations included 10 boxes of sunglasses, socks, shampoo and conditioner, snacks and other items. From left, Connor Cheung (East Brunswick), Kathleen Sabo (Sayreville), Jennifer Bejarano-Huertas (Fords), Jakai Evans (Edison). (Photo/Info Submitted)

South Amboy Homecoming



South Amboy High School recently held its Homecoming Dance. Pictured top row(l-r) is the Royal Court, Senior Queen Maggie Whiteley, Senior King Maxwell Villalon. Junior Princess Sara Lukie, Junior Prince Gabriel Albarran, bottom row (l-r) Sophomore Princess Mia Navarria, Sophomore Prince Jake Eberle, Freshman Prince Jeremy Vasquez, Freshman Princess Mia McCall. (Photo/Info Submitted)

A Christmas Wish  
If I could have  
Just one  
Christmas wish  
It would not  
be for me  
I'd ask for the  
world  
For just one day  
To live in  
peace and harmony

New Years Day Bingo

St. Stan's will hold a New Years day Bingo on January 1, 2022. Doors open at 12:00 noon and games start at 1:30 pm. The kitchen will be open for lunch. St. Stan's school gym, 221 MacArthur Ave, Sayreville.



Happy Holidays!

Sayreville Holiday Parade Of Lights

December 5, 2021  
(Photos by Brian Stratton)



Mayor Victoria Kilpatrick, Council members lead the parade.



Woodrow Willson School PTO one of the many groups that marched in the parade.



Cub Scout Pack 796 of Sayreville.



The Sayreville Bombers Marching Band did a great job!



Patsy Palma warms up the crowd.



One of the many groups that performed during the evening.



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**WWW.?**  
By Tom Burkard



Does this festive place look familiar? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by Jan. 17th. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

**WWW.? Winners November**

Last month the WWW.? was the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library located in between the South Amboy High School and Middle School. The following correctly identified it: Leon Credico, Chuck Pickard, Marisa Szamreta, Joan Gorczyca, Dennis Quinlan, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Pete McIntyre, Marie English and Ed English, JoAnn & John French, Jim & Debbie Sissick, Joan Fulham, Barb Bockus, Pat & Bill Scully, Betty Leveille, Mary Agnes Morris, Lynn Loy, Steve Laskiewicz, Laurie Loftus, Gary Feret, Eleanore Westerholm, Mark Moniello, Lisa Grankowski, Craig Yetsko.



November's WWW - Dowdell Library

**Where in NJ?**  
By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Can you identify this location? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by Jan 17th.

Last month the Where in NJ? Was the beautiful Carteret Performing Arts and Events Center. Located at 46 Washington Street, Carteret. The wait is over and this multipurpose venue is open . Check out their website for details on upcoming shows and events The following were able to identify it: Marie English & Ed English, Jim & Debbie Sissick, Pete McIntyre, Pat & Bill Scully, Betty Leveille, JoAnn & John French, Mark Moniello, Craig Yetsko.



Carteret Performing Arts and Events Center.





In Memoriam

Sister Joan Gavron, 89, formerly of Sayreville/South Amboy died on Nov. 9. She was previously known as Sister Mary Zita, and was a Sister of Mercy for 72 years. Sister Joan taught at many Catholic schools in NJ, and served as principal at St. Mary’s High Regional High School from 1976-82, which was her alma mater. She was a fine, highly-respected educator, who dedicated her life to Catholicism and the Lord Jesus. Timothy White, 84, of Parlin died on Nov. 15. He was Past Grand Knight for K of C Council #8478, and also was a life member and past president of Madison Park Fire Dept. Charles “Buddy” Lukie, 81, of Melrose died on Nov. 18. A proud Navy veteran, he served on the U.S.S. Saratoga; worked 40 year for E.I. DuPont Photo Products; was an exempt member of Melrose Hose Co.; was active in the Scouts for many years. Charley was one of the “good guys” at Waterfront Park in South Amboy/Sayreville. Anne Dowdell Richmond, 87, of South Amboy died on Nov. 19. She was related to Sadie Pope Dowdell, who the South Amboy Library is named after. Anne was an avid SA Times reader, and a very fine person, who will be sadly missed but always remembered. Judith Dieker Quinlan, 77, of Parlin Died on Dec. 1. She was a graduate of Charles E. Gregory Nursing School, and before retiring, she was a Registered Nurse for 35 years-the most years of service at Raritan Bay Medical Center in Perth Amboy.

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 -MJC & EMP..

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. -P.S..

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

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED MOTHER  
(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.

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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

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Obituaries

Bonanne, Vincent, 68, of Sayreville died on Nov. 29.  
Bukowiec, Marek S., 59, of Sayreville died on Nov. 19.  
Burrell, Linda M., 62, of Sayreville died on Nov. 24.  
Denby, Kate, 53, of Sayreville died on Nov. 19.  
Dentz, Rose Marie, 89, of Sayreville died on Nov. 18.  
Gavron, RSM, Sister Joan, 89, formerly of Sayreville/South Amboy died on Nov. 9.  
Gray, Ruth L., 95, formerly of Parlin died on Oct. 31.  
Lacko, Helen, 72, of Sayreville died on Nov. 29.  
Laverty, Catherine, 82, of Parlin died on Nov. 16.  
Ludlow, David, 57, of South Amboy died on Nov. 26.  
Lukie, Charles “Buddy,” 81, of Melrose died on Nov. 18.  
Maslanka, Mariusz J., 48, of Parlin died on Nov. 27.  
Murray, Angelina, 89, of Parlin died on Nov. 21.  
Pekarsky, Laverne C. Lasko, 94, formerly of Sayreville died on Nov. 1.  
Pollard, Nora A., 87, of Sayreville died on Nov. 18.  
Pulvermuller, Glenn Jr., 42, of Parlin died on Nov. 26.  
Quinlan, Judith J. Dieker, 77, of Parlin died on Dec. 1.  
Richmond, Anne Dowdell, 87, of South Amboy died on Nov. 19.  
Santiago, Laura, 86, of South Amboy died on Nov. 11.  
Standowski, Ronald, 65, of Sayreville died on Nov. 23.  
Urban, Edward J., 95, of South Amboy died on Nov. 19.  
White, Timothy J., 84, of Parlin died on Nov. 15.  
Wojaczyk, Wayne S., 71, of Morgan died on Nov. 20.



Laura Santiago

It is with great sadness that we must announce the passing of Laura L. Santiago of South Amboy, NJ, formally, of Woodbridge, NJ, on November 11, 2021. She was 86.  
Laura was born in Puerto Rico in December of 1934 to Bonifacio Santiago and Maria Velez before moving to the United States at an early age. Laura enjoyed planting flowers in her garden and dancing to music. She was an amazing cook! She loved spending time with her family and grandchildren and would often babysit the grandchildren. Her favorite thing to do was to have her family over and cook for them. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.  
Laura is predeceased by her parents Bonifacio Santiago and Maria Velez. She is survived by her daughters, Aileen Velez and her husband Pete of South Amboy, NJ; Nitza Castanos of Jacksonville, FL; Norma Valencia of Orlando, FL; brother, Bonifacio Santiago of Puerto Rico; 9 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and many dear friends

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

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