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WHAT'S ALL THE FIGHTING FOR?

War is the most horrible thing imaginable. The carnage and destruction is surreal. Intellectually it is hard to conceive of any circumstance that can justify such extreme action. Ironically the reason for war is obvious. One only needs to lift their head out of their text book and ask the person next to them...

Unless that person was imprisoned for reading a book. Or maybe it is a child who can't speak right now because they are working in a factory. It may be someone who has been tortured and had his tongue cut out. Or the person asked may detonate a bomb that he had strapped to himself. Or maybe the seat is empty and the person who would have been there decided to go to work on September 11, 2001. The reasons for war are rooted in preservation of life. A rational person has trouble admitting that the evils that are capable of human atrocity exist on his planet. Evil, that if given the chance will snuff his very life. It happens every day all over the world to tens of thousands of people. Doing nothing is as surreal as war. Freedom and liberty has a price and young Americans are paying that price with their lives. To suggest this military action is predicated on a whim is a disservice to our government and to those troops. Freedom of expression comes with responsibility. One may rationalize a certain point of view but failure to recognize an opposing one cuts the legs out from under those very rights that we are fighting to preserve.

A blissful utopia can be built in the virtual world of academia. There are no threats from rogue nations bent on destroying it. In a perfect world there is no war. In reality, war does exist and it is fought not with ideology but with weapons of mass destruction. And in reality, as in utopia, no one wants war. Everyone wants to

see an end to this war and our troops home safely. They would also like to see the end of brutal dictatorships and terrorism.

America is the pervador of freedom and liberty throughout the world. Ironically it is the reason for much of the hatred directed towards us. As much as America would like to stay out of conflict, it must make that choice every time it is witness to human atrocities. When the threat is directed towards us, there is no choice. We must act. Before the start of the Iraq war, President Bush said "The risk of not going to war out weighs the risk of going." History has validated the existence of these risks.



Kingston Club members representing their respective branch of the service. The club had 138 members who served with the armed forces in World War II. All but two returned safely. (back, l-r) M. Melchione, J. Furlero, N. Squillace, C. Russo, J. Remite, (front) S. Guida.

Featured in this issue of Around About Peterstown are the members of the The Kingston Athletic Club. Sixty years ago these men were in the throngs of World War II. This was an all out battle fought for the the same principals that we are defending today. The scars and trauma left from that conflict live in these brave men to this day. Also living are those liberties that they fought for. They live in their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. If

> anyone wants to exercise their intellect about the justification of war, have them imagine what their lives would be like today if America tried diplomacy in 1942.

> > This is a photo from the Kingston A.C. Club's 60th anniversary in 1988. The club is disbanding after 75 years in existence.

(back, l-r) Cy Russo, Basillio Randazzo, Anthony Londino, William LaMorte (From, (l-r) Fred Russo, Pete Renna, Noe Russo, Anthony Ciaramella, Louis LaBrutto, Anthony Guiliano, Joseph Iazzetta, William Caruso, Ross DeMaio, Charles Oliveri.



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President's Message

The club's 15th Anniversary Dinner Dance was a huge success. I thank those who were able to make it and the businesses and individuals who placed an ad in our souvenir book. Everyone is asking when are we going to do it again.

We will have the opportunity to get together very soon, this time a little more casually. June 7 is the clubs 16th Annual Family Picnic. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. This is the first time we will be having it on a Saturday. It's easier to relax when you don't have the thought of working

the next morning in your head. This year we will be honoring Carl Corsentino. He has

been a great friend to the people of Peterstown. He has helped so many people in so many ways. And he's done so quietly. He's helped people personally in ways that no one else knew or has to know. We encourage anyone who has been touched by his kindness to come together at the picnic in a show of gratitude.



Dear Mr. Renna,

I was delighted to learn that my column in the January issue of New Jersey Monthly had provided you inspiration for your article in the February issue of Around About Peterstown. Thank you for letting me know.

Best wished to you and your staff for a successful year. Sincerely. Kate S. Tomlinson Publisher/Editor-in-chief. New Jersey Monthly

Hi Mr. Renna!

My family is from Peterstown and I too was born there. We have moved to Linden and enjoy your paper. We try to get all the issues, but occasionally we miss an important one.We were lucky enough to get the one on Michael DeMartino and Michael Crincoli (both cousins of ours).

I just wanted to say "Thank You" for dropping the Dec. 02 issue of the paper off at my house. It turns out my grandfather was mentioned in the article about barbers. His name is Emil Venezio. He is my mother's father. It made her so happy to read the article and see his name included. Thanks again and keep up the great job that you do with the paper! Very truly yours,

Kimberly A. Pace Linden, NJ

Dear Mr. Renna:

I am Marlene Colicchio Jacono and I hear from Mike Colicchio that you have had a recent publication in which you had a great story about the Colicchio Family in your area. It's been such an interesting relationship over the e-mail with Mike that I would like to read the story. I have never met Mike, Tom or Phil, but through the e-mail have been getting to know my long lost cousins.

For my birthday my husband, Jim, took me to NYC and I met Tom Colicchio and we had dinner at the Gramercy Tavern...very exciting. I think we may be about 5th or 6th cousins. In any event, it was fun and I had a great birthday.

Mrs. Marlene C. Jacono Middletown, DE

Dear Joe,

I saw a copy of All Around Peterstown while I was in the waiting room at Trinitas Hospital. I was fascinated with the story of Dr. Brennan because I used to live in San Antonio, and spent many a wonderful day in Boerne, TX.

Like Elizabeth, Boerne has a monastery of Benedictine Sisters from the Federation of St. Scholastica. I studied with many of the Sisters in Boerne and often visited at the Monastery. Sr. Bernadine Reyes, osb, their Prioress is a friend of mine. Their former prioress, Sr. Ann Marie Zini, osb, was from NJ.

Thanks. Ioe De Benedictis Colonia, NJ



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Letters must include sender's name, address and phone number (only name and town will be printed). Letters should be typed. Letters appear as space

permits. We reserve the right not to print a letter without notifying sender.

Dear Mr. Renna,

I saw a photo of the New Besco Shirt Co. Annex, August 26, 1933 which appeared in the February 02 issue of "Around About Peterstown". My grandmother, Margaret DeSanto, is in that picture. My mother, Mary DiSavino, also worked for Besco as did many of our friends. It brings back some great memories.

Thank you very much. Joseph DiSavino Iselin, NJ





(top) Margaret DeSanto in a detail of Besco Shirt Company photo. She was 60 years old and living on Palmer Street. (bottom) At age 82 in 1955. She was then living on High Street. Margaret passed away in 1959.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Renna,

Needless to say, I'm tickled pink now that I am on your mailing list. I would like to get a subscription for my sister-inlaw, Rae. She would also like to have the back issues.

- Respectfully,
- Michael D'Alessandro
- Las Vegas, NV

Joe and Tina,

Please note my new address. I moved January 4th to Vineland. Health problems made it necessary to be closer to Penn Hospital (Philadelphia, PA).

This past Saturday, I had to come North (Cranford). Low and behold my copy of "Around About Peterstown" was waiting for me at my daughter's house. I enjoy your publication very much (don't want to miss one copy).

Thank you. Keep up the good work.

- Sincerely,
- Pat Gargano

Vineland, NJ

Dear Joe and Tina,

This is a great paper. My buddy Andy King sent me a copy of the last issue with a write-up about my brother Joe in it. I hope you and your family are well.

- Take care, Tim Brennan
- Redding, CT

Dear Peterstown Newspaper,

I found some photos (see below) of me and my buddies and would like to share them with your readers. We hung out in front of Santillo's Bakery, on South 7th & Fourth Avenue, and in front of DiCosmo's Lemon Ice Stand on Fourth Avenue and High Street.

Thank you, Angelo Monaco Elizabeth, NJ



(right) Frank Barone, **Ralph Bartone**

Thank you President

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(left, back) Tony Nufrio, Tony Bartone, Paul Ferraro, Mike Nigro (front) Angelo Monaco, Lenny Malicondi, Joe Buckley



(right)

Fran Monaco,

Paul Ferraro.



(left) John Nufrio, **Jake Gargano**



Editor's Opinion everybody has one - this is mine - by Joe Renna

The perception of people who voice their opinions at public meetings is seldom flattering. It's a bum rap and I'd like to change that image.

Public comment is an integral part of the administrative process. It is one of the most basic rights presented in our constitution. Yet, those who take advantage of the opportunity to be heard on public record concerning important issues about the community are looked at as being an eccentric or a rabble rouser. Public opinion is crucial to government in making correct decisions. These community advocates should be encouraged instead of vilified.

The source of criticism comes from special interest groups who are trying to push projects through the system and by politicians who may have a self serving agenda concerning the issue. Either way, public knowledge is the enemy of corruption and the informed taxpayer is its nemesis. It is usually the official them selves or their party operative that tries to discourage any opposition to their cause. It is disturbing because they have the power to make life difficult for their critic. There are many forms of intimidation that keeps well meaning citizens from expressing their opinion. The threats are real and the officials involved are putrid.

There are those lone souls out there that stay informed and take action when they see a wrong being perpetrated. They are brave but even more they are persistent. One person has very little effect when up against a machine. That is why I am advocating that more people get involved.

Government has to be knocked down a peg or two and lowered to the people's level. The power of government exists above the common person. Hopefully a check and balance system exists when power is shared by two parties. But if your town, or county, is dominated by one party, it is up to the taxpayer to step up and be the watchdog.

There are plenty of great people in public office. It is important that all our energy is not spent chasing the bad guys around but the majority of our efforts should be put into supporting the good guys. With strong support, they can prevail over the sleaze.

Regular readers of this paper can notice a trend in my writing that is becoming more and more political. The events of the last two years have been the catalyst in the change. From 9/11 to the the war in Iraq, stories of bravery, patriotism and human compassion have caused me to pursue a more meaningful focus in life.

As uplifting as the stories of American spirit have been, the more disgraceful the stories of political and corporate corruption are. I think of the young men and women who have died for our country and then I think of the elected officials in the headlines who are sited for compromising the public's trust.

I don't want the deaths of our troops to be in vain. I don't want to think of POW's being tortured so some political hack can have a cushy government job. I want the pain and suffering of every veteran from every war to be considered every time an elected official makes a decision. "Justice" and "Liberty" is compromised whenever a public figure puts his personal interests before those of the people.

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Not for Nothing But... our goal should be to build on the positive so that the negative crumbles.



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Sons of Peterstown President John Sacco and wife Doreen.

CLUB PRESIDENT SELECTED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The Elizabeth Chapter of UNICO National has named the Sons of Peterstown president, John Sacco, their 2003 Citizen of the Year.

Sacco has been a fixture on Third Avenue in Peterstown his entire life. He is the second generation to own and operate his butcher shop. He is dedicated to helping every aspect of the community. He is actively involved in many causes formal and informal, from the church to the senior citizens. John is one of those people who helps others because it is the right thing to do. There is no alternate motives for his actions.

John Sacco follows a tradition of community service that is a defining characteristic of Peterstown. There were many before him that dedicated their lives to the welfare of others. Sacco has always helped when the call came out. As years went by it became John's turn to take the lead, and he has. It's a selfless volunteer position, not an elected or an appointed one.

It is wonderful that UNICO has chosen to recognize Sacco and the work he has done on behalf of the community. The sentiment reflects those of the many people he helped directly and indirectly. The community would like to join UNICO in thanking the number 1 Son of Peterstown.

UNICO will be holding their annual dinner dance on Sunday, October 12, 2003, where Sacco will have the place of honor. The dance will be held at L'Affair Restaurant in Mountainside, NJ and UNICO extends an open invitation to anyone who would like to attend. Tickets are \$75 per person and seating is limited so it is suggested to reserve early. For tickets call Luigi Marcianti at (908) 355-8815.

UNICO IS HERE TO HELP

UNICO is the largest Italian-American service organization. The Elizabeth Chapter of UNICO National has been in existence since 1963. The organization supports the Italian Studies Chair at Seton Hall University, participates in underprivileged and handicapped children's work, charities, community and civic activities.

Over the past four decades, the Elizabeth Chapter has sponsored the Elizabeth UNICO Scholarship Foundation where we give annual scholarships to college and post graduate students. We have contributed to St. Anthony's Church, the Kohler Development Center and the



(left) UNICO members and officers hammer out the details of their annual dinner dance in October where they will make presentations to their 2003 scholarship winners and their 2003 Citizen of the Year. (seated, 1-r) Pat Arena, Treasurer; George Marretta, Vice President and Luigi

Marciante, President. (standing, l-r) Pippo Ricca, Pete Paolucci, Treasurer and Joseph Marretta.

Occupational Center. We have raised money for these charities through dinner dances and raffles.

UNICO is not only a charitable organization. As members we are committed to preserving the positive contributions of Italian Americans, past and present. We strive to inspire all generations of Italian Americans to carry on our heritage and afford everyone the opportunities that are available in this great country of ours.

What Is UNICO? U -- UNITY N -- NEIGHBORLINESS I -- INTEGRITY C -- CHARITY O -- OPPORTUNITY "Service Above Self"



Harriet and Blaise Lapolla

LAPOLLA RETIRES FROM CITY AFTER 40 YEARS

Speech written and delivered by Pete Busichio at the retirement party for his father-in-law, Blaise Lapolla

The very name Blaise Lapolla means Elizabeth. I vividly recall as a boy growing up in Elizabeth in the 1960s, a certain few names that were always part of the landscape of the city -- and, truthfully, Blaise Lapolla was the one I remember most prominently. And the reason is because of all he has done for the city and its residents over the years. Today, some 40 years later, his name -- and presence -- mean even more to me because of his overarching value to his family.

Even before I met my wife, Camille, Blaise's only daughter (yes, Blaise does have a daughter), I seemed to always have a connection to Blaise. I played little league baseball with his oldest son, Michael, and many years ago, my brother and my sister both worked in City Hall and would always remark about what a great guy Blaise was.

In 1965, Blaise started his municipal career as the supervisor of the Central License Bureau for the city, and quickly attained the positions of supervisor of Public Buildings, Markets and Docks, superintendent of Public Buildings, and for the past 10 years, the Director of Public Works. Blaise's work ethic was second to none and the results were seen throughout the city in the form of cleaner and safer streets, smoothly run Public Works services and the respect of his colleagues and subordinates alike.

Throughout his City Hall career, he was valued as the experienced and prudent mentor to younger generations of politicians and civil servants. And beyond the boundaries of Elizabeth, anywhere you go with Blaise, invariably you'll be delayed, because he'll run into someone he knows -- be it a distant relative or an old friend. And while he might not recall the person's name too quickly, you can rest assured it was somebody Blaise once helped or influenced along the way.

As a person, Blaise blends a sense of compassion with a keen awareness of the real world. He always remembers his roots and the constant struggle of the common man. He is always there to smooth the way for someone in need of assistance, and takes others' burdens upon himself in an effort to lighten their load. One would be hard pressed to find someone with a bad word to say about Blaise. And that's because he has always treated everyone the same way -- with a genuine respect for them as a person.

Known as a man of few words, Blaise speaks volumes

with his actions. Whether it was for his job, his family or his community, Blaise would always undertake an action that ultimately advanced the lot of someone else. From behind-the-scenes coordination to out-in-front leadership, my father-in-law has been a relentless worker his entire life. He is the consummate professional, the dutiful community servant and the self-sacrificing head of his family.

His love and care for his family was always apparent whether it meant working multiple jobs as a means of financial support, or his calm demeanor offering a more subtle means of nourishment and guidance. This commitment to family has manifested itself in the special bond all the immediate and extended family members share today. And so, on behalf of Blaise's family -- his wife, Harriet, his sons, Michael, Rick, Blaise, Charlie and Thomas, and his daughter, Camille, their respective spouses and his 16 -- soon to be 17-grandchildren, I say thank you to him for all he has done to lead his family throughout our entire lives.

No, they just don't make them like Blaise anymore. Blaise Lapolla is a unique individual, and we, as his family, are all very grateful to call him ours. And all the citizens of Elizabeth -- from all those hearty souls and storied characters who ever had a drink in Lapolla's Tavern on Third Avenue and John Street, to anyone who has ever walked or driven the streets of the Burg, or the Port, or Keighry Head, Elmora, the North End or Frog Hollow -- made safer because of Blaise's influence -they all owe Blaise a measure of gratitude far beyond what they might realize. The city of Elizabeth is better off for him; our family is better off for him, and this world is a better place because of him.

George Bernard Shaw once wrote: "Perhaps the greatest social service that can be rendered by anybody to the country and to mankind is to bring up a family."

Blaise Lapolla has given his whole career to the City of Elizabeth and his whole life to his family. In that sense, we all can learn a lesson from how Blaise has lived his life and the priorities that he has chosen to follow, and he might very well be considered the greatest social servant any of us has ever known, or will ever encounter in our lifetime. For a career that has played out over half a century, and a lifetime that has spanned more than seven decades, this should be known as his greatest accomplishment.

THE PRIDE OF HARRIET AND BLAISE LAPOLLA

This photo of the Lapolla family was taken at the retirement party for Blaise Sr. The man of honor is seated in the center with his wife Harriet at his right. His four sons are standing with their spouses seated in front of them. His daughter Camille and husband Pete Busichio are sandwiched between the boys.



(l-r) Blaise Jr. and Lynn, Michael and Susan, Camille and Pete, Rick and Kathy, Charlie and Kathy, Thomas and Maria. 16 Peteratouri April 03

LEN MERLO IS HONORED GUEST OF JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

Last November, Len Merlo was one of 200 educators from across the country to travel to Tokyo Japan as a participant in the Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program. Merlo is an Art Specialist at Livingston High School.

The program allows distinguished primary and secondary school teachers in the U.S. to travel to Japan for three weeks in an effort to promote greater intercultural understanding between the two nations.

Merlo and his fellow teachers received an orientation on Japanese life and culture and met with Japanese government officials and educators.

The Americans traveled in groups of 20 to prefectures (states) outside of Tokyo where they had direct contact with Japanese teachers and

students. The trip also included visits to cultural sites and local industries in addition to a homestay with a Japanese family.

The program is sponsored by the government of Japan and was launched to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the U.S. government Fulbright Program, which has enabled more than 6,000 Japanese citizens to study in the U.S. on Fulbright fellowships for graduate education and research.

Len Merlo was selected from a national pool of over 2,100 applicants. It is a great honor to have been chosen. The experience enriches the quality of education he is able to deliver. He shares the knowledge he learned with his students. A unique perspective that only can be gained through experience.



educators should travel to Peterstown to learn some street smarts.

LUNA LOUNGE MARKS YEAR ONE

Luna Lounge is a unique night spot. It's unlike any that can be found...well anywhere. The design is simple and it is in that simplicity that patrons find perfection. Many clubs, bars and restaurants offer a mix of services trying to accommodate a variety of clients. It is difficult to be everything to everyone and so aspects of one service must be sacrificed for another. Luna lounge is focused on just the few aspects of what people want in a night spot and offer only the best of each.

Singles and couples looking to dance or listen to contemporary music are treated to a state of the art sound system and lighting design. The bar is stocked with top shelf liquor mixed to delicate perfection. The environment is safe and friendly. There is a unique class of people whose focus in on having a good time. They could count on a comfortable place to be with friends or meet someone new who also live by the Luna Lounge credo to "Live, Love, Drink, Dance".



Luna Lounge invites everyone to celebrate their one year Anniversary at a party that will span over three evenings. The special nights will be Thursday, Friday & Saturday, April 10th, 11th & 12th.

Luna Martini

A Luna Lounge Original designed by Maritza Obando

INGREDIENTS & PREPARATION:

- 1) Fill a 16 oz. Jigger with Cracked Ice.
- 2) Add: $1^{1}/_{2}$ oz. Stali Vanil
 - 1 oz. Malibu Rum
 - $^{1}/_{2}$ oz. Blue Curacao
- 3) Fill jigger with fresh pineapple juice
- 4) Strain into Martini glass
- 5) Garnish with a fresh pineapple wedge

Little Sal's Cocktail

A Luna Lounge Original

INGREDIENTS & PREPARATION:

- Fill a 16 oz. Jigger with Cracked Ice.
 Add: 1¹/₂ oz. Grey Goose L'orange 1 oz. Malibu Rum
 ¹/₂ oz. Peach Schnapps
 2 oz. Pineapple Juice
 2 oz. Cranberry Juice
 Shake and strain into Martini glass
- 3) Shake and strain into Martini glass with an orange twist

(above) Lenny Merlo with his host family from Komoro City, Japan. He spent 4 days with the family. Pictured right to left are Mako Nakamura, Lenny, Mako's wife, Emiko, his son Sota and his youngest daughter Konomi. Their daughter Yoko (not shown) is taking the photo.

> (left) Bar manager , Maritza Obando offers a menu of original mixed drinks created by her and her staff. Three of which appear to the right.

Little Joe Bull A Luna Lounge Original

INGREDIENTS & PREPARATION:
1) Fill a 16 oz. Jigger with Cracked Ice.
2) Add: 2 oz. Stoli Ohranj
4 oz. Red Bull Energy Drink
3) Top off with Ocean Spray
Cranberry Juice
4) Garnish with a wedge of lime

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VELLA FAMILY CREDITS PARENTS FOR GOOD VALUES

Raymond Vella is running for a spot on the Elizabeth Board of Education. He is working as hard on the campaign as he does in his construction business. Raymond has only one mode of operation, and that is always 100% effort. He attributes his work ethic to his parents.

Raymond doesn't separate business from family or community. His father, Carmine taught him that at a young age and continued to instill the concept

(right, l-r) Carmine Vella and his wife, Maria Carmen.

tinued to instill the concept throughout his life. Carmine retired from his contracting business that he started as a teenager fresh out of Edison Vo-Tech High School in Elizabeth.

Carmine has lived in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth since he arrived from Vallata Italy in 1958 at the age of 12. He worked in Elizabeth and raised his four children there, all of whom also chose to live in Elizabeth.

His sons Raymond and Pat have followed their fathers lead and operate their own contracting business named Pavel Construction. And like their dad they invested in Elizabeth, buying properties and renovating them.

Both Raymond and Pat are members of Local 394. Their younger brother Victor took a different career course and is currently enrolled in the law program at Seton Hall University. Their sister Delfina is training to be a dental assistant. Their mother Carmen works at Trinitas Hospital. She started there 8 years ago after dedicating her time to raising the family. The siblings and parents are all involved with helping each other.

The Vella family also turns their energy to helping the community. Raymond's run for the Board of Education has been so effective because of the support of his family. They can all be seen working at a variety of campaign functions, lightening the heavy load of work.

Running for public office is a noble endeavor. It is a commitment and a sacrifice. The reward is the opportunity to make a positive contribution to people's lives. The Vella family is proud of Raymond's determination to become active in public service. Being elected would be an accomplishment his parents could only have imagined.

Carmine and Carmen worked hard their entire lives so their children would have such opportunities. Their children's success is their American dream come true.

(left) A 1950's photo of a young Carmine Vella (far right) and his family in their Sunday best. Pictured (l-r) is his brother Jerry; father, Pasquale and brother, Mike. His mother, Victoria, is seated in front.

(below) Photo of Carmine and his family at the 2002 Ribera Club Picnic in which Raymond was Chairman. (l-r) Victor, Carmen, Raymond, Delfina, Carmine, Kim (Pat's wife) and Pat. (not pictured) Raymond's wife, Jolanta.









Ward Councilman by Judge Roman Montes. Paternoster has been Raymond's mentor on the workings of government.

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everyone should vote

for the Board of Ed.,

regardless if you have

kids in the system.

VELLA TEAMS WITH SALERMO FOR BOARD OF ED. Raymond Vella and Marcos Salermo have similar ideas on how to improve

Elizabeth's Board of Education. They got together to share those ideas recently and mutually decided to run for the board to see if they can implement their ideas and make a difference.

They are both commissioners for the Elizabeth Parking Authority. Vella has been on the board for $2^{1/2}$ years and Salermo has been there one. Serving together elevated their acquaintanceship into friendship. The experience of serving on the Parking Authority Board gave them the opportunity to exchange ideas and the more they discussed issues the more they found they agreed with each other. Education was a particular issue that motivated them enough to want to do something to improve it.

Vella and Salermo are both entrepreneurs. Vella, along with his brother, co-founded Pavel Construction, a formidable contracting business which they started with hand-me-down tools from their father. Salermo runs a family retail business on Elizabeth Avenue. He is an active member of the Elizabeth Avenue Partnership and they both are members of the Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce. Their businesses can be seen displayed on the uniforms of the Elmora Youth League baseball teams that they each sponsor.

Vella points to the fact that the state of New Jersey allocated more than half a billion dollars to Elizabeth to build new schools. It will be a monumental task to manage that construction. Vella believes his expertise in the construction industry will help the board understand the many proposals that they are bound to receive and help make the correct decisions when choosing one.

Marcos Salermo also wants the board to do the right thing. As a member he will stress accountability and would work as a watchdog with the taxpayer's interest in mind. Besides construction to relieve overcrowding, the candidates would like to address issues like safety in the schools and encourage more vocational training opportunities for the students.

The team of Vella and Salermo bring a young, fresh perspective to the local political scene. They believe that the voters have the power to change things and they can exercise that power by voting on April 15th. Vella and Salermo hope that the voters agree with them that a change is needed and they can make that change happen.



(above) Vella and Salermo have the support of many local officials including (l-r) Mayor Bollwage and Council Persons Angelo Paternoster, Carla Mazza and Carlos Alma.



(left, l-r) Raymond Vella, Ernesto Salermo and his son Marcos. The fathers are their sons' biggest guidance, encouragement

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The Sons of Peterstown would like to thank everyone who participated our 15th Anniversary celebration.

Dinner Dance planning Committee Frank Bravo Lisa Foti Fran Antonucci Patty Dagro

> Souvenir Book Jack LaBrutto Anthony Bottitta John Sacco Doreen Sacco

A special thanks to all those who attended and for those who placed ads in our Book.

SONS COMMEMORATE 15 YEARS

Excerpts from speech by John Sacco

for the purpose of keeping us together. From our meeting's humble beginnings in the basement of the old Pebble Lounge up to today our mission has been successful even though it has been heavily tested.

We moved from the Pebble Lounge to the Vallatese Hall, before moving again, this time to the American Italian Cultural Society Club on John Street and 4th Avenue. The Saint Rocco's Feast was run from that location. After a year there it was back to the Pebble Lounge but now it was named Alibi's and was owned by



(top, 1-r) Fran Antonucci, Lisa Foti and Patty Dagro worked tirelessly organizing the event. They involved themselves in the day to day work of putting the club's plan into action.

(above, l-r) Frank Bravo was the club member who stepped up to chair the event. He was involved from concept to completion. Standing with Frank are the officers of the Sons of Peterstown; Vice President, Anthony Sacca; Secretary, Lou LaBrutto; President, John Sacco; Treasurer, Jim Palermo and Sergeant at Arms, Chris Colletti.

The Sons of Peterstown Sports Club was started two members, Carmen Mazza and Manny Carravano. We were in Alibi's basement for two years until it was sold. We opened our first club house on 656 Third Avenue. We were very visible sometimes maybe too visible. We were across from our beloved school #3 playground.

> Together with our affiliate, Daughters of Peterstown, we were the first club to put a float in the Columbus Day Parade.

> Our big break came when we heard the Stallions Club had folded, and they wanted to sell. Some of their members were reluctant but we pushed on, and thankfully with the help of Uncle Simone, Jo Jo and a few others our dream came true. We would soon have a place to call our own.

> Shares were sold, money was raised, friends helped out and we were on our way! But there was still work to be done on the clubhouse. We set a goal and we reached it in two years. We installed new windows, a heating system, central air, an addition to the patio and finally a new roof. Everything that was done was done out of love. It is that love, that translates into our devotion and our passion for our families, our people, our church, and our community.

> Some friends and brothers are gone, but not forgotten: Alan, Big George, Little Joe, Larry, Charlie, and Joe Dagro. We can never forget what they ment to us.

> Our 15th Anniversary Dinner Dance, held on On February 14, 2003 brought the history of the club into perspective. Our mission is as pure as when we started out. And though we are that much older what's important to us has not changed. The club will continue to promote the good will that is the Peterstown tradition and strive to instill the values that we were taught into our children. 😰

SPECIAL HONOR FOR A SPECIAL FRIEND

Through the years, the Sons of Peterstown have had some issues. Like most organizations, there are periods of growth and development that may not go as smoothly as planned. Different problems arise unique to each particular organization. The challenges for the Sons of Peterstown definitely are unique and their solutions are also.

Through its charter, the club has adapted the Roberts Rules of Order, a basic handbook of operation for most clubs, organizations and other groups. It is a set of rules for conduct at meetings, that allows everyone to be heard and to make decisions without confusion. The Sons of Peterstown faced many issues that were not addressed by the guide book.

When faced with our biggest dilemmas and during times of our greatest confusion there was one person who always came through for us. Jo Jo Farrarra has been that special friend to the Sons of Peterstown.



the Sons of Peterstown uses the Roberts Rules book to throw at members who are disrupting the meeting.



The Sons of Peterstown took the occasion of their 15th Anniversary to thank their special friend, Jo Jo Farrarra for his years of support, advice and guidance. The above photo, Mr. Farrarra (left) is presented with a plaque by the club officers as a token of their appreciation.

(left) A montage of happy faces from the Sons of Peterstown 15th Anniversary Celebration, February 14, 2003





(above, l-r) Peterstown's very own Michael Rosa, Albino Gallo and Vincenzo Rivetti cut hair at Cranford Barber Shop along with Tony DiLello. The shop that

was once owned by the late Amasio Marsiglia is located in the downtown and is overseen by Amasio's two sons, Rich and John.

(right) Another downtown shop owner from Elizabeth is Yuber Calzadilla. He has been operating Barbara's Antiques for the past year and a half.

(below, l-r) From Peterstown to downtown Cranford, Paul Baiamonte and Phil Russo cooking up a storm at Bel Paese.



CRANFORD HAS FACES BOTH FRIENDLY AND FAMILIAR

Strolling through downtown Cranford is reminiscent of the days when the customer was at the top of the business plan. The shops are a throw-back to the past generation of artisans, craftsman and shop owners who traded in practical merchandise and personal services.

Cranford's Downtown is peppered with antique shops, and cafe's. There are a few stores, like the one that sells cellular phones that are inherently modern, but then there are those that can very well have existed sixty years ago, and probably have.

Downtown Cranford still has a shoemaker, barbershop, and tobacco store. The old movie theater is still as charming as in the old days though the movies are more techno. There seems to be an unlimited number of restaurants and lounges with an equal variety of atmospheres.

What one won't find during their stroll are the franchise mega stores with homogenous merchandise

THE ELIZABETH CONNECTION

It is easy to run into a familiar hometown face when trekking through Cranford. There are at least a half of dozen businesses owned by Elizabeth natives.



(above) This quaint store-front window treatment was shot from the inside of Savvy Chic. And the owner, Wanda, she's from Elizabeth.



(left) Florist, Nick Netta, owner of Victoria Florist is in good company with his fellow Elizabeth native Cranford store owners. patronized by an homogenous clientele.

Cranford has plenty of character and personality. The business owners are a close knit bunch, who don't rely on training manuals to figure out how to position the latest Point of Purchase display.

Cranford has old world charm. It can be seen in its architecture, in its type of stores but mostly in its pleasant people. It is truly a gem.







(above, top-botom) Thought from Elizabeth, shop owners Gail, The Uptown Peddler; Jean Pascal, Dove Tails and Debra, Not Just Antiques are friendly faces all the same.

10th ANNUAL ANTIQUES FAIR IN DOWNTOWN CRANFORD





Illustration by: Joe Renna



KINGSTON CLUB MARKS THE END OF AN ERA

The Kingston Club originated in Elizabeth, NJ in 1922 on the corner of Third Avenue and Centre Street. under the name The National Athletic Club. It became the Kingston A.C. in 1928. The name change was due to a trip to Kingston, New York by Charles Calabro who brought back a souvenir banner of that town. The club at that time was located in a tool shed owned by Calabro Construction Co. on Fourth Avenue. Original members were Charles Calabro, Steve Sedia, Frank Londino, Alexander Londino, Angelo Furiero, Rocco Crincoli, John Troiano, Anthony Bisco, and Frank Monaco.

The members of the Kingston Club were active in all sports. Over the years, the Kingston Baseball Team had many professional prospects. These men were given tryouts in the major leagues: Charles Calabro (Boston Red Sox), Alexander Londino and Joseph Furiero (New York Giants), Michael Cautillo (Philadelphia Athletics) and Elmer Malanga (St. Louis Cardinals). The team played against professional stars such as Joe Medwick, Pee Wee Reese and Eddie Majeski. Reese and Medwick are now in the Hall of Fame. The softball team played in many championship tournaments with other clubs, namely, the Disgusted Millionaires, Elgin's, Red Aces, Pioneers and the Cardinals.

After members returned from serving in World War II, a benefit game was played in Williams Field. All the proceeds from the game went toward construction of a monument erected in honor of all the boys from Peterstown who gave their Lives for our country. This monument now stands on St. Anthony's church grounds

Many boxing "Greats" trained in the Kingston Club, led by professionals Frank and Tony Orlando, Sal (Gats) Manuri, Rocky (Johnny Dickson) Crincoli, and Tic Mollozzi. There were also many accomplished amateur fighters.

The Kingston Football Team was very active in the 1930's playing against such teams as the Belmont's, Eric Tigers, North Elizabeth, Lakeside, Mattano's and in the late 1930's the team played in the Union County League and lost the championship game to the Keelan's.

The Kingston A.C. was dedicated to sports and sportsmanship. They also had many members that were distinguished professionals in business, political and tradesmen careers. The Kingston members participated in many social, religious, and community benefits for the good and welfare of the City of Elizabeth and the Peterstown area.

The Kingston A.C. will be selling their club house and disbanding soon. The club is over 75 years old, which makes them the oldest existing club in the city of Elizabeth. Their membership is down to 32 members. Many members passed away or moved out of town. Some are laid up and others make use of the Peterstown

Community Center.

The club has naturally run its course. It was a fixture in Peterstown for so long that it will be missed dearly. The Kingston Club was an institution that reflected the by gone eras that so many people try to preserve. Its end is symbolic of the fact that time marches on and all things change. 🔀



(above) At the age of 98, Tony Bisco is the only charter member of the Kingston Club.

(right) The 1932 Kingston Club Baseball Team. The sign indicates that they were the 1932 Mattano League Champions. (standing, l-r) Alex Londino, T. Curtin, J. Calabro, A. Carado, J. Furiero, P. Chirachio (sitting, 1-r) C. Monico, J. Melchione, Andy Santamaria, T. Bisco, A. Furiero, (holding sign) P. Mele

(below) The Kingston Club ran many dances through the years at places like the Falcon Hall, Hungarian Hall and the Villa Roma. The last time the club held a dance was on its 60th anniversary in 1988 at St. Thomas Hall in Rahway. The photo below is from that party.







(above, back, l-r) A. Londino, N. Squillace, A. Lombardi, unknown, unknown (front, l-r) D. Casio, W. Loffa, S. Guida, (center, l-r) J. Marangella, A. Diamonte



(above, l to r) Alex Londino, D. Mele, A. Parenti, P. Mele, R. Crincoli, J. Lombardi

(below, l-r) A, Londino, D. Mele, A. Parenti, P. Mele, R. Crincoli, J. Lombardi.



(above) Athletic, just like their dads. School 15 - Elementary School Basketball Championship, 1937, back (l-r) Mr. Novello (teacher), S. Costa, A. Londino, A. Cangiosi, J. Rivera, H. Monticello, Mrs. Whiteman (principal) front (l-r) A. Ciaramella, P. Buckley, L. LaBrutto, J. Coletti, A. Ali, J. Cartes These are the second generation Kingston members. Many are pictured in the photo below.





(above, l-r) 1987 Club Officers William LaMorte, Treasurer; Joseph De; Frank Mele, Vice President; Louis Vigliotto, President; Pat Guida, Fin. Secretary; Chrles Marchese, Recording Secretary





You must be at least 18 years old in order to join the Kingston Club. These minors were some of many who formed their own clubs until they came of age.

(l-r top to bottom) M. Cautillo, Cy Russo, B. Parotti, unknown, A. Travisano, R. DeMaio, J. Iazetta A. Lombardi, J. Squillace, F. Furreto, A. Russo, A. Cuggorolle, M. DiGorgio, J. Marangella, A. Nufrio.





(above, l-r) A. Cuccorolle, A. Lombardi, A. Londino, A. Parenti, M. Cautillo

(left, back, l-r) M. Bischio, S. Troppo, S. Guida (front, l-r) P. Chirachio, L. Vigliotti

(right, top, l-r) B. Randazzo, unknown tuff, P. Buckley, A. DeMaio, (little kid=?) (bottom, l-r) W. Lamorte, A. Ciaramella, unknown guy





(above, back, l-r) P. Guida, J. Calabro, A. Guiliano, M. Cautillo, (center, l-r) P. Longabody, B. Randazzo, F. Fiorito, A. Diamonte, W. Lamorte & Son, L. Squillace (front) S. Guida



(above, top, l-r) Albert Ciaramella, Duke DeMaio, Pat Buckley (bottom, l-r) Willie LaMorte, Joseph LaMorte, Anthony Ciaramella.



(Back, l-r) Cy Russo, J. Lombardi, A. Lombardi, M. Cautillo, S. Mele, J. Marangella, unknown guy in back, Gaps Monticello, (front, l-r) F. Travisano, E. Angen



(above, l-r) J. Musto, F. Mele, A. Loffa, A. Cuccorolle, T. Beninato, P. Melchione, J. Iazetti, A. Esposito, F. Russo, A. Depoala

TELL THEM THE YANKS ARE COMING

The 1920's was an era of difficult times and limited resources for the Peterstown locals. A group of young boys got together to adjust themselves - socially and physically for the future.

When World War II rolled in these young men distinguished themselves in the annals.

In 1946 the Kingston Club had their first dance since the start of the war. The club had 138 members who served with the armed forces all but two returned safely. The dance was a home coming for the "boys" as a welcoming back.





(right) This banner flew high above Fourth Avenue commemorating the 50 members of the Kingston Club who were far from home fighting for our country.

This page is filled with some of these men during that time.



(l-r) George, Lou LaBrutto



(above, l-r) M. Melchione, N. Squillace, C. Russo, J. Remite



A. Lgouri aka Arkonge



A. Marangella



A. Diamonte





Peter Melchione



Willam Caruso



Anthony Esposito



N. Squillace

PIZZERIAS ARE NOT JUST PIZZA ANYMORE

Pizzerias have redefined themselves. They have elevated their image from fast food into dinning on the go. The trend in the pizza industry centers around extended menus that include full dinners, specialty pizzas and entrees that were once only found in restaurants.

Pizzerias have become the popular choice for families or individuals who want a quality dinner but do not have the time to commit to sitting in a restaurant to get it. They are also comparably less expensive. Orders that are called in in advance are picked up and on the kitchen table so fast that the meal would have to cool before eating.

> Pizzerias that are renovating in order to accommodate those who would rather eat on premise are doing so in an elegant way. The dining experience offered at pizzerias rivals those of fancier restaurants.

The variety of rolls, wraps and pizzas are plenty. Lunch menus are now just as elaborate as dinner menus except the portions and prices are more manageable. Catering for parties is yet another service offered. The daily menu at a pizzeria becomes a sampling of the catering menu.

Cooking at home was once the standard for every home on every night. That has changed. For what ever the reason one finds the need to dine out, a solution is offered by your local pizza place.

The problem that existed in the past of having to find different places to call for dinner is now eliminated. The menus offer a variety of cuisines and ethnic delicacies. The decision is no longer who to call but what to order. Once you find a pizzeria with the quality and service you like, there is very little reason to call anywhere else.

(above) Jose Rojas, a chef at Primo Pizza, readies to prepare his special Vodka Sauce. He wouldn't share his secrets to that sauce but he was kind enough to offer the two recipes to the right for anyone who would like to attempt the dishes on their own. If they don't come out just right Primo's is just a phone call away.

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(page 19) Primo Pizza has introduced a new menu of entrees and specialty pizzas at their Linden location. The pizzeria, located on St. Georges Avenue is also going under renovations that include a new display counter where the prepared dishes can be displayed.

Chicken Marsala

By Jose Rojas - Primo Pizza

INGREDIENTS:

- (4 servings)
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt2 chicken breasts
- (skinless, boneless and cut in half)
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1/2 cup Marsala wine
- Pepper for taste

PREPARATION:

- 1) Mix flour, salt, pepper in a bowl.
- 2) Coat chicken with flour mixture.
- Put olive oil and butter in pan and heat over medium flame until butter melts.
- 4) Place chicken in pan and cook until lightly brown.
- 5) Add mushrooms and wine. Cover and let simmer for about 10 minutes or until chicken is done.

Recipes la Fettuccine Alfredo

By Jose Rojas - Primo Pizza

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb Fettuccine noodles
 1/4 cup of butter
 2/3 cup of heavy cream
 1 1/4 cup of grated Parmesan cheese
 1 1/4 tablespoon of salt
- Pepper for taste
- Chopped parsley

PREPARATION:

- Cook noodles according to directions on package making sure the noodles cook until they are tender but firm.
- Put butter and cream into a sauce pan and heat until butter is melted. Remove from heat and add 1 cup of Parmesan cheese, salt and pepper. Stir until smooth and blended.
- Add noodles to the sauce and mix until coated. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and chopped parsley.

(above, 1-r) Tony

and Pete Paolucci

selling auto care business.

looking to new

horizons after

PAOLUCCI'S BID FAREWELL TO CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS

Pete Paolucci, with the help of his father, Tony, kept the neighborhood cars and trucks fueled up and running smoothly. He owned and operated the Texaco gas and service station on the corner of Fifth Avenue and South Fifth Street for 18 Years. On Thursday, March 27, Pete hung up his dip stick for good. It was a bitter sweet day for the Paolucci's. Pete is looking forward to some R&R, a contrast to the long hours and stress that comes from owning a business that was both physically and mentally exhausting.

Pete and Tony will miss their daily dose of the hundreds of friends who streamed through his lot

every day. Pete was born and raised in Peterstown. He attended Holy Rosary Grammar School before moving to Freehold. His customers were his classmates, his neighbors, and his friends. In his last days at the station, Tony reflected on how he once pumped gas for the great grand father of a young driver who just pulled up.

Pete and Tony wanted to take the opportunity to thank all their loyal customers who patronized their business through the years and regret that they can not say goodbye to each one personally.

There is no doubt that the Paolucci's will be missed whole heartedly. Good wishes and blessings for their future endeavors are shared by all.

STILL A FAMILY OPERATION

Paolucci Auto Care was purchased by Harbhajan Singh and will be operated by the Singh family. Prior to owning this station, Harbhajan owned the Shell station on the corner of Elizabeth Avenue and Jefferson Avenue. Singh has renamed the station "Power Gas".

433 South Fifth St. Elizabeth, NJ 07206 There has been no interruption of fuel service but the Singh's are looking for an independent mechanic to operate the busy repair aspect of the business.

> Harbhajan is impressed by the friendly nature of the people he has met in his new location. He looks forward to establishing a relationship with the community.



(r-l) The new owner of Power Gas, Harbhjan Singh, stands ready to greet his next customer along with his his brother-in-law, Devinder Singh, and his nephew, Harpreet Singh.

Re-Visions Famous movie scenes revisited.

By Joe Renna © 4/03



Paolucci Auto Care

WE DO ALL HEATER CORES

Official NJ Inspection Station

and Emission Repair Facility

908-355-2829

(above, l-r) Harold Russell, Dana Andrews and Fredric March played three



(above) Lou LaBrutto is all smiles because he is coming home to Peters

soldiers coming home from war in this 1946 oscar winner "The Best Years of Our Lives". The film showed the struggles many soldiers had upon returning home. It is a powerful film that just adds another dimension to why our troops need our support. During war and afterwards. SUBMIT ANSWERS TO CONTEST ON LINE AND BE AN AUTOMATIC WINNER

town. The community made sure all our "boys" came home to a warm welcome. Besides Labrutto stepping in for Harold Russell (a real Vet and double amputee) find nine other changes to the scene and get a chance to win dinner for two at Tavern in the Park. (See form below for details.)

Tavern in the Park has a website set up for existing and prospective customers. It contains menus, specials, and a calendar of events. You can find out who will be performing and when. There are also photos posted from past events.

Tavern in the Park has added the "Re-visions" contest to his site. The contest is run in every issue of Around About Peterstown. Readers are challenged to find 10 alterations to a famous movie scene. They can mail in

the entry form and be eligible for a dinner for two!

To encourage the use of his web site, owner Joe Montes, is giving a coupon for 10% off to every person who enters the contest on line.

The winners will also be announced on the site. So you must look for your name in order to win.

The email address for Tavern in the Park is www.taverninthepark.com.

Tavern's site will also be linked to joerenna.com.

TWO TONY'S DISPLAYS CUTTING EDGE DESIGN

The Patti family has been making Pizza in Linden for thirty years, currently by two cousins named Tony. The Two Tonys' fathers were in the business first. Like the Patti brothers before them the Two Tonys are not content in doing business as usual. They are constantly looking to improve and in July 2002 they revealed a newly renovated pizzeria/restaurant/cafe. The interior design is classic mediterranean. Cherry wood tables and chairs sit on terracotta tiled floors. The walls are faux painted and adorned with framed pieces of art and murals of their home town in Agrigento, Sicily.

The atmosphere is casual, yet quiet and neat. It can

(right) Light fixtures, artwork, furniture. tile work and wall treatments add to the uniqueness of Two Tony's Pizzeria Cafe. The exterior features a stucco facade, columns and window etchings.



also be romantic if you choose. There are actually three flavors to Two Tony's. One is that of a traditional pizzeria; slices, pies, eat-in, take-out, etc.. Another is a restaurant with a full menu of Italian specialties. The third accommodation is a cafe with a full line of deserts.

Two Tony's caters on and off premise. And their patrons may bring their own bottle if they wish to have alcohol with dinner.

Though the Two Tonys have been at this Stiles Street location for ten years they treat this recent improvement like a new business. By acquiring the neighboring business space they were able to double the size of their operation. Even regular customers are so impressed by the new design that they have a hard time remembering what it looked like in the past.

The construction work was done by Pavel Construction under the direction of the Two Tonys themselves. It is a first rate job.







(above, l-r) The cooks in the kitchen work with precision and creativity. Pictured are Jimmy Santos, Tony's parents, Joe and Carmelina Patti, Adrianna Campanella and Leonardo.



(above, 1-r) Service professionals, Sabina Renda, Mary Patti, Evelyn Musso and Chrissy DiStefano.

(left, l-r) Two Tony's delivery team: Vincent Andricko, Angelo Atanasio, Mark Levanda, Michael Viana and Chris Calas.





DETAILS AT TWO TONY'S

Murals painted by Dominican born artist, Juan Valdez, grace the pizzeria side of the building. The scenes are from the provence of Agrigento, Sicily where the Petti family originated.

(right) Mural shows a temple, one of many ruins that are a few centuries old and still stand in the hillsides.





(left) It is possible to look over across the Mediterranean while eating a Chicken Balsamic Panini for lunch.

(right) Two Tony's cafe is both spacious and intimate. The design is organic in that it adapts to its inhabitants. The diners define the space. It becomes theirs, they feel as if they are home.

Two Tony's is located at 628 Stiles Street, across from the Linden Lanes Bowling Alley.



REAL ESTATE CORNER

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Its a trying time for all Americans. War, no matter what the cause, always brings grief and heartaches. Seeing our soldiers laying dead is a nightmare for all of us. Seeing our P.O.Ws being mistreated is a horror. Only God knows the pain that the families of these men and women are going through. The Rosa Agency and its staff hope that all of our readers will have these men and women in their prayers. Watching TV is like being in the military academy. Former generals and commanders of our armed forces are telling the nation in vivid details of each step the military is taking. They are also informing the viewers of what's going to be done next, our battle plans, and what our military goals are. What's astonishing to me is that our enemies can see all of this also. I don't understand why these discussions are allowed on national TV. Doesn't this benefit our enemies? I am personally against this war but I still support our troops 150%. What I cannot understand are the so called war protesters that are laying on the streets of Manhattan blocking traffic. Don't they realize that if there

was an emergency while they are doing this, that it can cost people their lives?

As Americans, people have the right to protest. But, they do not have the right to attack our policemen and firemen who are protecting them.

For the life of me, I cannot understand how some people in this country perceive the war. America was attacked by terrorists a year and a half ago. Innocent lives (American lives) were lost. We should be standing united as our soldiers are in battle. Instead, we have these so called celebrities attacking our government. As I stated before, as Americans we have the right to disagree. What we don't need to do is fight amongst ourselves. In time of war this behavior only makes our military goal harder to achieve. I honestly believe that whether for or against the war we should not do anything that can help the enemy. Now for some real estate news! Interest rates are still very low and more new homes are being built. A new project was just approved on South Seventh Street for another six two family homes. Again another son of Peterstown is the builder Al Mauti.

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Submitted by Justino Rosa