



PROTECTING THEIR SERVICES

Since when has law enforcement become the counter culture? The trend in media is becoming more sensational with men and women on the job serving as an easy target. Ironically police work, at it's best, is by definition, non-eventful.

Prevention is more important than apprehension except it doesn't make for exciting news. The most dedicated and successful crime stoppers go unsung. The absence of crime is their legacy, while the comfort of the elderly and security of the youth are their medals of honor.

Crime prevention is an art form. It's canvas is the neighborhood whereas a safe and secure environment produces a quality of life that could grace a Currier & Ives greeting card.

Hats off to the the men and women dedicated to protecting and serving the public. They deserve our praise and support to counter balance the constant abuse they are subjected to. The perspective from Peterstown may be rose-colored, as police presence has always been a positive experience. Officers were homegrown and with family close by, were stakeholders in the level of safety within the community. They were on our side, not to be feared - unless of course you were a criminal.


The patrols in Peterstown follow the traditional concept of policing. Officers are part of the community, in fact the neighborhood is peppered with officers who actually live there. They go to local schools, they shop at the local stores and play in the local playgrounds. A sense of security can be felt knowing that there is a trained professional closeby, and an even stronger sense if they are also your coach, neighbor or distant cousin.

Police presence, public education and community awareness go a long way in stopping crime before it starts. They all make for a better quality of life. The system is working when more time can be spent serving rather than protecting.

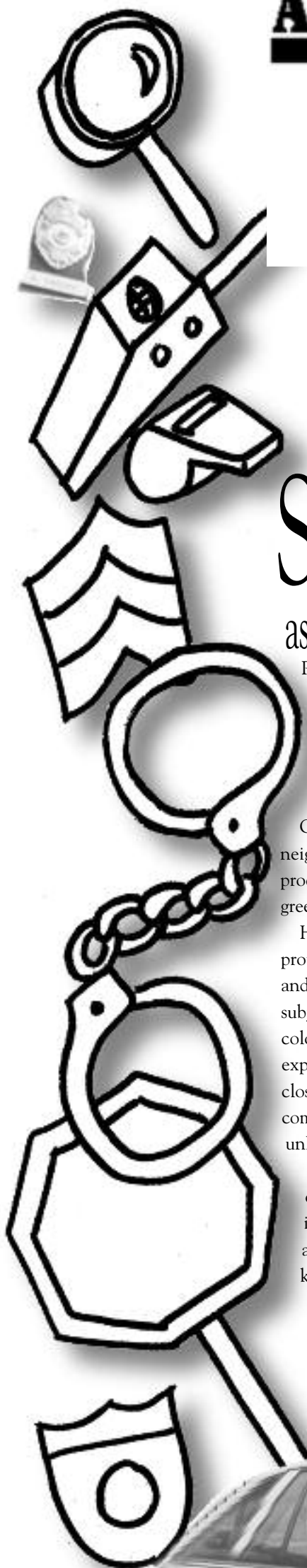


Detective Denis Cabarle is the mentor of the Elizabeth Police Department's Block Watch Program. Here he is reaching out to participants of the program who live in the vicinity of School 15.

The occasion was a Block Party held on Third Avenue between Niles and Palmer Streets.

It's already a tough job without making it even tougher by alienating the Officer from the community. Criticism is easy to dish, but if real results in safety and security want to be achieved, try supporting local law enforcement. Become savvy as to how civilians can assist with crime prevention or at the very least, make it a point to acknowledge the constant dedication the police display in regard to your safety. 

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President's Message



We're entering the busiest time of year. School, Halloween and Thanksgiving, will occupy our time just to make way for Christmas. Then the celebration of the century; Welcoming in the new Millennium.

The Sons of Peterstown would like to know of any event your organization may be planning for inclusion in our December issue. We recognize and appreciate when organizations support one of our events. Our club supports the other clubs and want to continue to share our efforts in community service.

I would like to thank everyone who made this paper a success. It was well received; readers love it and advertisers had measurable response.

Thank you and God Bless,
John Sacco
John Sacco
President

PRESS RELEASES

Press Releases that benefit the community of Peterstown are offered free of charge. Every effort will be made to accommodate appropriate articles when time and space allows. Send any info in early.

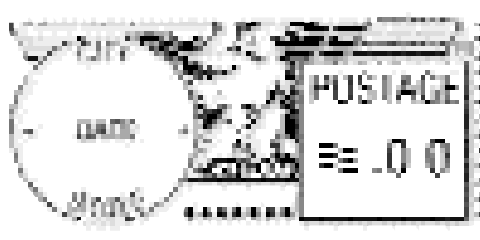
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Dear Editor,

Enclosed find a check in the amount of \$20.00. It's for a two year subscription. I'm 80 years old, hope I'll be around to renew it.

My sister has sent me a few copies. Agnes Imbriaco from Linden.

The nostalgia, the reminiscing scenes of the past, sure have brought a tear or two to these Sicilian eyes. I was born on the corner of 3rd Ave. and Christine St.

The Renda family had a store there. (Mr. Renda made the most delicious lemon ice.) In the early 20's we moved into a house at 321 South 7th St. It had a stable, a big barn. I seem to remember my father building the home. He was in the excavating business. He also sold coal (he was called Vincenzo lu Cravanaro) Vincent the Coal Man in Sicilian. He had horses and dump wagons. We moved in the winter of 1928 to Elizabeth Port. Took over a grocery store, beer and soda route. But our hearts were always in Peterstown. Besides being baptized, first communion, etc. we were all married in St. Anthony's and so far all who have died were buried from there. I graduated high school, T. Jefferson in 1937 and shortly thereafter enlisted in the army. There was no work and the service was the best place to go.

My family moved back to Peterstown in 1938. They were home again. In May 1939 while home on furlough I met a beautiful girl, (still 16 and a junior in Battin) my sisters girlfriend. She lived at 325 Christine St. she was born there, Carmela Catalano. In July 1941 we were married and blessed with ten children. We lived at 2274 Price St. Rahway from 1955 to 1970.

When WWII ended I returned to Elizabeth and went to work at the Elizabeth P.O. I retired in May 1971 on disability from wounds received in WWII. I was the first Italian American to become a supervisor in the history of the Elizabeth P.O.

Good luck, much, much success and God bless you.

Sincerely yours,
Charles A. Cusumano
Arnold, MD

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

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To one and all,

I am planning the 2nd reunion of St. Anthony's Drum and Bugle Corps. Volunteers are needed to form a committee. Anyone interested please write or call Al Pickles Piccolella, 23 Brant Drive, Brick, NJ 08724 1(732) 899-7354.

This will be a dinner dance, location to be announced. So come out and strike up the band!
2nd Reunion of St. Anthony's Drum & Bugle Corps.



Postman Heberto Marin delivers the rectory mail when Andy Devereaux has a day off.

IN MEMORY OF FRIENDS LOST



Losing someone we know and love is never easy to accept. The wake and funeral is designed to ease the pain. An opportunity for closure is presented along with hope for eternal life for the deceased. The gathering of family and friends also serves as a fertile environment to keep memories alive. The soul of the deceased becomes part of all of us. We use the memories as tools for dealing with our daily lives, for in death we are reminded of our

own mortality. In the memory of those we lost we make each day count.

It's been four years since Larry Orsi passed away.

Without exception his loss was felt by all who knew him. His loss moved his brother Vincent so that he penned a poem in his Larry's memory. Vincent isn't a poet or writer of any sort, but what he wrote was heartfelt and is relevant to all our relationships. Vincent carried the poem for four years. He never showed anyone but it was important for him to have it.

Earlier this year Joe Colletti was suddenly killed in a car accident. The neighborhood was stunned and gathered for his wake. St. Anthony's church was packed for his funeral, and it was there that

Vincent stood at the podium took his poem out of his pocket and read it.

I want to share his words with everyone. Think of those who are gone but most importantly think of those who are here. Vincent was self conscious about his punctuation and grammar, but evidently he did just fine.



A VANISHED FRIEND

by Vincent Orsi

Around the corner I have a friend
In this great city that has no end
Yet days go by and weeks rush on
and before ya' know it - a year has gone.
And I never see my old friend's face
For life is a swift and terrible race
He knows I love him just as well
As in the days when I rang his bell.
And he rang mine when we were younger then
And now we are busy and tired men

Tired with playing a foolish game
Tired trying to make a name.
Tomorrow I will call on him
Just to show I'm thinking of him
But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes
And the distance between us just grows and grows.
Around the corner yet miles away
Here's a telegraph sir, your friend died today
And that's what we get and deserve from
God in the end
Around the corner, a vanished friend.

AROUND ABOUT PETERSTOWN READY FOR THE MILLENNIUM

A special note of thanks to everyone who has made *Around About Peterstown* a success. This, our sixth issue, completes our first year of publication during which we grew from eight pages to sixteen with a circulation of 5,000 including over 100 subscribers from across the state and all over the country. The reason for the success is the support from the advertisers and the interest from our readers. It's a win-win for everyone.

This paper belongs to you, the people of Peterstown. It's for you and about you. Keep the old photos and current events coming. December's issue looks like it will be 20 pages, just in time for the holiday season. Our new

web site will also be introduced in our second year of publication. What a way to start the new Millennium!

Advertisers should plan ahead, and organizations promoting special events should submit their announcements.

Keep the letters and e-mails coming. The feedback has been wonderful. Through this paper, I'm committed to keeping our culture alive, our memories fresh, and our community connected for future generations.

Thank you once again,
Joe Renna
Publisher/Editor

Editor's Opinion

everybody has one - this is mine - by Joe Renna

It takes a village to raise a child but it takes just one village idiot to ruin a neighborhood. Crime is like a cancer that eats away a healthy body. The mark left by crime does not have to be big to soil the reputation of a neighborhood.


Peterstown has a long record of being considered very safe. The streets are lively in the evening. The clubs and restaurants always have a tide of people flowing in and out, and families still use their stoop as an urban version of a patio. This is a village where the responsibility is shared. The elderly are looked after, the children are kept safe, and when necessary, kept in line.

Groups of kids “hanging out” can look intimidating to strangers, but it is relaxing for parents because they know where their kids are. The preferred corner could change on a whim but the conversations remain consistent. Being in earshot of someone’s Mom keeps them pretty calm.

Enter the bad apple; and the burg has had its share of bad apples. The list of the notorious troublemakers could be rattled off like baseball title holders, except their stats are on rap sheets. Mention a name and every one can list the relevant offenses. "Oh yeah, he's the one who ..."

Crime comes down to a lack of respect. It is hard to stop an outside predator from targeting your community, but it should never happen from within. There should be zero tolerance for criminals in our midst. Parents should instill these values in their children, but more importantly, their peers should enforce them. Hold their hoodlum friends in check. A crime, any crime, is felt by

everyone in the community. Known thieves, dealers and the like should be shut down. Not correcting the problem makes the knowledgeable person just as guilty.

Sometimes the wrong doing doesn't always make it to a police blotter. Punishment, if not dished out in the home, is sometimes administered on the street and street justice is seldom fair. The best thing to do is call the police. You're not a rat for calling the police on a neighbor who robs your house. I don't condone violence or believe vigilanteism is right, but I would understand a prowler catching a good beating. 

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PETER DEROSE NAMED OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Roselle Police Captain Peter DeRose, a product of Peterstown, was named 1998 Union County Municipal Police Officer of the year by the Union County prosecutor's office. Based on record and quality of work DeRose was nominated by investigators and assistant prosecutors for the honor.

In the wake of his honorary year, in February, DeRose was promoted to captain. His new position caps a 17 year career with the Roselle Police Department. which included stints as a patrolman, narcotics detective, and four years as a sergeant. Before his promotion, DeRose was a detective Lieutenant in charge of the detective borough since 1993. 



Steven A. Caruso


COUNTY IN GOOD HANDS

Steven Caruso has been working Security for the County of Union for thirteen years. He's using that experience to now head the Bureau. As Chief of Security he manages 23 subordinates and is responsible for the safety and security of county facilities in 21 municipalities.

Caruso oversees fire inspections and he coordinates security and addresses safety concerns for special events.

The County has committed to the best available technology when it came to upgrading their building access program and implementing a digital identification system for their 2,700 employees. It's Caruso's ability to use his traditional training with state-of-the-art technology that makes the the system feasible.

The electronic ID system can track access and monitor egress of every entrance and exit enhancing safety, security and accountability.

Steven and his wife Joanne reside in Cranford where he's active in community affairs. 

SMALL WORLD




If you get twenty-four people together, chances are that two will have the same birthday. The odds of meeting someone who lived in the burg is even smaller.

As the president of the Rahway Chamber of Commerce, I found myself attending a variety of functions with attendees as divers. Without exception, I always connected with a native of Peterstown.

The scenario plays out similarly. After introductions, curious glances shoot back and forth across a crowded room, prompted by a familiar last name or a distinctive profile. And though the only common reference is Rahway, a conversation about Elizabeth starts, and Peterstown in particular. Personal histories that share similar time lines also share similar details, from schools attended right down to the same address.

Two of the more colorful people I've met happen to sit on the Rahway Council board.

Nancy Saliga is serving her ninth year as council person for the City of Rahway. Her maiden name was Cordaro and her Mom's maiden name was Madonia). She made the familiar trip growing up in Peterstown. Moving around from South Seventh St. to Second Ave to Niles. Going through the Elizabeth school system starting with School 3 to Cleveland, Hamilton then Batten, Nancy moved to Rahway after she got married (of course in St. Anthony's).

Jerry Scatoro is Rahways 3rd ward councilman since 1996. He was born on the corner of Third Ave and John Street, literally in a second floor apartment. He also married in Elizabeth before moving out to Rahway. He made the usual trip through School 15, Cleveland and Edison HS. After working at Singer and Hyatt, Jerry has worked for General Motors for the last fifteen years. 

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The Ribera Club held their 5th Annual Family Picnic on Sunday, August 22, 1999. Club funds and donations made the picnic possible. An open invitation was sent throughout the community and Club members and their families were joined by neighbors totaling over 400 in all. The City of Elizabeth was instrumental in making the event comfortable. The Peterstown Community Center was made available. Accommodations including the kitchen, rest rooms, playground and parking lot were used by appreciative guests. Street closure was an added comfort adding size and safety to the grounds. From 1:00 to 6:00 in the afternoon everyone ate, danced, talked and laughed. 🍷



Frank Airo, Ignario Farina, Frank Guarraci, Jimmy Fodera, Ross Deluca, Mike Deluca, Tony Guarraci and Charles Farina



Picnic Committe Chairman Jimmy Fodera with wife, Vita.



A highlight fo the picnic was a raffle drawing for a trip for two to Ribera, Italy. (Above) Club President, Rosario Conte presents the prize winner Charles Mirabile.



Gianni E. Angelo supplied the non-stop crowd favorites.



Mayor Chris Bollwage pictured here with and Joe Amato, enjoyed the day with his supporters and friends.



Carmelo Caternicchio, Ross DeLuca, Cathy DeLuca & Antonio Scalise stand ready with tongs in hand to cook and feed 400 people.



Frank Airo, Theresa Campanella and Jack Marabella helped dispense the popular Ribera Club T-shirts.

You could never have too many cooks at an event like this. The Ribera Club would like to thank all those who volunteered and made this Picnic a success. Also, a special thanks to those who donated what they could. All was deeply appreciated.

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(left) Jenny Merlo and Carmelina Caella show off their Italian pride with body painting by Onofrio Castagna.



(above) Pasquale Borsellino and Frank Guarrali.



Joe Vitabile pictured with photographer friend, Victoria Lawrence, did another great job photographing another event. He has a great talent for shooting parties and special events.

GROUP HUG

(below) Family and friends got together to share in the fine day and to share in these photos.



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PETERSTOWN PATROL TEAM PERFORMS BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY

Alex Negrin and Rocco Malgieri are partners who patrol the Burg. They have established a rapport with every segment of the community. They are literally part of the neighborhood. They earned the respect of the residents, young and old, and are considered a friend by all. Officers Negrin and Malgieri treat their post like it's their home. Their presence helps deter any trouble, and at the same time they serve as positive role models for the very young.

(right) Sergeant Joe Mulars spent four years assigned to Peterstown. He's pictured tasting the very first pizza coming out of Caffè Italia's new brick oven with no regard for his own safety. Of course the pizza was superb. Mulars gave it the thumbs up but not after making sure with a second helping.



BLOCK WATCH

On Sunday, September 12, one of Peterstown's Block Watch Teams had a block party on Third Avenue between Niles and Spencer Streets. The catering was paid for through donations from the neighborhood and money confiscated from drug busts. Elizabeth Police Department's, Detective Denis Cabarle can be reached at (908) 527-6545 for anyone interested in setting up a Block Watch Program.

Sortizza family and friends from the corner of Third Avenue and Niles Street.

When not in his police uniform Officer Alex Negrin dons a sequin jumpsuit and cape and impersonates Elvis professionally.



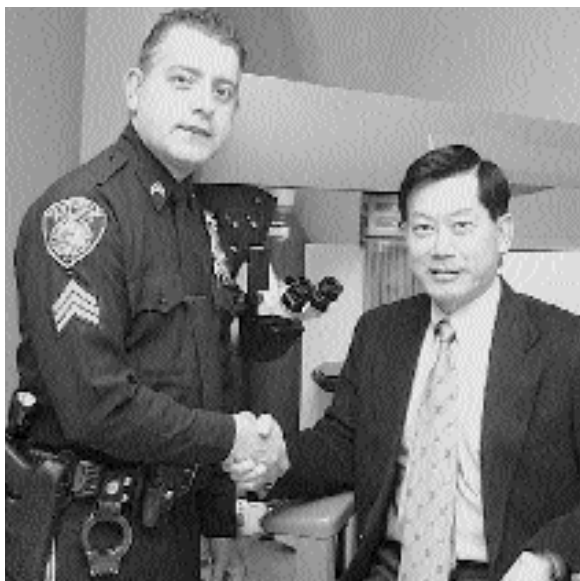
(left) Officers Alex Negrin and Rocco Malgieri send their receivers out on pass patterns during the Block Watch block party.

Block Watch participants (l-r) Marie Pinkiewicz, Ginny Perrotti, Kate Disano, Lucille Disano, Betty DeRosa, Beatrice Pampinto, Sam Scardilli get advice from their P.I.A. Detective Denis Cabarle.

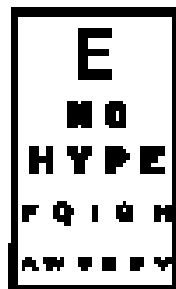


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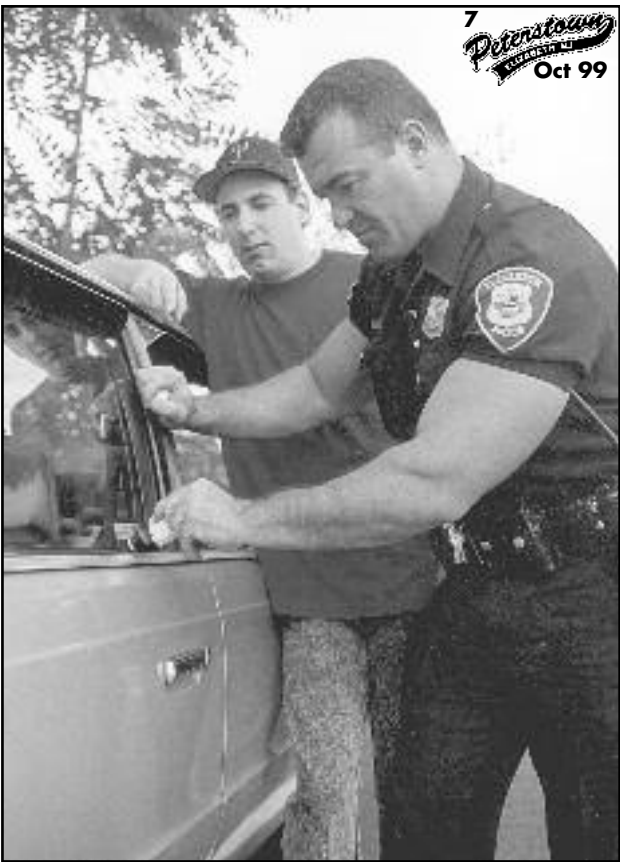
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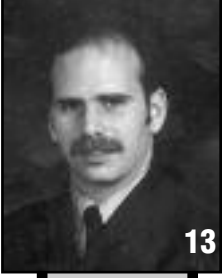
(right) Rich Bove Assistant Director of the Peterstown Community Center watches while Elizabeth Crime Prevention Officer Vito Tropeano, etches his car window. (below) Amanda Rodriguez, a Fourth Avenue resident, brakes for a photo opportunity next to the sign announcing the Vehicle ID Program found on the corner of Fourth & Palmer whenever the program is in operation.



PETERSTOWN BRAVEST

It takes a certain type of individual to become a firefighter . . . a true hero in every sense of the word. How many people, for instance, would put themselves in harm's way for the good of others? Their bravery is to be commended, as it is premeditated. They know in advance that they will face life's worst tragedies, and they prepare themselves physically and mentally. They accept this challenge for the welfare of everyone, and for that they should be honored. Their years of devotion are marked with a long list of achievements, honors, citations, awards and commendations. These are the Firefighters from Peterstown.

#	NAME	APPOINTED	RETIRED
1	ANTHONY ALFANO	6/15/77	PRESENT
2	CHARLES P. ARNONE	10/14/65	4/1/97
3	JOSEPH S. BARRACO	8/22/61	10/1/96
	Fireman of the Year-Elizabeth Rotary Club, 1986 Unit Citation 9/21/92		
	SALVATORE J. BONANDO	4/4/60	4/30/90
	Certified as Fire Prevention Specialist 2/18/85 Received Directors Commendation 11/16/65		
	JOSEPH J. BONOMO	6/16/58	6/1/75
	Promoted to Captain 10/26/64 and Battalion Chief 2/27/67		
4	MICHAEL CONOSHENTI	10/13/92	PRESENT
	Unit Citation 6/5/97; Class 2 Citation 8/31/97		
5	THOMAS P. CONOSHENTI	11/15/82	PRESENT
	Unit Citation 10/25/84		
6	MICHAEL B. DI COSMO	8/12/91	PRESENT
	Class 2 Citation 8/31/97; Unit Citation 2/2/96		
	DOMINICK DIMAGGIO JR.	10/3/62	11/1/87
	ONOFRIO FIRETTO	10/3/62	11/1/87
	Promoted to Captain 8/6/73 Received Directors Commendations 1/7/64, 4/15/64		
7	FRANK A. IMBRIACCO, JR.	11/13/67	1/1/94
	Promoted to Captain 6/2/80; Unit Citation 3/3/92		
8	JOSEPH A. LAMORTE, JR.	12/2/91	PRESENT
9	FRANCESCO LASPATA	6/1/64	5/1/99
	Promoted to Captain 1/1/74, Battalion Chief 5/9/83, Deputy Chief 11/5/86 and Fire Chief 11/25/96		
	MICHAEL MELCHIONE	6/24/63	9/30/89
	Promoted to Captain 9/1/72, Battalion Chief 7/6/81, Deputy Chief 5/28/85 Received Directors Commendation 12/6/74		
10	VINCENT MELCHIONE	12/3/73	2/1/99
	Certified as Fire Prevention Specialist 4/11/91		
11	ANTHONY M. ORLANDO	7/9/63	PRESENT
	Certified Fire Prevention Specialist 7/19/88, Unit Citation 8/27/81, (2) Class 1 Citations 9/22/72, 7/30/77 (2) 200 Club Awards 1972, 1977		
12	MICHAEL D. ORLANDO	2/6/67	2/1/99
	Certified Fire Prevention Specialist 1/30/89, Unit Citation 4/12/79		
13	FRANK A. OSNATO	1/28/91	PRESENT
	SALVATORE E. RENDA	10/3/61	11/11/87
14	PATRICK J. TANZOLA	7/15/68	PRESENT
	Promoted to Captain 10/1/74, Battalion Chief 8/7/86, Deputy Chief 1/14/91, (2) Unit Citations 2/23/78, 2/2/96		
15	ONOFRIO A. VITULLO	2/11/74	PRESENT
	Promoted to Captain 1/23/89, (5) Unit Citations (11/2/80) (6/13/92) 12/15/75, Class 1 Citation 12/15/75, (2) 200 Club Awards 12/15/75, 11/2/80		



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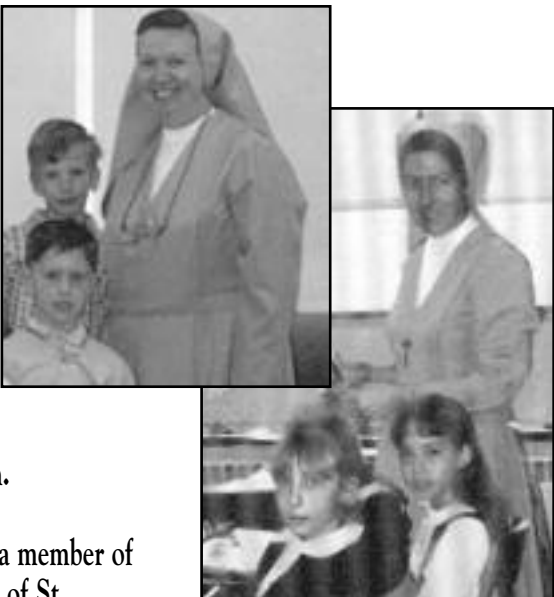
In August, Sister Marisa DeRose, took her post as principal of St. Theresa's Grammar School in Kenilworth. Sister Marisa grew up in Peterstown and graduated from St. Anthony's before attending Benedictine Academy and Seton Hall. She's been a Salesian Sister for eleven years. The Salesian order was started by Saint Don Bosco in Italy in the 1800's. Salisian Sisters first came to America in 1908 locating first in Paterson. It was the Salesians who, until recently, taught at St. Anthony's.

Being within 10 minutes from the Burg in Kenilworth is a homecoming of sorts for Sister Marisa. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends from the neighborhood. Sister Marisa can be reached at the Convent Office at 908-976-5028 and welcomes your calls and/or visits at anytime. 🐱

There are 140 Salisian sisters in the Eastern province which consists of New York, New Jersey, Alabama and Florida, three of which were born and raised in Peterstown.

Sister Arlene Rubino is a member of the first graduating class of St. Anthony's and began studying to be a Salesian Sister following graduation from 8th grade. She currently teaches Kindergarten at St. Gerard in Paterson, NJ. She has been a Salesian Sister for almost 30 years.

Sister Nancy Reading graduated from St. Anthony's in 1969 and has been a Salesian Sister for 22 years. She currently teaches 3rd grade at John Paul II School in Clifton, NJ.



FIELD OF DREAMS

Every day after school, 7th and 8th graders from St Anthony's meet in School 3 playground and choose up sides for a game of football. They show up every day. I found this interesting because conventional wisdom doesn't lead us to believe that kids can play by themselves.

There aren't any goalposts, yardmarkers, whistles or flags. and there aren't any grownups! No overbearing parents or strict coaches. Just a lot of heart and gusto. They're committed and count on each other to show up and play.

There is respect to fairness and sportsmanship; disputes aren't settled by adult intervention. Disagreements end in compromise so the game goes on. If the sides are off balance, a mid-game trade is made.

These are the sand lot games that most Americans were reared on. So what happened? Now there is organized T-ball for 4 year olds and little leagues get cancelled because the funds were embezzelled. Imagine telling kids they can't play because their parents didn't pay the \$4.20 for your t-shirt. Go to Mattano Park any night and you'll see four soccer games being played on customized fields played with skills that money can't buy. 🐱



Relaxing in their field of dreams are (l-r) Ross DeMaio, Michael Fernandez, Jerry Scaturro, Jeyson Londono, Ronnie Mierzejewski, Edgar Ferrer, Chris Munoz, Frank Rosati, Frank Ferrara, Jonathan Rodriguez, Alex Tomayo

NIGRO FAMILY REUNION

The 11th Nigro Family Reunion was held on Sunday, September 26, 1999. The Nigro family tree consists of seven branches of the children of Michael and Anna Maria: Frank, Erminia (married name Sabia), Angela Rose (Colicchio), Joseph, Filomina (Chirichillo), Maria Francesca (Chirichillo) and Vito.

Frank Nigro's daughter, Mary DePalma is the oldest cousin represented. Cousins who came the farthest were John DePalma from Utah and Peter Foreman and family who came from Florida.

Breakfast was ready at 10:00 am as everyone arrived

toting homemade cakes and cookies, kids, carriages, bats and balls. The catered Italian food made it smell like any Peterstown kitchen on Sunday. The aunts' hot peppers are always the first to go, but there's always room for the three tables of desserts.

John E., The Clown is practically a member of the family after all these years of entertaining the kids. The hardest thing to organize is the family picture. 200 of us, each donning their Branch color makes quite a commotion. As carloads got ready to leave, hugs, kisses and promises to see each other next year were made. 🐱

The photo below is just a partial group of over 200 attendees of the Nigro family reunion. Because of prior commitments and difficulty connecting only three of the seven branches were able to attend this year. Attendance increases each year. A hundred percent participation could constitute their own zip code.



DEJA VU ALL OVER AGAIN

The gig is on. The reunion of the bands will give everyone the opportunity to go back in time and relive the glory days that were high school. The dance will recreate the experience we all remember. Boys huddle together, posturing for the attention of a girl who, if they ever harbor up enough courage over two hours to finally ask to dance, will reject him and run giggling to her friends who all look up at once and laugh as he stands alone in the middle of the dance floor and . . . (oh, sorry, I digressed).

Plan to be there. Get your tickets early and hope you don't get a zit the night before.



Tickets are available at:
Johnny Sacco's Meat Market, 806 Third Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ
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Special Guest Master of Ceremonies will be none other than Brother Jerry. Many local musicians and aspiring entertainers acknowledge Brother Jerry for giving them a start. It was his love of theatre and devotion to youth ministry that set the stage for concerts, dances and plays at Saint Anthony's. It is only fitting that the funds raised will benefit St. Anthony's present day Drama Club, lead by Brother Vincent.



The Twilighters were back in the studio rehearsing for their big reunion Gig. The twangs and pops were loud and sharp and that was just the sound of their knee joints when they knelt down for this picture. Striking the familiar pose from their 1970 promotional postcard are (back L-R) John Marcantonio, Charlie Salemi, Gary Trippiedi, (Front L-R) Ray Lamia, Steve Campo, Gary DiGirolamo.

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That's Joe playing the saxophone on the stage of Thomas Jefferson HS in 1968. His band "The Kommotions" played mostly soul and R&B. They took their show, complete with a tribute to James Brown, from high school dances all the way down to pre-casino Atlantic City. (Pictured l-r) Tommy McKenzie, bass; Joe Colletti, Sax; John Arvelo drums; Jim Kennedy, Guitar; and Keith Smith, vocals.





Carol Ann Ulak (nee Colicchio) stands on the steps of Kevin's Corner with her sons Ryan 14, Evan 12, and Jason 11, during a recent visit. Carol's grandfather was the original owner of the neighborhood store. She wanted to give her California born sons a feel for her experience growing up in the Burg. Carol says, "They never had fresh lemon ice or real Italian bread".

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After being away for seven years, Carol Ann Ulak (nee Colicchio) came back to vist her roots. For the last 15 years, she has lived in Encinitas, California, with her husband, Craig. Carol Ann gave her three sons a tour of the Burg and shared with them the people and places that shaped her life.

Carol Ann's parents were Pauline Parrinello (maiden name) and Ben Colicchio. They lived on Second Ave. and also on Palmer Street. She attended Holy Rosary Grammar School and Battin High School. Her father's family "The Colicchios" still reside on Niles Street. Her uncle Jim Migliore, better known as "Crash", owned and operated "Migliore's Bar" for many years. Carol Ann's Aunt Lil & Uncle Joe Ulisano, who reside on Niles Street are very active in the Senior Citizen Center.

Her grandfather Mr. Vito Parrinello owned and operated what is now Kevin's Corner Italian Grocery

Store on 561 Third Ave. They owned the property and also lived behind the store. Their youngest son, John Parrinello took over the business after he returned from the army about 40 years ago. The business was then sold to Jim Sammartino who owned it until Kevin Dugan bought it and named it Kevin's Corner. Though the business is still his namesake, Kevin's sister and her husband John LaPlaca own and operate it.

Carol Ann's visit to her hometown was as educational for her children as it was nostalgic for her. For the west coast kids it was a lesson in culture and history and this paper is their text book. 📖

For many, this publication has served as a connection to Peterstown. What the paper also offers and encourages is an exchange of information and a sharing of experiences relating to the Burg. The articles prompt fond memories for some and inspire others. An article on the the Twilighters (June, 1999) resulted in a reunion dance to raise funds for St. Anthony's Drama Club.

recipes

Here are Peterstown classics submitted by outstanding neighborhood cooks. The recipes are tried and true. If your attempt doesn't quite live up to your expectations don't be discouraged; the authors have prepared them a few thousand times. Remember, there's no substitute for experience, personal taste or "feel".

Ice Box Cake

Submitted by JoAnne's Luncheonette

INGREDIENTS:

1 box of Nabisco Graham Crackers
2 or 3 boxes of Mighty Fine Chocolate Pudding
Follow instructions for pudding on back of pudding box.

PREPARATION:

In 9x9 or 9x13 glass Pyrex dish, layer graham crackers and pudding, ending with pudding on top layer. Number of layers will be determined by height of dish. Wrap with Saran Wrap and chill.

Top with Cool Whip, Redi Whip or whip up a true delight (heavy cream, vanilla & powdered sugar).

Linguine Al Profuito di Bosco

Submitted by Russo's Deli

INGREDIENTS:

14 oz. Del Verde linguine
12 oz. fresh mushrooms
4 oz. (Biazzo) ricotta cheese
4 tbsp. (Colavita) extra virgin olive oil
2 oz. diced lean bacon
2 tbsp. white wine
1 clove garlic
Parsley, ground black pepper

PREPARATION:

Bring the water to a boil. Add salt and cook the pasta. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, heat the olive oil and sauté the garlic, bacon and half of the parsley. Reduce the heat. Add wine and mushrooms. Let cook 2-3 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add salt and pepper and remove the garlic. If the sauce tends to dry up, add a few tablespoons of warm water. When pasta is cooked, transfer to a serving bowl. Add sauce and mix well. Stir in the ricotta cheese, mix well and garnish with the remaining parsley. (Serves 4 people)

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One of Mario's owners, Joe Margiottiello (above right) is enticing visitors to Mario's with a free raffle for Giants tickets (see page 16).

The background picture shows Carmine Testa, who runs the day to day operations at Mario's Elmora location, using the latest computer system that speeds service and increases accuracy.



Anthony Ellersick is the hot shot young gun making pies at the Elmora location.



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Around About

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- Who is School #15 named after?
- Who is Elizabeth's 2nd Ward Councilperson?
- What year was St. Anthony's Little League formed?
- Who plays drums for the "Twilighters"?

Fill out as many answers as you can. Four winners will be picked at random from entries with the most correct answers.
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Winners will be announced in the next issue of "Around About Peterstown"

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TURN THE OTHER CHEEQUE

A small debate arose over this publication running an advertisement for Cheeque's Go-Go bar. The E-mail I received (all from Women) found it "distasteful". Though the letters made their feelings clear, the authors did not explain "why". I sought out answers to questions inspired by the article and photo of Tatiana. Why were the ad and photo tasteless? Why shouldn't Cheeques be allowed to advertise in this paper? Why should I go to confession?

Obviously, my decision to run the advertisement is intact, but I did consider the feedback of my readership. The response to an informal survey was overwhelmingly in support of my decision. I actually checked the legal implications of rejecting the ad. Ultimately, the decision is mine.

The answer doesn't lie in the reason why some women find the industry offensive or why men frequent these bars when they have sweet loving, understanding wives at home. I found the answer talking to the dancers themselves.

It's true there are horror stories that reek of exploitation and oppression. These stories are rare and have less to do with the industry and more to do with the individual. We all know stories of abuse in factories and offices and the desperation of people who tolerate substandard working conditions because their paycheck, no matter how small, is critical and barely pays for essentials.

The women who work in these clubs chose their career path. Their motivations vary from one to another; students paying their way through college, single moms making ends meet, a penchant for shopping,

exhibitionists . . . you name it. Name it, but don't judge it! A woman should have the right to choose her line of work with out being judged or ridiculed.

Would we want our livelihood compromised because it is not popular? What if rival politicians took issue with running an opponent's ad? Or vegetarians lobbying to remove butcher ads? Refusing, although legal, would be un-American. It would not be fair.

This is a family paper. It's written for young and old audiences. Reading a Cheeques ad will not recruit young girls. It may however, stimulate discussion within the home about the complex issues that affect their decision to choose their own path in life. 🍷

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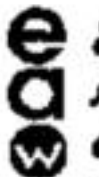


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Choice E-Mail

Dear Editor:

Not for nothing but I can't remember seeing any poles at the beach for anyone to slide on the last time I was there. I thought your piece on Tatiana was something that should have never been printed in a family newspaper. I thought it was very tasteless on your part, but I must say it came in very handy at the bottom of my bird's cage!

Debbie S.

Dear Sons of Peterstown,

Father Vincent on the front page, Blessed Mother in the middle and Tatiana on back page? Joe, I think you need to go to confession. Not for nothing but.... the words classiest and go-go bars just don't mix.

Sincerely,
Doreen Sacco

Dear Editor:

I found the write up about Cheeques and the picture of Tatiana to be very distasteful. I find it very disturbing that you as a father of young girls would condone this erotic behavior. I also understand that this is your newspaper and there is also freedom of speech.

Sincerely yours,
Alessandra Sacco

Dear Joe:

You have requested that I prepare a statement for an editorial you will be running in your newspaper. After reviewing the applicable law in this area, the following is my opinion on this subject.

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Peterstown doesn't have an official golf association but there are about a dozen die hard golfers who have played together for decades. Rarely does a week go by when there is not at least one foursome from the group playing. Their presence was reckoned with recently at the Oak Ridge Golf Course Annual Club Championship. The public course located in Clark, NJ is a Union County Parks and Recreation facility.

(l-r) Putting out on the 18th hole are local legends Rick Basil, Steve Mirando, Pete Colletti and Russ DiMaio.



Nick Renna reads a birdie putt. Nick enjoys a home court advantage as Manager of Oak Ridge Golf Course since 1995 bringing the course from black and white into color.

(left) John Davidaitis took a break at the turn. (right) The Fab Four discuss "course conditions" with Nick Renna.



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Jerry "Fast Feet" Fontanez moved to Peterstown after retiring from professional competition where he won two world championships. He joined Conhaim, also a resident, in November to satisfy his desire to teach, especially children. He loves the fact that his students walk to the gym. It adds to the feeling of family shared by the

students. It's a big contrast to Fontanez lifestyle of running six schools in New York. Now he makes himself available for public speaking engagements for schools and youth groups.

Michele and Jerry not only teach Children (between the hours of 4:00 and 8:00) but they also offer adult instruction (from 8:00 to 10:00) Monday through Friday. Adult programs at the Academy include Karate, Kickboxing, and Cardio Kickboxing (similar to Tae-Bo).

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PETERSTOWN KARATE KIDS

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Juan Carlos Lino, age 4;
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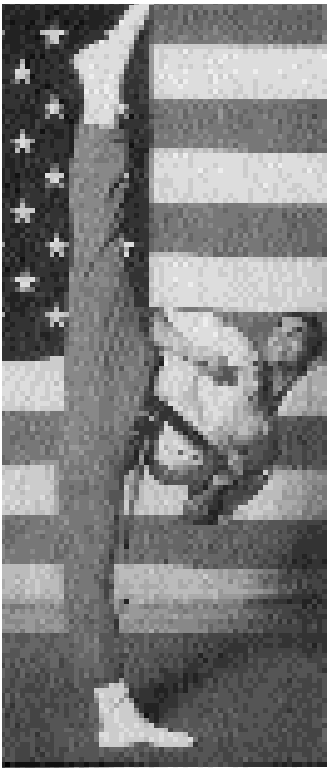


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Even the cuisine that Elizabeth is famous for is taking a new flare with Portuguese/Italian restaurants, Portuguese/Spanish restaurants and Portuguese/Polish restaurants along with new Columbian restaurants adding to the wonderful mixture of the cultures in our city.

Coincidentally, October is the month the New Jersey Gardens Mall is supposed to open. This should bring more jobs and more opportunities for people who would like to make Elizabeth their home. As a broker in the city, I hope that the new mall will prosper without hurting the Elizabeth Avenue business district.

Now a word about a mortgage concept that is flying all over the country with high and low notes. Apparently a non-profit corporation in California called The Nehemiah Program, has been offering down payments to potential buyers purchasing through the FHA. Nehemiah will give up to 3% to potential buyers. The buyers must be pre-qualified prior to receiving the gift. In addition, the home that is being purchased must also be pre-qualified for the Nehemiah standards. Although Nehemiah is giving the gift to the buyer, it requires the seller to pay 4% to Nehemiah. Nehemiah states that this is not the same money given to the potential buyer.

Nehemiah has closed numerous homes throughout the country using this format. Recently the FHA has posted a warning to all mortgage lenders and real estate brokers that they will be changing this loophole in FHA practices. Please take this information as a caution that if you are presently buying or selling a home through the Nehemiah program, your sale or purchase may be in question.

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