



## YOUTH SPORTS BORN OF NECESSITY

Youth sports are growing more sophisticated as the years progress. Organized sports are self-perpetuating. The need to organize is fueled by the desire to organize. Despite the horror stories about overbearing parents and overzealous coaches the opportunities being offered to today's youth are very positive.

In the early part of the 1900's, the population of children in America began to balloon. The need for social and recreational outlets was answered by organizations such as the YMCAs and YWCAs, Scouts troops and Boys and Girls Clubs. They made facilities available so children could play in an orderly way and in a safe environment. The alternative was the harsh conditions the streets had to offer.

The programs needed time to ramp up because the organizations could only reach a small portion of the population. Many young people were established in their ways. Dealing with the social struggles of the times left little room for leisure time pursuits. The number of street urchins swelled with the great immigration of the 1920's and the need to offer them some formality also grew.

It wouldn't be until those new arrivals became parents themselves that the ball started rolling. Social agencies grew and though they offered the facilities, the sports programs were essentially organized by the youth themselves. Experts point to 1939 and the advent of Little League Baseball as the start of a movement towards adult organized youth sports. After a slow start during WWII, the organization jumped from 12 Pennsylvanian leagues in 1946 to 1,500 across the U.S., in Canada and British Columbia five years later. Today 3 million little leaguers play worldwide.

Other sports have also mirrored the phenomena of Little League Baseball. The amazing aspect of all these youth programs is that they rely on volunteers. Coaches, officials, and organizers are regular folk dedicating their time as a community service. Though there is some debate over unhealthy competition and unnecessary pressure, most people agree that the youth sports programs provide wholesome, character-building activities that help children develop social and personal skills. Because the numbers of children and adults involved is so huge the possibility of some dysfunction does exist, but that is the exception and not the rule. The programs are incredibly self-correcting if something should go array.

Sports was and is a rite of passage in Peterstown. Different sports were more popular at different times, from boxing to football, basketball and softball. There were club teams, city run programs and church leagues and, of course, public and private school programs. The tradition in Peterstown was the young adults, and not the parents, who volunteered to train and instruct the next wave of sports stars. There purpose of coaching was to give back what was given. The only outcome that was expected was to have fun. 🏆



(above, l-r) Linden H.S. Basketball Coach Phil Colicchio is assisted by his St. Mary's High School teammate Marty Luc. Now their sons, Tommy and Lawrence, are running around the gym together too.



(left) St. Anthony's Baseball Team won the 1972 Elizabeth Parochial Grammar School Baseball League Championship, defeating St. Genevieve's in a battle of division champions.

(front, l-r) Phil DiRosa, bat boys Mike Caruso and Steve Caruso, Pete DeRose and Nick Renna.

(middle, l-r) Mark Chirico, Joe Renna, Mike Milano, Paul Sullivan, Frank Verde and Ken Siano.

(Back, l-r) Coach Dan DeRose, Jack Guilno, Frank Sortino, Barry Roman, Tony Sciscione, Rob Cullen, Benny LaSala and Jim Marziano.

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### President's Message



It's picnic time again. This year's date will be Sunday June 4th. We will also be honoring four men that dedicated many years running the sports programs at St. Anthony's School. There were so many guys and girls who helped out through the years and they should all be thanked. The four we are honoring are Pat Nardone, Mike Posyk, Frank Grossi, and Danny DeRose. These were the boys baseball and basketball coaches spanning decades. Their commitment and dedication is matchless.

I hope all the kids who played under these guys, and those who had the chance to coach along side them could come to the picnic and show their support. There will definitely be a dose of glory days. And who knows maybe a game will break out to see which era of players has the bragging rights.

Thank you and God bless.

John Sacco, President

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Dear Mr. Renna,

Your article in the February 06 issue of *Around About Peterstown* was a wonderful tribute to Michael LoBrace and the DiMaggio family. My mother brought your article along with her on her last visit to Naples, Florida for me to enjoy. I am Nancy Burns, Frank and Gloria DiMaggio's older daughter and one of Michael's cousins. Having grown up in Elizabeth, I am familiar with the history of Peterstown and the hard working people who contributed to its rich heritage.

Reading your article brought me back in time. I still have many warm memories of my father taking his two daughters to John Street to visit Grandma and Aunt Millie, Michael's mother. It is with great nostalgia that I recall the wonderful aromas from Grandma's kitchen, Nana always had a huge pot of gravy simmering away. She loved to have us watch while she formed the "well" in the flour, kneaded the dough and rolled it into paper-thin sheets.

I have eaten in many fine restaurants, yet still attribute our Grandmother with the ability to make the best food I have ever eaten. Of course Michael inherited her skill and love for delicious food.

Although I left New Jersey twenty three years ago and presently live in Florida, I never fail to return annually to my "roots" in Elizabeth and to eat at one of Michael's restaurants. Michael's cooking brings me back to my days at Grandmas.

Thank you for this heartwarming article.

Very truly yours,  
 Nancy DiMaggio Burns  
 Naples, Florida

Dear Joe,

Thank you for writing an article about my Grandfather Luigi Santillo (Dec. '05). I am grateful that I could be of some help. My dad was pleased, as I was, to find out more information about our family ancestry. You are doing a wonderful thing.

Many thanks,  
 Adelene Sant Foster and Family  
 Bedminster, NJ

PS. Your Uncle Sam and my father Al were good friends and my father had these pictures I thought you would like.



(above, l-r) Childhood friends and mates in the Navy during WWII, Sammy "Boston" Renna and Al "Shape" Santillo, in 1942 in Norfolk, VA.



(above, l-r) Al and Sam in the Pleasure Circle Social Club in Elizabeth just prior to Sam's death in 2001.



(above, l-r) DiMaggio cousins circa 1950: Kathy Parcel, Diane Conti, Frank Disteffano, Nancy Burns, Robert DiMaggio and Charlie DiMaggio.

Dear Joe,

My daughter Kathy Manger goes to Santillo's for pizza often. She saw the write up about the Santillos in your last paper. I have many fond memories of the bakery.

In the early 1930's my mother Rose Cirasella made bread dough and made bread loaves for the Santillos large oven.

Before going to class at School #3, my sister Millie and I would bring the loaves in a large basket to Mr. Louis Santillo the owner and baker. He would put a small white piece of paper in the loaves and then put them in the large oven. After school we would go and pick the bread up.

We didn't have to weigh the bread as the others had to do. Lou only charged my mom one price. He sold bread, rolls, buns, etc. in his store. Lou Santillo delivered bread daily to stores, homes and restaurants.

At home we had fresh bread with warm olive oil. Delicious!! Those were the days!!

Thank you and stay well.

Sincerely,  
 Antoinette Ferrell  
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Too often I see kids as young as four years old trying to learn positional play and strategy when they haven't even learned to catch or throw a ball yet. What sense is there in making an eight year old stand in center field when their range of throwing and catching tops out at 12 feet. The kids would be better served playing catch, which in our day and age is a novel idea.

Left on their own, kids will figure out their own capabilities and limitations. I know it is hard for some parents to fathom but little John may have limitations. He may even have interests other than the narrow focus of organized sports. Kids will never know what those interests are if they do not have the freedom to choose for themselves.

There will be a time when a kid is ready to play on an organized team. When that time comes the kids will let the parent know. For some it may be when they are ten, some won't be interested until they are in high school after being exposed to a sport their parents never considered, or if little Johnny is a phenom coaches will be knocking on the parents door.

And don't worry if Jr. gets banged up a little. Better a little now than a lot latter. A couple of bangs and bruises may be what makes a kid decide "Hey, this sport ain't for me. I'm running track." 🏃🏻🏏

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## Not for Nothing But...

after spending a few  
years hitting a pink  
sponge ball with a  
broomstick, a baseball  
will look like a beachball.

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Which stickball court is the best in Peterstown is a timeless topic of debate. According to Frank Imbriacco, Cleveland Jr. High had the best playground not only for stickball but for everything else, a virtual catch-all of neighborhood kids of all ages.

The yard offered a variety of stickball venues in case someone wanted to play long-ball while others preferred a home run fence. The most interesting spot was a cove with walls about 50 feet apart. If the ball hit the far wall and came back to hit the one behind the batter it was scored as a home run. 🏏🏠

(above) On the steps in Cleveland's playground in 1954 (back) Walter Murray, Frank Melage, Jim Murray, Gerry Imbriacco. (front) Michael Imbriacco, Bill Murray, Ron Lovinguth, Amm Murray and Steve Lovinguth.



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(left) Linden  
High School  
varsity  
basketball  
Head Coach  
Phil Colicchio.

Linden High School coach Phil Colicchio won the Group 4 State Championship, his second time in the nine years as coach in Linden. The first came in 2000. The school also racked up 7 Watchung Conference Championships and the 2001 Union County Championship. He was named Coach of the Year by the *Star-Ledger*.

Phil attended St. Mary's School in Elizabeth from first grade to eleventh. He graduated from Elizabeth H.S. in 1984. While there he was teamed with Anthony Candelino, Derrick McGhee, and Chris Gatling to win the County Championship. His coach at St. Mary's and at Elizabeth High was Ben Candelino. Colicchio credits Candelino's instruction and guidance for shaping him into the coach that he is. He considered it fortunate to have played for Candelino and then to have coached alongside him in Elizabeth. Phil also acknowledges Coach Bob Firestone. He learned the X's and O's from Benny and how to deal with people from Bob. 🍀🍀

Colicchio says his family are his biggest supporters and his inspiration, from his childhood, his mom and dad, Beverly and Tom Sr., and his older brothers Mike and Tom, and now his wife and children.

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NEW DAY SPA OPENS IN DOWNTOWN CRANFORD

Across from the rumble of the commuter trains and traffic on North Avenue sits an oasis - a new day spa called "It's All About Me." Owned by Edison resident Gina Torretta, formerly of Peterstown. Her husband is Jack Torretta and her father is Louis Melillo. Gina went to St. Antony's Grammar School and graduated from Elizabeth High School.

The spa at 25 North Avenue East is a testament to pampering - from the basic hair cuts, manicures and pedicures to Japanese hair straightening, exotic facial, collagen treatments, microdermabrasion and a rainbow of body treatments, including hot stone massages, Caribbean salt scrubs and deep tissue massages.

"When you come here, it should be quiet, peaceful and a retreat for the day. Then, when you leave here, I want you to say it was well worth it," said Gina. "You should feel as welcome here as you are at my house..." To accomplish that goal, Gina carefully selects her employees not only for how they work with the clients, but together as a family. Both male and female staffers are on hand to suit the needs of the clients - many of whom are men.

The atmosphere is just one step from exotic - with

different rooms dedicated to specialty services - haircuts, pedicures/manicures, waxing and massages. The massage section has a separate entrance, with a waiting area complete with a waterfall and an adjoining shower for those headed right back to work. In the pedicure area, a flat screen TV covers the wall to distract and help clients unwind. In the reception area, there is fresh fruit, juice, pastries, coffee and cappuccino. Clients can come in for a specific service, an hour massage or a half-day of pampering.

"My packages are very well put together at a very reasonable cost," said Gina, who developed her business sense managing a spa in Jamesburg. She emphasized that their massages are a full hour, not 50 minutes, and her location is convenient for commuters. The new business is now in full swing, after some renovations and additions to the building that formerly housed Ralph Brunette.

Now that her professional life is settled, Gina is looking to move - her house that is. "I like the town. It's small, but in its own way...it has great restaurants...great access to New York...I feel we both are really comfortable with each other."



(left) Gina Torretta and Mia Loguidice have been taking appointments since the Salon and Day Spa, "It's All About Me", opened in Cranford on North Avenue.

(below) Gina is attracting customers to her new business with a coupon for 20% off. Anyone who has never experienced a spa treatment is missing a real treat, men as well as women.

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Advertisement for Dimensions A Total Salon. Includes the logo "DIMENSIONS A Total Salon", "And Hair Replacement Center", phone number "732-636-6677", and address "1256 St. Georges Avenue, Avenel, NJ 07001".

Advertisement for It's All About Me Salon & Day Spa. Includes the logo "It's All About ME", phone number "908-276-2940", hours of operation, address "25 North Avenue Cranford, NJ 07016", and services "HAIR • NAILS • SKIN • BODY".

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# VALLATA AND LINDEN PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Linden High School is host to sixteen students from Vallata, Avellino Italy from April 4 to the 24, 2006. The visit is the second part of an exchange in which students from Linden were guests of the Vallatese in April of last year. During their three week stay the Vallatese students attended school and lived with the families of the classmates who stayed with them in Italy, their partner in America.

Vallata, which is just south of Naples, is the hometown of Alphonsina Paternostro who is the World Languages Supervisor for Linden schools. The program hopes to encourage the Linden students to pursue the

(below) The students of vallata comingles with those from Linden High School.

study of the Italian language and culture.

Sightseeing tours and special events were planned over the course of their stay. On February 7, the Vallatese Club in Elizabeth hosted a reception for the new arrivals.

The partnership program takes coordination from many people on both sides of the Atlantic. Paternostro extended special thanks to the Linden Board of Education, City of Linden, Central Administration, Vallatese Men's Association, Vallatese Ladies Society, the host parents and participating Vallatese families for making the program possible. 🇺🇸🇮🇹

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(above) This chart shows how the students matched up as partners.



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(above, l-r) The Good Salesian Sisters:  
Sr. Theodora, Sr. Joanna and Sr. Mary.

(below) The first schoolhouse for the class of '66.



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did the 2006 Oscar  
winning documentary  
“March of the Penguins”  
bring back memories  
for anyone?

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# ST. ANTHONY’S CLASS OF ‘66 REUNION UPDATE

The committee is happy to report that we’ve made remarkable progress since our initial report. It was wonderful hearing from classmates near and far. Everyone seems thoroughly enthusiastic about our reunion, which will be held November 11, 2006, in the school cafeteria. How’s that for nostalgia?

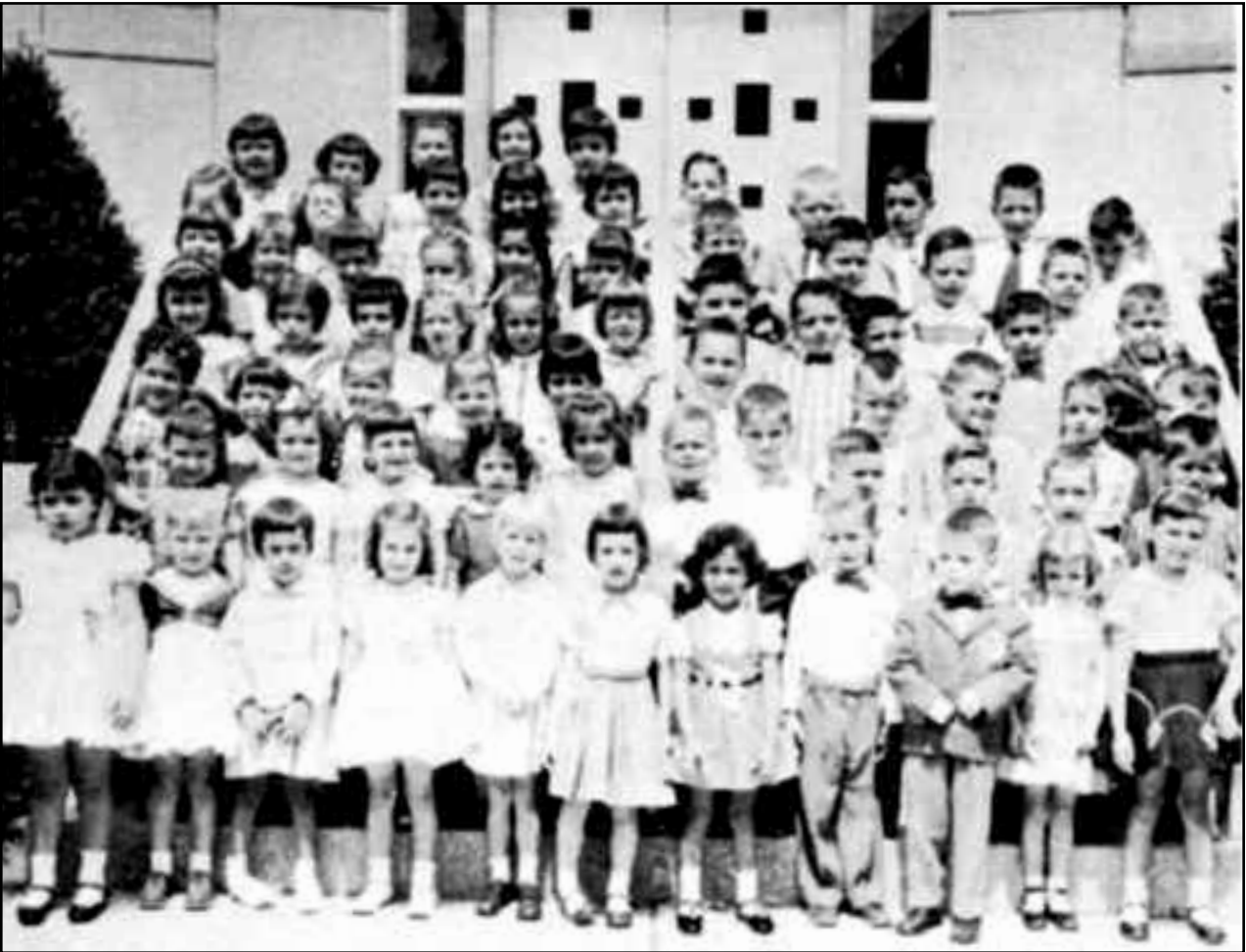
We do however, need more information on classmates that have slipped off the radar screen. Hope some of you out there can help. Some of the more elusive students we are trying to get a line on:

Stephen Mele, Joe Rusciano, Nicolette LaBrutta, Arlene Lamia, Rosemary Campo, Denise Mole, Sal Molle, Russell Nascondiglio, Artie Cronk, Vince Feminella, Danny DeRose, Peter Marziano, Ann D’Aria, Donna Cotugno, Denise DeStefano, Collette Deri, Josephine Bartone, Joyce Majewski, and Steve Campo.

The growing list of those who have been contacted and will come include: Dino Annucci, Billy Acito, Gary

DiGirolamo, Bobby Vaccaro, Benny Candelino, Josa Castagna, Oscar Petraglia, Sal Signorelli, Lorraine Grazio, Rosemary Coppola, Connie DeCesare, Donna Dippiltio, Mary Ann Nufrio, Jim Imbriaco, Anthony Ferrara, Lorraine Cascio, Vince Kornmeyer, Mary Sasala, Frank Grossi, Joe Adessa, the Caravano twins, Jimmy Caravano, Joe Capece, Bill DePaolo, Joanne Manetta, Michele Luisi, Charlie Salemi, Ernie Hauschild, Tommy Fishetti, Joleyn Bongovi, Patty Marconi, Sal Milazzo, Gemma Spirito, Bobby Pantina, Lenny Genova, Theresa DiTrollo, Michele Signorelli, and Paul Troncale. Special thanks to Lorraine Grazio and Rosemary Coppola for all their help in tracking down our friends.

We still need to get phone numbers, email addresses and addresses to send out the information for our get together so please call Bill DePaolo: (908) 351-1568, email: masterprinting@earthlink.net; or, Billy Acito: (908) 354-8782, email: biagioacito@netscape.com.



(above) The class of ‘66 was the fist, first grade in the new school built on Center Street.

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# CHARTING THE FUTURE WITHOUT USING PAPER

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Mauti recently implemented a state of the art computer system that keeps electronic medical records (EMR)of all his patients, doing away with the traditional filling out, filing and storage of paper records.

The efficiency of the new system is awe inspiring. The benefits are so numerous that federal officials are touting it as the future of health care. While Washington speaks about the system in the future tense, in reality the technology has arrived and is being used. To illustrate how advanced the system is, only 2% of doctors in the country have EMR capability. Dr. Mauti is leading the charge in New Jersey.

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The obvious advantage of EMR is their mobility. The entire medical history of every patient can be stored on a disk and easily transported by a laptop. Backing up the data is institutions. And since the data is stored in a closed system, only the attending physician has access to it. Paper records offer none of those benefits. They can be lost or destroyed, as has happened in the floods in Louisiana. Copying records is costly and cumbersome and retrieving them can be difficult especially if the doctor or patient relocates.

Some benefits that seem subtle are actually enormous. Accuracy is a key one. The days of trying to understand a doctor’s hand writing is gone. The keystroke notes are clear and precise. Names of pharmaceuticals are clearly indicated. A database exists that can assist in diagnosis and treatment. For example, the computer would warn the doctor if a conflict exists between prescribed medications. Prescriptions can be passed digitally to a pharmacy and/or printed out for the patient to have.

Stopping mistakes saves lives! The system would revolutionize the way malpractice suits are pursued. The accuracy of EMR can result in less lawsuits and a reduction in the cost of insurance that gets past on to the consumer.

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Patients will also reap the benefits of EMR by being able to get treatment in a timely manor. EMR eliminates

(right) Dr. James Mauti views an xray that was sent remotely to his office by an imaging lab. He is speaking to his patient who is two counties away. A video camera mounted on the top of the monitor allows for visual interaction with the patient who happened to be snowed in in Freehold.

(right) Dr. Mauti can do research and record information while still at a patients home using his compact computer.



filling out paper work in the waiting room of the doctor’s office. Patients can type the necessary information into the website of the doctor’s office from the comfort of their home at any time prior to the visit.

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This feature is particularly useful to Dr. Mauti who treats many patients using Laserscope technology to remove hair, eliminate leg veins, treat acne and rejuvenate skin.

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And there is another group of people who are benefiting from EMR by the virtue of contracting with Dr. Mauti, that is the taxpayer. Dr. Mauti is the Medical Director for the Township of Springfield as well as being the Medical Inspector for the Board of Education of both Paterson and Elizabeth public schools. He is also the Athletic Team and School Physician for various schools throughout Passaic, Union, and Morris Counties. These schools and organizations can now benefit from the EMR without any investment into the technology. There will be a time when the EMR will be mandatory. Organizations and institutions will be scrambling to get up to speed. While those associated with Dr. Mauti will have been there light-years ahead of their time.



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The 2006 town planners have been distributed and Worrall Community Newspapers has begun selling ad space in the 2007 edition. Space is limited and fills quickly so businesses are encouraged to reserve early or they may be shut out. The Town Planner is a popular keepsake that Worrall has been publishing since 1999.

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- Will work with Public Works and the Clean Streets Program to help make neighborhoods cleaner
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- Work to secure Federal, State or County funding to help hold the line on taxes



## FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS TURN OUT FOR GONZALEZ

On March 15, 2006 friends and supports came together at Michelino's Restaurant on South Street in support of Nelson Gonzalez and his run to be Elizabeth's 2nd Ward Councilman. Nearly 275 attended the event representing a wide spectrum of the city's diverse communities, from local business owners to city administrators, neighbors and friends.

To the left are photos of Nelson with some attendees including:

1. Mayor Chris Bollwage, council members Angelo Paternoster, Carla Mazza, Frank Cuesta, Manny Grova, and Ed Jackus.
2. Michelino's Jerry Nigro.
3. Tito Atianza, Eddie Calixto, Rich Chaparro, and David Chaparro.
4. Rob Gallo, Fred Gallo, Bob McKenna, Pat Vella, Paul Addressa, Carmine Vella, Ray Vella, and Anthony Perrotti.
5. Peter Agliata, Joseph Amato.
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(above) Phil Costanza and his wife Diane live in Peterstown, a short drive to their restaurant. Phil is second generation living in his Third avenue digs.

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The flavor comes from a blend of original award winning sauces and marinades created by owners Phil Costanza and Bruce Kain. Phil and Bruce travel the country and compete in cook-offs using their mobile smoker. The seasoned professionals brought that experience back home to Elizabeth.

The Front Street Smokehouse is located on Front

Street at the corner of Elizabeth Avenue facing beautifully renovated Memorial Park on the water front of the Arthur Kill. The restaurant was meticulously renovated to reflect the style of an old saloon from a century ago. Fans driven by fan belts hang from a new tin ceiling lit by stained glass fixtures.

The atmosphere is very casual and inviting. Patrons are encouraged to bring a big appetite for lunch or diner. Late-nights are always enjoyable and feature music from a satellite juke box and nice mix of people. The restaurant draws its patrons from the many businesses that operate along the water way, from the airport to the refinery. The number of school and city workers who have discovered this hot spot has also been growing.

In a short time Front Street has become a destination point in Elizabeth following suit with the revitalization of the marina and waterfront. There is nothing better than taking a walk along the dock and watching the boats go by after a big meal. There are few if any opportunities to do just that anywhere else.



(above) Partner Bruce Lain feeds the fire that will slow cook the meat and fish. The different types of wood used also plays a roll in flavoring the food.



(above) BBQ cook Nils Christensen starts basting the meat four hours before the lunch rush. Meats can be sprayed, marinated or injected with home-made sauces.

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(right) Al Costanza is surrounded by his brother and friends at a backyard picnic, under his grape vine which still stands today.



(below) Al Costanza displays some of his handiwork.



(below) An illustration by Al was used to promote a Monster Dance hosted by the Kingston Club. The invite on the reverse side toted the event as the Talk of the Town, tickets were just Fifty Cents.

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Pickin' cotton, away down  
Into your sack, into your back!  
Good class are coming to stay! Pick away.  
While the day is every day, must thicken. Pick away!  
Satisfy you pay for fried chicken, pickin' cotton's  
cotton's  
And you—pickin' cotton, no what!  
Sing as you go right down the row,  
Pickin' the cotton away.

**A Night of Life**  
PAINTING THE CLOUDS WITH SUNSHINE  
When I needed I'm gay, I never feel that way;  
I'm only painting the clouds with sunshine.  
When I hold back a tear, to make a smile no year,  
I'm only painting the clouds with sunshine.  
Painting the hours, beautiful hours,  
Covered with gold and rose;  
Playing the clouds trying to drown all of my woes.  
That things may not look bright,  
They'll turn out all right  
If I keep painting the clouds with sunshine.

**Meet the Old Gang**  
YOUR MOTHER AND MINE  
Your mother, was she ever wrong;  
My mother made life just a song.  
When you were a kid where did you want to be?  
Don't wonder; I tell you on your mother's knee.  
Your mother and my mother, too,  
Were women whose hearts were a tune.  
And the One to show you life's message of love  
Through your mother and mine.

**Plenty of Pep**  
USED TO YOU  
Now that I'm used to you, I'd be so blue  
If we started every fall.  
I've grown so used to you, the things you do  
Are part of me, sweetheart.  
You kiss me way, you love my way;  
Why should you try someone new?  
If you should say we're through,  
What would I do, now that I'm used to you?

**Don't Miss It**  
DREAM MOTHER  
Dream Mother, Dream Mother, angel divine,  
Though you have gone from my sight,  
I see you in dreams every night.  
We'll meet, Mother, sweet Mother, somewhere,  
sometime.  
Though you're not here beside me,  
I know you'll always guide me,  
Dream Mother of mine.

MOANIN'  
Moanin' low, my sweet man, I love him so.  
You're the kind of man needs the kind of woman  
like me.  
Garden die if sweet man should have to go;  
If I die where'd he be?  
He's the kind of man needs the kind of woman  
like me.  
Don't know any reason why he treats me so  
poorly?  
What have I done and done?  
Makes my troubles come with his worries,  
When every I don't deserve it of mine.  
Garden low, my sweet man is turnin' go;  
When he goes, my Lardie,  
He's the kind of man needs the kind of woman  
like me.

**Music Galore**  
LITTLE PAL  
What I couldn't be, Little Pal,  
I want you to be, Little Pal.  
I'm putting my faith and my hopes all in you;  
To do all the things that your dad couldn't do.  
I'll give every night, Little Pal,  
That you turn out right, Little Pal.  
It sure for you should be on a new daddy's  
knee.  
Don't forget about me, Little Pal.

**It's a Record Breaker**  
BREAKAWAY  
Let's do the breakaway,  
Get hot and shake away  
It's got the strongest attraction;  
Three times with your back.  
Oh, boy, how good it feels.  
You get the biggest new sensation.  
Write a little note on your toes;  
Don't forget to dot the "I."  
Look at what you wrote; goodness knows, it's  
easy as "Pie."  
Come on and take away.  
Get hot and shake away;  
You'll do the breakaway bye-bye.

**Continuous Dancing**  
BIG CITY BLUES  
I'm all alone every night, how I moon and how  
I fight.  
Those Big City Blues,  
I walk the miles, place to place,  
No one coming or going to chase those  
Those Big City Blues.  
I'm like a little cat who needs a lot of tenderness  
and care,  
But all I get is just a lot of sorrow and despair.  
Won't someone please talk to me, don't refuse,  
Near my place and help me lose  
Those Big City Blues.

**HIT DANCE Let's Go KINGSTON DANCE OF THE YEAR CORIO**  
SHADOW  
DANCE CONTEST  
NICK  
CAMP ARE ALL MARINA  
RAIN OR SHINE EVERYBODY GOES  
THEY'RE GOING TO BE THERE  
LINDY WILL COME  
VICTA FORTS MEN  
DANCING  
**WHAT A TIME**  
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KINGSTON DANCE  
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(above) Phil Renna, left squares off with Al DiMaggio, right, as trainer, Lenny LaBrutto prepares them for the Diamond Glove Tournament in 1950. Renna fought as a 135 lb novice and DiMaggio was 126.

# LOCAL PROS TRAINED BOXING PROSPECTS

In its hey day, Elizabeth had three boxing clubs. Fighters for the Elizabeth Recreation Club fought out of Kirk Center located in Peterstown. Kirk Center was a mecca for young boxers and turned out more pros than can be counted. The tradition of these pros coming back to train the next crop of youngsters was traditional.

The quality of the trainers was reflected in the caliber of fighters that were produced. The fighters from Kirk Center consistently brought home the gold.

The fighters from the 1920's and '30's worked with others during the '40's and '50's. Jack Harris fought as a middleweight in the 20's before managing at the center. He was assisted by the legendary Tony Orlando, Sr.

Orlando was legendary because he continued to train boxers for five decades retiring as an octogenarian in the 1980's. Lenny LaBrutto was a fighter in training during those early years as well. He was still fighting as a pro at

the time. He had 27 fights winning 22 with 11 by knock out. There were plenty of boxers at the gym so the need for trainers was never exhausted. LaBrutto trained Phil Renna, Al DiMaggio and Rocky Cornaccio for the 1950 Elizabeth Diamond Gloves sponsored by the publishers of the *Daily Journal* newspaper. Rocky's older brother "Kid Sharky" was already fighting as a pro.

Harris and Orlando also had fighters going to the tournament. In 1949, the first year that the event was held, Mario DiBella brought the championship back to Peterstown.

The discipline and dedication needed to be a good boxer is unmatched by any sport. The discipline it takes builds character and the conditioning builds confidence. The experience in the gym helps shape the future of young boxers. There are few challenges that can compare to its demands. 🥊



(above) Ready for battle - The strong Elizabeth Recreation team poses with trainers Joe Harris (left) and Tony Orlando (right) after workout for Golden Gloves card. Boxers in back row (left to right) are Phil Saxton, Nehemiah Pridgeon, George Howard and Robert Brazil. Front row: Mario DiBella, Rubin Armstead and Lou Polese. (The photos above were from the pages of the *Daily Journal*.)



(above) Between rounds, Tony Orlando Sr. advises his young fighter to stay in school and get a degree.

(right) In 1949, 16 year old featherweight, Mario DiBella was the first fighter crowned champion at the first Elizabeth Diamond Gloves hosted by the *Daily Journal*.



(left, l-r) 1950 photo of boxers from Peterstown who got their start at Kirk Center, Al Dimaggio, Lenny LaBrutto, Tony Diamanti, Jim Esposito, and Mario DiBella.

Esposito has the distinction of boxing and winning in two Golden Gloves title fights in the same night! In 1944 he won the Lightweight Novice Championship then went back in the ring later that evening and won the Open Championship.

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## BOXING PROGRAM CONTINUES IN ERXLEBER

Since Kirk Center closed the Elizabeth recreation boxing program found a new home in Erxleber Community Center located in Droter Field behind Mavlac Manor in the Bayway section of Elizabeth. Abdul-Hakim Waheed has been the Director of the program since the gym was opened in 1995. Waheed is assisted by Don Givens, a NJ Boxing Hall of Famer who is also the local boxing committee president of USA Boxing.

With so many other sports and activities being offered in the schools and city programs the days of over crowded boxing gyms are gone. Waheed still has a stable of 30 fighters who train with him but there is much more room to grow.

Waheed has eight fighters competing in this years Golden Gloves Competition. Tyre Roberts is fighting for the championship at 152 lbs Friday evening April 14.

Anyone interested in joining the program can just stop by the gym at 5:30 any evening. Fighters can be as young as 8 years old and those under 18 must get their parent's consent. The doors close at 10 pm. Interested parties can call the gym at 908-820-2852.

(right, l-r) Tyre Roberts trains to fight for the 152 lb Golden Gloves Championship with trainer Abdul-Hakim Waheed while Don Given gives instruction from the corner.





# ST. ANTHONY'S FIGHTING ANGELS

Each year since its inception St. Anthony's Grammar School, located in the Peterstown Section of Elizabeth, NJ, offered opportunities to the student athletes to play organized sports. The interesting aspect of the programs were that they were organized and operated by volunteers almost independent of the school administration. The teams enjoyed the complete and generous support of the school but enjoyed even more the arms-length relationship.

The lack of strict oversight may be why the programs were so successful. Hundreds of students played year round. Between basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball, and cheerleading there was a sport for anyone wishing to play no mater what grade.

The key to the success was that it was extremely enjoyable to participate. The coaches had as much fun as the players. The relationship between the players and managers were as friends and neighbors first. The coaches all were products of the programs they coached. Most were barely out of high school and already were committed to helping the program. For instance, Mike Posyc started coaching in 1963 when he was just 16 years old. He continued to coach and manage the program until 2000 when he moved out of Peterstown and into Clark, NJ.

Mike started out assisting Pat Nardone who was coach and Athletic Director since 1969. He later took on the responsibility of director and continued to recruit coaches from the ranks of veteran players. Both girls and boys came back to assist Mike. The list of civic minded young adults is impressive. It's impossible to name all of them but Mike could rattle off those who dedicated multiple years: Frank Grossi, Danny "Boonie" DeRose, Anthony Colletti, Bob Nilsson, Nick and Mike Scaff, Tony Manto, Joe Ferarra, Lou Cortez, Ron Laquaglia, Lynn Nardone, Marta Guerra, Laura Chicchetti, Rosaria Russo, Norina Manto, Karen Sterinsky, Rosaria Tagliavorie, etc, etc, etc.



The Sons of Peterstown Sports Club is honoring Pat Nardone, Mike Posyc, Frank Grossi and Danny DeRose at their annual family picnic at the end of South Seventh Street on June 4, 2006. All past players and coaches are encouraged to come by to relive the glory days.



(above) St. Anthony's 1974 Championship Basketball Team coached by Pat Nardone, who has been Athletic Director of the school since 1969. Starting clockwise with #3 are: Pat Nardone Jr., Thomas De Rose, Oppi Montane, Mike Milano, Rosario Isacolk, Julio Fernandez, John Marano, Joaquin Aquera, Blaise Tornatore, Robert Calavana, Richard Picoella, Dominic De Cesare, Jose Rosal, John Gatto, Steven Caruso, Richard Miele, Mike Caruso, Coach Nardone Sr. is in the center.

(left) St. Antony's School 5th and 6th Grade Basketball Team has taken the Union County C.Y.O. 1997 Championship. (Top row L to R) Asst. Coach Mike Pozyc, Carmen Ciantano, Billy Mellilo, Andy Paulkowitz, and Coach Frank Grossi. (L to R) Tom Renna, Jerry DiCosmo, Steven Triola, Mike Camicia, Anthony Candelino, Rocco Laveechio, Al Nogueras, Danny Clemente. Front row: Sergio Cianfano, Rick DeTrolio, Adofo DiCosmo.

## GIRLS P.A.L. PLAYS INAUGURAL GAME AGAINST KENILWORTH

Congratulations go out to the Elizabeth P.A.L. Girls Basketball team on their first game. This is the first time that Elizabeth had a girls team. The team representing Kenilworth was visiting team came from Kenilworth, NJ traveled to Erxleber Community Center and played a solid game but were ultimately out pointed by the home team. Mayor Bollwage tossed the ceremonial first ball up at center court before a crowd of one hundred spectators.

The P.A.L. Director, Michael C. Dynyd and Assistant Director, Leon Davis were in attendance as well as Michael Tropeano, who was instrumental in developing the program.

Anyone who would like to play or knows someone who would like to play should call Mike Tropeano at 908-354-9725 or email him at [trope@aol.com](mailto:trope@aol.com).

Any individual or business who would like to make a donation should also contact Tropeano. Donations should be made payable to Elizabeth PAL, P.O. Box 9742, Elizabeth, NJ 07202.



(above, standing l-r) Coach Cynthia Champagne, Linabel Bottero, Stephanie Munoz, Janasia Swinson, Heather Medar, Assistant Coach, Ralph Mena. (kneeling l-r) Chelsea Tropeano, Dynesha Frazier, Karriena Hines. Missing from photo is Quanesa Lanier



(right) Running the court for the Girl's first game was celebrity referee Wayne Avery. Starting in 1968, Wayne is now in his 38th year as referee and umpire in Elizabeth.



(above, l-r) The Kenilworth Girls Basketball Team: Alexis Kalogianni, Sara Dotro, Coach Gerardo Roman, Alessandra Cascarano, Melissa Aguirre, Megan Gilligan, Sammy Hoag, Rachel Gutzan, Amy-Lynn Roman, Coach Ariel Roman. Missing from photo: Alexandra Bandera, Margaret Shannon, coach Flo Hoag and manager Vicky Roman.



(above) Home schooled chef, Tom Colicchio, tries to pass on the skills he learned from his mother and grandmother.

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Tom Colicchio knows better than anyone what it takes to be a top chef. As the chef/owner of Gramercy Tavern in New York and Craft Restaurants in New York and Las Vegas, Colicchio has been in the heat of the kitchen for 26 years. On March 8, he premiered a new reality series on Bravo called “Top Chef.” Colicchio serves as a mentor and critic to 12 hungry chefs competing for \$100,000 and the coveted distinction of being America's first “Top Chef.”

From a culinary school student to a stay-at-home mom, the aspiring chef contestants look to Colicchio for guidance throughout the ten, hour-long episodes. Each episode is divided into two challenges; the first, an assessment of technical skills such as knife-work and boning fish; the second tests their imagination and versatility. From de-inking an octopus to handling demanding guests, Colicchio offers contestants advice, challenges their choices and pushes them to adapt to the high-pressure lifestyle that comes with being a chef in a bustling kitchen.

Beyond the challenges, Colicchio is also instrumental in the judging process, offering constructive criticism to contestants and weighing in with fellow judges about who should “pack up their knives” and leave.

Set in San Francisco, “Top Chef” also features guest

judges from some of the city's best restaurants, including Hubert Keller of Fleur de Lys, Elizabeth Falkner of Citizen Cake, and Laurent Manrique of Aqua. Joining Colicchio as a regular judge on the panel is Gail Simmons, editor of Food & Wine magazine. Tom's co-host on the show is Katie Lee Joel, wife of music icon Billy Joel. Katie's lifelong passion for cuisine began at an early age when she first learned to cook from her grandmother while growing up in West Virginia.

Tom Colicchio's restaurants have received James Beard awards for Outstanding Service (Gramercy Tavern) and Best New Restaurant (Craft), and he was named James Beard's Best Chef New York in 2000. Colicchio will be watching “Top Chef” contestants for the same level of skill and passion that he expects from cooks in his own restaurants.

Anyone who wants insight into being a top chef and pick up Tom's first cookbook, Think Like a Chef, published last fall by Clarkson-Potter. It won a James Beard KitchenAid Cookbook Award in May 2001. 📖👨🍳

Top Chef is on Wednesday nights at 10pm on Bravo.

Check out video clips and photos of Tom on his blog about the show at [www.bravotv.com](http://www.bravotv.com).

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Josie is 82 years old and has been working in the kitchen at the high school for 18 years. She walks to and from her home in Peterstown to work which starts at 7 am and ends at 1:30.

Josie loves baking and she uses the same care baking for 4,000 students that she uses at home. The recipes are mostly in her head. One was quickly written down in order to accompany this article, and that is subject to

interpretation.

There are a quite a few differences between feeding a family and feeding a student body. For one thing, Josie has to adjust for quantity, a pinch of something becomes a handful. There is also the joy that comes from seeing the students enjoying their deserts so much and letting her know she is appreciated.

Josie Pinto is at home at work in the high school. Originally her home was on John Street where she was born in 1924. She worked 50 years as a seamstress in a dress shop before starting her second career with the Elizabeth Board of Education.



(above) Josephine Pinto at home in Elizabeth High School's cafeteria.

## Recipe

Submitted by Josie Pinto, Elizabeth, NJ

### Cream Cheese Cookies (made with bread)

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 loaf of bread plus about 8 more slices....
- Could use white, rye or wheat sliced bread
- 1 1/2 lbs. cream cheese
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- Cinnamon
- Margerine
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla

*This is one of those recipes that only makes sense to the person who wrote it.*

#### PREPARATION:

- 1) Remove crust from bread and roll flat.
- 2) Mix cream cheese, eggs and sugar and beat until smooth.
- 3) Spread cream cheese filling on bread, do not go to edge of bread (1 tbls. on each slice).
- 4) Roll twice, open side down and refrigerate for 15 to 20 minutes.
- 5) Remove from refrigerator and cut each slice in half.
- 6) Mix sugar and cinnamon,
- 7) Melt margarine (let cool), put rolled bread/with filling in margarine and roll in sugar and cinnamon mixture (use a little of the sugar and cinnamon mixture at a time because rolled bread is wet and mixture will become wet and will not stick to bread)....
- 8) Put on an ungreased cookie sheet and bake in a 350 oven for 15 minutes.



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(above) Members of the Mattano Club Football Team “Original Mattanos”. Their clubhouse was located at 466 Third Avenue in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ.  
(top row, l-r) \_\_, \_\_, Harry Raskin, Ross DeSalvo, Joe Melchione, \_\_, Coach Kosloski. (middle, l-r) Vito Scaturo, Andy Santamaria, Jim DeSalvo, Henny LaSalle, Gasper Peppatone, Jerry Didia, \_\_, \_\_. (front row, l-r) \_\_, Charlie Monaco, Joe Furiero, Patsy Vecchio, Joe Calabro, \_\_, Turk Saffar.  
Some of the men could not be identified. Names of players that were found in newspaper accounts of the games played include the following:  
E. Hansen, J. Hansen, R. Smith, W. Smith, Morrison, Blum, J. Vecchio, Bulick, Midura, Penelope, Mazza, DeStefano, Coach Henry Detering.  
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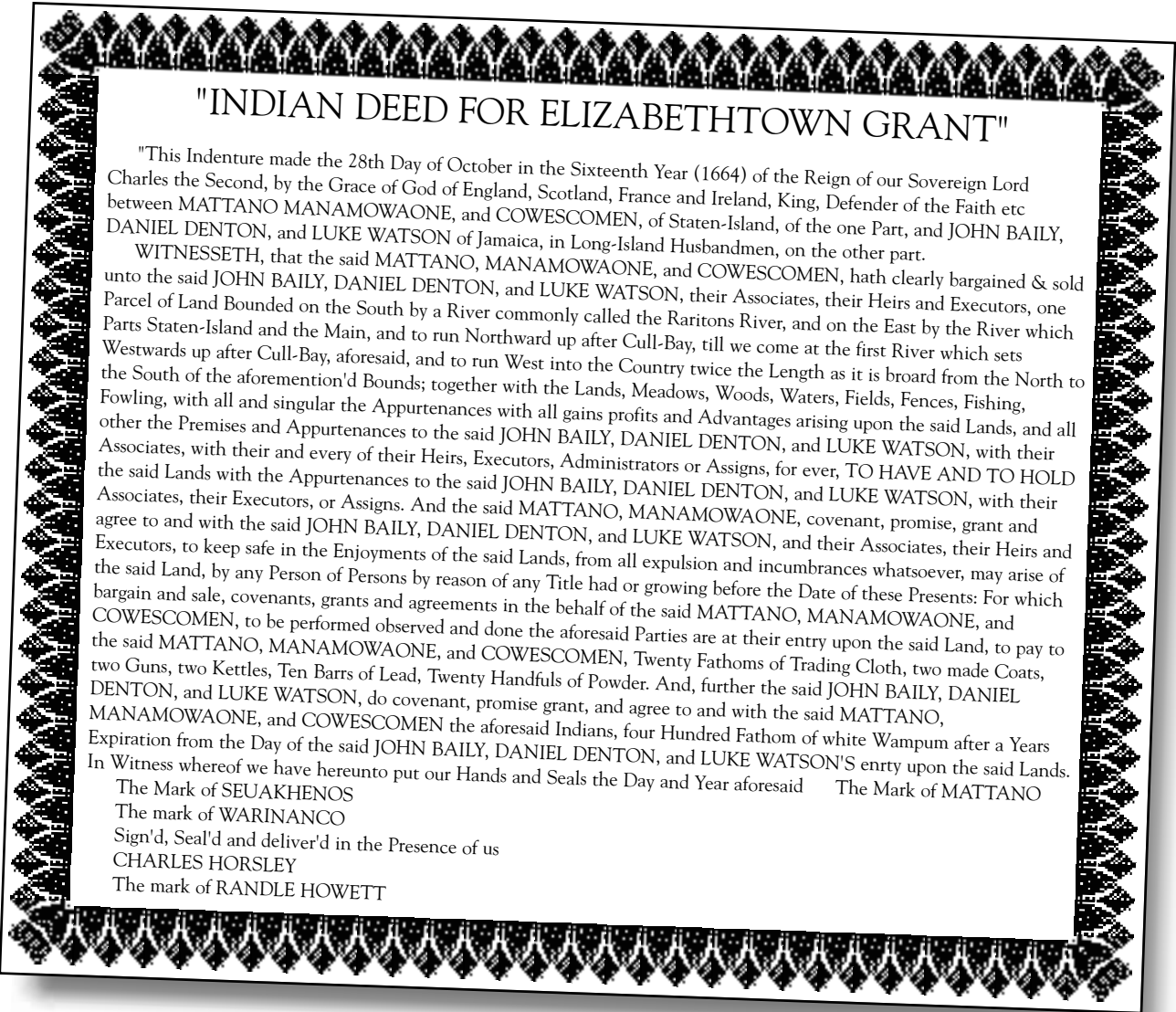
The Original Mattanos named themselves after Mattano Park located along South 5th Street and Fifth Avenue in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ. The park was named after the Lenni Lanapi Indian Sachem Mattano who sold the land to English settlers in 1664.

The Dutch tried to obtain land along the Achter Kull (Arthur Kill) but were chased by the Lanapi. John Bailey, Daniel Denton and Luke Watson were successful in striking the deal with Mattano for the land that was called Elizabethtown. This grant would include all of what is today known as Essex, Hudson, Union, Middlesex and part of Somerset Counties.

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Friendship is the most rewarding gift in life. To have a best friend is special and to maintain that friendship over time is even more wonderful. It is also extremely difficult due to the many aspects of life that may lead friends apart. That is why the story of Gloria, Eugene, Angela, Albert, Angie, and Dominic is so special. They have been best friends for over sixty years.

Albert Pandelfi, Dominick Belli and Eugene Reale have been friends since they raced their tricycles on the sidewalks of Peterstown, a neighborhood in Elizabeth, NJ. Albert and Eugene worked at Foti's Italian Deli on Second Avenue in 1945 when they were both 15 years old. Albert lived at 571 Second Avenue, closer to Corsentino's Funeral Home. Eugene lived on South Street near where the High School now stands.

Up the Hill in the Bayway section of town lived Gloria and Angela, who were best friends in grade school. They lived near Dew's Tavern, which is now Michelino's.

Eugene and Gloria became an item and they set Albert up on a blind date with Angela. Their buddy Dominick lived on Pearl Street, close to Eugene. He was the odd man out for only a short time. His sister Rose worked in Newark for Prudential along with a girl from West Orange that she befriended. She introduced her friend, Angie, to her brother and they hit it off.

The fact of the matter is that all three guys found their soul mates. And all three gals found theirs. In June of '53, Eugene and Gloria got married. Six months later Albert and Angela followed suit and one month after that, in January '54, Dominick and Angie took the plunge.

Just prior to getting married, Albert, Dominick and Gene each served in the military during the Korean War. Dominick was in Okinawa. The six have been inseparable since. They all settled in New Jersey and stayed just a quick drive from each other. The Pandolfi's live in Linden, the Belli's lived In West Orange before recently moving to Long Beach Island and the Reale's stayed put in Elizabeth.

It is a wonder why these six are so compatible. Maybe it's in their stars. Angela and Gloria were born three days apart in December of 1930. Dominick and Eugene were both born in May of that same year and Albert was in between with a September birthday. Angie is the baby of the group being born in 1931.

The old friends get together as often as they can. Though they had a lot of fond memories of the last sixty years, they are usually too busy enjoying what life has to offer in the present to just sit and reminisce. 🍷🍷

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# VINCENT DeMICCO, LOVING FATHER, GRANDFATHER & GREAT-GRANDFATHER

*Survived by 14 children, 22 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren*

Vincent J. DeMicco died March 2, 2006 at his home in Berkeley Township at the age of 84. He led an active and productive life, fathering 14 children with his wife of over 62 years and working two full-time jobs for almost 30 years.

Mr. DeMicco was born on March 7, 1921 in New York City, the third son of Pasquale and Lucia DeMicco, who came to the United States in 1914 from their home in Cardito, Italy.

Vincent, as an infant, moved with his family to Elizabeth, New Jersey, where his father opened a fruit market near Elizabeth Port and later a tavern and market on East Jersey Street. Pasquale later moved the family business to a new location on Elizabeth Avenue, where it operated as State Fruit Market since the 1940's.

Mr. DeMicco joined his father, his sisters Gloria and Connie, and his brother Tom in both produce stores, where they also supplemented their income selling produce at open-air markets three days each week at Elizabeth Port and Peterstown, both in Elizabeth.

On September 5, 1943, Vincent married Helen Keating from Kenilworth, New Jersey. The two settled into an apartment above State Fruit Market in 1946, and began raising a family that today consists of 14 children, 22 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

In 1956, Vincent and Helen moved their growing family to Cranford, where they lived and raised their family for 38 years. During the family's formative years, Vincent worked a second job at the Wakefern Food Corporation in Elizabeth. Wakefern is the central supplier of produce, groceries and dry goods for Shop Rite supermarkets in the metropolitan area. Mr. DeMicco started on the night shift in 1961 as a selector in the company's produce warehouse, and eventually rose to the position of chief produce buyer, where he remained until he retired in 1989.

Several years after he retired, Vince and Helen moved to Berkeley Township in Ocean County. For many years, the two were active ballroom dancers, frequenting dance socials on Friday and Saturday nights all over North and Central New Jersey. They also enjoyed day trips to Atlantic City, playing pinocle with friends, traveling in the United States and Canada, and spending time with their constantly growing family.


Vincent was the third of eight children born to Lucia and Pasquale DeMicco. He is predeceased by two brothers, Thomas and Christopher. He is survived by his older brother Angelo, of Roselle Park, and four sisters: Josephine Prillo and Constance DeRose of Elizabeth, Gloria and her husband Carl Pasquale of Short Hills and Irene and her husband George DeRose of Scotch Plains. Mr. DeMicco was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, where he served in Europe from 1943 to 1945.

In addition to his wife Helen, Mr. DeMicco is survived by their 14 children and their families: daughter, Dianne and her husband Carl Adlassnig of

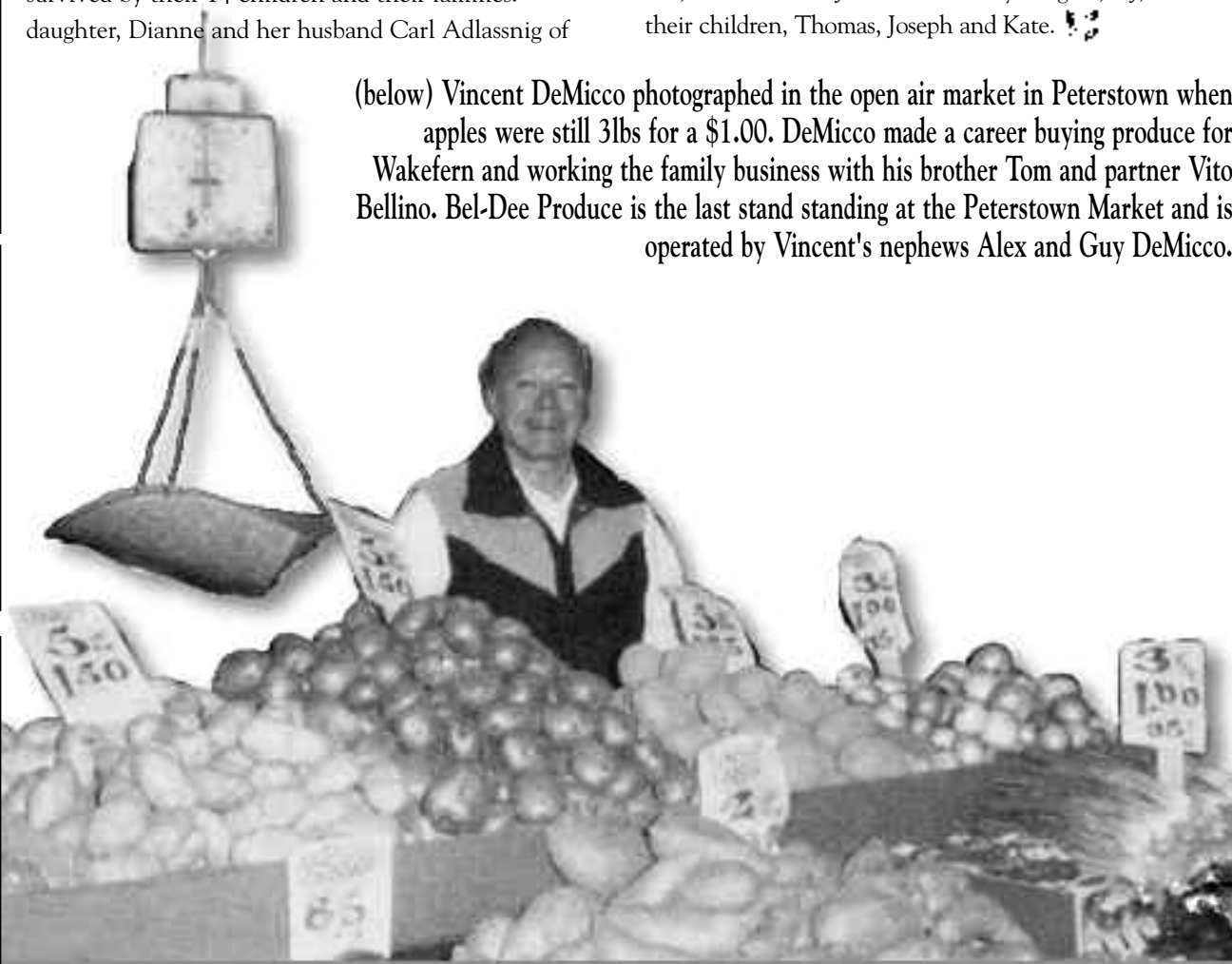
South Plainfield, and their children and families: Sharon and Frank Ferraro of South Plainfield and their five children, Kim and Pete Chericello of Ewing and their two children, and Carl and Michelle Adlassnig of South Plainfield and their two children.

Also, son, Vincent, Jr. and his wife Sandra of Vienna, Virginia, and their children and families: Natalie and Greg Sandelli of Ashburn, Virginia and their two children, and Carrie and Richard Sandler of Gaithersburg, Maryland and their two children. Also, son Daniel DeMicco and Beth Wellman of Albany, New York. And, son, Michael and wife Judith of Babylon, New York, and their children, Melissa of San Francisco, CA, Erin and her son Luke of San Francisco, CA, and son, Michael of Babylon, New York.

Also, son, Andrew and Dagmar Juskova and her daughter Nicole of Dunellen, NJ, and his daughter, Stacie of Somerville, NJ. And, son, Stephan and wife Jeanne Fox of New Brunswick, NJ, and daughter, Nancy of Fair Haven, NJ, and daughter, Christine and husband Kurt Kugele of Peachtree City, GA, and their children, Jeffrey and Lauren. Also, daughter, Karen and Charles Daly and her son, Jonathan of Cranford, NJ, and son, Mark of Lake Hopatcong and his children, Chrissie, Nicholas, Allison and Monica.

Other children and grandchildren surviving Mr. DeMicco are son, Scott of Roselle, NJ, son, Christopher of Highland Park, NJ, son, Paul and wife Donna of Oxford, NJ, and their children, Matthew, Patrick and Daniel, and son, Rick and wife Judith of Berkeley Heights, NJ, and their children, Thomas, Joseph and Kate. 

(below) Vincent DeMicco photographed in the open air market in Peterstown when apples were still 3lbs for a \$1.00. DeMicco made a career buying produce for Wakefern and working the family business with his brother Tom and partner Vito Bellino. Bel-Dee Produce is the last stand standing at the Peterstown Market and is operated by Vincent's nephews Alex and Guy DeMicco.



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Ralph Yanuzzi passed away on March 12, 2006 at the age of 83. He moved to Peterstown in 1949 where he married his wife of 55 years, Sestina (Gallo). They raised two daughters, Diane and Joann. Diane is married to Vinny DiGiorgio. Joann, who is deceased, and her husband Kevin Low had two children, Tazha and Cory, who were cherished by their grandfather.

Ralph was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather. He retired after working as a machinist for Pueleos in Elizabeth and was a member of the Peterstown Senior Citizens Club.

Yanuzzi was very proud to have served his country in the army during World War II and his framed medals were on display in his home on Niles Street. Ralph, who was originally from Hazeltown, PA, spent 8 years in the service before settling in Elizabeth, NJ. He has a brother, John and sister Millie Sulkvch who still live in Hazeltown and a brother, Pat in Piscataway, NJ.



(above, l-r)  
Cory Low  
and his  
grandpa  
Ralph.



(right)  
A collection  
of medals  
documenting  
Yanuzzi's  
time  
as a soldier.



(left) Yanuzzi in his uniform.

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Happy Easter to all!! Winter is gone and spring is here. It's amazing how time just flies!

This time last year the real estate market was booming, interest rates were still low and buyers were typically paying full value or more for the homes they were purchasing. What a difference a year makes. If we ride around our city today we see more and more for sale signs throughout our city and beyond, and it appears there is just as many properties for rent as there are for sale.

High prices and high rents discourage potential buyers from entering into the market place. As potential buyers see the for rent signs a fear enters into their mentality that if they purchase a two or three family home that they may not be able to rent the apartments.

Historically I have never seen prices escalate so rapidly over the last three years. Logic would dictate that this cannot continue. Property taxes have been rising throughout the state of New Jersey. Oil prices have constantly gone up over the last three years. Which in turn reflects higher prices for heating oil and gasoline. The Federal government has raised interest rates fifteen times in the last two years. Although interest rates are still historically low the rational behind this is to keep inflation intact.

The Federal Government has made an attack on the real estate industry. They feel that real estate values have risen too rapidly creating a potential bubble where prices may drop rapidly.

Part of the problem in the real estate industry, in the last three years, is the amount of speculators who have purchased homes not to occupy or to keep as long term investments but to attempt to sell the

properties prior to closing on them. These speculators have been caught with their pants down in certain market places in the United States such as Florida, Nevada, and California just to mention a few.

Prices have been artificially forced to rise by these speculators. I personally feel that there is nothing wrong with this and that both buyers and sellers have the right to sell or buy regardless of their motives.

However, builders are already anticipating speculators and they have pushed up the prices of new homes. In the past, I have seen speculators making larger profits then the actual builders. There appears not to be much room for speculators in today's market place.

It's my personal opinion that prices will stabilize and we will all continue to enjoy the benefits of the real estate market. We are in a correctional period where home owners must realize what is the true value based on the market place that the homes are located in. Buyers must also realize that real estate is still the best investment anyone can make.

I foresee a healthy real estate environment for the foreseeable future. I do not believe that prices will rise 30-40% in a given year. The fact is this is New Jersey and we cannot create any more land or more new locations in our state. Home is where the heart is and we wish all our readers Happy Holidays. 🐰

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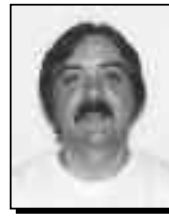
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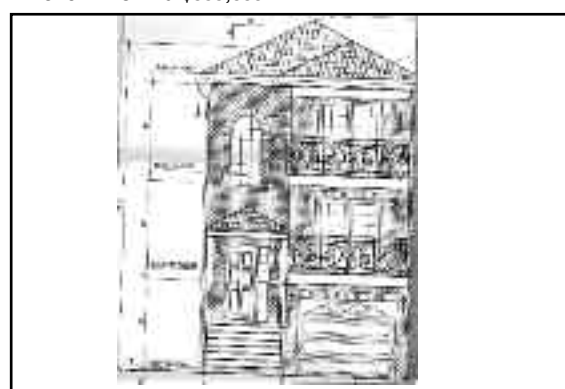
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UNION - Stylish bi-level offering 4BR, 2BA, EIK w/ breakfast bar, FamRm with sliders out to private yard, and numerous amenities and upgrades - including CAC, wood and ceramic tile floors, new vinyl siding, and more! Trans #048010308

**\$489,000**



### Washington School Area!

UNION - Nicely maintained maintenance free Colonial Cape with 3BR, 2 full baths, modern Eat-in-Kitchen, lower level Family Room w/dry bar, detached garage, and more! Trans #048010335

**\$365,000**



### Price Improved!

UNION - Location, Location, Location! Minutes from mass transportation, making for an easy commute! Offering 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, country Kitchen, and much more! Trans #048010051

**\$355,000**



### Price Improved!

ROSELLE PARK - Well-maintained two-family in excellent location! 2 bedrooms and 1 bath in each unit. Driveway recently widened and repaved! Act now! For the alert buyer. Trans #048010292

**\$377,000**



### Small Wonder!

UNION - Newer 1/2 duplex in great location & boasting 2BR, 1.5 baths, Eat-in-Kitchen w/peninsula, finished basement with Den, large deck, CAC, FHA/gas heat, and a one car garage! Trans #048010386

**\$359,800**



### Price Improved!

ROSELLE - Custom Cape Cod w/4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths! Large Living Room with fireplace, formal Dining Room, finished basement, gleaming wood floors, and more! More spacious than it looks! Trans #048010278

**\$314,900**

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