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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE ACADEMY

St. Anthony's Grammar School, a pillar in Peterstown since its dedication in 1958, will go through a transformation that will be both dramatic and subtle. The plans are quite formidable to remedy mounting economic challenges faced by St. Anthony's and two neighboring schools, yet for some the changes are more bitter than sweet.

The most apparent change to St. Anthony's will be its new name, Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy. It was chosen by the Board of Pastors of the Archdioceses of Newark, whose Superintendent of Schools, Vicar for Education Rev. Kevin Hanbury is entrusted with the responsibility of overseeing its elementary and secondary schools. The change will see the official end of St. Anthony's in June 2009 along with two other Elizabeth, NJ Catholic grammar schools, St. Mary of the Assumption on South Broad Street and Blessed Sacrament, on North Avenue. Only the doors of St. Anthony's will reopen on July 1, though under a new name.

The loss of their grammar school is devastating to the parishioners of St. Mary's and Blessed Sacrament. The St. Anthony's community knows the feeling well for it was St. Anthony's that was to be shuttered in the first proposal of combining the three schools. Originally St. Mary's building, which also houses a high school, was to remain in service. Further study designated St. Anthony's as the logistically prudent choice.

Students from all three schools will be combined into one. St. Anthony's can accommodate up to 500 students. In 2008 there was just 138 enrolled. The initial move should boost enrollment to over 200. All three schools suffered from enrollment sizes that wouldn't sustain the cost of operations. The consolidation follows a familiar trend for many parochial schools. At one time there were fifteen Catholic grammar schools in the City of Elizabeth.

This new change will reduce the number to three. The two others being St. Patrick Academy on Court Street and St. Genevieve School on Princeton Road.



(above, l-r) Four years prior to the construction of the present school building, St. Anthony School was started in 1954 by Salesian nuns Sr. Theodora Carabin, Sr. Joanne Passarelli, the first Superior and Principal, and Sr. Mary Carone.

The Peterstown community is elated with the news of the reprieve. They also found solace in the decision of the Board of Pastors in naming Deacon Joseph Caporaso the new Principal. Deacon Joe was born and raised in Peterstown, a graduate from St. Anthony's, class of 1963 and St. Mary's High School, class of 1967. Joe Cap retired from the Elizabeth Board of Education after 30 years of service. He was principal of Continental School #3 in Peterstown and William Penn School #11 on Erie Street simultaneously in 1978 and principal of School #12 in the Elmora section of Elizabeth from 1983 until his retirement in 2000.

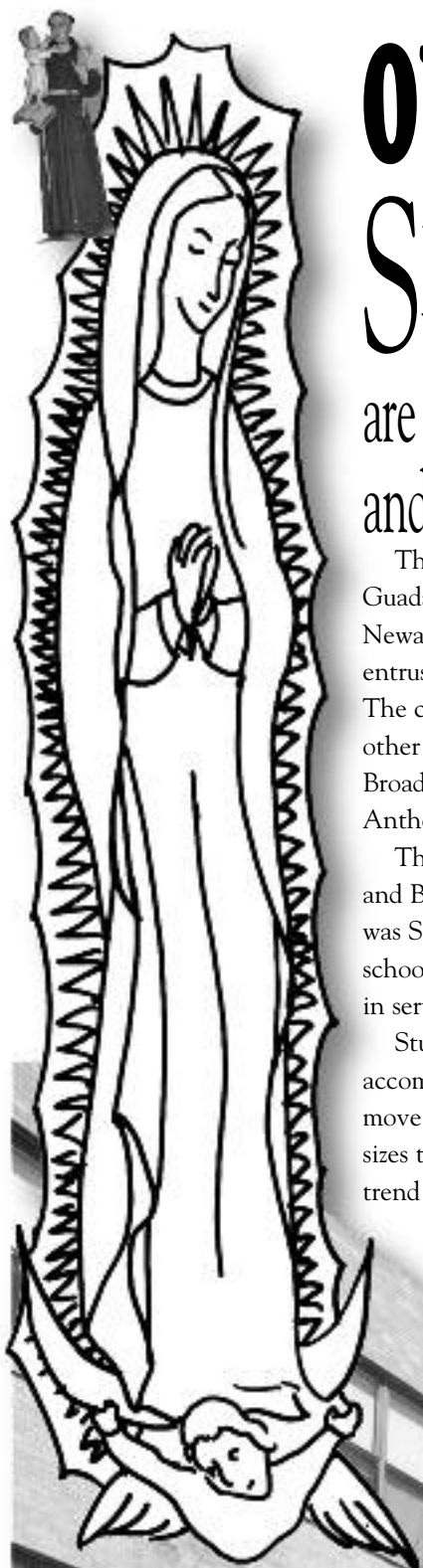
One of the first tasks for Deacon Joe will be to staff the new school. From its inception, the school was staffed by the Salesian Sisters of Saint John Bosco along with civilian teachers. An order of nuns dedicated to the education and service to youth. In 1990 the Sisters of Charity replaced the Salesians.

Our Lady of Guadalupe begins a new era for the three schools. It may take some effort to fully embrace and to identify with the changes taking place but hopefully that difficulty is short lived because the tenets of OLGA should be familiar to all three communities, to provide all students with the opportunity to learn academically, grow spiritually, and develop confidence and respect for themselves and others.

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(left) Deacon Joseph Caporaso will become the first principal of Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy on July 1, 2009. The date also ends the era of St. Anthony's School which first opened the doors of the building that will house the academy 51 years ago.



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**President's
Message**



The response to our Baby Boomer get together on May 2nd has been tremendous. Calls came in from all over from people registering to attend, including Arizona, California and Florida. We anticipate a capacity crowd of over 200 attendees so it is important to call Denis Horin or Joe Marino to register. Locals can pick up tickets at my shop on Third Avenue.

The Sons of Peterstown is sponsoring this event. The club is still staying very active though we did sell our club house on the end of South Seventh Street. Members are meeting regularly using local restaurants as meeting rooms. New members are invited to join and information will be available at the party, or you can come and talk to me any time at the butcher shop.

The club members would also like to congratulate Deacon Joe Caparosso and wish him well on becoming the new principal of St. Anthony's Grammar School, sorry, I mean the first principal of Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy. I have to get used to that. Times they are a changin'.

Thank you and God bless.

John Sacco
John Sacco, President
Sons of Peterstown Sports Club

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**Letters
to the
Editor**



Hi Joe

I'd like to give a big hello to all of my old, and what I have come to learn, best friends who I remember and recall frequently. I do miss all of you! Peterstown in indeed still home.

I grew up on Palmer Street Peterstown or the "Burg" as we called it. My very best friend was Doreen Scala-Sacco who lived right next door until we were about 10.

I saw her in Spirito's about four weeks ago and my God we talked 20 minutes non-stop about our short best friendship.

Amazing how Doreen and I - and all the Lynch's and Scala's spent so few years together, but I miss them all terribly. I always talked about Doreen and her family to my husband so I was so glad he finally got to meet her.

My husband and I and our daughter continue to come back to Spirito's, Sacco's, and Santillo's regularly. There are some things you just can't ever replace.

Each time we come back, we drive by Palmer Street, Fifth Avenue and Niles Street, where my sister lived after getting married, and Spencer Street where another sister lived. And, though not Peterstown, we drive by Summer Street because my husband grew up in Bayway.

My two sisters are here in Hunterdon County. My one brother is still in Elizabeth, another in Linden. Robin is in Orlando and my oldest brother is in South Carolina.

We since moved out to Hunterdon County sixteen years ago and love it, but there really is no place like home-Peterstown is still home.

I hope you and your family are all doing well. Doreen and I are planning our own get together with both of our sisters and Joni "Loffa" who I was also so friendly with. It will be great to see everyone again.

I love the pictures of Doreen's 50th on your website. She and her sisters and their mother Jane are as beautiful as ever. And Joni - OMG- you are looking pretty good too my friend.

I really do miss everyone-maybe I'll celebrate my 50th at St. Anthony's also :)

Janet (Lynch) Kolibas
Whitehouse Station, NJ

Dear Family and Friends:

We have once again committed to GREAT STRIDES, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's annual, nationwide walk to cure cystic fibrosis (CF). We're writing to ask for your help and enlist your support. We have been personally affected by CF. As most of you know, Joe was diagnosed with CF at birth.

When you make a donation to the CF Foundation, you are helping to ensure that children and young adults with CF will live longer and more productive lives than ever before. When the CF Foundation was founded nearly five decades ago, children with CF were not expected to see their first day of elementary school. Today, more than 40 percent of the CF population is over the age of 18, remarkable progress. Joe is now 24 years old. His life with CF is a constant struggle for survival. Through all of his challenges, Joe attends Kean University and is working on film scripts, writing poetry and comic drawing. He also films bands that perform locally as well as parties, weddings, etc.

Please join "Team Tomasso." This will be our second year walking in Cranford at Nomahegan Park with family and friends which will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2009 (check-in opens at 10:30 a.m.).

Check out Team Tomasso's new website where you can donate and/or register as a walker:

http://www.cff.org/great_strides/teresatomasso

Thank you all for supporting this important cause!

Regards,
Teresa and Rich Tomasso, Friends and Family
Cranford, NJ

Dear Joe,

Thank you for mentioning my name as recommending you to the Department of the Army for this special award and citation. I do not need to be given credit for something I believe in. I do hope and pray those who read and digest what you publish realize you are a true Italian/American and follow your examples in recognizing freedom does not just happen. Since the beginning of these United States, millions upon millions of our men and women have fought from one end of the earth to the other so that we all may live in peace here in the United States. You said it well in your "Editor's Opinion" in the February 09 issue.

Thanks for you patriotism.

Joe Monaco
Scotch Plains, NJ

Dear Joe,

I received my Peterstown paper the other day, and was certainly glad I subscribed. My son usually sends it to me if there is something he sees that might be of interest to me, but now I can get every issue published.

Your December 08 paper was quite a surprise, my son called me and said "Dad your picture made the paper." I was part of the reunion party held at Mennotti Lembo's race horse farm in Colt's Neck. I am second from right in the third row. I have the original, in color, framed and hanging in my garage wall where I have many pictures and certificates that I have collected my many years on this earth.

I must say that the affair at Lembo's was TOP SHELF, everything was catered. The afternoon just flew by. I saw many fellows that I haven't seen since our 1950 Graduation. I remember telling Artie Pappetti that we only buy his egg products in Florida, and he replied you must shop in Publix, which is a big grocery chain throughout Florida. We replied we do.

Was also glad to see the 1950 basketball team pictured. During my three years at Jeff, they never lost a regular season game. I knew the late Paul Anisko well, having played against him in the Catholic Grammar School league. He was with St. A's and I with Blessed Sacrament. I still keep in touch with Tom Ford and his wife June. Both are mainstays in keeping the 1950 class active. Shame of it is I can't make all the get togethers living 1250 miles away.

Joe Bloomfield, who I keep in touch with, along with Ron Reason always invites me to Pappetti's Christmas Party, but I have made it a rule not to visit NJ from November to April, and from what I hear about the weather you have had this year I made a wise choice.

I subscribe to another paper The Tin Can Sailors, it is a newspaper that comes out four times a year, I read it from cover to cover. I served aboard destroyers during the Korean War, Conflict, Police Action or whatever it is called, and a tin can is the nickname of destroyers. I do the same with your newspaper cover to cover including the advertisements. I think you do a wonderful job and keep it up.

Through your newspaper I was reunited with my old JV football coach, Pete Nozza, although he's a bit older then me we grew up in the same neighborhood, and we knew the same people, and we love to reminisce about the old neighborhood, North End.

In closing I would like to add that Joe Bloomfield said to me once even though you live in Florida "once a Jersey Boy always a Jersey boy." By the way, I've seen the play twice, once in NY, and again down here in Tampa, we might see it again in a visit to the Chicago area in the Spring. It is a shame that Joe Long (LaBracio) is only mentioned in the play. Joe was with the group for eleven years, 1965 to 1976.

Jack Joyce
Spring Hill, FL

Hi Joe,

Just a few lines to say hello and pray that all is well with you and your loved ones. I want to thank you so much for keeping us in touch with the home we loved most and for keeping all our precious memories alive. No matter where you roam, there is no place like home, and that was Peterstown. Love to all our friends that are living.

Love,
Lucy and Whitey Maricondi
Lutz, FL.

My son-in-law, Benjamine Diamante, was born and raised in the Peterstown area in Elizabeth. He now lives in Jackson, NJ, His birthday is coming up so I am sending him a subscription for your newspaper. He enjoys it whenever I send him one.

Thank You,
Bella Pereira,
Union, NJ

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Editor's Opinion

everybody has one - this is mine - by Joe Renna

According to the National Catholic Educational Association most Catholic school closings in the United States are happening in urban areas. The news of the closing of St. Mary's and Blessed Sacrament is disappointing but not surprising. Elizabeth is just following a trend that has been active countrywide for the past two decades.

From 1999 to 2009 the number of Catholic grammar schools in the U.S. went from 8,217 to 7,248, a 12% drop even though enrollment dropped 21% (29.6% in urban areas). Keeping schools open even through tough economic times is a declaration of how important the Church believes the value of a Catholic education is.

On average the tuition for Catholic elementary school covers a little over half the cost to educate a student. The balance comes from the wider Catholic community. The Archdiocese of Newark, which oversees the Elizabeth schools, has the task of making the system work. The difference in tuition and actual cost comes through direct subsidy from the parish, diocesan or religious congregation resources and from multi-faceted development programs and fund-raising activities.

There is no one reason for the drop in enrollment. The dwindling numbers are a symptom of a variety of small societal changes that are interestingly very specific to small geographical enclaves. For instance, St. Genevieve's Grammar School, located in the Elmora section of Elizabeth does not suffer the same woes as those across town.

I spoke to Brother Ralph Darmento, Deputy Superintendent for the Archdiocese, as to what caused such a downturn. He stated a number of reasons, in no particular order. For instance demographics has seen

some communities change totally and rapidly. Cultural adjustments may take some time including the choice of attending a Catholic school. In some countries Catholic education is free, subsidized by the government. Getting used to paying may be a hurdle that is hard to clear.

The cost of private education is the obvious reason. It is just too difficult for families to pay tuition and support a public school system. There is a strong argument to be made for tax credits going to families paying for private education. Private schools take the burden of educating students off the backs of the taxpayers. It is a great community service that should be encouraged.

The way I figure it, not only is private education not being encouraged by the public sector, it is being challenged. Bro. Ralph explained that the advent of charter schools was an indicator in declining enrollment. The schools, which are "choice based", seemed like they are modeled after the private schools, even to the point of being named academies.

Private schools can never win a head-to-head completion with the public school system to attract enrolment. Their resources are too limited and, with Elizabeth being an Abbot district, they are competing against a state funded machine.

I believe that, as a pendulum swings, the issue of education will once again favor private schooling. Maybe it will be the second generation of the new immigrants to spark it or a change in government school funding or the return, in mass, of a population of nuns willing to teach for a small stipend, for the love of God and the joy of seeing their students graduate the eighth grade intellectually keen, spiritually sound, community conscience and prepared to fearlessly face any disciplinary threat posed by oppressive authoritarians. 🐸

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my appreciation for nuns

has nothing to do with

the Stockholm syndrome.

The following is a list of the 15 Catholic grammar schools that existed together in Elizabeth at one time:

Blessed Sacrament	St. Genevieve's
Immaculate Conception	St. Hedwig's
Holy Rosary	St. Mary's
Sacred Heart	St. Michael's
St. Adalbert's	St. Patrick's
St. Anthony's	St. Peter and Paul's
St. Benedict's	St. Vladimir's
St. Catherine's	

The "co-sponsorship" model of combining several parish schools has reduced the number of schools to three:

St. Genevieve School
St. Patrick's academy
Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy

CAPORASO BEING HONORED BY ELIZABETH'S PROMISE



Elizabeth's Promise 2006 is an organization that raises funds for a scholarship program. Thier primary mission is to reward high school students from Elizabeth who have demonstrated excellence in academics and community service and who intend to pursue a college career.

The 2009 Awards Dinner will honor Joseph Caporaso, former Elizabeth principal and educator. Mr. Caporaso is currently the Deacon at St. Anthony's Church in Elizabeth, NJ.

The 2008-2009 Awards Ceremony will be held on May 1, 2009 at the Galloping Hill Inn, Union, New Jersey. There will also be a scholarship awarded in his name, The Joseph Caporaso Honorary Scholarship Award. For tickets and information, please call 908-352-9888. 🐸

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Candidates who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Anthony's church engage in community service as part of their training in what it means to live a Christian spiritual life.

Support for the services that are offered by the church and schools are a result of contributions from within the

very communities that are being served. On February 28, 2009, a ziti and meatball dinner was held in the St. Anthony's cafeteria to raise funds in honor of St. John Bosco and St. Anthony School. Confirmation candidates volunteered to serve the dinners and bus the tables.



(above, l-r) Confirmation candidates from St. Anthony's parish Steasy Osores, Martha Devia, Dakota, Vanessa Quesada, Fritzner Philmon, Jr., Christian Mor3n, and Crystal Munson.

CUBAN JOHN



(above, l-r) Juan and Stella Orozco in 1993 celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Juan A. Orozco, 89, died on February 11, 2009 in Cape Coral Florida. Jaun lived in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ before moving to Florida in 1988. He was employed in Elizabeth by Peter J. Schweitzer.

Juan was also known as "Cuban John" and was proud to claim that, in 1938, he was the very first Cuban-born person to move to Elizabeth.

Juan is survived by his wife of 66 years, Stella (nee Lombardi). His son John and wife Josephine live in Elizabeth and his daughter Kara Parker and her husband Eric live in Ft. Myers, Florida. His grandson John Jr. and wife Michelle live in New Jersey and his granddaughter Alex Infante and husband Sam also live in Elizabeth with their daughter Rachel.

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(right, l-r)
Jane Salerno retired
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principle from 1999
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is now principle of
St. Anthony's in
Hawthorn, NJ.



KENILWORTH'S ST. THERESA SCHOOL REUNION HAD MANY PETERSTOWN CONNECTIONS

Camille (Gatto) Korn was born in a house on Third Ave. in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ, upstairs from Sacco's Meat Market. She lived in the front apartment and Sarah Malta's family lived in the back. Sarah's sister, Pauline Renda was born in the back apartment and they were best friends until Pauline's passing. Doreen Sacco started working at St. Theresa School in 1992. She was the librarian for 14 years and then taught computers.

On her first day Camille, who was a secretary at the school approached and put her arm around Doreen and said "I was born in the house you live in, we go way back and have history together". I couldn't ask for a better

welcoming . I would bring her potato and egg sandwiches from Malta's Luncheonette on Fridays and update her on local news from Peterstown and greeting from her freind Pauline.

Over 400 past principals, teachers, staff members, and students who have been part of St. Theresa's School in Kenilworth, NJ family gathered on March 29, 2009 for a reunion. The celebration began with a mass at 12:00 at St. Theresa Church followed by a reception at McVeigh Hall located in the school where dinner was served.

In June 1950, due to the rapid expansion of the newly formed parish the need for a school was more pressing than ever before, plans to build an elementary school, combination church-auditorium, and convent materialized in 1953 with a groundbreaking ceremony.

In September 1954 the first nuns of the Dominican order took residence in the newly completed convent. In 1978 the Salesian Sisters of St. Don Bosco took over from the Dominicans and the next 30 years saw many technological changes such as a state of the art completer lab. In 2008 a new playground was opened. Over \$175,00 was donated from very generous supporters throughout the community.

For over 50 years St. Theresa School has served Kenilworth and the surrounding areas the reunion is a testament to the value they have added to the community and the many lives they have touched. 🇺🇸



(left, l-r)
Joann Netta of Roselle Park
poses with her daughters
who attended St. Theresa's
and grandchildren
who will attend,
Jessica Calas class of 1991
holding Sofia class of 2023
Erica Tromp class of 1993
holding Angelina class of 2023
Joanna Penn class of 1995
holding Julia Penn class of 2024
Roxanna Netta class of 1994



(above, l-r) Pre-K teaches, who taught John's son, Mary Cure, Maryann Gasper, retired secretary Camille Korn, John Sacco and Camille's husband, author Frank Korn, who did book signings for Doreen's book fairs.



(above) Catering crew from Sacco's, Doreen, John, Sabrina, Joanna, Sissy, Carla, Tina and Tony, served 400 full course meals in one hour.

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TEEN-RUN FOOD DRIVES BENEFIT ST. JOSEPH’S SERVICE CENTER

One time Girl Scout, Mia Renna volunteered many times with her troop to collect donations for St. Joseph’s Social Services Center in Elizabeth during food drives organized by her mom, Tina. Mia, now a junior at Cranford High School has stepped up to organize the drives herself.

Mia contacted local supermarkets to arrange a day that the food drives can be held. Not all supermarkets accommodate organizations looking to use their venue so Mia and St. Joseph’s appreciated very much that Food Town located at 5-points in Union, facilitated their efforts. On Saturday and Sunday March 4 and 5 Mia recruited ten volunteers and they were able to collect five shopping carts of food and \$580.

A food pantry and soup kitchen are two of the many services that St. Joseph’s offers to the material poor in the area. The recent down turn in the economy has effected the resources available to charitable organizations and the extra assistance is welcomed.

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 - Providing 40-50 children with the opportunity to attend camp each summer



(above, l-r) Mia Renna, Katherin Klimik and Barbara Kanapko outside Food Town located in the Galloping Hill Shopping Center at the 5 points intersection of Union.

The eleven teens who volunteered to help should all be commended. This was not a school program and was not done with incentive other than fulfilling their own desire to help others. All are students at Cranford High except for Chelsea who attends Johnson in Clark.

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| Leah Crane | Chelsea Needam |
| Emma Hansen | Katie Pyganowski |
| Barbara Kanapko | Beth Ramey |
| Catherine Klimik | Angela Renna |
| John McCarthy | Mia Renna |
| Ariel McDonald | Jeff Sun |

ST. JOSEPH HONORED IN HILLSIDE

The Italian American Civic Association of Hillside held its annual St. Joseph's Day Dinner at Costa's Restaurant in Roselle Park, NJ, members and guests were treated to traditional custard filled pastries called Zeppole di San Guiseppe also the sicilian version of zeppole. This is known as sfinge and contains canoli filling.



(above, l-r) Robert Desanto, Vic Astone, Garrett O'Connor, Joe Jankovic, Frank Spital, Rocco Genova, Frank Dileo, Franki Volturo, Angelo Bonanno, Bob Trotte, Tony Garcia.

RICCIO’S HELP ST. JOSEPH’S SHRINE IN STERLING

Virginia Navarro is a past president of the Missionary Servant’s Guild for St. Joseph’s Shrine in Sterling, NJ. The group was part of the “Shrine Family”, made up of diverse groups of Christians committed to social outreach world-wide. The Shrine, featuring a marble statue of St. Joseph imported from Italy in 1926, offers its beautiful campus for lay as well as religious retreats and days of renewal for pilgrims on their spiritual journey.



Of all the pilgrims, the Pat Riccio Association was most accumulating to the group by donating space in the family’s business, Riccio’s Bar & Grill, located at 454 First Avenue in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ.

Funds raised at the annual Feast of St. Joseph on his name day were donated to the Shrine.



(above, l-r) Joseph Riccio holds Jolene Mazza as she pins a contribution to ribbons held by a statue of St. Joseph.

Photos appeared in a 1980 edition of the Elizabeth Daily Journal. (above, l-r) Missionary Servants Guild chairperson Frances Chiavuzzi of the Elizabeth Chapter, Brother Michael of St. Joseph’s Shrine, past chairpersons Virgina Navarro and Anne DiLeo.



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The Ribera Club held its annual dinner in honor of St. Joseph on March 14, 2009. St. Joseph's name day is March 19. Fr. Vincent Miceli from St. Fortunata's Church in Brooklyn, NY celebrated mass and enjoyed the company of many friends that he knows from the Peterstown community.

Fr. Miceli has relatives who are members of the club and enjoyed the traditions that were carried over from Italy to America. Special food dishes are prepared for the feast and there was plenty of dancing among the 200 attendees.

(left) Ribera Club President Peter Agliata and Fr. Vincent Miceli



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(left) Jimmy Miranda with a display of Pizza Rustica showing how the pies made from these recipes should look.

Recipes

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Ricotta Pie

INGREDIENTS - Filling:

- 3 lbs fresh Ricotta Cheese
- 1 doz. Eggs
- 1 qt. Heavey Cream
- 2 cups Sugar
- 2 tablsps Vanilla
- Zest of 1 Lemon
- Zest of 1 Orange

INGREDIENTS - Crust:

- 2 cups Flour
- 1 cup Crisco Shortening
- 1 tsp Salt
- 1/2 cup Ice Water

PREPARATION:

- 1) Cut all ingredients for Crust and knead to form dough.
- 2) Roll and place into greased pie pan.
- 3) Blend all filing ingredients and pour into pie crust.
- 4) Bake for 1 hour at 350°.

Makes 2 pies.

Pizza Rustica

INGREDIENTS - Filling:

- 1/2 lb Sobrasada (cubed)
- 1/2 lb Genoa Salami (cubed)
- 1/2 lb Boiled Ham (cubed)
- 1/2 lb Pepperoni (cubed)
- 1/2 lb Prosciutto (cubed)
- 1 doz Eggs
- 2 1/2 lbs of Fresh Ricotta Cheese
- 1 lb grated Pecorino Romano Cheese
- 1 tblsp coarse Black Pepper

INGREDIENTS - Crust:

- 2 cups Flour
- 2 tablespoons Crisco shortening
- Pinch of salt
- 1 cup warm water
- 2 eggs

PREPARATION:

- 1) Mix all filling ingredients thoroughly in a bowl.
- 2) Mix ingredients for crust together and knead to form dough.
- 3) Roll out dough and place in pie pan coated with Crisco.
- 4) Lay filling into crust.
- 5) Bake for 3 1/2 hours at 350°.

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(below) Step-by-step process. Note: chop meat, peas and 20 lbs of rice were cooked prior to assembly.



(above, l-r) Jane Scala, Carla Sacco, Jacqueline LaBrutto, Sissy Scala, Doreen Sacco (nee Scala), Trish Dagro, Ali Sacco, Joni Pecorella (nee Lofa), Rita LaBrutto (nee Ciaccio), and Christina LaBrutto.



1) Mix chop meat (beef), peas and red gravy.



2) Separate egg whites



3) Make 1/2 a ball with rice, mixed with egg yokes and red gravy.



4) Put shredded Mozzarella Cheese in middle of ball half.



5) Put chop meat mix into center of ball half.



6) Make the second half of the ball.



7) Join both halves and compact until smooth.



8) Wash rice balls in egg whites.



9) Roll in Italian bread crumbs seasoned with grated parmesan cheese.



10) Fry rice balls in vegetable oil until brown.



11) Share the bounty with loved ones.

INGREDIENTS:
(Quantities should be determined by the cook depending on how many rice balls are being planed)
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(above, l-r) Vintage Mode owner, Young Pak, and Mickey Rourke during the filming of The Wrestler on Elizabeth Avenue in Elizabeth, NJ.

Mickey Rourke's comeback film The Wrestler was met with critical acclaim. Filmed at many familiar locations throughout Union County, the film kept the identity of the locations in the movie mentioning them by name and showing their facades on film.

Frenchy's in Roselle Park, Cheequess in Linden, Rahway Hospital and Recreation Center to name a few. In Elizabeth Rourke and co-star Marisa Tomei's characters shopped at Vintage Mode located at 1055 Elizabeth Avenue. Young Pak, who has owned the store for nearly 15 years is thrilled that it has been great for business.

Tomei purchased a few dresses, Rourke bought some things, while the cast and extras bought some flags and banners for the set. Vintage Mode is something from the past. A lot of customers are musicians, artists and designers, looking for the vintage 70's and 80's clothing and unique clothing from WWI and II Uniforms to an original Michael Jackson T-shirt from the thriller album, Cowboy boots, army boots, Rock Band paraphernalia and t-shirts, KISS clothing, concert shirts... 📷

MINITELLI, RENNA FINISH CRANFORD HOOPS CAREER

Graduating seniors Mary Kate Minitelli and Angela Renna finished their high school basketball careers on a high note playing in the state sectional finals.

The girls, both with family ties going back for generations in Peterstown, formed a tight bond on and off the court. They played together for five years, for the high school, PAL and summer teams. They were also joined by Peterstown underclassman Taylor D'Antico.

The Cranford Cougar squad was well balanced and scrappy. Stats on all players were very equal including the bench. Even though they were constantly considered underdogs they pulled off key upsets to advance in tournament play.

As 12th seed in the Union County Tournament they beat 5th seed Linden but lost in a final second free throw to Roselle Catholic later. The Cougars beat an undefeated RC team during the regular season 44-33.

They actually went to the finals in the States as the

11th seed team out of 13th. They lost to Rumson High School, a perennial power house, who went on to win the championship for the ninth straight year. No other team, boys or girls, in Union County made it to a sectional final this year.

Head Coach Jackie Huber was named by the Star-Ledger as Union County Coach of the Year. This was her second season as Varsity coach. Two years ago she coached many of the same players, including Minitelli Renna and D'Antico, on the JV squad to the school's first ever JV County Championship.

Minitelli will be heading to Montclair State University in New Jersey and Angela will be attending the University of Vermont. Angela also lettered in Tennis. She played flute and trombone in various school bands and volunteered for the Cranford Ambulance Squad. When she is not excelling in school Angela is busy being embarrassed by her father. 📷



(above, standing, l-r) Head Coach Jackie Huber, Asst. Coach Chris Raguseo, MaryKate Minitelli, Angela Renna, Danielle Gross, Jamie Webb, Morgan Miller, Nicole Kleinman, Asst. Coach Becky Ricitelli, Asst. Coach Ryan Matlosz. (kneeling) Taylor D'Antico, Meagan Monahan, Hannah McHugh, Elizabeth Snyder, Jessy Almeida.

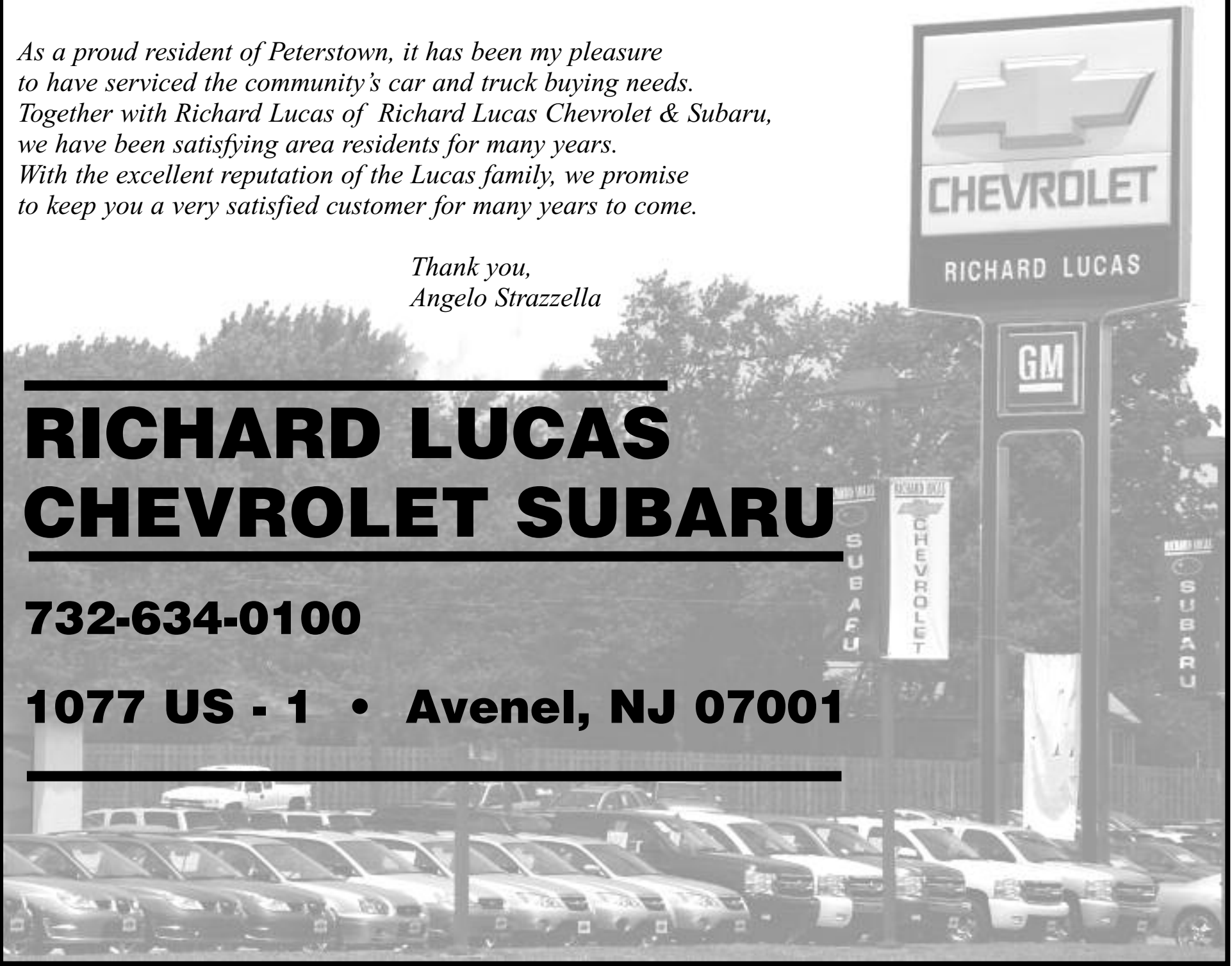
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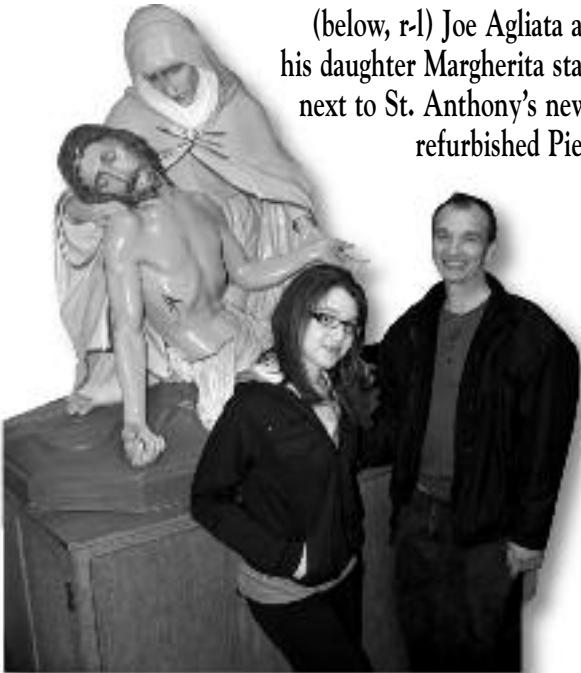
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CHURCH GET A HAND IN REPAIRING STATUE

St. Anthony's Church statue of the Pieta was damaged and in need of repair. The fingers on the right hand of Jesus were broken off and the statue needed painig.

Joe Agliata, who is handy working with plaster and paint volunteered to fix the statue. His mother-in-law Margherita wanted to help so she donated the materials needed to fix it. The Pieta sits in the sacristy behind the alter of the church. 🇺🇸



(below, r-l) Joe Agliata and his daughter Margherita stand next to St. Anthony's newly refurbished Pieta.



PRESERVING THE MEMORIES OF OUR FALLEN HEROES

Harold Scheidegger has conducted tours of the historic Evergreen Cemetery in Hillside, NJ. The cemetery, created in 1853, is listed on both the New Jersey and National Register of Historic Places.

Mausoleums and more than 100,000 monuments make Evergreen a virtual museum of funerary art. Special sections, such as the plot devoted to Civil War soldiers, illustrate historical and social developments in American history.

Scheidegger is looking for photos and family history of soldiers that are memorialized there. He is reaching out to the Peterstown community to see if there is anyone who can assist him. He knows that Sal Cambia is also listed on the World War II memorial that stands

(above & Right) Grave stones in Evergreen Cemetery of Soldiers KIA.



in front of St. Anthony's Church. Cambria was Killed in action over Germany.

Scheidegger sent photos of the monuments from Evergreen, like that of Alphonso Cardaci, KIA in 1944 to show how elaborate some are. He also saw other names that are on the St. Anthony's memorial in Beverly National Cemetery.

Harold has written a "A Self-Guided Tour of Evergreen Cemetery." Anyone interested in helping preserve the history of our fallen heroes can contact Harold at 908-241-0906. 🇺🇸

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DR. LEWIS CAPTAINS THE KENILWORTH KORTCHNOIS CHESS TEAM



(above, l-r) Dr. Richard Lewis receives a trophy for winning the Under 1800 Kenilworth Chess Club Championship from club president John Moldovan, who was runner up in the Open Category to 2009 Club Champ Yaacov Norowitz.



(left) 2009 Kenilworth Chess Club Champ Yaacov Norowitz was introduced to chess by Dr. Lewis. Yaacov is now a National Master (NM) with a rating of 2212. He is considered one of the top ten speed chess players in the world. He sports a Super-GM blitz rating of 3280 on ICC (where he has the handle "YaacovN"). He can be contacted for lessons through his website yaacovn.com.

Kenilworth Kortchnois Roster with USCF ratings
 NM Mark Kernighan 2224, Greg Tomkovich 1677,
 NM Yaacov Norowitz 2212, Joe Demetrick 1660,
 Ari Minkov 1958, Ted Mann 1580,
 Mark Schwarcz 1900, Joe Renna 1304,
 Geoff McAuliffe 1736, Mikhail Kruglyak 1301,
 Richard Lewis 1719, Bill Sokolosky 1128

Dr. Richard Lewis is well known in Elizabeth as was his parents, Hy and Tess Lewis. Dr. Lewis was born in Elizabeth and is a product of the public school system, attending Hamilton Jr. High and graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School, class of 1960.

Like his dad, Richard became a Dentist. He went to University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia for undergraduate and dental school. He came back to Elizabeth and joined in his dad's practice in 1968. Hy opened his practice in 1939 and worked along with his son until his retirement in 1994. Richard is still operating his office on Elmora Avenue. Several generations of his patient's families have had their pearly whites maintained by a Lewis Dentist. He has also served as President of the Union County Dental Society.

Tess Lewis was well known in Elizabeth in her own right. She was very active in the Tom Dunn Association, serving as vice-president. Dunn was elected to his first term as mayor of Elizabeth in 1964 and served for 28 years.

One of Richard Lewis's passions is playing chess. He balanced his after high school time playing on the soccer and chess teams. His chess coach was Les Ault. Richard plays an excellent game and was coached by one of his

patients who was a chess master.

Dr. Lewis started several clinics to teach young players the game. He has gotten great satisfaction from seeing his young charges surpass his ability. He is a past president of the Westfield Chess Club.

Presently, Richard is active in the Kenilworth Chess Club that gathers every Thursday evening at the Kenilworth Recreation Center on the Boulevard.

He also became a member of the prestigious Chessaholics Chess Team. The Chessaholics is organized by Mike Wojcio of Kenilworth. He recruits players and forms teams to compete in the annual United States Amateur Chess Team Championship Tournament held in Parsippany, NJ. In 2009 Mike sent seven teams to the tournament. Dr. Lewis captained one of the teams.

In 2009 seven north and central Jersey chess clubs started the Garden State Chess League. Kenilworth has two teams in the league, the Kenilworth Karpovs and the Kenilworth Kortchnois. Named after two soviet Grand Masters (with names beginning with the letter "K" to match the first letter of Kenilworth which is also "K").

Dr. Lewis lives in Westfield with his wife Marjorie Gerber Lewis. They have two children, Diane and Sally, and five grandchildren ages 1 to 16 - two play chess.



(above, l-r) One of the 2009 Chessaholics teams competing in the United States Amateur Chess Team Championships consisted of Joe Renna, NM Yaacov Norowitz, Mikhail Kruglyak and captain Richard Lewis,

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5th CHECKMATE CHAMPIONSHIP SPRINGFIELD, NJ, JANUARY 18, 2009
Moldovan, John (1811) - Renna, Joe (1304)

G/40 + :05 delay A02 Bird's Opening [Annotated by Moldovan & computer program Rybka 2.3]

1.e3 e6 2.f4 Nf6 3.Nf3 Bc5!?

[This seems very artificial & will almost certainly saddle my foe with a bad B. >=3...d5 4.b3 Be7 5.Bb2 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7= Moldovan - Sherry : G/5+5, Springfield 04/16/2006; or, if Black doesn't want to sac the e5 square, 3...b6 4.b3 Bb7 5.Bb2 Be7 as in (with transposition) Mangion - Moldovan : Kenilworth Summer Tournament 08/28/2008]

4.b3 d6N

[We're already on fresh ground. There have been 3 games with 4...Nc6 ; 1 with 4...b6 ; & 1 with 4...0-0]

5.a4

With the cheap threat of 6.d4 Bb4+ 7.c3 Ba5 8.b4 Bb6 9.a5 +-, trapping the oddly-developed cleric.

5...a5

A simple way to nullify the elementary plot.

6.Bb2 Bd7!

By going to the long diagonal, the good B will at least partially compensate for his scope-less sidekick.

7.Be2

[7.d4 Bb6 8.Nbd2 /\Bc6 9.Bd3 0-0 (9...Na6 10.c3!+/-) 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Qe2 is more harmonious yet only a marginal improvement.]

7...Bc6 8.0-0 Nbd7

Diagram 1

9.Nc3

[White will soon regret not having P-control of d5. >=9.c4 0-0 10.Nc3 e5 11.fxe5 Nxe5 12.Qc2 /\ Nd5.]

9...0-0 10.d4 Bb6 11.Qd3

[This isn't a particularly good spot for the dame but the more natural 11.Bd3 (+ Qe2); or 11.Qe1 are little or no better.]

11...Qe7 12.Kh1

[12.Ba3 Nd5 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.Ne5! (found by Rybka) 14...Nxe5 15.fxe5 was preferable.] 12...h6 ...Nd5 would've halted my e-pawn & maintained the balance.

13.Rae1

[This is superfluous preparation. >=13.e4 & a slight edge.] 13...Nh7? Again, ...Nd5 = was indicated.

14.Ba3!

This is even better than it was at move 12 since there won't be any pressure against f4.

14...f5

[>=14...Nb8 15.e4 Na6 16.d5 Bd7+/-]

15.d5?

[15.Ne5! Nxe5 16.fxe5 would've given White a clear plus.]

15...exd5 16.Nxd5 Qe4?

Diagram 2 [>=16...Qf7=]

17.Nxb6?

[17.Qxe4 fxe4 18.Bc4!+/- /\exf3?? 19.Ne7+ Kh8] [20.Ng6# was missed by both sides.]

17...Nxb6 18.Qc3 Kh8?

[>=18...Nf6=]

19.Bd3 Qe6?

[>=19...Qe7+/- avoiding another N for B swap & covering g7 ahead of Bb2.]

20.Bb2 Nf6 21.e4?

[This simply drops a P. 21.Nd4 , as pointed-out by NM Mark Kernighan, would've won one.]

21...Qf7?

[Black should have played 21...fxe4 (Kernighan) & forced White to prove he has compensation.]

22.exf5 Nbd5 23.Qd4?

[This keeps the Q active but >=23.Qd2+/- /\ Nd4-e6]

23...Bd7?

[23...Qh5+/- , preventing the following, was correct.]

24.Nh4

[>=24.Ne5! dxe5[] 25.fxe5+- /\ Nf moves 26.e6, regaining the piece.]

24...c5 25.Qg1 Kg8

[Lining-up opposite the White Q & on the c4-g8 diagonal is asking for trouble. The Ng6 fork was best avoided by >=25...Rfe8 ; or 25...Kh7]

26.g4??

[This thoughtless move throws away most of White's advantage. 26.Bc4 Bc6 27.Qf2+- was right.]

26...Bc6?

[26...Nb4+/- was right. The text threatens to win with 27...Nxf4+ but is foiled by...]

27.Bb5!

Diagram 3

27...Ne3+?

[This loses. 27...Bxb5 28.axb5 Rae8 29.g5 hxcg5 30.fxcg5 Nh5[] 31.c4 Ndf4[]+/- was a better try.]

28.Bxc6 Nxf1

[<28...Nxc2 29.Re6 bxc6 30.Bxf6]

29.Bg2 Nxh2

[In time-trouble and realizing that 29...Nd2 30.g5! hxcg5 31.fxcg5 would be worse (31...Nfe4 32.Rxe4 Nxe4 33.Bxe4 /\d5 34.Qd1!! dxe4 35.g6), Renna makes lemonade.]

30.Qxh2?

[30.Kxh2 Nxcg4+ (or 30...Rfe8 31.Kg3!) 31.Kh3 Nf6 32.Bxf6 Qxf6 33.Bxb7 was stronger.]

30...Nxcg4?

[30...Rfe8 31.Rg1 Nxcg4 32.Qg3 Nf6 would've offered more resistance.]

31.Qg3 Qh5?

[This drops heavy material & makes the mop-up easy. 31...h5 was necessary.]

32.Bd5+ Kh7

[>=32...Rf7 33.Rg1 g5!?! /\34.fxcg6?? (34.Qxcg4+- , forcing the Qs off & emerging 2 pieces to the good, settles the matter.) 34...Qxd5+ swindling a half-point.]

33.Rg1!!

[>=33.Re7 was even more decisive.]

33...g5

Now this attempt fails because the e.p. capture comes with check.

34.fxcg6+ Qxcg6 35.Nxcg6 & Black time-forfeited. 1-0

With Joe recovered from his cold & me feeling more relaxed, this was a much better game than Thursday's KCCC opener; my many middlegame mistakes (5) notwithstanding. Time left - Moldovan 5:59, Renna 0:00; Estimated time used - Moldovan 36:56, Renna 42:55; Avg. per move - Moldovan 1:03.31, Renna 1:15.74; Longest think by White - 4 minutes at turns 11, 18 & 27; Longest think by Black - 6 minutes for 20...Qe6?



Diagram 1
after move 7...Nbd7



Diagram 2
after move 16...Qe4?



Diagram 3
after move 27.Bb5!

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(left) This is a game from the first round of the 5th Annual Checkmate Chess Club Championship between Joe Renna and John Moldovanm who wrote on his blog, "I struggled to beat Joe Renna." - BOOYA!



if life is like a game of

chess, my annotation for

last week would be ??!?!!

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+	Check	International Master
O-O	Castles Kingside	Senior Master (2400+)
!	Good Move	Master (2200 - 2399)
!!	Very Strong or Brilliant Move	Expert (2000 - 2199)
?	Mistake	Class A (1800 - 1999)
??	Blunder	Class B (1600 - 1799)
!?	Interesting Move	Class C (1400 - 1599)
?!	Dubious Move	Class D (1200 - 1399)
+ -	White has a Winning Advantage	Class E (under 1200)
+ / -	White has a Clear Advantage	to Class J (under 200)
+ =	White has a Slight Advantage	Fish (see Bill Sokolosky)
=	Equal Position	
= / +	Black has a Slight Advantage	
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