



## HOW ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Union County Association for the Blind started with one person caring enough for the plight of another to open her home to them. In 1937 Mary Margaret Leonard invited a group of blind and visually impaired neighbors to meet socially and discuss ways they can help each other deal with challenges.

Through word of mouth the group began to grow in numbers. It was soon too large for her home to accommodate. The group then moved across the street to the family owned Funeral Home on Elizabeth Avenue in Elizabeth. The group was attracting people from all over the county. It organized into a formal association and the Elizabeth Lions Club began hosting the meetings at Kirk Center on First Avenue.

Lions Clubs are part of an international network with over 1.4 million members in 194 countries. The clubs answer the needs that challenge the communities they serve. Particularly Lions tackle problems with blindness.

Among many other activities Lions Clubs conduct diabetes awareness programs and collect and recycle eyeglasses for distribution in developing countries. Local Lions Clubs throughout Union County have united to support the Association for the Blind.


Since the members of the association came from across the county it became evident that the meetings should also move to locations convenient to all. Elizabeth got the Union Lions Club to host some meetings and then the Rahway Lions Club came on board. Soon New Providence joined in, and others did as well. In no time all 21 Lions Clubs in the county were participating.

Transportation is one of the main concerns for the visually impaired and out of the need for rides to the meetings, an offshoot organization was formed called the Sunshine Club. This club consisted of a group of drivers who volunteered their services giving members of the association a ride to and from their meetings. The Sunshine Club, which is part of the Lions Club, provides transportation. The host Lions Club provides the facility, food and refreshments.

Seventy five years ago, one person made a difference in another persons life. That simple act blossomed into hundreds of people helping hundreds of others. Good deeds transcend the person, they transcend time and geography. The good that is shared will always grow. Those who get to see the fruits of their labor are especially blessed. Others should not be discouraged if the results of their actions are not immediately seen. They should rest assured that eventually positive change would come to fruition. It may come a generation from now, but it will come.

There are individuals who make a difference all around us but their influence is usually known only to the person they are helping.

These are unsung heroes of the community and they deserve our recognition, praise and support.

More importantly they deserve our help. Opportunity to make a difference abounds. There is no reason to wait. 



(above, l-r) Officers for the Union County Association for the Blind: President, William Totten; 1st V.P., Gloria Lewis; 2nd V.P., Dolores Brautigam; Treasurer, Carlos Dufflar; Secretary, Mario Manjarres; and Chairman of the Sunshine Club Jose Fernandez.



(left) The Linden Lions Club hosted the March 2005 meeting of the Union County Association for the Blind in Rahway. Pictured (l-r) are: Bill Schneider, Dom Caggiano, Marion Goldberg, Joe Gulino, Rec. Secretary Jean Pawlikowski, Secretary Nell Minch, Jo Caggiano, Vice President Helen Dombrowski, Nancy Gersick, Treasurer Dolores Reed, and President Lorraine Kelly.



*everybody has one - this is mine - by Joe Renna*

In some people's minds, the notion that we all must, one day, be departed inspires a life style that says, "enjoy life to the fullest." This is a common sentiment, especially among young people. I know in my youth, I felt immortal. Even though 12 years of Catholic School warned me otherwise, thinking about what I was doing in terms of the big picture was not my first consideration. That has changed drastically with age.

I've met people in business and politics who are so hell bent on power and success that they are the cause of other people's suffering. It is sadder to think that they are the ones with the means to do the greatest good.

There were plenty of scoundrels around the neighborhood but they were shunned by the community. The funny thing is that out in the world those same scoundrels are celebrated for their success and accomplishments, regardless of how they achieved them.

## TAKEN WAY TOO SOON

Joe Colletti



George Anderson



Carmine Valiante

I've been humbled by acts of charity and kindness by people who I thought could use the help themselves. I think this should be our purpose, our priority. Knowing that our time is limited in this world makes starting to do so more urgent.

I realize it is a lofty and probably an unattainable goal but success is in trying, the intent of our actions, not in our ability.

For me, morning the loss someone is exhausting. It always leads to heavy contemplation. I'm not sure why I felt compelled to share these thoughts here. Maybe I hope that I could effect a positive change without having to loss someone else in the process. 🐾

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## Not for Nothing But...

if you fill someone's life

with joy you would

enjoy life to the fullest.

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FOUR LOCALS ATTENDING WEST POINT

West Point held its annual Acceptance Day Parade on August 13, 2005. This is a traditional event where upper class cadets officially accept new cadets into the Corps. This year two new cadets are locals who will be met by two upper class men who are also from the area.

One new recruit that will be accepted is Daniel Ferry. He is the son of Daniel and Sally. His mother grew up in Peterstown where most people know her by her maiden name, Pantina. Dan is a graduate of Elizabeth High School and earned an Eagle Scout award before his graduation.

Joining dan as a new cadet is Elizabeth native Andrew Catalano. Andrew is the son of Tom and Linda and grew up in the North End section of Elizabeth. Catalano is a graduate of Roselle Catholic High School where he had an outstanding high school track career. Andrew was part of a cross county team that was conference champions in 2004 and a 4x800 relay team that were champs in 2005. Catalano received recognition as Scholar/Athlete by *The Star-Ledger*.

Finishing their first years at the Academy is Christopher Tarney and Natt Salmi.

Regulars to Spirito's Restaurant know Christopher's mom, Cindy, who has worked there for years. Tarney graduated Seton Hall Prep in 2004 and was Salvatorian of his class. His exciting first year was capped off by achieving status on the Dean's List.

Also entering his second year at West Point is another Roselle Catholic graduate, Natt Salmi.

Since its founding two centuries ago, the Military Academy has accomplished its mission by developing

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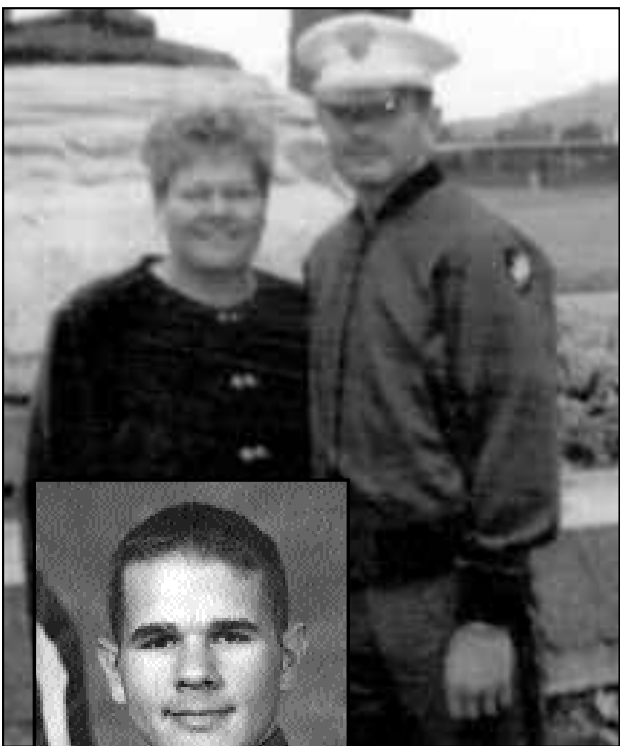
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West Point Class  
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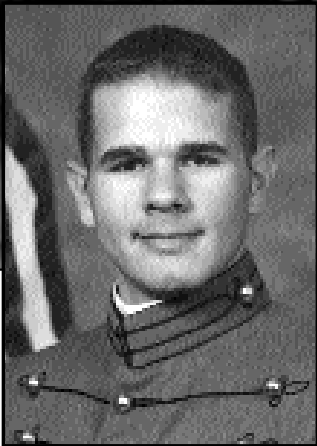
(left, l-r) Michael Ferry stands with his brother Dan at his High School graduation in June of 2005.



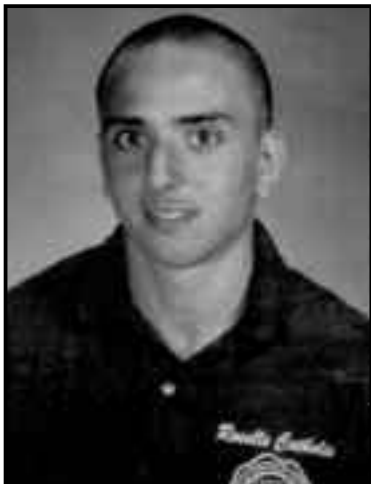
(above, l-r) Dan Ferry with his Elizabeth High School guidance counselor, Eleanor Gaitling. Ferry credits Ms. Gaitling's assistance and caring attention for his successful application to West Point.



(above, l-r) Cindy Tarney with her son Christopher at Parent Pleeb weekend. Chris is now a "Yuk" or second year cadet.



(above) West Point yuk, Christopher Tarney



(above) West Point pleeb, Andrew Catalano



(left) Midshipman Nick Santillo returns from world wide trip aboard merchant vessels.


BACK FROM THE SEA

Midshipman Nicholas Louie Santillo returned recently to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy where he is a student, after spending a number of months at sea training aboard U.S. merchant vessels.

Santillo, the son of Alfred and Lorraine Santillo, sailed on a U.S. merchant ship as part of the Academy's required work-study program, which provides our nation's future marines with shipboard experience.

Among the countries he visited were Germany, England, France, Italy, Egypt, Iraq, Kuwaiti, Pakistan, Bahrain, UAE and Somalia.

A graduate of the marine Military Academy, Harrison Texas, he was nominated to attend the Academy by Senator Robert Toricelli.

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Joshua A. Hirsch, M.D., assistant professor at Harvard Medical School and Chief of Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital, states in [spineuniverse.com](http://spineuniverse.com), "By overcoming the limitations of prior methods of percutaneous discectomy, Coblation Nucleoplasty has demonstrated the potential to produce equivalent, or even better, outcomes in a procedure that is simpler, quicker, and less traumatic and has faster recovery - times. Clinical results are very promising, and patients can generally expect rapid and sustained reduction after Coblation Nucleoplasty." Dr. Hirsch is also the Director of

Interventional Neuroradiology/Endovascular Neurosurgery at Massachusetts General Hospital (Harvard Medical School).

The ACCUCARE MEDICAL GROUP had already been performing COBLATION NUCLEOPLASTY on the lower back with high success rates. Very recently the technology has further developed to allow the procedure to be performed on the smaller discs of the cervical spine (neck). The medical staff at Accucare was eager to transfer this success to their patients with chronic neck and high back pain. They were the first interventional pain medicine practice in the tri-state area to perform this new procedure on the cervical spine. To date, Accucare has performed more C E R V I C A L C O B L A T I O N NUCLEOPLASTIES than virtually any other practice in the United States. Their success ratio to date is in excess of 93% based upon the standard analog pain scale.

### OUR PATIENTS SPEAK:

Lisa Hall, 28 year old senior Procurement Assistant for NJ Transit

The pain in my right arm had progressed past pain to being completely numb. I was living with this dead arm because of a badly herniated disc in my neck. My extreme fear of surgery prompted me to call the Educational Department at Accucare to obtain information about their minimally-invasive Coblation Nucleoplasty procedure. I am very glad I did because I have completely recovered with 100% pain relief only four weeks after my procedure. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Accucare for helping me get my life back.

Jim Santiago, 58 year old retired Physical Education Teacher

In May of 2003, I injured my back quit badly during a golf match and had to stop all physical activity because of severe pain. I went to a chiropractor and endured six weeks of traction treatments with the D.R.S. System which did not work. I next went for a series of epidural injections which were also unsuccessful. No matter what I did, the pain would not go away. Then I found Accucare. After a twenty-five minute Coblation Nucleoplasty procedure from my herniated disc, I was able to experience immediate pain relief. After months of debilitating pain I did not expect results this

quickly. I would just like to say that I am so glad that I found Accucare. Neither I nor my family physician would have ever discovered this new technology.

Douglas Keiles, 40 year old Barbecue Chef

I am just 40 years old and have been disabled with chronic neck pain for the past four years. I have been unable to exercise, play basketball or even play with my young children, for a very long time. Accucare performed a Coblation Nucleoplasty on the herniated disc in my neck three weeks ago and I'm already 80% better and continuing to improve daily. I was thrilled to be able to rake leaves and do some yard work this week for the first time in four years. I'll be in for my fourth week, post-procedure visit next week and can't wait to report my results to Dr. Jasper.

Mark Pierce, 36 year old Sales Executive

Due to a herniated disc in my neck, I have been experiencing numbness along with a pins and needles sensation in my left arm and hand for the past year. Sleeping has been difficult because of the pain. I would just like to let Dr. Jasper know that eleven days past my cervical Coblation procedure I am at least 75 to 80% pain free. I know that I'm not done healing yet, because every day I seem to feel just a little bit better. I obviously have no regrets traveling to Accucare all the way from New Paris, Ohio. My local family doctor and my local pain doctor both have a number of patients that they want to refer to your practice. Thank you all very much.

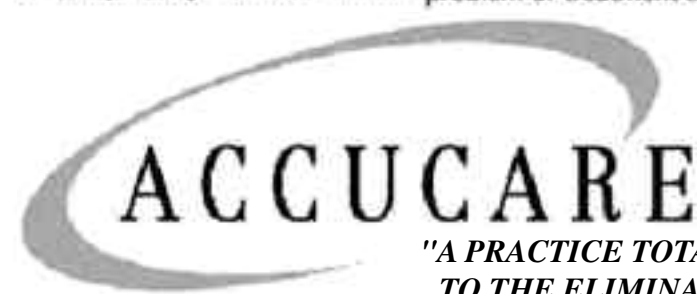
"Not only is COBLATION NUCLEOPLASTY successful," says Gabriele Jasper M.D., "It is also minimally invasive and safe. No incision, no sutures, no general anesthesia and essentially minimal recovery time. The procedure usually takes about 30 minutes and the patient walks out of the office an hour later with a Band-Aid on their back. They are requested to temporarily restrain from

strenuous physical activity, but many resume to full activity levels within one week."

Gabriele Jasper M.D. Interventional Pain Physician and board certified Anesthesiologist says, "There are studies that show patients are at least 90% better after the procedure. I have seen patients get off the procedure table with an immediate and significant reduction of pain. Some of these patients had been experiencing chronic back pain for a long period of time."

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# PETERSTOWN'S FINEST MAKES SERGEANT

On July 21, 2005, Elizabeth police officer Giacomo Sacca was promoted to sergeant. Sacca (Jim) has been on the job for ten years. He is an Emergency Service Specialist and part of the S.W.A.T. team. Sacca was born in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth and maintains a special connection with his neighborhood on duty as well as in his personal life.

Growing up in Elizabeth has given Jim an understanding of the diverse cultures that make up the residence of Elizabeth. His experience has made him an effective police officer because he can relate to the nuances of the different neighborhoods. His promotion to sergeant is an acknowledgement of his dedication to his job and his ability as a leader. It represents a stellar career punctuated by service commendations.

Sacca was one of two sergeants who were promoted. There were also two lieutenants sworn in and 16 police recruits, including Carmine Gianetta, who is also from Peterstown.

Sergeant Sacca will continue to be a welcomed presence in our communities and an outstanding representative of the Elizabeth Police Department. The swearing in ceremony was performed in City Hall with Mayor J. Christian Bollwage doing the honors. The room was full of family and friends. The entire Peterstown community also shared the pride of the success of one of their own. They wish Jim continued success in his career. 



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(above, l-r) Mayor Bollwage swears in Sergeant Sacca, in uniform with his mother-in-law, Candi Vacante, his wife Rita and mother, Maria, holding the Bible, by his side.

(left) Jim Sacca and Paulo Periera, who was also promoted to Sergeant are surrounded by their loved ones after the swearing in ceremony at Elizabeth's City Hall.

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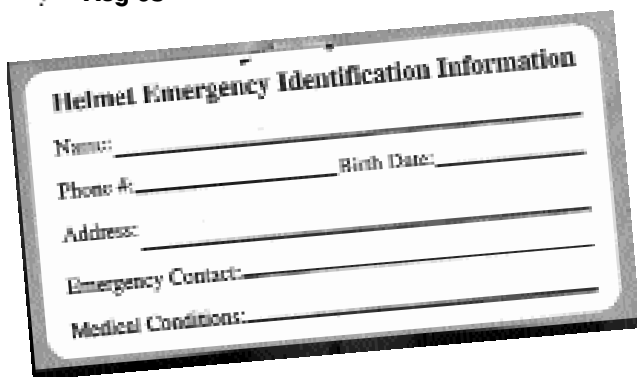


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# EAGLE SCOUT FINDS INNOVATIVE WAY TO HELP INJURED CYCLISTS




(above) Helmet Emergency Tag created by Collin Mayer.

As a candidate for Eagle Scout, Collin Mayer created an identity tag for young cyclists. New Jersey state law requires children under 14 to wear helmets while biking. Mayer took the safety measure one step further.

Mayer figured that if there was an accident involving a child and the injury was serious there would be no immediate way for emergency professionals to identify the victim. This concern inspired his Eagle project. Working with the Cranford Police Department, Collin developed an emergency identification label. The information attached to the inside of a child's helmet will make emergency care notification quicker, which

could potentially be life saving.

Collin produced 3,000 labels through the generosity of Weaver Associates Printing of Cranford and has made them available through the Cranford Police Community Center Help Desk. Labels can also be picked up from his father's store, Crisanti's Shoes on Centennial Avenue in Cranford.

Requests for more labels have been coming in. The possibility of supplying labels to other organizations has been discussed. Contributions to help print more labels could be made to Boy Scout Troop 178, c/o Collin Mayer, 213 Walnut Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016. 

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(right) Collin Mayer, a senior at Cranford High School, distributing his ID tags to Cranford youth during a bike safety event.

(left) The coveted Eagle Scout award which only about one in ten scouts achieve.



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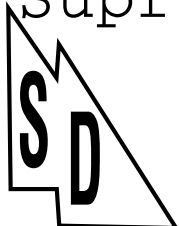


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Of all the advances in the field of pre-hospital emergency medicine, cardiac defibrillation has saved the most lives. Without early defibrillation a patient's chance of surviving cardiac arrest is less than five percent. The new version of cardiac defibrillator, the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), was developed in recent years. It is designed specifically for civilian users and requires little or no training. When applied to a patient, the AED's computer assesses the heart rhythm and determines the force of the shock to be applied. If the patient's cardiac rhythm is either normal or non-shockable, the unit will not deliver a shock.

The E.M.B.A. was founded in 1989 and have since been the collective bargaining agency representing the men and women of the Elizabeth Police Department's Ambulance Service Bureau. The Bureau is the only 911 emergency medical service provider for the City of Elizabeth. Over the years, the E.M.B.A. has evolved into one of the few independent EMS labor unions on the East Coast.

The membership is comprised of the 26 full time emergency medical technicians from Elizabeth EMS and is representative of all social, racial, and economical backgrounds. Unlike many EMS agencies, a majority of the EMBA's members chose EMS for a career, not just a "stepping stone." This fact is evident by the average tenure of its members, which is



(above) EMBA President Raymond Cross, Carlos Gomez, Mayor Chris Bollwage, Treasurer Michael LaGreca, and Vice president Ronald Bartell, discuss the benefits of defibrillators which can be used by the public before emergency response teams arrive on the scene.

approximately nine years of service.

The average education/training level of the EMBA's membership far exceeds state requirements. The current roster includes four paramedics, three medic students, a registered nurse, and three nursing students. In addition, many members have attained instructor status in many different elective EMS courses. All of this additional education/training significantly improves the quality of patient care in the field as the members continue to strive towards providing the citizens of Elizabeth with

the best emergency medical care possible.

"With evidence showing the enormous benefits of access to cardiac defibrillators, and with the new safe units becoming available, defibrillating units have become common in many public places," said Council President Frank Cuesta. "The E.M.B.A. has recognized that Elizabeth City Hall, with thousands of visitors each year, is an ideal location for cardiac defibrillators. Their donation is yet another sign of dedication to the well being of the members of our community."

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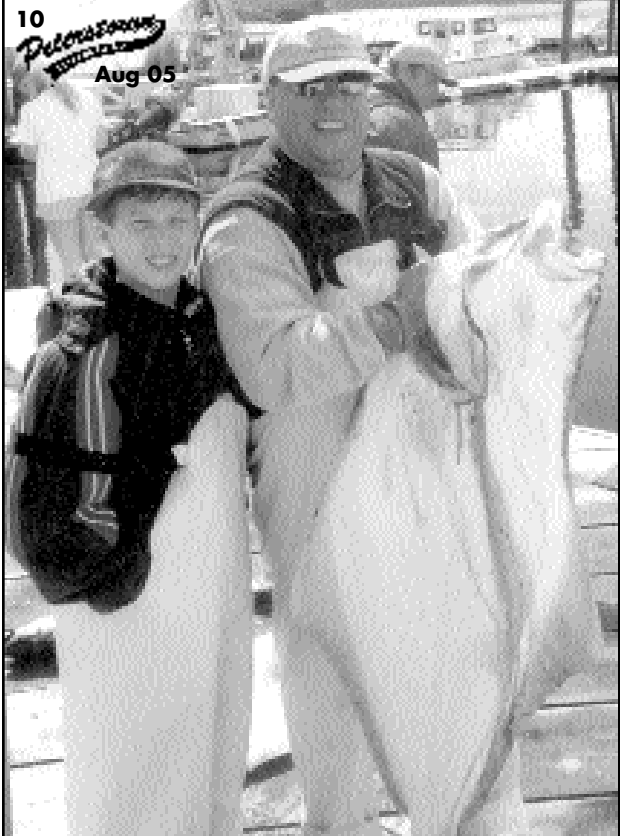
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(above) Dan D'Antico, in 2000, with his Uncle Robert in Alaska with their catch of the day.

# THE MOTHER (AND FATHER) OF INVENTION

From the age of 2, Dan D'Antico loved to go fishing. He was very apprehensive about unhooking the fish. This is a problem with many fishermen, adult as well as children. Besides the smell, the scales and the mess, Dan was thinking about the sharp teeth and getting bit. Every time he caught a fish his uncle or his dad would have to stop fishing to help him.

Dan started tooling around with some wire hangers and stuff around the house in order to devise a way to get the hook out of the fishes mouth without having to touch it. He perfected his "Dehooker" and impressed everyone he showed it to. What was most impressive is that Dan was only 9 years old at the time.

Dan's father, Frank was the first to take him fishing, but it was his Uncle Robert Martinez, who lived near some lakes in Pennsylvania that turned Dan on to the sport. The seasoned fishermen never saw anything like Dan's invention and contacted a patent attorney to see if it was patentable, which was achieved in 2002.

For the next few years Frank helped his son with research and development and found a manufacturer. Dan's start-up capital came from a loan from the Union

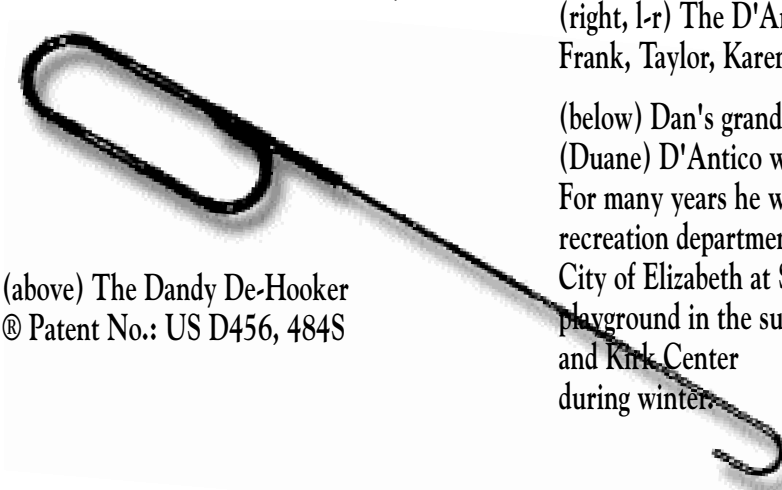
County Economic Development Corp. in Union, which was paid back within a year.

Now Dan is 14, a student at Seton Hall Prep and an entrepreneur. The venture is a real family affair. Besides his dad, Dan's mom, Karen and his younger sister, Taylor help with inventory, fulfillment and bookkeeping, Danny still needs an adult to sign his checks.

All in all, the experience has been as enjoyable for Dan as it has been educational. Most of all, the business doesn't distract him from his number one love - fishing. Though he appreciates freshwater fishing he really loves ocean angling. He was able to go with his Uncle Bob to Alaska to catch king salmon and halibut. More often he goes to the Atlantic Highlands.

To promote his product, Dan gives seminars, goes to trade shows and is a member of organizations like the National Federation of Independent Business, Cranford Chamber of Commerce, the gateway Regional Chamber, and the Jersey Coast Anglers Association.

Dan's invention, Dandy-Dehooker, is available on his website, [www.fishdehooker.com](http://www.fishdehooker.com).



(above) The Dandy De-Hooker  
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(right, l-r) The D'Antico family,  
Frank, Taylor, Karen and Dan.

(below) Dan's grandfather, legendary boxer, Frank (Duane) D'Antico was well known in Peterstown. For many years he worked for the recreation department of the City of Elizabeth at School 3 playground in the summer and Kirk Center during winter.





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This 1948 photo was submitted by Emory Altobelli, who was eight years old at the time it was taken. The photo was taken at the School 3 Playground on a night when portable lights were brought in and erected in order to play a night game. This was a rare and special occurrence.

Emory doesn't remember the players names, except for his Uncle Philip Altobelli. Emory is now 65. His father, Angelo, 87, gave him the picture. The photo was actually taken by Emory's uncle Homer DeAngelis who owned DeAngelis Studios. Emory is glad he is able to share the old photo with the other families of the players.

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(below) Terracina's portfolio contains thousands of old photos of Elizabeth.

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## KEITH TERRACINA'S OPENS NEW STUDIO

Photographer, Keith Terracina, originally from the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, moved to Key West, Florida in the 1970's and opened Terracina West Studios. He also freelanced for the Miami Herald as a photo journalist traveling to Cuba to photograph refugees coming to America. After a period of eight years he returned to New Jersey and opened Mentertainment Studios.

Since 1995 Keith has been managing his great uncle, Sal Terracina's estate that includes a lifetime of art and photography. Keith has been promoting his uncle's work, as well as his own. He just signed a movie deal with Bad Company Films to produce a movie based on his uncle's life.

Terracina has now opened a new Studio in New Jersey. Terracina Studios will shoot social events as well as continue to shoot commercially. He is maintaining a portfolio on his website, [www.salsimages.com](http://www.salsimages.com). Included on the website are images from his uncle's collection of photos and masks. Terracina has a stock pile of thousands of photos dating back to the 1930's.



(above, standing, l-r) Paul Ferrara, Russ DeCarlo, Whitey Maricondi, Mike Nigro, Tony Barile, and three ringers. (kneeling, l-r) Whitey Favor, Phil Altobelli, bat boys Mike DeCarlo and George Balboa, Joe DeSavino, Player to be named later, Zatamo Ziccorelli. Emory Altobelli is the boy standing to the far right with the white shirt.

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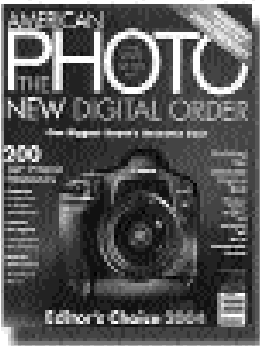
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(above, l-r) Mayor Chris Bollwage swears in Richard Biedrzychi as chief of Elizabeth EMS in May of 2005.

(left) Peterstown's own Tom Dimino, who started on the job in 1973, retired as Chief in September of 2005.

# BIEDRZYCKI NAMED NEW EMS CHIEF

Richard Biedrzycki was promoted to Chief of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for the City of Elizabeth. He heads the Ambulance Service Bureau which has been part of the police department since 1984. Prior to that it was part of the Department of Health. Biedrzycki has been with the bureau since 1983.

Besides the chief, the department consists of 1 executive supervisor, 4 field supervisors, 28 full time Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), and 10 per diem personnel. The unit has 10 ambulances and 2 field

supervisor units. Last year they answered 15,000 dispatches.

Emergency 911 calls go to the police department and the EMTs are dispatched from there. They also assist the fire departments when necessary. Elizabeth's EMS is also part of a state wide taskforce.

Elizabeth EMS are specially trained to deal with emergencies unique to cities the size of Elizabeth and the different types of industry. The sheer volume of those in need of these services is daunting.

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(above) The Elizabeth EMS Bike Team include (standing, l-r) James Bantin, Gunther Guerra, and Edward Benenati. (kneeling, l-r) Carlos Jurjo and Shelly Trukowski.

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(above) Richard Biedrzycki and supervisor Gwen

(above) Richard Biedrzychi and supervisor Gwen Techky assist an accident victim circa 1995.



(above, l-r) Supervisor Steve Wilson, Chief Richard Biedrzycki and Supervisor Paul Mankinson.

(left) EMTs regularly gather for well deserved, commendation award ceremonies.



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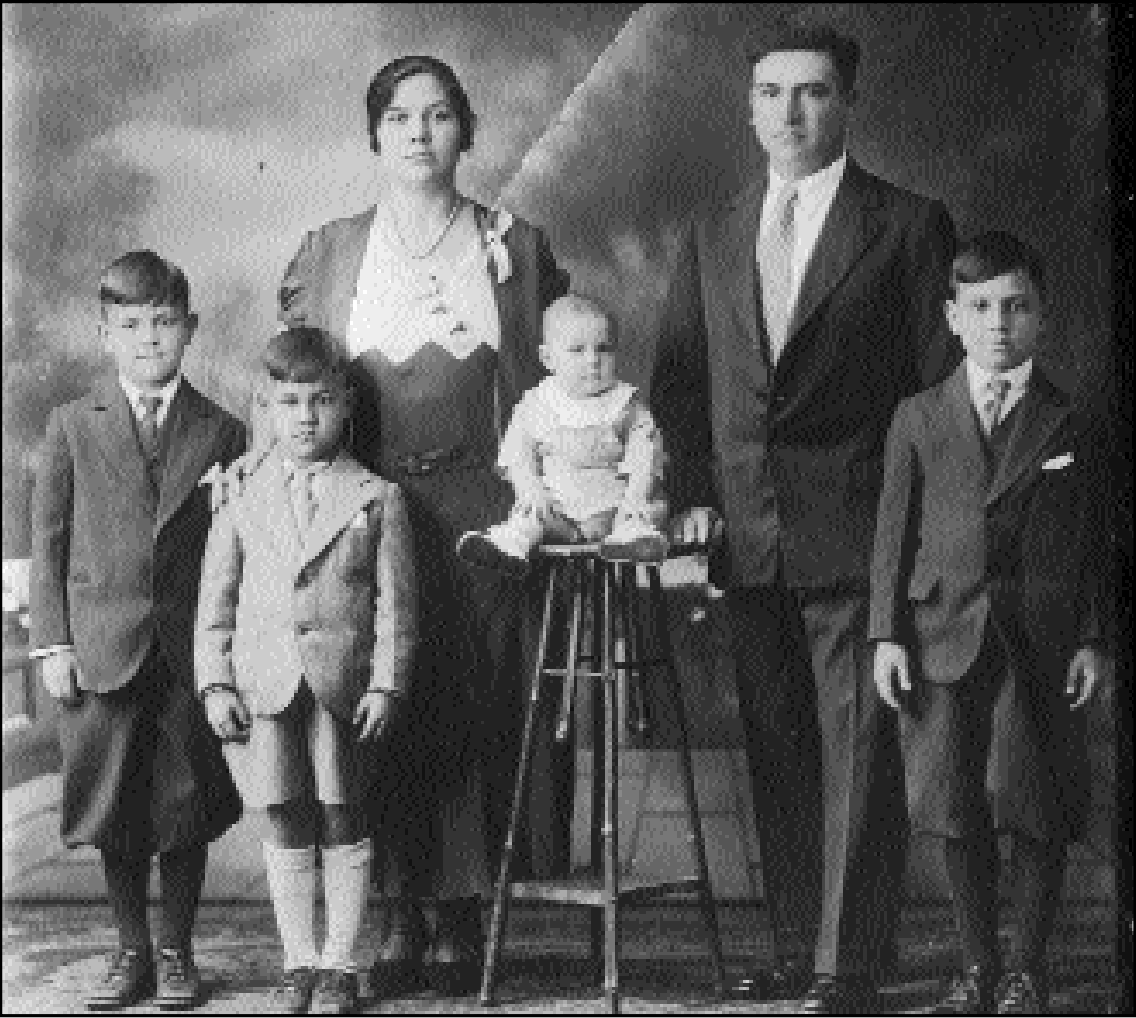
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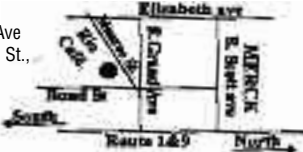


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# KOKOMO JOE HITS NASHVILLE

Most folks in Peterstown know Joe DeCesare from helping his father sell fruit in the market. He did that his entire life, eventually running the stand himself. DeCesare lived a double life that many of his customers never knew about. In the evenings he was Kokomo Joe, singer, song writer, guitarist.

Kokomo Joe was DeCesare's stage name, but now he has made that stage his life. Joe has pursued a career in music. This is not just a whim of some teen with a three piece garage band. Joe has been performing longer than those three band members put together. It was only recently that he decided to make the move. It is a serious move that is being taken seriously by many in the industry.


Joe has been playing New York clubs for years. His brother Dominic was with him on many gigs. Both are tremendous guitar players. Kokomo has enough original music to fill a half dozen CDs. He finished two in the past year. His CDs "Red Snow" and "Skin Bone Blues" were produced by Steve DeAcutis, another Elizabeth native, who owns a recording studio in Isalin named Sound Spa. DeAcutis also plays guitar on both CDs. According to Dom, "Steve is the best Guitarist he has ever heard." After listening to the CDs, it is easy to agree.

Kokomo Joe has a sound that blends R&B/Soul and Americana. Some of his songs have been recorded by the likes of R&B legend Jay & The Techniques. His recording sessions attracted some of the top players in New York and New Jersey. John Korba of Hall & Oates, Tommy Moringello of Bob Dylan, and Tico Torrez of Bon Jovi are some of the people who worked with Joe. His recordings with the great Uptown Horns are some of the coolest sessions produced at Tony Cammilo's Venture Studios. Joe has also appeared numerous times on the Bob Fast Show at WBAI Radio in N.Y.C.

Kokomo Joe's big move happened in December 2004 when he picked up and moved to Nashville Tennessee. If

he's going to make it, then Nashville is the place to be. In Nashville, Joe hooked up with his friend Steve Marcantonio, who is one of the top recording engineers in the business. Steve is also a Peterstown native who grew up just a tomato throw away from the market.

Joe's finding his grove in "Music City" highlighted by performances at Feature Writers Nights. Dom is on his way to join his brother. They are both highly motivated and hard workers. They play even harder.

Kokomo Joe's stuff is highly recommended. The CD's can be purchased at CDBABY.COM or by emailing kokomojoe\_1@yahoo.com. Those without computer access can call 615-791-9183. 



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(left) Readers of the Sunday New York Times, New Jersey Section, were enticed to make a trip to Peterstown to find out what all the hoop-la over Italian ice was all about.

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## Shrimp in Sherry Sauce      Baked Stuffed Scallops

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 lb. Medium Shrimp (cleaned)
- Butter
- 1/4 cup Dry Sherry
- 2 tablespoons finely diced Cured Ham
- 1 tablespoons minced Parsley

**WHITE WINE SAUCE:**

- 5 teaspoons Butter
- 4 teaspoons Flour
- 3/4 teaspoons Dijon Mustard
- 1/2 cup Milk
- 1/2 cup Fish Broth
- Salt
- White Pepper

**PREPARATIONS:**

- White Wine Sauce**
- 1) Melt butter in a saucepan
  - 2) Stir in Flour and cook for 1 minute
  - 3) Add Mustard
  - 4) Gradually pour in Milk and Fish Broth
  - 5) Season with Salt and Pepper
  - 6) Cook, stirring constantly, until thickened and smooth.

**Shrimp**

- 1) Place Shrimp in greased shallow baking pan
  - 2) Dot with butter
  - 3) Pour in Sherry and sprinkle on Ham
  - 4) Broil about 2 minutes
  - 5) Turn the shrimp and broil about 2 minutes more
  - 6) Remove Shrimp and Ham to a warm platter
  - 7) Pour Pan Juices into White Wine Sauce.
  - 8) Heat sauce and spoon it over the Shrimp
- Serves 4-6 people

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 3/4 lb Bay Scallops
- 1 Medium Onion - Chopped
- 2 Cloves of Garlic - Minced
- 2 tablespoons Parsley
- 3/4 cup Bread Crumbs
- Salt and Black Pepper
- Crushed Clove
- 2 tablespoons Olive Oil
- 1 tablespoon White Wine
- Butter

**PREPARATION:**

- 1) Mix Scallops, Onions, Garlic, Bread Crumbs, Parsley, Salt, Pepper and Clove together in a Bowl
  - 2) Stir in Oil and Wine
  - 3) Fill Scallop Shells with mixture and dot with Butter
  - 4) Bake at 350° for about 15-20 minutes
- Serve with a Salad and a Medium-Dry White Wine

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(above) Diodato Villani

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Diodato Francesco Villani, a lifelong business member of the Linden community, will be honored as "Citizen of the Year" by the Elizabeth Chapter of UNICO.


Mr. Villani was born in an apartment located at 115 South Wood Avenue, Linden, where his parents, Frank and Palma Villani resided, on August 6, 1927. Mr. Villani attended Linden Public Schools including School #6 elementary, Soehl Junior High and Linden High School. Upon graduation, "Dee" (as he is affectionately known to his friends) enlisted in the United States Navy. Dee served until his tour of duty concluded at the end of World War II.

Dee Villani decided on a college education that took him to Duquesne University located in Pittsburgh, PA. He received a B.S. degree in Business Administration and upon graduation returned to Linden to join his father in the operations of Villani Bus Company, now serving its eighty fifth year in business. Villani Bus Company services charter work across the United States and Canada and handles a great deal of school bus service to Linden and surrounding communities. Mr. Villani has been president of the company since 1956.

Over the course of his years in Linden, Mr. Villani has been active in the New Jersey Bus Owners Association, the Atlantic City Bus Owners Association, and the United Motorcoach Association where he has worked to better methods of transportation in and around the state of New Jersey.

In addition to his voluntary efforts for business, Dee Villani has been an active member of the 200 Club of Union County, Linden Elks, Linden Moose, and served as President of the Linden Lions. He has been a member of the American Legion, VFW, Unico and Linden Chamber of Commerce.

Throughout his lifetime, Dee Villani has been a generous supporter to fundraisers for all the organizations to which he belonged. Many times supplying a bus for trips, rolling meatballs for dinners and has even gone to shovel snow for shut-in neighbors when needed.

Mr. Villani has spent a lifetime of giving to Linden and surrounding communities through his business and volunteer support. Mr. Villani is married to Linda Beirn Villani and has four children: Deanna, Frank, David and Courtney. 



(above) Dee's Father, Frank, who started the Bus Company in 1920 is waiting on passengers in his first bus.

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The tradition of the Lion's Den as one of the finest gyms in the state will continue. A campaign to raise funds is underway. Anyone interested in giving a gift can call 908-245-2350. 🐾



(above, back row, l-r) Roselle Catholic Girls Varsity Basketball Coach, Joe Skrec, and Boys Varsity Basketball Coach Pat Hagan are pictured with participants of their basketball camp, Mike Posyc and his sister Michele. Their mom, Henrietta, placed first in the mother free-throw contest and won a week tuition to the camp next year, which will be the camp's 22 year.

Pat Hagan and Joe Skrec, represent a combined total of 40 years of coaching and 38 years in education. Their love of the sport, their coaching talents, and their ability to communicate both of these to youngsters is evident in both their records and their reputations.

PAT HAGAN – In his 23rd year at perennial power Roselle Catholic, Coach Hagan has steadfastly built his team to the stature it has today. A former starter for the Montclair State College Basketball Club and a varsity player at Roselle Catholic, Coach Hagan has been involved with basketball all of his life.

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- JOE SKREC – In his 7th year as head coach of Roselle Catholic Girls' Program. Coach Skrec coached the boys freshman team for 8 years before taking over the girls' program. He's also a Roselle Catholic graduate and two year varsity starter for the Lions. He is a sports writer for the Home News Tribune, as well as Roselle Catholic High School's Director of Athletics and teacher.
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(above, l-r) Roselle Catholic softball teammates Caroline Moretti, Mary Busichio, and Jillian Iazzetta.

## RC SOFTBALL RESURGENCE HAS PETERSTOWN ROOTS

Three starters on the record-setting Roselle Catholic girls varsity softball team proudly trace their roots to Peterstown. Caroline Moretti, Mary Busichio, and Jillian Iazzetta are the daughters of John and Alisa (Massa) Moretti, Pete and Camille (Lapolla) Busichio; and Carmen and Linda Iazzetta, respectively.

Iazzetta anchored the infield from third base and received All-County consideration; Moretti was named as one of the sophomores to watch in the county; and Busichio solidified the outfield defense in center field and led the team in stolen bases.

The trio are part of a young team that led the school to its first-ever appearance in the semi-final round of the Union County Tornment, where it fell to eventual champion David Brearley High School, and paced the squad to a ranking as high as third in the county at one point in the season.

Iazzetta will return for her senior campaign next spring, and Moretti and Busichio will be juniors. Best wishes ladies for an equally successful season next year! 🐾



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Mr. Anthony Cafaro, originally from Linden, New Jersey, and Mrs. Ann Cafaro, formerly Ann DePalma originally from Elizabeth, New Jersey, were married on June 12, 1955 at Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church in Elizabeth.

Anthony, an ironworker for many years with the District Counsel Ironworkers of Northern New Jersey,

Local #480, retired in 1993, and remains active as a liaison recruiting new members into the business trades. Ann, after having raised five children, worked as a real estate agent locally and is now retired as well.

Anthony is a decorated veteran who was with Co. G. 15th Infantry as a Platoon First Sergeant in the Korean War. He received the Korean Service Medal W/1, Bronze Service Star, Combat Infantry Badge, and the United Nations Service Medal. Upon returning from the war to Linden, New Jersey, he met his future bride, they started a family, and have resided in Cranford for the past thirty-six years.

The couple have five children: Anthony and his partner Hayley Lehrfeld, from Sea Girt, NJ; Patricia from Indian Mountain Lakes, PA; John and his wife Denise, from Tampa Palms, FL; Joseph and his partner Christine Stone, from Oxford, NJ; and Michael and his partner, Shelon Ferreira from Linden, NJ.

The couple also have seven grandchildren; Justin, John Michael, Angelina, Keyne, Laura, Jill Louise and Krystal Marie.

Congratulations on fifty wonderful years of marriage, and thank you to family and friends who celebrated in our joy. 🎉



(far left, l-r)  
Ann and Anthony  
on their wedding day,  
June 12, 1955.

(left, l-r)  
Anthony and Ann  
in 2005



(above) Anthony and Ann Cafaro with thier children at the celebration of thier fiftieth wedding annaversary. Pictured, left to right, Michael, Joseph, Patricia, Anthony, Ann, John and Anthony.

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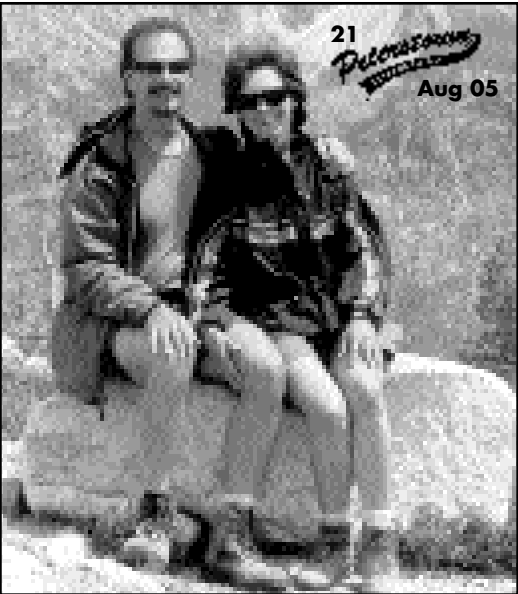
John Norwig is a biking enthusiast. He would battle traffic and hurry home from work so he could ride. One day he tempted himself to bike to work. The arguments for doing so were overwhelming. He would be getting exercise, saving on gas and doing what he loved. Now John bikes to work every chance he gets - 25 miles each way.

Norwig, 56, was born and raised in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth and currently lives in Washington Township. He works in Somerville as the Somerset County traffic engineer. The trip, that usually takes 40 minutes by car, takes John about 90 minutes by bike. The scenic view over the rolling hills makes it seem like less.

Norwig has been biking to work a few times a week, depending on weather and other factors, for the past six years. Others have joined him as bicycle commuters and some times they are able to bike together. John has even accompanied his wife, Marcia, to her job, first biking to Chubb in Warren before continuing to Somerville.

John met his wife on one of his adventures while biking through Glacier National Park in Montana. He has also biked through Ireland, Spain and Holland.

Once a year the public is encouraged to do the same on "Bike to Work Day", sponsored by Somerset based Ride Wise. This past May approximately 200 cyclists participated.



(above) John and Marcia Norwig  
(below) John, with parents John Sr. and Nicolina

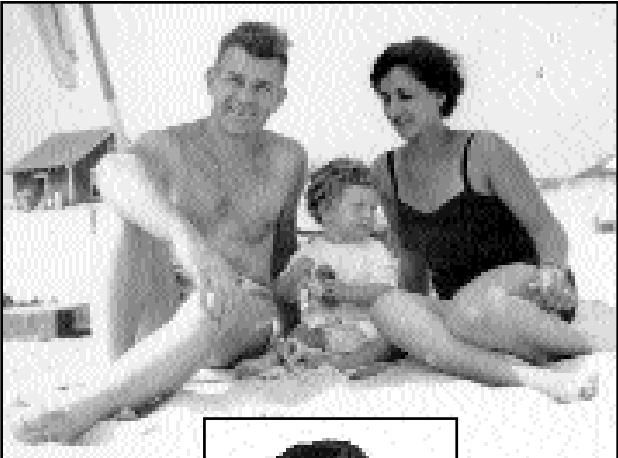
FAMILY TIES

John Norwick is the grandson of Joe Gargano, a one time boxer who hailed from Peterstown. Joe was a construction contractor and a well known Greeter at the Newark Pigeon Club, but he is better known for the charitable work he did through the association named after him.

Joe Gargano, and his wife Susie, had three children, Dorothy Stabile, Nicolina Norwig, and Patrick, John's hero. Pat was in the CBs in the Pacific in WWII. He is a retired district supervisor principle engineer for the State of New Jersey.

John is one of two boys in his family. Pat had five children and lived in Roselle Park. The Stabiles, in Union, had four.

Joe Gargano's brothers, Rocco and Philip were also contractors. They lived in Union as did their sister Mary Falcetano. Another sister, Anna Nufrio lived in Elizabeth.



(right) John's  
Uncle Patrick  
Gargano



(above) Dance poster for Joe Gargano Association, "The Last Dance before Prohibition".

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Can you believe it's summer? 95 and 100-degree weather, people on vacation and gas prices soaring. Will oil hit \$100 a barrel? Yet real estate in New Jersey has not changed what so ever. I have anticipated for the last year a decline in prices and a slow down in sales but this has not happened.

Long-term interest rates that are based on the 10-year bond have not changed. Short-term interest rates have gone up and if you have an equity loan, adjustable mortgage or credit card debt your payments have gone up or will go up. The general public does not understand interest rates whether they are long term or short term and how they go up and down. I will try to explain.


The Federal Reserve has the power to change short-term interest rates by charging the banks more money to borrow from the Federal Reserve or charging less money. This is reflected typically on the cost of funds rate and the prime rate.

Banks then charge clients and customers according to the spread. Banks will either raise or lower the interest they give to their clients or customers on savings or checking accounts. The difference in the spread is the banks profit. Periodically banks invest in treasury notes. That means banks can borrow money from the Federal Reserve at a discounted rate and with this money they buy treasury notes with a higher yield, the difference again is the banks profit. The catch, is if the Federal Reserve

raises short-term rates and long-term rates do not change then the banks do not make a sufficient profit, credit becomes tighter.

Mortgage rates are based on a 10-year bond. When there is no shortage of investors buying the 10-year bond the rate does not change. If there is an abundance of investors purchasing the 10-year bond the rate drops. If there is not enough investors purchasing the 10 year bond the rate goes up, which forces the 30 year mortgage rate to go up.

In today's market place a new element is coming in to play in the 10-year bond. Foreign countries such as China, Korea and countries in South America, and institutions, which have confidence in the US dollar, have been purchasing 10-year bonds. For this reason short-term rates and long-term rates are very similar. This has never happened in our economy before, this is the reason 30-year mortgages have remained extremely low.

Mortgage rates have not changed dramatically over the last year, and buyers find it easier to qualify for a mortgage today then 10 years ago. The bubble that the Federal Government said would happen in the real estate market has not occurred. Real estate today is still your best investment. As long as you understand the responsibility of home ownership, making payments on your mortgage in a timely fashion, and understanding that real estate may not go up indefinitely in value, then real estate in the USA will continue to blossom. 


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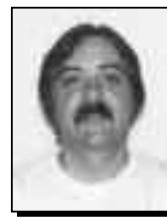
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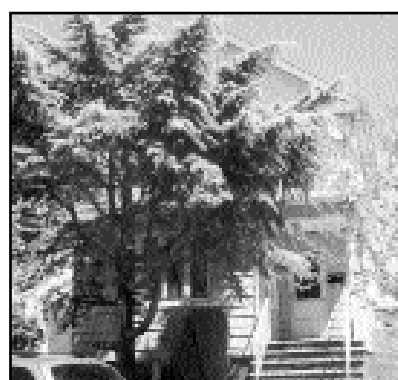
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