



ALL IMMIGRANTS ARE NOT ILLEGAL

There is a big difference between someone who goes through the proper channels to permanently settle in another country and those who flaunt the law to sneak in. Since both sets of people are foreign they tend to get lumped together. Its degrading to the legitimate immigrant wanting to be an American.

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There is criteria that one must follow to become a naturalized citizen of the United States. Adhering to these guidelines almost ensures that the immigrant will become a productive member of society. People entering the country illegally has reeked havoc on many aspects of our lives and causes the problems which over shadow the benefits of lawful immigration.

The general requirements for administrative naturalization include: a period of continuous residence and physical presence in the United States; an ability to read, write, and speak English; a knowledge and understanding of U.S. history and government; good moral character; attachment to the principles of the U.S. Constitution; and favorable disposition toward the United States. These are high standards, indeed. Impossible in some eyes. In reality there are provisions and exceptions that make the transition more easily attainable.

There is no argument that immigration has played an important role in the history of America and that the United States continues to have the most open immigration policy in the world. Controlling immigration has

been the responsibility of the federal government which took the rights from the states after the civil war. Throughout time, changes in the laws governing immigration occurred continually, usually reacting to changes on a global level, for instance, wars and economy. The state of the s

(above) Mohammad Javed Abbasi, working at the Optima Cigar store on Westfield Avenue in Roselle Park, immigrated from Pakistan in 1996 and was granted a green card as a permanent resident in 2003. He is now waiting to fulfill his dream of becoming a US citizen.

There was a spike in the number of immigrates that occurred in the early 1900's when almost 9 million people entered the country in the first decade alone. Unimaginable at it may seem, that number was surpassed in the last decade of the 1900's. This is without taking into account those arriving illegally.

The earlier wave of immigrants caused the government to assign quotas based on national origins. The quota was based on the number of immigrants already in America. While some restrictions were lessened, others were introduced. For instance, quotas, introduced in

1921, limited the number of immigrants allowed from a certain country, later in 1965, priority was given to family reunification. The balance of immigration ebbed and flowed from year to year. The Refugee Act of 1980 granted boat people fleeing Vietnam asylum and in 1986 three million undocumented residents were given amnesty.

In 1990 the number of immigrants allowed into the United States per year was 700,000. It was estimated by the INS that there were 300,000 illegal aliens entering the county at the same time and it was found that in 1996 over 2 million illegal aliens entered legally on a temporary basis but failed to lawfully depart. Immigrants entering America legally should be embraced and encouraged. By virtue of their adherence to the law they are deemed worthy of the privilege of becoming citizens. They will be woven together with those who have already arrived and who have already made their contribution to our culture. They will have the opportunity to contribute and make their mark for future generations to follow.



(left) This Certificate of Naturalization was granted to Luigi Santillo in 1926 having complied in all respects with the United States' naturalization laws since his arrival in 1912.



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one of the most memorable parties of the year.

The super bowl party is a mix of young and old that come from near and far. There are old friends who I see once a year and its at the party. That's the best part for me. Even if the game is a dud, this crowd makes it exciting

Even if the game is a qud, this crowd makes as if the noise we make effects what's going on on the field. The club goes overboard on the food and drink so even if you aren't a football fan you won't be disappointed. Besides meeting old friends, I've met a few new ones.

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Thank you and God bless.

John Sacco, President

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Subscribers to Around About Peterstown may notice the stamp used to mail this issue honors New Jersey World War II hero, John Basilone.

Gunnery Sergeant John Basilone of Raritan was the first Marine to be presented with the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroism in World War II. He was later posthumously awarded the Navy Cross after he was killed in Iwo Jima. He was the only enlisted WWII Marine to win the Medal of Honor, the navy Cross and the Purple Heart.

Basilone is one in a series of four "Distinguished Marines" commemorated. The other stamps contain the portraits of Daniel Joseph Daily, who was awarded the Medal of Honor two times; John A. Lejeune, a

pioneering commander; and Lewis "Chesty" Puller, a five time recipient of the Navy Cross.

The issuance of the Basilone stamp is the result of a six year campaign spearheaded by Peter Ippolito of Union, NJ, who worked with members of the Sergeant John Basilone Foundation. Ippolito is still petitioning for Basilone to have a single, stand alone, stamp in his honor. In the meantime the set was made available on November 10, 2005 in limited supply to local post offices. Stamps can be obtained through the US Postal Service website www.usps.com.

Information about the Sergeant John Basilone Foundation, museum and the annual parade in Raritan can be found on line at www.sgtjohnbasilone.com.

UNICO HONORS PACIFICO AND IPPOLITO ADVOCACY FOR BASILONE STAMP

John Pacifico and Peter Ippolito were honored by UNICO on the sixteenth anniversary of Congressional Medal of Honor winner, John Basilone's combat death on the Pacific island of Iwo Jima. Basilone became the only serviceman in the history of the United States to win its two highest military honors. He first won the Congressional Medal of Honor for actions on Guadalcanal in January 1943 and the Marine sergeant later earned the Navy Cross for valor after being killed on February 19,1945. Both men received Americanism Awards from NJ District Ten of UNICO National. UNICO is an Italian American service organization. They also received proclamations from the New Jersey Senate.

According to Angelo Bonanno, District Governor, Mr. Ippolito was honored for spearheading the 400,000 signature petition drive that led to the authorization of a US Postal stamp. The stamp commemorating Basilone's heroism is being issued on May 21. Mr. Pacifico was recognized for his continuous dedication in organizing John Basilone parades in the war hero's home town of

Raritan, N.J. Annually, the September parades attract units of uniformed former Marines from around the county including several thousand area residents, all paying homage to this Italian American hero.



(above, 1-r) UNICO District Governor, Angelo Boanno, presents John Pacifico and Peter Ippolito with Americanism Award

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Editor's Opinion

everybody has one - this is mine - by Joe Renna

More than any other time in our country's history the number of illegal aliens entering the United States is staggering. It is a hot topic in the media and a major concern of the government especially during the heightened concerns of terrorists operating within our borders. The US Department of Citizenship and Immigration Services is now under the umbrella of the recently formed Department of Homeland Security headed by Elizabeth, NJ native Michael Chertoff. According to their most recent data, in 1996 there were about 5 million undocumented immigrants residing in the United States and that number was growing at about 275,000 each year. Today's estimates would be close to 8 million.

Understanding the scope of the problem is the first step in dealing with it. The first step is knowing where the illegals are coming from and where they are going. Toping those lists are Mexico with 2.7 million, and California with 2 million, respectively. New Jersey is number six on the list with a population of illegal immigrants at 135,000. The two problems that the government faces is how to deal with those already here and how to stop the flow.

There are no simple solutions to either problem. We live in an open and free society and illegal immigration is a product of that. It is the civil rights enjoyed by citizens of the United States which tolerates even those who are abusing the American way by entering illegally. Technically illegal aliens are criminals. I don't think it is unfair to label them as such because ignoring the method of their entry into the country degrades the efforts of those who apply to come here legally.

The only way to deal with an issue as complex as this is to separate the different aspects of the problem. For instance, stopping people at point of entry has to be dealt with differently than dealing with them when they are already here. Policy that tries to encompass every situation is impossible to develop and so we end up with a program that is insufficient.

So what do we do about those who are living here? Do we offer them amnesty like we did in 1986 for 3 million undocumented residents? In a way that is what Secretary Michael Chertoff is proposing. He argues that it is not practical to deport the millions of foreigners in the country illegally, saying "The cost of identifying all of those people and sending them back would be stupendous. It would be billions and billions of dollars," this would be part of President Bush's "guest worker" program.

Critics of the plan say illegals are being rewarded for breaking the law. I don't agree, the law was broken already and to confuse what happens to those living here with what will happen to future arrivals is wrong. The plan calls for securing our borders and dealing with those entering illegally separately. There is no other way to do it.

The illegals that are already here are a source of another set of problems that burden states and local government and economies. To offer no program to formally include these people into society is to ignore the problems they cause. Serious concerns about health care, education, employment and crime loom large in the illegal alien community. These issues are not only their issues, they are everyone's. Taxpayers are the ones who are flipping the bill for services, we are the ones who compete for the jobs and who are victims of crime. Documenting the illegals would be a step in curing these ills.

The program can even reap benefits like taxes being paid by legal employment and sifting out the criminal element from those who stay clean from criminal activity. It is much harder to catch a criminal when there is no record of their existence.

I believe the program would be mutually beneficial. The illegal alien community is underground and that lacks the civil rights that makes this country special. Many live in very poor conditions. As human beings they deserve at least an opportunity to live in equality with their neighbors.

The lack of compassion for these people is sometimes shocking. I understand the arguments about the burden the illegals present but the fact of the mater is that they are here. We can be as tough as we can be in securing our borders and I would whole heartily support those efforts. I know I'm going to get a lot of slack for suggesting that children of illegal immigrants deserve an education and the sick should receive medical attention. I would much rather see my tax dollars being spent on the these programs instead of going to fat cat politicians and their cronies.

Money wasted on benefits to political powerbrokers can cure social problems with no added burden on the taxpayer. I'd much rather see those who debate the issue of human rights for immigrants get as worked up over the taxes that are stolen by corrupt elected officials, if cost is the issue at all.

Not for Nothing But...

isn't building a wall along our Mexican border a bit archaic.

FOR TOP TWENTY COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN AND TOP TWENTY STATES OF RESIDENCE:OCT. 1996

ESTIMATED ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT POPULATION

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN		POPULATION	STATE OF RESIDENCE	POPULATION
All countries		5,000,000	All states	5,000,000
1	Mexico	2,700,000	California	2,000,000
2	El Salvador	335,000	Texas	700,000
3	Guatemala	165,000	New York	540,000
4	Canada	120,000	Florida	350,000
5	Haiti	105,000	Illinois	290,000
6	Philippines	95,000	New Jersey	135,000
7	Honduras	90,000	Arizona	115,000
8	Poland	70,000	Massachusetts	85,000
9	Nicaragua	70,000	Virginia	55,000
10	Bahamas	70,000	Washington	52,000
11	Colombia	65,000	Colorado	45,000
12	Ecuador	55,000	Maryland	44,000
13	Dominican Republico	50,000	Michigan	37,000
14	Trinidad & Tobago	50,000	Pennsylvania	37,000
15	Jamaica	50,000	New Mexico	7,000
16	Pakistan	41,000	Oregon	3,000
17	India	33,000	Georgia	2,000
18	Dominica	32,000	District of Columbia	30,000
19	Peru	30,000	Connecticut	29,000
20	Korea	30,000	Nevada	24,000
	Other	744,000	Other	330,000

Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Seasons

from the staff the great



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The Singer Company grew and by 1908 built the first skyscraper in New York City, which was the tallest building in the world at that time.

Even though Singer closed its doors in 1982 the doors to the building reopened to accommodate a slew of businesses and the area is bustling once again.

The building is center to redevelopment projects that includes housing, a marina, the Jersey Gardens Mall and

waterfront port. The size and grandeur of the Singer building is well worth a trip to the port. It is a symbol of the industrial revolution and stands like a museum of manufacturing ingenuity.



(above) Charlie Babela, property manger since 1978, replaced his father who retired as the previous manager. Mike Gugulski works with Charlie in the office, and Willie Rabb who is the boiler and maintenance man. Willie has the distinction of working at the factory the longest. He has been maintaining the building's seven boilers since 1968.

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people throughout this area of Elizabeth, and adding Benny's name to this retail outlet was a tribute not only to the an but to his memory within the community.

Benny's Big Variety Retail Outlet is just what its name states. They carry a big variety of merchandise from name brand clothing or men, women and children to kitchen utensils such as bedding, towels, linens, kitchen sets, bath sets, etc.... This store is located on street level and the white storefront facade is smack in the middle of this monstrous brick building, once the old Singer Factory. What makes their items such a savings, is the fact that it all comes right from within this building so no middle man or shipping costs are carried over to their customers. This allows them to offer even bigger bargains to their shoppers.

(left, l-r) Anthony Profetta owner of Benny;s Big Variety Retail Outlet helps customer Lucero Soto try on a jacket as her fashion consultant Miriam Quispe advises her.

The store is named in honor of Anthony's wife's grandfather, Benny Babela who owned a butcher shop in the area until the turnpike construction claimed his property. He then took his business on the road, literally, peddling food and housewares from a cart.

DIRECTIONS

Benny's is located at 107 Trumbull Street. From the center of Elizabeth, head East on Grand Street (towards Newark Bay in the direction of the Jersey Gardens Mall). Grand Street will become Trumbull Street. Benny's Big Variety Retail Outlet is located on the left hand side across from 1st Street in the old Singer Building. On street parking is allowed. The store front is still waiting for its awning.





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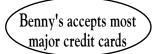
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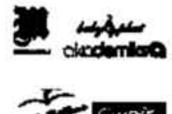
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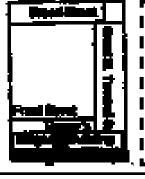
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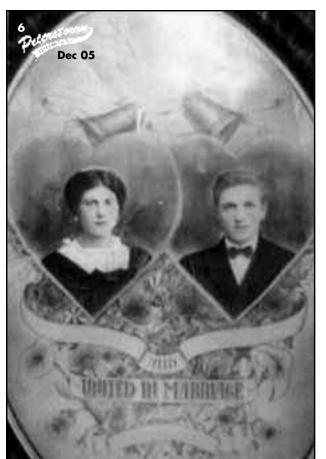






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(above) This certificate commemorates the 1914 marriage of Luigi and Nicolina Santillo at St. Anthony's Church in Elizabeth.

(right) Alfred Santillo, in the 1960s in his bakery located at 639 South Broad Street in Elizabeth.



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In 1912 Luigi left Naples, Italy and headed for the promise of a better life in America. He worked hard and saved enough money in a year to send for his future wife, Nicolina (Adelene) Fasano, and his younger brother, Nicola (Nick) Santillo.

In 1913, Nicolina and Nicola left Telese, Italy then sailed from Naples and settled in Elizabeth, NJ as Luigi and other relatives had done. Approximately one year later Nicolina and Luigi were married at St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church.

They began their new life together and had their first child, Joseph, in 1915. Helen, Angelina, Sophie, Sam, Marietta and Alfred completed their family by

Luigi and Nicolina worked hard to achieve their American dream and by 1920 he had built and was proprietor of Santillo's Bakery which was located at 407 Fourth Avenue in Elizabeth.

Luigi's youngest son, Alfred, and his wife Dolores followed in his dad's tradition and continued making delicious Italian food. The bread was delivered to many customers in Elizabeth and to nearby towns as well.

Alfred and Dolores had seven children, Elaine was the first born and then Denise, Noreen, Alfred, Alison, twins Adelene and Marlane, and Vincent completed their family in 1962.

The bakery was a family effort. Everyone worked in the business after school and on the weekends. At times, we couldn't go out until all our prep work was done in the bakery! It was a busy place, bread in the a.m., pizza in

I have fond memories of delivering bread with my twin sister Marlane and brother Vincent. Our dad would give us a box full of oven fresh bread that we would put in our red wagon to sell in the neighborhood, munching on hot bread along the way. We got a nickel or a dime for each loaf we sold.

Alfred Jr. became the third generation of pizza makers and continues the tradition today. As a youngster he couldn't keep his hands out of the dough. Al and his wife Lorraine are carrying on the family's legacy with Santillo's Brick Oven Pizza located at 630 South Broad Street in Elizabeth.





(right, 1-r) Sam, Helen, Joe, Adelene Alfred and Sophie



(above, 1-r) Luigi, Alfred and Nicolina



(above) Nick and his wife



(above) Angelina and Sophie



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To honor our mother a young Norway Spruce was given to the family by Krowicki and McCracken Funeral home. In June, family members came in from Florida and joined their family in my home in Basking Ridge, NJ to plant the tree.

Each of the family members made their favorite dish of food that mom used to make. Everyone reminisced as they ate, laughed and cried. A beautiful day of remembrance was shared and the tree is growing well.

The Sanitillo family would like to thank the staff at Krowicki and McCracken Funeral Home for being so kind, thoughtful and helpful to our family during such a difficult time.







(above, l-r) Alfred and Dolores Santillo on their wedding day, March 25, 1944.

(above left, back l-r) Dolores and Alfred with thier children Elaine, Denise, (middle)Alfred Jr., Alison, Adelene, Marlane, and Vincent.

(left, 1-r) Alfred Sr., Vincent, Adelene, Natura, Nicky, Julinian, Laney, Marlene, Noreen, Toni, Lorelle, Elaine, Christina, Alison, Stasi. Nick and Melissa also attended.

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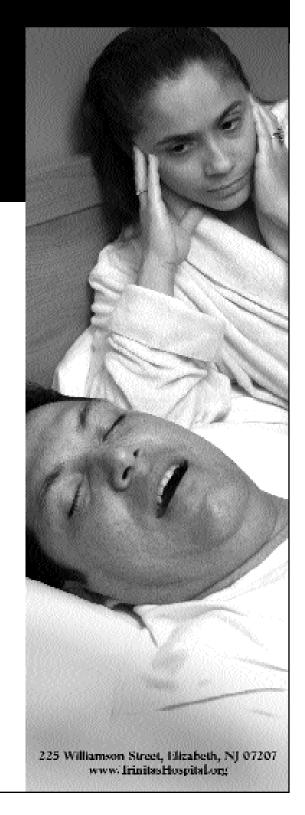
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TERRORISM IN THE NAME OF ISLAM

Submitted by Mohammad Javed Abbasi

As a Muslim, I am so humiliated of what is happening. I must say, enough is enough. When would these so called Muslims discontinue their callous acts? I hope and pray that it will be soon. The future of our children and nation is in danger.

Why should innocent people have to suffer? It is such an embarrassment when nations are attacked by a group of evil minded so called Muslims. These ridiculous few cause millions of peaceful Muslims humiliation and anguish. These Muslim terrorists are burning their own houses and cutting their own legs. After 9/11, I think the repute of Muslims and Islam would always be questioned.

The attacks on 9/11, will always be remembered and embedded as part of our history. The cruel action caused damage and pain to this peaceful nation. That pain will linger in our lives and minds for many, many years to come.

These terrorist are laying blame on others for their own destruction. They blame the United States, England and other civilized western nations. On the contrary, it is the Muslim terrorists who are responsible for these ghastly bombings and Muslims do not accept the responsibility. Getting respect and trust from any community is improbable considering all the bombings and suicide missions that have taken place.

It is said in the Koran, the Muslim Holy book, that those are not Muslims from whom all others, irrespective of their religions, are not safe. The Koran also says that those who disturb and harm their neighbors will never go to paradise.

In Pakistan, Islam is being preached by bigoted Muslim fundamentalists in an unconstructive method, and the innocent and mostly illiterate people are fooled in the name of Islam. Islam completely prohibits killing someone or committing suicide, these acts are unquestionably against the religion.

Religious schools (Madrassas) in Pakistan are generating Taliban and suicide bombers to destroy themselves and innocent people. On one side the Pakistani government is fighting against terror with full capability and on the other side our Madrassas are creating fundamentalist and suicide jihad bombers. Religious leaders and Islamic pundits are misleading the innocent people by saying if they kill in the name of Islam they will go to heaven. Those types of religious schools are dangerous and should be closed down permanently.

There are irrational people in every nation. The bombings in London were carried out by Pakistani's descendants. This does not mean that all Pakistanis are to be held liable. This immoral act was carried out by a group of ruthless individuals and has humiliated all Pakistanis and peaceful Muslims. Pakistan, like

New Patients only

There are billions of Muslims around the world. There are also thousands of these callous and repulsive Jihad suicide bombers. It is crucial that we unite against these evil doers and topple their empire to point zero with no tolerance or recuperating.

Disrupting the Taliban, Al Qaida and adjoining cells is only the beginning of a journey to a better future. We must understand that this is not simple. Confronting terrorist takes much planning, intelligence and determination. Living in fear is worse than death itself and no one should have to do so.

President Bush was absolutely right in removing Sadaam Hussein from his malicious dominance of Iraq. He must also be commended for disrupting the Taliban. People must be cognizant about the fact that keeping troops in Iraq and Afghanistan is imperative. Should the troops be withdrawn from these areas, the terrorist will be victorious and be at leisure to continue their reign of terror. Pressuring the President to totally withdraw from Iraq will only give the terrorist a safe haven to recruit, plan and execute their evil and monstrous deeds.

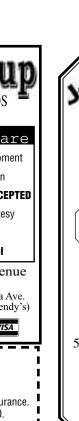
Terrorists are evil and cruel masterminds trying to hinder the peaceful living of the civilized nations. President Bush and his allies should be appreciated and supported in their goal to find, capture and kill terrorist leaders. They are doing an exceptional job to end terrorism and bring peace to the world.

Muslims ought to be thankful to the western nations for the astounding support they gave during the Tsunami catastrophe and the earthquake in Pakistan. May God open the eyes of those vindictive Muslims for they are the black fishes in our society. How long will these cruel and evil acts continue? How long will rewriters of Islam use the name of Islam to exploit innocent people? Something must be done to preserve our future, not only Muslims but all peace loving and law abiding people.

I would personally like to salute our troops who are serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and other parts of the world. My prayers and condolences go out to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Democracy is rising in many parts of the world and is continuing to lead to new possibilities. Terrorists are on the run and their reign of terror will come to an end. America took a stand and vowed to combat terrorism and strive for peace for everyone.

I am proud to be a Pakistani and a Muslim. Myself and millions of Muslims all over the world believe in peace and are put to shame by terrorism. My heart goes out to all those victims and families of 9/11, and the Madrid and London bombings. May God bless and protect us now and always. God bless the USA, and every nation who strives for peace and happiness for all.





Expiration 2/15/06.



MEET A NEW IMMIGRANT

Mohammad Javed Abbasi immigrated to the United States in 1996. He successfully applied for political asylum in 1997 and interviewed for a green card in 1999. He was granted a green card as a permanent resident in 2003 and is now waiting to fulfill his dream of becoming a US citizen.

Abbasi, known as Jay to the customers of Optima Cigar Store on the corner of Westfield Avenue and Berwyn Street in his home town of Roselle Park, is already an integral part of the community. Jay was active in his community in Pakistan and would like to continue his community service here in America. As a citizen he hopes to become much more involved.



Mohammad Javed Abbasi





(above) This signed photo from President George HW Bush was sent to Abbasi when he was still living in Pakistan. Abbasi wrote the president from his home country.

(above) This year Abbasi received a holiday greeting from President George W. Bush and his wife Laura in response to a letter he sent to the White House.

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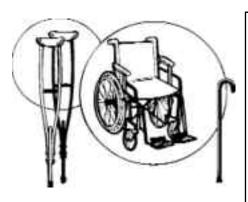
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DOVETAILS TAKES A PLACE IN CRANFORD HISTORY

Jean Pascarella has moved her store, Dovetails, to 3 Eastman Street in Cranford. The store sells an eclectic array of artifacts, antiques, gifts and accessories., a little something of interest for everyone. Jean has been accumulating and selling her odds and ends since 1995 when she first opened her shop at 6 Eastman Street, just across North Avenue from her new local.

Jean finds a lot of her stuff at house sales. Coordinating house and estate sales is one of the services she offers. If someone is looking for something in particular, Jean is usually successful in finding it. Her clientele range from professional designers to amateur decorators. She also gets her fair share of people who just enjoy browsing. The inventory at Dovetails seems to change daily.

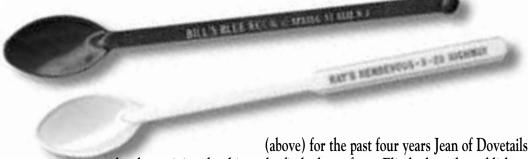
Her new location is situated next to the train trestle in the downtown area under the signature clock that sits in the middle of an inviting plaza. Her next door neighbor is a popular coffee shop named Rockin Joe's, formerly Cafe Rock. The two businesses complement each other and share a similar attitude of being non-pretentious and inviting to regular folk.

Personally Jean is very community oriented and gets involved with many worthwhile causes. The way she runs her business is reminiscent of "the old days" when people were not just customers but friends and neighbors. It's refreshing to see places like Dovetails thriving. They offer a balance to the impersonal sterile environment that many corporate owned businesses bring to downtowns.

(left, top, middle bottom) The vintage photos are from a collection at Dovetails. They depict the building where the store is now located. Formally called the Miller Building, it was built in 1914. The top photo is from 1928. Dovetails occupies what was formally the corner candy store and the tailor shop.

The middle photo is a shot from a similar vantage point two years later, after the train line was elevated. There are wonderful details in both photos that speak to the aspects of living in that era.

The bottom photo was recently taken from the plaza that sits just in front of the Miller Building. Peaking over the top of the train trestle is a parking garage that is currently under construction.



has been giving the things she finds that refer to Elizabeth to the publishers of this newspaper. The most recent entries into the collection are stirring spoons from Ray's Rendezvous which was located on Route 28 and Bill's Blue Room located on Spring Street.

Jean also was responsible for finding the Luigi Santillo's Certificate of Naturalization that appears on the front cover of this issue.



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BUSINESS IS BREWING FOR ROCKIN' JOE

Rockin' Joe's opened in 1993 under the name of Cafe Rock. It was the brain child of Kevin Brennan, a dream of sorts that would allow him to do what he loved and be his own boss. Even though many considered the success of a cafe a long shot, Brennan didn't. He knew there were risks involved, he started with no capital and having a partner was never a consideration. The one thing that tipped the scales in his favor was his vision.

Rockin' Joe's predates Starbuck's move to the east coast in 1996. Brennan spent some time in California in the late 80's and saw the success that cafe's were having out there. He thought in no time that they would be making their way to Jersey.

Brennan applied his knowledge of food and management to develop a coffee shop that he would feel comfortable hanging out in. The image of coffee shops was not very inviting to him, or anyone he knew. Most were stuffy and dark with candles and old books dominating the decor that featured old furniture. Patrons, seemingly to always be dressed in black, were subdued.

Kevin was looking for something way different than that. He designed his place with bright modern fixtures and comfortable new furniture. His store front is made of glass panels that allow the sunlight in, and open to warm weather and sidewalk seating. Brennan's love for music is central to his planning. The walls of his cafe are full of album cover art from his personal collection, mostly classic rock. He also has other memorabilia like gold records hanging here and there. And the music piped over the sound system reflects his taste, which is nothing depressing.

The atmosphere at Rockin' Joe's is just half the attraction, the other half is the fine selection of coffee, drinks, food and deserts. The menu is out of the ordinary. Brennan insists on quality and avoids typical fare. He also didn't want to give people sticker shock. Some

places think that because they are a cafe that they can charge twice the going rate for a slice of cheesecake.

Brennan did what he set out to do, he made a place that he and his friends would like to hang out in, and it has paid off. He felt he knew what would work in this area. Kevin lives in Cranford but grew up in Union and attended St. Genevieve's Grammar School in the Elmora section of Elizabeth. His cafe attracts people, young and old, from all over Union County. Some use the cafe to meet on the way out for the evening while others make it their after dinner rendezvous. Many choose Rockin' Joe's as the place to dine on light meals for lunch or supper.

The success of the past 12 years has launched Brennan into the second phase of business. In March of 2003, he had the idea to franchise the business. The idea actually stemmed from him getting so many offers to buy his Cranford shop. After two years of legal mumbo jumbo, the least of which resulted in a name change, Brennan is now soliciting interested buyers.

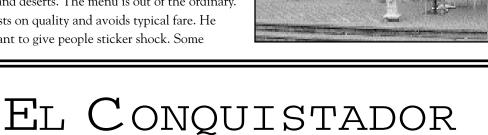
After receiving over 150 inquiries, Kevin is poised to launch two more stores. He offers the franchise owners a turn key solution to operating what is a proven successful system. Kevin can still enjoy his independence while the franchise owners can realize their dreams.

(above) Owner of Rockin' Joe, Kevin Brennan, sits in cafe adorned with Rock & Roll artifacts.

(left, 1-r) The store fronts of Dovetails and Rockin' Joe located on Eastman Street in Cranford.

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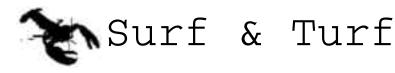
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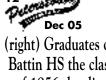
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(right) Graduates of Battin HS the class of 1956 that lived in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth.





























Pauline Bellero and Lucille Disano recently travel from New Jersey to Florida and visited their friend, Florence Evangelista. The three women have been. They grew up in the Peterstown Section of Elizabeth and were classmates in school, graduating in 1956. Their conversations inevitably turned to reminiscing about their glory days in Battin High School and what became of whom. The discussion also realized that 2006 is the fiftieth anniversary of their graduation.

Though the woman were instrumental in planning their fortieth class reunion, they are hoping someone will coordinate a reunion next year. During their visit Pauline and Lucille got to read the October issue of Around About Peterstown, which Florence subscribes to, and came up with the idea to use the paper as a way to celebrate their milestone.

Florence gave Lucille a copy of their yearbook to reprint in the paper. She actually purchased two year

















































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books when she graduated, one she used to collect notes from her classmates who wrote across many of the photographs, and one she kept in pristine

Many of the classmates do keep in touch and the women hope that the article in this paper will stimulate a flurry of phone calls that will result in a get

Of the 342 graduates, over 80 attended the 40th reunion. If an official reunion does not materialize Lucille, Pauline and Florence can see small casual dinners being arranged. Anyone interested in coordinating a reunion is welcome to promote it in the future issues of this paper. Send emails to Joerenna@joerenna.com

(below) Graduates from Battin High School's class of 1956 at their 40th reunion held in 1995.



(above, 1-r) Florence Evangelista and Pauline Bellero



(above, standing, 1-r) Nalda Rosetti, Florence Evangelista, Lena Toso, Katherine Kertesz, Anita Capobianco, Arlene Lucey, (seated) Marie Lombardo, Lucille Disano from their 40th class reunion held in 1995.



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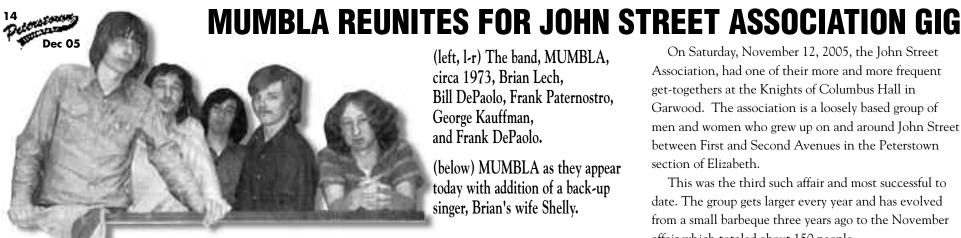
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(left, 1-r) The band, MUMBLA, circa 1973, Brian Lech, Bill DePaolo, Frank Paternostro, George Kauffman, and Frank DePaolo.

(below) MUMBLA as they appear today with addition of a back-up singer, Brian's wife Shelly.

On Saturday, November 12, 2005, the John Street Association, had one of their more and more frequent get-togethers at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Garwood. The association is a loosely based group of men and women who grew up on and around John Street between First and Second Avenues in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth.

This was the third such affair and most successful to date. The group gets larger every year and has evolved from a small barbeque three years ago to the November affair which totaled about 150 people.

By all accounts everyone had a wonderful time. Some of this year's attendees came from as far away as Texas and Nevada.

The highlight of this year's event was a reunion of the one and only John Street band, MUMBLA, featuring George Kauffman, lead vocals; Shelly Lech, background vocals; Bill DePaolo, bass; Brian Lech, lead guitar; Frank Paternostro, percussion; and Frank DePaolo, rhythm guitar.

The band, formed in the early seventies, played from their early catalogue featuring tunes from the Beatles, Cat Stevens, David Bowie and CCR. They also played material from some new sets they worked on specifically for the fall celebration which included tunes by U-2 and Bruce Springsteen. The band's 90 minute performance was a huge success.

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any similarity between Shelly and Yoko Ono is strictly coincidental.



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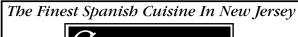
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DAVE ALEN EYES TOP DOG SPOT AT THE APOLLO

On Wednesday, November 30, 2005, 19 year old Dave Alen, from Elizabeth, wooed the crowd at the famous Apollo Theater in the Harlem district of New York City and took first prize in their armature competition. Dave won the crowd over with a heartfelt rendition of the Doobie Brothers' "Long Train Running".

Alan made it to the Apollo after winning a local "Plainfield Idol" competition judged by Apollo employees. The Plainfield, NJ competition awarded Alan with a \$1,000 first prize and a recording contract. The invite to the Apollo was icing on the cake.

The prestige of the Apollo stage is top shelf. The legendary acts who graced the stage can resonate in the gilded rafters. For Alan, or any performer for that matter, it was like a dream to be playing there.

There was another aspect of the Apollo that made playing there a bit more nerve racking, and that was the presence of a demanding and sometimes raucous audience. It is the audience who make or break the act. They even have the power to give performers the hook, literally. Jeers from the crowd prompts the Executioner out from the wings to scoot the performer off stage in a way that doesn't consider the sensitivity of the performer. The night Alan played the two acts before him were swept off.

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By winning that night Alan got invited back to the next level of competition. On December 14, he will be competing in the "Top Dog" showdown, a step to the "Super Top Dog" finale. 🎏

Learn more about Dave at www.davealen.com

Joe Montes is booking a bus for anyone interested in going to the Apollo to see his cousin Dave perform at the Apollo on Wednesday night. The bus will leave from Tavern in the Park, which is now under renovations, on Westfield Avenue in Roselle Park at about 5:00 pm.

Anyone interested can give Joe a call at 908-447-3439.





(above) Dave Alen in the Green Room at the Apollo. The photo was taken by his cousin Joe Montes.

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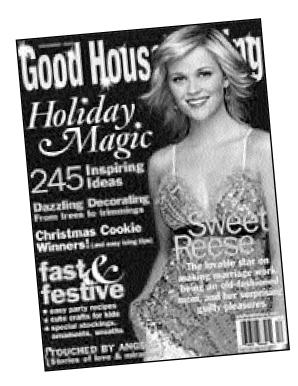
Recipes

Submitted by Lori Puhak (nee Ricci)

This issues recipes were submitted by reader, Lori Puhak of Cranford, NJ. Lori came to Cranford by way of an Italian neighborhood in Chester, PA, where her grandmother, Vincenza Ricci settled when she came from Caserta, Italy in 1919. The Calciunettes recipe was one that her grandmother made every Christmas.

Lori got the Biscotti recipe from mother-in-law, Dolores Puhak. Dolores, nee Sidari, whose family was from Calabria, Italy, also grew up in an Italian neighborhood in Pennsylvania. Dolores made these Biscotti every Christmas. She tints the frosting light blue, yellow or pink. Lori calls them Biscotti (not really) because they aren't the traditional recipe but very good anyway!

Lori Puhak "developed" her recipe for pignoli cookies after she saw her husband eat over 1/2 lb in two minutes while waiting in line at a bakery. Lori submitted her recipe to Good Housekeeping's 2005 cookie contest. Out of over 1,000 entries the publishers tested 100 recipes and out of those chose 10 finalists Lori's pignoli recipe finished in 5th place behind the grand prize winner and 4 runner ups. 🎏



(above) December 2005 issue of Good Housekeeping announced the winners of their Christmas cookie contest including Lori Puhak of Cranford, NJ.



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Calciunettes

FILLING INGREDIENTS

1 can chestnut puree

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1 can drained and pureed chick peas

4 oz bar German chocolate (grated)

3/4 cup toasted chopped almonds

1/2 cup candied peel (lemon, orange or citron) chopped

1 cup honey

4 tbsp rum

1 tsp nutmeg

FILLING PREPARATION:

Blend all ingredients together and refrigerate for 2 days.

PASTRY INGREDIENTS

9 cups flour

4 eggs

1 cup olive oil

1 cup water

1 cup white wine

PREPARATION:

- 1) Place flour in a mound and make a well in the center
- 2) Place eggs, water, wine and olive oil in the well
- 3) Work flour from sides into center mixing gradually until you have firm dough
- 4) Knead until smooth, use a pasta machine or rolling pin and roll into thin sheet
- 5) Cut into circles with a large cookie cutter (about 2" diameter)
- 6) Place small amount of filling in center, fold dough over and press or fork firmly
- 7) Deep fry until golden and drain
- 8) Sprinkle with powdered sugar

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Pignoli Cookies

INGREDIENTS

8 oz almond paste

2 egg whites, slightly beaten

1/2 cup powder sugar

1/2 cup granulated sugar

1/4 cup flour

1 cup pignoli Pinch of salt

Finalist in Good lousekeeping's Cookie contest!

PREPARATION:

- 1) Preheat oven to 325
- 2) Break up almond paste Beat in egg whites at low speed until smooth
- 3) Add sugar and mix well
- 4) Add flour and salt and mix well (If dough is sticky place in refrigerator for 20 minutes)
- 5) Pinch off pieces of dough (smaller than a walnut) dip into pignoli and place on greased cookie sheets
- 6) Bake for 20-25 minutes until lightly golden

Biscotti (not really)

INGREDIENTS

4 eggs

1/3 cup sugar

1/2 cup olive oil 1 tsp anise seed

3 cup flour

2 tsp baking powder

PREPARATION:

- 1) Preheat 325
- 2) Beat eggs and sugar until fluffy
- 3) Mix remaining ingredients in separate bowl
- 4) Add ingredient mixture to egg/sugar mixture and mix
- 5) Bake for 15 minutes on a greased pan
- 6) Glaze with icing made from confectioner sugar/milk or frost with tinted icing



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The sensual performance challenged the 1950's norms for good taste and good sense. It was rumored that

Martha Graham saw the act and incorporated it into her next season's repitua. Miffed at being denied their rightful place as pioneers of modern dance, the group never danced again or ever spoke of that fateful evening.

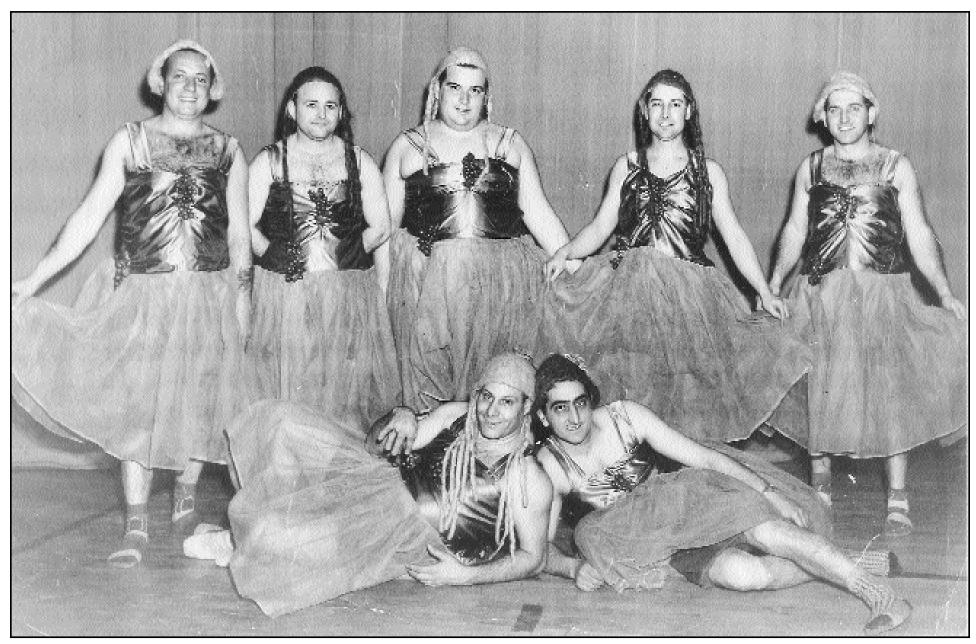
Truth be told, the dancers were members of the local Knights of Columbus who thought up this outrageous act in order to sell tickets to a show that raised money for the Church of the Assumption in Roselle Park. Needless to say there was standing room only.



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(above, sashaying l-r) Frank "Cappy" Caprino, Jake Rinaldo, Sam Collucci, John Mariano, and Al "Sonny" Samtillo. (reclining, l-r) Don Pisano and Tom Flammia, Sr.

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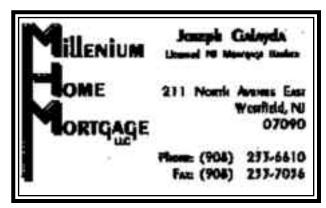
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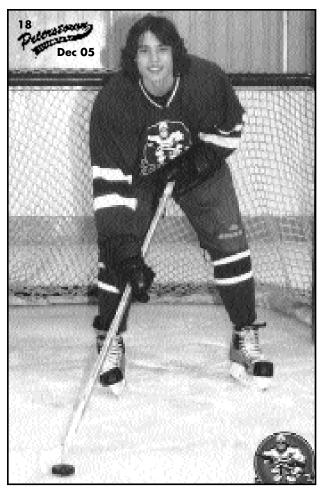
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(above) Joey Riccio is the son of Joseph and Susan Riccio formerly of Rankin St. in Elizabeth. Joseph is the former owner of Riccio's Tavern. Joey is also the nephew of Pat Riccio who was a former Elizabeth councilman.

JOEY RICCIO

Joey Riccio is 16 years old and a senior at Tarpon Springs High School. The straight "A" student plays hockey and scored 16 goals, with 13 assists, as a Junior in 2004. Joey also plays hockey for the famous travel hockey team the Tampa Bay Titans and competes in the 18 and Under AA Division.

The Titans won the state championship in Florida and advanced to the USA Regionals in Atlanta, Georgia where they won the Silver Sticks Southeast Championships. The Titans were one of 13 regional finalists champions who competed for the North America Championship in Sahof, Ontario, Canada. Riccio led the Titans in scoring with 26 goals and 22 assists in 46 games.

In 2004, Joey represented Team USA (15 and Under Division) and played in the International Championships in the Czech Republic.

RELOCATED LOCALS MAKE THEIR MARK IN FLORIDA

Submitted by corresponding reporter, Tom Renna, embedded in the Florida sports scene

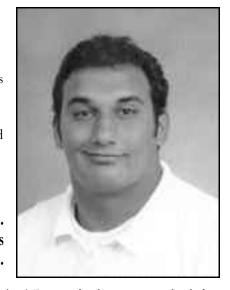
A new generation of outstanding athletes is sprouting up in the Palm Springs area of Florida who have roots in Peterstown, New Jersey. Although they were all born in Florida, the trio of young stars show the smarts from playing street ball and the skills that come from playing the sand lots of Elizabeth, NJ. The talent must be genetic. 🗱

ALEX DINELLI

Alex Dinelli turned 16 in October 2005. He is a Sophomore at East Lake H.S. in Palm Harbor, FL, where he wrestled in the heavyweight division as a Freshman and had a 9-1 record including 9 pins. Currently, Alex is 2-0 in his second season.

Alex also started on both offense and defense, as an offensive guard and defensively at inside tackle, on the Junior Varsity Football Team. He recorded 60 tackles, 13 solo tackles and 6 1/2 QB sacks. East Lake's offensive game plan was centered on running the ball through the gapping holes created by # 78, Alex Dinelli. 🎏

(right) Alex is the son of Frank and Michelle (nee-Signorelli) Dinelli. Alex's Dad played defense back at Westfield H.S., class of 1972. Alex is the nephew of Sal Signorelli and the grandson of the late Ozzie Signorelli.



(below) Diaz as freshman quarterback for the Palm Harbor U. Hurricanes.

ANTHONY DIAZ

Anthony Diaz is a 14 year old Freshman at Palm Harbor University High School in Florida. Besides being a "A" student, Anthony is an outstanding athlete.

Anthony started on the Varsity Football Team as a quarterback and will be starting baseball in the spring.

His stats as a QB are as impressive as his senior counterparts: 6 TDs, 1 interception, 25 completions out of 43attempts, 315 passing yards, rushing for 150 yards on 18 carries with 2 rushing TDs.

Anthony played over 100 baseball games this year in AAU (14 under) and various Pinellas County Recreational leagues. He is a left handed Pitcher and Center fielder who is a switch-hitting lead-off batter.

Anthony traveled to Kansas City to play with the "Young Guns" of Tampa Bay in the National Championships.

Anthony is coached by his father Carlos Diaz, an Elizabeth native who had an impressive sports career in his own rite. He was a graduate of St. Hedwigs Grammar School and played baseball for St. Mary's High School, class of 1982 (Elizabeth, NJ).

He attended Oklahoma State University, class of 1986, where he was the starting catcher in 4 college world series. Carlos played professional ball as a catcher for the Toronto Blue Jays. 🛣



(left) Anthony Diaz shows his form on the baseball diamond.

Quote from the Times newspaper in Palm Harber after Diaz led the team to an impressive victory over the East Lake Eagles: "We've been struggling all year with injuries. (Diaz) was tough. He is so mature beyond his years. I can't say enough about him." - Palm Harbor coach Dustin Bengston.



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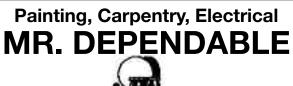
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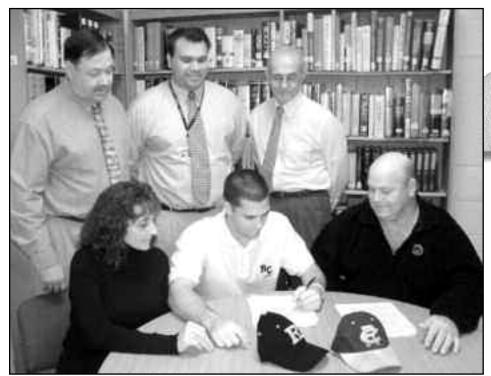
Roselle Catholic senior Nick Nolan, who led the school in 2005 to its first Union County Tournament title in 34 years, signed a National Letter of Intent to attend and play baseball at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.

Roselle Catholic went 24-8 and reached the NJSIAA Non-Public A, North Jersey final where it bowed to No. 1-ranked Seton Hall Prep. That defeat was the only blemish on Nolan's record for the season.

The right-hander finished 9-1 and allowed eight earned runs for a 0.75 ERA.He struck out 79 and walked 20 in 58 2/3 innings. Nolan, who also plays basketball at RC, batted a team-high .420 with five doubles, two triples, three homers, 21 RBI and 18 runs.

Nolan was the 2005 Union County Player of the Year, 2nd team all state. Roselle Catholic won team of the year in Union County by the Star-Ledger.

Also playing for RC was Anthony DeRosa who played left field. He is now a freshman at Kean University.



OTHER ATHLETES ALSO PLAYING IN THEIR SENIOR YEARS



Dennis Doyle, President of the New Jersey Senior Golf League and Co-Captain of the Oak Ridge Senior Golf Team in Clark, presented a trophy and plaque to Captain Tom Chin on behalf of the players for winning the spring and summer divisions. Oak Ridge was also the Grand Champion.



(above, kneeling, I-r) Dom Secatello and Rich Krick; Center row: Dennis Doyle and Tom Chin, holding trophy; Rear row: Ellis Hester, Jim Gillooly, Bruce LaFleur, Bob Hahn, Bill O'Brien and Ernie Grant; missing from the photo are: Larry Malin, Frank Martelli, Young Kim, Joe Rubino, Jim Washington, Lew Mingo and Frank McGuire.

(left, standing, 1-r) Roselle Catholic Baseball Coach, Joe Kropa; Athletic Director Joe Skrec and Assistant Coach John Schmitt look on as Senior Nick Nolan signs his National Letter of Intent to attend and play baseball at Rutgers University, Nick's parents, Diane and Nick Nolan of Linden look on approvingly. Diane, nee Migliaccio, grew up around Peterstown and attended St. Anthony's Grammar School.

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(above, l-r) Chairpersons for the anniversary dinner dance were Lina Chirichillo, Maria Pavese, Maria Crincoli and Maria Chirichillo Ippolitto.

(above, 1-r) Valletese Ladies Society president, Jo Piga presents Mary (Maricondi) Mazza with roses and accolades.



GREETINGS FROM A VALLETESE IN FLORIDA

Minnie Riccio was the President of the Vallatese Ladies Society Club in Elizabeth for many years before moving to Florida in 1994. Also living in Florida are Minnie's sons Joseph and Patrick, and her daughter, Judy Stallone. Her brother Whitey Maracondi and wife Lucy also live close by.

Minnie is the proud grandparent of three boys, Russell Stallone, Joey Riccio and Charlie Stallone. A current picture of Joey, now a high school senior, can also be seen on page 18, along with a write-up about his athletic accomplishments.

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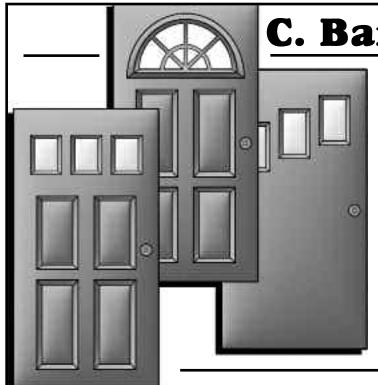
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The growing senior population has sparked a growth in senior clubs and many seniors take advantage by participating in multiple groups. The number of clubs has caused some to dwindle because members may find a new center closer to where they live. Some clubs merge while others just disband when the core members have moved away or can not attend any longer.

These clubs have a rejuvenating effect on the seniors that attend. Their meetings are filled with excitement and activities. There are some seniors who suffer from loneliness and could benefit from a daily dose of companionship. They may not know of any groups near them or have transportation to get there. Some just need

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(above) The Senor Citizen Club of Immaculate Conception Chruch (standing, 1-r) May Wood, Dot Cole, Annie Conti, Pam Monteleone, Ann Turdik, Kay Jackowski, Noella Gillespie, Jo Geisler, Gloria M. Downey, Irene C. Mickulonis, Jo DeSimone. (seated, 1-r) Marge Haras, Edna Burke, Georgia Creanza, Mary Reinna, Joe Freitas, Elenor Jakubowski, Anna Marie Kitzler, Rose Kaplan, Helen Dobrowolski, Joseph Haras.



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devastation. I would ask all our readers at this time to be grateful to God for what we have and to set aside a small portion of their giving for our fellow Americans who have lost their homes and belongings this Christmas. I would also ask our readers to remember our soldiers who are serving our country in Iraq and Afghanistan. Let our prayers include them for they are our safe guard and our protection in these far off lands. Remember also the soldiers who have passed away defending our country.

I would also ask our readers to remember the victims of 9/11 and their families, who have suffered so much over the last five years.

Speaking of Real Estate! In the month of December a new project was approved in the City of Elizabeth on Pennsylvania Ave and Hand Pl. This project will be the first to be built along the North Avenue train station corridor. Residents will be able to live within 100 yards of the train station.

The condo project that is proposed will consist of 9 stories, indoor parking, a gym, a conference area, and an indoor pool. Units will vary in size between

Submitted by Justino Rosa

900-2100 sq feet. Some of the amenities will include balconies, 2 full baths, modern kitchens, storage rooms, dens, and family rooms. We hope that this will be a successful project and will change the fabric of Elizabeth forever.

On the horizon there are other projects planned for this area. Interstate Bakery will become a mall with national chain stores that will abut the Stop & Shop supermarket, which is presently located on the corner of Newark Ave and North Ave. In addition to this the developers are planning to construct 700 condo and loft units. There will also be indoor parking. This will be the only project of its kind where condo owners will be able to do all their shopping on site. If one of our readers choose to live there he or she will be able to walk to the supermarket, cleaners, restaurants, and to many nationally known chain stores without having to drive. The resident's of both Pennsylvania Ave and this project will be able to walk to the train and come and go without having to drive.

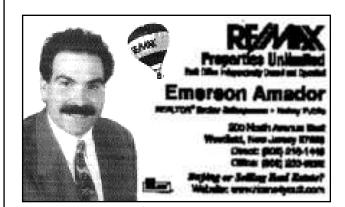
There will be no other city in New Jersey that will be able to provide these amenities to new residents. It's my personal opinion that this is a fantastic opportunity for both young and old to remain in the City of Elizabeth.

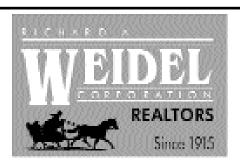
Residents will also be able to walk to the post office, to the park, to the school across the street, and to houses of worship all within a few blocks of these two projects. We foresee that these two projects will further increase the value of real estate in the City of Elizabeth.

The Feds are considering raising the rates again. We foresee this continuing into the spring. We are recommending to our readers that if they are considering purchasing a home they should do so now. What better gift than a new home?

Happy holidays to everyone!!!!







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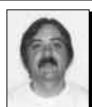
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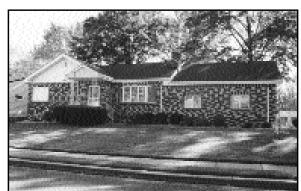
ELIZABETH - NEW LISTING PETERSTOWN-2FAM + WAREHOUSE IN REAR PERFECT FOR CONTRACT OR SELF EMPLOYED W/SMALL BUS 2 DRWYS FIN REC RM BEHIND GARAG HOME IS A NEWER 2F CONFR LOT



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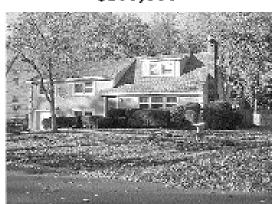
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