



ELIZ POLICE RANK 1ST IN STATE

Even with all the foibles that come with being a big city, Elizabeth maintains a police force second to none. It is difficult to quantify the quality of police officers but the NJ State Lieutenant test is one indication of how accomplished the men and women of EPD are. Five finished in the top seven, Sgt. Jim Sacca was number one.

Every three years the State of New Jersey's Department of Personnel issues a test to determine a police officer's eligibility for the rank of Lieutenant. The test is available to sergeants' statewide. Approximately 500 officers take the grueling test and then are ranked according to their scores. Sgt. Giacomo (Jim) Sacca of the Elizabeth Police Department finished first in the state with a score of 89.090.

This is a considerable accomplishment not only for Sacca but also for the department that he represents, 365 officers in all. Not only did Sacca score high but his fellow officers did extremely well also. The top five scores in Elizabeth would have been the number one score in any other town in New Jersey but two.

Twenty-one Elizabeth sergeants passed the test; the lowest score being 82.790, still a formidable score where 70 is passing. The success of the Elizabeth police officers this year is not an aberration either. They are consistently in the top ten finishers in the various tests administered by the state.

The material on the test is highly technical. The sergeants must know New Jersey Criminal Code (title 2c), Motor Vehicle Code (title 39), NJ Case Law, the Attorney General Guidelines, Juvenile Law (title 40a), Child Protection Laws (title 9), in addition to a management curriculum. The scope of the material goes to show the level of studying and preparation that the officers applied to their vocation. It shows a level of dedication to their jobs above what is required. Though there are training programs, the achievements are due in large part to personal conviction and fortitude. There is no better example of this than Sgt. Sacca.

Jim was born and raised in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ and for as far back as he could remember he wanted to be a police officer. His father John immigrated to America from S'eufamia, Calabria, Italy, in 1963. He left his wife Maria and their four children for six months until he could raise enough money to pay their way. In two years time he was able to purchase the home he was living in. Jim and Maria had two more children. Born in 1972, Jim was the youngest. He felt that being a police officer was a way to give back to the community and he would have a direct effect on keeping the city he loved safe and make it a good place for his family to live.

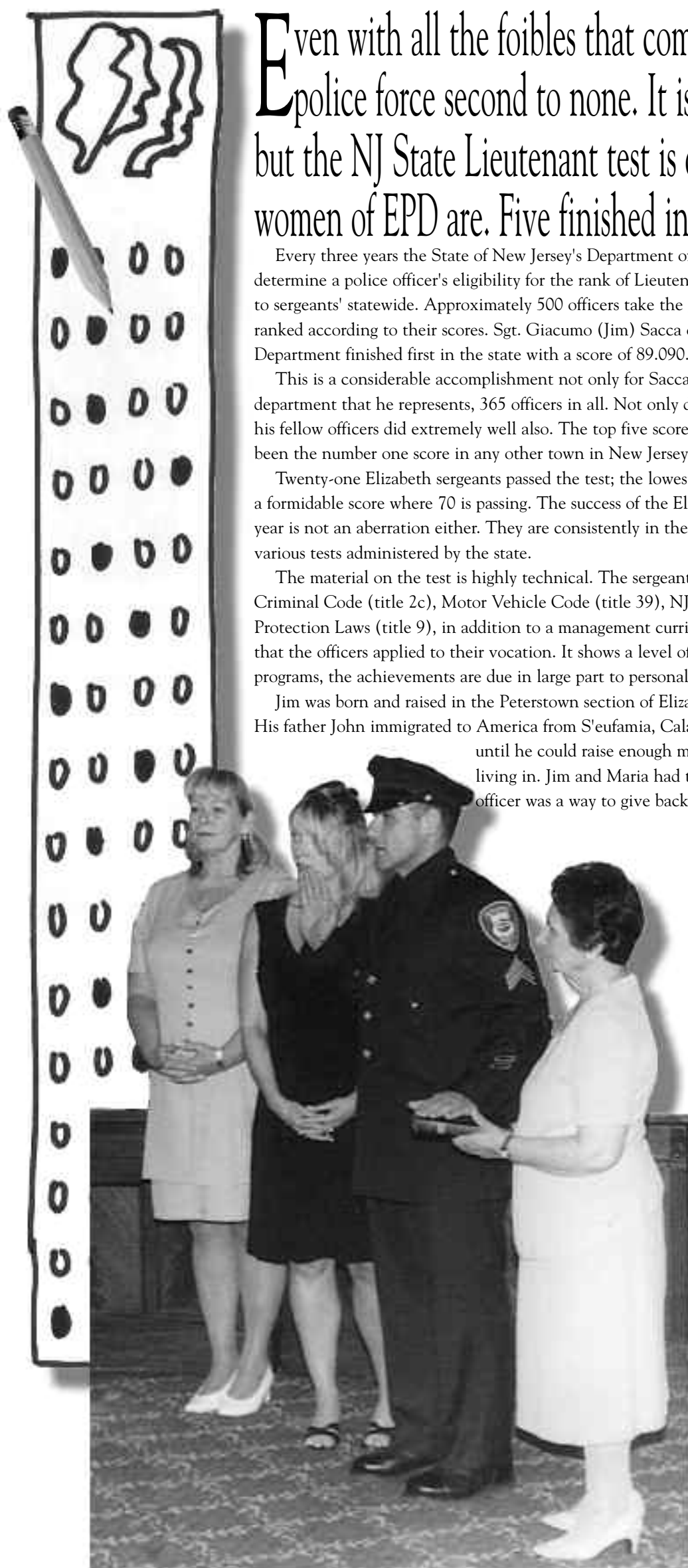
An amazing aspect of Jim's achievement is that he has no advanced degrees. He went to St Anthony's grammar school, across the street from his home on Third Avenue, and he graduated from Elizabeth High School. Like almost all the Sacca clan, after high school he went to work for his Uncle Jim who had a butcher shop next door. All along he dreamed of being on the police force and he never stopped studying. His father was a mason for the City of Elizabeth, both his parents taught themselves how to speak English and stressed to their children the virtues of a good education and work ethic. Jim is also bilingual.

Jim continued to study, took a few college classes, and when he was ready, enrolled in the police academy. He was sworn in and started his rookie year in 1995. Sacca spent four years patrolling midnights. In 1999 he was assigned to plain cloths and in 2005 was promoted to sergeant. He finished second in Elizabeth on that test.

Sgt. Sacca has been a member of the Emergency Service Unit since 2000. It is an all-purpose S.W.A.T. team that performs the duties that fall outside of the regular patrol officers, like Hostage Rescue and Hazardous Waste Incidents. The team of 32 officers is required to maintain a level of physical and intellectual preparedness for this duty and it requires a lot of self-sacrifice.

Jim works full-time in emergency service and is now training others. The younger officers could not have a better teacher, coach or mentor. His favorite quote is by E.M. Kelly, "The difference between a boss and a leader is a boss says, 'Go!' -a leader says, 'Let's go!' As a leader Sgt. Sacca is ensuring that future Elizabeth officers will continue to rank as the best. 🇺🇸

(left, r-l) Maria Sacca holds the bible for her son Jim as he is sworn in to accept the rank of Sergeant on the Elizabeth Police Department, with his wife, Rita and her mother Candy Vacante by his side.



(above, l-r) A very proud John Sacca with his son Giacomo at his graduation from the academy in 1995.

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President's Message



I would like to congratulate my cousin Jim Sacca on doing so well on his lieutenant test. Everyone who knows him is not the least bit surprised. I must tell you that he one

heck of a butcher too.

Our club had it's annual Super Bowl Party in the Cafeteria of St. Anthony's School. On behalf of the member of the Sons of Peterstown I would like to thank the Father Pat and the staff at St. Anthony's for their support.

I would also like to thank everyone who attended. Every year I say it could not be better and every year I am proven wrong. Not only was it a great party to be with friends, we saw one of the best Super Bowls in history. It being the Giants winning was sweet. It being the Patriots losing was even sweeter. If you wrote the story of this season and super bowl and took it to Hollywood, they would kick you out for being too unbelievable. .

Next year can not be better than this..
Thank you and God bless.

John Sacco, President

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Letters to the Editor



Joe,

My wife and I attended the St. Anthony's 80th Anniversary gala and I wanted to take a minute or two to compliment you on the wonderful brochure depicting the stained glass Stations of the Cross. It would have been great if it were boooklet size. It would really do justice to the magnificent windows, but that goes without saying. I know "It takes money" to do that.

I plan on calling the church to acquire some additional ones to give to friends and ex-parishioners that couldn't attend.

PS - My Italian wife always looks forward to reading your paper and getting the latest updates.

Thanks,
Ed Gwizdz
Union, NJ

Hi Joe,

Happy New Year. My family is from down the Burg. My grandfather is Frank "Zit" Skalitza & my grandma Mary "Favor" Skalitza. I'm sure you know most of my relatives. Anyway, I have been looking through old pictures from down the Burg from back in the day, specifically, the Italian Ice stand, "The Club" on 4th Ave, and places from my childhood.

I have a space in my home that I save for special memorabilia. In it I have old pictures of my grandparents at Monmouth Race Track with all old camara's and the family movie screen and projector sutrrounding them. I would love to get my hands on some old pictures of my favorite places that they took me to when I was little. Like Petrillo's Bakery or St. Anthony's Church.

I also want to let you know that I really enjoy reading "Around About Peterstown". Thanks for keeping it going.

Sincerely,
Francine (Skalitza) Campione
Rahway, NJ

Hi Joe,

It was good to see you at St. Anthony's 80th Gala on Saturday November 10, 2007. I liked what you did with the Stations of the Cross brochure using photos of the St A's windows. I've always loved those windows. We only got the one brochure in the program book we were allotted. Do you by chance have a few more you can mail to me. I'd really appreciate it.

Lina Belkewitch
Rahway, NJ

Hi Joe

Thanks so much for your publicity on the goings on of the Class of '52. We really appreciate all of your help in getting our group together.

I would like a bundle of the newspapers. I will be seeing my sister in Toms River and she knows lots of people from Elizabeth who are now living down there. Your paper seems to generate a lot of interest in her area. Previous copies of the paper were given to me from Toms River. They pass it around. You have a lot of fans (Including me.)

We are also going to another luncheon of the Reunion Committee...haven't decided when or where yet (at a restaurant) so I can give them out there.

Thanks again.
Happy New Year to you and your family.
Mo Moscato
Pennington, NJ

Dear Joe,

I am Bill Manhard, a native of Elizabeth. I sure enjoyed your article about the Knights of Columbus; I am a life member of Elizabeth Council 253 and a Past Grand Knight. I am also a life member of John Dawson Gilmary Shea Assembly, a past Faithful Navigator, and was a member of the Color Corps. I am also a member of Elizabeth Linden Lodge 289 Order of Elks. I am a Past Exalted Ruler and Past State Vice President.

As you can see I was very active but now I am in Delaire Nursing Home, Linden going on seven years. I am unable to walk, but I do have Power Chair. I am very active here with my computer & printers, digital camera and IPod. I am asking if the newsletter can be sent to me?

Thank you for your consideration and have a Happy & Healthy New Year.

Bill Manhardt
Linden, NJ 07036

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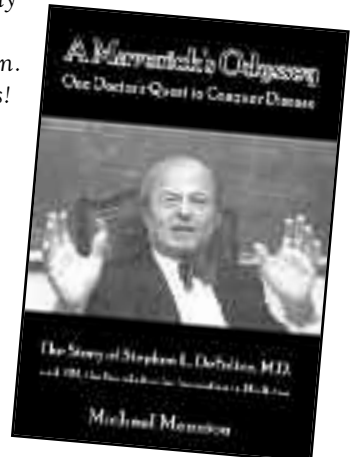
I would like to invite your readers to my book signing on February 23rd at the "16 Prospect" Wine Bar and Bistro in Westfield from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Books will be available for purchase and wine and light refreshments will be served.

The book is named A Maverick's Odyssey. It is a book about my foundation and my quest to conquer disease written by Michael Mannion.

We hope you will join us!

Dr. Stephen DeFelice,
Westfield, NJ

(right) Dr. DeFelice
is usually the author,
but is now the subject
of a book.



Hi,

My name is Angela Giraldo (nee Ali) and I am a subscriber of The Peterstown News. I was born and raised in Peterstown. I just bought my cousin, Jean Cina a subscription as well. Great paper!

I was wondering if you have an T-shirts with the Peterstown Logo on it. Not sweatshirts or hats or gloves 'cause I live in Florida! Appreciate it.

Keep up the good work.

Angela Giraldo
Palm City Fl

Dear Joe,

First I wanted to say what a wonderful job the paper did, and continues to do, in honoring Louie Marciante, Jr. I grew up around the corner from the Marciante Family and consider them close and dear friends and am touched by the coverage that the paper is giving. Thank you for that.

Next, I would like to ask for your assistance in helping another family originally from Elizabeth. Diana (Colonnello) Menzel grew up in Elizabeth and married her high school sweetheart, Gerard Menzel. Over the holidays she was diagnosed with stage IV Hodgkins Lymphoma Cancer. Because of the financial struggles the family has incurred, 'Friends of the Menzels' came together to organize a fund-raiser to help pay for their medical expenses. The benefit will take place on Sunday, March 9th from 3pm-7pm at the Kenilworth Veterans Hall. I was hoping that 'Around About Peterstown' would post the attached flyer to help reach those that 'Friends of Menzels' haven't been able to contact themselves, especially those that she worked with at August Arace & Sons, Inc on 3rd Ave in Peterstown.

Any help you can give would be appreciated.

Thank you,
Jim Rooney
Elizabeth, NJ

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everybody has one - this is mine - by Joe Renna

The value to Jim's story is that it may inspire other kids to pursue the same career path. Kids who grew up not much different than he did, a son or daughter of immigrant parents of modest income and growing up in a city with many distractions. He is the role model that parents should hold up to their children.

There is one aspect of promoting the arts that gets in my craw. It's the counter action to promotion. Not the critic necessarily but the protester. The sanctimonious sloths who try to censor the work of an artist or writer because they don't approve of the content.

I think writing a book is in itself is a great accomplishment. The author, Nick Gallicchio, should be commended. He was not groomed as a young lad to be a writer it is something he challenged himself to do and through hard work, he did. In fact this is the second book that he wrote. I can't see someone spending his or her time trying to knock the book because of its subject matter.

Not for nothin but I was watching Beauty and the Beast and at first I thought the story was far fetched but then some things started to look very familiar to me.

I remembered meeting this guy who was picking up a pizza in Spirito's and he saw me and my wife Tina and started to ask me questions. At first I thought it was odd, like an interrogation in a hostage situation. He was writing stuff down about how we met and if any magic

I remember when the Sopranos hit big the letters to the editors feigned disgust about how defamatory it was. One letter was from an Italian attorney from where I live in Cranford. This guy wrote that he was upset at how the show stereotyped Italians. I couldn't help but laugh to myself because this guy has government contracts and is one of the biggest crooks I know. Except he steals tax dollars through a pay-to-play scheme. Talk about organized crime!

I think guys like this like to see their names in the paper but have to do so on the backs of others who worked hard to put out a product, like the producers, writers and actors on the Soprano's, or maybe they just want to clear their consciences. I think perhaps they protest too much.

Maybe a protest or two directed at "Men Without Redemption" could boost sales. But Nick's not famous enough and the book isn't successful enough right now.

It's funny but there is a line that an artist crosses where he is so famous and successful that the same people who protested their earlier work honor them at banquets later, like Mario Puzo, Martin Scorsese and Bruno Sammartino.

There was a twist to the Soprano's saga in Elizabeth this past year. A local judge claimed he was do compensation from the show's creator, David Chase, because he allegedly gave Chase the ideas for the story lines based on his experience on the bench. A jury in federal court ruled unanimously in favor of Chase. Nick could only hope to be so lucky that he becomes so famous that some one wants a cut. 🍷🍷

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Not for Nothing But...

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censor of bad talent.

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spells were involved in us getting married.

I didn't think of that for years until I saw this movie and thought "Hey that's my story." I'm in the process of calling Roger Allers, the head writer, to find out if he ever had a large pie with peppers and onions from Spirito's. It should be worth a few grand. 🍕🍌

Happy Valentine's Day Tina. - I Love You, Joe



(above) Jim Sacca with his son Michael John and dog, Rudy Giuliani. No kidding, his dog's name is Rudy Giuliani. His son is named after St. Michael, the Patron Saint of Police Officers and his father John. Jim and his wife Rita have been married 12 years.

A heap of praise should be given to the sergeants of the Elizabeth Police Department for their outstanding effort in preparing for the the Lieutenants' exam.

All that knowledge is now being used on the job to protect and serve. 🚔

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(right, l-r)
Francisco and
Lucia Favato,
a.k.a.
Frank and
Lucy Favor.



(above, l-r) Vincent (Jimmy) Favor with mom and dad, Lucia and Frank in the kitchen of their home at 629 Fourth Avenue in Peterstown.

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The concern for Lucia and Francisco was not themselves but their children and they lived not for the present but for the future. Though they were not famous or celebrated they made the most valuable contribution to the world, their family.

Frank Favato was born in Italy on September 12, 1874. In America his name morphed into Frank Favor. He married Lucia Ricardelli on October 13, 1891 in New York City.

The favors moved to Peterstown and lived at 629 4th Avenue. There they had 18 children in which they raised 13 at this address. All the children were raised in this house. Belonged to St. Anthony's Church. Frank Favor worked on the barges down the port of Elizabeth, planted a huge garden on South 5th Street and made homemade wine on his wine press that was cemented into the basement of the house.

It wasn't uncommon to have children numbering into double digits. In those days children were not considered a burden or a drain on one's life. They were the purpose for living.

Thought the surnames have changed through marriage the chances of knowing a decent of the Favors is high. For instance Gordy Coletti Sr. & Jr. are well known for their bowling accomplishments. Gordy Sr. was a pro bowler and Gordy Jr. is working on his 15th perfect game. Bowling is definitely in the Favor blood. Gordy Jr. use to have his pro shops and if you went into any of the local bowling alley's throughout the 50's still to this day, you could find the men and women of the Favor family bowling somewhere.

Gordy Coletti Sr. is married to Minnie Coletti who is one of the daughter's of Millie Favor. Wendy Soltis (daughter of Joyce Coletti/Favor) is very accomplished kick boxer and has won many titles. Carol Vollaro was once the mayor of Cranford. She is the daughter of Carrie (Caroline) Favor. The first born of Lucia & Frank Favor. Many have become business owners and professionals.

The original 18 Favor children did not graduate from high school, although all of their children,

grandchildren and so on have and went on to plus achieve college degrees on their way to becoming business owners.

Most of the original Favor children have lived well into there late 80's to there late 90's in relatively good health. Of course most them loved gardening and living well, traits shared by the children also. To date Frank and Lucia left a legacy of 268 descendants in which 32 that are living productive lives. What every positive contributions the following generations of Favors do can be attributed to Frank and Lucia. 🍀🍀

LIST OF THE FAVOR CHILDREN:

1. CAROLINE (FAVOR) VITOLO, born 1892, married to Ermine Vitolo, had 3 children, Catherine, Joseph and Lucia.
 2. JENNIE (FAVOR) PETRUCCELLI born 1894 married Frank, 1 daughter Carmen (Minnie).
 3. ANTHONY FAVOR born 1898, his nickname was Moe. He married Johanna and had 1 child, Frank.
 4. AMELIA (MILLIE FAVOR) VELTRE born 1899, married and had 4 children Ralph (Rip), Minnie, Lucy and Frances.
 5. ROSIE (FAVOR) COPIO born 1902, married Frank had 3 daughter's Angela, Lucy, Diane.
 6. ANNA (FAVOR) ROMANO born 1904, married Anthony(Ninny) and had 2 daughter's Amelia (Dolly) and Lucille.
 7. VINCENT (JIMMY) FAVOR born 1907, married Amelia and had 2 children, Vincent and Lucille.
 8. MICHAEL FAVOR born 1910, married Millie Castronova and had 3 sons, Julius, Ronnie, & Michael Favor.
 9. MARY (FAVOR) SKALITZA, born 1912, married Frank (Zit) and had 2 children Francis and Margaret.
 10. HERMAN (WHITEY) FAVOR, born 1915, married Lillian and had a son Tommy Favor.
 11. FREDDIE FAVOR (BOOTS), born 1916, married Naomi (Mickie) and had 2 children Fred and Carol.
 12. JULIUS FAVOR, born 1919 died at age 21.
 13. LOUIS FAVOR birth date unknown died at age 7.
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(above) This was the last reunion with the 3 surviving Favor siblings. (sitting on floor, l-r) Catherine De Trizio, Mauro De Trizio, Brittany Favor, Joseph Lospinosa Jr., Kristen Karchonas, Dylan Thomas Koenig, Nicholas Lospinosa, Corinne Hawkins, Julia Seibert, Serina Redzinski, Anthony Campione, Amelia "Dolly" Romano Andrade, Gina Marie Campione. (sitting, l-r) Michael Favor Jr., Ronald Favor Sr., Amelia Favor Peverelli, Millie Favor, Mike Favor Sr., Mary Favor Skalitza, Herman "Whitey" Favor, Lill Favor, Angie Copio DiSpirito, Minnie Veltre Coletti, Tom Favor. (standing, l-r) Tommy Finnerty (male friend of Joyce), Joyce Coletti Soltis, Denise Grant, Connor Grant, Antoinette Favor Romeo, Joan Favor, Lucille Vitola Bilella, Joan Skalitza, Tara Murphy, Margaret Skalitza Murphy, Minnie Petrucilli Disporto, Lucy Veltre Ragazzo, Terese Skalitza, Jo Favor, Arlene DiSpirito, Ventre Melesurgo, Diane Copio Mulford, Tommy Hawkins (baby), Luvy Copio Maricondi, Joanne Mulford Lutz, Michelle Ventre Redzinski, Lora Ventre Seibert (pregnant), Patty Lospinosa. (standing in second row, l-r) _?_, Dana Bilella, Carol Bilella Grant, Frankie Bilella, Mark Bilella, Peggy Bilella, Carol Rigby Favor, Frank Favor, Jessica Bradley, Georgine Favor, Renee Favor, Linda Favor Bradley, Venessa Rodriguez (girlfriend of Scott), Scott Soltis, Donna Dering Dziedzic O'Brien, Bob Harowitz (male friend of Donna), Chelsea Favor, Donna Favor, Francine Skalitza Campione, Wendy Soltis LaMotta, Frank LaMotta, Maryann Disporto, Emanuel Manny" Disporto, Donna Lospinosa Koenig, Carol Gargano Vollero, Carolyn Vollero Tangreti, Frank "Whitey" Maricondi, Carol DiSpirito Lospinosa, George Seibert, Joseph Lospinosa Sr., Steve Karchanos Sr. (standing in last row, l-r) Nicole Wolf (guest of Ronnie), Ronnie Favor Jr., Michael Donahue (fiancée of Jessica Bradley), Gordon Coletti Jr., Julius Favor, Judy Favor DeTrizio, Jack Bradley, Jeanette (girlfriend of Mikee), Michael "Mikee" Favor III, Tommy Dziedzic Jr., Christopher Dziedzic, John Murphy, David Pinand (boyfriend of Megan), Megan Murphy, Frank "Fran" Skalitza, Mike Zanni (boyfriend of Renee Favor), Steve Karchanos Jr., Michael Klimko, Bob Becker (boyfriend of Teresa Skalitza), Anthony Campione Sr., Joe Mulford, Denise Favor, Al Vollero, Kevin Redzinski, Jodi Favor Klimko, Christopher Koenig, Rosanne Maricondi Karchanos. Camera Shy, Armand Fiorletti (male friend of Amelia "Dolly" Romano Andrade), Alan Tangreti (Peggy Bilella's dad), Tim Grant, Klristen Ventre Oels, Brian Oels, Lauren Karchonas, Wesley Stillwagon (guest of Joanne Mulford Lutz), Brian Rigby, Jonathan Bayles (boyfriend of Denise Favor).

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Jim got involved with three other riders from Elizabeth and more joined in each year. Last year 15 Elizabeth police officers make the trek from Ground Zero in New York to Washington D.C., a 360 mile journey that takes several days. This year the tour leaves May 9th and arrives May 12th.

(left) A portion of the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial with a quote from Proverbs 28:1. "The wicked flee when no man pursueth; but the righteous are bold as a lion." This is one of Sgt. Sacca's favorite quotes from the Bible. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, one of Jim's role models, used it in a footnote in California v. Hodari to make a point that it is not necessarily unreasonable to stop a person who runs away in panic at the sight of a police officer.

The secondary purpose of the tour is to raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial and Museum. Eighteen riders participated in the first year of the tour and raised \$18,000. This past year over 1,000 members nationwide made the trip, raising \$1.15 million, bringing the total for donations to date \$4.35 million.

Jim and his riders have a goal of raising \$2,000 each through pledges. Anyone who is interested in donating to the cause can do so by visiting the website policeunitytour.com. When contributing Jim asks that you make a note that it is for the Elizabeth riders. 🙏

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(above, l-r) The 2007 Elizabeth Police Unity Tour Team: Mark Hilliard, Wayne Hall (back), Paul Ciccotti, Dan Dugan (back), James Burns, Patrick Lavin, Robert Scharpnick, Paulo Poreira, Victor Arena, Giacomo Sacca.

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In support of my brother Cpl. Luigi Marciante Jr. who had recently been deployed, last year Team Pay It Forward became part of a larger family walking with hundreds of individuals to support our troops and veterans. I am proud to say that we raised over \$2,000.00 for the Freedom Team of Wounded & Disabled Veterans.

Sadly, Louie lost his life on September 20, 2007 in Muqdadiyah, Iraq. Both my family and I can think of no greater way to honor Louie then to continue our support of the Achilles Track Club and raise awareness for wounded and disabled veterans. This year we will join our extended family again and we hope that we can count on your support to raise our goal of \$3,000.00. In memory of Louie, we find it only appropriate to change our team's name to "S.O.S. - Support Our Soldiers" in honor of all fallen and wounded veterans. With your support, we will cross the finish line with Louie and his comrades watching over us.

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(above, l-r) Maria Marciante, with her brother Felix Zeppieri and sister Suzie Lebrini completed the five mile walk much to Maria's daughter Enza's delight.



This photo is of my husband Rich assisting another team member in carrying an amputee from the Freedom Team of Wounded and Disabled Veterans. This gentleman was running his first race since losing his leg in Iraq and was having difficulty completing the race so my husband and another gentleman carried him before he received assistance via motorized wheelchair to cross the finish line. I found it to be a particularly powerful moment.



(above, l-r) Team Pay It Forward!! Felix Zeppieri, Diane Lebrini, Diane Busby, Maria Marciante, Susan Jacobowitz, Colleen Waller, Shannon McDermott, Suzie Lebrini, Richard Jacobowitz, Enza Jacobowitz and Anthony Busby.

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Angela is a defenseman in soccer, played third base in softball and is a guard on the basketball team. She is now mid-way through the basketball season and will be prepping for softball immediately afterwards.

Angela hasn't committed to a University yet but is planning to be a psychology major. She is not planning to continue her participation in sports while in college but will always have the great memories of being a Union Farmer, earning 12 varsity letters and graduating with honors.



(above) Angela at bat for Union High School Farmers softball team. (right) Softball is Angela's favorite sport which she started playing in the Elmora Youth League in Elizabeth before moving to Union in the forth grade. She started playing basketball in the 5th grade at Holy Spirit School in Union and soccer with a recreational team.



(left, l-r) Angela's sports influences, older brother Sal, 2005 UHS graduate, and younger brother Anthony a freshman at the high school and a year round baseball player.



(right) Grampa Joe with the cucuzza (Italian squash) he used to teach Angela how to hit a softball.

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(above, l-r) Angela's paternal grampa Russ, her dad Tom and Angela sitting on the lap of her mom Lisa.



(above, l-r) 16 month old Angela with her mom Lisa, brother Sal, 4, and paternal grandma Dotty.

(below, l-r) Aunt Josie and Grandma Carmella.



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(above) Francine Gambino-Sanchez hosted a birthday party for Jesus at Joanne's Luncheonette.

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On December 18, 2007 Joanne's hosted a birthday party celebrating the birth of Jesus. There were 29 in attendance. The children and adults were read the Christmas story to help understand the true meaning of Christmas. Everyone participated in singing the Christmas carols. The children were asked to bring canned goods wrapped in birthday paper, which was given to the needy. Phyllis, one of the luncheonette owners, made a cake in the form of the Nativity. The candles were lit and everyone sang Happy Birthday to Jesus. At the end of the party, the children were each given a goody bag to take home.

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On January 23, 2008 Joe LaPlaca and partner Lindsey Graca officially opened Joey's Italian Deli & Catering. The deli is located on St. Georges Avenue in Rahway inside Witty's Liquors. The deli is the result of the natural progression of events in Joe and Lindsey's lives that seems to fulfill a destiny.

Joe is the son of Patty LaPlaca who owned Kevin's Korner, on the corner of Palmer Street and Third Avenue, in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ from 1998 to 2004. Kevin's was one of the neighborhood's favorite corner stores going far back. Patty bought the store from her brother Kevin Dugan, who started a Boar's Head distribution business, Dugan Provisions. Kevin had owned it from 1987 to 1998. It was Jim's Corner, operated by Jim Samartino, prior to being Kevin's.

The closing of Kevin's ended an era for the family business. But as cream always rises to the top, Patty's customers knew she would resurface.

The deli in Witty's was one of Kevin's Boar's Head customers. The Deli was owned and operated by the Witty's but was not operating at its potential. Kevin envisioned what the deli would be in the hands of experienced food experts. Wheels were set in motion that brought Witty's together with Joe and Lindsey through Patty and Joey's Italian Deli was born.

The deli was renovated and right off the bat the menu grew to include the Italian dishes that were popular in Peterstown. Patty, who is a full time presence in the kitchen even included recipes of Mary Decarlo, who was the cook at Jim's Corner a generation ago. The

take-out and catering menus are tried and true. Of course the luncheon meat is the best Boar's Head has to offer delivered by Joe's uncle Kevin.

The family ties do not end there for when she is not teaching Joe's sister pitch's in. Her boyfriend Paul Merlo is also a cook. Paul, who is the son of Lenny, a family friend from Peterstown, has been working for Dugan Provisions.

The family ties add an almost sentimental dimension to the business. As if the story wasn't enchanting enough Joe and Lindsey have their own heart-warming tale to tell.

Joe and Lindsey were high school sweet hearts, both graduated from Roselle Catholic in 2001. They attended Kean University together and both graduated in 2005. Joe and Lindsey also worked their way through college at Chili's Restaurant in Clark, NJ. After graduation Joe became manager of Chili's and Lindsay became the catering manager for the Somerset Patriots, a minor league baseball organization.

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(above, l-r) Owners Joey LaPlaca and Lindsey Graca with Joey's aunt and uncle Sofia and Kevin Dugan.



(left, l-r) Jennifer LaPlaca and Paul Merlo

(right) This photo appeared in the first issue of Around About Peterstown Newspaper in December 1998.

(right) Joey and mom Patty LaPlaca and John Cullen outside Kevin's Corner.



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(above, l-r) As the news spread of their opening, relocated Peterstown folk from Linden, Rahway and Clark have been finding their way to Joey's. Eddie and Pam Palmieri found their way to Joey's from Scotch Plains.

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(above, seated, l-r) Partners Joe Busichio, Frank Zyla, and Anthony Perretti. (Standing, l-r) Cooks Nino D'Anna, Mike Ambrosio, and Anthony Fischbach.



(above, l-r) Frank Zyla's grandfather and mentor Frank Spirito and grandmother,



(above) Joe Busichio (center) in training with Liborio and Pino Schaccitano at DaVinci's in Carteret.

(below, l-r) The motivation behind Buzzetti's Joe with son Jared, Anthony's daughter Savana with her great-grandma Tessie Spirito, Anthony's other daughter Gia Antonia, and Frank with his son Frank.



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Joe Busichio started cooking at a young age. He could remember getting up on a Saturday morning at 4:00 a.m. to watch his mom, Julia, make sausage. She would buy a whole butt from the butcher and cut off the grizzle and most of the fat by hand and season it. Then slide the intestines over the neck of a funnel and stuff the meat mixture into the casing. Everything his mom was doing registered with Joe and he was excited when he was old enough to help. His first job was to hang the sausage and Sopressata on the back porch so it could dry out.

After school, Joe would walk home from St. Anthony's and stop in to see his mom at Barone's Deli on the corner of John Street and Third Avenue in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ. Julia ran the kitchen, famous for its prepared foods, for Mike Barone for many years. Like doing homework he would watch his mom and Mrs. Guiducci prepare and cook a wide variety of Italian dishes.

Joe had the opportunity to hone his cooking skills for real at DaVinci's Restaurant in Carteret owned by his friends, two brothers from the neighborhood, Pino

and Liborio Schaccitano. While there, he developed the skills in preparing and presenting food in a professional setting. Since then he has challenged himself to be more creative with food.

Joe was working at DaVinci's while still teaching Health and Phys. Ed For the Elizabeth school system in Hamilton School and LaFayette. His dream of opening his own place became a reality in January of 2008.

Joe had two friends with a similar dream. Cousins Anthony Perretti and Frank Zyla have their roots in one of the area's most famous Italian restaurants, Spirito's, located on the corner of High Street and Third Avenue in Peterstown.

Zyla is the grandson of Frank Spirito and Perretti is the grandson of Frank's sister Tessie Spirito. Since 1932 Spirito's was and is a truly family owned and run business. The fourth generation is now at the helm and through the years members of the Spirito family worked in the business. Zyla, himself, worked in the kitchen for 15 years along with his mom, aunts, uncles and grandparents.

The three partners could not have graduated from any better culinary school than the kitchens of Peterstown. Anthony, Frank and Joe all work full-time at their new restaurant named Buzzetti's, a combination of their last names. Just to make sure they don't break from tradition Frank's mom Beverly Sporer runs the show.

Their staff is rounded off with some familiar faces from Peterstown, Nino D'Anna, Mike Ambrosio, Anthony Fischbach and his sister Valerie.

The partners shared a desire to be in their own business and to work in the food industry. More importantly the three have the same motivating factor, their children. When asked all three explain that the commitment to start the business was to have something to leave their children. Joe has one son, Jared, Frank has a son named Frank and Anthony has two daughters, Savana and Gia Antonia.

Buzzetti's is located in Linden, just outside the Elizabeth border, on Linden Avenue, off Park Ave. 📍

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Recipes

Submitted by Beverly
Buzzetti's Italian Deli and Cafe, Linden, NJ

Chicken Barley Soup

INGREDIENTS:

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| 1 Bunch of Celery chopped | 4 Cloves Garlic minced |
| 2 Large Onions chopped | 10 Chicken legs & thighs |
| 4 Carrots chopped | 2 lbs. of Barley |

PREPARATION:

- 1) Combine Celery, Onions, Carrots, Garlic and Chicken in 20 quart pot and fill with water until ingredients are covered.
- 2) Cook for 2 hours on a low flame.
- 3) Cook barley separately and add to pot.
- 4) Remove Chicken and remove bones.
- 5) Return Chicken meat to pot.

Clam Zuppa

INGREDIENTS:

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| 2 Large onions chopped | 1 Can 48 oz clam juice |
| 10 Cloves garlic minced | 1 Can 48 oz chopped clams |
| 1 Handful of parsley | 2 Cans of water |
| Salt & Pepper to taste | 1 lb Small shell pasta |
| 2 28 oz cans crushed tomatoes | |

PREPARATION:

- 1) Combine all ingredients except for pasta in 20 quart pot.
- 2) Cook for 1 hour on low flame.
- 3) Add one pound of cooked small shell pasta.

Pineapple Bread Pudding

INGREDIENTS:

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| 3 day old French Bread cubed | 4 cups Milk |
| 2 Cups Sugar | 1/2 cup of Brown Sugar |
| 13 Eggs | 1 tsp Cinnamon |
| 28 oz can of crushed Pineapple with juice | Crushed Nuts |
| 1 tsp Vanilla | Pancake Syrup to taste |
| 3 cups Heavy Cream | |

PREPARATION:

- 1) Mix all Bread, Sugar, Eggs, Pineapple, Vanilla, Heavy Cream, and Milk together in bowl.
- 2) Pour mixture into 13 x 15 greased pan.
- 3) Mix Brown Sugar, Cinnamon and Crushed nuts then sprinkle on top of mixture.
- 4) Bake on 350° for 1 hour.
- 5) Remove from oven and lightly pour pancake syrup over top.


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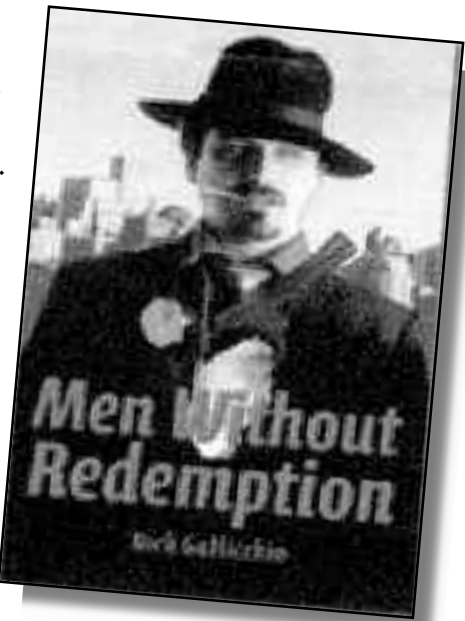
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AL BORRELLO ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY FOR ELIZ BOE

Alfonso (Al) Borrello, Jr., a lifelong resident of Elizabeth, who was born on Second Avenue, in Peterstown to Alfonso Borrello, Sr. and the former Ida Varrecchia, has announced his candidacy for the Elizabeth Board of Education. Al stated that he decided to run for the EBOE because he wants to be an "Advocate for all Children and a Voice for our Special Needs Students."

Al has been happily married for 26 years, and is the proud father of three children, Melissa, a senior at the College of Saint Elizabeth, Jessica, and Matthew. Jessica, who has Down Syndrome, is a special education student.

Anyone who knows Al Borrello knows that his priorities are his family, his church, and his community. He is extremely proud of his Italian Heritage, and has been a life long advocate for Italian American causes.

Al's many community involvements include but are not limited to, being Past Grand Knight and Former District Deputy for the Knights of Columbus. Al has served three terms as Youth Director for the Knights of Columbus on the council level and 2 terms as youth director at the state level. Al presently is the chairperson for the SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee). He is a former president of the HSA (Home School Association) of Saint Mary's Elementary School. He is presently the Athletic Director of Saint Mary's.

Al has recently announced his candidacy for the Elizabeth Board of Education. He emphatically wants everyone to know that he is not running against anyone. He is simply running for the children and the taxpayers. Al states that he respects all the present members of the board and any candidates who may oppose them. All he is asking is that the voters consider him as one of their three choices.

As the father of a special needs child, Al feels

passionately that the rights of all children including those with special needs must be taken seriously. Al further believes that a quality education in this city must be a top priority and while providing it, the taxpayers must be given serious consideration.

A brief list for Al's platform include, but are not limited to:

- Ensuring that every child, including special needs students, are given the best education possible.
- Open up communication between all members of the Board of Education simply for the needs of the children.
- Ensuring that every dollar of taxpayer's money is spent wisely.
- Communicating with parents, educators, and students throughout my term to always be aware of their concerns.

Al Borrello has a lifelong history of dedication to civic, social, church and community matters. He is running for the Board of Education and has stated firmly that he has no further political ambitions.

Al Borrello said if elected, he will make everyone proud of their vote and he will do everything he can to help the children and taxpayers of Elizabeth.

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(above, l-clockwise) Al's wife, Mary, daughter, Melissa, Alfonso, Daughter, Jessica, son, Matthew and Ginger the dog.

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(below) Classmates from Roselle Catholic's class of 1978 from the Peterstown section of Elizabeth.

Prior to 1984 Roselle Catholic was a boys only school. Until it closed its doors in 1983, Roselle Girls' Catholic was just girls. The two schools co existed within a mile of each other and accommodated each other when the call for the opposite sex arose.

We were cast together in plays, attended each other's dances and worked together in extra curricular clubs. It was only natural that when it came time to plan a 30-

year reunion the two schools joined forces to plan a reunion to relive the glory days.

The reunion will be the weekend of Thanksgiving 2008. Details are being hammered out by a few of the classmates from each school and an email address has been set up so that anyone interested in attending can drop a line and get into the loop. The email address is: RCGC78reunion@yahoo.com



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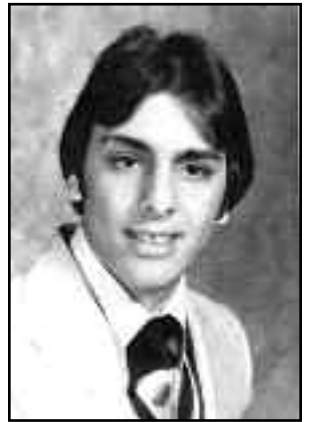
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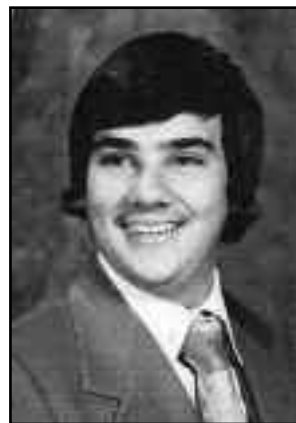
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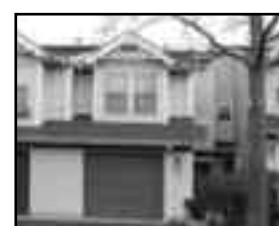
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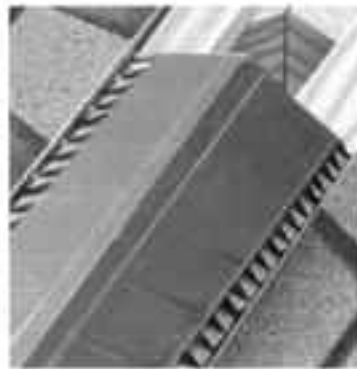
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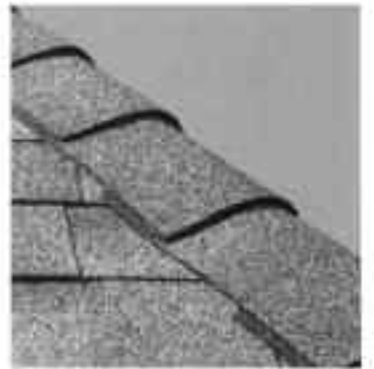
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