



FOOTPRINTS IN THE SANDS OF TIME

Fewer parents are passing on their family history to their children. Gone are the days when extended families were intertwined. The needs that brought people together in order to thrive no longer exist. It has cost generations the opportunity to learn of the past, understand the present and build a better future.

The Peterstown section of Elizabeth, New Jersey has been traditionally made up of the descendants of Italian immigrants who arrived in the early 1900's and settled to form a close knit community. The first generation immigrants worked together, worshiped together and helped each other. Marriages between the different families in the community combined the positive traits that both had to offer. The new generation of Italian-Americans was a hi-bred culture that enjoyed the richness of the culture their parents brought with them from Italy and the opportunity that America offered.

Parents taught their children about their grandparents. In many cases grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins were involved in each other's lives. They physically lived in the same neighborhood, worked side-by-side at their jobs and met socially in their leisure time. The important lesson was that, by working together, the family overcame the obstacles of being a stranger in a strange land. The classrooms were the kitchen table and the lessons were passed down orally. Old photographs and artifacts took the place of textbooks. The sad reality is that oral history disappears if it is not carried on. Unidentified photographs become pictures of strangers.

Today's youth must realize that the opportunity that exists for them today did not just appear over night. They need to know that the comforts they enjoy were a result of what their parents, grandparents and great-grandparents endured. They must understand the struggles and the risks that their forefathers took on. They would then learn about courage, perseverance, integrity and sacrifice.

Each subsequent generation elevated itself socially and economically. The advancement has also led to the doom of the family as a community. Distance between brothers and sisters have grown, literally and figuratively. Very seldom are their households located in the same county, let alone the same city. The following generation will find more families with members living in separate states. Socially the relationships between cousins are fleeting. The value of the family is being diminished as the level of independence in our society grows. The relationship fades when the desire to stay connected doesn't measure up to the effort to do so. It would take a concerted effort to reverse the trend.

Sal Renna of Rahway, New Jersey has boxes of old photos, and knows the stories of the people in them. He even has a copy of the manifest from the ship his grandfather; father, aunts and uncles arrived on from Italy in 1916. Though Sal is a wealth of knowledge, he has the best reference library by his side, his mother, Christine, better known as Dolly.

Dolly, originally from Peterstown, is 94 years old and fascinating to talk to. The stories she tells usually extend into the lives of friends and neighbors who were an important part of the family's history. Her grandchildren get a first hand account of life in America throughout the 20th century. It's like a documentary on the History Channel starring their family. It's a lesson they will never forget.



(above, l-r) Phil and Dolly Renna with son Sal in 1989. Their grandchildren Phil and Christine are in the photo hanging behind them.



(left) Sal Renna's mother, aunts and uncles. (standing, l-r) Fanny (Falcia Siscia), married to Nick Renna, Sal's mom, Dolly, nee Landolfi, Carmella Renna, Francenza (Jimmy) Renna, Sal (Duke) Renna, Jossie Insalaco. (seated, l-r) Joe Russo, Phil Renna, Manual Renna and Lucy Russo.

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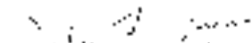
Another year and another picnic under our belt. It takes a lot of planning, hard work and generosity but in the end it is always well worth it. This year was an exceptional year for people visiting from out of state, from Florida to California.

There is no way to put a value on the experience of getting together like this. This may be the only opportunity for old friends to see each other. It is extra special to see the seniors out and enjoying a perfect summer day.

I would like to personally thank the club members who worked so hard preparing the grounds and cleaning up, the guys sweating over the grills, and the entertainment.

I can't thank the businesses and individuals who generously donated goods and money. With out you there would be no picnic.

Thank you and God bless.


John Sacco, President

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Letters to the Editor



Dear friend:

On behalf of the students, teachers, parents and administrators involved in our successful Italian American Partnership Program, I would like to extend my most sincere gratitude for the lifetime memories you helped provide for our students. Our partners' visit to the United States was an experience of a lifetime and one they will not forget! During trips to New York City, Philadelphia, PA and Washington, D.C., the students were able to gain a deep appreciation for the culture and history America has to offer. Our lives have been greatly enriched by this experience. This trip opened up a completely new world for these children, driving home the understanding that we are indeed a global community. We feel honored to have formed this bond with so many families that espouse the same commitment to global exchange programs and all their consequent benefits.

Once again, many thanks for your support and interest in the Italian American Partnership Program. Your kindness and generosity have been greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Alphonsina Paternostro, Supervisor
World Languages, Bilingual/ESL
Linden Public Schools

Dear Joe,

A cousin of mine sends me copies of your newspaper; I, in turn, send the copies on to other cousins, all of whom, like me, grew up in Elizabeth. Your paper is enjoyed by our family in Pittsburgh, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida and California. It evokes precious memories of Elizabeth and New Jersey. It's so nice to see that the wonderful food and culture of Peterstown continue to be enjoyed by succeeding generations.

On page 3 of the April 06 edition, a 1954 photo of a group of boys in front of Cleveland Jr. High brought back memories. The boy in the photo identified as Jim Murrar was a friend of my brother Walter Mooney who passed away in 1998, and I've lost contact with Jimmy.

I live in Mt. Lebanon, a suburb of Pittsburgh; one of the many places I've called home since leaving Elizabeth, and the closest I've lived to NJ in many years. Meanwhile, I wish you all the best and want you to know how grateful I am for news from the old hometown.

Mary Love,
Mt. Lebanon, PA

Hi,

I love the idea of the Peterstown newspaper. What a great was to catch up on old friends and what is going on. I grew up on Loomis Street between Second and third Avenues. I was married in St. Anthony's in 1965 and have lived in Rockaway ever since. It's always fun to go back and visit old friends and go down memory lane.

Thanks so much,
Ceil Donofrio
Rockaway, NJ

Dear Editor,

The 1931 Original Mattanos football team photo (below) that appeared in the April 06 issue of the Peterstown Newspaper had a few players who were not identified. One of those players, the second person in the top row (insert), was my grandfather Phil Costanzo. He was actually the brother-in-law of another fellow in the photo, Vito Scaturro.

Phil Costanzo was my mother, Constance's father, who grew up on South 5th Street in Peterstown before moving to Linden, NJ.

Hope this helped,
Todd Mesler
Linden, NJ



LETTER POLICY

Around About Peterstown welcomes Letters to the Editor at our postal, fax or e-mail addresses.

Letters must include sender's name, address and phone number (only name and town will be printed).

Letters should be typed. Letters appear as space permits. We reserve the right not to print a letter without notifying sender.

Dear Joe,

I would be remiss if I did not write to you again and tell you what a great job you and your staff are doing. As one who was born in Peterstown and lives away from this section of Elizabeth it is your newspaper that keeps me aware of what is going on in the Burg.

I was totally impressed and happy with the article "Vallata and Linden Partnership Program". For me being Vallatese, I found it very interesting. Like most other Vallatese I was not aware that such a great exchange program took place. I am sure for many of the youth from Vallata or Linden it would be the only time they would have a chance to travel outside of the United States or Italy.

Since 1982 I would say I have been to Vallata thirty times or more and have seen unbelievable changes in that town. One who has not been there in many years would never believe how big the town itself has become, including its population. I am so proud of being Vallatese that on 12 March 1993 the Italian government gave me citizenship to that country with my official Italian residence being Vallata, thus I have dual citizenship.

About four years ago, while Pastoral Associate of Mount Carmel Church in Montclair, which has many families from the Province of Avellino. I put together a trip to the Province with a day trip to Vallata. It was a great adventure to say the least. As one who loves to travel I would like to know if an organization is sponsoring a trip to Vallata. It would give a great opportunity to those to see where it all started for them as Vallette and I would gladly help. I know before the fall of 2006 arrives I will have visited Vallata again.

Each time you put out another bi-monthly edition of your newspaper I can tell you that my spirits and pride of being an Italian escalates, especially being Vallatese.

Take care and I am sure God has you all in the palm of His hands.

Always,
Joe Monaco
Brigadier General (Ret.)
Scotch Plains, NJ

To whom it may concern,

My name is John LaRocca, I am a physical education teacher at Roosevelt Middle School in Elizabeth, where I have been teaching over the past twenty years. I have coached Elizabeth High School Boys Basketball for fourteen years, and I am also an alumnus of Roosevelt Middle School.

I am contacting you today because I am the director of a boys and girls summer basketball camp that I have been running for the past seven years.

This camp provides a safe drug free environment, and allows the children to experience a week of learning and fun.

The children have greatly benefited from participating in our camp, and we are trying to increase the number of children from Roosevelt to attend camp.

Our children are from low-income families, and we do not charge a fee to send them to camp. I have been relying on sponsorship from community businesses, and citizens of Elizabeth to sponsor individual children. Each child that comes to camp receives a basketball, t-shirt, awards and lunch is provided daily.

Quite a few of our campers from recent years have gone on to play basketball for Elizabeth High School; there are many that are playing for the program right now. Some have even extended their careers by playing for Division I College's. This is only possible because of your generous donations.

To sponsor a child to attend camp for a week is \$125.00, but any donation would be greatly appreciated.

I am hoping that we can count on your support this year. If you have any questions, or would like to speak to me personally, you can contact me at: (732) 970-1844.

Sincerely,
John LaRocca
Morganville, NJ

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Editor's Opinion

everybody has one - this is mine - by Joe Renna

The documentation process that immigrants went through at the turn of the century continues to deliver benefits over a hundred years later. The history of a community is a culmination of the history of each family it is comprised of. The documents are valuable tools to learn from the past to build a better future.

The high point of Italian immigration came between 1910 and 1920 when over two million people immigrated to America. Documenting the new arrivals enabled the government to control and manage the population. It was a safeguard for health and safety concerns, as well as a way to monitor area population.

Communities were able to react accordingly. Governments could adjust their services to accommodate the changes. Industry was able to bring the jobs to the people and housing could develop ahead of the influx. On the flip side of the equation, the immigrants could use the process to ease the task of assimilating.

Making a new life in a new country would have been overwhelming for the individuals who made the trip without some mechanism in place to guide them. The immigration policy required sponsorship from a relative or a promise of employment. The immigrants who have just arrived were, in essence, part of an American community even before they stepped foot off the boat. And it was that community that helped them find work and a place to live. By helping each other everyone in the community thrived.

There is a contradiction in the debate over undocumented immigrants who are in the United States illegally. Advocates fighting for the rights of these illegals to exist under the radar of public record is actually dehumanizing. Living outside the law relegates the community to the status of second-class citizen. They become easy prey for employers with abusive labor practices. The community of illegal aliens is held in an economic prison. Unlike the those that immigrate legally the illegals are stuck in a spiral of disperse with no way to elevate out of.

The debate becomes more complex because the

contradictions defy logic. For instance, an illegal alien exists outside the main stream of society, with below poverty level wages and separated from their foreign home and family. Yet, the choice to come live in these conditions is their own. The illegal immigrants are not forced into this life. Yet they are perceived as victims of America's effort to secure its borders and manage the population.

I think it is dehumanizing that the millions of people live and work in an environment that is not equal to their neighbors. They are victims. But they are not victims of the American government. They are victims of their home land that has made living conditions so deplorable there, that life as a second-class citizen in the United States is better than a lawful existence back home.

Instead of protesting against American policy, the illegal immigrants and their community leaders should direct their efforts at the government of the country in which they are legal citizens. 🇺🇸

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the United States

immigrant policy needs

to practice “Tough

Love,” a combination of

compassion and discipline.

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EDDIE GRAY LEGACY LIVES THROUGH CAMP FUND



In his time, Eddie Gray was a model of community service. He dedicated his life to helping others. He was a great humanitarian who loved people and had a special place in his heart for children. Though Eddie Gray passed away in 1987

his memory is being kept alive through the Eddie Gray Camp Fund.

Eddie was a strong believer in the need for healthy, positive experiences for kids, and worked tirelessly to provide these experiences for children living in poverty. One of Eddie's greatest joys was to get as many children as possible into Summer Camps. He knew the value of moving kids out of the city for a week or two into the healthy, peaceful atmosphere of life in the country. Thousands of children benefited from camp experiences because of Eddie's love for them.

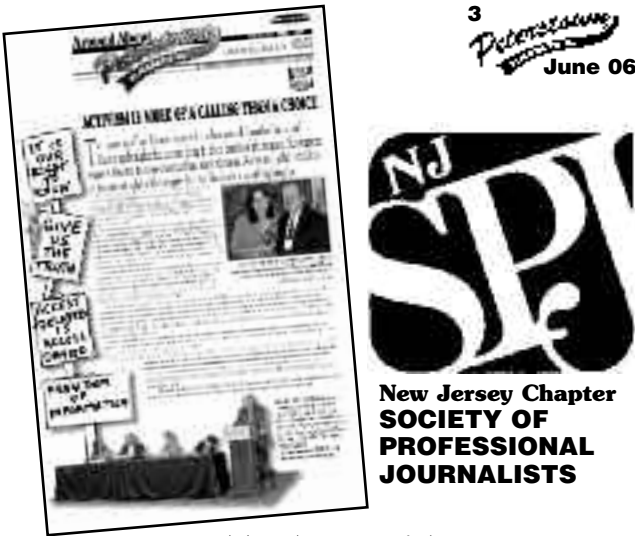
The Camp Fund was established after his death to continue his great work. The goal of the Fund is to send 500 children to camp each year. Some children are handicapped, some are blind, most are poor, but all are special.

Tax-deductible donations can be made to The Eddie Gray Camp Fund. P.O. Box 229, Elizabeth, NJ 07206. It costs an average of \$115 per week, per camper, but it's worth every penny. Information about the fund can be obtained by calling Angela at St. Joseph's Social Service Center at 908-352-2989. 🇺🇸

A CAREER OF CARING

Many people knew Gray as an Elizabeth police officer. He joined the force in 1938 and retired 38 years after in 1976. Many others knew him for the work he did with countless community organizations. Eddie Gray organized the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Elizabeth. He was instrumental in founding the Elizabeth Police Athletic League and serving as the executive director. Grey also worked in the juvenile court system.

Some of the boards of organizations on which he sat were, Elizabeth YMCA, American Red Cross, Union County Child Development Services Inc., American Friends Service Committee as a volunteer caseworker and the Union County Foster Care Task Force, as well as the Union County Mental Health Association and the United Cerebral Palsy League. 🇺🇸



(above) Cover of the June 05 issue of *Around About Peterstown* with award winning article.

AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

Joe Renna, *Around About Peterstown*

The New Jersey Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists presented their annual awards to outstanding journalists working for daily and weekly newspapers, radio and television stations, magazines, newsletters and online publications. The 54 award categories range from investigative reporting to editorial cartooning. *Around About Peterstown* won the first place award for “Enterprise Reporting.”

The category was for a single article on a significant issue that uncovered unusual initiative and originality on the part of the reporter finding a story that might not have been told otherwise. Publisher, Joe Renna wrote the article about his wife Tina and her ongoing work as an advocate for open government. The article exposes the ongoing violations of the Open Public Records Act by the County of Union. The article can be found on the website www.joerenna.com.

The New Jersey Chapter of SPJ was founded in 1959 and its annual journalism awards program has grown steadily over the years to become one of the most competitive and prestigious in the state. This year it attracted more than 500 entries. A full list of award winners can be found at the chapter's web site: www.njspj.org.

The chapter is part of the Society of Professional Journalists, a broad-based national organization founded in 1909 to promote the free flow of information vital to a well-informed public, to encourage high ethical and professional standards among journalists, to inspire and educate the next generation of journalists, and to protect First Amendment guarantees of freedom of speech and press.

It is a strong advocate for open government and a co-founder of the New Jersey Foundation for Open Government (www.njfog.org), which played a key role in winning passage of the state's reformed Open Public Records Act in 2002. 🇺🇸

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DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS FROM PETERSTOWN HONORED

On May 21, 2006, Dominic Mele, Edward Netta and Carl Zarro (posthumously) were presented with the New Jersey Distinguished Medal with Combat Cluster and a Certificate of Award for the Medal from Governor John Corzine. The Silver Combat Cluster, which were presented on the medal's ribbon, can only be worn by a combat veteran who has received a Purple Heart for being wounded in combat.

The event was held at the Peterstown Community Center and was hosted by the Admiral William F. Halsey Chapter #73 of the Disabled American Veterans. Commander Paul R. Solt, also formerly of Elizabeth, was Master of Ceremonies. Mr. Mele and Mr. Netta are the only two surviving charter members of the original 72 from when the organization was started in 1955. Receiving the honors for Carl Zarro, who passed away this pass March, was his widow Ann.

The honoree were also presented with citations from City of Elizabeth Mayor Chris Bollwage and Salvatore Mione, a Vietnam Veteran who serves as Union County Veterans Affairs Coordinator. They also presented Citations to Yolanda Meyers, a life long Peterstown resident who was elected Commander of Chapter #73 and served for 25 years straight.

The City also recognized the work that the organization does and presented a citation to Commander Solt.

The National Headquarters of the Disabled American Veterans presented the New Jersey Department with the National Achievement Award.

The event ended with the swearing in of the newly elected officers for Chapter #73. The organization is dedicated to supporting the veterans of the state and the City of Elizabeth in particular.



(above, l-r) DAV Chapter #73 members Ed Netta; Anthony LaFarrara, Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart; Frank Rehrig; Duke Mele; Russell Harris, Senior Vice Commander; Tony Barile; Lee Dempsey; Cabis Brown.



(left) Commander of Disabled American Veterans Chapter #73 accepts National Achievement Award on behalf of the members from Virginia Dempsey of the New Jersey Department of DAV.

Advertisement for the Free! Anti-Rabies Vaccination Program. It includes the name Mayor J. Christian Bollwage, City of Elizabeth, and details about the program: Free! Anti-Rabies Vaccination Program, City of Elizabeth Residents ONLY. It lists conditions: Any dog or cat not previously vaccinated, Any dog or cat with a 1 year certificate, and Any dog or cat vaccinated in 2003. It also provides the location: Winfield Scott park, corner of East Jersey St. and Winfield Scott Plaza, and the dates: Saturday, June 24, 2006 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and Thursday, July 13, 2006 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. It includes a note: It is recommended that all pets be on a leash! State Law requires that all dogs be vaccinated before a license is issued. It also mentions: Dog Licenses will be available on site. Neutered or Spayed \$11.00 (with proof) Non Neutered or Spayed \$16.00. It ends with the slogan: For everyone's safety please immunize your pets.

ELIZABETH DAV CHAPTER #73
CELEBRATES ITS 50th ANNIVERSARY

(Right) Ed Netta proudly wears
his Purple Heart and New
Jersey Distinguished Medal

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(above, l-r) Mayor Chris Bollwage presents citations
to Edward Netta, Dominic “Duke” Mele, Yolanda
Mayers and Ann Zarro, widow of Carl Zarro.

(Right, l-r) Sal Mione, Veterans Affairs Coordinator for
the County of Union, acknowledges Yolanda Mayers’ 25
year commitment as president of Chapter #73.



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(above, l-r) Trainer Rocky Albano gives Bob Fernandez a rubdown after a workout at Kirk Center in 1950.

MY FIRST VISIT TO THE KIRK CENTER

Forever encased in my mind is the memory of my first visit to “Kirk Center” gym. The first fight I saw was two fighters going at it hammer and tong in a spirited sparring session. I immediately sat down on a bench only a few feet away from the action. I was never that close to ring action before and it scared me a bit. The power and viciousness of the punches were shocking to this young boy who would get used to it soon enough.

I could see these guys were professionals, they were very good. Both fighters were wearing headgear and protective cups. I noticed the initials T.K. on one fighter's headgear. I then recognized Tommy Kaczmarek, a local pro who I had seen fight at Twin City Bowl. As they continued to spar I finally made out Tom's opponent. He was Tic Mollozzi, a Carmen Basilio type of fighter known as the “South Street Slugger” by Elizabeth, New Jersey fight fans. I had also seen Tic fight and he was strictly punch and destroy.

My first time behind the scenes seeing the fighters train remains vivid in my mind. It was just as exciting as being at the Twin City or Elizabeth Armory fights. I would later learn that some, if not many, gym workouts are more vicious and hard fought than the real thing. Tic and Tommy's workouts were no exception.

The gym became one of my favorite places. Some of the finest people your writer would ever meet were found at Kirk Center.

(right) Trainer Pete Nozza and Phil “Dennis” Saxton.

(far right) Trainer Pete Nozza plays piano for his fighters Bob Fernandez and Phil Saxton after a workout.

TOMMY K. JOGS FOND MEMORIES OF KIRK CENTER

Submitted by Bob Fernandez, Sr.

The February 06 issue of Around About Peterstown included an article about Tommy Kaczmarek, the all time greatest and most respected of boxing judges. In recent correspondence we both recalled a place fond to both our minds. The gym in the basement of the Elizabeth Recreation Center.

It was first known by Elizabeth youth as the Midtown Community Center, and later was called Kirk Center. Named after James T. Kirk who was elected and re-elected numerous times as Elizabeth, N.J. Mayor. Tom's jog opened this “place”, one of the most cherished of my youth, to my favorite pastime reminiscing back to the golden days of New Jersey boxing. Way, way back to the late 1940's and early 1950's.

The Center is located in Peterstown, the Italian section of Elizabeth. This small gym was something out of a Hollywood movie script, only better.

The Center was financed by the City of Elizabeth. The money was just enough to keep the place running. The City couldn't go elaborate; they had the taxpayers to contend with. Little did they know at the time that the frugal sum spent for the Center helped shape hundreds of young men's lives. It kept them off the streets and out of trouble. Getting them into sports, thereby installing pride in themselves and to live and play by the rules of life. A small investment indeed for aiding those kids in becoming solid law abiding citizens.

One can never forget the first walk off the main floor at the Kirk Community Center to the rickety flight of wooden steps that squeaked and groaned as we followed them down to the boxing gym. The air was filled with the odor of liniment and sweat. It wasn't an unpleasant odor; it was what a real gym should smell like. This walk I would repeat many times in the future.

When entering the gym the boxing ring was on the immediate right, set in a corner. Wooden floorboards covered with canvas were set against the concrete floor. Four ring posts held the ring ropes in place. The ropes were thought to be very old since they had yards and

yards of adhesive tape wrapped around their entire length for support from age and wear. Wooden benches could be placed on only two sides of the ring for the viewers. The other two sides were against the wall, being that the ring was set in a corner. The ring canvas was filthy from all the use it got. One seam was taped over more than once. I imagined most of the spots on that canvas were bloodstains. Raggedy-tag but useable. Along the far wall was cream colored metal lockers, all with their locking mechanisms broken, but again still useable. While working out a fighter had a place to put his street clothes.

Long wooden benches were placed in front of the lockers. One lone rubbing table was available and a full-length mirror was hung for shadow boxing use. Two heavy bags, their canvas worn thin from the punches received, hung from the ceiling on chains. One speed bag rack was there for those who had a speed bag. It seemed only the pro fighters could afford such a luxury. A small shower room with two showerheads was in constant use as the fighters came and went. Steam constantly came out of the open door. Above the gym was the basketball court, which was always in use through the evening. It supplied a constant rumble to the already noisy gym. Both sounds suggested huge youthful activity. Much energy burned, at the right time and place.

Forty years later my then four-year old granddaughter's pre-school class put on a play at Kirk Center. It was news to her grandparents that “Kirk” was still open and running, since we had moved from that area years before.

After being seated I just had to slip away to check out the gym. It was the evening hours and as I approached the gym stairs they were lighted up with a night-light. As I descended, the squeaking and groaning sound was heard again. I loved every second of that great symphony, a melody for fistiana. Talk about jogging fond memories.



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their fighters. There was an acquaintance of mine who wanted to enter the Diamond Gloves that year. He had never had a pair of boxing gloves on in his life. He mentioned to the priest at his parish that he needed a good trainer. The priest knew one of his long time parishioners had a boxing background. He got the novice boxer together with Joe Harris the old pro. Just four weeks of training under Harris got the 135 pounder his first of five wins in a division packed with talent that year. Joe Oliveri, the drummer boy, was the hero of the tournament. His wins were action packed and title winning. Oliveri then joined the Marines and won the All Marine Championship at Paris Island.

(right)The main man at the gym was Tony Orlando, Sr. Tony, a former pro boxer, gave much of his life to boxing. Tony took on any kid that wanted to push leather. It is said that he never took a penny from his pro fighters for his services or time. Tony was Elizabeth, NJ boxing. Some of the punch for pay boys he trained were Freddy Russo, Roger Murial, Charley Slaughter, Richie Gonzalez and Vito Maselli to name a few.



(above) Bob and Mary Ann Fernandez on their wedding day, September 1, 1956.



(right) Mary and Bob will be celebrating their 50th anniversary this year. They are life members of V.F.W. Post 7164 in Avenel.

CONTRIBUTING WRITER BOB FERNANDEZ

Bob Fernandez was born and raised in the Frog Hollow section of Elizabeth, adjacent to Peterstown. He graduated Thomas Jefferson High School and married Mary Ann Lenard, a Battin High School grad. They presently reside in Albrightsville, PA.

Fernandez parlayed his love for boxing that started when he visited the Gym in the Midtown Community Center (a.k.a. Kirk Center) in his youth into a career as a writer. Bob, now 73 years old, was inducted into the the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame as a writing historian, having written for “Ring 25” as well as other publications, promoting the sport and reporting on the industry. His latest article, about Charlie Fusari, can be found on the web at: www.njboxinghof.org.

(left) An invitation for all to attend the next boxing show hosted by Elizabeth Recreation in honor of long time trainer Clearance Devine.

NOTE: Congratulations to Tyre Roberts who won the 152 lb Golden Gloves title. Tyre appeared in the April Issue of this newspaper just prior to his title fight.

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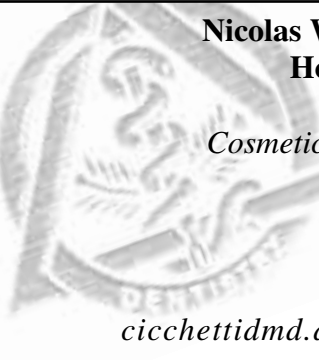
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(above, front, l-r) Paul Partazana, Augie Schumatti and Jimmy Kompany. (back) Amidio Veltre, Phil Melchione and John Orazi from 1955.

(right, l-r) Paul Partazana, Barney Tracy, Tony Orlando, Jr., Bruce Tango and Amidio Veltre.

(right, l-r) John Orazi, Frank Cuzzola, Paul Cuzzola, Paul Partazana, Jim DiSalva and Joe Baracco.

CLEVELAND/PETERSTOWN 50 YEAR REUNION

Grover Cleveland Jr. High School, located on the outskirts of the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ, drew students from Peterstown grade schools #3 and #15 along with students from other neighborhoods. Of the 1,500 7th, 8th and 9th graders approximately 20% were from Peterstown. There were enough just from the neighborhood to have their own reunion.

Peterstown students from the graduating classes ranging from 1955 to '58, got together on May 21, 2006 at the Gran Centurions Banquet Facility in Clark, NJ to relive their glory days. Fifty two guests attended the afternoon affair. They shared stories of their school days and what has happened since.

For some, there was a lot of catching up to do. Not so

for others, who have stayed in close contact for the past 50 years. Along with the old tales out of school were albums of old photos of girls in bobby socks and boys doing their best James Dean. Needless to say the event was a real hoot and ended with promises of doing it again real soon.



(above, l-r) The committee that organized the event Paul and Ruth (Fynne) Partazana, Tom Buckley and Carmela (Fiorillo) Canonico.



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(above) Mary Ann Modonia, Anne Zinnis, Rose LaPlaca, Fran Melchione and Mary Loria.



(above, l-r) Lina Orazzi, Connie Cuzzola
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(left, l-r) Jim and Margaret Kompany,
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The Bartone brother's, Tony and Danny, have owned Antone's Restaurant and bar on South Avenue in Cranford since 1983. This is no surprise that Antone's is extremely popular because the brothers learned the business from a seasoned restaurateur, their dad, Anthony, who owned and operated some of the hottest nightclubs in the late 1950's and early '60's.

Anthony Bartone, along with partner Frank Deluccia, Jr., opened Del-Tone's Holiday Inn, a Restaurant and Night Club located on Route 25 in Elizabeth, NJ. The hot spot was celebrated with lots of fan fair. Rocky Marciano a close friend of Anthony and Frank made an appearance on the club's opening night.

The lounge drew crowds from all over the area

(left) Anthony Bartone married Margaret Hanna, September 19, 1959, in the hottest night spot around, his own Deltones' Holiday Inn on Route 25 in Elizabeth, NJ. Of course, the music was supplied by, non other than, Frankie Vali and The Four Lovers.

because of the atmosphere, quality food and entertainment. Frankie Vali played there regularly. This was pre- Four Season days when his group was known as The Four Lovers.

In 1965 Anthony Sr. opened a Bar/Restaurant named Antone's, located on New York Avenue. He owned Antone's until 1972 when it opened under new management as Smoothies. Today the building is the home of Tapas of Spain.

In '72 Bartone then opened the Oakland House on North Avenue in Garwood, NJ. Four years later, in 1976 He opened Antone's in Cranford. Anthony Bartone passed away in 1983 but he left a long legacy of feeding and entertaining people. The legacy lives on through his sons. Tony and Danny are hands on hosts at Antone's, just like their father was.

Antone's is a regular place with a few unique touches. For instance it has a wall of beer taps offering 46 different types of beers that change seasonally. The American Continental cuisine is taken up a notch with some original preparations. The menu features aged steak, pasta and “The Freshest Fish in Union County”.

Antone's serves lunch and dinner in their busy bar, quiet dining room with fireplace or out doors, street side.

It is conveniently located across the street from the railway station and is open seven days a week. The kitchen serves from 11:30am to 10pm, Monday through Thursday, 11am to 1am on Fridays, 3pm to 1am on Saturdays and from 3pm to 10pm on Sundays. The bar is open until 2am and is active with a mix of singles and couples. Sports are usually on the multiple TV's but there are also booths for those who want to be alone in a crowd.



(above) A newspaper clipping from the opening night of Deltones with owners Frank Delucia and Anthony Bartone and close friend, retired undefeated heavyweight champion of the world, Rocky Marciano.



(above) Anthony Bartone Sr. flanked by his nephews Peter and Bobby Petracca.



(above, l-r) Tony, English food and beer critic Michael Jackson and Danny.



Jackson’s Critic?
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(left) Diana DeMeo taps one of the 46 varieties of beer offered at Antone’s.

(below) Ad for Tapas of Spain which coincidently is located where the Original Antone’s was in Elizabeth.

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Dinners can find everything from Tile Fish, Day Boat Scallops, Flounder, Weak Gish (Sea Trout), Monk Fish, Tuna and local clams on the menu. All caught that day by Tony and George. The only thing that is more

impressive than the fishes freshness is the unique way the chef’s prepare it. The recipes are out of the ordinary. It is quit an experience.

Tony’s brother and partner in the restaurant, Danny, is also on the high seas every week. He is a dive boat Captain that takes scuba divers out to explore local wrecks. He charts his boat, “Independence II”, out of the the Manasquan Inlet. His boat is used on the History Channel's series “Deep Sea Detectives.” If you watch closely you will get a glimpse of the captain.

Recipies

Submitted by Antone’s Restaurant, Cranford, NJ
Tile Fish Al Tori Chicago Style

INGREDIENTS

- 4 Tile Filets
- 2 Cups Japanese Bread Crumbs
- 2 Tlbs Cilantro
- 2 Cloves Shallots
- 4 Oz. Butter
- 1 Diced Fresh Tomato
- 1 Medium Yellow Squash Sliced
- 1 Medium Zucchini Sliced
- 1/2 Cup White Wine
- 3/4 Cup Pinoli Nuts
- 6 oz. Fresh Spinach
- 1 Red Pepper Sliced
- 1 Green Pepper Sliced
- 2 Tlbs. Olive Oil
- 2 Cloves Garlic Diced
- 2 Fresh Lemons

PREPARATION:

- 1) Add 1 Tlbs of olive oil, shallots, fresh tomato and white wine in a saute pan and reduce to half.
- 2) Add cilantro, butter, salt and pepper.
- 3) Add mixture to bread crumbs with oregano and paprika and mix well.
- 4) Bake nuts on a cookie sheet at 350 for 5-6 minutes or until golden brown.
- 5) Add to bread crumb mixture and mix well.
- 6) Season tile fish filets with salt and peper and pan sear for one minute on each side in olive oil and remove.
- 7) Top filets with bread crumb mixture and place in oven at 350 for 6-8 minutes.
- 8) Saute veggies in olive oil and garlic, add salt and pepper to taste.
- 9) Put veggies on plate, place tile fish directly over veggies and sprinkle with fresh lemon.
- 10) Enjoy!

Panko and Basil Encrusted Seabass

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INGREDIENTS

- 1 Lb Filet Seabass
- 1 Cup Panko
- 1/2 Cup Fresh Basil
- 1 Teas. Parmesan Cheese
- Ginger Raspberry Sauce*

* GINGER RASBERRY SAUCE

- 1 Teaspoon fresh ginger
- 1 Cup fresh raspberry
- 1 Teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 Teaspoon chopped shallots

PREPARATION:

- 1) Fry seabass for 2 minutes
- 2) Place in pan cover with panko, basil and cheese, then bake in oven for five minutes
- 3) Top with ginger rasberry sauce
- 4) Serve



(above) Tony Bartone and George Holmberg fish every chance they get. The two Strippers they are holding are game fish which they caught for sport and released.

Pan Seared Tile Fish with Romesco Sauce

PREPARATION:

- 1) Saute 1 Lb Filet Tilefish for 2 minutes
- 2) Top with Romesco Sauce*
- 3) Serve

*ROMESCO SAUCE w/Black Olives and Tomatoes

- 1 Teasp. chopped fresh garlic
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PREPARATION:

- 1) Saute ingredients



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(above) Owner Mel Desai punching up numbers on the NJ pick-it machine.



(above) Check-out Doris Bonetti and Erica Abriu.



(above) Universal's delivery van is a familiar sight around town.

DEMBLINGS IN RAHWAY LIKE BRAND NEW

Demblings Supermarket on Grand Street in Rahway has been a landmark source for groceries and household products since 1926. In May of 2006 Demblings celebrated its latest grand reopening after a one-year renovation. This is the latest and the grandest of all the growth spurts that Demblings has went through in its 80-year history.

The store got its start across the street from its present location is a 2,000 square foot storefront. Today the store packs into a 10,000 square foot building complete with off street parking. During this past year the entire store was modernized and beautified. Despite its vast space Demblings has not lost its corner store charm. New owner Mel Desai made sure of that. Keeping the name Demblings represents his commitment to keeping the character intact.

Shoppers may notice the C-Town logo along side Demblings name because Demblings is one of six supermarkets that Mel and his partners own and operate. The C-Town brand unifies all six. There is a C-Town in Orange, Hackensack, One in Newark named Bravo and another called the Hackensack Market. The sixth is the very popular Universal Supermarket located at 2325 Elizabeth Avenue in Linden.

Demblings is amazingly well stocked with a wide variety of goods. Each department can stand alone as its own entity. Demblings features a liquor store, a butcher shop, a produce stand, a deli and rows of groceries.

The meat department continues the tradition of offering quality meats, which Demblings has always been known for. The deli is has an extra ordinary selection of home made specialties and daily specials like fresh mozzarella, pasta dishes, lasagna, salads, stuffed artichokes, stuffed cabbage and crab cakes. They sell Boar's Head and Thuman's cold cuts and even have

a four foot high Kosher Pickle Barrel. Demblings has once again become a popular place for take-out lunch and dinners.

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(above, l-r) Peeking over the well stocked deli counter are cooks, Griselda Barrera and Irene Kerekgyarto.

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Prizes were given out for numerous categories like the biggest catch of the day to the most enthusiastic fisherman. Prizes such as skate boards, baseball gloves and soccer balls

were given out. Participants without their own equipment were given their own fishing pole that they got to keep. Prizes, poles and tackle were purchased with monies confiscated from drug busts. This is just one of the many youth programs that are organized throughout the year. For information about future events call Officer Vito Tropeano or Detective Dennis Cabarle at 908-296-2252.



(above) Cesar Bartolo holds up his catch, a 4lb carp.
(left, front, l-r) Some volunteers included Officer Mike Tropeano, Nelson Gonzalez, Detective Dennis Cabarle, Officer Abner Rodreguez, Lt. Tyrone Tornor.
(back) Luz Contrekas; Ashley, Barbara and Samantha Caporaso.



(left, l-r) Katina Richardson gets help from Officer Vito Tropeano and Mike Coporaso returning the fish she caught to the lake in Warinanco Park.

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FROM SAL RENNA'S FAMILY ARCHIVES

(below) The manifest from the steam ship Patima that Sal Renna found in the archives of Ellis Island that lists his grand parents, father, aunts and uncles as passengers. The manifest also reveals several other details of interest. (see call outs)

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LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES

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S. S. *Patria*

sailing from *Palermo*

19th July

1916

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No. on List	Class	HEAD TAX EXEMPTIONS		HEAD TAX DEPOSITS		NAME IN FULL		Age	Sex	Calling or Occupation	Nat'lty (Country of which citizen or subject)	Race or People		The name and complete address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came	
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FAMILY NAME:	GIVEN NAME:	AGE:	CALLING OR OCCUPATION:	NATIONALITY: Italy	The name and address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came:
Renna	Salvatore	61	Merchant	RACE OR PEOPLE: South	
Carlino	Francesca	46	Housewife	COUNTRY: Sicily	
Renna	Maria Grascia	14	Housewife	CITY OR TOWN: Corleone	- This column indicates Emanuele Renna was living in America and was the son of Salvatore and Francesca, and the brother of the others listed. Siblings, Nicholas and Lucy were also living in America already.
Renna	Carmela	12	- This column also shows that		
Renna	Filippo	8	Carmela was hospitalized and		
Renna	Guiseppa	4	discharged.		
Renna	Francensca	2			





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(above) This photo, circa 1925, was Sal's family waiting for the return of his Aunt Grace from a trip back to Italy. Sal could pick out quite a few family members and some other folks he knows were from Peterstown.

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| 1. Sal's mother, Dolly | 6. Leonard |
| 2. Aunt, Jossie Insolaca | 7. Sal |
| 3. Grandmother, Francesca | 8. Angelo Buffa |
| 4. Uncle, Jimmy | 9. Gasper Buffa |
| 5. Father, Phil | 10. Lucy Buffa |
| | 11. Genny Urso |

(below, left, l-r) Wedding photo of Sal's mother and father, Christine "Dolly" Landolpi and Phil Renna.

(below, l-r) Phil and Dolly Renna in 1989.



(above, standing, l-r) Sal's father Filippo "Phil", his aunts and uncles: Carmella, Maria Gracia, Jossie, Lucy and Francesa "Jimmy." (seated, l-r) His uncle Emanuele, Grandmother Francesca and uncle Nicholas. The photo was taken at Jossie's wedding. Sal's grandfather, Salvatore, who died in 1937, is missing from the photo.



(left) The scene at the dock in 1937, where Sal's family and friends stood along with others dressed in their Sunday best for loved ones to arrive. His Aunt Grace and Uncle Tony were due back from a trip back to Italy.

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| 1. Sal's aunt, Lucy Russo | 5. Ginny Urso |
| 2. Aunt, Jossie Insolaca | 6. Ed Vogel |
| 3. Virginia Renna | 7. Fran Vogel |
| 4. Aunt, Carmela | 8. Mom, Dolly |



(above) Christine “Dolly” Renna

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Special thanks must go out to Sal Renna and his wife, Fran. It takes effort to keep the history alive. The stories Sal shares and photos he archives are more than just those of one family but an entire community.

From his two grandparents, Salvatore and Francesca, sprung scores of sons and daughters, grandchildren, great-grand children and now great-great grandchildren. Sal's father Phil was just one of eight and with his wife Dolly produced two children, six grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and one on the way.

Consider the totals when his seven siblings are added in. When all the lives of the people who married into the family or have become close friends are calculated the number is staggering.

The point is that the lives of Salvatore and Francesca are significant. The decisions they made and the lessons that they handed down to their children were translated into who the present generation has become. The evidence shows that they did a very good job.

Dolly is the matriarch of the family and fulfills the role beautifully. She is a perfect role model for the rest of the family to follow. Her great-grandchildren have a unique opportunity learn from her, first hand.

Sal Renna has embraced the traditions of his parents and grandparent's and tries to instill them in the younger generation of the Renna clan. It is an effort that is highly commendable. Hopefully it will inspire others to do the same.

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(above, seated) Dolly is surrounded by 15 of her 16 great-grandchildren.



(above, l-r) Sal celebrated his 67th birthday in 2006 with his family and friends, Emily, Kristine, Angelo Fama, Sal, Dominic Musto, his son Phil, James Carigan, Daughter Christine, Jimmy, Dennis and Denise.

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(above, l-r) Lou Falipe, John and Jackie Schipani, Carl Strozza, Vicki Diamond and Vinnie Cannady sang all the classics from the 50's and sixties over the course of the five hour picnic. John and Jackie, who own a DJ/Karaoke business supplied the equipment.



(right, l-r) There could never be too many cooks when feeding two hundred people. Here's Ross and Anthony DeMeo, Sal Piccarella, Vinny Degeorgio, Jack Sennet, Anthony Sacca, Joe laRocca and Mike Colletti.



(left, l-r) Father Pat Diver said a few words on behalf of Saint Anthony's commending the work that our honorees did for the school and the students.
(below, l-r) Frank Bravo, Fran Antonucci and Patty Dagro kept an eye on the ribs as they slow cooked.



(left, l-r) Jake Maceli joined members of Peterstown's legendary band, Tatoo Rose, Joe Phief and Louie Falipe performed unplugged with Dom Decesare.



(left, l-r) Danny, Marrisa and Peter DeRose. Sis. Marrisa, who is principal at St. Theresa's in Kenilworth will be assigned to a new parish in New Orleans this summer.

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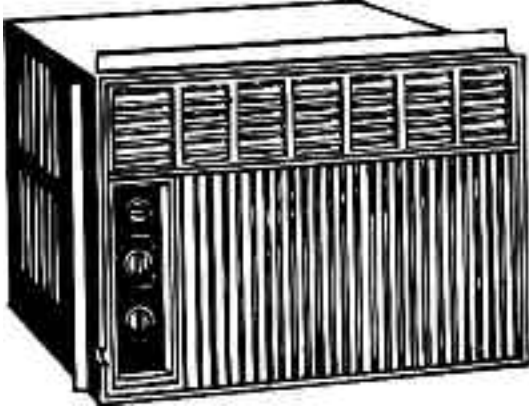
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(above, l-r) Nicky Scaff is holding the youngest guest at the party, Nicholas Louis, with his wife Rosaria.



(above, l-r) At 90 years old, Edith D'Antico, was the most seasoned guest to attend.



(above, l-r) Joe, John and Frank Sacco reunited. Joe and Frank traveled up form Florida to attend the picnic.



(above, l-r) Joe Larocca and mom, Anna



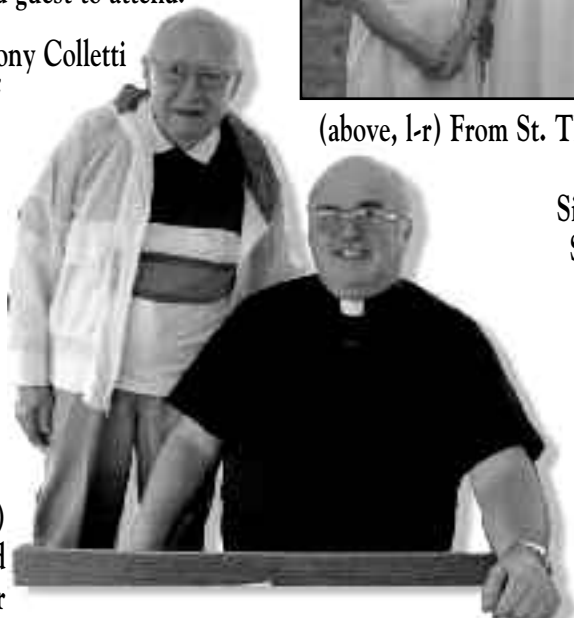
(above, l-r) From St. Theresa's in Kenilworth, Sis. Dominica Di Peri, Sis. Marrisa DeRose and Sis. Suzanne Dauwalter.



(above, l-r) Gloria and Nick Netta



(left, l-r) Anthony Colletti and Mike Scaff with sons.



(right, l-r) Al Rugani and Fr. Pat Diver



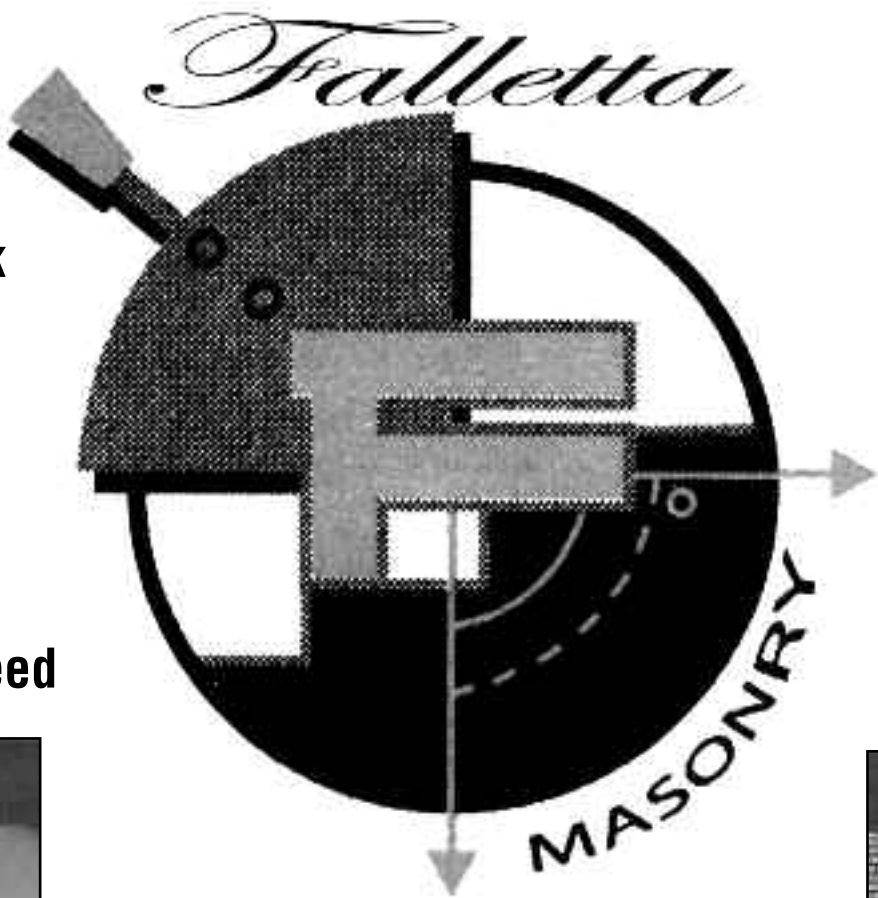
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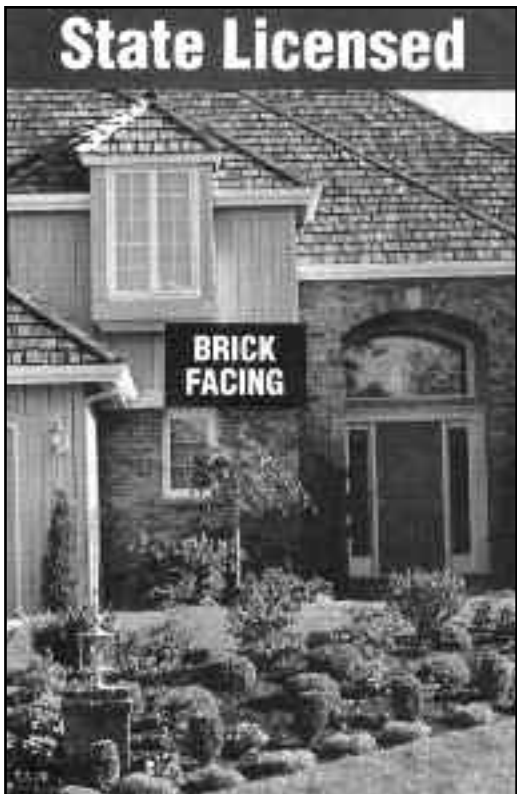
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(above, r) Vicki Diamond runs the Karaoke Show at Al's Pub on Greir Avenue in Linden on Thursday and Saturday Nights.



(above) Mike and Frank Spirito
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Every year the Nigro family has a reunion bringing together the descendants of Michael and Anna Maria (Vella) Nigro's seven children: Frank, Erminia (married name Sabia), Angela Rose (Colicchio), Joseph, Filomina (Chirichello), Maria Francesca (Chirichello) and Vito. Maria and Francesca married two brothers.

Over 200 cousins attend the end of summer event. While planning the event questions arose about the whereabouts of Pete Chirichello, son of Filomina and Rocco. He moved to California at a young age and lost contact with the family.

There was some correspondence early on and his nephew Mike Nigro even visited him when he was in California after World War II. Other than that Pete's first cousins did not have the wear-with-all to find him. It was the next generation of the Nigro Family who were interested in what happened to their cousin. They piqued the interest of the current generation of the family tree, who engaged one of their offspring to conduct a search on the Internet.

Through various websites and a series of messages sent to all Chirichellos listed in California a connection was made with someone who happened to be looking for relatives of someone named Pete Chirichello. The connection was uncanny considering the odds of both parties to be searching the congruent information at precisely the same time.

The response came from Sharon and Gary McCann, a couple who were superintendents of the apartment building in Las Vegas where Pete was living. Through their email correspondence Sharon and Gary explained Pete had been ill and that they have been caring for him. Subsequent messages documented Pete's deteriorating condition.

Over a few months time the e-mails explained that Pete was taken to University Medical Center, he was in and out of consciousness and eventually fell into a coma. It was then that Sharon and Gary started looking for his family. Decisions had to be made concerning life support and other issues of guardianship. The McCanns visited Pete twice a day. He even came out of his coma for a while.

All Sharon and Gary knew of Pete's family is that he once had a wife named Laura who may still be in California or Colorado, and he had a daughter who died in a plane crash. His cousins knew that he had a sister, Anna. She died in a fire in California. They don't know what the sister's married name was but they knew her husband's name was Frank and they had a daughter named Rose and possibly a second one.

Nancy Gersick, who was Joseph's Daughter and her niece Lorraine (Renna) Kelly, were the ones who got the wheels turning. They asked Lorraine's daughter Dana to conduct the Internet search. In another stroke of coincidence, Nancy and Lorraine were booked to go to Las Vegas on a trip sponsored by St. Theresa's Church in Linden, NJ where they live. They made plans with Sharon and Gary to meet there so they could visit Pete

in the hospital. The excitement of finding Pete and getting the chance to meet him was deflated after Nancy and Lorraine landed in Vegas. Sharon and Gary had to break the sad news that Pete had passed away days before their arrival.

Sharon and Gary spent time with Nancy and Lorraine and gave them a collection of old photos Pete had. They shared stories of Pete's family and parted friends.

There are many details to Pete's life that are yet to be revealed but the picture of that life is more in focus than it ever was. 📷

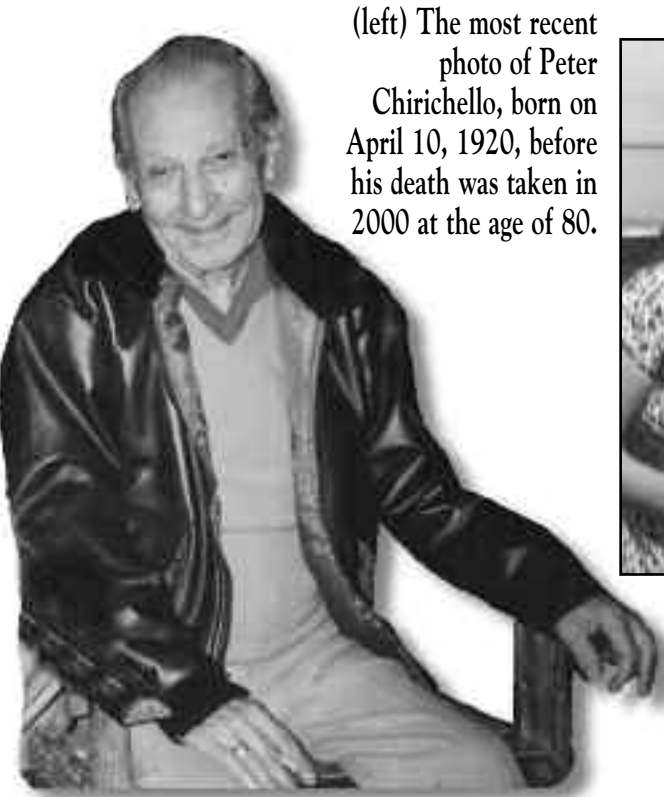
(right) Peter Chirichello in a photo he inscribed with love to his wife Laura Ann.



(above, l-r) Peter's friends and caretakers Gary and Sharon McCann met Petes distant relatives Nancy Gersick and Lorraine Kelly in Las Vegas.



(right) Pete and Laura Ann in Las Angeles, 1948.



(left) The most recent photo of Peter Chirichello, born on April 10, 1920, before his death was taken in 2000 at the age of 80.



(left) Pete's sister, Anna with daughter Rose in 1959.

(below, l-r) Anne's husband Frank with pet cat Whitie and daughter Rose.



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(above) Crest of the Italo-American Mutual Benefit Laborers Society of Scotch Plains, NJ, founded in 1906 and incorporated in 1930. The club, located at 176 Valley Avenue in Scotch Plains, boasts 135 members.

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Submitted by: John Marquardt

The Italian American Club of Scotch Plains celebrated its 100th Anniversary, a significant and memorable milestone for this organization and a wonderful tribute to the sons of Montazzoli who founded the club a century ago!

Montazzoli, a small town in the Abruzzo region of the Chieti Province of Italy, is the twin city of Scotch Plains, NJ and the close relationship between the two towns began well over a century ago when the "Montazzolesi" began to immigrate and settle in Scotch Plains.

A number of activities were staged between May 27

through June 3 to celebrate this special centennial event, beginning with a members and guests dinner dance at the Italian American Club. On May 29 the club members marched in the Memorial Day Parade, and the Italian American Club created a float dedicated to our military service men and women and the many Italian American veterans who have served their country with honor during the past 100 years.


On June 1 the public was invited to participate in a special Italian Mass at Saint Bartholomew the Apostle Church, followed by a free concert held at the Alan Augustine Park adjacent to the Municipal Building.



(above) The Italian American Club of Scotch Plains' Women's Auxiliary holding the 100th Anniversary Banner stand in front of the float used in the Memorial Day Parade.



(above) Peter DiNizo, Italian American Club 100th Anniversary Committee Chairman, along with several Italian American Club officers and members who marched in the Memorial Day Parade.

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GARGANO LIVED LIFE TO THE FULLEST

Patrick J. Gargano, 83, of Vineland, NJ died December 27, 2005. Born December 31, 1921 in Elizabeth, NJ, Patrick is the son of the late Joseph and Assunta (Susan) Rosato Gargano.

He graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School Class of 1940 in Elizabeth, NJ and attended Union Jr. College and Rutgers University. He was employed by Merck Pharmaceuticals and the Singer Mfg. Company. Patrick was a World War II veteran who enlisted in the U.S. Navy and also served with the 121st NCB. 4th Marine Division (3rd BN 20th Marine Engineers) - Asiatic-Pacific-Theatre (Roi, Namur, Saipan, and Tinian).

Mr. Gargano has resided in the New Jersey towns of Elizabeth, Union, Roselle Park, Rahway, Estell Manor, Cranford, and Vineland. Patrick was a charter member of Bayleaf Post #6807 in Garwood, NJ and most recently affiliated with the VFW Post #157 Vineland, NJ. He was involved with the Boy Scouts of America, a life Scout member and recipient of the Order of the Arrow. In addition, Patrick was a partner in the Gargano Brothers' Construction Company, a member of the Saint Anthony's Drum and Bugle Core, foreman and superintendent of numerous bridge and construction companies in Union and Morris Counties of New Jersey and in Connecticut, a Senior Inspector of Highways and Bridges in the Union County Engineer's Office, a building inspector and zoning officer of Roselle Park, NJ, and a member of the NJ Building Official's Association.

Patrick retired from the State of New Jersey Treasury Department, Division of Building and Construction as a District Supervisor/Principal Engineer where he also served as a construction consultant. He was an active member of the Democratic parties in Roselle Park and Estell Manor, NJ, serving as president of the Democratic clubs in both cities.

His hobbies included golfing, fishing, gardening, traveling, painting, and freely giving advice to friends and family. Patrick was a member of the Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club of NJ and of the Vineland YMCA. He did volunteer work with persons with developmental disabilities as well as in nursing homes and veterans organizations. Patrick was a member of Sacred Heart church in Vineland, NJ and a very active member of the 4th Marine Division Chapter 12, WWII.

Patrick Gargano was predeceased by his sister Nicolina Gargano Norwig and daughter Ellen Mason. He is survived by his devoted companion, Whelma B. Irby; his sister Dorothy Stabile of Union; three daughters and sone-in-laws Kathleen and John Walsh of Colts Neck, NJ, Jean and Robert Jones of Cranford, NJ and Michele and Gary Ballin of Bayville, NJ; one son Wayne Gargano and wife Helen of Estell Manor, NJ. Patrick is also survived by 10 much loved grandchildren, John Patrick and Bryce Walsh; Matthew Mason; Katie and Colleen Jones; Melissa and husband Charles Mashura; Fawn, and Jesse Gargano; Kenneth and wife Michelle and Jared Ballin, and two great grand children, Ellen Mason and Ella Mashura.



(above) The family of Patrick Gargano sits at the forefront of his family portrait.

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It's important that fathers and mothers remind their children of the sacrifices that these soldiers have made for us and that we should hold them in high esteem and never forget in our hearts their sacrifices.

This is a real confusing real estate market as we listen to the news it seems that no one really understands what is going on concerning the real estate industry.

One day the news states that resale housing and new construction is down. The next day we hear about a real estate bubble. Simultaneously we hear that there is no bubble and that values are flattening out. The following day we hear from the same newscaster's that real estate sales are up and that values continue to rise. What should we believe?

The fact is that real estate sales in general are slowing down and will continue to do so. There are many reasons for this but primarily it's affordability.

As interests rates continue to rise it costs the average buyer \$100 per every \$100,000 borrowed more in a mortgage payment. A \$600,000 home a year ago would be approximately \$1,200 a year in mortgage

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payments less then today. In addition, real estate values have increased rapidly over the last five years while buyers have been informed by newspapers, radio, and television that prices will come down. There is a fear in our general vicinity that the government will be cracking down on illegal immigrants. That fear has also perpetuated a slow down on the real estate market.

Real estate values are predicated on demand. We refer to these markets as buyers and sellers market places. A buyers market is when there is an abundance of homes for sale and too few buyers. A sellers market is when there is too few homes on the market and ample buyers. For the past few years we have been in a sellers market. Buyers would customarily pay more than the asking price in fear of loosing the home of their choice. Sellers were rewarded with higher prices.

The trend has now reversed and we are now in a buyers market. For the most part buyers are no longer paying above the asking price and may low ball the true values of the home attempting to get a bargain.

These trends will continue for the foreseeable future as inventory continues to rise. Homes that are priced according to the market price and are in good condition will sell. Homes that are over priced and are in poor condition will linger in the market place.

Another sector of the market has taken out buyers who were speculating on increasing values. We refer to these individuals as "Flippers". They are gradually leaving the market place. This trend will continue for the foreseeable future until such time that real estate values begin to rise again and interest rates drop. ☹️

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HOME RECENTLY RENOVATED NEW EXTERIOR SEP UTIL FEAT:
5 2BRS APTS & 1 3BR APT GREAT INCOME GREAT FOR
INVESTOR **ASKING \$599,000**



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KIT, 1FBTH & 2 HBTHS FULL BMT UNIQUE OFFICE ABOVE 1 CAR GARG
ASKING \$439,000



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ELIZABETH - Rare and spacious Center Hall Colonial in the Elmora Hills section! Oversized corner lot with great curb appeal! 3+BR, 3BA, beautiful oak beams and trim, 2 zone central air, wood floors, and a large wood deck! Trans #048010429

\$569,900



Location! Location! Location!

UNION - Quality built and nicely maintained 2 family home on a corner lot in a great location - close to schools, rec facilities, and mass trans! Each unit offers a large Eat-in-Kitchen, Living Room, 2 Bedrooms, and full bath!

Attached garage! Trans #048010390

\$429,800



Don't Compromise on Quality!

ELIZABETH - Elmora section legal two-family with a total of 6 bedrooms, separate utilities (gas- 2 units), thermopane windows, full high basement, and much more! Trans #048010310

\$429,800



Must See to Appreciate!

UNION - Charming Battle Hill Cape with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, finished basement with large Family Room (dry bar), workshop, and laundry area! Gas heat, Master Bathroom, stone/aluminum exterior - all on a large 80 x 121 lot! Trans #048010434

\$389,000



The Best of Both Worlds!

HILLSIDE - Charming Colonial in a great location! Featuring 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, finished basement, Eat-in-Kitchen with center island and pantry, central air, new windows, siding, roof, and more!

Trans #048010436

\$369,000



Small Wonder!

LINDEN - Three bedroom, 1.5 bath Cape Cod with a large Eat-in-Kitchen, Florida Room, wood floors, central air and 2 zone heating, ample storage, new windows, and a full basement! Trans #048010437

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