

Washington County

Italian Heritage Festival

Sette anno

**Aug. 5, 6, & 7
1988**



Welcome

It is indeed a pleasure to express our sincere welcome to the 1988 Washington County Italian Heritage Festival.

We have come together for three days of fun, food and great entertainment. For those of Italian heritage, this festival should also serve as a time to reflect — a time to remember a proud past, and to look towards a bright future.

We salute the many sponsors, advertisers and friends, who assist us, the Festival Committee Volunteers, in making it financially possible to stage this great event.

We are certainly proud of our heritage, proud to be Italian-Americans . . . and are extremely grateful that you have decided to join us in this years celebration.

Viva Italia — Viva L'America!

The 1988 Festival Committee

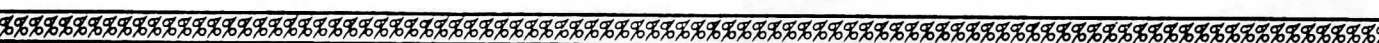
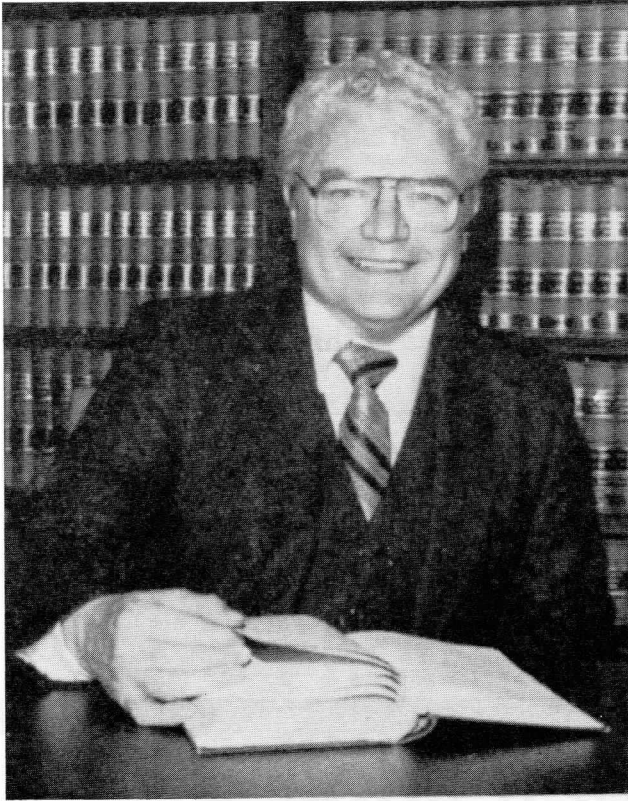


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1988 Festival President & Founder



Richard Celani, a native of Washington, Pa., is the 1988 Festival President. He is also the Founder of the Washington County Italian Heritage Festival. In 1982, then as a Washington City Councilman (the first Italian to hold that position), Celani formed a committee to consider the possibility of holding an annual festival in the city. His reasoning was to create an activity that would focus attention on the heritage of the people of our area and at the same time generate a cultural and economic event that would be beneficial to the greater Washington community.

Although originally planned to include groups and participants from all nationalities, it soon became apparent that the primary interest was to come from those of Italian descent. Thus the beginning of what has now become a very worthwhile summer event, looked forward to by many who attend year after year.

Rich Celani is married, with four children and three grandchildren. One of three sons of Virginia Aloia Celani and Pietro Celani (deceased), Rich is a professional auto body mechanic. A 1954 graduate, and senior class president of Washington High School, Rich Celani, along with brothers Pete and John,

played on the undefeated WPIAL champion high school football team in 1952.

Active in many organizations and volunteer groups throughout the community, including the Brownson House, Lions Club, Pony League Baseball and youth football, Richard has recently "rekindled" a prior hobby - Painting. Recently two of his oil paintings took first and third place honors in an area wide art show.

Richard Celani is an individual with varied talents and accomplishments — government, sports, community involvement and the arts. The Italian Heritage Founder is but one of many Italian-Americans who have achieved success and brought even greater pride to their "heritage".



1988 Festival Committee



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Richard S. Caliguiri

IM MEMORIAM

Mayor Richard S. Caliguiri was more than the Mayor of Pittsburgh, our sister city to the north. He was a man known and respected for many reasons. A "renaissance man", a humanitarian, a firm but impassioned leader. Described by Bishop Bosco as "strong and gentle", this favorite son to all Italian-Americans in the region was a person of vision, sincerity and dignity. A loving father and husband, Richard Caliguiri's faith in God and pride in his nationality were well known traits. It is based on these and other strengths and accomplishments that this year's Festival Committee choses to pay honor to this outstanding man. Although not from our own county, his memory and what he stood for extends beyond geographic and political boundries. In a final farewell to Caliguiri, Sister Joanne Marie Andiorio of Mercy Hospital said it best when she stated, "May the angels lead you into paradise dear friend — for you have earned your eternal reward."



We Salute These Local Military Leaders



Ralph R. Ruscello
Brigadier General



Armand DiVincenzo
Colonel

7th Annual Washington County Italian Festival 1988

AUGUST 5 - FRIDAY

- 12:00 OPENING CEREMONIES - NATIONAL ANTHEM SUNG BY JOE DeROCCO
12:10 TOM PETERA
1:00 PERRY VINCENT COMBO
2:15 BOBBY SHAWN - VOCALIST
3:00 ANGEL & RUSSELL
4:45 CORSAIRS
6:00 SKYLINERS
8:00 ANGEL & RUSSELL
9:30 ART HANNEN BAND
-

AUGUST 6 - SATURDAY

- 12:00 FLASHBACK
1:15 FIVE D'S ORCHESTRA
2:30 VELLA DANCERS
3:45 JOHNNY BARTONE - VOCALIST ITALIAN SONGS
5:00 DINARDO & MILLAZO
7:00 SKYLINERS
9:00 LEE BARRETT ORCHESTRA
-

AUGUST 7 - SUNDAY

- 12:00 FLASHBACK
1:30 ANGEL & RUSSELL
3:00 MEMMORIES
4:30 MELISSA SCHOOL OF DANCE
5:30 JOHNNY BERTONE
7:15 ANGEL & RUSSELL
9:00 FINALE - PATSY CIMINO BAND

**Jimmy Beaumont &
THE SKYLINERS****Great hit songs like:**

How Much
Believe Me
Comes Love
I'd Die
Where Have They Gone

Since I Don't Have You
This I Swear
It Happened Today
Lonely Way
Pennies From Heaven

Lee Barrett & His 13 Piece Big Band

Features June Ward and Al Barry on vocals. Thirteen musicians and singers playing and singing special arrangements of the old and new tunes: Fox Trots, Rhumbas, Cha-chas, Waltzes, Swing, Polkas, Country Westerns and special dances as the Hully Gully, Bird Dance, Mexican Hat Dance etc. Lee Barrett plays music of the "Big Band Era" featuring arrangements of Glenn Miller, Sammy Kaye, Guy Lombardo, Harry James, Benny Goodman, Russ Morgan, Dick Jurgens, Woody Herman orchestras. We play music for the dancers' enjoyment.

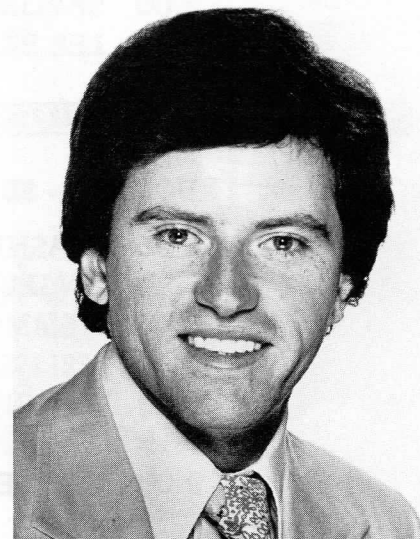
**Tom Paterra's Biography**

Tom Paterra was the featured vocalist with Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians from 1973 until Mr. Waring's untimely death in July of 1984. He has represented the Veterans of Foreign Wars as their National Vocalist for several years. He has starred on national and local television in P.B.S. Specials, A.B.C.'s Parade of Stars, AM Pittsburgh, The Jack Bogut Show and Pittsburgh Today.

At home in Pittsburgh, Tom is a featured vocalist with The Benny Benack Orchestra, also he occasionally performs in several private clubs in the area.

Presently, he continues to record for Shawnee Prees Music Publishing Company, and Glory Sound. As a member of the newly formed Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians, Tom will be featured in upcoming performances in Palm Springs, California and Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C. Tom also acts as company manager and booking agent for the new Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians.

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Patsy Cimino

Forty-five years of playing, Johnny started the band in the 40's. At one time there were 5 Ciminos in the band.

Johnny
Louis
Patsy
Sammy
Bobby

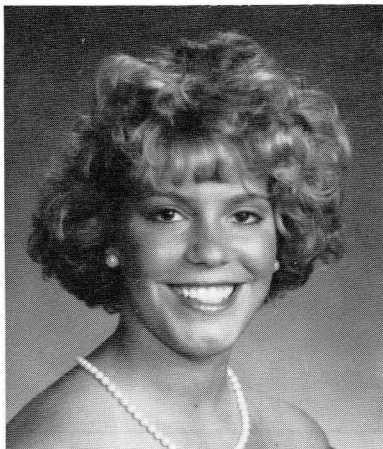


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and street dancing each night!**

Miss Italian Heritage Queen's

Joni Nicoletta — 1982



Joni Nicoletta, first Italian Heritage Queen - 1982.
Graduate of Ohio University B.S. Degree in Interior Design. Member of Alpha Omega Sorority.
Joni is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Nicoletta.

Gina Julian — 1983



Gina Julian is the daughter of Eugene and Evelyn Julian of Washington. She is the granddaughter of Mario and Ann Julian of Washington and Mrs. Evelyn Gordon of Bentleyville. Gina was the 1983 Italian Heritage Queen, and the 1985 Trinity May Queen.

Gina will be a sophomore next year at West Virginia University. She is a member of Alpha Omicron Phi Sorority.

Some of her hobbies are swimming, water skiing, dancing and snow skiing. She is a member of the diving team and models.

Shannon Pettit — 1984



Shannon Pettit - age 18, is the daughter of John and Sandra Pettit of Washington. She is a 1987 graduate of Trinity High School and will be attending Ohio State University in the fall where she will be majoring in communications. Shannon was Miss Italian Heritage Queen in 1984. In addition, she was a varsity cheerleader for 3 years, vice president and representative in student council, member of the art honor society, homecoming queen attendant and May Day attendant. She also studied with Vella School of Dance for 12 years.

Cynthia Wheeler — 1985

1987 Pageant Winners



Mary Grace Strauss
1987 Miss Italian Queen



Gregory Grachen — Little Mr. Italy
Bernadette Giovanelli — Little Miss Italy



Natalie Giovanelli
Miss Italian Princess



Sandra DiMenno — 1986

They Came From Aquara

by Mary Consolmagno

The province of Salerno, Italy is made up of many small villages nestled along the hillside. One of these villages is Aquara, with narrow, winding, cobblestone streets and a town square. Aquara is known for its many fountains and abundance of water. It is an agricultural center, and the people in Aquara work in the fields and rely on olive oil, honey, wine and fruits such as pears and figs for their livelihood. Aquara has a population of approximately 2500, and the people enjoy visiting each other in their homes and in the town square. They also enjoy the Feast of St. Lucido, the patron saint of Aquara, which is celebrated on July 28th, at which time a statue of the saint is carried in a procession. The celebration usually continues for several days. The feast day of St. Lucido was celebrated by many of the Aquaresi after they settled in Washington.



Statue of St. Lucido Patron Saint of Aquara

The people of Aquara came to America to make a better life for themselves and specifically to Washington since it reminded them of their homeland and it gave them an opportunity to work on the railroad and in the glass plant. Most of them settled in the Fifth Ward, along Houston Street and East Prospect Avenue. They worked hard and succeeded in making a home for their families, whose children excelled in the professional field such as judges, attorneys, educators, nursing and pharmacy, government workers and politicians who have served in city and state government.

One of the first men to come from Aquara was Ralph Capo, who came to the United States in 1887 at the age of 17. He came to Washington before the turn of the century as a married man to work on the railroad. He raised a family of 10; one of whom, daughter Theresa Capo Bellino continues to live here and keeps in touch with her two brothers, Thomas and Albert who live in New Jersey.

During the early 1900's, Gennaro Funicello came to work on the railroad. Later, his wife, Maria Burti, came to be with him. In 1905, Nicola Consolmagno arrived with Esa Funicello. Esa Funicello went back to Aquara, but Mr. Consolmagno remained in Washington, married and raised a family. Since he arrived on July 4th, this holiday was always important to him. His nephews, Modesto Consolmagno, Antonio and Modesto Capo arrived later.

Also in the early 1900's, Ferdinante and Filomena Marino came to Washington with children, Gabriel, Ralph and Teresina. Three other children were born in Washington; one of whom became a judge, another an attorney and Russell, who served as a state legislature. Teresina, was one of the first female Italian teachers, and was one of the oldest Aquaresi until her death in April 1988.

Luigi DiBello came over twice; the first time was in 1908, but he went back to Italy. He returned in 1910 and remained here. In 1920 his wife, Mariantonia and children, Angelina, Joseph and Vincent came to join him. Another pioneer, Domenico Aloia came over with his wife and children: John, Joseph, Lucido, Luigi and Teresa. One of John's children, Virginia Aloia Celani, is the mother of Richard Celani, the founder of Italian Heritage Festival. John Aloia's daughter Virginia, her brother Tony and sisters Evelyn and Patricia are remaining children of his family of eight, who still reside in Washington. A

relative, Albino Aloia also settled here. He later sent for Maria Cornetti to be his wife. Maria's brothers, Angelo and Joseph Cornetti came here, and a sister Lucia Cornetti came to marry Antonio Capo. She sailed with Thomas and Rose Arena; Thomas' brother, Luigi and Joseph arrived later.

Other Aquaresi who came to Washington were Ralph and Mary Quay, Ralph Sargent, who became a barber and raised a large family, Antonio Marchione, Ralph Cornetti, Cosmo and Lucido Mastantuona, Ralph Serriello, Vincent Ametrano, Ralph Marino, Pat-sy Marino and Alexander Marino with his first wife, Teresina. Alexander Marino as a widower went to Aquara to marry Ernestine DiGrado. He was accompanied on that trip by Guistina DiBello. Mr. and Mrs. Marino returned with her son, Dominic DiGrado. Joseph and Lucido Marchesi also lived here; Joseph was married to Ermelinda Durso, who is one of the oldest Aquaresi.

Some of the men from Aquara served in the first World War. They were Modesto Consolmagno, Modesto Capo, Lucido Marchione, Lucido Marchesi, Joseph and Luigi DiBello. One of the DiBello brothers, Anthony served in World War II. Luigi DiBello was married to Guistina Marchione; they raised three daughters and in 1960 adopted a young boy from Aquara, Gino DiBello. He has made the military his career and is considered to be one of the youngest from Aquara.

After World War I, Lucido Marchione sent for his wife, Angelina Vertucci Marchione. One of their four daughters, Florence Marchione Nicoletta recently visited in Aquara. She visited with her cousins and relatives of some Washington residents. We thank her for the use of the photographs.

We Salute with pride the Aquaresi who continue to reside in Washington: Erminia Volpe Cornetti Calabrese, Emerlina Durso Marchesi, Ernestine DiGrado Marino, Dominic DiGrado and Vincent DiBello.

From the Author: Mary Consolmagno

We have attempted to compile this material from information received from friends and relatives of the families from Aquara. We also thank Vincent DiBello for his research and help. If we have omitted anyone, we humbly apologize.



The Town Square



Lets Speak Italian

Days

Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

I Giorni

domenica (do-me-ne-ka)
lunedì (lu-na-de)
martedì (mar-ta-de)
mercoledì (mar-ko-la-de)
giovedì (jo-va-de)
venerdì (va-ar-de)
sabato (sa-ba-to)

Seasons

Spring
Summer
Fall
Winter

Stagioni

la primavera (la-pre-ma-va-ra)
l'estate (la-sta-ta)
l'autunno (lau-tun-no)
l'inverno (len-var-no)

Months

January
February
March
April
May
June
July
August
September
October
November
December

IMesi

gennaio (jan-na-yo)
febbraio (fab-bra-yo)
marzo (mar-tso)
aprile (a-pre-la)
maggio (maj-jo)
giugno (ju-nyo)
luglio (lu-lyo)
agosto (a-go-sto)
settembre (sat-tam-bra)
ottobre (ot-to-bra)
novembre (no-vam-bra)
dicembre (de-cham-bra)

Cardinal Numbers

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10

I Numeri Cardinal

uno, una (u-no, u-na)
due (du-a)
tre (tra)
quattro (kwat-tro)
cinque (chen-kwa)
sei (sa-e)
sette (sat-ta)
otto (ot-to)
nove (no-va)
dieci (dya-che)

Special Words

Doctor
Hospital
First Aid
Telephone
Garage

Filling Station

Bus stop
Slow down!
No Parking
Parking Ahead
Stop!

Dottore (dot-to-ra)
Ospedale (o-spa-da-la)
Pronto Soccorso (pronto sok-kor'so)
Telefono (ta-le'fo-no)
Assistenza meccanica (as-se stan'sta mak-ka-ne-ka)
Rifornimento benzina (re-for ne-man-to ban bze'na)
Fermanta di autobus (far-mata de a'u-to-bus)
Rallentare (ral-lan-ta-ra)
Sosta videntata (so'sta-vya-ta)
Parcheggio avanti (par-kej a-van'te)
Alt! (alt)

Choice Phrases

Do you have fresh beer?
Please bring me some ice.

Where can I cash a check?

How much do I owe you?
How much is it?
Go ahead.
Do you have a map of the city?

Please give me my bill.

May I take pictures?

Ha della birra fresca? (a-dal'la ber'ra fra'ska)
Mi porta del ghiaccio, per favore. (me por'te dal gya'cho par fa vo'ra)
Dove posso riscuotere un assegno? (do'va pos' so re' skwo'ta-ra u-nas'sa'nyo)
Quanto le devo? (kwan'to la da'vo)
Quant'e? (kwan-ta') Questio?
Avanti. (a-van'te)

Ha una pianta della città? (a-u'na-pyan'ta dal'la chet-ta)
Mi dia il conto per favore. (me de'al kon'to par-fa-vo'ra)
E permesso fare fotografie? (a-par-mas'so fa'ra fo-to-gra-fe'a)

Everyday Expressions

Good Morning!
Good evening!
Good night!
My name is ____
Do you speak English?
Where are you going?
Come here, please

Is there a doctor near here?

Buon giorno! (bwon jor'no)
Buonasera! (bwo'na sa'ra)
Buono notte! (bwo'na not'ta)
Mi chiamo _____. (me-ky'a'mo)
Parla inglese? (par'la en-gla'za)
Dove va? (do'va va)
Venga qui, per piacere. (van'ga kwa par pya-ch'ra)
C'è un dottore qui vicino? (cha un dot-to-ra kwe ve-che'no)

How do you say ____ in Italian?

Come si dice ____ in italiano? (ko'ma se de'cha e-ne-ta-ly'a'no)

What does ____ mean?

Cosa vuol dire ____? (ko'za'vwol de'ra)

Do you understand me?

Mi capisce? (me-ka-pe'sha)

Thank you very much.

Mille grazie (mel'la gra'tsya)

You are welcome

Prego. (pra'go)

How are you?

Come sta? (ko'ma-sta)

Fine, thank you, and you?

Bene, grazie, e Lei (ba'na-gra'tsua-a la'e)

Please repeat.

Ripeta, per favore. (re-pa'ta par-fa-vor)

Excuse me.

Mi scusi (me-sku'se)

Thank nothing of it.

S'immagini. (sem-ma'je-ne)

Of course!

Senz altro! (san-dza'l'tro)

It's a real pleasure to make your acquaintance.

E'un vero piacere di fare la conoscenza. (a-un-va'ro pya-kno-tan'to)

Allow me to introduce ____.

Permetta che Le present _____. (par-mat'ta ka-la-pa-zan'te)

Good-bye!

Addio. (ad-de'o)

So Long.

Ciao (cha'o)

Have a pleasant trip!

Buon Viaggio! (bwon vayaj'jo)

See you later!

Arrivederci! (Ar-re-va-dar'che)

Sing Along In Italian

Torna a Surriento (Come Back To Sorrento)

Vi-de'o ma-re quan t'e bel-lo
Spi-ra tan-to sen-ti-men-te
com me tu a chi tie-ne men-te
ca sce-ta-to'o faie sun-na

Guar-da gua'chis tu ciar-di-no
sien-te sie' sti sciure a-ran-ce
Nu pru-fu-mo accussi fi-no
dint'o co-re se ne va

E tu dice i' parto ad-di-o
T'al-lun-ta-ne da stu co-re
Da sta ter-ra del-l'am-mo-re
tie'ne 'o core e nun tur-na?

Ma nun me las-sa nun dar-me stu tur-mien-to
Tor-na a Sur-rien-to fam-me cam-pa!

Sul Ponte di Bassano

Sul ponte di Bassano la ci darem la mano
Laci darem la mano ed un bacin'd'amor

Per un bacin d'amore successe tanti guai.
Non lo credevo mai doverti abbandonar.

Famous Places in Italy

SICILY / SICILIA

Sicily, the largest and most populous island in the Mediterranean (area 25,708 sq. km, population 4.8 million), is a largely autonomous region with its capital at Palermo and nine provinces. It is an almost entirely mountainous island, bearing the marks of vigorous volcanic activity. Its most notable landmark is the massive snowcovered cone of Enta, (3326 m), Europe's largest active volcano, which rises above the E coast, visible from afar.

Sicily's productive and rapidly developing agriculture give it a leading place among the farming regions of Italy. Intensive vegetable growing (tomatoes, cucumbers, early potatoes, etc.) fruit orchards (citrus fruits, almonds, olives) and wine production.

Sicily's magnificent scenery and its beautiful beaches, particularly on the N and E coasts, its great range of ancient remains, including the best preserved Greek temples to be found anywhere, and the very remarkable art and architecture of its Norman rulers have long made the island one of the great Meccas of travellers and tourists; and the development of a modern tourist industry is now making rapid progress.

Famous Italian Recipes

Mozzarella in Carrozza

6 Servings

12 slices firm sandwich bread,
preferably homemade

1 pound mozzarella

1/4 cup flour

2 eggs

1/4 cup milk

Salt and pepper to taste

Oil for deep-frying

1. Trim crusts off bread. Cut the mozzarella into 6 slices about 3/8-inch thick and slightly smaller than the bread slices. Center each piece of mozzarella between two pieces of bread and flatten the sandwich (it will fluff up again when fried).
2. Put flour in a small, shallow bowl; put 1/4 inch water in another bowl. In a third, beat the eggs together with the milk and a dash of salt and pepper.
3. Taking each sandwich in turn, dip the edges first in the flour and then in the water, so that a thin paste forms. This process will keep the mozzarella from oozing out when fried.
4. Heat oil to 360° F. Working quickly, lay a sandwich in the bowl of beaten egg; turn it over, drain it briefly and transfer it to the hot oil.
5. Fry for 2 to 3 minutes on each side, until golden brown. Drain on paper towels. Repeat with remaining sandwiches. Serve at once.

Mozzarella Party Loaf

8-10 servings

1 large loaf Italian Bread

1/2 pound mozzarella, cubed

6 ripe plum tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped

1 large green pepper, washed, cored and chopped

4 scallions, minced

2 ounces oil-cured black olives, pitted and quartered

1 2-ounce tin anchovies, drained and chopped (reserve the oil)

Salt and pepper to taste

1. Cut the loaf of bread in half lengthwise and remove the insides. Break the crumbs into walnut-size chunks. Mix the bread chunks together with the mozzarella, tomatoes, green pepper, scallions, olives, anchovies and anchovy oil. Taste and add generous amounts of salt and pepper.
2. Fill the hollowed-out loaf with the mixture. Put the halves back together and wrap tightly with aluminum foil. Refrigerate overnight.
3. Serve cold, sliced in 1/2-inch pieces.

Modern Italy

Divided and despoiled since the fall of the Roman Empire, Italy became a nation only in the past century. King Victor Emmanuel of Sardinia, heading a movement for Italians unification, in 1860 gained control of the land from the Alps almost to Rome. Another Sardinian, Garibaldi, and his red-shirted legion of 1,000 liberated French-ruled Naples and Sicily. In 1861 Victor Emmanuel assumed the crown of a United Italy and started it on the way to social and political reforms and industrial expansion.

World War I interrupted the nation's moderate progress. Postwar unrest led to fascism under Mussolini. As his promises of social order and political greatness dissolved into economic depression, he turned to imperialist solutions, conquering Ethiopia in 1936.

When France collapsed in 1940 and Great Britain grew weaker,



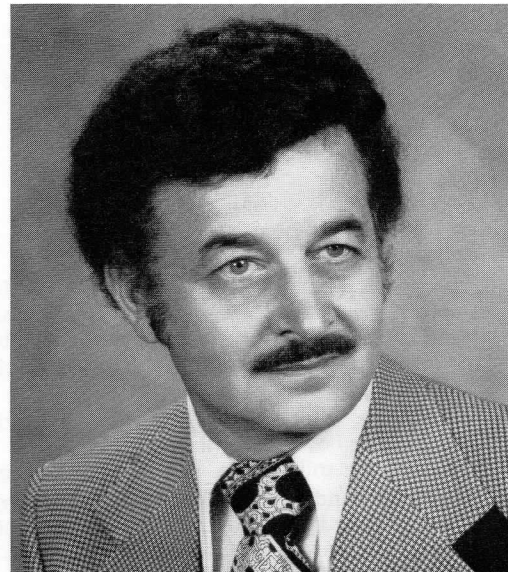
Mussolini joined with Hitler's Germany and declared war on the allies. Italy surrendered in 1943, and the nation became a republic three years later. Climbing out of its economic distress, Italy experienced remarkable growth after 1950. The government finally undertook development of the south, though unemployment continued to plague that poverty-ridden area. The economic boom in the north went on, despite a threat posed by strikes.

Today, Italy prospers as never before. Industry thrives in the triangle formed by Milan, Turin and Genoa. Craftsmen throughout the land produce the "Italian look" that has become a yardstick of excellence and good taste. Tourism booms; everywhere from the northernmost Alps to the southern shores of Sicily, Italy's storied sites await fresh discovery by some thirty-six million visitors each year.

In Memorium



Concetta & Frank Tracanna, Sr.



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Norma, Fred, Zena, Frank and Martha

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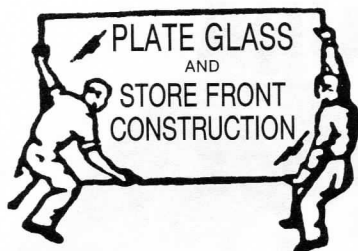


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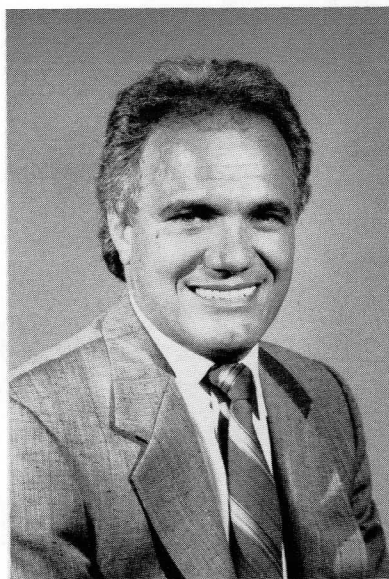
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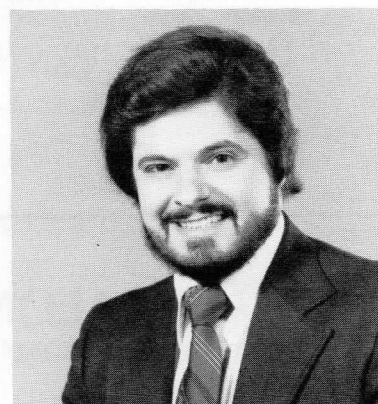
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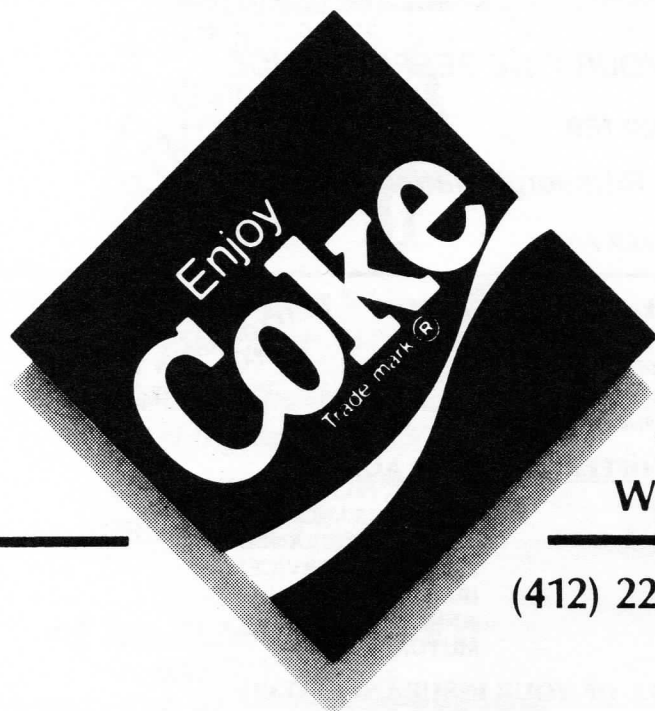
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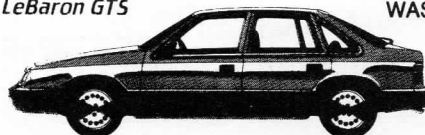
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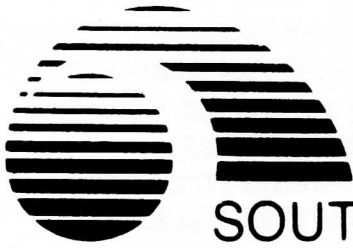
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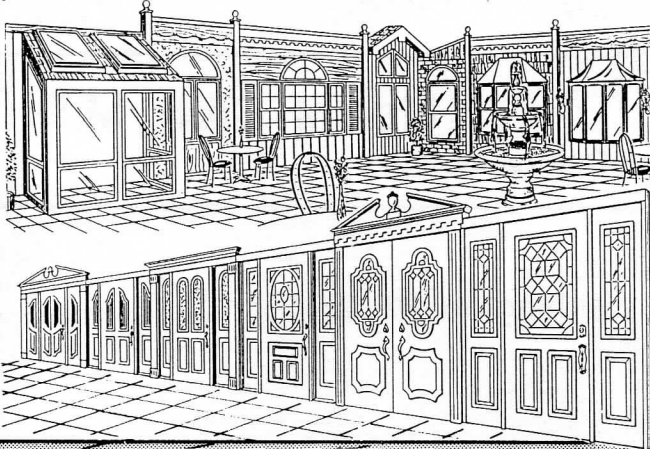
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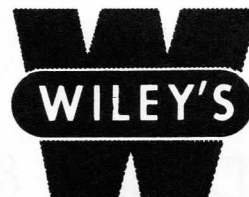
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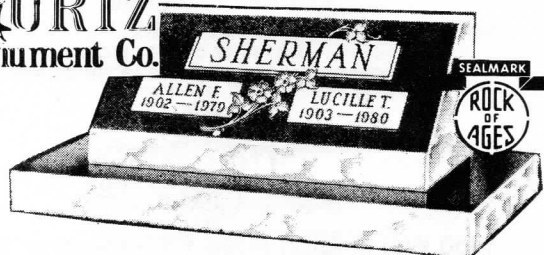
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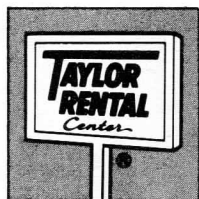


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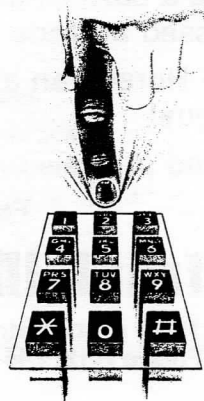


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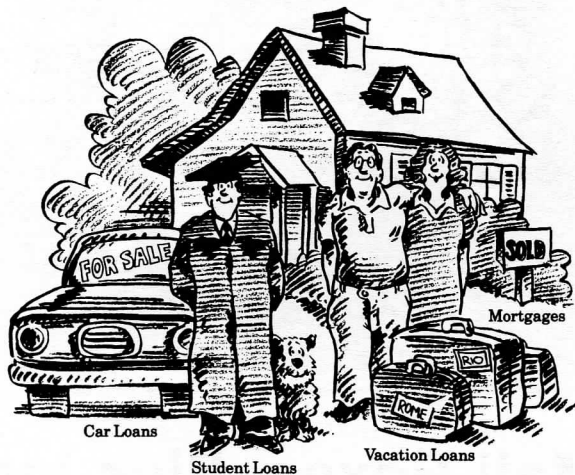
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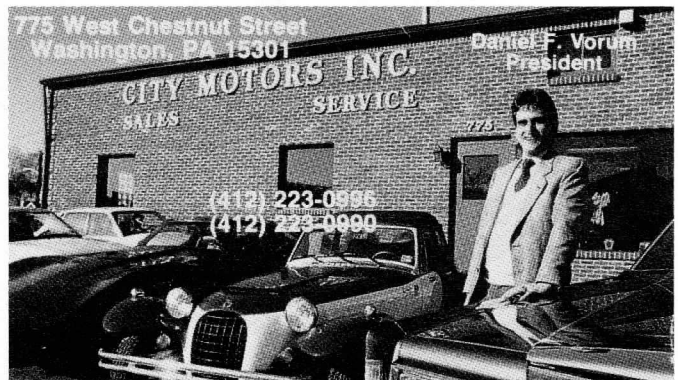
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