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A GREAT DAY ON THE HILL

Hall of Fame Place Dedication

Three Hall of Famers, honored by the neighborhood in which two of them were born and raised and the third a resident for five years. All three from the same city street; **Yogi Berra. Jack Buck and Joe Garagiola.**

It all started with a phone call in November of 2002 from **Josie Sadowski** (Yogi's sister) to

formally designated the 5400 Block of Elizabeth Avenue as "Hall of Fame Place".

The plans included inviting Yogi, Joe and members of the Buck family back to the neighborhood for the celebration. When contacted, **Christine Buck** was excited about coming back to The Hill, and mentioned her

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SIXTH ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS

When is the Fourth of July fireworks show at Sublette Park? Why, the Fourth of July of course!

Joey Barbaglia, Ben Calloni, Ron Puricelli and a host of others are working to continue the Fourth of July fireworks display at Sublette Park. The annual display was started years ago by **Dino Fuse**, who is still involved but taking it just a little easier this year.

We are under a month away and the funds to continue the tradition are trickling in. **Bret DeRousse** and the **Hill Business Association** are assisting in coordinating efforts to raise the funds necessary for a first class show.

If you have not already given, please consider sending a \$5.00 or even \$10.00 individual donation. If you own a business, consider contributing \$50.00; \$100.00 or even more to this worthwhile family event.

While this event is held within the Southwest Garden Neighborhood boundaries, we know that many of our friends and neighbors enjoy this display. For that reason, Hill 2000 has also pledged a \$100.00 donation to the event.

If you can donate anything, please send your check made payable to: Neighborhood Fireworks Fund. You can mail or drop your check off or make a cash donation at Southwest Auto Parts; 5345 Southwest Avenue; St. Louis, MO 63139. Or, call Joey Barbaglia at 776-3355 or Brett DeRousse at 776-8655, extension 326. Either Joey or Bret would be more than happy to stop by and pick up your check.



View of ceremony stage & street sign from in front of the ol' Buck home

our then alderman, the **Honorable Craig Schmid**. From there, Craig called in Hill 2000, Inc. for approval of the honorary street naming and the neighborhood organization started putting the wheels in motion for a grand celebration.

On January 24, 2003, with **Mickey Garagiola** and **Josie** present in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall, Board Bill 365 was read and unanimously passed. Board Bill 365, sponsored by Alderman Schmid,

THE POWER OF A NEIGHBORHOOD

By **Tom Strelau**

When Hill 2000 began putting together the planning of the Hall of Fame Dedication, the neighborhood organization decided early on that there would be absolutely no cost to anyone that came to the events on Sunday. While in the past, Hill 2000 has put on Hill Days, Ciao Bella and other large scale events that charged money for participation, this event would be free.

The first thanks has to go to Joe Garagiola and Yogi Berra, both of whom made commitments to come back to the neighborhood for the celebration and paid their own ways to join us. The group would not have been complete without the participation of the Buck children, who

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Message from the President . . . a strong geometric pattern

Those of you that read this column regularly may remember my ramblings from the September 2002 newsletter. I wrote about a real estate company that handles condominium rentals along the Gulf Coast in Alabama and how they answer their phone. Those of you that have the opportunity to call me at home and had the fortune of getting my answering machine know how the greeting starts. Those of you at the Hall of Fame Dedication ceremonies on June 1 heard the phrase uttered at the beginning and at the end of the ceremonies.

It's a GREAT DAY on The Hill!

You better believe it!

I was stopped three times in the grocery store on Monday evening following the event by people that just had a truly wonderful time on that Sunday. I have received numerous phone calls from individuals that visited the neighborhood that day and still can't stop talking about how great the day was. The Buck children were absolutely beside themselves with joy at coming back to their old neighborhood. Joe Garagiola said it that day on the stage – it feels like the entire neighborhood is hugging us! Yogi has a smile from ear to ear.

I haven't seen as much television news coverage and newspaper press for an event of this type. In addition to the articles in the local newspapers, The Hill made the Arizona Republic! Joe Garagiola was interviewed by the local Arizona television station that broadcasts the Diamondback games and spent fifteen minutes talking about The Hill. The Hill was featured on all the major local channels and on Fox Sports Midwest, which was broadcast across numerous states. The Hill was featured during the Baseball Game broadcasts leading up to the event. The Hill even made Bernie's column! On Saturday at the ballpark, The Hill was recognized before 38,000 baseball fans. Joe and Yogi threw out the first pitch and visited the broadcast booth of both the radio and national television stations covering Saturday's ballgame.

The events surrounding the Hall of Fame Place street

dedication ceremonies were entirely put on by Hill 2000, Inc. your neighborhood organization. The Board made a commitment that this event would be free and that it would be funded entirely by Hill 2000, Inc. And what makes Hill 2000 your neighborhood organization is you. There were volunteers aplenty that worked behind the scenes to insure that everything was in place that Sunday.

Volunteers found donations and companies willing to donate goods and services to insure that the entire day's events were free to everyone. Volunteers collaborated with city government to coordinate closing of the streets. Volunteers stepped forward to man the booths. Volunteers coordinated delivery of chairs, plants and anything else needed for the day. Volunteers made that stage look absolutely beautiful.

Volunteers put together a Hill day at the baseball game on Saturday. Volunteers hosted a pre-dedication reception for The Stags and our honored guests. Heck, volunteers even found The Stags. Volunteers donated the granite and the concrete and the labor associated with placing the granite plaques in front of each of the honoree's former homes. Volunteers insured that the word about the event went out to all the neighbors that would be affected, not only once did they drop literature, but twice to insure everyone was informed. And what can be said about all the residents of the streets affected. What a great job everyone did sprucing up the street to make The Hill shine!

Our alderman had the forestry division come though Elizabeth Avenue to insure that the trees were trimmed so everyone could walk without ducking tree limbs. Our alderman had street sweepers up and down Elizabeth for two days straight. Our alderman secured a monetary donation to help offset the costs of the event. Our former alderman got the ball rolling just a little over 6 months ago. Our mayor thought so much of this event that he made sure he was available.

It is no secret that The Hill and St. Ambrose Church are synonymous, so please don't be offended when I state that our church and pastor opened its doors and welcomed everyone to the 11:00 mass. The church and pastor hosted a pre-ceremony reception for all the honorees and The Stags.

Now, you may be asking yourself, how does all this have to do with geometric patterns? Well, actually, I only want you to think of one geometric pattern.

A triangle.

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brother **Jack, Jr.** and sister, **Beverly** would also be part of the celebration representing their father,

Hill 2000 made plans for a Hill day at the ballpark on Saturday, May 31 and contacted **Marty Hendin** with the St. Louis Cardinals. Marty was willing to put together a pre-game ceremony that included having Joe and Yogi throw out the first pitch. Christine, Jack Jr. and Beverly were also at the stadium for the pre-game ceremony. Over eighty Hill residents took advantage of the ball game tickets and enjoyed a pleasant day at the ball yard.

On Sunday, June 1, the honorees, along with their neighborhood youth club, The Stags, were invited to 11:00 a.m. mass and then to a special reception hosted by Fr. Vince Bommarito in the rectory at St. Ambrose. **Frank Puricelli, Mel Gianino, Aldo Rossi, Ben Pucci, John Columbo, Paul Agosti, Charlie Riva and Roland DiGregorio** all made it to the dedication ceremony. **Lou Baroli** had to miss the morning events but made an appearance at the afternoon gathering of the Stags at the Holiday Inn.

The 5400 Block of Elizabeth was in great shape that day as residents spent the previous weeks sprucing up their properties and the city came through with tree trimming and street cleaning. The crowd was estimated at over 2,000 people. The Italian Band did a fine job of entertaining everyone prior to the start of the official ceremonies that began about 1:15.

Mayor Francis Slay was the first speaker of the day and did a fine job in welcoming the three honorees back to a neighborhood rich in tradition and full of pride. The **Honorable Joseph Vollmer** presented each of the honorees with Resolution proclaiming the events of the day. Hill 2000 President, **Tom Stremlau**, did a fine job of keeping the ceremony moving along as Master of Ceremonies.

Yogi thanked his sister for making this day necessary. Joe Garagiola thanked the neighborhood for the giant hug and embrace. Christine and Beverly thanked the neighborhood and spoke of how much their dad would have appreciated this day. They also mentioned that their mother, **Alyce Buck** couldn't join us that day. Not to worry, thanks to the power of cell phones, Alyce was able to speak to her old neighbors, the **Garavaglia Family**.

Following the ceremonies, the Italian Band continued to play and both Joe and Yogi offered to sign autographs. For over an hour, they signed everything from the day's program to

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The finest compliment I can ever receive is a referral from my friends and customers.

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graciously accepted the invitation and were extremely excited about coming back to The Hill to represent their father.

From there, it took numerous volunteers to pull off an event of this type. **Pat Merlo** was in charge of stage, set up and planning. She enlisted the help of many, but a special thanks to **Anita Gualdoni** who sewed new Italian and red, white and blue banners that adorned the tops of the light posts. **Jim Garavaglia** navigated the street permits and **Jim Merlo** secured some historic photos. **Debbie Garavaglia** assisted in making the stage an eye pleasing red, white and green. **Quinn Garavaglia** identified the ball players on the large banner to the left of the stage and worked up some hand drawn signs on the spot.

Sue Vollmer coordinated all the food booths along Elizabeth from donations, procurement and finding volunteers for the booths. **Joe Vollmer**, our alderman secured a monetary donation from **Anheuser-Busch** to help offset some of the costs of the event. Sue received donations from **Sportservice** (peanuts) and **Southwest Airlines** (peanuts). **Middendorf Meat** (hot dogs) and **Coca-Cola** (soda) provided their goods at a significantly reduced rate. **Tom Collora**, from **Schnucks** on The Hill also donated some funds.

Bill Bufalo of **Stone Fabricators** on Northrup, donated the granite plaques that are in place in front of each honorees home. **Mark Stika** of **Stika Brothers Concrete** provided the labor and expertise for lacing the granite in new carriage walks. Mark also worked with **Marty Ranieri** of **Ranieri Redi-Mix**, who donated the concrete.

Steve McClay, a resident on Bischoff who owns **McClay Signs** put the flags atop the light poles. **Tom Stremmlau** coordinated the plaques and replica street signs that were given to the honorees along with the signage for the stage.

Marty Hendin and **Tom Raber** of the baseball **Cardinals**, **Kelly Peach** and **Mary Schellerup** with **Turec Advertising** along with **Mike Shannon** and **Bernie Miklasz** all did fantastic jobs in either coordinating

events or providing publicity. Our newsletter editor, **Tom Jegle**, put together a magnificent program for the day.

The **St. Louis Police Department**, especially **Lt. Tim McEntee** and **Captain James Gieseke** did a fine job of coordinating security. Officer **Nancy Nocciero** provided security for Joe and Yogi and **Officer Heather Sabin** took care of the "No Parking" signs. **The Italian Band** with **Ollie Raymond** with control of the baton and **Carol Meisinger** as vocalist were fantastic as always and donated their time for the event.

Fr. Vince Bommarito hosted a pre-ceremony reception in the rectory and was assisted by **Joseph Torretta**, along with **Norman and Kay Marzorati**. And anytime we need sound, we call on our man, **Sam Caputa**.

You can be sure to round up the normal group of suspects that assisted that day: **Joey Barbaglia**, **Charlie Oldani**, **John Ostermeyer**, **Phil** and **Maggie Nikolai**, **Derio Gambaro**, **Anna Stremmlau**, **Vince** and **Cindy Hellmann**, **Gene** and **Toni Cucchi**, **Ron Puricelli**, **Ben Calloni**, **Dave Smith**, **Bob Bianchi**, **Dorothy Bartoni**, **Theresa Bartoni**, **Annie Stika**, **Debbie Merlo**, **Tony Torretta**, **Carol Gaines**, **Diane Kuchta**, **Dixie Irace** and **Jerry Galleano**. You might have even seen the group driving around in **Torrisi Plumbing** trucks, thanks to **Phil Torrisi**.

Even the youth in the neighborhood got into the action at the event. Volunteers included **Max Ostermeyer**, **Mike Liddy**, **Nick** and **Jessie Hellmann**, **Kelly Wellmann**, **Patrick Farrell**, **Joe Tintera**, **Calin Benecke** and **Anthony Peluso**.

With so many people helping, it is quite possible that someone may have been missed by name here, but your assistance certainly wasn't missed in helping show the power of the neighborhood.

ELECTIONS FOR HILL 2000 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The deadline of June 30 for nominations to be considered for the election to the Board of Directors is quickly approaching. There will be three positions available.

To be considered eligible for election to the Board, an individual must be a current dues paying member and must meet one of three following qualifications:

- Must be a resident of The Hill
- Must be a landowner in the geographic region of The Hill
- Must maintain a business in the geographic region of The Hill

Candidates must submit a written profile and statement of intent concerning their desire to serve. All candidates must acknowledge in writing that they understand and accept the responsibilities of Board Membership as outlined by the Bylaws.

Candidates will be elected to a three year term and may run again following completion of their first term. Following two consecutive terms, a person must sit out one year before seeking election to a new term.

Candidate profiles and statements of intent will be published in the July and August newsletter with voting to be held at the September General Membership Meeting.

REMINDER:

Only ACTIVE members living within the geographical boundaries of the Hill may vote for Board Nominees...

The sound of bats and balls I hear....

The Challenger All-Star Game must be near....

A Friday Nite (11th) in July , the batted balls will fly...



LETTERS To The Editor



Letters to the Editor may be sent either by mailing to the Hill 2000, PO BOX 39347, St. Louis 63139, or e-mailing: Pridebuilds@aol.com (the preferred choice of 21st century communication).

Dear Editor:

We recently received our May 2003 issue of "HILL 2000" and were particularly interested in the "Hall Of Fame Place" article. In the early mid-thirties, we too, lived on the 5400 block of Elizabeth Ave. My father and mother, Angelo and Catherine Palazzolo, my paternal grandmother, my brother Gus and I lived in a house situated between the Bruno and Pucci families. I was very young at that time, however I do remember playing with Josephine Berra. It brought back old memories. Similarly of interest was the "Game Of Their Lives" article.

Cordially Yours,

Vita Palazzolo Zilveti - San Antonio, TX

Ed - Thank you, Ms. Vita, thank you, thank you, thank you. You have been a lovely, lovely witness. (That's from the "My Cousin Vinny" movie). Seriously though Vita, it was a glorious day. I'm feeling pretty confident you are enjoying this issue also.

Dear Sirs:

We were at the Hall Of Fame Place celebration yesterday and picked up one of your newsletters. We really enjoyed reading it and would like to receive the paper monthly. Enclosed is fifteen dollars for the annual fee.

Thank You,
Pat Becker - Ballwin, MO

Ed - Fantastic! Ya know, Pat, that's why we left the newsletters where you could pick one up. You certainly picked a fine time to sign up, this issue's a doozy!

Dear Tom:

As a resident of the HILL I am sending you a check for fifteen dollars for my membership dues for the year 2003 to the HILL 2000 Neighborhood Organization.

I was an active member of the organization years ago, and have decided to come back! I attend the Second District Police meetings and proudly recognize to the officer that I represent the HILL.

Also as a resident of the HILL I took a ten week course for citizens that was sponsored by the Circuit Attorney's Office and received a certificate signed by Jennifer Joyce. I look forward to the next HILL 2000 meeting.

Respectfully Yours,
Elaine R. Pellegrini - 2322 Sublette

Ed - Elaine, I'm looking forward to the next HILL 2000 meeting too - just to meet you! The date is July 24,, the fourth Thursday of the month.

HILL 2000 General Meeting Synopsis - May

The May General Meeting started a few minutes after 7pm.

After a brief welcome by the president:

POLICE REPORT

Police Officer Heather Sabin spoke to the membership about crime statistics. She stated Robbery, Aggravated Assault, and even Larceny were down, with only Vehicle Theft continuing to rise.

Heather spoke about the formation of a neighborhood watch program, and identified different aspects of protection and prevention methods when on vacation, including:

- Mail pickup when not home
- Cancel newspaper and re-subscribe instead of notifying you'll be away
- Keep grass cut
- Get 'out of town' slip from Police station (extra drive-bys)
- Light timers
- Have neighbor park in driveway

The Hill 2000 is looking forward to getting more tips from the Second District to pass along to the masses.

ALDERMAN REPORT

The membership was addressed to the fact that the 50 -50 sidewalk program is BACK. Call the Honorable Joe Vollmer at 772-4489 if you need sidewalk repair.

HALL OF FAME PLACE

If you don't know by now, you haven't been paying attention. Tom Stremlau spoke about the day and the festivities planned.

HILL 2000 VOLUNTEERS

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GAME OF THEIR LIVES

See notes under Hall Of Fame Place. Tom Stremlau spoke about the extra auditions and the activity happening around the neighborhood with respect to the movie.

Several speakers needed to cancel at the last minute which resulted in a shorter meeting than usual.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 24th at 7pm in the St. Ambrose Cafeteria.

Sunday Serenades and Musical Mondays

Sunday, June 29, to Monday, August 04

Location: Sundays at Francis Park;
Mondays at Tower Grove Park

Hours: 7:30 p.m.

The Compton Heights Concert Band presents it's 2003 Summer Lineup. Sunday Serenade concerts are repeated at the Musical Mondays concert. Sunday/Monday, June 29/30 "Horray! USA!"; A July 4th Extravaganza featuring Robert Ellison and the Civil War Cannons in the fabulous 1812 Overture Finale!; Sundays/Mondays, July 6/7 "Handy Dandy!"; July 13/14 "Dis' Wiz!"; July 20/21 "All That Jazz"; July 27/28 "A Touch of Glass!"; August 3/4 "Tenor Terrific! Visit their website at <http://stlouis.missouri.org/chband>.

Cost: Free
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The HILL 2000 Newsletter is looking for YOUR help.

Be our Clark Kent or Brenda Starr!



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baseballs to visitor's shirts. Hill 2000 provided 2,000 hotdogs; 3,000 bags of peanuts; 1,000 bags of Cracker Jack and enough free soda to satisfy the crowd.

Joe and Audrey came in from their home in Arizona and were joined by their son Steve and his family from Detroit, who also flew in for the weekend. Yogi and Carm came in from their home in New Jersey after a stopover in Philadelphia where Yogi was awarded the Silver Buffalo Award by the Boy Scouts of America. The Silver Buffalo is the highest award presented by the President of the Boy Scouts for outstanding service to youth on a national basis.



GAME OF THEIR LIVES

Maybe you were one of the 9,000 people that showed up Saturday, May 31 at Shaw School to throw your ring in the hat for a chance at stardom. And just maybe, you have been one of the many already called for a part in the film. Either way, the fun is just beginning!

You can see signs of the production company's work already abounding in the neighborhood. Notice the missing fence at St. Ambrose Church, the missing awnings at Vitale's and Milo's. These are just a few of the changes you will be noticing over the next few weeks as the film swings into full production.

Scenes are being shot all over town and extras have already had hair cuts and some insight into what their roles will be. **John Marino, Angelo Marnati, Joey Barbaglia, Nicola Cottone** and his son, **Anthony** are just a few of the locals that have received their "call".

As production will soon come to The Hill, again we remind everyone that it will be hectic and of some minor inconvenience during filming, but please be patient and show our guests why this is the greatest neighborhood in the country.



VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

Hill 2000, Inc. is still seeking volunteers for several positions.

One as a representative of Hill 2000, Inc. to the Federation of Italian American Organizations (FIAO) and a representative to the Shaw Community Education Center Advisory Board. Both positions would encompass representing Hill 2000 at the Board meetings of these organizations.

Another volunteer position is that of Historian. We are in need of someone to keep an eye out for articles that appear in newspapers, magazines and keep these in a scrap book. The historian should also keep a collection of programs from Hill 200 events and keep an ongoing historical calendar.

Lastly, the Newsletter Editor would like for the person that was interested in volunteering for the Newsletter Marketing position to please call back. The voice message was erased before I could write down the info.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please drop us a note at Hill 2000, Inc.; P.O. Box 39347; St. Louis, MO 63110

HILL 2000 General Meeting
Thursday, July 24th, 7PM
St. Ambrose Cafeteria

BOARD NOMINATIONS

GIRO, GIRO, GIRO

The 18th Annual Giro della Montagna will be held again this year on Labor Day Sunday, August 31. It is never too early to remind everyone that the race will follow its normal course with the start/finish line in front of St. Ambrose Church.



The racers will travel north along Marconi to Daggett, west on Daggett to Edwards, south on Edwards to Botanical, east on Botanical back to Marconi, and north down Marconi to the finish line.

This race is part of the Gateway Cup series of races. The Gateway Cup will be 14 years old this year with races on Friday night in Lafayette Square, Saturday at Greentree Park, Sunday on The Hill and Monday in the University City. The Gateway Cup is a special four day point series race for the Pro 1, 2, Men & Pro, 1, 2, 3 Women. To qualify for the Gateway Cup, riders must enter 3 of the 4 races.

One of the largest successes of the Giro has always been the children's races. These races, sponsored by the St. Ambrose Athletic Association are one of the many highlights of the day.

Be sure to put August 31 on your calendar and come by the church yard to enjoy a

HOMETOWN HEROS

On April 26th, the top 16 high school JV Lacrosse teams met in tournament play to crown their 2003 state champion. Hill residents **Jeff Garavaglia** and **Zach Dombek**, defensemen for CBC were looking forward to their team winning the title, having defeated 2002 state champ Rockhurst High of Kansas City on their home field the previous weekend.

CBC defeated Hazelwood Central, MICDS in



Zach (14) & Jeff (36) stop a Hazelwood Central attacker

overtime, and Lindbergh before falling to DeSmet in the semi-finals. CBC then rallied to defeat Lafayette for third place in the state. Congratulations Jeff, Zach and CBC!



CBC celebrates their 3rd place finish.

The 5th Annual St. Louis Challenger All-Star Game

The 5th Annual St. Louis Challenger All-Star Game for Children with Disabilities is scheduled for Friday Night July 11th at Berra Park. Gates open at 6:30. All-Star introductions at 7pm. Game time at 7:15. The game will feature Hill All-Stars Christopher Bianchi, Christopher Gartner, Carlo Miramonti, and Coach Charlie Milani. The Berra Park Summer Camp will host the All-Star game. Volunteers, sponsors, and contributors can contact Joe Torrisi 772-5064, if you want to get involved.

Italian Newsbriefs - Life On And About The Other Side

Italy's Mom-and-Pop Shops are Closing...

Tradition is quickly giving way to convenience as Italians open up their minds and their wallets to large supermarket chains. The number of supermarkets in Italy has risen 74 percent since 1996. As a result, time-honored mom-and-pop shops which offer quality, specialty foods and a friendly atmosphere are closing. This transition is due in part to Italy's changing demographics as many Italian families are working later and spending less time and money shopping for food. Supermarkets are convenient because they offer better selection, lower prices and convenient hours of operation since many are open on Sundays while family-run stores are closed that day.

According to owners of these specialty stores, this shift to mass consumer buying in large grocery stores will bring about a loss of the sense of community and friendliness which thrived in family-run stores. Many Italians thought that supermarket chains would not be successful due to the strong traditions of the Italian community. Even the people of Italy's south, where social traditions tend to be stronger, have embraced supermarkets. Government officials are hopeful that the new stores will generate more jobs than they might eliminate.

A Guide to News in Italy...

Italy has five nationally distributed daily newspapers (Il Corriere della Sera, Il Sole 24 Ore, La Repubblica, L'Osservatore Romano, and L'Unità) and each major city has its own local newspaper. When reading Italian publications, it is important to keep in mind who or what group owns the paper, which can account for any biases.

The national newspaper Corriere della Sera, comparable to the New York Times, is owned by the Agnelli family, which also owns Fiat. La Stampa, published in Turin, is also owned by the Agnelli Family. La Repubblica is also one of Italy's national daily newspapers. In Sicily, Giornale di Sicilia is the most widely distributed newspaper which focuses on local news. The premiere newspaper in Venice, Il Gazzettino, is owned by a group of industrialists including Benetton and shoemaker Rene Fernando Caovilla. Il Giorno remains one of Milan's leading daily papers. Il Mattino is the leading newspaper in Naples while Il Messaggero is popular in Rome. Both papers are owned by the Caltigirone family. One of

Italy's most respected newspapers, Il Resto del Carlino, is published in Bologna. The official daily newspaper published by the Vatican is L'Osservatore Romano. At present, L'Unità, the official publication of the Communist party, has ceased to publish on paper but can be found online.

For financial news, Italians turn to Il Sole 24 Ore which is operated by the Confindustria, the equivalent of the National Association of Manufacturers in the United States. Italy Daily, a daily English language newspaper, is distributed nationally by the International Herald Tribune. For more information on Italian newspapers, please visit www.ciao-italy.com/categories/newspapers.htm.

Parliamo Italiano...

Recent studies and data from the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) and Modern Language Association (MLA) have shown that Italian language study is on the rise in U.S. Schools across the nation. In a six year period between 1994 and 2000, Italian language enrollment in high schools rose 46 percent compared to Spanish enrollment, which rose 26 percent and German and French which dropped nearly three percent and 13 percent respectively. Between 1995 and 1998, the percentage of students studying Italian at both the graduate and undergraduate levels increased 13 percent at nearly 3,000 U.S. colleges and universities.

A Place for Italian in Elementary Schools of the United States...

Italian language teaching is also expanding to the elementary schools of Miami, Florida, reports the Miami Herald. The foreign governments of Italy, Spain, France, Germany, and soon Brazil fund foreign language instruction programs in Miami's elementary schools. These programs offered at G.W. Carver Elementary and Charles Wynche Jr. Elementary give American students the opportunity of exposure to Italian during the formative years of language acquisition.

The success of the Italian program recently encouraged the Italian government to renew it for another three years. In the next three years, the program will expand as students move to higher grade levels. In a recent article by Associated Press, members of the Italian consulate expressed their desire to contribute to the multicultural city of Miami

through the implementation of these language programs which give young students the advantage of foreign language acquisition at a young age. Due to this financial support, Miami's public, elementary schools can offer their students foreign language opportunities which most private schools cannot.

Postage stamp released in Italy commemorates the Italian who is now officially credited with the invention of the telephone, Antonio Meucci.

Few Italians who pick up their telephone today would be able to tell you the name of its inventor.

Antonio Meucci was an Italian emigrant who left his native Florence in 1835 for the New World, never to return to Europe. After working in Cuba a few years he arrived in New York in 1850 and became a friend there of Giuseppe Garibaldi, later the unifier of Italy. Meucci lived on Staten Island until his death in poverty at the age of 81.

A prolific inventor but a failure as a businessman, Meucci invented a device he called the telegraphophone for communicating with his bedridden wife from his workshop. He patented his invention in 1871 but failed to find a commercial backer. Five years later a Scots-born American, Alexander Graham Bell, successfully patented the instrument we now know as the telephone.

Nicholas Negroponte, a scientist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, flew over to attend the Rome celebrations. He recalled that Meucci wasn't alone in his failure to make money out of his invention, "None of the Bell family made money - there are no rich Bells, historically. He may have patented it but he certainly didn't get wealthy. It's not like some of the other inventions that netted a great deal of fortune for the heirs."

Italy issued a postage stamp to mark the official recognition of Meucci as the inventor of the telephone and President Ciampi honoured him at a ceremony at the telecommunication ministry, commenting that both the telephone and radio were invented by Italians.

BIBLE LESSON 101

In the beginning, God populated the earth with broccoli and cauliflower and spinach, green and yellow and red vegetables of all kinds, so Man and Woman would live long and healthy lives.

Then, using God's great gifts, Satan created Ben and Jerry's and Krispy Creme. And Satan said, you want chocolate with that? And Man said Oh Yeah. And Woman said, and another one with sprinkles. And they gained 10 pounds.

And God created the healthful yogurt that Woman might keep the figure that Man found so fair. And Satan brought forth white flour from the wheat, and sugar from the cane, and combined them. And Woman went from size 2 to size 10.

So God said, Try my fresh green salad. And Satan presented Thousand-Island and Creamy Ranch Dressing and garlic toast on the side. And Man and Woman unfastened their belts following the repast.

God then said, I have sent you heart-healthy vegetables and olive oil in which to cook them. And Satan brought forth deep fried fish and chicken-fried steak so big it needed its own platter. Man gained more weight and his cholesterol went through the roof.

God then brought running shoes so that his children might lose those extra pounds. And Satan gave cable TV with a remote control so Man would not have to toil changing the channels. And Man and Woman laughed and cried before the flickering light and gained more pounds.

Then God brought forth the potato, naturally low in fat and brimming with nutrition. And Satan peeled off the healthful skin and sliced the starchy center into chips and deep-fried them. And man gained pounds.

God then gave lean beef so the Man might consume fewer calories and still satisfy his appetite. And Satan created McDonalds and its double cheeseburger. Then said, you want fries with that? And Man replied, Oh Yeah! And super-size em. And Satan said, It is good. And Man went into cardiac arrest..

God sighed and created quadruple bypass surgery.

And Satan created HMOs....

THE RIGHT MOVES

We were celebrating the 100th anniversary of our church, and several former pastors and the bishop were in attendance. At one point, our minister had the children gather at the altar for a talk about the importance of the day. He began by asking, "Does anyone know what the bishop does?"

There was silence.

Finally, one little boy answered gravely, "He's the one you can move diagonally."

WHERE ARE THE NUTS?

A Presbyterian, Methodist, and Catholic Church were overrun with pesky squirrels.

One day, the Presbyterian Church called a meeting to decide what to do about the squirrels. After much prayer and consideration they determined that the squirrels were predestined to be there and they shouldn't interfere with God's divine will so they would live with the situation.

The Methodists got together and decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creatures. So, they humanely trapped the squirrels and set them free a few miles outside of town. Three days later, the squirrels were back in the church.

It was only the Catholics who were able to come up with the best and most effective solution. They baptized the squirrels and registered them as parishioners. Now they only see them on Christmas and Easter!

THE EXPLANATION OF LIFE

On the first day God created the cow. God said, "You must go to the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer. I will give you a life span of sixty years." The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. Let me have twenty and I'll give back the other forty." And God agreed.

On the second day God created the dog. God said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. I will give you a life span of twenty years." The dog said, "That's too long to be barking. Give me ten years and I'll give you back the other ten." So God agreed (sigh).

On the third day God created the monkey. God said, "Entertain people, do monkey tricks, make them laugh. I'll give you a twenty year life span." The monkey said, "How boring, monkey tricks for twenty

years? I don't think so. Dog gave you back ten, so that's what I'll do too, okay?" And God agreed again.

On the fourth day God created man. God said, "Eat, sleep, play, have sex, enjoy. Do nothing, just enjoy, enjoy. I'll give you twenty years." Man said, "What? Only twenty years?" No way man. Tell you what, I'll take my twenty, and the forty the cow gave back, and the ten the dog gave back and the monkey gave back, that makes eighty, okay?" God said "You've got a deal."

So that is why the first twenty years we eat, sleep, play, have sex, enjoy, and do nothing; for the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family; for the next ten years we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren; and for the last ten years we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained.

TRIVIA

Q: Galahad's father?

A: Sir Lancelot

Q: Who was the last baseball player to have a season's batting average over .400?

A: Boston Red Sox slugger Ted Williams hit for a .406 average in 1941.

Q: What U.S. department store was the first to install electric lighting?

A: Wanamaker's of Philadelphia, in 1878

Q: How large a crew did Star Trek's Captain Kirk command?

A: 430

Q: What mammal has the heaviest brain?

A: The Sperm Whale. It's brain weighs up to 20 lbs - six times heavier than a human's.

Q: What presidential wife was the first to be referred to as the First Lady?

A: Lucy Hayes, wife of Rutherford B. Hayes, in 1877.

Q: What is Fats Domino's real first name?

A: Antoine

Q: If you are taking a class in pistology, what are you studying?

A: Faith

Monsignor Adrian I. Dwyer

Monsignor Adrian I Dwyer Former pastor of St. Ambrose, died Thursday (5 June, 2003) of complications of a tumor, at St. John's Skilled Nursing Center in Creve Coeur. He was 91.

He was born in St. Louis but completed studies in philosophy, theology and the humanities at the North American College in Rome. He was ordained in Rome on December 8, 1936.

His first assignment was as an assistant pastor at St. Ambrose Church on the Hill. He served there for just 3 years and went to the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis where he taught at the Cathedral Latin School on Washington Ave.

He was a U.S. Navy chaplain and served in the Pacific during World War II. He was assigned to the First Marine Air Wing and saw action on Guadalcanal and received a Purple Heart after being wounded in Luzon in the Philippines.

Monsignor received a doctoral degree in canon law from the Pontifical Institute of Law in Rome in 1950.

In 1951 he was named pastor of the old Our Lady Help of Christians church where he remained for more than 18 years. He was named a monsignor in 1960. He was named pastor of St. Ambrose from 1969 until his retirement in 1987.

From 1951 to 1961, Monsignor Dwyer was secretary of the Archdiocese Tribunal, and was presiding judge from 1961 to 1969. In 1962 he served as secretary to Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter when Ritter was named a cardinal.

Monsignor Dwyer went to Rome after his retirement from St. Ambrose, where he became one of six canon lawyers in the Western Hemisphere admitted to the bar of the Roman Rota, the Vatican appeals court.

In 1990, he took up residence at St. Roch Church in the West End where he lived with his very good friend, Monsignor Polizzi.

He was an expert in yoga and wrote a book in 1995, "Yoga Meditations for Christians" He spoke Italian, French, Latin and Spanish and had a working knowledge of German and Russian.

He was the recipient of numerous awards from his church, the Italian government and his city. His body was donated to St. Louis University School of Medicine, at his request.

Archbishop Justin Rigali was the celebrant at a memorial Mass at St. Roch Church on Saturday, 14 June, 2003.

Monsignor Dwyer will be remembered as a very good priest, a brilliant man, a caring person and a true friend. He will be missed by all of us.

FESTA ITALIANA MILWAUKEE

Festa Italiana, one of the nations largest Italian Festivals will celebrate its 26th annual event from Thursday, July 17 through Sunday, July 20 at the Henry Maier Festival Park in Milwaukee, WI.

This event features great food, cultural attractions and over 50 entertainment acts performing throughout the day and evening on eight stages. New this year will be the Zoppe' Family Circus.

The Circo Zoppe has thrilled audiences for over 160 years since it's founding in Europe in 1842. Seven generations have passed, and today Nino (Giovanni Zoppe') is internationally known for performing daring comedic acrobatics and is reinventing the wonders of this historic circus.

Anyone that attends a performance of this new circus will take a delightful step back in time to how circuses were performed well over 100 years ago. In a European style tent designed by Giovanni Zoppe himself, the audience will experience a circus that is intimate and touching as well as funny, daring and unique. People young and old will feel like they have just seen a circus for the first time.

The Festa wraps up Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings with an impressive fireworks display. For information on attending this year's event, contact Joe Torrisi at 776-4327.

HALL OF FAME PHOTOS

Professional photographer, Jim Kersting, who has a studio on Marconi and is one the baseball Cardinals' on-field photographers, was hired by Hill 2000 to take photographs of the day's events. Jim captured many shots at the pre-ceremony gathering at St. Ambrose and at the dedication ceremony at Elizabeth and Macklind.

The photos will be on display at the July 17 General Membership Meeting to be held in the St. Ambrose Cafeteria. The photos are numbered and order forms will be available for anyone wishing to order copies of any of the photos.

Please bring a check or cash for your order. Photo print cost: 4 x 6 - \$2.50 per photo; 5 x 7 - \$10.00 per photo; 8 x 10 - \$15.00 per photo.



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ITALIAN BAND PLAYING AT MUNY BANDSTAND

We hope you enjoyed the Italian Band playing at the Hall of Fame dedication ceremonies. They truly are a local treasure. We encourage everyone to plan a visit to the Muny Bandstand located in front of the Muny Opera in Forest Park from July 28 through August 3. The Italian Band will be playing each evening prior to that evening's performances at The Muny.

HOUSING AND RENTAL REFERRAL PROGRAM

Hill 2000 has been active in regaining a handle on the housing referral program that has been so successful in the past. Two separate meetings took place over the past month including one with La Montagna and another with a committee to update the housing and rental referral program.

Everyone in the neighborhood is encouraged to contact a member of the housing committee should you have a property for sale or rent, whether it be by an agent or by owner. In this way, Hill 2000 can provide a list of all properties to individuals interested into moving into our neighborhood.

Conversely, if you know of someone looking to move to The Hill, you are also encouraged to contact the housing committee. Hill 2000 will not be acting as a real estate agent, but only as a list provider.

For housing, please call Anna Stremlau at 314-773-3560.

For rentals, please call John Marino at 314-773-7644.

Other members of the committee include: Vince Hellmann, Joey Barbaglia, Charlie Oldani and Theresa Bartoni.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 2003

- Jun 22 (Su) Corpus Christi Procession
- Jun 22 (Su) St. Vincent de Paul Day @ St. Ambrose

July 2003

- Jul 04 (F) Independence Day
- Jul 06 (Su) Italian Mass @ St. Ambrose (11am)
- Jul 07 (M) Holy Name Meeting @ St. Ambrose (7:30pm)
- Jul 11 (F) Challenger All-Star Game @ Berra Park (7pm)
- Jul 14 (M) Mt. Carmel Meeting @ St. Ambrose (7pm)
- Jul 27 (Su) St. Vincent de Paul Day @ St. Ambrose

August 2003

- Aug 03 (Su) Italian Mass @ St. Ambrose (11am)
- Aug 04 (M) Holy Name Meeting @ St. Ambrose (7:30pm)
- Aug 11 (M) Mt. Carmel Meeting @ St. Ambrose (7pm)
- Aug 24 (Su) Santa Fara Mass & Dinner, 2pm @ St. Ambrose
- Aug 24 (Su) St. Vincent de Paul Day @ St. Ambrose
- Aug 30 (Sa) Giro Pasta Dinner at Bocce Club (4pm-7pm)
- Aug 31 (Su) Giro della Montagna Bicycle Races

Please forward community events of interest to:
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GIRO T-SHIRT DESIGN COMPETITION

The 18th Annual Giro della Montagna will be held on Sunday, August 31 on The Hill. The Giro is part of the St. Ambrose calendar of events to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Church.

Hill 2000 is sponsoring a T-Shirt design competition for the design to be used on this year's T-Shirt. Here are the basic guidelines:

- Design must incorporate, at minimum, the colors of red, white and green
- Design must include Hill 2000, Inc. name or logo within design or on sleeve.
- Design must include: 18th Annual Giro dell Montagna
- Design should incorporate some type of association with church's celebration

Designs need to be submitted by Monday, July 7. You can either send your design to Hill 2000, Inc. at P.O. Box 39347; St. Louis, MO 63139 or call Tom Stremlau at 773-3560 to coordinate delivering your design so that it is not damaged in the mail.

Final design will be selected by Bike Race committee by July 10.

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