

ANNUAL EVENTS IN ITALY

ESCAPE FROM THE CITY - citta of Voghera (about 45 minutes south of Milan), province - Pavia; region - Lombardia; held on various dates all in July ----unbelievable as it may seem, these Italians have recreated the **American 'Wild West'** in its most authentic spirit and detail and offer the public a taste of this historically accurate depiction of our past. The 'Cowboy Guest Ranch' offers rodeos that feature daredevil acrobatics with professional western riders, steer roping, Indian dances and competitions plus one and two day programs where ordinary city folk can don boots and cowboy hats and hit the trail with trained guides. Over campfires, coffee is served in tins, and beans and steaks are cooked up in the chuck wagon while conversation centers around how to coral the herd of cattle that roams the pasture up yonder. There is a trading post/general store that offers an incredibly wide variety of western goods, clothing and riding gear so everything one lacks can be procured. Of course, the restaurant serves up lean grilled steaks, beans and every typical tourist's idea of what they ate back then.

PENTRIA THEATRICAL SEASON ---- citta - Pietrabbondante; province - Isernia; region Molise; mid-July to mid-August ---- takes place, at a height of 3,000 feet, in one of the most beautiful parts of Pentria, a tourist-cultural experience which has been extremely successful and is recognized as one of the most important **theatrical productions** in Italy. In the incredible setting of the Luglio Italico Theatre (1st century B.C.), Greek tragedies and Latin comedies are performed, together with modern theatre, classic ballet and symphonic music.

MOSTRA-MERCATO della ZAMPOGNA ----citta - SCAPOLI; region - Molise; last full weekend of July ----- which is a combination exhibition and market of the ancient reed-pipe instrument of the same name. Scapoli prides itself on being the **fatherland of bagpipes**. For countless centuries, the shepherds of the surrounding mountain communities have spent their winter evenings stretching the sheepskin bags and whittling the olive and cherry wood chanters of this traditional instrument which some historians believe to be the ancestor of the Scottish and Irish bagpipe, introduced by Roman soldiers to the land of the Celts. This is a very unique celebration which revives the memory of this musical instrument that is vanishing. Together with the reed-pipe from Molise the exhibition presents a variety of traditional Italian wind instruments (launeddas from Sardinia) and international ones (English bagpipes, Hungarian gayda). Most of the year, Scapoli is a pretty quiet place but this unique event draws pipers and bagpipe enthusiasts from all over the world for a packed three-day piping jamboree. It's a celebration of skirling and droning amidst splendid mountain scenery, served up with local gastronomic goodies like ewe's milk cheeses, olives, black truffles, beans and a glass or two of Sambuca liqueur.

JVC NEWPORT JAZZ FESTIVAL ---- citta - Torino; region - Piemonte; first full "Monday thru Friday" week of July ---- this is an American Jazz and Latin **music festival** put on in the gardens of Giardini Reali, at the Piazza Castello or on the streets of the city. Most concerts are held in the open air and create a special ambience that attracts world-class talent.

ITALIAN HUMOR

Se ti dò il mio numero di telefono, lo usi o lo getti via?
If I gave you my phone number, would you keep it or throw it away?



BIRTHDAYS LUGLIO (JULY) 2005 BUON COMPLEANNO !!

Last Name	First Name	Birthdate
Dolle	Kenneth	7/7
Galofaro	Anthony	7/10
Castagno	Philip	7/14
Brown	Nevia	7/28
Zanni	Carol	7/2

SING.....

"Tanti auguri a te,
Tanti auguri a te,
Tanti auguri a (name of person),
Tanti a auguri a TE!"

It is the same tune as our:
"Happy Birthday to You"

(our database has these names only.....,
please if you see an omission, contact us).

ITALY CROWNS COOLEST GRANNY

Carpina Zuccarina, 72, born in the Naples area and now lives in Tuscany, was crowned Italy's favorite granny, after a three month-long contest that saw almost 200 wisecracking women over 65 compete for the title. Her winning moves? She beat the competition by dancing a tarantella barefoot. She's now thinking of how she might divvy up the 250,000 euro prize among her 11 children and 21 grandchildren. "It was the most fun I've had in my whole life," she said.

CHE PASSA! (WHAT'S HAPPENING !)

Jim Vito Flitt, IAA PROGRAM DIRECTOR

JULY 17 - IAA COOKOUT: Sunday; 2 to 5:00pm; bring your favorite game. Also, our local professional "Karaoke Man" – Alan Reese will be with us. A sign-up poster will be available to volunteer for FESTA activities and time and for the booth shifts at the St. Joseph's picnic. For your part, bring a side dish as follows:

- A – G Salad
- H - P Vegetable Dish
- Q – Z Dessert

AUGUST 13 – St. Joseph Charity Picnic (IAA Booth).

SEPTEMBER 9-10, FESTA ITALIANA - Friday, Saturday; St. James Church. VOLUNTEERS should contact Katherine Pulzone at 489-3715

OCTOBER 10 (Monday)IAA Dinner/Awards.

NOVEMBER 16 (Wednesday) Elections/Dinner at Cliftons.

DECEMBER 11 - IAA CHRISTMAS GATHERING

THE PATH OF ADOPTION

- 1st STAGE:** Declaration of availability
- 2nd STAGE:** Enquiry by area services
- 3rd STAGE:** Decree of suitability
- 4th STAGE:** Search begins
- 5th STAGE:** The "meeting" abroad
- 6th STAGE:** Return to Italy
- 7th STAGE:** Conclusion



The Arena di Verona

The 83rd Opera Festival which will take place this year from **June 17th** to **August 31st** will offer **5** different opera ti for a total of **50** performances. **La Gioconda** by **Amilcare, Ponchielli** will inaugurate the season with a new stage design assigned to **Pier Luigi Pizzi**.

GARDALAND, Italy's DisneyWorld Near Verona on Garda Lake

BEST AMUSEMENT PARKS 2005



Gardaland • Castelnovo del Garda, Italy

The largest amusement park in Italy, Gardaland was also the first, and is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2005. This year's newest ride, Sequoia Adventure, rises almost 100 feet in the air and features several 180-degree twists, nearly brushing the nearby Magic Mountain as it suspends passengers upside-down. Gardaland is open annually from March through October, and opened for the 2005 season on March 19. Disabled people and children under ten are admitted free, and the park offers a 24-hour hotline so you can call ahead and check the weather.

For more information, visit www.gardaland.it.

Admission: \$30 for a one-day ticket, children under 10 admitted free

Attendance: Average of 2,800,000 annually over the last five years

Founded: 1975

Number of Rides: 40, as well as 40 shows per day

GOLFING IN ITALY



Playing on Italy's most famous courses means combining your passion for golf with a love of art and the past.....from the Villa d'Este at Cernobbio on Lake Como to the Lido of Venice to the Ugolino Golf Club in Florence and the Olgiata Golf Club in Rome.

THE STRAWBERRY

Did you know????

..... this is the only fruit that has its seeds on the outside instead of the inside?

....it is a member of the rose family?

.... having just eight strawberries would provide you with more vitamin C than an orange?

.... strawberries also contain folic acid, fiber, potassium and antioxidants? All of these are essential materials that your body needs.

.... strawberries contain no cholesterol or saturated fats and they are only 50 calories per serving?

.... Italy is a major exporter of strawberries? In fact, in recent years, it ranked as the 4th largest exporter.

....the majority of strawberries are cultivated in the regions of Basilicata, Campania, Emilia Romagna, Lazio, Piedmont and Veneto? The most famous area throughout Italy is the Lago di Nemi, which is a crater lake located in the Alban Hills overlooking the beautiful city of Rome.

MYTHS and LEGENDS

---- legend has it that when Adonis died Venus wept uncontrollably. The tears rolled down her cheek and dropped to the earth turning into heart shaped strawberries.

--- legend also states that if you find a double strawberry, split it in half and give it to a member of the opposite sex you will fall in love with each other?

--- the French thought that strawberries were an aphrodisiac and they made sure that newlyweds were served these magical berries.

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Finally, "La Storia: Five Centuries of the Italian American Experience" is available from A. Cavalli & Company bookstore, which is located in San Francisco's Little Italy.

As always, I close by saying that I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming family-friendly events.

Warmest regards,
Bernardo J. Carducci, President

ITALIAN LESSONS – Dialect of Luigi

Vowels/Vocali

a = ah e = a i = e o = oh u = oo
(simple, but workable at this stage)

Nouns/Il Nome:

Genders ... **masculine** - usually ends in "o" or "e",
feminine usually ends in "a".

CAPISCE?

(cah-PEE-sheh, Do you understand?)

Si, capisco. (SEE, cah-PEES-coh, Yes, I understand)

Non capisco. (non, cah-PEES-coh, No, I do not understand.)

NOTE: Capisce (cah-PEE-sheh) is formal while capisci (cah-PEE-shee) is familiar.

REMEMBER THESE and USE THEM OVER and OVER and OVER AGAIN

ciao (chow, can be both hello and goodbye - familiar)

per favore (pehr fah-VOH-reh, please)

grazie (GRAHT-see, thank you)

prego (PREH-goh, you're welcome)

scusa (SCOO-sah, excuse me)

Bene (BEN-neh, well)

Buon giorno (bohn JORH-noh, good morning)

Remember

Italians also speak with their hands

Perfetto.

Mi scusi, ma le dà fastidio se la fisso per un momento? Voglio ricordarmi il suo viso nei miei sogni.

translation:

Perfect ! Excuse me, do you mind if I stare at you for a minute? I want to remember your face for my dreams.

