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Gentlemen:

I am very pleased that the Federal Government is planning on designating the Rosati, Missouri Winery and seven other wineries as an official national wine-making region.

I have been visiting Rosati (originally Knobview, Mo.) since 1926 and have enjoyed all my associations with these fine people for years. Needless to say, their Concord, Catawba, Delaware and Cynthiana wines have done very well through the years. Their harvest time in September is especially a wonderful time to visit this great area, only 90 miles from St. Louis.

The early bud break in 1986 resulted in the best cane growth and the largest sweet fruit set in many years.

The Ozard Highlands reference is a perfect title for this region and is certainly great news for those winery people and area residents.

Enclosed please find a recent copy of Il Pensiero, Italian newspaper, bi-monthly publication, the oldest Italian newspaper in the Missouri-Illinois area, now 83 years of age.

Read my articles, especially the article on Page 4, which gives a brief history of the Grape and Fall Festival of this Ozarkian Highlands, winemaking country.

Again, my personal approval for selecting this area for an official national wine-making region,

Very sincerely,


Comm. Mario A. Pertici.

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The award by the St. Louis in 1947,

University, where she remains a professor emeritus in biology. She lives in Rome with her twin sister Paola, a distinguished painter and sculptor, to whom she had dedicated her extra-scientific devotion.

A recipient of many prestigious prizes, awards and honorary degrees across the world, she achieved a unique distinction when she became the first woman to be installed as a member of the Pontifical Academy of Rome, the roots of which go back to 1603.

She never relinquished her Italian citizenship, to which she has added the American naturalization. She is the fifth Italian who was awarded the Nobel prize for medicine. She will be



ANTONIN SCALIA AS SUPREME COURT JUDGE

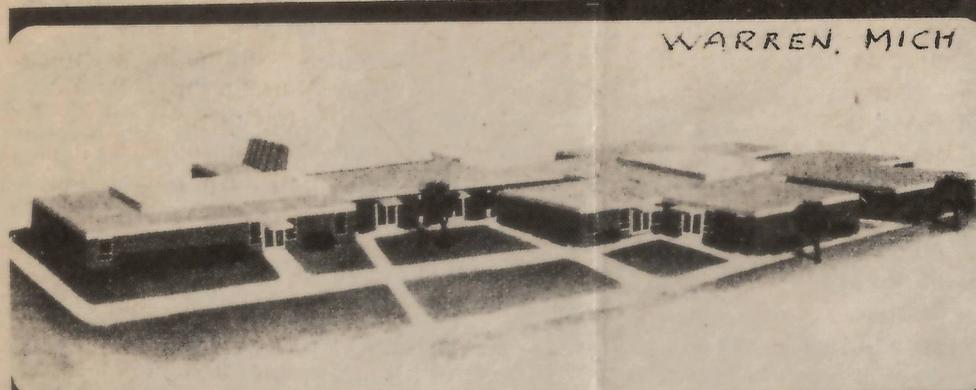
Judge Scalia has taken is seat in the Supreme Court of the United States. His nomination

It was at a meeting in 1981 at the White House, where about 30 important persons from

please consider appointing an Italo-American judge in the Supreme Court.

Editorial: By Comm. Mario-Pertici

DETROIT-STERLING HEIGHTS- WARREN



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Italian Cultural Center

Your writer and wife Louise vacationed in the Detroit, Michigan area this past summer as well as another community in the Ozarks of Missouri, namely Rosati (Knobview) and St. James.

In Sterling Heights with the Tony Tito's, they took us to Greektown and Trappers Alley and other spots which we certainly enjoyed, but Tony and Connie also introduced us to the Italian Cultural Center in Warren. The Center is operated by the Italian American Cultural Society. All Italians are invited to join in the many programs and activities which take place at the Center daily. Classes in

Teens, Avanti Network and Senior Citizens. A Montessori nursery school is located here as well as an adult care center. The most recent addition to the Center is the Caffè Italia. Soon there will be new bocce courts, soccer field and a senior citizens housing complex. The Italian-American Cultural Society is a non-profit corporation founded and chartered by the State of Michigan in 1957. It received its tax free Foundation Status in 1962.

Here is Italian Heritage on the move. Its the preservation of tradition and values and its much more than being Italian, its the learning of our roots and this

Michelangelo, DaVinci, Galileo, Verdi, Puccini, Marconi, Fermi, Mother Cabrini and Fellini. We thank the Tito's for introducing us to the many fine people where they reside and at the Italian Cultural and Community Center. It is indeed a hub of educational, cultural, and fraternal activities for the Italian in this area of Michigan. We also toured the conference rooms, offices, home economics, broad cafeteria and entertainment area, a Senior Citizens lounge, and a Youth Room. Yes, this Center will move with its adjoining expanse of vacant land and growth for the future with its

Taste the wines of Rosati at the Hospitality Room where you may sample each of our wines and purchase a selection according to your taste and needs.

Old-Fashioned Concord—a tastefully sweet complement to a full course meal. Terrific with nuts, fruit, and desserts.

Cream Finish White—a light, velvet-soft white wine with a perfect balance of sweetness and fruitiness. Served chilled with or after meals.

D'oro—soft and refreshing. Serve well-chilled on the patio or by the pool. A summer favorite.

Dolce Bianco—a white, refreshing full-bodied wine with a hint of sweetness. Serve chilled with fish or fowl.

Elvira—a premium light, dry, white wine. Terrific with poultry and seafoods. Serve chilled.

Rosati Red—a sweeter red wine served with red meats. Should be slightly chilled.

Vino di Tavola—a satisfying, full-bodied dry red wine served slightly chilled with stews, steaks, or casseroles.

Vin Rosé—a versatile wine for mealtime or an afternoon refreshment. Best when chilled.

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attended Mass in La Chiesa Di Sant'Antonio Di Padova, the Rosati Winery, Saint Anthony's Cemetery where many of the original pioneers are

wagon, and another youngster pushing the shaggy dog dressed as a baby and sitting in a buggy. All floats and

almost 20 years, all the queens were Italian, (the Piazza's, Tessaro's, Marchi's, Donati's, Cardetti's, Mingo's, DeLuca's, Guidicini's, DiFlori's, Roso, DeCarlo, Lira and Codemo. Some of the names of queens are repeated, for example, the Piazza's name represented 6 different queens over the years. By 1952 the pageants were getting away from the Italian theme and more St. James history was introduced which included other foreign groups settling here, such as the Germans and French.

Although celebrated in almost all Italy, the 'Vintage is especially an occasion for much gaiety and mirth notably around Rome, Brindisi and Milan, called "Festa di Vendemmia" or La Sagra dell' Uva", harvesting of the grapes.

Many innovations have been added such as livestock show and football games. The St. James Fairgrounds was added as the festival grounds. Yes, this area has a good reason to be proud of its Grape Fall Festival each year. The two most charming wineries in this writer's

and dance. Other programs include athletics, soccer and bocce, and their vast gymnasium. There is the Fine Arts, Gioventu

world. Our Italian heritage ties us in a bond of solidarity which the same roots shared by Dante, Francis of Assisi, Columbus, Vespucci,

committees and programs. We thank the Tito's for this wonderful tour. It's an Italian Festival all the year around.

Grade School which was attended by Louis and Margaret Tessaro as youths. We passed Cardetti's original Mecantile Store, the brief remains of a swimming pool at Eugenio and Maria's (Nonna) residence, the beautiful new Russell Bliss mansion next to Gentilini's. Their acreage is enormous. We also watched the Burlington Northern Railroad train which was formerly the Frisco line, and the 53th Annual Grape and Fall Festival and Parade at St. James. The parade consisted of many floats, school bands from all over the area, horses, mules, a calf on one of the floats, burro's and the Queen and her Court on one special float. The oddities was a dog pulling a youngster in a

losing candy and gum of all descriptions including souvenirs from Boys Town of Missouri. When Pevely Dairy gave up its yearly free barbecue in 1934, the businessmen formed the Grape Fall Festival. For thirty-five years the celebration at the close of the grape harvest expressed the community's appreciation to its Itlaian neighbors at Knobview-Rosati-Fanning for their contribution to the culture and commerce in the area. From 1934 to 1970 the Queen each year was a daughter of a grapegrower. The Italian theme predominated for

WINERY AND THE ST. JAMES WINERSY. They are smashes!
Comm. Mario Pertici

Germania: fermati 120 ecologisti

Oltre 120 attivisti del movimento pacifista sono stati fermati nel corso della settimana in diversi tentativi di blocco degli accessi alla base militare americana di Mutlangen in Svevia dove sono state depositate alcune batterie di missili nucleari a medio raggio Pershing II. La scorsa notte a Monaco di Baviera la polizia ha operato una trentina di arresti dopo una serie di violenti scontri con gruppi di autonomi che si erano infiltrati in una manifestazione



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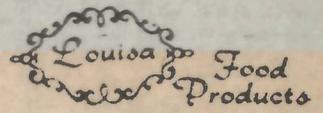
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