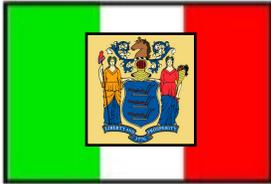




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The Church of San Sebastiano stands amidst damaged houses in Castelsantangelo sul Nera, Italy on Oct 26, 2016, following an earthquake. A pair of strong aftershocks shook central Italy late Wednesday, crumbling churches and buildings, knocking out power and sending panicked residents into the rain-drenched streets just two months after a powerful earthquake killed nearly 300 people. (Sandro Perozzi / AP)

Article courtesy of: Tribune News Services

Italy Hit by Strongest Quake in Nearly 36 Years: No Deaths Reported

The third powerful earthquake to hit Italy in two months spared human life Sunday but struck at the nation's identity, destroying a Benedictine cathedral, a medieval tower and other beloved landmarks that had survived the earlier jolts across a mountainous region of small historic towns.

Lost or severely damaged in the shaking were ancient Roman walls, Gothic and Baroque churches and centuries-old paintings crushed beneath tons of brick, sandstone and marble.

Italian Premier Matteo Renzi said the nation's "soul is disturbed" by the series of quakes, starting with the deadly Aug. 24 event that killed nearly 300 people, two back-to-back temblors on Oct. 26, and the biggest of them all, a 6.6-magnitude quake that shook people out of bed Sunday morning. It was the strongest quake to hit Italy in 36 years.

There were no reports of fatalities — a fact attributed to the evacuation of sensitive areas and fragile city centers.

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In this image, bricks from a damaged building block a street in Norcia, Italy, on Oct. 30, 2016 after a powerful earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 6.6 rocked central and southern Italy following a week of temblors and left thousands homeless. (AP)

Nearly 8,000 people have been moved to shelters or hotels following the quakes last week and Sunday, and Italy's Civil Protection agency was expecting that number to reach 11,000 by Monday morning. Many who stayed behind were sleeping in campers or other vehicles, out of harm's way.

Renzi vowed to rebuild houses, churches and business, saying, "a piece of Italian identity is at stake at this moment."

"Feeling the earth collapse beneath your feet is not a metaphorical expression but is what happened this morning, and half of Italy felt this," Renzi said.

The quake struck another painful blow to the rich artistic heritage of villages that dot the Apennine Mountains. The worst damage was reported in Norcia, a town in Umbria closest to the epicenter. Two churches were destroyed — the 14th century Basilica of St. Benedict, built on the traditional birthplace of St. Benedict, founder of the Benedictine monastic order; and the Cathedral of St. Mary Argentea, known for its 15th century frescoes. Only the cracked facades were still standing, with most of the structures disintegrating into piles of rubble and dust.

Television images showed nuns rushing into the main piazza as the bell tower appeared on the verge of collapse. Later, nuns and monks knelt in prayer in the main piazza. A firefighter appealed to a priest to help keep residents calm in an effort to prevent them from looking for loved ones.

When the quake struck, nuns from the Saint Mary of Peace monastery in Norcia were praying and singing hymns. The shaking caused their building to collapse and badly damaged their sleeping quarters. Later, firefighters escorted them back inside to retrieve holy books. Then an aftershock hit.

"But we had courage, because we were in our house and the Lord protects us," one nun told The Associated Press.

Large sections of Norcia's ancient Roman city walls — which suffered damage and cracks in the previous quakes — crumbled, along with towers.

Amatrice, the town that bore the brunt of destruction on Aug. 24, sustained blows to treasures that had withstood the quakes of the past weeks.

The community's medieval bell tower stood tall amid the rubble after the August quake, becoming a symbol of hope and resilience for the stricken population. During a visit to the quake zone earlier this month, the pope prayed alone amid the rubble, the brick tower still standing in the background. But the latest shaking partially collapsed it. The 15th century Church of Sant'Agostino also fell down.

"The monster is still there," Amatrice Mayor Sergio Pirozzi told Sky TG24.

The quake was felt as far north as Salzburg, Austria, and all the way down the Italian peninsula to the Puglia region, the heel of the boot. In Rome, some 150 kilometers (95 miles) away, people rushed into the streets in pajamas.

The basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, a site of Christian worship in Rome since the 4th century, had to be closed for inspections after sustaining cracks and damage to some molding. There were also cracks in the cupola of Sant'Ivo alla Sapienza church in Rome, a baroque masterpiece by Francesco Borromini, an architectural giant of the 17th century.

The quake forced the temporary closure of some of Rome's most important tourist sites, including the presidential palace, so authorities could check for damage.

The crowds in St. Peter's Square interrupted Pope Francis with applause when he mentioned the quake during his weekly Sunday blessing.

"I'm praying for the injured and the families who have suffered the most damage, as well as for rescue and first aid workers," he said.

ANSA reported that the quake damaged the church of St. Joseph in Jesi, a town encircled by medieval walls southwest of the coastal city of Ancona. The roof caved in partially and cracks appeared near the altar.

In Tolentino, there was visible damage to the Cathedral of San Catero and the Basilica of St. Nicolas, which contains artwork and architectural elements dating from the 14th to the 17th centuries.

With a preliminary magnitude of 6.6, it was the strongest earthquake since a 6.9 temblor near Naples killed some 3,000 people on Nov. 23, 1980.

Some 20 people suffered mostly minor injuries. Authorities responded with helicopters to help the injured and monitor collapses, as many roads were blocked by landslides. The Salaria highway, one of the main highways in the region, was closed at certain points. Some local rail lines in Umbria and Le Marche were also closed as a precaution.

ITALIAN-AMERICAN NEWS



East Rutherford High School alumnus Dick Vitale unveiled the Grove Street basketball courts dedicated to him on Sept. 29.

Dick Vitale Talks Fame, Failure and Comebacks in East Rutherford

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The voice of college basketball Dick Vitale came back to his East Rutherford roots—where he unveiled signage dedicating the new Grove Street basketball courts in his honor.

Getting emotional during the dedication, Vitale reflected on his beginnings, shared jokes about finding fame, getting fired from coaching the Detroit Pistons and making a comeback as an ESPN sportscaster.

"I've succeeded in my life, and all my dreams started on these basketball courts. This is where I dreamed about my future and began setting goals and making plans, climbing the ladder in the coaching profession. It starts with 'a boy, a ball and a dream,' my coach used to say," Vitale said.

Bringing his message of "energy, enthusiasm, and excitement," Vitale, who is also a motivational speaker, has learned to turn problems into opportunities. When he was a point guard playing at East Rutherford High School, he admits he couldn't defend anyone, and had no speed but he could shoot.

"I'd shoot the ball but couldn't play a lick. I could motivate and inspire kids," Vitale said. "I coach people to chase their dreams. I'm 77, I do motivational speaking, and there's two things I learned from my parents who had fifth grade educations. Never believe in 'can't', and be good to people, and people will be good to you. Chase your dreams and goals, and make a plan for that goal to become reality."

His family instilled values and helped him persevere, Vitale said, even when he came home depressed after writing to colleges in hopes of becoming an assistant coach.

"I got more rejections than the Dean of Harvard gives out. My parents said work hard and smart, chase your dreams and don't allow 'can't' to rule your life," Vitale said. "My life is about passion, pride, and people."

Any good success story has a comeback back story in Vitale's family.

"When I was fired from the Pistons in 1979, the 76ers and Dr. J were hot. My wife said he heard the Pistons owner wanted to talk to me. She said 'you're going to get fired. I heard you on the phone and you can't talk to Mr. [Bill] Davidson the way you did.' I had told him 'we can't beat Kareem and Dr. J. I need players.' He kept saying 'Patience. You are your biggest enemy.' Then three weeks later I'm sitting home pouting," Vitale recalled. "I hated to lose and that was my biggest fault. But I went from being fired from coaching to doing ESPN. I just got a three year contract extension."

Back in East Rutherford, Jane Cocozzo Lampmann recalls when Vitale taught at Franklin School.

"I was in his first class of students, became a cheerleader when the basketball team went to the state championships in Atlantic City. He was the head coach and we had a winning team. He was wild," Lampmann recalled.

Growing up with basketball, Mayor James Cassella said Vitale was an assistant coach at East Rutherford High School when he attended. Vitale remembered a young Cassella. "He could jump and run but he couldn't shoot. Maybe that's why he went into politics," Vitale joked.

Cassella recalled when the high school players used the borough's basketball courts.

"The coach was afraid if one of his players got out here, they'd get hurt. Back then there was a hole near one of the metal poles near the basket and if you came down the wrong way, you got hurt. If you sprained your ankle on the courts, that was part of your normal day. We have transformed these basketball courts since then and painted them maroon and gray," Cassella said.

Following the dedication, the group of elected officials and civic leaders went to Il Villaggio and raised \$10,000 to combat childhood cancers, through the John Saunders Research Grant and the V Foundation. For details, visit dickvitaleonline.com.



Children of East Rutherford tested out the new basketball courts dedicated to East Rutherford High School alumnus Dick Vitale, as the ESPN sportscaster coached them on the courts.



The Italian Genealogy Society of New Jersey

The Italian Genealogy Society of New Jersey began as a chapter of POINT - (Pursuing Our Italian Names Together). When POINT officially dissolved in December 2013, our members voted to continue on as an independent organization. We are now known as

The Italian Genealogy Society of New Jersey.

The group, originally organized in September 1996 as a POINT chapter, will continue to provide genealogical researchers an opportunity to meet socially, and learn and share information pertaining to Italian research and culture.

We cordially invite genealogical researchers to attend our quarterly meetings, now held at the Clifton Public Library, 292 Piaget Avenue. Membership is open to all. In addition to our regular meetings we take occasional field trips to genealogical research sites in the New Jersey/New York area.

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Calendar

IGSNJ Future Meetings:

February 4, 2017

10AM, Clifton Public Library
 Program: *Member Exchange of Information*

May 6, 2017

10AM, Clifton Public Library
 Program: *TBA*

Passaic County Historical Society & Lambert Castle Events:

PCHS Genealogy Club:

November 12: Genealogy Club Meeting

10 a.m. at Clifton Library (Piaget Ave.)

Free Admission

Program: *Extra, Extra, Read All About It:*

Using Newspapers in Your Genealogy Research

Presented by Toni McKeen

December 3: Genealogy Club Meeting

10 a.m. at Clifton Senior Center

Free Admission

Genealogy Holiday Brunch/Silent Auction

January 14: Genealogy Club Meeting

10 a.m. at Lambert Castle

Free Admission

Program: *Member Exchange of Information*

Lambert Castle Events

Lambert Castle Holiday Boutique

November 9 - 27

Open Wednesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.,
 Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 pm.

(Closed Thanksgiving Day).

No strollers or carriages, please.

Admission is \$6 and includes two return visits.

December 6-9

9 a.m.- 3p.m at Lambert Castle.

Gingerbread House Competition Drop-Off

Children aged 6-16 are invited to deliver their homemade gingerbread houses to be displayed at Lambert Castle from Dec 12- Jan 3. The best house(s) will be judged and the winner(s) will receive a prize.

Entering a house is free. Call ahead before delivery:
 (973)247-0085 x 207

December 10

Concert by Candlelight

6 p.m. – 9 p.m. at Lambert Castle.

Tour the Castle by candlelight. Tour is self-guided.

Admission Adults \$10, Seniors \$8, Children \$6.

December 11

Storytelling and Sing-along with Santa and Mrs. Claus

1 p.m.- 3p.m. Join us as Santa and Mrs. Claus visit Lambert Castle to tell some stories and sing some holiday songs. Recommended for children under 10 years old. Tickets \$15 for one adult and one child. Each additional adult or child is \$5. Limited seating, reservations required. Call (973)247-0085 ext. 201 for reservations.

For more information:

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