



# TALIAN SECTION-

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## NEWS

### DeNiro No-Show

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Hollywood actor Robert De Niro has snubbed the country of his forebears twice in as many days, refusing a top honour from Milan on Thursday and then standing up dignitaries in Rome yesterday. [...] Local media speculated that the star, who won his first Oscar for his role as a Mafia boss in *The Godfather Part II*, snubbed the award because of polemics about his portrayal of Italians. [...] [Certain critics claimed that] his gangster roles besmirched their good name. But many Italians consider their criticism completely unfounded.

courtesy of The Guardian.  
<http://www.guardian.co.uk>



Italy is a democratic country. It became a republic in 1870. Its government is constituted from a "presidente di consiglio, vicepresidente di consiglio and its commissioni e comitati. Our presidente del consiglio e' Silvio berlusconi.

## VOCABOLARIO DEL MESE

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Votare

"president"

presidente

election

elezione

political party

partito politico

republic

repubblica



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La posizione degli astri migliora ulteriormente, per quanto vi concerne. Il Sole raggiunge il segno amico dello Scorpione. Vi dona la fantasia, il mistero e la sensualita' che, a volte, vi fanno difetto. Cercate, in questa giornata, di mettervi in mostra, se c'e' una persona che vi piace, ma che non avete ancora avuto il coraggio di avvicinare.

### Raphael Discovered

An unknown work confidently believed to be by Raphael has been found beneath a later painting which had been put into the wall of an Umbrian church and forgotten. [...] [An investigator stated], "This is a work by the very young Raphael, probably from 1498 or 1499, when he would have been about 16." [...] Restorers discovered the banner had been painted over, and decided to remove the later work, millimetre by millimetre, with scalpels.

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Silvio Berlusconi.

Born in Milan, in 1936. He got a B.A. in law and started his career in TV. In 1980 he founded his first TV channel, *Canale 5*, the first national network. In the next year he established more TV channels and become his interests in politics. He is also the president of the Italian soccer team, Milan. He was the founder of the political party *Forza Italia*. He was elected *presidente* in 2001.

### Risotto con gli Asparagi

Extra Virgin Olive Oil

1 cup Arborio rice

½ bunch of asparagus cut into ½ inch pieces

3-4 cups of chicken broth

1 white onion, chopped

Heat chicken broth to a well developed simmer. In a large pot heat olive oil. Once heated add chopped onions and cook until onions develop an opaque white color. Add rice and stir until rice is coated with oil and onions. In another small pot, boil asparagus pieces until they are almost tender. While the asparagus is cooking, begin adding small portions of the broth while continually stirring the rice. When the rice has absorbed the liquid, add another small amount of broth. This should take about 20 minutes and you should always be stirring. When the rice is almost done, throw in the asparagus and let them finish cooking. Serve the risotto with grated parmesan cheese. Che Buono!

