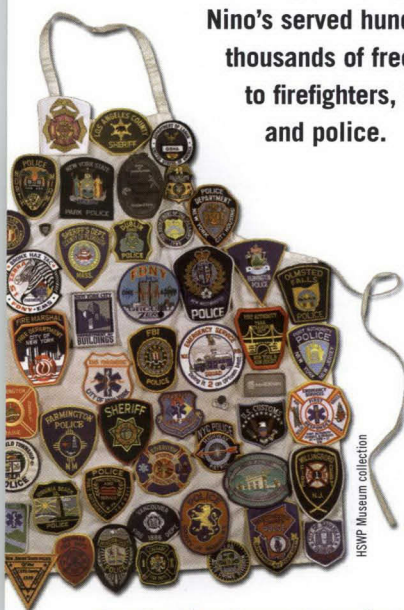


AQUICKLOOK

Didja know?

Antonio Nino Vendome turned his family restaurant into a relief center for rescue workers at Ground Zero. Staffed by volunteers and supported by donations, Nino's served hundreds of thousands of free meals to firefighters, medics, and police.



Patches given by grateful police, fire, and rescue personnel to Nino's Restaurant are displayed on an apron.

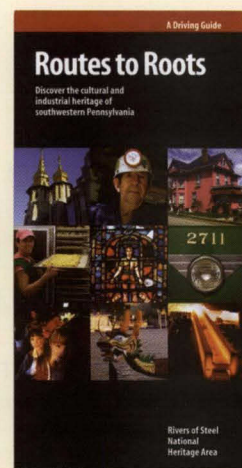
Nina Pineda, formerly of Pittsburgh's WTAE, was caught in the second attack on the World Trade Center while reporting on the first for New York's WABC-TV Eyewitness News. She continued reporting throughout the day, and became the face of the story to millions of Americans.

While 350 canine rescue teams from around the country searched tirelessly for survivors, specially trained therapy dogs provided emotional support for recovery workers, survivors, and victims' families.

Across My Desk

By Brian Butko
Editor

Routes to Roots, a new book by the staff at the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, is an astounding compendium of intriguing places in southwestern Pennsylvania. The requisite churches and museums are here, but so are restaurants, coke ovens, candy stores, neighborhood profiles, and histories of crafts and industries. It's good to see places I haven't been to for a while, but even better to learn more about places I've always wanted to visit.



All by author

I gravitate, perhaps not surprisingly, to food businesses, so right away I noticed one of my favorite stops, A & B Bakery. It's located on East 8th Avenue in Homestead across from the Bost Building, the Rivers of Steel visitor center. If you're in the neighborhood, perhaps at the nearby Waterfront shopping complex, the bakery is open Tuesday–Saturday 6 a.m.–5 p.m., Sunday 6 a.m.–1 p.m. The Bost Building exhibits are open Monday–Saturday 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Update

Boyer's Mallo Cup is also available in ice cream, one of about 30 flavors made by Hershey Creamery Company in half gallons and pints. Hershey's is no relation to the more-famous chocolate company; this Hershey's was founded in 1894 and has been operated by the Holder family since the 1920s. The company's ice cream is sold throughout the New England and Mid-Atlantic states, often in smaller groceries.

Regional candymakers (though not Boyer) are visited in the new, offbeat book, *Candyfreak*. Discontinued bars, such as my 1970s favorite, Choco-Lite, are also discussed. For locals, the acquisition of the Clark Bar by Necco is mentioned, but the story that begs for further research is found on page 97, in a discussion of publicity stunts: "Most famously, in 1923, Otto Schnering, president of the Curtiss Candy Company, chartered a plane to drop thousands of Baby Ruths onto the city of Pittsburgh."

