



MAYRA BELTRÁN PHOTOS : CHRONICLE

REUNITED: After years apart, Angie Agnello greets her cousin Johnny Barzilla on Sunday during a gathering to reunite relatives who trace their origin to the Sicilian town of Poggioreale, which was devastated by an earthquake decades ago.



LOOKING FOR RELATIVES: Diane Corbett flips through photos at Sacred Heart Hall in north Houston on Sunday.

Linked through a tragedy

FAMILIES with connections to the town of Poggioreale, Italy, gathered in north Houston on Sunday to reunite. In 1968, a devastating earthquake struck the Sicilian town, forcing residents to move in with relatives elsewhere or live in makeshift tents. Eventually the town was abandoned and relocated.