

# A recipe for guaranteed success

**In the Cerone family, food represents business and pleasure.**

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Food and family are often intertwined, but the Cerones have taken the concept a bit further. After graduating from Texas A&M two and a half years ago, Rami Cerone opened up Cafe Capri in downtown Bryan, specializing in Italian cuisine, hoping to create some of the same success his father Giovanni enjoyed in cities such as Dallas and Waco.

Rami Cerone said he was unsure if he wanted to follow in his father's footsteps.

"I had worked in restaurants since I was a kid," Cerone said, "so I wasn't sure I wanted to have a restaurant, even though I wanted my own business."

He also said Cafe Capri has become a success since its inception, drawing crowds ranging from students to professionals.

"I was real unsure if it would work out," Cerone said, "but the response has been incredible."

He said Cafe Capri has received a mixture of the date and professional crowds.

"On the weekdays we'll get the business people and weekends will draw the college crowd," Cerone said.

His father Giovanni, owner of several restaurants, decided to follow his son into downtown Bryan.

The elder Cerone started Mr. G's Pizzeria just a few blocks from his son's restaurant.

Cerone said he was impressed by the success of his son.

"I saw he was doing quite well, and I thought the family could be closer," he said.

Cerone said Mr. G's specializes in bringing authentic pizza to customers.

"I always use fresh ingredients; nothing is ever frozen," he said.

"Many pizza places freeze some part of the pizza and that affects the overall taste."

Cerone said his philosophy of freshness is paying off.

"Once I have a customer," Cerone said, "I have them for life."

Family is important to Giovanni Cerone. A native of Italy, he came to America in 1980 with his wife Houda, a native of Lebanon, and their children.

Cerone is truly a global citizen; he has been all over the world and speaks several languages. He said he feels he can never leave America.

"I have come to see this country as home, I have family and business interests here," Cerone said. "We'll vacation in Europe, but this is our home."

The Cerones said they feel comfortable enough in the Bryan-College Station area to add a third eatery to their edible empire.

In July of 1997, the family bought Cenare and re-created the restaurant. Houda Cerone, who runs Cenare, said the goal of this restaurant was to bring classical dining to the area.

"We wanted a nice place, where people could conduct business or have a romantic meal," she said.

She said the restaurant has been praised by its diners.

"I have people come up to me all the time and say this is the best meal they have ever had," Cerone said.

Surprisingly, Giovanni Cerone said he had not planned to get into the restaurant business.

He was a lawyer, but when he came to this country he noticed a lack of quality Italian food.

"I saw the Italian chain restaurants and thought 'that is not Italian food,'" he said. "I was not a chef, but I loved to cook, so I opened my first restaurant."

Cerone said he did not realize that when he opened the first restaurant, he was opening a future for his first-born. He said he did not think Rami would go into the restaurant business, but is pleased at the results.

Giovanni Cerone also has two daughters, but he is not sure if they will go into the gourmet game.

"I don't know if they will go into the restaurant business, but I said the same thing about Rami," Cerone said.



## ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

### Daytime-soap star released on bail after his arrest for drug possession

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) — Police stopped Jordan Clarke of "Guiding Light" for driving at night with his headlights off and arrested him and his wife on drug possession charges. Police said they found crack cocaine, powdered cocaine and free-basing equipment in Clarke's car early Thursday.

Clarke, 48, was released on \$5,000 bail. His wife, Valerie Clarke, 55, was freed on \$3,000 bail.

Clarke plays alcoholic Billy Lewis on the soap opera.

### Famed rock musician turned actor displays talent in two new films

NEW YORK (AP) — Jon Bon Jovi's already had the screaming fans. He turned to acting, he says, because he needed a hobby.

Bon Jovi, the front man of the band bearing his name, made his movie debut three years ago and appears in *The Leading Man*, which opened last Friday and *No Looking Back*, which opens this Friday.

"I'm no Daniel Day-Lewis or Sean Penn," Bon Jovi told *The New York Times* in Sunday's editions. "I'm a studying actor. That's all I can attest to."

In *The Leading Man*, Bon Jovi plays an American movie star who seduces the wife of a British playwright. In *No Looking Back*, he plays a small-town blue-collar guy whose girlfriend doesn't want to marry him.

"Unlike a lot of rock stars who've tried to act, it's not an affected performance," said Edward Burns, the director of *No Looking Back*. "Jon doesn't feel the need to try and act. It's very still and internal."



Bon Jovi

# A return from vacation should make students aware they have classes to attend



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Returning from Spring Break vacation does not necessarily mean returning to responsibilities.

As the holidays wind down, students, as always, filter into Bryan-College Station one by one on Sunday afternoon. Some even wait until Monday morning. And conversations in classes this week will no doubt go something like this:

Question: "How was your

Spring Break?"

Answer: "Not long enough."

Grow up. Never again will we be given the opportunity to take this much time away from the daily grind of school and work. In the real world, no one gets a month off for Christmas or a week off for Spring Break.

And instead of using this time productively, students went to the beach in order to get a tan or they got drunk. Why do students not use this time wisely and actually get something done?

This week, many students will be complaining that they have "so much to do." Maybe they

should have thought of that before they took off for a week of useless pursuits.

This past week could have been used to get in some extra hours at work or get ahead on a project that is coming up.

And it's not just Spring Break when time is wasted. Students constantly complain about having so much to do, but constantly spend their time in bars or watching television. And there will come a time when getting wasted on a Tuesday night is just not an option.

The decisions we make during our college years will affect the rest of our lives. We can de-

cide now to be mature and responsible, or we can decide to party.

It may determine our character in the future. If we waste time now and get used to partying constantly, it prevents us from learning more, which is what we're here to do.

I've heard plenty of students sit in class and say, "I just need a D for a diploma." Far be it from me to expect a 4.0 from anyone, but those who are not even trying have no place at Texas A&M.

My older sister is a recreation, parks and tourism sciences major.

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