

PITTSBURGH--MY KINDA TOWN

Good day, everyone--it's a beautiful day in Pennsylvania.

Pittsburgh is a man's town--a town with muscle and strong arms and legs--and a heart as big as Everest. It's a town that's vibrant and alive; with steel in its veins; and arteries of three rivers coming from the coal and oil country, and carrying the produce of Western Pennsylvania to the corners of the earth.

Pittsburgh is a town of people who love life and live it strong; of people who talk and walk proudly and weep unashamedly for a neighbor's plight, and do something about it. It's a town that's tough, but one that helps; it's a town that was built out of the sweat of men's honest work and a town which has brown greatly from what men put back into it. Pittsburgh sings the music of its Stephen Foster and dances with the lilt of its Gene Kelly.

To see Pittsburgh from the air on a clear day is to see forever; to see it at night from the mountaintop is to see jewels on black velvet. Pittsburgh is hills and valleys; soft greenery and teeming streets; the tempo of a great downtown and the laughter of a heterogenous people who have brought their world to this corner of the world; Pittsburgh is kielbasa, paprika-smoked; Pittsburgh is thick steaks for hearty men; Pittsburgh is the generosity of Mellons and Carnegies and the political know-how of Lawrences; combine the two and you've got civic pride. And man, Pittsburgh has it. The shot heard round the world wasn't heard at Concord; it was Mazerowski against the Yankees; and the sports world is Duquesne basketball and Steelers football and

fighters like Greb, the Zivics and Conn--and Pittsburgh is Mike Mussmano defying the world about Columbus; and northside Political meetings and Jock Sutherland and so much more; Pittsburgh is people who love God and thank him daily for Pittsburgh; Pittsburgh is Syria Mosque and Cardinal Wright; Pittsburgh is the PAA and a Sunday christening; Pittsburgh is a place where they'll find a baby in a theatre and give the world The Variety Clubs; and it's the Dapper Dans who'll fight at the drop of a hat for Pittsburgh... It's Westinghouse and Frick--and it's the Steelworkers Union; it's 'Tech drama to Broadway stage; Pittsburgh is the first radio broadcast and it's Al Abrams...if you want to see people laugh and smile, go to Pittsburgh; it's a fun town; every night a Saturday night town and it's a Byzantine Rite town; East Liberty; Gateway; the Point; bridges and rivers that go everywhere; old Forbes Field and new what's-its-name. It's the shade and greenery of great parks and the bouquet of gardens and the tantalizing taste of Heinz Pickles. Above all, Pittsburgh is people, and people are what make a city great--as Pittsburgh is.

This is Pete Wambach. It's a beautiful day in Pennsylvania.