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Volcanic ash strands tourists

By **JOYCE COSTELLO**
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Service members and their families, along with Department of Defense employees, vacationing in Italy found themselves stranded when airports across Europe canceled flights over the weekend.

Over a hundred of the travelers ended up at Camp Darby after volcanic eruptions in Reykjavik, Iceland, grounded air travel.

The Prince family, from Ramstein,

Germany, was vacationing in Rome when their car service called them Friday about international flights being canceled. They went to the Rome USO to use the internet to research military bases in Italy that they could get to. They ended up booking lodging at Sea Pines lodge at Camp Darby, Italy. Getting to Darby, on the other hand, would require a nine-hour wait in line at Rome's main train terminal.

"There were 40 people in front of us when the terminal services representative

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announced that all the trains going north of Italy were sold out," said Ami Prince. "I called the deputy at Ramstein and we started working on a plan to get a bus to Germany."

By Saturday evening when Camp Darby's lodging offices were closed,
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Inductees John Camuso, Brenda Sanchez, Liz Nantz, Alessia Catena, Michela Ambruoso (chapter sponsor), Bizzy Buffington, Kyle Wood and Sara McKeever at the INHS ceremony.

Local students join Italian National Honor Society

Story and photo by **LAURA KREIDER**
Outlook staff

The first Italian National Honor Society Induction was held during a ceremony in the information center at Caserma Ederle's high school April 7.

The name chosen for the chapter is Andrea Palladio. Its motto is "Sempre Avanti," or "Always Forward."

This society was founded by the American Association of Teachers of Italian for students in high school in the United States.

Vicenza's chapter was founded thanks to the efforts of Michela Ambruoso, Vicenza high school teacher, and middle/high school students.

"When I arrived in Vicenza I decided to
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Get five cents back for every reusable bag you use at AAFES stores.

It pays to be green at Vicenza, Livorno

AAFES news release

All Vicenza and Livorno retail facilities are rewarding military shoppers who are doing their part for the environment through its new "Use a Bag, Save the Planet" initiative.

Instead of using traditional plastic bags, retail facilities at Vicenza and Livorno are encouraging shoppers to bring their own reusable bags.

Beyond helping the environment, shoppers that "Use a Bag, Save the Planet" will get five cents back for every reusable bag used.

"The Army & Air Force Exchange
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Get 'online' with social media safety training

By **JOHNATHAN BINGHAM & THOMAS MATHIAS**
509 Sig. Bn. Information Assurance

Today's society employs many ways of sharing information and communicating with co-workers, friends, acquaintances, family members and others.

Since its inception, the Internet has dramatically changed the way people communicate. As the Internet has become more pervasive, communication and information sharing have evolved from a one-way information process to a dynamic process for sharing ideas and building social networking environments.

These social media outlets, also dubbed new media, feature rich social interaction sites for professional and

Vicenza's next SNS class is set May 10 and 20, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Bldg. 372. Call 634-6077 to register.

personal interests.

"The new media environment is where our target audiences reside," said Lt. Col Frederick P. Wellman, a former executive officer with Defense Media Activity. "Over 90 percent of Americans now get their news from the Internet while the numbers for all other platforms continue to fall."

Our next generation of Soldiers have particularly embraced social media.

"The 18-25 year old generation has never known an Internet that wasn't Web 2.0...where they can comment

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Sgt. 1st Class Dedraf Blash received this year's Capt. John R. Teal Leadership Award

USARAF NCO honored

Story and photo by **RICK SCAVETTA**
U.S. Army Africa

VICENZA, Italy – When Sgt. 1st Class Dedraf Blash reports to duty each day, whether in Africa mentoring troops or here at U.S. Army Africa's division surgeon's office, she displays superior leadership and professionalism above what's expected of a senior noncommissioned officer.

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Cougar booster club auction a roaring success

In January Vicenza high school booster club president Becky Lynch started working on bringing a 40-foot container full of Asian furniture and collectibles from Hong Kong to Vicenza.

Her efforts were a success when on March 27 the Vicenza Cougar Middle/High School gym was transformed into a spacious auction arena.

More than 400 items were sold to a standing-room only crowd of community members during the booster club's premier fundraiser. Eager to bid against each other for some outstanding bargains, folks in the audience knew their bids would translate into more funds available for senior scholarships and new sports equipment for the Cougar athletic

teams.

Mrs. Lynch asked me to act as head auctioneer at the event. Needless to say, handing me—a Vicenza Middle School 7th grade world geography teacher and host of Radio Free Hanby, a weekly AFN Vicenza broadcast featuring school news and activities—a microphone and asking me to raise money for the school was a task I did not hesitate to accept.

The preparation, coordination and support of countless community members were instrumental in the huge

financial success by the end of the auction.

More than \$71,000 was raised at the end of a spirited 5 hours of bidding, and Vicenza's Cougar Booster Club earned \$10,700 as their share of the auction proceeds.

Mrs. Lynch had a huge turnout of volunteers from all parts of the community, including fellow booster club members, Jackie Bishop, Kristen Catena, Valerie Grice, Tina Juliano, Angela Mathias, Bill and Nitza Persinger and Salua Wood.

Connecting the booster club auction

to CSI Goal #2: Information Literacy and the Big 6 Intervention made a real world example easy to explain to Vicenza Middle High School students. The task definition was to put on the auction. Locating, using and evaluating all possible resources led to contacting Mr. Wong from Foochow Auctions. Finally, organizing and coordinating the volunteers necessary to make the auction happen brought about the First Annual Vicenza Booster Club Auction, a very successful endeavor.

Feedback from community members was overwhelmingly positive and we are all look forward to next year's auction.

Be sure to get there early!

George Hanby



Commentary: Tough times don't last, tough people do

By MORGAN HOLT
Military family member

FORT McPHERSON, Ga. -- If there is one thing that life in the military has taught my family, it is this: Tough times don't last, tough people do.

In July of 2008 my stepfather, Lt. Col. Jody (Jo) Howell, executive officer for Border Transition Team 4300, Joint Task Force-Drifter, boarded a plane at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport to make his way to Kansas for training. Three months later, he would deploy to Iraq to complete his 12-month assignment.

No one associated with military life ever wants to hear the words "orders to Iraq." I know my family didn't. We knew the road ahead of us was going to be difficult and long.

Winter arrived and the holidays were tough.

I can't say Christmas was the best one I've ever had, but after it passed, I could look forward to next year. From late-night phone calls to Web-cam chatting, technology helped fill the void even though it wasn't the same as having Jo home.

Jo decided to take his two weeks of leave at the midpoint of his tour and, as the time drew closer, there was a little pep in everyone's step around the

house.

We had a great time when he arrived, although the two weeks went by far too quickly. The next six months lingered on day by day. Fall began and everyone was scurrying to get the house perfect for Jo's return.

However, another obstacle soon presented itself. My brother, Zach, had enlisted with the Army to become a military policeman, following in the footsteps of my mother, father and Jo. Zach left for basic training a week before Jo got home.

When Jo returned, things around the house became simpler, but we had yet another family member to miss.

Thankfully, my brother completed his basic and advanced training and will soon proceed to his duty station at Fort Bragg, N.C.

In December, bad news came knocking at our

door again. My mother, Lt. Col. LaDonna Holt, commander of Headquarters Command, U.S. Army Garrison (Fort McPherson), is scheduled to deploy to Iraq in April.

The story will restart for my family all over again. She will go to Hartsfield-Jackson and leave us for 12 months.

It will be tough and it will be long, but if anyone can do it, my family can. It can be hard for a 16-year-old girl to deal with no mother for 12 months.

I've also learned that my best friend is moving to Fort Bragg and that my family may be moving there after my mother's deployment.

These are a lot of changes to deal with, but whatever comes my way, I know I have great and supportive people surrounding me and my family.

There is light at the end of these tunnels.

My tough times won't last, but I will.

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Speak Out

How would you grade your recycling efforts on an A-F scale?



Christian Zulian
Fire Department

"I consider recycling a very important issue, and I feel responsible for the environmental situation in our future, so I do recycle all types of trash."



Michael Hurd
Auto Skills

"My family and I separate all of our trash because it helps the environment. We also practice this at the Vicenza Self help Auto Skills shop."



Staff Sgt. Andrew & Elizabeth Hanks
684th CCT

"We recycle everything that we use in our household."



Sgt. Bud Hancock & Roby
464th MP Platoon K9 Section

"I do my best to recycle and have four garbage cans. Recycle efforts are good. However, we should include more recycle bins at each unit, barracks and headquarters."



Christy Davis
Family member

"I teach my kids daily on the proper way to recycle, and we recycle all items able to be recycled."

Medical NCO earns Capt. John R. Teal Leadership Award

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That's why the U.S. Army Medical Command selected Blash to receive this year's Capt. John R. Teal Leadership Award, named in honor of the first medical officer killed in Iraq.

Blash's recognition emphasizes how an outstanding Army medical NCO adds value to the U.S. Army's mission to strengthen security capacity within the militaries of African partner nations, said Col. Alfonso Alarcon, U.S. Army Africa's senior medical officer.

"She is leading command efforts and inspiring trust between the U.S. Army and our African military partners,"

Alarcon said. "She is a model NCO and exemplifies our greatest strength in the U.S. Army," Alarcon said. "I am truly blessed that she is part of our team."

After the first combat loss of a medical officer in Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Army Medical Command established the award, naming it after Capt. John R. Teal, Jr., a 4th Infantry Division medical planner killed Oct. 23, 2003 in Baqubah, Iraq. The award recognizes an officer and noncommissioned officer who made significant contributions to the medical community and displayed exceptional soldiering. Blash has been invited to accept the award during the Association

of the U.S. Army medical symposium held this May in San Antonio, Texas.

In mid-2009, Blash was handpicked to support U.S. Africa Command's Liberian Defense Sector Reform mission. She was responsible for mentoring Liberia medics and female soldiers at Camp Sandi Ware, in Careysburg, Liberia.

Since her return from Liberia, Blash quietly took on roles that support U.S. Army Africa's mission, to include Army-level discussion on the future of Defense Sector Reform mission in Africa and public affairs publicity efforts.

Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III, commander of U.S. Army Africa selected

Blash as the first master resilience trainer for both the command and the Vicenza community. A role new to the Army, the trainer is responsible for offering resilience skills to Soldiers, family members and Army civilians as part the comprehensive soldier fitness program – the Army's strategy to increase resilience and enhance performance by developing social, emotional, spiritual, family and physical strength. "She was a superstar in Liberia," Garrett said. "USARAF Command Sgt. Major Gary Bronson and I are absolutely confident she will achieve the same level of success with our Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program."

Italian honor society inducts local students

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go to an Italian School," said 11th-grader Kyle Wood, the INHS president who has lived in Italy for nine years, four of which were in Naples.

"I attended the first and half of the second middle school year at the Scuola Media in Montegalda, near Vicenza," said Wood. "At the beginning it was hard and scary. The school hours were different, the teachers were coming to our classroom, and I didn't know enough to be able to communicate.

"But after the first couple of weeks, I felt like I was learning the language every day. I bought a big dictionary, and then I was picking up the words quickly," he said.

Wood talked to other students about creating an Italian National Honor Society.

"We thought that since we are in Italy, it was something that needed to happen that wasn't done yet," Wood said. "We talked to Ms. Ambruoso, who thought it was a good idea, and she found out about the association, and talked to the VHS principal, Ms. Kenney."

The purpose of this society is to show American students the Italian culture and lifestyle.

"Sometimes Americans who come to Italy don't experience the Italian life. Hopefully, we will be able to bring the Italian culture here, and show Italian students the American culture as well," he said.

Students who attend Italian 1/2/3 visited Liceo Rossi, a local high school in downtown Vicenza, Tuesday, and in the spirit of cultural exchange, Italian students from a local middle school will visit Caserma Ederle to experience life at an American school.

Shop AAFES green

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Service desires to be an environmentally responsible retailer and a 'green' place to shop," said the PX's Manager Charles Eaves. "By rewarding the use of environmentally-friendly bags, we hope to begin changing behaviors today to put us on a path for a cleaner tomorrow."

The five cent credit applies only to shoppers who bring in and use reusable shopping bags (plastic bags do not apply) at the Vicenza and Livorno PX's and Shoppettes and all other AAFES-operated retail facilities at Vicenza and Livorno.

As such, Soldiers who simply decline a plastic bag, but do not utilize a reusable bag, will not qualify for the five cent credit.

Mail delays

Staff report

Ash emitted from an April 15 volcanic eruption in Iceland has forced airlines to restrict air traffic to and from Europe locations, delaying the delivery of U.S. Forces mail overseas.

No mail for U.S. Army Europe patrons has been received in theater or shipped out of theater via aircraft since April 15. As a result of restricted flights, dozens of tons of U.S. Forces mail is being stored at Frankfurt airport. Mail shipped within theater is still being delivered.

IMCOM-Europe postal officials are monitoring the situation and setting up plans to alleviate the backload of mail as soon as airlift becomes available. It is unknown when airlift flights will resume. Officials will inform customers when to expect delivery once flights begin again.

Postal officials are urging customers to consider if action needs to be taken to mitigate late bills or find missing mail. Customers should immediately contact creditors if they were expecting to receive bills or send payments by mail. Many companies allow customers to make payments online or by phone.

Postal customers should monitor AFN, Stars and Stripes and the Outlook for updates on mail delivery.

"Installation Management Command-Europe leadership is acutely aware of how valuable mail delivery is to our Soldiers and Families and is monitoring the situation very closely to ensure we are able to get everyone's mail where it needs to be as soon as airlift capability becomes available," according to a release from IMCOM-Europe.

OB/GYN classes set at clinic

By MARJY PAT BEAN
OB/GYN Head Nurse

The OB/GYN clinic at the USA Health Center-Vicenza is expanding its prenatal education program.

Classes are open to pregnant patients and their support person. Each class will be offered in the evening once a quarter.

The center is offering two additional classes in infant CPR in May and will have a tour of San Bortolo Hospital monthly starting in May.

Dates and topics are as follows:

Wednesdays from 9-11 a.m.--1st: Healthy lifestyles during pregnancy; Healthy lifestyle behaviors before, during and after pregnancy; healthy eating during pregnancy; hazards to avoid; coping with stress.

2nd: New OB orientation: Welcome to the OB clinic! Basic pregnancy information, community resources and paperwork, with helpful handouts and first provider appointment.

3rd: Breast feeding basics: Benefits for infant and mom; anatomy and techniques; typical concerns; resources.

4th: Postpartum basics: Coping with lifestyle changes- physical and emotional changes; Postpartum "Blues"; sex and breastfeeding; infant development.

4th Tuesdays from 9-11 a.m.: Infant CPR: hands on practice for choking and respiratory problems and infant CPR. This class is limited to 6 couples at a time.

May 5 & 19: 1730-1900 Infant CPR Call 634-7448 to confirm attendance.

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At your service



Vicenza Main Exchange

Charles Eaves is the Vicenza Main Exchange store manager.

"I am here to help ensure that we have the right product at the right price at the right time," said Eaves. "This is my first overseas assignment and coming in here to assist with the deployment was truly a great experience. It gives me great pleasure in being able to assist the military in this way."

Eaves' office is located in Bldg. 302. He can be reached at EavesC@aafes.com.

The main exchange hours of operation are Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sundays and holidays from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The main exchange number is 634-8550 or 0444-71-8550.

Community Camera

A snapshot of events making news in and around the U.S. military community in Vicenza...



My thought exactly:

(From left) Five-year-old Leeiah Davis; Mahaila Hilliard, 3; and Katie Simancek, 5, create patches that will go on a community quilt at the art center April 10. About 16 children participated in the project, which allowed participants to express their thoughts and feelings about being in a military family. The finished quilt, put together by Caserma Ederle civilian Gail Penrod will be unveiled at the post library in May. "After that, the quilt will travel to different locations on post to be displayed until a permanent location is decided upon," said Arlana Young, CYS CLEOS director.

Photos by Laura Kreider



JROTC: Siblings and JROTC cadets Anastacia and Otis Brown (right) serve at their unit's bake sale April 9 at the PX.



Never forget: Community members study displays of Jewish Holocaust victims at the installation's Holocaust Remembrance Day event April 16 at the post theater. Caserma Ederle also observed 11 seconds of silence in honor of the approximate 11 million victims of Nazi genocide. Presentations on the personal responsibility of individuals who witness crimes against humanity were also held at the theater.



Crossing safely:

Crosswalk safety is the responsibility of both drivers and pedestrians on Caserma Ederle, according to DES Deputy Director Adeal Frater. "Both need to pay attention, use common sense and follow the rules," said Frater. He said drivers should always slow down and be prepared to stop when approaching a crosswalk. Drivers will be cited for failing to stop for a pedestrian in a crosswalk if they are caught by the police. "When crossing the street, pedestrians shouldn't assume that a vehicle is going to stop for them," said Frater. "Pedestrians must look both ways and make sure it's safe to cross before they enter the crosswalk. This applies whether you are on or off the installation. Off post you can be fined for jaywalking if you are caught by the police. Even if you are struck by a vehicle, you can be fined for jaywalking."



Saving the planet, one child at a time:

Reginal Gillespie, Eco-Center operator, explains to Vicenza Elementary School third graders about the importance of recycling by showing them the different waste points located at center April 20. Five VES classes visited the center as part of several garrison initiatives scheduled throughout the week for Earth Day. "I didn't know they would have hazardous items here," said Jake Leible, an elementary student in Cindy Kight's class. "Visiting this center is an important experience because I think everybody should know and should learn how to recycle to save our earth," he said. According to Caserma Ederle's environmental chief, Thomas Blackmer, USAG Vicenza is one of the most proactive overseas installations in environmental stewardship. Vicenza was the third installation in Europe to conform to the Environmental Management System, supporting the garrison's commitment to protect and conserve the earth's limited resources. This year is the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, and more than 1 billion people in more than 190 countries are expected to participate in activities. Visit the Army's Earth Day website at <http://aec.army.mil/usaec/newsroom/earthday00.html>.

Darby families prep for childbirth

Story and photo by
CHIARA MATTIROLA
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

The Army Community Services Family Advocacy Program and the Livorno Health Clinic joined together to help Camp Darby service members and their families prepare for a “Baby Is Coming, What Now?” seminar as part of April’s focus on the Month of the Military Child.

Army Capt. Brittney Lozier, an obstetrics nurse at the Vicenza Health Center, explained to the expecting parents what they will be going through before, during and after labor.

It’s important to get the fathers involved in this class so that they will be better able to assist their partners, Lozier said.

“I am glad my husband attended

this training with me,” said Jennifer Houston, 839th Transportation Battalion “It is good for him to have a better understanding of what is going to happen to me during labor.”

Upon completion of the first part of the training with the OB nurse, ACS hosted a “Going Home With Baby,” workshop, addressing new-parent concerns on diaper changing, baby and parent sleep cycles, how to soothe a crying baby and many related topics.

“This seminar really helped in acquiring a little knowledge on the resources we have on post, what services are provided, and in acquiring up front all the contact numbers we may need,” said Houston.

Elaine Miles, ACS licensed master of social work and FAP/Exceptional Family Member Program manager, said ACS will host this training quarterly.



Staff Sgt. James Houston, future parent, tries some of the medical devices his wife Jennifer may need to use while giving birth to their child in August. “The future fathers will feel much more comfortable knowing in advance what they may see happening to their significant other,” said Capt. Brittney Lozier, obstetrician nurse from U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Health Clinic.

Kids get glimpse of parents’ work at career day

By Spc. **TREY HARVEY**
Special to the Outlook

Telling our children about what one does at work may not always paint the clearest picture for them.

As part of April’s Month of the Military Child, the Livorno Unit Elementary school held a career day event that brought the children to various units on Camp Darby.

At 3/405th Army Field Support Brigade, the youth got to see the M113 personnel carrier and numerous army tanks and vehicles.

“Occupational days are a really good thing that gives the children an opportunity to visit organizations and to see facilities and to see occupations that they may be interested in doing when they grow up,” said Lt. Col. Roger McCreary, commander of 3/405th AFSB.

Because not every child gets the chance to see what their parent or any



Students from Livorno Unit Elementary School explore the turret of a HUMVEE during career day visit to 3/405th Army Field Support Brigade. The kids also got a chance to visit the Camp Darby health clinic, the Military Police station, and American Forces Network Livorno.

Photo by Elena Baladelli

Soldier or Airmen do on an average workday, Monica Falcon from the school age services said it was an educational experience for the children.

“I think they had a lot of fun here; there were a lot of smiling faces and a lot of really good questions,” said Falcon.

Her son Jared was quick to add that he had a lot of fun riding in the tank.

“This was a unique experience

for the children, the best thing in the world was riding tanks,” said Stephanie Boyanowski-Marra, teacher. “It is extremely important for young children to get more involved in how the community around them works.”

The kids also got a chance to visit the Camp Darby health clinic, the Military Police station, and American Forces Network Livorno.

Stranded

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stranded travelers were still arriving. Donna Tucker, Catholic coordinator at the Camp Darby chapel, was with James Baron, a catholic Chaplain candidate in the Army Reserves studying at the catholic seminary at Rome, and was talking about upcoming outreach programs when they noticed a large number of families with luggage showing up to the Darby Community Club and Bowling Alley area.

“It was almost nine at night and I saw three families with luggage looking around rather lost; I learned that they had no place to stay,” said Ms. Tucker. “I knew that if they had to take a taxi back to town it would cost almost as much as a hotel so I called our chaplain to see if we could accommodate these stranded families in the chapel.

“We got them some food and made a makeshift buffet and ran them back and forth to the laundry facilities,” said Ms. Tucker.

That night they slept on the pews,

but on Sunday the families were able to acquire on-post lodging.

To make matters more challenging, Camp Darby doesn’t have a dining facility on base and the commissary is closed on Sunday and Monday. The commissary manager, however, was able to get enough staff in place to open for two hours Monday and the garrison Directorate of Logistics made sure the base shuttle went by the lodging facilities to transport families with groceries.

With no word of flights out of Pisa becoming available any time soon, Ami Prince continued her crusade to organize a bus from Camp Darby to Ramstein and figure out how to help families from the U.K. return home.

“None of the Italian bus companies would agree to go out of continental Europe and one can’t take an Italian rental car out of Italy right now,” said Prince. “I worked with Stefanie Simon, Aviano’s Information Tickets and Travel office, to get this bus, but it’s going to cost 5,000 euro, which will end up being about 100 euro per person.”

Prince said some families were beginning to feel the economic strain of

flight cancellations.

“For a family of five to have to pay 500 euro to take a bus home can really cause a financial concern, but all of us who are stranded together are doing everything we can to help each other,” she said.

Capt. Jeffrey Elliott, Aviano Services director, said Air Force families in need of assistance should contact the Air Force Relief Society. Army active duty members and retirees can contact the Army Community Services for an Army Emergency Relief loan.

The Eyjafjallajökull volcano began erupting after 200 years of silence, causing massive dislocations across Europe April 15. Tens of thousands of flights were cancelled in more than 20 European countries.

Food transport halted as goods sat on tarmacs and rotted in warehouses and machinery parts could not reach factories. The impact is being felt worldwide as the U.S. also cancelled hundreds of flights to and from Europe.

U.S. personnel at military installations throughout Europe continue to experience postal services delays.

Darby dates

Bingo

Come to Bingo at the DCC April 30. Cards go on sale at 5:30 p.m. The first game is at 6:30 p.m. Call the DCC at 633-7855 for details.

Texas Hold'em

Come to the DCC April 30. Free pasta for players. Call 633-7855 for details.

ITR Cavallino Matto trip

Take a trip to Central Italy’s biggest amusement park May 1. Call 633-7589 for information.

Investment Club

Get the most out of investing Tuesday. Call 633-7084 for details.

Credit Basics

Let us teach you how to read and understand your credit reports April 29. Call 633-7084.

Mini Job Fair

In conjunction with the NAF HR Office, attend the USAG Livorno mini job fair April 30 in front of the Commissary. Bring your resume or completed application form. Application forms may be submitted to the NAF HR prior to the job fair. Contact the NAF HR at 633-7032 for details.

Unit/Rec Softball League

Turn in your team roster for the unit / recreational softball league at Sports & Fitness or call 633-7440 before April 30.

Parent’s Night Out

Parents, enjoy an evening out and leave the childcare to CYSS. Multiple-child 10 percent discount applies. Children must be registered by Tuesday. Call 633-7681.

Camp Darby religious activities

For details, call the chapel at 633-7267 (050-54-7267).

9:40 a.m.: Catholic Reconciliation

10 a.m.: Catholic Mass

11:15 a.m.: Protestant worship

10 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school

11:15 a.m.: Catholic CCD

Christian Men’s Bible study is every Thursday at 5 p.m. in Mertz Hall at the Darby Chapel.

Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible study meets Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. and Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Choir practice is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday before Mass.



Hoe down, Italian style:

Try your dancing skills Sunday at the Val Leogra Fair, in Marano Vicentino at the Parco della Solidarietà, about 14 miles north of Vicenza. Beginning at 10 a.m., the fair will feature local products on exhibit and for sale, Marano and Thiene Bands concerts and Carrè and Chiuppano choirs.

Courtesy photo

Local festivals & shows

April 25 is a national holiday celebrating Liberation Day in Italy. It marks the anniversary of the 1945 liberation from the Fascist party and the end of World War II in Italy.

Palio of Romano d'Ezzelino's Districts: Friday – May 2, in Romano D'Ezzelino, about 24 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths open at 7:30 p.m.

■ Friday: 9 p.m. live Celtic music with the Wicked Sensitive Crew.

■ Saturday: 8 p.m. ballroom dancing and live music with the California Band.

■ Sunday: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.: visit the old districts on foot or by free shuttle bus and see reenactments of old trades in farmers' homes, barnyards and fields while a Celtic band enlivens your visit by playing unusual musical instruments. Gastronomical stands and entertainment. In case of inclement weather, it will be postponed to May 1st.

Val Leogra Fair, Sunday, in Marano Vicentino, Parco della Solidarietà, about 14 miles north of Vicenza. 10 a.m. local products exhibit and sale; Marano and Thiene Bands concerts; Carrè and Chiuppano choirs.

San Marco Festival: Saturday to Monday in Montegalda, about 17 miles southeast of Vicenza.

■ Saturday: 2 p.m. local products fair and sale on Via Julia; 2:30-10 p.m. painting exhibit "Emotions, impressions and silences in Montegalda" painting exhibit grand opening, at the town hall, Piazza Marconi 41, Valmarana Room; 3 p.m. free guided visit to Grimani Sorlini Castle; 3 p.m. Ranch Caron stable opens and offers horse rides along the Bacchiglione river; 3-6 p.m. free guided visits to the photovoltaic parks on Via Vo' Di Vanzo 2 and on Via Monte Croce.

■ Sunday: 8:45 a.m. meeting in Piazza for the traditional San Marco bike ride; from 10 a.m. local products fair and sale on Via Julia and free guided visit to Grimani Sorlini Castle; 10 a.m. – noon painting exhibit (see above); 3-6 p.m. free guided visits to the photovoltaic parks on Via Vo' Di Vanzo 2 and on Via Monte Croce; 4:30 p.m. free Kata, Kumite and Kion demonstration; 7:30 p.m. free Latin American dance show.

■ Monday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. local products fair and sale on Via Julia; 7 p.m. food booths; 9 p.m. live music and dancing; 11 p.m. fireworks.

Every day gastronomical stands open at 7 p.m.; live music and dancing at 9 p.m.; carnival rides and raffle. You need to reserve your free guided castle tour by calling 0444-796413. They will answer in Italian. If you need help, call Anna Terracino at 0444-717169 or send an e-mail to anna.terracino@eur.army.mil.

Asparagus and Flower Fair: Sunday, in Rosà, about 21 miles northeast of Vicenza.

Flower Festival: Sunday, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., in Noventa, about 20 miles east of Vicenza. Plants and flowers exhibit and market, entertainment for children, gastronomical stands featuring dishes prepared with spontaneous herbs and plants and tasting of local wines. Garden and patio furniture.

Antique Fair: ongoing through Sunday in Pordenone, Viale Treviso 1, about 92 miles northeast of Vicenza. Monday-Friday 3-8 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday 10 a.m.-8 p.m. European and Asian classical and antique furniture, china, lamps, western-style furniture, carpets, oil paintings, carvings and much more. Admission fee: 10 euro. Reduced: 5 euro for children ages 12-18. Free entrance for children under 12.

*Free entrance for American Soldiers and reduced admission (5

euro) for Soldiers' family members or their civilian American friends. If you plan to go, please request a copy of the e-mail from the organizer stating the free entrance for American Soldiers. Send your request to anna.terracino@eur.army.mil.

Electronics Fair: Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., in Mussolente, Via Pavane 3, about 25 miles northeast of Vicenza. Exhibit of electronics, hardware and software, computer accessories, antique radios and records. Admission fee: 6 euro.

Jacopo Bassano and the Wonderful Optical Illusion Exhibition: ongoing through June 13, open daily 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Bassano del Grappa, Museo Civico, Piazza Garibaldi 4, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza. The exhibition is a series of tributes to 16th Jacopo Bassano marking 500 years since his birth. Born as Jacopo da Ponte, he later assumed the name of his birthplace. Admission: 9 euro. Reduced 7.50 euro for children 10-18 and senior citizens over 60. To buy your ticket online, visit <http://www.teleart.org/start/inizio.php?idSito=401>.

Free local events

Spring Wind concert for harp and piano: Thursday at 8:45 p.m. in Vicenza's Santa Chiara Church, Contrà San Tomas 7. Arias by Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Bellini.

Conservatory students in concert: Saturday at 5 p.m., in Vicenza's Santa Chiara Chapel, Contrà Santa Chiara.

Organ concert: Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in Vicenza's Saint Marco Church, Contrà San Marco. Arias by Bach, Mozart, Schumann, Liszt.

Tuck and Patty live jazz: Sunday at 10 p.m. in Marostica's Panic Jazz Club in the Piazza degli Scacchi, 18 miles north of Vicenza.

Irish folk music: Sunday at 7 p.m., in Poggio, Equobar, Via Marosticana, 350.

Explore the sky at the astronomical observatory of Arcugnano, Tuesday at 9 p.m. at Via S. Giustina 127, about five miles south of Vicenza.

Full Moon Party—acoustic jam: Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. in Poggio,

Concerts

Alicia Keys: May 2 at the Verona Arena.

Whitney Houston: May 3 in Milan, Assago, Mediolanum Forum; May 4 in Rome.

The Black Eyed Peas: May 12 in Milano, Assago Mediolanum Forum.

Jethro Tull: May 14 in Genova, Vaillant Palace.

Kiss: May 18 in Milan.

AC/DC: May 19 in Udine.

Michael Bublè: May 22 in Verona's Arena; May 23 in Milan,

Assago, Mediolanum Forum.

Rod Stewart: June 21 in the Verona Arena.

Heaven & Hell: July 1 in Rome; July 3 in Milan; July 4 in Pordenone.

Aerosmith: July 3 in Mestre, Parco San Giuliano.

Massive Attack: July 5 in Mestre, Parco San Giuliano.

Mika: July 7, Passariano di Codroipo (Udine), Villa Manin.

Buy tickets at Media World in the Palladio mall or www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing.

ODR trips

The Bolzano Flower Festival is one of Italy's spring highlights. ODR provides transportation and a trip lead May 2.

On May 15, join a trip to Tuscany for **Chianti wine tastings** at two cantines.

To enroll for an trip or class, visit <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/Vicenzaretrac.html>.

Now Showing



Ederle Theater

Thursday	Wolfman (R)	6 p.m.
Friday	Valentine's Day (PG-13)	6 p.m.
	Dear John (PG-13)	9 p.m.
Saturday	Dear John (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	Death at a Funeral (R)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Valentine's Day (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	Death at a Funeral (R)	6 p.m.
Wed.	Valentine's Day (PG-13)	6 p.m.
April 29	Dear John (PG-13)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Friday	Valentine's Day (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Saturday	Dear John (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Clash of the Titans (PG)	1 p.m.
April 29	Date Night (PG-13)	6 p.m.

Admission: Age 12 and up \$4, under 12, \$2.

The Ederle theater box office opens one hour prior to show.

View **MOVIE TRAILERS** and the schedule online at <http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/vicenza.htm> or <http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm>.

Looking to buy or sell items? Check out MWR's Marketplace at www.mwrmarketplace.com.

Designated drivers get drinks on the house

Be a designated driver and have yours 'on the house.' It's easy and effective. Just tell the MWR staff at your favorite program that you are the designated driver for your group. Receive and wear the designated driver wristband and enjoy coffee and soda for free.

There is no need to ruin the fun getting stopped or injured. Plan ahead and have a safe ride with a designated driver.

Call 634-6122 for more information.

Grill it your way on Fridays at USO

Every Friday afternoon at 5:05 p.m. (weather permitting), the USO will host a Bring Your Own Steak Friday Night Grill-Out. Bring your own meat and grill it the way you like it. Enjoy sides and refreshments, courtesy of your USO.

Send free book and DVD to child of choice

The USO Vicenza has partnered with United Through Reading to bring their military program to the community. Any service member who can deploy or endure any separation from a child can participate in the program.

The service member can read to their own child, a niece, nephew, neighbor or any other child. USO Vicenza invites you to come and pick a children's book from our library and read it on a 30-minute DVD. The USO will mail the book and DVD to the child free of charge. E-mail tgotaas@uso.org or call 634-7156 for information.

Donate a teddy

A local Teddy Bear Community Service Project is ongoing through April to collect, clean, and give new and gently used teddy bears (or any stuffed animal) to the military police.

The MPs then give the animals to children in emergencies to comfort them. Donation boxes are placed around post, including at the elementary school, tax relief office, ACS building, library, hourly CDC, health center, dental clinic, commissary, shoppette, and fitness center.

PWOC Spring Rally Day

Protestant Women of the Chapel is hosting a Rally Day at the post chapel May 1 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The event is free but participants must register in advance.

Community Calendar Highlights

Thursday: Earth Day & Spring Clean Up
Thursday-Friday: Elementary School Registration 2010-11
April 28: InfoX at Arena
May 1: Italian Holiday
May 5: Volunteer Recognition Luncheon and Ceremony
May 11: Youth Volunteer Recognition
May 28: USAREUR Training Holiday

Hear a guest speaker and join in the Fruit of the Spirit workshops.

Lunch will be provided. Limited childcare may be available. To register, contact Nikki DeMarco at nikki.demarco@gmail.com, gretchenbetten@yahoo.com or demarco@gmail.com. The CDC is having Saturday Care on this day, but that is at individual expense.

VHC offers coder class

The Vicenza Health Center is offering free instruction and training to become a certified ICD-9 coder. Instruction will be offered in two parts and a third for the certification exam.

Students are responsible for exam and membership fees and books. Dates are May 17, 18 and 19. Call 634-7362/8330 for information. Space is limited.

Summer enrichment program available

This summer DoDEA is offering a Summer Enrichment program for children who have completed kindergarten and children in grades 1-8. It is a four-week, half-day program that is free for families.

Contact Ann Gasparini, who has taught SE for the last two summers, at 634-7579/8830 or ann.gasparini1@eu.dodea.edu.

Clarification

A photo and outline in the April 8 issue of The Outlook listed the installation's FAP as a sponsor of the Third Culture Kids events, which took place at Caserma Ederle in March.

Not mentioned were the nearly 200 parents and professionals who work with TCK and participated in either a training session or film screening during the two-day event.

The post chapel was a lead sponsor; other sponsors included FAP, CYSS Parent Central Services and the health center.

MOMS Club events

■ Friday: Walk the Track 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Infant Playgroup

■ Monday: Monthly Meeting 10 a.m.

■ Tuesday: 10 a.m. Toddler Playgroup

■ Wednesday: 9 a.m. Zoo Trip

■ April 30: Out and About 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m. Walk the Track

Military Spouse Appreciation brunch

A Military Spouse Appreciation Day spring brunch will be held May 7, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., in the Hoekstra Field Pavilion. Free child care is available at the CDC by calling 634-7559.

The cost for the event is \$12, payable at Tax Relief Office. Call 634-5087 to RSVP at the Special Events Office by May 3.

Sign up for SAS rope course field trip

Enjoy an adventure with School Age Services Program when they head to AcroPark Ropes Course May 1. The cost is \$20 with parents' five free hours. Call 0444-71-8253. Register before April 23.

Don't miss April events

April is winding down but there are still a few Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month events to enjoy:

Saturday- Kid's Fest with games, arts and crafts, food and fun for the whole family.

April 28 at the post library, send a "Hug to Afghanistan" from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Register by Friday for the Wacky Family Triathlon to be held April 28-30.

FAP Breakfast Bash April 30 at 7:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria.

For more information, call or visit CYSS Parent Central Services, Davis Hall, 634 7206.

Placemat quilting class set May 8

"Perfect Placemats" will be hosted May 8, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Learn to quilt while creating a set of quilted placemats. Participants learn the basic techniques to make larger quilts, but on a much smaller scale. No sewing skills required. Come ready to learn.

Learn about color selection, rotary cutting, piecing techniques, borders, layering, quilting, and more. Cost of the class is \$35 and does not include materials.

Materials can be purchased at the arts center prior to class start date. Come see which fabric best suits you.

Calling all kids to the Arena Sunday

The next Kids Call is Sunday, 5-7 p.m., at the Arena. Bowl and play bingo for \$29.95 per lane.

Package includes one hour of bowling, shoe rental, large cheese pizza and pitcher of soda. Play bingo for up to six people.

Barbecue with Boss this Friday

Join BOSS Soldiers as they throw a barbecue for the children and elderly of the La Fraglia Coopertiva disability home Friday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Call 634-5087 to help.

Send a hug to Afghanistan

Send a special hug to Afghanistan Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m., at the post library.

Trace your body on a big piece of paper, decorate and send your "hug" downrange to your deployed Soldier.

Supplies are included but participants must sign up by Tuesday at the library front desk.

Are you that Guy/Girl?



Who is That Guy (or Girl)?

Each night he's on display somewhere, but makes his most frequent appearances on the weekends. He's a regular guy, but when he's had a few too many drinks, it shows. That Guy loses control, and he may not remember it in the morning. That Guy applies to anyone who, because of excessive drinking, behaves in a manner that others do not want to emulate or be around. In fact, women can be That Guy too. Society sends mixed signals to That Guy. He's just letting off some steam after a hard day, right? Sometimes he's the life of the party. But is the crowd at the party laughing with him or at him? When we see him in action, he's a reminder: "Don't let me be That Guy. That Guy is a multi-media campaign using on- and offline communication with the goal of reducing excessive drinking among troops.

The campaign uses humor to deliver a serious message and provides tools so you can be part of the effort to eradicate That Guy. The campaign is a reminder to everyone: Don't Be That Guy!

That Guy is funded by DoD

Religious activities

Chaplain Crisis Line

To speak with a chaplain after hours, call 634-KARE (634-5273).

Sunday services

8 a.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation, or by appointment

9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass

(Daily Mass is held weekdays at noon)

9 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school and AWANAs (September-May at Vicenza High School)

10:45 a.m.: Catholic religious education (September-May at Vicenza High School)

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

1:30 p.m.: Full Gospel Pentecostal worship

5 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Mondays

Noon: LDS scripture study

Tuesdays

9:15 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

Wednesdays

3 p.m.: Praise dance practice

3:30 p.m.: Middle School Club Beyond meets in VHS cafeteria September-May

5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

5:30 p.m.: PWOC evening Bible study (beginning Sept. 8. Child care offered for children ages 6 weeks to 4 years.)

5:30 p.m.: High School Club Beyond meets at the Teen Center September-May. Call 340-139-4073 for information.

5:30 p.m.: Catholic choir practice

6:45 p.m.: Gospel choir practice

Thursdays

9:30 a.m.: Catholic Women of the Chapel

5:30 p.m.: Gospel service choir rehearsal

7:15 p.m.: Gospel service Bible study

Faith group contacts

Islamic: Spc. Kasimov, 329-034-3511.

Jewish: Sandy Schoenberg at 634-6202 or sandy.schoenberg@eur.army.mil.

Latter Day Saints: Scripture study held Mondays, noon-1 p.m. at chapel. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. downtown. Call Sean Peterson at 335-821-9492. Call the Caserma Ederle chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for religious activities information.

DON'T BE LATE: E-mail briefs to editor@eur.army.mil noon Monday or by Friday at 4 p.m. if Monday is a holiday.

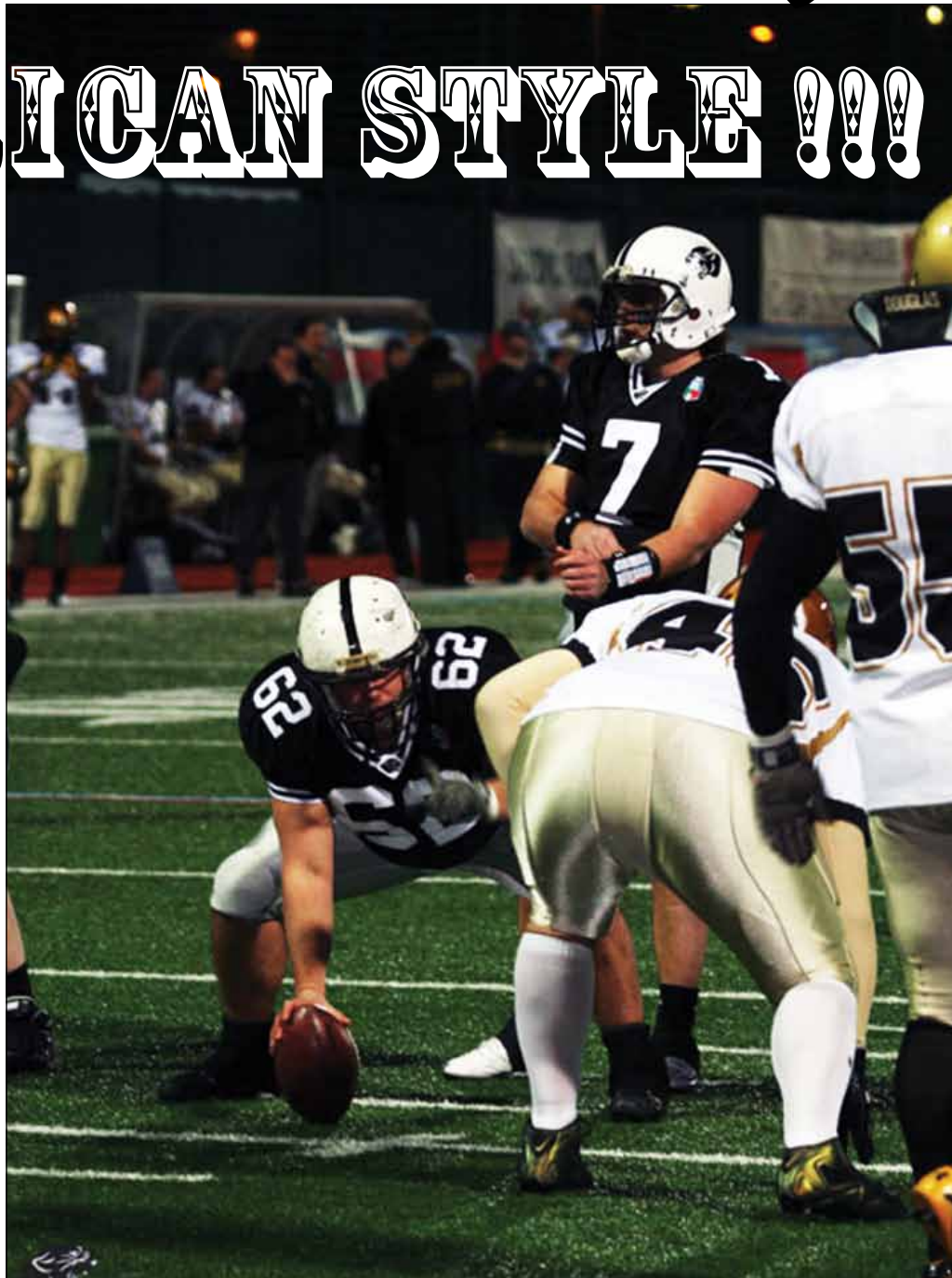
FOOTBALL, AMERICAN STYLE !!!

Community members can enjoy American-style football with the Parma Panthers, currently 3-0 and vying for top spot during the 2010 Italian Super Bowl.

Coached by Andrew Papoccia from Illinois State University, the team can dress three American players per game.

Quarterback Joe Craddock, of Middle Tennessee State University, and WR/CB Craig McIntyre, of Eastern Washington University, ranked among the league leaders in 2009 for yards passing, touchdowns, and yards receiving.

Photo courtesy of the Parma Panthers



Parma team vying for Super Bowl

By Maj. BILL KOST
Special to the Outlook

Looking to fill your American football craving while living in Italy? Have nothing to do during the NFL's off-season?

Have you read John Grisham's book, "Playing for Pizza"? The book is based on the Parma Panthers (www.panthers.it), an American-style football team in Italy.

Take a trip to Parma and root on the Panthers as they battle teams from across Italy in hopes of winning the 2010 Italian Super Bowl.

The Panthers play ten regular-season games in two leagues: the Italian Football League (IFL) and the European Federation of American Football (EFAF).

They are currently 3-0 after defeating the Bergamo Lions (49-29), the Milano Rhinos (28-21), and the Reggio-Emilia Hogs (47-44).

The Panthers are owned by Ivano Tira and coached by Andrew Papoccia from Illinois State University. Each team can also dress three American

players per game. Quarterback Joe Craddock, of Middle Tennessee State University, and WR/CB Craig McIntyre, of Eastern Washington University, ranked among the league leaders in 2009 for yards passing, touchdowns and yards receiving.

This year they are joined by RB/LB Greg Hay of Toledo University.

Home-grown players from Parma, such as Marco Tunnera, Matteo Griglio, Stefano Orru, Nadir Mutti and Maxim Bulgac, represent the heart and soul of the Panthers.

Stadio XXV Aprile, Via Moletolo, Parma, is about an hour and 45-minute drive from Vicenza.

Entrance is usually free, but tickets are occasionally sold for 5 euro at the gate. Panini and beverages are sold at the stadium.

After games, the players love to meet and hang out with their fans. Most of the players speak English and enjoy talking football with Americans.

So, come on out, and watch some good ol' American football.

Remaining Schedule:

Sunday at 3 p.m.: Bologna Warriors @ Parma (IFL)

May 1 at 3 p.m.: Parma @ Lazio (Rome) Marines (IFL)

May 9 at 3 p.m.: Bolzano Giants @ Parma (IFL)

May 15 at 9 p.m.: Zurich Renegades@Parma (EFAF)

May 22 at 8:30 pm: Parma@ Ancona Dolphins (IFL)

May 30 at 2 p.m.: Parma@ Catania Elephants (IFL)

June 12 Semifinals (IFL)

June 26 Super Bowl (IFL)

Directions:

From Vicenza to Stadio XXV Aprile, Parma: Take A4 West toward Milano; take A22 South toward Modena; take A1 West towards Milano; exit Parma Est (after the Ikea). After exit toll, stay right. Go straight through 1st traffic circle. At 2nd traffic circle, take 3rd exit into parking lot.

DODGE BALL Soldier League Standings

Team	Win	Loss	Game Scores	
46th MP Po Po's	12	0	April 8	April 14
Cup Cakes	1	9	Cup Cakes 1 vs. Po Po's 6	Po Po's 6 vs. Lame Ducks 2
Lame Ducks	7	6	Health Clinic 6 vs. Lame Ducks 5	Cup Cakes 3 vs. Health Clinic 6
AFN Vicenza	2	5	April 14	
Two Tons of Irony	1	5	Po Po's 6 vs. Cup Cakes 2	
Health Clinic	4	7	Lame Ducks 6 vs. Health Clinic 0	

Unit/recreational volleyball and basketball take place at the fitness center weekly. Call 634-7009 for more information.

Sports Shorts

Softball season kicks off May 4

Softball season is beginning. Submit your team roster and sign up at the fitness center.

Teams will have a maximum of 16 players and two coaches and players must be 18 years old and out of high school.

Coaches meeting is Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at the fitness center. Play begins May 4. Call 634-7009 for information.

Tennis Play Day

Registration deadline for Tennis Play Day is Tuesday.

All tennis players should attend the participant meeting for Tennis Play Day April 30 from 6-9 p.m.

There will be drawings for prizes at the meeting. Play begins May 1 at 9 a.m.

Participants must be 18 years old and out of high school. Call 634-7009 to register.

Sign up by Saturday for Padova Marathon

The Padova Marathon will take place Sunday. This 42-km race is open to all participants over age 18.

If you do not hold a card from a sport association affiliated with Fidal (Italian Athletic Federation), you need to sign an authorization that can be downloaded at www.marathonasantantonio.com, under the "registration" section.

Entry fees are 40 euro. Sign up by Saturday at Prato della Valle. Fee includes insurance and medical assistance, bib, goody bag, voucher for the pasta party, final rankings via e-mail and official medal.

The race starts in Vedelago (TV) at 9 a.m. and ends in Prato della Valle, Padova.

For details in English, visit http://www.maratonasantantonio.com/files/0000/0271/regolamento_2010_ingl.pdf.

Unit/rec play set at post fitness center

Join recreational soccer, basketball, volleyball weekly at the post fitness center.

Basketball: 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 13 or more players.

Volleyball: 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday for 13 or more players.

Soccer: 7 - 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday for 16 or more players.

Female Basketball: 11:45 a.m.- 1 p.m. every Thursday and 3:45 p.m.-5 p.m. every Sunday, for 8 or more players.

Call 634-7009 for more information.