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FOB Goshta expands presence, brings hope

By **Spc. Gregory Argentieri**
173d Airborne Brigade
Combat Team Public Affairs

NANGAHAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan – Cavalry Soldiers from Charlie Troop, “Crazy Horse,” 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment (Airborne) moved to the newly-built Forward Operating Base Goshta in February and began the task of helping making the base more livable.

Soldiers from the 76th Horizontal Engineer Battalion have been working around the clock building the remote forward operating base since early January.

More than \$750,000 has already been invested in building forward operating base structures, not including the millions of dollars of military equipment already in place.

FOB Goshta is located near the Pakistan-Afghanistan border in Nangahar Province.

Goshta district is a known smuggling route between the two countries and the majority of local citizens have seen little, if any, Coalition forces in the area.

“Alpha Company, 173d Special Troop Battalion, prepared the earth for construction,” said Capt. Nicholas R. Talbot, Charlie Troop commander. “Eventually there’s going to be a company of Afghan National Army, and 50 Afghan Security Guards who

are going to help us guard all of the walls of the FOB.”

76th Engineers have been working from sunup to sundown trying to improve the base. The engineer’s goal is to have of the work, living and helicopter areas finished withing the next 30 days.

“Our 60-day goal is to have more of the road surfaces graveled, which will be a big help with the upcoming rainy season,” said 1st Sgt. Charles Joseph Owens Jr. “A 90-day goal is for a running track. We have a big long flat area here and we want to put a track along the exterior wall so people have a decent place to run without hurting themselves.”

“The big challenge was to get as much done before the 1-91 CAV got here so that they had some place to live,” said Sgt. 1st Class Brian J. Barber, Crazy Horse platoon sergeant, 2nd platoon. “These guys really worked hard to make it happen.”

The longest hours for the Soldiers came just before the troop moved to FOB Goshta.

“We had an elevated threat level with threats of suicide bombers in the neighboring district, so we reacted to it,” said Barber.

Once the perimeter around FOB Goshta was complete, the Soldiers began working on improving their work and living conditions.

“As first sergeant, morale is my biggest concern,” explained Owens. The base is so new that



Cavalry Soldiers from Charlie Troop, Crazy Horse, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment (Airborne) assemble bed frames at Forward Operating Base Goshta in Nangahar Province, Afghanistan, March 2.

we don’t have anywhere to eat.”

That issue should be solved soon as the 1-91 CAV and 76th Engineers are working together to erect a new dining facility.

Charlie Troop is working on a daily basis with Afghan Border Patrol, Afghan National Police

and the Afghan National Army on and off FOB Goshta, explained Owens.

The Soldiers and policemen patrol together, play sports together and are helping keep a remote part of Afghanistan safe together.

New ways to combat stress offered

By **Cristina Zacchino**
Army Community Service
Marketing specialist

Vicenza community members now have the opportunity to try several fun and creative ways to create a healthy balance between the negative and positive stresses in their lives, according to Carolyn Parse Rizzo, Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program.

“It is unrealistic to think we can eliminate all stress from our lives,” said Parse Rizzo. “In fact, some stress is necessary to living productive and satisfying lives. It’s creating a balance between the good stress and bad stress we must strive for.”

Since January FAP has offered a stress management program Mondays from noon-1 p.m. called *Stress Relief through Guided Imagery*.

The class teaches participants how to focus on developing and practicing basic

relaxation techniques like deep breathing, progressive muscle relaxation, and visualization.

“I have some stress in my life, but I learned that it’s important to know how to manage the stress before it gets too big,” said

Spc. Brigida Sanchez, a Soldier with AFN, who attended the April 7 session.

“My daily stress is not severe as not having a roof over my head or food on the table, but if I don’t take control over the

stress, I might find myself in that situation some day,” she said. “It’s critical to prevent stress from getting out of control.”

Sanchez attended the class with co-worker and friend, Spc. Nakisha Nieves.

“I want to obtain the skills to manage and cope with my stress, but also learn more about stress,” she added.

See Stress on page 3



Spc. Brigida Sanchez (left) and fellow Soldier and AFN co-worker, Spc. Nakisha Nieves, look over work schedules in their office. Nieves heard about the Stress Relief through Guided Imagery class offered by the ACS Family Advocacy Program and signed up both of them. (Photo by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)

Change of Command ceremony

The Vicenza military community is welcome to bid farewell to Maj. Gen. Frank G. Helmick and welcome Brig. Gen. William B. Garrett III April 28 during a ceremony held at 11 a.m. on Hoekestra Field. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Ederle Theater.

Register now for Camp A.R.M.Y. challenge

IMCOM Europe
Press Release

Children of deployed servicemembers have until May 2 to apply for a summer program that ranges from attending space camp to exploring a German coastal island.

The adventures are part of Camp A.R.M.Y. (Adventure, Resilience, Memories, Youth) Challenge, which provides for a select group of youth to participate in four events hosted by Installation Management Command-Europe Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Middle school and high school students in grades 6-12 (during the 2007-2008 school year) who have an active-duty parent currently deployed, will be deployed by March 1, 2009, or have deployed anytime since June 1, 2007, are eligible to apply.

coastline, focusing on environmental awareness.

For high school students in grades 9-12, a sports and fitness camp will be held June 16-21 in Germany.

In Belgium during Aug. 3-8, a space camp – including a simulated launch – will provide a hands-on shoot-for-the stars science and technology experience designed to challenge teenagers.

To ensure as many youth as possible have the opportunity to attend Camp A.R.M.Y. Challenge, participants can attend only one session.

A \$50 camp registration fee will be charged only when a camper is selected to attend.

The fee, which is due May 31, reserves a slot in an assigned session.

Details and application forms, which will be accepted only online, are available at the DFMW Web site: www.mwr-europe.com.



Manning a space flight center and operating a life-size shuttle will be one adventure offered during Installation Management Command-Europe's Camp A.R.M.Y. Challenge. (Photo by Roger Verschraegen)

Students having just completed eighth grade are considered an eighth-grader for camp attendance and may apply only to the middle school camp sessions.

Although the overall program is geared primarily for the children of Soldiers, each CAC venue will have four spaces open to Air Force, Navy and Marines participants.

A sports and fitness camp will be the first venue available for middle school youth in grades 6-8. The camp will be held June 16-21 in Germany, followed by a July 5-12 island adventure session near the German

Individual Security Awareness training classes set

Antiterrorism and Force Protection Office

Press Release

Individual Security Awareness Training (Level I Antiterrorism Training) is offered in the Ederle Theater to all assigned military and Department of Defense civilian employees, and to their family members over the age of 14.

This training will also be offered to DoD contractors and Italian post employees.

The training is held from 10:30-noon on the following dates:

May 6, June 18 and July 16. No reservations are necessary; attendees must sign in and will receive their certificate of completion at a later date.

As a reminder for those who may need childcare while in the training, the Child Development Center offers hourly care for children ages six weeks-5 years of age. Cost is \$4 per child per hour and children must be registered at the CDC.

Advance registration is required, call 634-7559 for details.

Antiterrorism training is an annual requirement for all military and DoD civilian employees.

Direct questions to Pat Hooper at 634-8984.

Veterinary clinic notes

The Vicenza Veterinary Clinic, located in Longare, wants the community to know the following:

To register your pet: Bring your pets' records or information to the Vicenza Veterinary Clinic within 10 days of arrival. All pets must have microchips implanted and this can be done at the time of registration.

PCSing? Your pet needs to be current on vaccinations. You will need an appointment for your pet to obtain a health certificate within 10 days of all air travel. A pet passport

or export document is also required for all travel outside of Italy.

How to retrieve a lost pet: If your pet has gone missing, call the veterinary clinic immediately. If your pet is found on Villaggio it will be brought to the clinic. We can also help retrieve your pet from a local facility.

The veterinarian clinic is open Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. On Thursdays, the clinic is open 1-4 p.m. Call 635-4841, or 0444-71-4841 from off post.

Not too early for spring cleaning

The Self-Help shop located in Villaggio has already received supplies of grass seed, fertilizer and soil, wood chips available to Soldiers and family members. Lawn mowers, weed eaters, rakes and other gardening supplies are ready for pick up.

The Self-Help shop is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 8-noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 8-noon and 1-6 p.m. Saturday mornings from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

For details call Self-Help at 634-8888.



Speak Out

“What do you like most about the new dining facility?”

By Diana Bahr



Pvt. James Gladden
173d ABCT Rear Det

While the food's always been great, I really like the fact that I can catch up on the news while I eat.



Rebecca Coury
DoDDS

I'm a regular here and I love the salad bar. Everything is so fresh and changes daily. It helps me maintain a healthy diet.



Staff Sgt. Josefino Majadas
Vicenza Dental clinic

It's more spacious. There's more variety to choose from and I really like the new sandwich corner.



Linda Eckley
Army Corps of Engineers

It is a fast, conveniently located, well-balanced meal with flavor and inexpensive. The best part is I do not have to cook or clean up.



Nick McGraw
UMUC staff

I was in the Army for five years and this is the best dining facility that I've ever eaten at. I think it's very well organized and you have a great selection to choose from.



2nd Lt. Rachael Schenk
SETAF G-1

I like the improved choices and the sandwich bar. I really appreciate eating with silverware, china and glassware—no more paper plates and plastic.

Know rules for bicycling on post, Villaggio

Directorate of Emergency Services
Special to the Outlook

During the past few weeks, many children and adults have been seen riding bicycles in Villaggio, on Caserma Ederle and off post without wearing appropriate head protection.

Head injuries are the most serious and potentially life threatening

injuries that can be sustained by bicyclists (adults and children).

◆ May, June and July have the highest percent of bicycle-related deaths.

◆ Forty-nine percent of the deaths occur between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. This is when most children are out riding their bicycles.

◆ Bicycle accidents are most likely to occur within five blocks of home.

◆ Almost half of all bicycle crashes occur in driveways and on sidewalks.

◆ Ninety-six percent of bicyclists killed were reportedly not wearing helmets.

Ensuring your child wears their helmet is both a moral and legal responsibility.

a. In accordance with Department

of Defense Instruction (DODI) 6055.4, Department of Defense Traffic Safety Program, active duty military must wear approved bicycle helmets when riding bicycles on and off U. S. military installations. DoD civilians, U. S. contract employees and family members must wear approved bicycle helmets when riding bicycles on U. S. military installations –

Basic rules for bikers

- ◆ Helmets are mandatory
- ◆ No riding on the sidewalk
- ◆ Bike must have working front, rear lights for nighttime, reflective lights, bell

this includes Villaggio.

It is highly recommended that DoD civilians, U. S. contract employees and family members wear approved bicycle helmets when riding bicycles off U. S. military installations as well.

b. An approved bicycle helmet is one that has been designed for bicycling and is approved by the American National Standards Institute, the Snell Memorial Foundation Standards for Bicycle Helmets, or the host-nation government. The military kevlar helmet and hard hats are not approved for use as bicycle helmets.

c. Bicycle riders must wear helmets that fit properly. Instructions are provided with helmets on how to determine correct fit.

Riders must wear helmets correctly

and use chinstraps.

d. High visibility/reflective clothing (PT belt, vest) will be worn at night or during periods of low visibility. The same type of clothing is recommended during daylight to assist in recognition from other traffic.

e. The riding of bicycles on any sidewalk is prohibited. This provision does not apply to small children learning to ride bicycles with the use of training wheels.

f. Bicycles must be equipped with working lights, reflective markings and a bell.

g. Loose-fitting clothes should not be worn as they may get caught in moving parts. Slip-on shoes such as slippers or shower shoes will not be worn when riding bicycles.

Obey the rules of the road just like any other vehicle. Ride on the right side of the road going with the traffic not more than one meter from the curb or edge of the road.

Villaggio is a congested housing area where many small children live and play. The potential for a vehicle-related accident involving a child is always present. Parents must protect themselves and their children in the event of an accident. One of the best ways to do that is to ensure you and your child wear a properly-fitted and fastened helmet.

Military police will cite personnel in violation of this directive.



Sgt. 1st Class Alejandra Guerra, SETAF Headquarters and Headquarters Company, gets around post on a bicycle equipped with front, back lights and wheel deflectors and wearing an approved helmet. (Photo by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)

Six Steps to Stamina: Balancing Your Stress

Stress from page 1

The positive response to this program sparked ideas to expand on the topic.

“People cope with stress differently. What works for one person may not work for another,” says Parse Rizzo. “It is



Spc. Nakisha Nieves, AFN, prepares for her Community Connection show. Nieves is a recent participant of the new stress classes offered by FAP. (Photo by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)

important that we develop more than one action plan, utilize more than one tool, to help us get through the difficult times in our lives.”

The 6 Steps to Stamina: Balancing Your Stress series was developed to provide opportunities for community members to develop life-long coping strategies that will create balance between negative and positive stress, said Parse Rizzo.

As the series evolves, the Family Advocacy Program is looking to collaborate with the fitness center, health clinic, arts and crafts center, and the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program to further enrich the classes offered.

Barbara Wegener, ASAP educator, will co-facilitate one of the Creative Expression classes with Parse Rizzo.

“The process of doing art puts people in a relaxed state,” said Wegener. “You become completely absorbed.

“The fun thing about using art as stress relief is you gain confidence,” Wegener continued. “You won’t be judged because there is more of a sense of play by experiencing new shapes, colors and materials.”

The program schedule is as follows and classes will be held between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Details on the exact time will be set when you reserve your spot.

May 2: The 6 Steps to Stamina: Balance Your Stress (introduction class)

May 9: Balancing Stress by Taking Care of You

May 16: Balancing Stress through Fitness and Nutrition

May 23: Balancing Stress through

People and Play

May 30: Balancing Stress through Creative Expression (Part I)

June 6: Balancing Stress through Creative Expression (Part II)

The first Monday of the month *Introduction to Stress Management* is offered.

Stress Relief through Guided Imagery classes will be offered on the second through fourth Monday of every month at ACS from noon-1 p.m.

The classes are open to the community, but space is limited with preference given to active duty service members and their spouses.

For details call Parse Rizzo at 634-6269, 0444-71-6269 from off post. To make reservations, call ACS at 634-7500, 0444-71-7500 from off post.

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At your service

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“I provide a variety of relocation services to arriving and departing Soldiers, Department of Defense civilians, and family members,” said Noel. “I am also the administrator of the ACS Lending Closet and for outbound PCS relocation information from the Military HOMEFRONT “Plan My Move” Web site (formerly SITES).”

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Next generation of leaders train on post

Story and photo
by Spc. Crystal Abbott
SETAF Public Affairs

Fifty-three students participating in the Executive Leadership Development



Sgt. 1st Class James Hunter, G3 ammunition NCOIC, teaches weapon safety to the ELDP students at the Engagement Skills Trainer at Caserma Ederle. Each group of students ran through several of the scenarios, getting a taste of what it is like to be a Soldier.

Program trained at Caserma Ederle during their site visit April 15-17.

“The 10-month ELDP, which is both physically and mentally challenging, is an experiential program,” said Bob Swaney,

the deputy director of the ELDP. “This program is meant to help students appreciate and understand the role of the warfighter while also helping them to know themselves, express themselves, build teams, manage organizations and understand the Department of Defense as a whole.”

The students underwent training scenarios at the Engagement Skills Trainer, worked closely as a squad to clear a building at the Military Operations in Urban Terrain site and other activities that are usually reserved for members of the military.

Patricia Bradshaw, the deputy under secretary of defense for civilian personnel policy, agreed with Swaney about the importance of the ELDP.

“Today, we are in a very different kind of environment in the Department of Defense, and [this program] is important for our future leaders to understand what is really happening on the ground,” said Bradshaw.

“I strongly believe, as does the senior leadership, that the decisions that they make will not be as well informed as they could be if they were actually down here seeing what’s going on on the ground,” she added.

The students have enjoyed the experience so far, and feel they have learned a lot more about the Department of Defense as a whole.

“It has been a fantastic opportunity,” said Jason Hamm, country director for Japan in the office of the Secretary of Defense. “I have been working for the Department of Defense for almost six years now. When you spend so much time in a building you run the risk of losing sight of what you are doing it for. Through this program I have learned about the warfighter and what they do for us, the sacrifices that they make for us and what we can do for them, which gives me a new sense of purpose.”

Student Jarie Muir, a civilian contracting officer for the Air Force, agreed.

“This program puts us right with the boots on the ground so when we are supporting, it puts things into context,” Muir said. “It lets me see the effects of what I do.”

“Whether you are a civilian or you are in uniform,” said Bradshaw, “everyone is really engaged, working side by side as a part of the global war on terrorism fight.”

Predator, stalker one click away

Story and photo
by Cristina Zacchino
ACS Marketing specialist

In a one-year period, one in seven children between ages 10-17 receives sexual solicitation or an approach while on the Internet. As a parent you might think that because your child is using the Internet at home, they are safe; however, 85 percent of incidents happened when youth are at home and feel comfortable, and in 44 percent of the cases the children are harassed by their peers, according to Capt. Kimberly Barnard, trial counsel with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

As part of Army Community Service Month of the Military Child events, Barnard gave a presentation in the ACS classroom April 10 on “Child Abuse & Exploitation: The Wide Reach of the Internet.”

In an interactive example, Barnard demonstrated that within 20 minutes of viewing a social network, a predator is able to find out details such as age, sex, parents’ name, address, school, other friends and phone numbers. The sexual predator cannot be stereotyped; it can be anyone.

Internet usage among children is steadily growing, giving abusers an additional avenue to reach our children, and living overseas makes them even more vulnerable, according to Barnard.

“Children are becoming more technologically savvy and spend more time on the Internet,” said Barnard. “They grow up with the Internet and are a step ahead of adults. They also know ways to get around certain sites, therefore

we need to pay even more attention to them,” she continued.

The audience was given a test at the beginning of the presentation to see how much they new about Internet safety.

Social Web sites such as MySpace, Facebook and Friendster are beneficial for teens who can keep in touch with family and friends back home, said Barnard.

However, these social networks are also great ways for sexual predators to find out detailed information about your child. The predator disguises him or herself as someone for the child to talk to, build a relationship with and gain enough trust to meet in real life. To keep secrecy about the relationship,

sexual predators may manipulate photos and threaten to distribute them if the

the dangers of meeting strangers on the Internet, and if they report an incident you must take immediate action.

Children and youth are not only easy targets for sexual predators, but are also being harassed by their peers. Cyber-bullying usually occurs when rumors are spread and pictures of the victim are posted without consent. Popular cell phone cameras

are often used to take photos, and once downloaded onto the computer, they can be manipulated.

“Only 19 percent of threats and harassment cases are reported by teens, so it’s important that you talk to your child,” stated Barnard.

Among the tips Barnard gave were to monitor Internet usage and limit the time children spent online; set up the computer in the living room where it is easy to monitor children; make sure usernames don’t reveal the city you live in, the age and sex of the child and make sure the computer filters out adult material.

For information about Internet safety, the Web sites www.cybertipline.com, icatraining.org, and netsmartz411.org allow downloads of interactive educational materials.

For local information, call Family Advocacy located in the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center at 634-7500, 0444-71-7500 from off post, or Barnard at 634-8500, 0444-71-8500 from off post.

Contact the military police at 634-SAFE if you believe your child is a victim of Internet abuse.

Within 20 minutes of viewing a social network, a predator is able to find out details such as age, sex, parents’ name, address, school, other friends and phone numbers.



Audience members take a test at the beginning of the presentation to see how truly aware they were about Internet safety. As part of Army Community Service Month of the Military Child events, Capt. Kimberly Barnard, trial counsel with Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, gave a presentation in the ACS classroom April 10 on “Child Abuse & Exploitation: The Wide Reach of the Internet.”

Memorial education, training facility unveiled

By Joyce Costello

USAG Livorno
Public Affairs

The 31st Munitions Squadron held a board-sawing ceremony April 15 to celebrate the opening of their new Memorial Education and Training facility.

The building was dedicated to the memory of Master Sgt. James K. Schlotter, a non-commissioned officer who was assigned to Camp Darby as a transportation specialist.

Schlotter died of a heart attack while serving on active duty during the mid-1990s, according to Senior Master Sgt. John Daigle, 31st MUNS Materiel Flight chief.

"Schlotter was dedicated to the improvement of the entire squadron and, as an NCO and a coworker, he was a true professional – sincere to the ideals of the squadron," read 2nd Lt. Christopher Rasor from the dedication plaque. "A low profile and a diligent disposition were his trademark. Many individuals who never knew him will pass through this training facility, but all will share and enjoy the fruits of his labor."

31st MUNS commander, Lt. Col. Tammy Cobb commended the personnel involved in making this project a success.

"Without your tireless efforts, the goal of having a stand alone



Brig. Gen. Craig Franklin, 31st Fighter Wing commander, (center) saws through a non-traditional ribbon at the opening ceremony April 15 for the 31st Munitions Squadron Memorial Education and Training Facility. The facility is dedicated to the memory of the late Master Sgt. James K. Schlotter, who had been assigned to Camp Darby in the 1990s. (Photo by Elena Baladelli, 7th ATC Photo Lab)

training facility would have never been realized," said Cobb. "Building this facility did not happen overnight; it has taken two years of planning, over a year of construction, \$750,000 and the coordinated efforts of many individuals."

"I think this money was well spent," continued Cobb, "because this new building will provide areas for education, testing, unit training manager, squadron training and mobility sections."

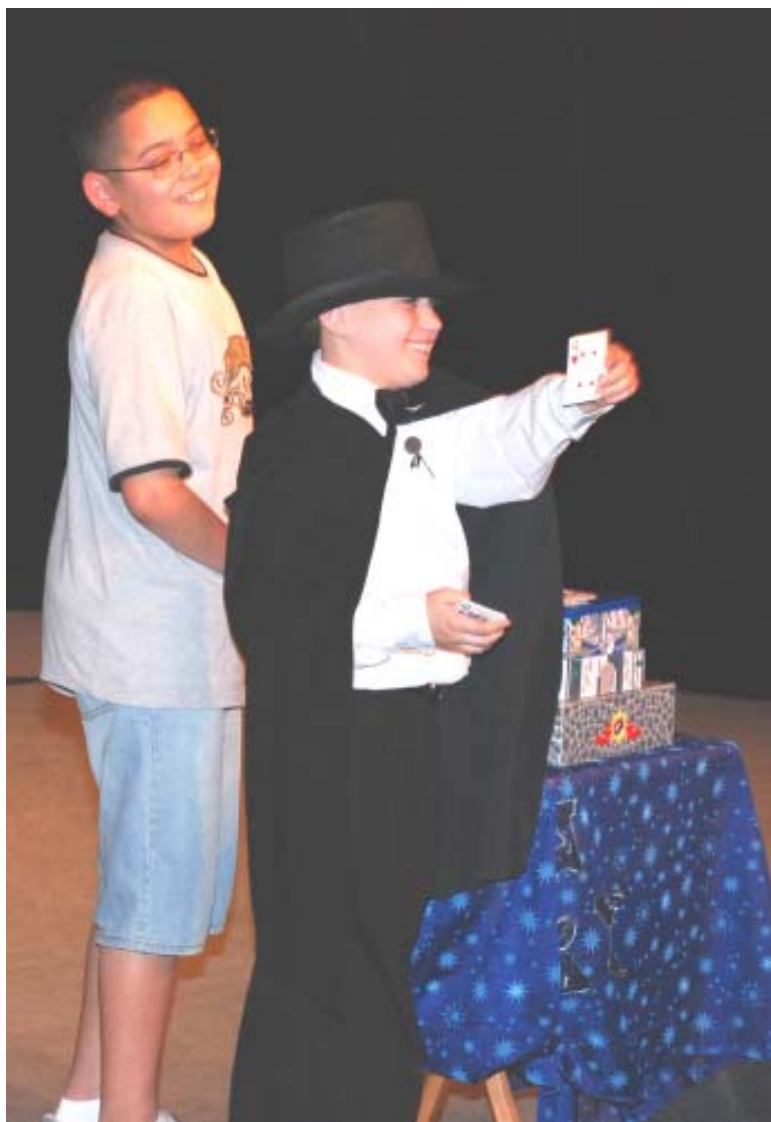
Guest speaker and 31st Fighter Wing commander, Brig. Gen. Craig Franklin, added that training is the backbone of the Air Force mission and it is important that leaders put the proper emphasis on it.

"The potential of this facility lies in its users. Supervisors, I challenge you to take advantage of this opportunity," said Franklin. "The effort that you put into your Airman's training will show in every facet of work this squadron accomplishes."

The new facility was originally two separate buildings, according to Tech. Sgt. Ron Bice, education and training manager.

"One was a private club for 712th MUNS Airmen that was closed due to club funding issues and the other was an old storage building," said Bice. "It feels good to have a new education and training center that will help Airmen develop, integrate operations and bring new technology to the troops."

Talent show features magic, music, song, dance



Noah Kleinholz, (right) performs his magic tricks with a member of the audience during the show. (Photo by Laura Krieder, Outlook staff)

Thursday's Youth Talent show, held in Soldiers' Theater gave about 20 youth the opportunity to present a variety of performances in front of parents and friends

"I enjoyed being in the talent show and also watching the performances of the other

participants," said 10-year-old Emily Woo after the event.

Woo also participate in last year's show singing with the same group.

"We started rehearsing together at the beginning of the month and we were practicing all the time, even during recess."

All Gershwin opens May 8

Soldiers' Theatre presents "All Gershwin!" May 8, 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are on sale now. Tickets for the show are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students. The show is not

recommended for young children.

Box office is open Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Call Soldiers' Theatre at 634-7281 or 0444-71-7281.



Left to right: Rosie Malone, Lorenzo Felisatti, Leda Kreider, Franny Packard and Larry Kreider rehearse one of their dance routines for the upcoming Soldiers' Theatre production of *All Gershwin*. Tickets go on sale April 22 and performances are May 8, 9 and 10. Call 63407281 or 0444-71-7281 for tickets or more information. (Photo by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)

Darby dates

Handicraft fair

April 26: Visit the 72nd International Handicraft Fair in Florence, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Transportation is \$20 for adults, \$15 for children (ages 3-10). Entrance fee of 5 euro is not included.

One of the most prestigious arts and crafts fairs around. Shop for mosaics, leather, jewelry, lace glassware and ceramics.

Rome trip

May 3, 5 a.m. - 10 p.m., cost is \$65 for adults, \$59 for children.

Visit some of Rome's most famous sites at your own pace. Start off in Vatican City, home of St. Peter's Basilica and Vatican Museum (where you'll find the Sistine Chapel), or do whatever Suits you the most.

Hotel booking service

Our database currently holds more than 40,000 hotels in all price categories everywhere: Italy, Europe, the U.S. and Asia.

Contact ITR at 633-7589/8231, or 050-54-7589/8231 from off post.

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Discover the wealth of history of Italian cities onboard the "Hop On - Hop Off" buses available in Rome, Florence and Pisa. Get on and off as often as you want for the entire day.

Discover the lovely cities of Pisa, Florence and Rome at discounted prices for savings up to \$3.67 per person.

For details or to make a reservation, call ITR at 633-7589/8231 or 050-54-7589/8231.

Auto Skills Center

The Camp Darby Auto Skills Center is now offering a new range of services to include oil changing and other automotive services.

Call the Camp Darby Auto Skills Center for details at 633-7009, or 050-54-7009 from off post.

Guitar, choral, jazz fests, concerts on tap

Guitar festival

The 17th National Festival of the Electric and Acoustic Collectable Guitar takes place in Soave April 25-27.

A guitar exhibition and market at the town hall 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m., with final entrance allowed until 5 p.m.

Guitar clinics and workshops are held at the medieval Black Friars Church, 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Evening concerts are set for the basketball palace starting at 9 p.m. each evening.

Full information in English from www.guitaranch.com/soave_uk.htm

International choruses performances

Marostica will be hosting the 9th edition of the International Chorus. The following choruses are scheduled. All performances begin at 9 p.m. and entrance is free.

April 30: In the Church of S. Maria the Aurora Chorus from Finland.

In the Church of S. Antonio: May 14 the Miami University Choraliers

May 30: The Cosacchi del Don Wanja Hlibka from Russia;

June 13: The University of the East Chorale from the Philippines.

Vicenza Jazz 2008

April 23-May 11 Vicenza will host a jazz festival to include jazz stars Mike Stern, Stacey Kent, Oliver Lake, Jean-Luc Ponty, Greg Osby, Larry Coryell and Italian stars Giovanni Allevi, Enrico Rava, Quintorigo, Franco D'Andrea, Fabrizio Bosso and Gianluca Petrella.

The performances are held in the *Teatro Olimpico*, *Teatro Comunale*, and *Palazzo Barbaran Da Porto* have an entrance fee, otherwise entrance is free.

Tickets are available from www.greenticket.it.

April 23: Noa & Band in Teatro Comunale at 9 p.m.;

April 29: Frank Vignola in Teatro Olimpico at 9 p.m.;

May 2: Paolo Birro 'Dedicated

to Palladio' in Palazzo Barbaran da Porto at 6 p.m.

May 2: Quintorigo in Teatro Comunale at 9 p.m.;

May 2: Baba Yoga 'Miles Davis 2008' in Teatro Astra at 10 p.m.;

May 3: Tirana Fanfara playing in the main squares and through the streets of the town at 6 p.m.;

May 3: Georgian chorus in the SS Ambrogio and Bellino church at 6 p.m.

May 3: Tirana Fanfara in Piazza dei Signori at 9:30 p.m.

May 3: Jazz Vicenza Orchestra 'Dedicated to Sergio Montini' in the Teatro Astra at 10 p.m.;

May 4: In the Abbazia di Sant'Agostino, 'We Come Before You - A Jazz Mass,' music by Jan Hellberg at noon;

May 4: Slide Family plays in the main squares and through the streets of the town at 3:30 p.m.

May 4: Bonafede and Tonolo in Palazzo Barbaran da Porto at 6 p.m.

May 4: Mike Stern Band in the Teatro Comunale at 9 p.m.

Full program available from www.comune.vicenza.it/vicenza/vicenzajazz2008.php

Donkey Palio

The town of Romano D'Ezzelino, celebrates the 38th Palio delle Contrade beginning April 27.

Main events begin at 1:30 p.m. with the opening of the food stands in the main square; 2:30 p.m. craftsmen show children how to make handicraft items.

At 4:30 p.m. in the main square flag wavers and majorettes perform, to be followed by a parade in medieval costume, then it's the Palio, which is a donkey race instead of the usual horse race.

Romano D'Ezzelino is located a short distance from Bassano.

International handicraft fair

Florence: April 25-May 4, tradition and innovation come together each year at the *Fortezza da Basso* for one of the most important European arts and crafts fairs.

The range of exhibits includes

giftware, furnishing and home accessories, clothing and more from around the world, fine jewellery, body ornaments and creative gadgets.

Hours are 10 a.m.-11 p.m., except on May 4 when doors close at 8 p.m.

Entrance fee is 8 euro. If you are going by train you will find the exhibition hall 200 meters from the main train station, Santa Maria Novella.

Upcoming concerts

In the Verona Arena Kiss performs May 13 and Carlos Santana on June 30.

Tickets are available at the Arena box office or from Unicredit banks.

May 28: Milan, Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds perform.

June 12: Jose Carreras performs at Villa Reale in Monza.

Purchase tickets on the Web site: www.ticketone.it.

Other events

April 27: The 12th exhibition-market of asparagus is held in the main square of the town Zero Branco from sunup to sundown.

Visitors can purchase or taste asparagus dishes. Zero Branco is located 62kms from Vicenza.

May 29-June 2: Countdown to World Vespa Week in Treviso. Details are on the Web site: www.worldvespaweeek.it.

April 27: The town of Borgo Malanotte has a wine and asparagus exhibition from sunup to sundown.

There is also an exhibition of flower arrangements and plants.

April 27: Piazzola sul Brenta antique/flea market is open sunup to sundown.

April 28: At 9 p.m. in Vicenza's Teatro Comunale hear operatic music: 'The years of Mario Lanza.'

The Teatro Olimpico Orchestra will be directed by Marco Boemi, tenor: Vincenza la Scuola

May 13: At 9 p.m. the Kirov Ballet from the Mariinskij Theatre, San Petersburg will perform.

Find tickets at www.green ticket.it.



Marostica's *castello inferiore* (lower castle) is the scene of the biennial human chess match, held in this fall. The human chess match features live chess pieces in medieval dress and on horseback. The event takes several hours and is held several times over the space of a week. There is also a *castello superiore*, up the hill that has a restaurant and terrific view of the towns below. Marostica will be hosting the 9th edition of the International Chorus. The entrance is free to the choral events, see the information at left. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

April 23	Juno (PG13)	6 p.m.
April 24	Strange Wilderness (R)	6 p.m.
April 25	Fool's Gold (PG13)	6 p.m.
	88 Minutes (R) 1st Run	9 p.m.
April 26	Step Up 2: The Streets (PG13)	3 p.m.
	88 Minutes (R)	6 p.m.
April 27	Step Up 2: The Streets (PG13)	3 p.m.
	Definitely, Maybe (PG13)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

April 24	Step Up 2: The Streets (PG13)	6 p.m.
April 25	Fool's Gold (PG13)	6 p.m.
April 26	Definitely, Maybe (PG13)	6 p.m.
April 27	Nim's Island (PG)	2 p.m.

Admission: Age 12 and over \$4, under age 12, \$2.
The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time.

Movie Synopsis

88 MINUTES - *Al Pacino, Alicia Witt*. Dr. Jack Gramm is a college professor who moonlights as a forensic psychiatrist for the FBI. When Gramm receives a death threat claiming he has only 88 minutes to live, he must use all his skills and training to narrow down the possible suspects before his time runs out.

STEP UP 2: THE STREETS - *Briana Evigan, Robert Hoffman*. When rebellious street dancer Andie lands at the elite Maryland School of the Arts, she finds herself fighting to fit in while also trying to hold onto her old life. When she joins forces with the school's hottest dancer to form a crew of classmate outcasts to compete in Baltimore's underground dance battle, The Streets, she finds a way to live her dream while building a bridge between her two separate worlds.

Job opportunities

CYS is looking for **camp counselors** for June-August. Stop by the office for an application or e-mail your resume to: *Vicenza.NAF@EUR.army.mil*

For detailed information about this and other positions visit the Web site at: *cpolrhp.belvoir.army.mil/eur/index.htm* or call 634-7290/7349.

The NAF office is located across the street from Gate # 2 on Viale Della Pace. Hours of operation are Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., (closed 12-1 p.m. and Thursday mornings).

Water Safety instructors needed. SKIES Unlimited is looking for youth ages 16 and up to become water safety instructors. These are paid positions.

Training will be provided. Students who receive their certification will be able to teach American Red Cross swim lessons Level I-V.

Call 634-8051 for information.

Employment Readiness class

The Employment Readiness During PCS Transition class is Friday 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

Class covers what to do before leaving, during the transition and when you arrive. Call Employment Readiness for details at 634-6884 or 634-7500. Reservations are required.

AER campaign

Support the Army Emergency Relief Campaign April 30, starting at 11 a.m. by stopping by the post exchange.

AER unit key leaders will be on hand to collect donations and provide information on AER programs.

Call 634-7500 for details.

ID card office closure

The ID card office, located in the Central Processing Facility will be closed April 22-23. Customer service is limited due to migration to new equipment and software until April 25.

All systems and equipment should be fully functional by April 28.

Direct questions to Anita Buchanan, CPF manager, 634-8706 or 6996, 0444-71-8706 or 6996, or e-mail *anita.buchanan@eur.army.mil*.

Texas Hold'em tourney

Club Veneto is sponsoring a Texas Hold'em tournament April 26 at 8 p.m.

The winner of this local tournament receives a \$400 gift card, and moves on to the online final tournament.

Call Club V, 634-7685, for details.

Stress Relief through Guided Imagery

Learn techniques to reduce stress in your life April 28, May 5 and 12 at noon in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

The class is free and offered by Installation Victim Advocate, Family Advocacy Program.

Call 634-6269, or 0444-71-6269 from off post for details.

Ethnic hair care seminar

AAFES is sponsoring Ethnic Hair Care training in the Vicenza Beauty Salon May 6-8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

If you want to find out what is the latest hair style or are interested in being a model, call 0444-500-536 to sign up.

Parrot Park trip

School Age Services offers a special deployment field trip to *Parco dei pappagalli* April 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Cost of the trip is \$32 and includes park entrance fee and regular hourly care fee.

Call SAS for details at 634-8253.

Infant massage class

Offered in conjunction with Educational and Developmental Intervention Service, learn the proper techniques to give your new baby a massage April 25, 10 a.m. at Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

Call ACS at 634-7500 for details.

New brunch hours for DFAC

Starting May 3 the South of the Alps dining facility will serve brunch from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and supper from 5-6:30 p.m.

Autism and ADHD Support group

The Autism/ADHD Support Group is open to the community, and is holding a meeting in the ACS conference room Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon.

Call EFMP for details 634-8582/7500.

Softball officiating clinic

The fitness center is offering a free softball officials clinic April 29-May 1 for sports officials requiring certification or wanting a skills refresher.

This clinic is also open to

coaches, and players.

For details call 634-7009.

How, when to make that big purchase

On April 29 at 3 p.m., ACS's Financial Readiness team teaches you about making major purchases in life, what are best buys and when to make them. Call 634-7500 for more details.

Passport office notes

The passport office will be closed May 5-8 for staff training. Only emergency passport issues will be addressed (medical treatment, death, appearance at U.S. court)

Passport office hours are: Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. Thursday hours are 1-4:30 p.m.

The passport office is located in bldg 28, next to the Military Personnel Division.

Direct questions to 634-6996 or 8706; off post at 0444-71-6996 or 8706.

ITR! trips

April 26: *Adults only* trip to the Dolomites, Rovereto area near Trento. Visit the Noarno castle for wine and grana cheese tasting, and then on to a local grappa distillery. Reserve by April 25.

April 26: Family daytrip to Florence. Explore the city's historical sites on a guided tour, and then enjoy free time to dine, and shop the areas's famous gold and leather shops. Reserve by April 25.

April 27: Travel to Trieste where you can explore the city on your own, dine or shop, then head to the castle for a guided tour. Reserve by April 26.

Sexual assault awareness presentation

Sexual Assault: Beyond the Obvious, by Russell Strand is not your typical sexual assault awareness class.

Two dates and two sessions are offered per date:

April 28: 9:30 a.m.- noon and 1:30-3:30 p.m. Both sessions are in the Hall of Heroes.

April 29: 9:30 a.m.-noon in the Hall of Heroes; and session two 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the Body Shop classroom 3.

Seats are limited, reserve your spot by calling ACS at 634-7500.

Counseling services offered

Military & Family Life Consultants offer the following presentation and discussion classes open to the entire community.

Each class is held from 10 a.m.- noon at Davis Soldier &

Family Readiness Center, in the conference room. Reserve your spot 48 hours in advance.

April 24: Helping Teens Deal with Deployment

April 25: Communication throughout Deployment

April 29: Deployment Survival for a Healthy Community

Child care is available at the hourly center when you mention MFLC class while making your reservation. Free deployment hours can be used

For details call ACS at 634-7500.

American Red Cross classes

Health and Safety course schedule:

May 6: First Aid, 5-9 p.m.

May 10: Adult, child and Infant CPR 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.

May 17: (FREE) Babysitter's Training 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

American Red Cross volunteer orientation is May 6, 1-3 p.m.

The American Red Cross, Vicenza is open Monday - Friday, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., located in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center, Room 47, 634-7089 or 0444-71-7089 from off post. An emergency communications caseworker can be reached 24/7.

Special Chapel events

April 29: 5:30 p.m., pancake dinner at the Chapel to support Club Beyond Beach Break.

May 1: 11:30 a.m., National Day of Prayer power lunch with guest speaker Chaplain (Col.) Ray Bailey, USAREUR Chaplain and former SETAF Chaplain.

May 6: at 3 p.m. it's the annual Muck Wars for Club Beyond members in Villaggio park.

May 10: 11 a.m. Blessing of the Bikes (Motorcycles).

June 13-19: Beach Break (High School Retreat at Camp Darby) for Club Beyond youth.

June 20-27: Beach Break (Middle School Retreat at Camp Darby) for Club Beyond youth.

June 23-27: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School at the chapel.

InfoX is the place to be

Wednesday at 10 a.m. the monthly Information Exchange, or InfoX takes place at Club V's Veneto room.

The community is invited to attend, or listen live on AFN's The Eagle 106FM, or channel 142 on your decoder.

Senior leaders are on hand to address issues brought forward from the community, they will also address current issues.

Religious activities

Caserma Ederle Chapel
Call the chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for details on post religious activities.

Chaplain Crisis Line:
To speak with a chaplain after hours call **634-KARE** (634-5273).

Saturday services
4 p.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation, or by appointment
5 p.m.: Vigil Mass

Sunday Services
9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass
9 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school and AWANAs (Sept. thru May in Vicenza High School)
10:45 a.m.: Catholic religious education (Sept.-May in Vicenza High School)
11 a.m.: Protestant worship
1:30 p.m.: Full Gospel Pentecostal worship
4 p.m.: Lutheran worship
6 p.m.: Contemporary Christian worship

Monday
Noon: Weekday Mass
3:05 p.m.: Middle School Club in the high school cafeteria. (Sept.-May)
5:30 p.m.: High School Club in the Teen Center. (Sept.-May)
For details contact Jocelyn Cary at 634-7890 or 349-385-3476 or *vicecb@yahoo.com*.

Tuesday
9 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC)

Wednesday
Noon: Weekday Mass
Noon: Protestant Men of the Chapel (PMOC) Bible study (at DFAC)
Noon: LDS Study
5:15 p.m.: PWOC evening bible study

Thursday
9:30 a.m.: Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC)
Noon: Weekday Mass
5:30 p.m.: Gospel service choir rehearsal
7:15 p.m.: Gospel service Bible study

Friday
Noon: Weekday Mass
Noon: Muslim Khutba and prayer

Faith group POCs
Islamic POC is Mohamed Noeman at 634-6306.

Jewish POC is Dr. Stephen or Nancy November at 328-054-9709 or *november6@msn.com*.

Latter Day Saints (LDS) POC is Dr. Matt Ghiz at 349-500-7989.

Passover services
The Passover holiday ends the night of April 27.
Passover seders will take place at the home the November's the first two nights. RSVP at *november6@msm.com*.

Darby Chapel
For details call the chapel at: 633-7267 (50-54-7267).
8:30 a.m.: Catholic Reconciliation
9:30 a.m.: Catholic Mass
11 a.m.: Protestant worship

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Lions roar to finale

Story and photos
By Laura Kreider
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The local Italian soccer league approached the end of the season April 12 with the last victory of the SETAF Lions team who scored four times for the occasion.

The game hosted on the multi-purpose field behind the Ederle Inn was played offensively by both teams, which determined the final score of 4-2 for the SETAF Lions against the local team GS Pigafetta.

"We played well, especially at the beginning of the season," said Damiano Mantiero, one of the SETAF Lions players who scored twice during the last match.

"We hope to play together again in the next soccer season because that would give us the opportunity to use all the experience that we were able to acquire throughout the season," he continued. The team coached by Angelo Baso placed midway in the final standings of this local league, which consists of 12 teams within the two provinces of Vicenza and Padova. Baso, who has been coaching on post since the 1990s, is close to retirement.

"This is probably my last game as the SETAF Lions team coach," he commented at the end of the day. "I thank all the people in the community who supported the team, and also the Soldiers, friends and everybody who, throughout the years, played and enjoyed this sport, at times receiving some nice tournament awards."

Baso has been a strong influence for the players who ended winning the season and they still hope to meet again in the future.

"I recommend coming to play for those single Soldiers. It is a good motivation to stay in shape and also have fun," said Wilmer Aguilar, another SETAF Lions member. "I'll be here and I plan on playing in the upcoming season."



(Top) SETAF Lions player John Heimerle, second from the right, passes the ball while his opponent Andrea Micheletto attempts to block the ball. (Above) Wilmer Aguilar, No. 14, center, goes for the ball during a defensive action. (Left) Lion's player Damiano Mantiero, No. 23, center, works at setting up a play in the midfield. Mantiero scored twice during the game played against Italian team GS Pigafetta.

Sports shorts

CYS baseball links up with local Italian leagues

Two Caserma Ederle Youth Sports baseball teams are enrolled in the regional baseball league.

Both teams play on the Palladio baseball league at the Italian baseball stadium in Pomari, near Vicenza Ovest, off viale San Lazzaro.

Currently the Palladio Baseball has two youth teams: *Ragazzi* for ages 9-11, and *Allievi* for ages 12-14.

Sunday, the Vicenza Hurricanes played Palladio A, losing 19-14. The next Ragazzi games are April 26, 4 p.m. when the Hurricanes take on the Steelers and May 4 at 10 a.m. when the Hurricanes take on Ponzano.

Saturday, the Vicenza Spartans played Olympic, winning 25-5. Upcoming Alleivi game find the Spartans play April 26 and May 3, 4 p.m. at the Palladio stadium.

Call CYS Youth Sports at 634-6152 for details.

Scuba in Croatia

Learn to scuba dive with Outdoor Recreation the weekend of May 2-4.

Learn underwater photography plus search and light salvage. Call ODR for reservations before April 23, at 634-7453.

ODR Cycling

Outdoor Recreation is offering Vicenza area bicycle rides Tuesdays and Thursdays for riders in two categories.

Level 1 is for any type of bike rider, 4:30-6 p.m.

Level III and IV and mountain bike rides, 4:30 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$5 each ride, \$15 per month, or \$40 for the season.

Call Outdoor Rec for details at 634-7453.

All-level bike ride

May 10 is the next Outdoor Rec all-level bike ride. This time riders cruise along the scenic Po river.

Cost is \$20 per person.

Bicycle maintenance classes

Outdoor Recreation offers a six-session bike maintenance class. You can take one, two or all six classes. Cost is \$15 for the first class, \$5 for each additional class.

Call Outdoor Rec for details at 634-7453.

Vicenza Cougars tie, lose to Marymount



(Above) Cougars' player Yamil Linder (left), No. 8, passes the ball to Miguel Rosario, No. 7 during a defensive play during the game held on Caserma Ederle Saturday. The Vicenza High School Boys' Soccer team tied Marymount 1-1. Both teams scored in the first half. "We never tied before with this team and they won the championship," said VHS Soccer team coach Roland Sturk. "We play better every game." (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

(Below) Cougars Girls' soccer player Victoria Inman, center, reaches the ball before MMI player Giulia Dentice in the midfield. Both teams played hard for each ball, but the Vicenza Girls' lost the game 4-0.

VHS Soccer teams will go to Aviano April 26.

