



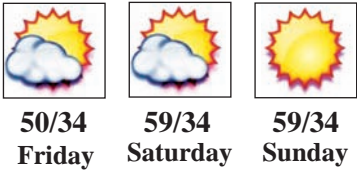
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VHS Boys basketball, racquetball tourney & wrestling plus sports leagues starting now for adults & children



Vicenza sports going strong: Vicenza High School wrestler, Tyler Holderby, 145-pound weight class, takes on a Naples opponent during the Cougar's wrestling meet in Aviano Saturday. The team placed second overall. See page 8 for more.

Photo by Viki Frey

Forum examines African security

By David Ruderman
U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs



Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg, commander of U.S. Army Africa, speaks with reporters at the Marrakech Security Forum in Marrakech, Morocco, Jan. 20.

Dozens of scholars, politicians and soldiers gathered in Marrakech, Morocco, Jan. 20-22 for the second annual gathering of the Marrakech Security Forum. U.S. Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg attended the event, which was hosted by the African Federation for Strategic Studies (FAES) with support from the Moroccan Center for Strategic Studies (CMES). Prof. Mohammed Benhammou of FAES, the event organizer and moderator, welcomed participants and turned the floor over to Pieter de Crem, the Belgian Minister of Defense. Hogg spoke next, describing the structure and mission of USARAF and its higher headquarters, U.S. Africa Command, and discussed the threats all countries face from terrorist movements to their stability and well-being. Following the initial plenary session, participants broke up into discussion groups. Hogg attended a session that focused on

redefining the threats and security risks against stability and development in Africa in general, and the Sahel region in particular. The discussion provided considerable, high quality food for thought, said Lt. Col. Uli Calvo, North Africa Desk Officer, Security Cooperation Directorate, USARAF. "The conference was focused on the developing threat of AQIM (al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb) in the trans-Sahel region in Africa, and just basically terrorism around the world," he said.

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kyle Davis

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Painting honoring 2nd Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt.'s deployment unveiled

By Spc. Michael Sword
173rd ABCT Public Affairs

Artist James Dietz unveiled his painting, "Return of the Rock", depicting the deployment of the 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom X, during a ceremony at the Caserma Ederle Fitness Center Friday. Dietz, who has done paintings for the 75th Ranger Regiment, and the U.S. Army War College, has created two paintings for the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team and now completed a third painting for the 2nd Battalion. "The painting we're getting ready to unveil does not depict any one action or operation during OEF X, but is intended to capture portions of operations that all units

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CDC adds hourly childcare spaces, enforces late, no-show fees



From left, preschoolers Kenneth Brock, Ava Peska, and Ethan Fasano, play in the CDC 398 while Silvia Chimentin, lead child youth program assistant, looks on. The hourly childcare is making changes to be able to accommodate more spaces for toddlers and preschool-aged children.

time toddler spaces, and the CDC is adding another class. The program is for children ages 18 months to three years and runs 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. daily, with lunch served at 11:30 a.m. The children benefit from daily routines including structured group activity, socialization, large and small motor muscle activities, and open-ended art activities, said Eric Weisel, CYSS coordinator. CDC 398 is also offering a three-hour, part-day preschool program due to the popularity of the five-hour, part-time preschool. The program runs 8:30-11:30 a.m. daily, and they will enjoy the same

Story and photo by LeAnn Turner
CDC director

The Vicenza hourly Child Development Center has made some changes to be able to offer more hourly-care spaces for children during high-demand times as of the beginning of February. The hourly-care CDC in Bldg. 398 is adding more spaces for toddler and preschool care, decreasing spaces for unpopular times, and enforcing fees for last-minute cancellations, no-shows and late arrivals. Due to the popularity of the part-time toddler program and the increased demand for additional part-

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Opinion & Editorial

Vicenza's Comprehensive Soldier & Community Fitness website takes new approach to wellness, resiliency

By Silvia DeGirolamo, Psy.D., and Deanna Beech, Ph.D.
U.S. Army Health Center-Vicenza

The U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza's Community Health Promotion Council is in the final stages of preparing an innovative, new Comprehensive Soldier and Community Fitness-focused website, designed to promote wellness and resiliency in our community. The website actively engages our community and directly reflects Vicenza's needs and resources by connecting users with local activities and resources.

What is CSCF?

Comprehensive Soldier and Community Fitness is Vicenza's way of implementing Comprehensive Soldier Fitness. CSF is an evidence-based program using individual assessments, online and classroom training, and embedded resiliency experts to provide the critical skills necessary for Soldiers, families and civilians to maximize their potential and face the challenges of sustained operations.

The CSF program is designed to provide the thinking skills and coping strategies that community members need to take care of themselves holistically and

to build resiliency. The five dimensions of strength within the CSF program are emotional, social, spiritual, family, and physical. USAG-Vicenza's approach has been inclusive of the entire community, and the addition of "Community" to our garrison council's title was intended to reflect that focus.

CHPC goes virtual

The concept of a website as a boundless connection to improve resiliency for our community was embraced by Col. Erik Daiga, USAG Vicenza commander, and the Vicenza Community Health Promotion Council.

During a visit to Vicenza in the summer of 2010, Gen. Carter Ham, U.S. Army Europe commanding general, and Maj. Gen. Robert Brown, former USAREUR chief of staff, supported the effort and allocated Joint Coalition Information Systems assets to bring the vision and content to virtual life.

The CSCF Website Working Group developed the website into its current form by harnessing the knowledge of community representatives and subject matter experts to reflect community needs and resources. Additionally, Family and MWR has very generously donated incentive prizes.

Website features

Upon registering, the website begins providing individualized program and resource recommendations for the user by tracking viewed pages, rewarding "Resiliency Stars", and periodically updating saved GAT scores.

The site links to Facebook pages for the garrison, Army CSF and AFN-Vicenza, as well as Vicenza's command social networking pages on Twitter, Youtube, and Flickr. Users can also access the Army's CSF page for the GAT and CSF Resiliency Modules.

Users can track their points as they engage in activities, and motivational tools in the form of Resiliency Stars and coupons invite their engagement in wellness activities. Master Resiliency Trainers will use the stars and coupons for resiliency competitions and CHPC members will distribute coupons for resiliency stars to participants in CSCF-sponsored events that can be redeemed on post for discounts on other activities.

The "Develop Your Wellness Goals" application is a self-directed tool that synchronizes an individual's wellness goals with real-time, local activities. Rather than someone else telling you where you need improvement, you can

Visit Vicenza's new Comprehensive Soldier and Community Fitness website at www.csf.vicenza.army.mil

make your own choices and the website provides recommendations to take real steps towards achieving your goals.

Participants can receive e-mail updates of highlighted activities and information from each of the CSF pillars.

Podcasts focused on CSF goals and initiatives are easily accessible to listen to online or to download. Relaxation training and communication skill building are only a couple of examples of available podcasts.

The "Tip of the Day" and "Today's Feature" sections are updated regularly to reflect tips, tools, and activities chosen by CSF pillar champions to target specific needs of the community. The "Tip of the Day" is a daily nugget of information aimed at taking small, action-oriented steps towards wellness. The "Today's Feature" section highlights local activities or educational information supported by the CSCF pillars.

Visit www.csf.vicenza.army.mil and listen to AFN Vicenza for upcoming prize drawings.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Students from Vicenza Middle and Elementary School await their turn during the 2011 Spelling Bee Jan. 26 at the schools' multipurpose room. The eventual winner, Anuk Dayaprema, is seated at the far left.

Elementary, Middle students show how to 'bee' a champ

Story and photo by Laura Kreider
Outlook staff

Most people associate the word weasel with a small animal with a long body and tail, but for Anuk Dayaprema, a sixth grader at Vicenza Middle School, weasel equals victory.

"Weasel" was the word that won Dayaprema first place at the VES/VMS Final Spelling Bee for 2011, in the multi-purpose room in Villaggio Jan. 26. Cloyey Lowry, eighth grade, took second, and Savannah Hampton, fourth grade, placed third.

In the event, sponsored by the Vicenza Parent Teacher Student Association and the National Spelling Bee Association of

America, 17 elementary and middle school students competed for top honors.

"The last was the most difficult word, because there is a lot of pressure on you," Dayaprema said after the award ceremony.

Dayaprema, who also took first place in the Jan. 13 MS Spelling Bee, said he prepared every night after doing his homework. He will advance to the European PTSA Spelling Bee in Kaiserslautern, Germany, this spring. The winner of that competition can represent DoDDS-Europe in the National Scripps Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., at the end of the school year.

VMS Principal Dr. Julio Gonzalez and VES Principal Chris Beane presented the awards, saying all the students were winners.

Speak Out

Who do you think will win the Super Bowl and do you have any plans for game day?



Spc. Jason Lanoie
2nd Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt.

"The Steelers will win. I have no plans for the event."



Pfc. William Okai
2nd Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt.

"I think the Steelers will win. I plan on going to a party off post."



Spc. Marteka Jameson
1st Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt.

"The Packers. I am going to a cook-out for the game on post."



Spc. Jesse Norman
1st Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt.

"Pittsburgh Steelers. I'll be watching the game with friends and enjoying a few late-night brews."



Spc. Coty Morris
2nd Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt.

"I think the Steelers will win. I will chill with friends."

By Laura Kreider

PAINTING: Artist's rendition honors Sky Soldiers

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participated in and our Sky Soldiers conducted,” said Lt. Col. William Butler, commander of the 2nd Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt.

“A painting is a lot things ... but the particular painting we’re talking about here is about you,” said Dietz. “You may not be pictured in it, it may not be part of your job, but it’s about the unit you served in and you know most about.”

Dietz, whose son is a former Sky Soldier, feels a connection to the work he does for “The Rock” and the rest of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team.

“I cannot tell you how much of an attachment I have,” he said. “I really feel honored to do work for this unit.”

After the unveiling, Dietz signed prints of his paintings and had a print of his own for the Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion to sign.

“I think it’s a great representation of everything we did



Photo by Spc. Michael Sword

From left, Lt. Col. William Butler, commander, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Ferrusi, battalion command sergeant major, unveil a painting depicting the 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment’s deployment to Afghanistan while artist James Dietz looks on.

during the deployment,” said Capt. Benjamin J. Nagy, commander of B Company, 2nd Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt. “It’s fantastic ... and it definitely represents the battalion well.”

USARAF: Conference focuses on terrorism, cooperation

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For instance, a Belgian participant presented a synopsis of responses to terrorist activities in Indonesia during the past decade, and a Mexican delegate discussed the evolution of the war waged there against narcotics networks.

A second plenary session focused on Algeria, which Hogg recently visited. The theme was “From the GSPC (Salafist Group for Preaching and Combat) to AQIM: The transformation of the Algerian terrorist group to a branch of al-Qaida.”

Among the discussions were two competing views of how terrorism evolves, he said. One view sees terrorist organizations and activities as driven by poverty, while another view ascribes the

motivation to political injustice.

“I think that the conventional wisdom is that poverty is the root cause of terrorism,” Calvo said. “But the problem with that is that you’re criminalizing the poor. There are regions in Africa, and around the world, where poverty is widespread but instances of terrorism are statistically insignificant.”

Other themes over the course of the three-day forum included discussions of AQIM’s activities and strategic objectives; its evolution from jihad to narcoterrorism; the interconnections among illegal trafficking, terrorism and political conflict; AQIM’s accommodation with criminal gangs; connections between regional terrorist movements and global organizations;

and the development of regional strategies for combating terrorism in the Sahel.

Throughout the forum, Hogg was greeted by leaders he had met on previous trips to Africa and by individuals who wanted to make his acquaintance, the majority from sub-Saharan Africa, Calvo said. Hogg also spoke with reporters from RTM (Radiodiffusion-Television Marocaine) and 2M TV, the official government television channels, and to Radio Africa 1, a French radio network with a wide reach across the continent.

“General Hogg’s response to reporters, the main thing he stressed was international cooperation — that countries with experience and expertise in responding to terrorism should help nations in the trans-Sahel build their own capacity to deal with it,” said Calvo.

Hogg reiterated that neither U.S. Army Africa nor AFRICOM have any plans to establish a headquarters on the African continent, a notion that remains current in African perceptions and media despite clarification to the contrary from American officials for several years.

Hogg and his party were able to take a cultural tour of Marrakech and gain first-hand insight into the power of tourism on the Moroccan economy, said Calvo. Hogg will make his first formal visit to Morocco later this year.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kyle Davis

U.S. Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg (third from left), and other leaders attend a session at the Marrakech Security Forum in Marrakech, Morocco, Jan. 20.

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Volunteer spotlight



Army Community Service

Tricia Bailey is the lead volunteer with Army Community Service’s coupon program. Every week, Bailey and other volunteers organize hundreds of coupon donations that are mailed by stateside organizations in support of the military.

“Tricia devotes countless hours in order to receive, sort and tape the coupons onto items in every aisle of the commissary. Her selfless service helps to save our military families time and money,” said Becky Watson, USAG Vicenza Army Emergency Relief officer. If you’d like to help, contact ACS at 634-7500 or in Davis Hall, Bldg. 108.

To suggest a new staff member or volunteer to be featured in “At Your Service”, e-mail their name, contact information and why we should feature him or her to *The Outlook* staff at editor@eur.army.mil.

Community Camera



Photo by Spc. Michael Sword

FRGs honored: The leaders of the Family Readiness Groups for the 2nd battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, are recognized at a ceremony in the post gym Jan. 28, while Lt. Col. William Butler, commander of the 2nd Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt., speaks. "All of you in the Family Readiness Groups are volunteers and you selflessly serve your country as much as your paratroopers do," he said. "You serve others just as much as we do."



Photo by Laura Kreider

Tips for tots: Arlana Young, Child and Youth School Services Outreach Services director, left, and Elizabeth Montanino, CYSS Deployment Support specialist, right, talk to Sophia Edwards Gonzalez and her son, Braden, about CYSS' Parent Education "Pick Me Ups", quick tips geared to different children's age groups, Feb. 1 at CDC 398. "Pick Me Ups" will be offered at CDC 703 from 5-6 p.m. Tuesday and at SAC Feb. 15 from 5-6 p.m.



Photo by Laura Kreider

CG visits Rotary: Rotary Club Vicenza Berici President Enrico Mele (center) introduces Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg, commanding general, to the members of the Vicenza Berici Rotary Club and the Vicenza Rotary Club Jan. 25, while Enrico Ambrosetti, president of Rotary Club Vicenza, right, and Angela Balbo, interpreter/translator, listen. During the event, held at Villa Michelangelo in the Berici Hills, Hogg met with and gave a presentation about the role of U.S. Army Africa to about 100 Rotary club members.

Slicin' & dicin':

Eric Grosshans, shows how to prep ingredients for Spanish Tortillas as part of a cooking class at the Arts & Crafts Center Friday. Rosanna Sgro, not pictured, co-taught the class. Several community members took part in the session, the first in a four-week class.

For information about the next cooking class and others, including sewing and pottery, call the center at 634-7074.



Photo by Laura Kreider



Photo by Juliana McGraw

USARAF: Col. Michael A. Balsler, U.S. Army Africa G-4, presents the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps Association's Samuel Sharpe Award to Chief Warrant Officer Marilynn Bradley, senior maintenance technician for U.S. Army Africa G-4 (Logistics), at a ceremony in Longare, Jan. 21. "(Chief Warrant Officer) Bradley has been the lynch pin for improving every facet of the maintenance posture within the command," Chief Warrant Officer Joachim Consiglio said. Bradley was nominated and received this award for her exemplary work as chief of material readiness and her work on U.S. Army Africa mortuary affairs policy, he said.

Gospel concert lifts spirits through song

By Joyce Costello

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Over 50 visiting voices joined in praise at the Camp Darby Chapel during a gospel concert Jan. 23. The Joyful Gospel Ensemble from Livorno and the Festival Puccini Polyphonic Youth Choir from Torre del Lago performed contemporary gospel music for the Camp Darby community.

“The youth choir is part of the ‘Puccini project’ for Italian schools and also performs classic music and opera,” said Alberto Chidini, a member of Joyful Gospel and an employee at the 3rd Battalion, 405th Army Field Support Brigade. “The Joyful Gospel Ensemble has 40 singers and five musicians and is directed by Riccardo Pagni. (They have) performed in over 100 concerts in Italy and around the world.”

Chidini said he started singing when he was a teenager in a rock band, but kept singing in other situations for several years thereafter.

“I always liked singing Gospel music; it gives you emotions and you have to get involved,” said Chidini. “I am a singer, but...choir is like a soccer team and I enjoy being part of the team.”



Photo by Joyce Costello

The Joyful Gospel Ensemble from Livorno (in red) and the Festival Puccini Polyphonic Youth Choir from Torre del Lago (in yellow) perform a gospel concert at the Camp Darby Chapel Jan. 23.

Community members such as Nate Paschal said they enjoyed this event that introduced the Italian version of gospel music to the Camp Darby community.

“Italian singers performing traditional Afro-American spirituals demonstrated an immense amount of respect for the origins of the music; the choir was amazing and they evoked many fond memories with songs that I had not heard in a long time,” said Paschal. “Having been raised in a religious home,

I find spiritual fitness to be extremely important; a spiritual foundation gives me an inexhaustible resource of strength, motivation and tolerance.”

Chaplain Paul Fritts was pleased with the Joyful Gospel Ensemble.

“They are without question a joyful, professional, gospel choir who blessed all who came to hear them,” said Fritts.

The next Chapel event at Camp Darby will be the National Prayer Breakfast March 17.

Get ready for income tax time

By Capt. Todd Simpson
Camp Darby Legal Office

The Camp Darby Legal Office is providing free tax preparation assistance for the 2010 tax season beginning Tuesday.

Appointments for tax assistance will be available every Tuesday and Thursday. For the appointment, be sure to bring:

- ♦ a completed 2010 Darby tax intake sheet
- ♦ copies of your and your spouse’s Social Security cards and military ID cards
- ♦ copies of W-2s
- ♦ copies of any 1099s
- ♦ copies of your 2009 taxes and
- ♦ any other documentation you would like to have considered in the preparation of your tax return.

The required intake sheet is available for pick up at the Installation Legal Office or on the USAG Livorno web site on the legal office page. Visit www.usag.livorno.army.mil/CJA.html for a copy.

If you are interested in preparing your own tax return, Military One Source, in conjunction with H&R Block, provides access to tax preparation software to qualifying individuals online at www.militaryonesource.com.

Service members living overseas have until June 15 to file their taxes.

Call 633-7227 for an appointment.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Brian Tierce

Sgt. Chuck Duncanson (left), AFN Livorno engineer, sets up broadcast equipment as Sgt. David Marshall prepares for his two hour live radio show from the resort town, Abetone, Saturday to promote Outdoor Recreation trips to Abetone.

AFN broadcasts live from Abetone slopes

By Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

When AFN Livorno radio listeners tuned into 106.0 FM “The Eagle” on Saturday, they may have been surprised to find out DJ Sgt. David Marshall “Law”, was broadcasting live from the resort ski town, Abetone.

It was part of an effort to advertise Outdoor Recreation’s trips to Abetone and other locations.

“We think the ski trips are a great service by ODR and what better way to promote the trips than by broadcasting live from one of the ski lodges in Abetone,” said Staff Sgt. Brian Tierce, AFN Livorno Station Manager. “My engineer, Sgt. Chuck Duncanson, worked with the owners

of La Cacina in order to ensure we had a spot to plug in the equipment we used to broadcast.”

Tierce added that the ability to adapt technologically and the increased ability to broadcast outside of the radio studio is a great way for AFN Livorno to stay in touch with their audience.

“We are looking for new places to do remotes with an aim to do one once a month,” added Tierce.

According to Robert Collodi, an employee with ODR, AFN’s decision to broadcast from the ski resort was a great way for ODR to increase visibility on their winter ski trips.

“We work hard to ensure the Camp Darby community has the latest and greatest information” said Tierce.

Darby Dates

Visit the community calendar for upcoming events and details at www.usag.livorno.army.mil

African American History

Story hour at the library is Feb. 9 at 10 a.m. Enjoy food tasting at the DCC Feb. 25.

Youth baseball

Register by March 4 at Parent Central Services. Call 633-7681.

Coupon saver contest

As part of Military Saves Week Feb. 20-27, there will be a contest to see who can save the most with manufacturer coupons at the commissary. Learn more at ACS.

Army Family Action Plan

ACS is seeking issues for the upcoming Army Family Action Plan conference, Feb. 14-16. Submit issues online or fill out a form at ACS.

Army Community Service

- ♦ Smooth move, Wednesday
 - ♦ Thrift Savings Plan, Feb. 10
 - ♦ Getting out of debt, Feb. 15
 - ♦ Play group, Feb. 16
 - ♦ Cybersex & dating, Feb. 17
 - ♦ When no means no, Feb. 28
- Call 633-7084 to learn about these programs and more.

Fitness Center

- ♦ Spin class, Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
 - ♦ Hot Shot Basketball, Feb. 26
- Call 633-7440 for info.

Youth Services

- ♦ Carnival mask making, Feb. 10
 - ♦ Kick back night, Feb. 25
 - ♦ Parents’ Night Out, Feb. 25
- Call 633-7629.

Outdoor Recreation

Join Outdoor Rec. for a one-day ski and snowboarding trip to Abetone and Monte Cimone every Saturday until March 12.

Now offering a shuttle service to the airport. Reservation and payments must be made 72 hours in advance. Call 633-7555.

ITR trips

ITR is offering the following or upcoming trips. Call 633-7589.

- ♦ Sweetheart dinner, Feb. 14
- ♦ Viareggio Carnival, Feb. 20 & 27
- ♦ Venice Carnival, Feb. 21
- ♦ Pistoia Zoo, Feb. 26

Darby Community Club

- ♦ Watch the Packers vs. the Steelers in the Super Bowl Feb. 6. Free food and prizes.
- ♦ Karaoke Night, Feb. 10
- ♦ Texas Hold ‘em, Feb. 11
- ♦ Valentine’s Dinner, Feb. 12

Religious activities

9:40 a.m. Catholic reconciliation
10 a.m. Catholic Mass
11:15 a.m. Protestant worship
11:15 a.m. Catholic CCD
Call 633-7267 to find out more information.

Saint Agatha Festival:

The Saint Agatha Festival, Sunday in Arzignano, Tezze, features people dressed in Medieval costumes performing reenactments, a parade, entertainment, local products, games for children, fireworks and more.



Courtesy photo

Local events

Saint Agatha Festival:

Medieval fest Sunday, in Arzignano, Tezze, about 16 miles west of Vicenza. 9:15 a.m. Medieval costumed parade departs from Rocca di Castello in Castello, Piazzale della Vittoria and arrives in Tezze, Via Montecchi; 2 p.m. the Medieval market opens, featuring agricultural and craft products; 2:30 p.m. Medieval entertainment with historical re-enactment and jesters; 4 p.m. entertainment and games for children; 6:30 p.m. fireworks.

Musical Fireworks Championship:

"Flakes of Light" contest Friday-Sunday in Asiago, about 37 miles north of Vicenza. Friday: 9 p.m. at the Asiago airport, Via Cinque, live entertainment and music and fireworks at 10 p.m. Saturday: Località Bellocchio at 9 p.m., the traditional Kopa KaruKola, a ski race in which skiers wear a Carnival costume and perform jumps; 10 p.m. musical fireworks. Sunday: at the Asiago airport, Via Cinque, at 9 p.m. live entertainment and music; 10 p.m. musical fireworks.

E' Sposi wedding expo:

National show of clothing, accessories and services for weddings, in Padova Friday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. Features wedding dresses and suits, formal dresses, catering for parties and wedding accessories. Admission fee: €8. Free entrance for children younger than 12.

Spazio Casa home & wedding expo:

Exhibition of furnishings, home accessories and wedding items, Sunday-Feb. 13, in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria, 16. Monday and Tuesday 3:30-8 p.m.; Wednesday-Friday: 3:30-10:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-8 p.m. The show is divided in various sections, including: classical, country and ethnic furnishings, home accessories, modern and contemporary furnishings, design, stoves and chimneys and clothing and wedding articles. Admission

fee: weekdays, free; weekends, €5; reduced €3 (children 12-18, free for children younger than 12)

EXPO' Electronics Fair:

Saturday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria, 16. This fair offers a large and informative overview of new products and technologies, including household electronics. Hundreds of exhibitors from all over Italy present a range of hardware, software, electronics, ew telecommunication equipment and mobile phones. Admission fee: €8; For a reduced €6 ticket, go to <http://expoelettronica.blunautilus.it/index.php/main/evento/evdID/113>. The instructions are in Italian. For help, call Anna Terracino at 634-7169 or e-mail anna.terracino@eur.army.mil.

Italian Golf Fair:

Saturday-Monday in Verona, Viale del Lavoro, 8, about 38 miles west of Vicenza. Saturday-Sunday 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Monday 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. More than 100 companies exhibit the latest in golf equipment, shoes, clothing and accessories. Features the world's largest indoor golf course, with scenery reproducing a typical Italian landscape. Golf competitions between champions, professionals and amateurs and opportunities for non-golfers to try a new sport. Admission fee: €10; €5 for children 6-12 and free for children younger than 6. For a detailed program in English, visit www.golftown.it/salone_eng/index-programma-salone-del-golf-di-verona.php.

Antique market:

Sunday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Noventa Vicentina, Piazza IV Novembre, about 20 miles east of Vicenza.

Verona Marathon:

The 10th Verona Marathon and fourth Romeo and Juliet Half Marathon is Feb. 20 in Verona. Run through the most enchanting spots in Verona, such as the Arena, the Roman Theatre, Roman, Gothic and Baroque churches, Medieval city walls, palaces and castles, and Prussian military fortresses. For more info and to register, go

to www.veronamarathon.it/en/regolamentazione/registrations.html.

Movie festival

Movie festival at the Odeon Theater, in Vicenza, Corso Palladio 176, is featuring movies in English throughout the winter season. Monday: "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1" by David Yates, 3:30 p.m.; 6:15 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tickets: €6; €4.50 for students.

Ice Rinks:

◆ **Asiago Ice Stadium**, Via Stazione, about 37 miles north of Vicenza. Open until April 25, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m.-noon; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-noon & 3:30-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-noon, 3:30-5:30 p.m. & 9-11 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-noon & 2:30-6 p.m. The rink closes at 5:15 p.m. when there are hockey games. For details on the hockey schedule, call 042-464-144 or visit www.asiagohockey.it/index.php. Entrance fee: €5; reduced €3.50 for children younger than 14; skate rental is €4. Discount for families of four or more: €6.50 for entrance and skate rental; groups of 15 or more: €7.

◆ **Padova Ice-energy**, Sports Center Plebiscito, Via Geremia Guglielmo, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. Open until April 30. Monday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. & 3-7 p.m.; Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 3-7 p.m. & 9-11 p.m.; Saturday and holidays 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 2-8 p.m. & 9 p.m.-midnight; Sunday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. & 2-8 p.m. Entrance fee: €5.50 weekdays, reduced €4 for children 13 years old and younger; €8 weekends and reduced €6. Skate rental is €3.

◆ **Bosco Chiesanuova (Verona)**, Ice Skating, Via Danilo Vinco, about 49 miles west of Vicenza. Thursday-Friday 3-5 p.m. & 9-11 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-noon; 3-6 p.m.; 9-11 p.m.; Sunday and holidays: 10 a.m.-noon; 2:30-4:40 p.m.; 5-7 p.m.; 9-11 p.m.; Entrance fee: €6; reduced €5 for children 11 years old and younger; €8 weekends and reduced €6. Skate rental is €3.

FREE concerts, exhibits & events

Paintings exhibit:

Renaissance portraits exhibit through Sunday in Vicenza, Palazzo Thiene, Contrà San Gaetano Thiene. Thursday-Friday, 3-7 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Memorabilia exhibit:

Ongoing through March 6, in Vicenza, Casa Cogollo, Corso Palladio 165. Tuesday-Sunday 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. & 3-7 p.m.

Explore the sky:

Astronomical Observatory of Arcugnano, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m., Via S. Giustina, 127, about five miles south of Vicenza.

Live music

Sabotage Bar: Vicenza, Via dell'Industria, 12T. Thursday, 9:30 p.m. Onemanpier, live folk rock. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., Hatelove, Alice in Chains tribute Band.

Conservatory students in concert: Saturday, 5 p.m., Vicenza, Conservatory, Contrà San Domenico 33.

Sporting events

Night of the Jumps:

World Motocross Freestyle Championship, Feb. 19 in Torino, Palaolimpico.

World Trial Indoor Championship:

March 19, in Assago, Milan, Mediolanum Forum.

Kickboxing Champs:

The World Kickboxing Championship is April 22 in Florence, Nelson Mandela Forum.

Harlem Globetrotters:

The Globetrotters perform May 8, in Assago; May 9 in Biella.

ODR trips

ODR has limited skiing and snowboarding equipment available for check out until March 31 due to the Warrior Adventure Quest.

Visit Panarotta Resort for a quiet, romantic Valentine's Day weekend Feb. 12-14. The price of \$300 includes two nights lodging with full board and transportation.

Wine tasting in the Piemonte region is Feb. 19. The region produces a large number of famous, award-winning wines. Adults only.

Ski or snowboard at Cortina Resort Feb. 19, 6 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

See the complete ODR schedule online at www.VicenzaMWR.com.

Concerts

Kate Perry: Feb. 23, Assago, Milan, Mediolanum Forum

My Chemical Romance: March 7 in Milan, PalaSharp

Roger Waters: July 6-7 in Assago, Milan;

Belle & Sebastian: April 14 in Milan, Alcatraz

Blackfield: April 19 in Milan

Delain: May 9, Milan, Alcatraz

Sade: May 6 in Assago, Milan, Mediolanum Forum.

Tickets are available for purchase in Vicenza at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center or online at www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing or <http://www.ticketone.it/EN/>

Now Showing



Ederle Theater

Friday	Burlesque (PG 13) Jackass 3D (R)	6 p.m. 9 p.m.
Saturday	The Rite (PG 13) The Next Three Days (PG 13)	3 p.m. 6 p.m.
Sunday	The Rite (PG 13) The Next Three Days (PG 13)	3 p.m. 6 p.m.
Feb. 11	Tangled (PG) Love and Other Drugs (R)	6 p.m. 9 p.m.

The Caserma Ederle Post Movie Theater will be closed Monday-Thursday for renovations until further notice.

Camp Darby Theater

Friday	Unstoppable (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Saturday	The Green Hornet (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Standing Ovation (PG)	1 p.m.
Feb. 11	The Next Three Days (PG 13)	6 p.m.

Admission: Age 12 and older, \$4, younger than 12, \$2. The Ederle theater box office opens one hour prior to show.

View MOVIE TRAILERS and more online at www.shopmyexchange.com/ems/euro/vicenza.htm or www.aafes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm.

Last chance!

The *Outlook* wants to hear your funny, interesting, sweet or any other true love story. Stories could be how you met your spouse, a special memory together, what you love about them most or other topics. Submit by Friday. Include your full name, phone number and a photo you don't mind being published. We may edit content. E-mail stories to editor@eur.army.mil and write "Valentine's Day" in the subject line.

Parent & child Valentine's dinner

The Parent Child Valentine's Day Dinner is Feb. 14 at the Lion's Den. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and a Chinese food and ice cream buffet is served at 7 p.m. Families can enjoy dancing, fun and prizes. Price is \$25 for adults and \$20 for children. Buy tickets by Feb. 10. Reservations and payment can be made on WebTrac, CYSS facilities and the Tax Relief Office. Space is limited. Call 634-5087.

Parents' Night Out

Parents' Night Out is Feb. 14, 7 p.m.-midnight. Visit the CYSS Parent Central Services office at ACS to reserve and pay for childcare. Call 634-7219 for info.

Scholarships

- The Vicenza Community Club's scholarship application deadline is March 1. Applications are available through the VHS guidance counselor, VCC Thrift Shop, ACS and the library. For info, contact Mari Mackenzie at scholarships@vccitaly.org.
- The deadline is Feb. 14 for the AER Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program (term 4). Visit at www.aerhq.org/education.asp for the application and info.
- The deadline is April 1 for the Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program for dependent children of active-duty, retired and deceased Soldiers pursuing a full-time undergrad degree. Visit www.aerhq.org/education.asp for applications or info.

Arena

- Watch the Super Bowl at the Arena with food, drink specials and Super Bowl Trivia Sunday 10 p.m.-5 a.m. Prizes for the best decorated table, the most outrageously-dressed fan and a football toss.
- Enjoy bowling on Valentine's Day. Bowl two games and get two shoe rentals for \$2 Feb. 14, 11 a.m.-midnight, or join others in the Lion's Den for drink specials.

Arts and Crafts

- Learn basic sewing skills while making baby items, from embroidering blankets to making bibs, Tuesday mornings, Tuesday -March 1, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Pick up the supply list at the Arts and Crafts Center.
- Visit the Arts and Crafts Center Wednesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. to find out about upcoming classes. Call 634-7074.

Soldiers' Theatre

Relax with fellow music lovers at the next Music Café Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m. Enjoy light snacks and

refreshments while listening to local musicians. You can even join in the fun on stage. Call 634-7281.

Warrior Transition Unit

The next Warrior Transition Unit town hall is Feb. 16 from 9-10 a.m. The MEB outreach presentation is Feb. 16, 10 a.m.-noon for all Soldiers with a pending medical board. For more information, contact ACS at 634-7500/6173.

Library

Make Valentine's Day cards, heart-shaped animals at the library Wednesday, 3:30-4:30 p.m. The activity is free and supplies are provided. Sign up by Tuesday.

EFMP Movie Bash

The Exceptional Family Member Program Movie Bash is Feb. 11, 3-5:30 p.m. at the Post Movie Theater. Free movie and popcorn. Sign up by Tuesday.

Tax Center open

The Tax Center is open to help military I.D. cardholders, including Soldiers, dependents, DoD civilians and retirees, to file their taxes. Taxpayers should bring all pertinent documents with them, such as prior year tax returns, all W-2s, mortgage statements and receipts. Allow extra filing time if you have complicated return, including capital gains, rental real estate income or loss, foreign earned income or foreign taxes paid, or multiple state income tax returns. For more info, contact the Tax Center in the USARAF OSJA, Bldg. 241, on 6th Street across from the AAFES Car Care Center, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. for walk-in or drop-off, and Tuesday and Thursday for scheduled appointments only. Call 634-7316 or 0444-71-7316.

MOMS Club events

- Feb 4: Pool playdate, 10:30 a.m.
 - Monday: Board mtg., 9:30 a.m.
 - Wednesday: Preschool playdate, 10 a.m.
 - Feb. 10: Burger King lunch date, 11:15 a.m.
 - Feb. 11: Out-n-About, 9 a.m.
 - Feb. 12: Family sledding day 9:30 a.m.
 - Feb. 14: Valentine's Day party, 10 a.m.-noon
 - Feb. 15: Toddler play, 10 a.m.
 - Feb. 17: Coffee break, 9:30 a.m.
 - Feb. 18: MNO, 8:30 p.m.
 - Feb. 23: Preschool play, 4 p.m.
 - Feb. 24: Bunco, 7 p.m.
 - Feb. 28: Monthly mtg., 10 a.m.
- For more info or to join, e-mail momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com.

CYSS parent education

Join CYSS for some quick, to-the-point tips geared to your child's age group. The CYSS team will be at the CYSS childcare centers, with a small snack, beverage and parenting tool. Classes are Tuesday at CDC 703, 5-6 p.m., and Feb. 15 at SAC, 5-6 p.m. Visit CYSS Parent Central Services online at www.vicizamwr.com for a new parent resource guide to see the information given at each session.

Build a skateboard

Youth enrolled in the EDGE! program can paint and assemble a custom skateboard. All supplies will be provided by the Arts and

Crafts Center. The program are: every Wednesday until March 9 beginning this Wednesday, for third-fifth graders, 3:30-5 p.m., and April 19-May 17 for sixth-12th graders, April 19-May 17 on Tuesdays, 4-5:30 p.m. Space is limited. For more info, call CYSS 634-7502 or 335-818-6927.

Improve GT Score

Improve your GT score. The next FAST class is Feb. 22-March 14. Call 634-8933.

DOL Customs moved

The DOL Customs Clearance Import/Export office has moved. The new location is building PL1046 in the TMP facility at the Torri di Quartesolo complex. The complex is located at Via Primo Maggio, 20. Call 634-7978.

SOTA fundraiser

The SOTA Warrant Officer Chapter will be bagging for tips at the Commissary Saturday-Sunday to raise funds. All proceeds will be donated to Vicenza organizations. Call Chief Warrant Officer Joachim Consiglio at 635-4745 for info.

Deployment benefits

Deployment benefits for CYSS AFC programs are good for 90 calendar days after a Soldier redeploy. Deployment or re-AD orders are needed to use the benefits, including: free, reduced or discounted childcare, free SKIES classes and free sports. For more info, call 634-7219 or visit CYSS Parent Central Services in ACS.

Cash Cage relocation

The Finance Office's disbursing section or "Cash Cage" will be operating out of BNL during renovation of Bldg. 28. The work is expected to be completed in May. For more info, call 634-8857.

FMWR jobs

Family and MWR is hiring for the following positions:

- Financial assistant, closing date: Feb. 10
- Food service worker, open continuously
- Recreation assistant (lifeguard, Sports & Fitness), flexible, 0-40 hours per week; hiring until filled
- Hotel reservation agent, part time, closing date: Monday
- The Arena has openings for a recreation aide, a food attendant and a custodial worker.
- Open continuously: various jobs in child care, hotel operations, food service and bartending. Open continuously jobs are filled as they become available and can be applied for at any time. Call NAF HR at 634-7349 for more info.

Prayer breakfast

The National Prayer Breakfast is Tuesday at 7 a.m. at the PX Food Court, with guest speaker Chap. (Col.) Jonathan McGraw, USAFRICOM command chaplain. See unit first sergeants or the Chapel for tickets, which are free.

AFAP volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the Army Family Action Plan conference Tuesday-Feb.10. To volunteer or for info, contact Jean Sweeton at aekyong.sweeton@eur.army.mil or call 634-8526/7500.

Bentornati

Bentornati is Friday and Feb. 25 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at ACS for redeployed single Soldiers and couples. Get reacquainted with post resources, enjoy a cooking demo and lunch, learn about things to do and take resiliency training.

Clinic closures

The Health Center is closed until 12:30 p.m. for training every Thursday morning. If you have an emergency, go to the nearest hospital or call 118. If you live in Vicenza, go to the San Bortolo Hospital. The Patient Liaison phone number is 0444-75-3300 or 634-8384.

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 at "Spiritual Fitness Center", Bldg. 395 behind the Arena)

10:45 a.m.: Catholic religious education (September-May at "Spiritual Fitness Center". Bldg. 395 behind the Arena)

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

3:15 p.m.: Middle School Club Beyond meets in Villaggio Youth Center September-May

5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

5:30 p.m.: PWOC Bible study. Dinner provided. No child care

5:30 p.m.: High School Club Beyond meets at the Teen Center for dinner; meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. 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: Call 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for info

Jewish: Call Paul Levine at 345-907-2108

Latter Day Saints: Call Chance Wilson at 327-869-8107. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. downtown. Scripture study held Mondays, noon-1 p.m. at the chapel

Call the Caserma Ederle chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for more information on religious activities



Photo by Laura Kreider

From left, Madison Whitworth, 7, and Evelyn Sorenson, 7, members of Vicenza Girl Scout Brownie Troop 53, help Jaime Wilson and Stacy Whitworth, troop leader, to unload boxes of newly-arrived Girl Scout cookies. The Girl Scouts kicked off their annual cookie drive at the PX Sunday, and will be selling their cookies at the PX and Commissary on weekends for three weeks.

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



VHS boys Bball:

Above, Mike Weston, Vicenza High School Basketball team player, goes for a rebound during Friday's game against Marymount International at the post gym. Right, Gary Donald releases a jump shot over Marymount's Nolan Walker. Vicenza won both games.

Photos by Laura Kreider



Post players take to court for weekend racquetball tournament

By Tom Hlavacek
CYSS EDGE! Program

More than 30 players sweated it out in a series of match-ups Jan. 21-22 in the racquetball courts at the Fitness Center as part of the latest racquetball tournament.

The tournament consisted of 23 matches played in two days. Veteran racquetball player Robert Johnson of DoDDS won seven matches without dropping a game to win both the male advanced and open division. In the finals of both divisions, he beat Sirron Bailey,

Aviano Air Base.

In the intermediate division, John Bologna of USARAF won over Camillo Ambrosini, DOL. Ambrosini won his second silver trophy when he placed second in the open doubles competition.

In the beginners division, Lewis Mauldin, B Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Division, won three matches and beat Joseph Parfitt, D Company, 1st Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt., in the finals.

In the open doubles, Matthew Beverly, BTC teamed with Bailey, to defeat Brandon Drake and Ambrosini.

The organizer of the tournament, Ricky Jackson, Sports & Fitness, was pleased with the level of participation.

"Everybody was happy to be out on the courts again and I only saw good sportsmanship," he said.

Aviano Air Base will host the next tournament, Feb. 26-27. To sign up to compete and for more information, visit www.r2sports.com/tourney.asp?TID=7716.

Tournament Results

Beginners

1st: Lewis Mauldin
2nd: Joseph Parfitt

Intermediate

1st: John Bologna
2nd: Camillo Ambrosini

Advanced

1st: Robert Johnson

2nd: Sirron Bailey

Open Play

1st: Matthew Beverly

2nd: Robert Johnson

Men's Doubles

1st: Matthew Beverly and Sirron Bailey
2nd: Brandon Drake and Camillo Ambrosini

- Stats provided by Ricky Jackson



Photo by Ricky Jackson

Players compete in the doubles segment of the Sports & Fitness-organized Racquetball Tournament, while another competitor watches from outside the court. Thirty athletes took part in the competition, held Jan. 21-22 at the Fitness Center.

VHS wrestlers take second at Aviano:

Selena Echeverria (130 weight class), one of two female wrestlers on the Vicenza High School Wrestling Team, kicks out from under a Naples opponent during a match in Aviano Saturday. The team took second place overall at the meet.

The Cougars will return to Naples for a meet Saturday.

Photo by Viki Frey



COMMUNITY UNIT/REC OPEN PLAY BASKETBALL

Team	Win	Loss
DO WORK	6	2
USARAF	6	2
14TH TRANS	5	3

464TH MP PLT	3	2
PUSH DA ROCK	2	4
ALL IN	2	3
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Lunchtime swim

The Lunchtime Swim Clinic is being offered for advanced swimmers, 18 and older. Get pointers and coaching Wednesday and Feb. 16, noon-12:45 p.m. Cost is \$10. Call 634-6536.

Zumba class

Join the Zumba fitness classes on Monday, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, noon-12:45 p.m. or Thursday, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Zumba is a dance-aerobic workout to Latin music.

Seeking group instructors

The Fitness Center is seeking certified group fitness instructors. Not certified? Stop by the Fitness Center and get information on how you can become certified and get paid while you lead a work out. Call 634-7887.

Recreational volleyball

Recreational volleyball starts around Feb. 24. A coaches' meeting is Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. in the Fitness Center's upstairs conference room. Bring a roster. Sign up by Feb. 17.

CrossFit power lifting

A CrossFit Olympic Lifting Trainer Course is being held in Padova June 25-26, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at CrossFit Padova, Via Daniele Manin, 44. Spend two days with Coach Mike Burgener or one of his tier-one coaches learning and practicing Olympic lifts. Registration is ongoing. See www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=897434 for information and prices.

Unit & rec play

Basketball: 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 10 or more, fitness center.

Volleyball: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday for 8 or more players, fitness center.

Men's Soccer: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday for 11 or more players.

Women's Soccer: 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday for 8 or more players. Call 634-7009.