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# One mile, no sweat, four miles, better yet

Maj. Gen. Frank Helmick, Southern **European Task Force (Airborne)** commander, applauds the Soldiers and Airmen at Camp Darby who ran with him and completed a four-mile run in less than 36 minutes. This was the general's third visit to Camp Darby since taking command in June. He encouraged the troops to stay focused on developing their core strengths to complete the mission and that doing physical training seven days a week would help keep them strong. Helmick also met with Italian and U.S. civilian employees to update them about the consolidation of the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team and to hear their concerns about the future of Camp Darby. He emphasized how important the civilian workforce is to the SETAF mission. "You are a big part of our team," Helmick said. He added that whether it is the maintenance of vehicles, ammunition storage or port operations, what the civilians do impacts the military mission. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Joyce Costello, USAG Livorno Public Affairs)

### Women moving history forward

The Caserma Ederle community celebrated Women's History month with speeches and a cake-cutting ceremony in the South of the Alps dining facility Thursday. Opening the event was Renee Citron, deputy to the garrison commander. She was followed by Sgt. Maj. Karen Kelly (at right), SETAF G-1, who gave tributes to 14 women who she felt fit this year's theme 'Generations of Women Moving History Forward.'

"This theme celebrates the wisdom and tenacity of prior and future generations of women and recognizes the power and impact of generations working together," said Kelly to the audience. "Moving history forward is a process of individuals coming together for the greater good of the society and confirming the idea that individuals working together can be effective in building a better, more compassionate world.

"This year, we are honoring 14 women whose lives and work span over 150 years and eight generations, as well as a wide range of occupations and



accomplishments. Although from different regional, educational, cultural, racial, religious and economical backgrounds, each of the 2007 honorees have with skillful and courageous actions helped move history forward," she said. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

# Aldo Moro gate for vehicle traffic only, no bikes or walkers

**Directorate of Emergency Services** *Community Announcement* 

The Directorate of Emergency Services reminds the community of the rules for entering and exiting the installation by vehicle, on foot, or bicycle.

1. Aldo Moro Gate (Gate 1 or the Main Gate) is strictly for vehicular traffic only. Personnel are not allowed to enter or exit this gate by foot or bicycle.

2. All pedestrian traffic and bicycle traffic must enter through the Chapel Gate (Gate 2) or the Housing Office Gate (Gate 4) located on via Casermette.

Gate 1 is open 24 hours a day, and Gate 4 is open Monday through Friday from 5:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

However, during times when demonstrations are held outside the Chapel Gate (gate 2), the DES will open the walkthrough exit at Gate 4 (via Casermette) for the duration of the demonstration.

Announcements will be made on AFN radio and television, as well as on the Command Information Channel screens located in the commissary, community mail room and Davis Family Readiness Center.

Gate 2 is open 24 hours a day for pedestrian traffic. Inbound vehicular traffic hours are 5:30-6:30 a.m. and 7:30-9 a.m. Monday-Friday.

Gate 2 is open for outbound traffic 4:30-6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday to accommodate exiting the installation during peak traffic hours.

For questions concerning the hours of operation for any gate or gates that are restricted for certain types of traffic, call the Military Police desk sergeant at 634-7626 or the Provost Marshal Office operations section at 634-8891 or 634-7248.

# Upgrades mean better, faster communications systems

**By Maj. Joseph Pagnotta** 509th Signal Battalion Executive officer

After four years of digging trenches, installing and updating cable, data switches and voice communication systems the 509th Signal Battalion held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the end of the project.

The communications project, called the Vicenza Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program, or I3MP, began in April 2002 as a major community undertaking.

The combined efforts of the 509th Signal Bn, DPW, DOL and contractors brought this project to a functional and successful conclusion in February.

The project encompassed communication network upgrades which included: engineering precise underground trenches (around hazards), installing new fiber and copper cabling, installing state-of-the-art high speed communications data switches and providing improved voice communication networks in Ederle, Lerino, Longare, Villaggio and other Vicenza military sites.

"I3MP's ongoing over watch of this project is committed to maintaining excellence and continues to support these Vicenza units by overseeing the life cycle replacement of important data switches," said Janusz Tarnawski IPT lead project manager. "The continuing communication improvements will not end with Villaggio; the community can expect more than \$1 million of new network equipment in the next 15 months. These





Raffaele Fusco, an Italian post employee who troubleshoots all problems in the switch room, works on installing a phone line in preparation for the new system. (Photo by Pfc. Crystal Abbott, SETAF Public Affairs)

efforts are designed to help ensure Vicenza's enduring mission objectives are met with the highest quality services the Army can provide."

One added feature of the work was the first time use of split manhole covers to avoid landscape degradation. To eliminate extended excavation in residential areas, Siemens performed detailed ground scanning and utilized a directional bore under the water

(Left to right) Lt. Col. Richard Kempf, 509th Signal Battalion commander, Lt. Col. Charles Wells, Product Manager Defense Communications Service Europe, and Col. Virgil S. L. Williams, USAG Vicenza commander, listen as Manfred Klesse-Mehrmann, Siemens official, talks about how the Vicenza Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization program came to fruition. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

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### Italian doctors visit Caserma Ederle

**SETAF Public Affairs** 

Press Release

Fourteen local doctors and dentists visited Caserma Ederle Wednesday touring medical facilities and discussing medical issues. The tour encompassed a number of stops including briefings by SETAF senior officials, a tour of health and dental facilities and lunch in the dining facility.

"It went very well," said Col. Bradley N.

Harper, U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza commander. "There's a lot of information out there about our clinic and about our future plans. During their tour we were able to give them a briefing regarding Dal Molin and a tour of our dental and birthing facilities.'

Harper went on to explain that, in years past, an in-depth collaboration effort existed between Italian and American health care providers and that today's events were a step toward reinstituting those programs.



### Where to go to get local news

The Outlook

Press Release

For information about post events, the community has numerous venues.

You're reading one of them. Another venue is the Command Information This is where you'll find breaking news Channel. This is a slide show that appears over the cable system on post and in Villaggio.

community mail room, the commissary, post exchange food court and lobby of Davis Family Readiness Center.

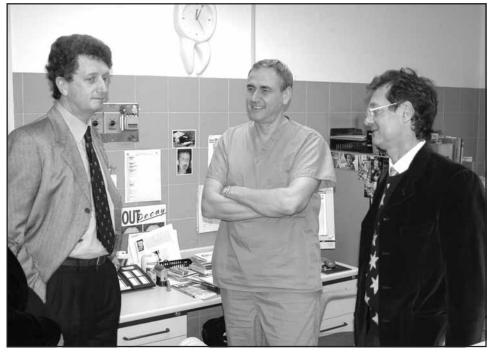
Also, each AFN station across Europe has a dedicated satellite channel focused on its specific community.

If you live in Villaggio or in the barracks and have a cable system, the AFN channel dedicated to Vicenza is AFN Atlantic Prime, channel 14 on your decoder.

This same channel is available off post. on post closures, gate closures, opening times and more.

While the programming comes from Televisions with the CIC are in the AFN Prime Atlantic, the channel's news breaks and spots focus on the military community and surrounding areas.

> Another souce for local news is AFN's 106FM, *The Eagle*, which is also available on the satellite decoder, channel 142



(Above) Dr. Ralph Civjan (center), a Pediatric dentist at the Vicenza Dental Clinic, explains how the dental clinic works to area dentists, Dr. Giuliano Maino Bortolo and Dr. Massimo Masolo, both of Vicenza. The men were part of a group of area doctors who toured the post medical facilities Wednesday.

(Left) Maj. Myong Woo, head nurse, (left) explains the functions of the Dr. Benincaso Mother and Child Pavilion to Dr. Flavio Zocca, a dentist from Vicenza, while Dr. (Col.) Bradley Harper listens in. Zocca was one of 14 area doctors who visited with staff of Caserma Ederle's medical offices and received briefings about what the facilities offer to the Caserma Ederle community. (Photos by Spc. Justin Nieto, SETAF Public Affairs)

### Make your voice count Last days for OHA, MIHA survey

**USAREUR Public Affairs** 

Press Release

The Overseas Housing Allowance, and Utility and Move-In Housing Allowance Expenses survey results across Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and Italy are below the 50-70 percent targeted response rates.

Without a larger survey response, the Department of Defense will be unable to adjust the monthly utility and recurring maintenance allowance rate and the one-time MIHA rate for these countries.

To allow more time for service members to

take advantage of this important opportunity to impact their paychecks, the survey completion date for these countries has been extended through March 16.

This survey pertains to all uniformed service members residing in privately-leased economy quarters and receiving OHA. These service members are encouraged to complete the online survey at : https://www.perdiem. osd.mil/oha/survey/feboha.html. The survey may be taken from a home or office computer and does not need to be filled in all at once however, it must be finished on the same computer it was started on.

### Pollution prevention program underway; community participation needed

**USAG Vicenza Directorate of Public Works** 

**Environmental Division** Special to the Outlook

The purpose of pollution prevention is to reduce or eliminate pollution problems, rather than control them. The preventive approach attacks pollution at the source through conservation of resources (e.g. energy, water, fuel), replacement of hazardous materials by less hazardous materials and environmental friendly products (e.g. water-based paint replacing solvent-based ones), waste reduction and recycling.

The Department of Defense uses pollution prevention as its preferred approach to environmental management and is integrating the practices into all activities - from redesigning weapon systems to improving the management of hazardous materials at installations.

The USAG Vicenza Pollution Prevention program is currently focusing on energy savings and waste recycling.

To save energy, specifically electrical energy, the Environmental Division, together with the Operations and Maintenance Division and Housing, is promoting substitution of Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs for incandescent ones. In fact, it has been estimated that if every American home replaced just one light bulb with an Energy Star-qualified

CFL (Energy Star is a government program that offers energy-efficient solutions), we would save enough energy to light more than 2.5 million homes for a year and prevent greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions of nearly 800,000 cars (Data from www.energystar. com).

#### Qualified CFLs

- ♦ Use about 2/3 less energy than regular bulbs provide the same amount of light, and last up to 10 times longer.
- ◆ Save \$30 or more in energy costs over each bulb's lifetime.
- ♦ Generate 70 percent less heat, are safer to operate and cut energy costs associated with home cooling.
- ♦ Are available in different sizes and shapes to fit in almost any fixture, for indoors and outdoors.

Besides reducing electricity consumption, the P2 program is realizing activities to reduce waste and improve

At present, USAG Vicenza is recycling about 35 percent of its waste. A target of 60 percent was set and needs to be achieved by the end of 2007 and everybody's participation is needed.

To learn more about the P2 program and how you can begin saving energy and the environment, call or stop by the Environmental Division, located in Building 18, 634-8937.

### Community Action Council

The next CAC will be March 28 beginning at 10 a.m. in Club Veneto.

### AAFES answers to lack of sizes

Issue: Every time I go into the post exchange to look for clothes I always find great clothes in small and XXXL; mainly this is work out clothes, but it applies to all clothes. These clothes, on the Italian economy, cost a fortune. The same is true with running shoes. There are never enough brands and sizes to fit the average customer.

**Response from AFES:** We are currently looking at our size breakdown in clothing and shoes with our re-orderable merchandise, to increase the medium and large sizes. We have requested our buyers in these categories to take a close look at the sizes for the Vicenza

Our re-orderable program is a Sales Based Replenishment System which means every time a product is scanned through the register it will generate an automatic re-order of that item, based on our set model stock or stock

Other options available are shopping with AAFES online or through our AAFES catalog. The Exchange Mall vendors through our Web site offer discounts to our military customers.

We have also requested merchandise transferred down from the Aviano PX to assist with mediums and larges during the interim, until we have adequate sizes available.

### Official travelers first for shuttle bus

Issue: Over the holidays the shuttle was inadequately prepared to handle the number of passengers needing a ride to the airport. I had previously called to check if we needed to put our name on a list. The answer was no, there is no list. I also asked what would happen if too many people showed up. The response was that there would be another shuttle available. This was not the case.

Recommendations: I recommend the ITO be proactive during block leave and have an extra bus immediately available for such circumstances. A sign up list could also help solve this problem.

Response from the Directorate of Logistics: The airport shuttle operates as a mass transit system primarily in support of the Central Processing Facility and official travelers.

Community members traveling in a leisure

status are welcome on a space-available basis. If there are more official travel passengers than the van can accommodate, we have a larger bus on standby.

Unfortunately the number of leisure passengers, along with the official travel passengers, exceeded the capacity of the larger bus by several spaces during the time in question.

Unfortunately we cannot, under current operational rules, transition from the smaller van to the larger van, or dispatch a second shuttle solely for leisure passengers. That said, times when the total number of passengers has exceeded the capacity of the larger bus have been extremely rare.

At this time, other agencies in the community are exploring options to better serve leisure passengers in a convenient and economical manner.

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### Where to find Internet on post

Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Special to the Outlook

For those who don't have access to the Internet at home or work, there are many places available on post where you can surf the Web for free.

You can start your surfing at one of the 32 computers in the post library open Monday - Friday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., weekends 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and holidays 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

If you can't find a seat there, Davis Family Readiness Center has eight computers, four of which have web cameras.

DFRC is open Monday - Friday 5 p.m.midnight, weekends and holidays 9 a.m.-

Beginning April 1, DFRC will have an additional four computers onsite and hours will be Monday - Friday 8 a.m.-10 p.m. weekends and holidays 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Have a laptop with WiFi? Get connected for free at the Ederle Lanes Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 3:30-10 p.m., Friday and Saturday 3:30-11:30 p.m. and Sunday from 2-9 p.m. The Ederle Lanes are closed Wednesdays.

Craving coffee, breakfast or a snack while you surf? Head over to Café Centrale, located in the Central Processing Facility. Café Centrale is open Monday – Friday 7 a.m.-7 p.m., weekends 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Education Center has eight internet computers in their Learning lab and is open Monday - Friday 10 a.m.-10 p.m., closed weekends and holidays.

The USO offers free Internet and has several stations available. It is also possible to bring in your own laptop and plug into its station.

The USO is open Monday through Wednesday and Friday 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Thursdays 3-8 p.m. and weekends 1-6 p.m. Call the USO at 634-7156.



Community members take advantage of free WiFi access at the Ederle Lanes. The Ederle are open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 3:30-10 p.m., Friday and Saturday 3:30-11:30 p.m. and Sunday from 2-9 p.m., and closed Wednesdays. (Outlook file photo)

### What is Army Emergency Relief?

By Angela Crosland

Army Emergency Relief officer

Army Emergency Relief is a nonprofit organization that assists active and retired Soldiers and their families with unforeseen financial emergencies. AER gets its funds primarily from voluntary contributions from active and retired Soldiers, repayment of AER interest- free loans, investment income and unsolicited contributions.

The annual AER fundraising campaign is the only time each year Soldiers are asked to help their own organization and their fellow Soldiers. This year the campaign kicks off Thursday at 3 p.m. in Davis Family Readiness

Among the items AER can assist with auto repairs, emergency travel expenses, utility bills and rent. Any assistance given is in the form of a no-interest loan, grant or a assistance is determined on a case by case basis. Last year, AER disbursed \$117,324.13 to Soldiers and their families in the Vicenza community.

This included \$41,942.68 for emergency travel, \$28,947.28 for auto repairs, \$19,062.07 for utilities, \$13,130.44 for rent assistance, \$5,531.05 for food, \$320 for loss of funds and \$8,390.61 for 'other.'

Other items would include things like eye glasses, transportation cost (gas coupons, bus fare), or possible travel that is not considered emergency, but is necessary.

AER also has two scholarship programs available to community members.

The Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program and the Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Fund for dependent children. The scholarship fund is awarded to deserving students worldwide.

In academic year 2005/2006 AER awarded 49 spouses out of 69 who applied with \$33,614.39 in tuition assistance in the Vicenza community.

The Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship combination of the two. The type of Fund, awarded \$4,565,500 to 2,338 applicants out of 2,374 applications submitted.

> To find out more about AER, call Angela Crosland at 634-8524 or logon to the Web site: www.aerhq.org.

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## What to do if your vehicle, home is broken into

From the Office of the Provost Marshal Special to the Outlook

Here are some simple procedures to follow if you are the victim of a vehicle or home break-in.

Vehicle break in:

1. Ensure the area is safe and you are not in any danger.

Go back inside your home, restaurant, or shop if the thief is still present or near your vehicle.

2. Call the Vicenza Military Police Desk at 0444-71-7626 or 7233 or toll free: 800-064-077 and clearly state who you are, where you are, if you are in any danger and what has happened.

Try to remember anything you can about the suspect, i.e. race, clothing, weight, height, vehicle license number, or any other information that will assist the MPs or Carabinieri.

- 3. Depending on the crime, your location, and the availability of Carabinieri to assist us, you will be instructed to remain where you are and wait for MP and Carabinieri assistance, or requested to come to the MP station on post to file a report.
- 4. In order to file a report, you will be required to produce the following items: ID card, SETAF driver's license, stateside driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of insurance.

We will also ask you to identify items that were taken from your vehicle.

5. A copy of the case file and your statements will be available within seven to 10 business days if required by your insurance company.

Home break in:

- 1. Do not enter your home if you have just returned and found that it has been broken into.
- 2. Call from a cellular phone or go to a neighbor's home and use their phone to call the Vicenza Military Police desk at 0444-71-7626/7233 or toll free at 800-064-077.

Clearly state who you are, where you are, if you are in any danger and what has happened.

3. Depending on the crime, your

location and the availability of Carabinieri to assist us, you will be instructed to remain where you are and wait for MP and Carabinieri assistance, or requested to come to the MP Station on Caserma Ederle to file a report.

4. A copy of the case file and your statements will be available within seven to 10 business days if required by your insurance company.

Basic Security Tips:

- 1. Remove all stickers from your vehicle that clearly identifies you as an American.
- 2. Always park your vehicle in a well-lit, well-traveled area. Avoid alleys or side streets when parking your vehicle off post or out on the town.
- 3. For home security, we recommend that you purchase an alarm system (AC or DC). These alarms are relatively inexpensive and produce an audible alarm that will scare off most thieves and warn you of a potential threat. Additionally, we recommend that you consider purchasing a fire-approved safe to secure jewelry, high-dollar value items (cameras, computers, etc.) and important documents.
- 4. Even if you do not own a dog, place a "Beware of Dog" (Attenti al Cane) sign on gate or fence.
- 5. Place security stickers on all ground floor windows.
- 6. Leave a security light and a radio on when you are away from home. Timers that turn lights and radios on and off make it seem as if you are home, even when you're not.
- 7. Tell a neighbor or someone to pick up your mail when you are away.



The vehicle above shows the typical way area thieves break into cars. (Outlook file photo)

### Deployment readiness focus of dental clinic

Vicenza Dental Clinic Special to the Outlook

Until all the Soldiers from the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team leave for Afghanistan, the dental clinic will be concentrating on its primary mission ensuring that these Soldiers are dentally ready to deploy.

The clinic asks the community to understand that during this time, appointments will be restricted.

The dental clinic asks for patience as patient rescheduling may occur during this

(Left) Dr. Ralph Civian, U.S. Army Dental Clinic - Vicenza, performs a dental exam on a Soldier. (Outlook file photo)

#### **Nutrition Tip** from WIC Overseas

Are you concerned about eating too much salt? Try basil, thyme and fennel on beef or curry, ginger and sage on chicken.

Experiment with spices and notice that food will not need much salt to taste good.

> WIC is a nutrition and supplemental food program. Call WIC Overseas at 634-6258 for more information.

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### **Ederle teens face Italians on court**

CYS Sports & Fitness
Special to the Outlook

Basketball games are common on Caserma Ederle as there are scheduled and pick up games happening all the time. But the game held March 1 in the Teen Center Pavilion was not common – it was between our Child and Youth Services Youth Sports team and a local Italian youth team.

"I had expressed interest in playing a local team to give my team experience with a different style of basketball than we were used to seeing," said Stephen Brown, CYS volunteer coach (and post librarian). "We don't get to play that many teams as there are only five in our league. I talked to Archie Johnson at CYS Sports & Fitness and said I was looking for a way to make this happen."

A few months later, the opportunity presented itself when Paolo Baggio, assistant coach of a local youth basketball team, emailed Johnson, asking if it was possible to play a Caserma Ederle youth team.

"I would like to propose this match with your team because, many years ago (about 30), my school ( GG Trissino in Vicenza) played two matches with the team from the Ederle school," he wrote. "Today I remember this experience as one of the more exciting [games] for me."

Johnson took the plan from there, according to Brown, and invited the team, Trasteverina Vicenza, to play on post.

"The coach of the Italian team spoke English so that helped a lot," said Brown. "Italked with him before and after the game and he is interested in continuing to play and even alternating games between our gym and their's."

Vicenza provided the referees and all calls were made in English, according to Johnson, who added that there didn't seem to be any problems with the Italian youth understanding the officials.

"They moved the ball very well," said Brown. "They made some very good passes and seemed to be very unselfish players and worked

together as a team.

"They were good at penetrating, lay-ups and were accurate from the free throw line," he added.

The 15 members of Trasteverina Vicenza all took turns playing, said Brown. "We normally have a team of eight, but only six were available. The first quarter saw us matched evenly, then our best player, Drew Owens, showed up and pretty much made the game."

The final score was 37-23, in favor of Vicenza, but the loss didn't dampen the spirits of the challengers as they hope more games can take place between the two teams.





(Above) A Caserma Ederle Youth Services basketball team member goes up against a Trasteverina Vicenza player during a match held March 1 on post. This was the first time the Italian youth team has played against the post team. The game came about after the Trasteverina team manager, Paolo Baggio, e-mailed Archie Johnson, Youth Services sports director. As it happens, Steve Brown, coach for the YS team, was looking for a way for his youth to play against Italian youths. (Left) Trasteverina Vicenza player, Avancini, goes for a basket against Vicenza. Vicenza won with a score of 37-23. (Photos by Spc. Justin Nieto, SETAF Public Affairs)

### SETAF Lions lose to Noventa 0-1



(Above) A SETAF Lions team player, left, controls the ball in midfield while Noventa player, watches during the game played on the North 40 March 3.

The SETAF Lions are participating in the end-of-season championship for 2006/07, which ends April 26. Noventa, a local team, is also part of the league. The SETAF Lions players meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 7-9 p.m. on the North 40. If you are interested in practicing and participating in the upcoming games call Angelo Baso, SETAF Lions



coach at 634-7304. (Above) A SETAF Lions player, left, defends his area against Noventa team player. Unfortunately, the Noventa Team scored with just minutes to go after a match played equally well by both teams. (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

### Students spend time in slammer

Story and photo by Spc. Justin Nieto SETAF Public Affairs

Students from Vicenza High School spent some time in jail Wednesday morning – but thankfully, it was only a visit.

The students, part of the Street Law course at the high school, were escorted through the Provost Marshal's building on Caserma Ederle.

"They came here to see what it is we do," said Sgt. Joseph Willie, from the Office of the Provost Marshal. "The students had many questions for us like, 'What can the MPs do to us if we do this or that?' and we tell them what will happen if they break the law."

Willie said the officers work with the school and are proactive about educating students on laws and how they are affected.

"The most important thing I learned was the fact that, now that I am 18 old, I can get into serious trouble if I commit a crime on post, or even back in the states," said VHS senior Zack Williams. "The word "adulthood" became more realistic in that one hour tour, and it forced me to be more consciousness of actions now that I am close to being out of high school."

"This will give them a new look at the PMO because we have not done this before," said Willie, who is also the Drug Abuse Resistance Education officer for the post.

"I invite anyone who wants to come out and take a tour like this, to please do so," said Maj. Keith Forsyth, director of emergency services for Caserma Ederle. "We especially welcome students."

Call the PMO at 634-7525 for details.



"How depressing it felt to be behind bars at the military police station," said a Vicenza High School senior after a tour of the cells in the military police station on Caserma Ederle. Williams was in a group of students in the Street Law course who toured the facilities Wednesday. "I began to believe I was guilty, even though I had done nothing wrong! I was getting scared, thinking about what would happen if it were real; all my future plans for after high school would have been in jeopardy," he added.

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#### The power of art

### Students bring hope to Ugandan children

**Story by Suzanne Sperl** Livorno Unit Schools

Livorno Unit Schools art students are taking part in the Books of Hope program.

The Camp Darby students have been working hard at writing and illustrating a collection of books, ranging from educational picture books to original works of children's fiction.

Livorno Unit School students join about 30,000 other American students in learning first-hand how meaningful and powerful their art can be.

The goal of the program is to help children in Uganda, who endure hardships on a daily basis.

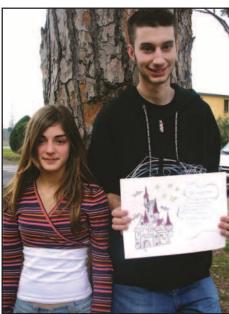
Known as "night commuters" Ugandan children walk miles from

their villages each evening to escape capture from the Lord's Resistance Army, a rebel group that has waged war against the Ugandan government for nearly two decades.

LRA detachments, made up predominantly of child soldiers themselves, attack at dusk. They surround small settlements and move in to steal food and abduct children to swell their ranks.

The kidnapped children are often forced to commit brutal acts.

For more information about the Books of Hope project visit the Web site: www.books of hope.org.



Two Livorno Unit School students display part of their art work for the Book of Hope project. (Photo by Kathleen Hall, Livorno Unit Schools)

### A day to honor women



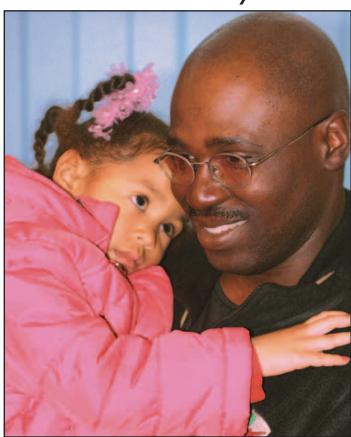
Command Sgt. Maj. William Berrios reaches to fill a water glass during the International Women's Day luncheon for Camp Darby. International Women's Day is celebrated around the world on March 8. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Joyce Costello, USAG Livorno Public Affairs)

### Homecoming 2007: Not over till the Lion's roar



(Left to right) Homecoming Kings and Queens from th 6th grade to the 11th grade take to the floor after the votes are in. Congratulations to all. (Photo courtesy of Kathleen Hall, Livorno Unit Schools)

### Back in her daddy's arms



A little girl hugs her daddy, Sgt. Tony McKinney, who's back after a one-year deployment in Afghanistan with the 497th Movement Control Team. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Joyce Costello USAG Livorno Public Affairs)

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# Out About



StraVicenza 2007

March 18, beginning at 10 a.m. in Piazza dei Signori, the main square downtown, StraViccenza 2007 takes place.

The community is advised that No Dal Molin demonstrators have voiced their intent to participate in this event.

#### Vicenza Internet sites

While Out & About is a great place to find information on area events and Italian culture, there are also numerous Web sites available that may be browsed in English by just clicking on the English (often a British flag) link. These include:

www.vicenza.com www.vicenzae.org www.vicenzanews.it www.ilgiornaledivicenza.it web.ascom.vi.it/asiago www.turismovenezia.it www.veronatut tintorno.itwww.arena.it

www.lagodigarda-e.it/site/ www.veneto.to/portal/faces/ public/guest

#### No Drive Sunday

March 18 is another No Drive day and most of the roads in the city center, and many other towns in the province will be closed to traffic because of the second 'ecological day.'

Find free park-and-ride bus service leaving from the area near the soccer stadium or from the other side of town on via Cricoli.

Italian television newspapers usually list what city centers are closed.

#### **Acoustic guitar** concert

March 24: Enjoy "Acoustical



Roberto Dalla Vecchia

Guitar with Italian

Gusto,' concert featuring Roberto Dalla Vecchia from Vicenza (who teaches on post) with Peppino D'Agostino from San Francisco, and Clive Carroll from London.

The group performs in the Astra Theatre in downtown Vicenza at 9 p.m.

Tickets are available at the door and online from www.robertodalla vecchia.com/vicenzacusticait. html.

Tickets are 16 euro at the door, 14 euro if bought online.

#### Father's day

March 19 is Italy's Festa del Papa', (Father's Day).

Find the stores full special gifts to make dad's day.

#### International boat show

Venice: The International Boat Show takes place March 17-25.

This is a festival of the sea devoted to those who love boats and the sea

The Boat Show features tests in water of sailboats and motorboats. sporting events, meetings, workshops, fashion and exhibitions.

The show is held at the Maritime Station, Cruise terminal, and the Arsenal in Venice. There are free shuttles connecting the two areas for visitors.

The Maritime area is easy to reach by car as there is a park inside the area. If going by bus or train, there are free shuttles from Piazzale

The exhibit is open weekdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and weekends 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Entrance fee is 12 euro.

#### Vicenza jazz

Jazz fans should mark their calendar May 12-19 to enjoy eight days of jamming.

Performances include:

May 12: Ray Mantilla Space

May 13: Ivan Papazov and his Wedding Orchestra

May 14: Carla Bley Quartet

May 15: William Parker May 19: Dee Dee Bridgewater.

Watch for details of when and where tickets are available.

By Dorothy Spagnuolo

#### Alto Adige

As anyone with children knows, it is not always easy to find accommodation where both parents and offspring can feel equally welcome.

Often self-catering solutions have the disadvantage of seeming like an extension of home life, and hotel rooms often offer no further entertainment for children than the TV set in the corner.

However, in the beautiful mountainous region of Alto Adige, there is an association called Familien Hotels (Family Hotels) that promises a fun-filled vacation for all the family, with 21 comfortable, chalet-style hotels offering child-friendly rooms and entertainment areas.

Apart from benefiting from regular items like cribs and cots, your children will also be able to work off some steam using the climbing frame in the bedroom.

The association's official Web site: www.familienhotels.com is where you will find the full list of hotels, with a description and often a link to the hotel's Web site.

The site is in Italian, English and German and also offers details of prices, including special offers and promotion, directions and more.

#### Ferrari gallery

Maranello: Ferrari enthusiasts can visit the Ferrari Galleria, located in this small town located just south of the city of Modena, on the street Via Dino Ferrari.

This modern two-story building houses exhibits of both racing and road cars, as well as the many trophies won by Ferrari in races all over the world.

If you go on a weekday you may find it is less crowded and you may be there while they're testing their Formula One car at the test track located nearby.

The museum and gift store are open daily from 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Entrance fees: adults pay 12 euro and children ages 6-10 pay 8 euro.

Directions from Vicenza (158 km): autostrada A4 west, A22, A1 exit Modena Nord (north), direction for the town of Formigine and then find Maranello on the SS9.

### Classified Ads Editor's Note: Caserma Ederle

community members may place free classified ads (not personal or personal services ads) on the MWR Web site: www.vicenzamwr. com/marketplace.

Every Tuesday at noon, MWR sends the ads to The Outlook for the next publication.

#### The Outlook and Directorate of MWR are not responsible for any errors in the advertisement.

Photos accompanying the advertisement will not appear in The Outlook. Because The Outlook has limited space available, the ad may be edited.

#### The Outlook does not take classifieds; sellers must place ads on www.vicenzamwr.com.

For details on an item you see listed here, visit the MWR Web site: www.vicenzamwr.com/market place.

Thule cargo box: Lockable roof top cargo, very good condition.

**Numerous UMUC text books:** Call or e-mail for description, price.

Home needed for Cocker Spaniel: Female, spayed, 8-mos old.

Italian-made sofa: Seats 3 seat, like new. \$175.

Wanted: Multi-system TV. Needs to be compatible with Sky or Alice digital tv.

Toshiba 21" color TV: Like new. \$40.

Onkyo Tuner and CD player **220V:** Like new. \$40. Fisher Stereo/ CD Changer

110V: Like new. \$65. Wanted: Bicycle rear seat for

toddler. Wanted: Multisystem DVD

player. '84 Visa Citroen: Runs, but has

an electrical problem. \$200. Carpenter needed: Need someone to build a dog kennel to

fly back to the states. Have specs. Sectional sofa: 3-piece, used. \$300.

Storage unit: Six shelf (adjustable) for DVD's, CD's, or VHS. \$10.

**'94 Saturn:** Runs great. \$1,300.00 OBO.

Car wanted: Reliable, automatic trans, 4-door preferred.

**Deployment dogsitter needed:** Vino is a well-disciplined loving 2year-old mut. He loves children and other dogs. Will pay for food and vet bills while gone.

House cleaner needed: For light work 6-8 hours a week, will pay 8

2005 Honda CBR1100XX **Blackbird:** \$5,950.

Bunk beds for sale: Twin over a full bed. Great condition. \$100.

Panasonic 21" TV: Make offer. 1998 BMW Z3 M 3.2 Coupé: Loaded. 23,000 euro, OBO.

package. \$15,555, OBO. 1996 Rover 820 TI (turbo): \$1,500 OBO.

2001 US Spec Audi S4: Premium

## Now Showing =

#### Caserma Ederle Theater

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March 13	CLOSED			
March 14	Night at the Museum (PG)	7 p.m.		
March 15	Code Name: The Cleaner (PG13)	7 p.m.		
March 16	Primeval (R)	7 p.m.		
	Alpha Dog (R)	10 p.m.		
March 17	Looney Tunes Back in Action (PG)	1 p.m.		
	Happily N'ever After (PG)	4 p.m.		
	300 (R)	7 p.m.		
March 18	Happily N'ever After (PG)	4 p.m.		
	300 (R)	7 p.m.		
March 19	CLOSED			
March 20	CLOSED			

#### **Camp Darby Theater**

March 15	Primeval (R)	`	6 p.m.
March 16	Alpha Dog (R)		6 p.m.
March 17	The Number 23 (R)		6 p.m.
March 18	Happily N'ever After (PG)		2 p.m.

#### Movie Synopsis

ALPHA DOG - Justin Timberlake, Bruce Willis. Johnny is a Los Angeles drug dealer. He comes from a good family, owns his home, several cars and enjoys partying with his friends. Johnny is 19. When his friend Jake welches on a debt, Johnny and his boys kidnap Jake's 15-year-old brother Butch and hold him as a marker. Even though Butch has numerous chances to escape, he doesn't. He's enjoying partying with them, losing his virginity and having a good time - until something goes horribly wrong.

HAPPILY N'EVERAFTER - Sigourney Weaver, Sarah Michelle Gellar. Once upon a time in Fairy Tale land, the age-old balance between good and evil has been thrown out of whack. Frieda, Cinderella's power-mad stepmother, has formed an unholy alliance of evil to take on the good guys. With her own fairy tale spinning wildly out of control, Cinderella is forced to shed her damsel-indistress trappings in order to seize control of her own destiny and lead the resistance without her Prince Charming. In a world of happy endings gone wrong, the race for control of the kingdom is on, with the fate of the venerable storyline 'Happily N'Ever After' hanging in the balance.

PRIMEVAL - Dominic Purcell, Orlando Jones. In one of the most remote places on earth, a bloodthirsty Crocodile has claimed over 300 victims, and is still at large to this day. An American news crew is determined to capture this terrifying murderer alive. The danger begins as producer Tim Freeman, cameraman Steven Johnson and their rag-tag team set out on a journey up-river in search of their subject. But the deeper they probe into the mystery of this elusive assassin, the deadlier their trip becomes. Inspired by the true story of the world's most prolific killer.

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

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#### Story and photos by Laura Kreider

Outlook Staff

he annual Combined Italian American Organization's event offers Caserma Ederle community women an opportunity to spend a special day enjoying a variety of classes and cultural opportunities. This year the event – hosted by the Vicenza Military Spouses and Civilian's Club - took place March 9 at "Dai Gelosi" a local restaurant in Valproto.

"The purpose of the CIAO conference is to provide a day for women to celebrate both Women's Day and Women's History Month," said Shelley Loos, CIAO committee chairperson. "Italians celebrate "Festa della Donna," - Women's Day - every year on March 8, so we try to center the CIAO Conference around women celebrating women. We offer classes, some educational, some uplifting and some just fun."

Almost 100 participants took part in the four-session conference, which included classes, lunch and a raffle. "Most of our classes center around Italy, living in Italy, the language, the culture, the food and wine," Loos continued.

In addition to these classes, other presentations focused on women's issues and military life such as child discipline, women's health and finance.

Some participants came back after their experience last year.

"This is the second time I've attended a CIAO Conference," said Teresa Koch, one of the participants of the event. "I enjoy the selection of classes and it is always an elegant affair."

After the morning sessions, a raffle was held over lunch with items donated by many different organizations from on and off post.

"We had many sponsors and a lot of donations provided by many agencies, including the fitness center, CMR [a housing maintenance contractor], AAFES and the Art Center," said Loos. "Global Credit Union gave us the 260 euro used to purchase the Spa Day prize, which was one of the most coveted prizes.

"The Ciao committee thanks all the donating organizations for their generosity and the volunteers for their dedication," she added.

"It has been great teamwork," said Federica Moretti, one of the Ciao committee members. "We

put a lot of effort and ideas into our weekly meetings, and today it was extremely rewarding to see everyone enjoying the presentations, food, gifts and company."









Corteforte representative. describes the map of Valpolicella, a renowned wine region near Verona. Rossetti was one of the Italian presenters at Friday's CIAO conference.

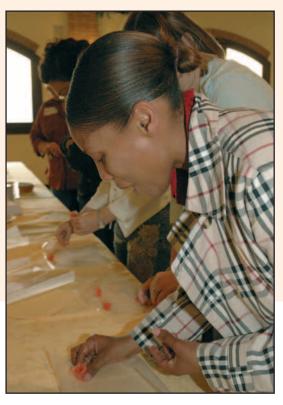




(Above)A presenter explains the production process and the different grades of olive oil to the CIAO participants.



(Top) A Desserts Made Simple class instructor, shows how to prepare quick desserts in her session of the CIAO conference held at "Dai Gelosi" restaurant Friday. (Middle) Two CIAO participants look at the cards completed at the end of the session dedicated to stamping. The class was presented by Katie Rice. (Bottom) A participant happily wears the mask she won during the raffle, which took place at lunchtime and was possible thanks to many donations by organizations on and off post. (Right) A class participant presses down the moistened petals of one rose made of almond paste during the Desserts Made Simple class.





(Above) Devon Sergio Woodard of The Travel Shop. answers some participants' questions at the end of his session focused on travel and leisure opportunities within Italy and Europe including trains, planes and cruises.

(Left) Rita Primomo, massage and Reflexology presenter, demonstrates a massage on one of her class participants.