



End of the line for Livorno Lions

The students and staff of Livorno Unit High School held a closing ceremony to celebrate its 54 year history on Camp Darby. (Photo by Kent Harris, Stars & Stripes)

Livorno High School officially closes

By **Cathy Magni**
Principal, Livorno Unit School

School bells first rang in Livorno when Camp Darby was established as a support base in 1951 for our troops in Austria at the height of the Cold War.

The first school taught grades K-12 in a house in Ardenza with only two teachers. Secondary students took correspondence courses, conducted initially by parents, and later by a full-time teacher.

When the Mediterranean Division of the Corps of Engineers came to Livorno in 1954, enrollment increased considerably and the school moved to the Hotel Corallo across from the Livorno railroad station.

Our first graduating class was the Class of 1956 with six participants. The next year the graduating class had increased to 12 and by 1970 there were 42 graduates.

The high school was transferred to Camp Darby in 1958 and established in a converted Women's Army Corps barracks.

With the help of modifications and additions, the high school has been housed in this building ever since.

Student enrollment increased steadily until reaching a peak of 275 students during the

1974-75 school year. The enrollment declined sharply with the movement of a large engineer division from Camp Darby.

The school populations stabilized at between 125 and 150 students until the recent drawdown in Germany began, when our numbers increased dramatically. This year we began the school year with 56 students in grades 6-12 and 83 students in the elementary school. This year's graduating class is four students.

The Livorno American Schools have always been small in numbers, but are proud of a full range of educational offerings and learning activities.

Over these past 54 years our students have achieved many honors, won numerous interscholastic athletic championships and sent its graduates out to succeed in college, in the military and in all professional fields.

With the continued drawdown of forces, the population of Livorno American Schools fell to the point where the Livorno American Elementary School and Livorno American High School were combined to make Livorno Unit School in 1994.

The original decision to close the high school was announced in 2005, but when London Central High School announced it



Livorno Unit School band holds its last spring concert. Livorno High School is scheduled to close at the end of the school year. (Photo courtesy of James Speck)

was closing and would be unable to accommodate the Livorno youth, the decision to delay the closure was put off for a year.

Livorno Unit School students can look back with pride on the history of their school as they have had the opportunity to make history during their days here.

Air Force Band thrills American, Italian crowds

(Right) U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Craig Bowman, vocalist with the United States Air Forces in Europe Band, performs during the free concert at Monte Berico Sunday evening. The band, which sees its members perform more than 300 times a year, played before a packed house of Italians and Americans atop Monte Berico in a concert sponsored by the city of Vicenza and SETAF. "This event is not only a sharing of music between our communities," said Lisa Santucci, Italian journalist for TVA Vicenza, a local TV station who acted as hostess for the evening concert. "It is a sharing of respect between us all."



(Left) The United States Air Forces in Europe Check Six Jazz ensemble performed a live jazz concert May 8 in the village of Luciana, near Fauglia, a typical Tuscan country village on the hills nearby Pisa. The free concert was open to the public. The crowd, consisting of Americans and Italians, enjoyed the music and watching the "Fanfara dei Bersaglieri." The Fanfara dei Bersaglieri is a unique Italian military unit famous for playing while running at 179 steps per minute. (Photo by Tech Sgt. Cory Clements, USAFE Public Affairs photographer)

Community urged to conserve energy

SETAF Command Group
Press Release

The Vicenza military community can demonstrate its commitment to environmental stewardship by taking the following energy-savings steps.

Lights

◆ Turn off all lights when you leave the office, barracks room, common area for extended periods of time during the duty day and at the end of every duty day.

Turn off hallway lights at the end of every duty day.

Air Conditioning

◆ From 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on duty days, set operator-controlled air conditioners no lower than 78 degrees Fahrenheit (25 degrees Celsius) and turn them off before leaving for the day.

◆ DPW personnel will adjust the thermostat on central air conditioners when units are brought online.

Central air conditioning will run periodically after duty hours.

◆ Management will report air conditioning units found operating with thermostats set at lower temperatures, with doors or windows open while running, or

running after duty hours.

Computer peripherals

In order to maintain your computer system and save energy costs, follow these procedures:

◆ At the end of each duty day turn off all peripheral computer equipment – printers, monitors (screens), copier machines, digital senders and scanners, but do not turn off your computer.

◆ Leave your computer on and connected to the network so that computer network managers can send operating and security patches, monitor for viruses and repair software applications while you are not using your computer. It is important that network managers work after duty hours to save you computing time during the day.

◆ Remember to refresh your computer system at least once a week by turning on and off your computer to ensure that all the security patches and maintenance work is accepted by your computer.

Leaders and supervisors are responsible for enforcing these measures.

Staff Duty Officers and Staff Duty NCOs will monitor compliance with the below measures during and after duty hours in all offices, barracks, common areas and buildings on post.

Traffic plan for Memorial Day parking on post

This week's Memorial Day ceremony, held at 10 a.m. Thursday on Hoekstra Field, will impact the immediate parking area and roads. The parking lot in front of SETAF Headquarters, bldg 1, will be completely off limits for parking Monday through Thursday and during the ceremony. On Thursday, the roads adjacent to Hoekstra Field will be closed to traffic.

Law Day symposium held on post



Col. Gordon Davis addresses a crowd of Italian and American lawyers, law-enforcement officials and fellow Soldiers as part of the Law Day Symposium, which kicked off with a presentation at the Hall of Heroes here. The event was part of a week-long celebration of Law Day, featuring the symposium and Staff Judge Advocate's Office Open House. (Photo by Sgt. Justin Nieto, SETAF Public Affairs)

Free childcare offered during Family Readiness Group meetings

Directorate of MWR
Press Release

In an effort to help families during the deployment Child and Youth Services will offer free childcare to units and family members with deployed Soldiers during official Family Readiness Group meetings.

There are several ways units and FRGs can take advantage of the free childcare:

1. For FRG meetings using CYS caregivers possible locations for childcare include:

a. Child Development Center, bldg 395, can hold a maximum of 55 children for any three-hour period between 6 p.m.-midnight, Monday-Friday. On weekends, childcare may be used for up to 10 hours.

During the work week, the number of children that can be cared for may vary due to mission-care priority.

b. Davis Soldier & Family Readiness Center classroom can hold up to 11 children, but parents must be in the building attending the FRG meeting.

c. The Villaggio Family Center can hold up to 20 children, again, as long as the parents are attending the meeting in the same building.

To arrange for free childcare at one of the above places, the FRG leader or representative contacts CYS Central Registration at least three weeks in advance of the meeting.

For FRG meetings where the FRG members provide their own babysitters, the following locations are available free of charge. Please note that babysitters must be Red Cross-certified and have taken CYS Group Care Training for Babysitters offered the first

Monday of each month in the Davis Soldier & Family Readiness Center.

1. DS&FRC classroom can hold a maximum of 11 children.

2. The Villaggio Family Center has room for up to 20 children.

3. Teen Center Gym can hold up to 25 children.

To take advantage of one of the above rooms, the FRG leader or representative must contact CYS Central Registration to reserve the childcare location (childcare locations are subject to availability so call early). Remember that the FRG meeting must be in the same building as the childcare if the childcare is not provided at the CDC by CYS caregivers.

Special FRG Meeting Nights

The second Tuesday of the month CYS offers free childcare in the CDC, bldg 395 for a maximum of 55 children. On this night, care is provided by CYS caregivers, and as a bonus, DMWR will find the appropriate place for the FRG meeting.

To take advantage of this program the FRG leader or representative calls DMWR at 634-7740 by the first day of the month to arrange the FRG meeting location, then contacts CYS Central Registration to advise them of amount and names of children who need child care.

Important Information:

1. Each child in care with CYS caregivers must be registered with CYS (annual CYS registration fee: \$18/child, with a \$40 maximum per family). Children cared for by private babysitters do not need to be registered with CYS.

2. Childcare is provided for children age 6 weeks through 5th grade.

DoDDS-E high schools accept online Driver's Education classes as credit

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Press Release

DoDDS high school students, Europe-wide, can now take online Driver's Education courses and receive elective grade credit upon completion.

The Department of Defense Education Activity recently agreed to allow elective credit for driver's education from any certified university correspondence class.

Completion of an online course will not result in a student being licensed in many European countries.

For example, the minimum age for driving in Germany is 17 and U.S. family members

must already have a valid stateside license or a country license before they obtain a U.S. Army Europe certificate of license.

Those who do not have a valid stateside license are considered "novice" drivers in Germany and must go through German licensing procedures to obtain a license. The process is very lengthy and expensive.

Documented completion of an online Driver's Education course in the student's transcript usually means reduced insurance rates for teenagers.

Correspondence courses require the principal's and the parent's permission.

Students are asked to discuss the courses with their school Guidance Counselor if they are interested in taking Driver's Ed.

Changes made to Venice airport shuttle

Directorate of Human Resources
Command Information

The USAG Vicenza Venice Marco Polo airport shuttle has changed hands, but the transition should be seamless to riders.

Priority for shuttle seats is given to individuals on official travel: PCS, TDY and emergency leave.

All others are on standby. Standby space is not guaranteed at any time.

For information on seating, call the Central Processing Facility at 634-8706 or 0444-71-8706 from off post.

If an emergency arises after hours, call

the CPF at 334-600-4375 or 340-651-2880.

Monday-Friday the shuttle leaves from the Ederle Inn starting at 4:05 a.m. and running every three hours after that, ending at 7:05 p.m.

The second pick up spot is Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center beginning at 4:10 a.m. and every three hours after that.

On weekends and American and Italian holidays the shuttle also begins at 4:05 a.m. from the Ederle Inn, but the last run is at 1:05 p.m.

The pick up from DSFRC begins at 4:10 a.m., and the last pick up is 1:10 p.m.

Monday-Friday schedule

	1st run	2nd run	3rd run	4th run	5th run	6th run
Leave Ederle Inn	4:05	7:05	10:05	13:05	16:05	19:05
Leave Davis SFRC Bldg 108	4:10	7:10	10:10	13:10	16:10	19:10
Arrive Venice*	5:00	8:00	11:00	14:00	17:00	20:00
Leave Venice	5:20	9:15	12:15	15:15	18:15	21:15
Arrive Davis SFRC* Bldg 108	6:15	10:10	13:10	16:10	19:10	22:10
Arrive Ederle Inn	6:20	10:15	13:15	16:15	19:15	22:15

Weekend, American/Italian holiday schedule

	1st run	2nd run	3rd run	4th run
Leave Ederle Inn	4:05	7:05	10:05	13:05
Leave Davis SFRC	4:10	7:10	10:10	13:10
Arrive Venice airport*	5:00	8:00	11:00	14:00
Leave Venice airport	5:20	9:15	12:15	15:15
Arrive Davis SFRC*	6:15	10:10	13:10	16:10
Arrive Ederle Inn	6:20	10:15	13:15	16:15

*Arrival times to Venice Marco Polo airport and back to Caserma Ederle are approximate depending on traffic and weather conditions.

Students win Fit 4 Life challenge

By Lesley Gomez
USAG Vicenza
Health Promotion coordinator

Fit 4 Life, a Vicenza High School student program ended its first eight-week program with terrific results.

All seven registered participants completed the full program consisting of weight loss, reduction in body fat, increased physical fitness levels and healthy lifestyle knowledge. The outcome was a 100 percent successful.

The next Fit 4 Life session will begin in September.

However, to help students stay on track and encourage others to join in the healthy lifestyle regime, activities will be offered during the summer vacation.

The program was developed by the U.S. Army Health Center-Vicenza Pediatric department and implemented by the Childhood Obesity Working Group, formed by the USAG V Health Promotion Council, A round of applause to all the participants and a huge *thank you* to AAFES, the commissary, MWR and all Caserma Ederle agencies that helped make the program possible.

For details about Fit 4 Life, contact the Health Promotion Office at 634-8828.



U.S. Army Health Center-Vicenza nurses Emily Rich (left) and Katie Klesner (right) with six of the seven participants of the first Fit 4 Life program held on post. The next Fit 4 Life session will begin in September. For more information about the Fit 4 Life program, call Lesley Gomez, USAG Vicenza Health Promotion coordinator, at 634-8828.

Soldiers' Theatre takes Toppers

*Soldiers' Theatre
Press Release*

Once again Soldiers' Theatre went to Heidelberg and came back winners.

The Installation Management Command-Europe's 2007 Tournament of Plays "Topper" award ceremony was held April 21 and Soldiers' Theatre's entry, *Bleacher Bums*, received 12 nominations.

Out of 12 nominations, we came away

with five Best category winners:

Best Actor: Sgt. John Mendez

Best Technical Director: Ross Daniels

Best Program: Cristina Zacchino

Best House Management: Soldiers' Theatre

Theatre

Special-Outstanding Voice Announcer:

Ross Daniels.

Congratulations to all those who helped behind the scenes and onstage to make this another outstanding achievement for our community theater.



Two performers of the Soldiers' Theatre production of *Bleacher Bums*, John Beamish and Frannie Packard during a rehearsal. *Bleacher Bums* was Soldiers' Theatre's entry for the Installation Management Command-Europe's 2007 Tournament of Plays and came back with five Best of Show awards. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)

Your Thrift Shop, Bazaar dollars help Caserma Ederle community

Story and photo by Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

The Vicenza Military Spouses and Civilians' Club (VMSCC) held its last luncheon for the 2006-07 fiscal year in the Caserma Ederle Chapel activity room May 16.

In addition to holding general elections for the next executive board, VMSCC members gathered together to thank the Thrift Shop volunteers and to award the Emmy Fondi membership scholarships and Pia Manetti Continuing Education scholarships.

This year, VMSCC has budgeted \$25,000 for scholarships, of which \$16,550 to Vicenza High School seniors, \$2,700 to Pia Manetti Continuing education scholarship and \$5,750 to the Emmy Fondi Membership scholarship.

"It was an opportunity to say good-bye

to our previous years board members and welcome the new board," said Lisa Meyers, VMSCC president.

"With the exception of June and July, our club holds a luncheon or evening program each month. It is no small task to keep a private organization up and running especially one with a mission such as ours.

"With great pride this past Board can walk away knowing that this year they were able to give back to the community \$70,000 in community enrichment requests. We are able to fund these enrichments through our annual Bazaar and Thrift Shop sales," she added.

The seniors will receive their scholarships at the VHS Awards ceremony June 4 at 1:30 p.m.

For information about joining VMSCC stop by the Vicenza Thrift Shop and speak to a volunteer or watch for upcoming meetings.

What Power of Attorney can, cannot be used for at Army finance offices

By Mark Christensen
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Army finance offices will honor Powers of Attorney only for the following purposes:

1. With a special POA, a designated agent may obtain Treasury checks for you.

2. Your dependent appointed as your agent by POA may obtain your Leave and Earning Statements.

3. An agent appointed under a POA may file a travel claim on your behalf.

4. A special POA with specific language may be used to establish, change, or stop an allotment (a general POA may not be used for these purposes), which includes the ability to participate in the Savings Deposit Program.

5. A special POA may be used to change the financial institution to which payments are made.

Army finance offices **will not** honor any power of attorney for the following purposes:

1. Payments to an agent for a mentally incompetent service member.

2. Payments to an agent for a service member who is missing in action or interned.

3. Release cash payments.

4. Change direct deposit instructions.

For more information about Powers of Attorney or other legal issues, contact the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Client Services at 634-7041.

Among the services available through the Client Services office are wills, taxes, powers of attorney, estate planning, and notary public.

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 Soldier & Family Readiness Center has 12 computers, four of which have web cameras and hours are 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.

Thank You

The Vicenza Girl Scouts thanks the Vicenza Military Spouses and Civilians' Club for their recent generous donation and thanks the Vicenza community for their support in helping girls grow strong.

The Vicenza Girl Scouts will use the donation in part for Camper Scholarships and to help subsidize insignia purchases.



Vicenza High School JROTC hosts drill competition

Story and photos by Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

The Vicenza High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program hosted a drill competition on Caserma Ederle May 12 for other JROTC teams from Vilseck, Hohenfels and Bamberg High Schools in Germany.

The competition started at 9 a.m. and included competitive events such as Squad and Platoon Regulation Drill, Color Guard, Individual Regulation and Individual Exhibition.

This year's Vicenza team was commanded by Cadet Maj. Melvin Williams, who is also the Cadet Battalion Commander.

Cadet Williams has been awarded a four-year Army ROTC scholarship.

Commanding the Color Guard was Cadet 2nd Lt. Reagan Womble, who also

(Left) A JROTC Cadet Staff Sergeant performs Individual Exhibition Drill as the concluding part of the event that took place in the Vicenza High School gym and outside court May 12.

represented Vicenza in Individual Competition and placed second.

"JROTC is a different learning environment," said Womble at the end of the event.

"In other classes, you sit down and you listen to the teacher's lecture, while in JROTC you have to be able to take on a leadership position and learn self discipline," she added.

Other team members included David Myers, Zack Williams, James Nausadis, Kati Hunnewell, Jesalyn Draper, Jessica Holland, Mike McLean, Tyler Perry, and Mike Erickson.

The Vicenza program's drill team is the most successful small school (Division III) and has won more competitions in the last 10 years than any other school, except Wurzburg and Heidelberg, both much larger, Division I schools, according to the program director, Maj. (retired) George Smailes.

The Vicenza team also competed in the European Drill Championships conducted in Ansbach, Germany, on May 19.



(Above) Cadet 2nd commands the Color Guard during the drill.

Networking at the Job Fair

Community members participated in the Community Job Fair hosted by the Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program in the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center May 16. About 20 representatives from local hiring agencies, including Department of Defense Dependents Schools, AAFES, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Global Credit Union, Community Bank, CYS, and the Education Center participated in the fair to provide information about various upcoming jobs, volunteer and educational opportunities on Caserma Ederle.

"The fair is an excellent opportunity,

especially for new arrivals," said Allie Vallery, Employment Readiness manager, who coordinated the event for the third time. "It is a great place to come and ask questions because the participants can get the information in one place, at one time.

"The representatives from the agencies have their applications ready to go and the community members can drop off their résumés - even if a job is not available yet," she explained. The community fair takes place twice a year, usually in May and October. For details, call Vallery at 634-6884 or 0444-71-6884. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)



VHS Girls' soccer beat Milan, Boys' fall



Vicenza High School soccer player runs in the direction of the ball in the Milan team goalie area during the game they played May 12. The Milan team goalie next to Farinella puts himself in a difficult situation being out of his goal. Luckily, he was able to reach the ball by plunging into the middle and stopping the offensive action.

Results of the VHS soccer team were: VHS Boys lost to Milan 0-2, while the VHS Girls won 2-0.

This past week, the Vicenza school teams played in the European Championships from May 16 to 19.

Team results were not available at press time. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

Young authors, artists

The day I lost my Dad, bad beans

Story and photo

By Staff Sgt. Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

I was rushing off to the third and final assignment of the day and frankly, I was tired, frazzled and limping. I was hoping to run into the school lobby, find the top placed art piece, take my photo and call it quits for the day. That is when I noticed a young blonde girl that had a rather odd expression as she paged through one of the notebooks on the table.

"What's that?" I asked out of curiosity.

She told me it was something she had written for English class.

"Oh. What's it about," I asked trying to look around for a blue ribbon or telltale sign of the best art picture in the show.

"It's about the day I lost my dad," she replied quietly and somewhat nonchalantly.

All of a sudden, I was afraid to ask the next question. I try to think of the last time I saw her father on the installation. I held my breath to

see if she will continue unprovoked because I certainly don't want to upset her.

Finally she says "yeah we lost my dad and he ended up in Switzerland."

Now at this point, I was truly confused. I know Switzerland is a neutral country, but surely on a small post such as Camp Darby, I would have heard if someone had run off to Switzerland.

"Yeah, we were going up on the t-bar lifts at the ski slopes and my dad fell off. He said he would meet us at the bottom, but the lifts closed for the day and he ended up going down the wrong side of the mountain and got stuck in Switzerland," she explained exasperated.

It was as if she was thinking how could I be so stupid to ask an author questions about a book without reading it first. Yes, a 10-year-old made me feel like I was clueless. So, I turned to a kid standing next to her and asked him if he too had written a book.

"Yeah, but mine was about a

homework machine that checks your homework and if you get the answers wrong, it turns your homework into a bean," he responded.

I asked him if his mom made him eat beans and that is why he hated beans.

"No," he shrugged. "I like beans, but not homework beans."

This was almost maddening. I didn't know whether to continue my questions or beat my head against the wall. When the kids wandered onto the next table, I secretly picked up one of the notebooks and read what the 4th grade class had written.

It was fascinating and their raw honesty and musings left me laughing. They had even illustrated their books. The days drudgery melted away and I remembered the joy of when I was young, writing my own tales about magic doors and secret paths.

Then, Suzanne Sperl, the art teacher, came up to me with some dried mango and a berry I couldn't pronounce, let alone spell, and looked over my shoulder at the art.

"Everyday with the students is different and I really enjoy what the kids come up with," she said. "Can you imagine a whole classroom working and learning on various levels, but all equally excited?"

I could. Keeping art in the school is a topic near and dear to my heart, but I just hadn't thought about how art could actually be a teaching tool opposed to creative play.

"You know," she added, "art is really about teaching creative problem solving and allowing students to go through the individual learning process at their own pace and learning that there are many possible solutions to problems and many levels of success."

She was right. I sat back crunching on dried mangos and laughed when I overheard a parent exclaim "Wow, I never knew you were so creative honey."

Yes, the hectic day was over and it was time to go home and teach my own child the importance and joy of filling up a blank piece of paper with writing and art.

American Dream roars to life in the hills of Tuscany

By Staff Sgt. Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

The vehicles climbed along the ancient mountain path to the small town of Bivigliano: a '68 Camaro, a beautiful '59 Chevy Impala convertible, two '71 Ford Mustang Mach 1s and two DeLoreans, followed an absolutely pristine '46 Ford convertible with white and red leather interior, driven by a tall Italian man with a panama hat, flower shirt, lovely wife by his side and trusty a Great Dane in the back seat.

It was every 50-year-old boy's dream-surrounded by more than 300 roaring engines at an eclectic gathering of American cars, motorcycles and motor heads at the 3rd Annual On the Road All American Car Show.

"There were some of the biggest, longest, bad-assed classic Cadillacs I had ever seen," said Mike Monti, owner of a 2006 Ford Mustang GT coupe.

Monti, a California native and Belgium Street Cruisers International and Around Touring Club member, had a passion for hotrods since he was 14.

Monti, like all the others at the car show, has a pet name for his car.

"My car is called 'The 'Stang' because it's the bomb," laughs Mike, sitting back in the bucket seat. "I am having so much fun with my third Mustang. I think Ford did a marvelous job making a new car with a classic retro look and it is an absolute pleasure to drive. I think the Ford Mustang is everything the phrase 'American muscle car' stands for."

Monti, who goes to a lot of car shows and meets, says the main difference between American street rodders and Italian motor heads is that the younger Italians are more into video and audio opposed to body modifications. When some young Italians stopped by to check out his unique touches, Monti was like a kid opening presents at Christmas time as he displayed his lambo, scissor-style doors.

"The doors were really expensive, but it's an expression of my individuality," shrugs Monti. "When you go to these car shows, you're not

talking politics or caring who comes from where or what background. I came here to make friends and spread some goodness about America."



A Dodge Viper, a true American muscle car, has a V-10 motor, lots of horse power and a seat-of-the-pants thrilling drive, safely leads the way through a mountain path to the 3rd Annual All American Car Show outside of Florence. (Photo by Mike Monti, Darby Community Club Manager)

Unlike most car shows where you pay a fee to compete for trophies, this was a free event. Everyone in the town went out of their way to make sure visitors had fun and were relaxed. Children sold crafts and sandwiches at make-shift tables as a band pumped out rock-n-roll Jerry Lewis tunes.

"This was a great forum and I was glad to see other folks from Camp Darby out here enjoying the car show," said Monti. "Besides, nothing sounds as good as the roar a V-8 muscle car on your day off from work."

Community Affairs Council feedback

Thumbs up: I had the pleasure of staying several days in the nearby town of Tirrenia.

During my stay I visited Camp Darby several times and I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you how impressed I was with your military installation.

It was clean, well-maintained and orderly. All of the personnel I came in contact with, both Italian and American, civilian and military, were courteous and friendly.

As a 36-year veteran of the Air Force, I know that a military installation is very much a reflection of its leadership.

In particular, I would also like to pass on my sincere thanks to Vicente LaRocca, Europcar manager. Not only was he very helpful in arranging for a rental

car, but he went beyond the call of duty by volunteering a wealth of information on the region.

He also provided me with some terrific suggestions as to how to best enjoy Tuscany. Mr. LaRocca and his car rental office are great compliments to the many other fine services on the Camp.

Again, I want to congratulate you on the wonderful job you and your community have done at Camp Darby.

You all should be very proud. Keep up the great work.

Col. Robert Rull (retired)
Valrico, Fla.

Send your comments, suggestions or problems to usaglacs@eur.army.mil or to www.usag.livorno.army.mil.

Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

Wine cellars open

More than 15 wine cellars in the province of Vicenza will open their doors May 27.

In towns such as Arcugnano, Breganze, Gambellara, Nanto and Montebello and visitors can enter from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

For a complete listing of those open in this area visit the Web page www.mtvveneto.it and click on *Cantine Aperte* and then *Cantine Aperte il 27 maggio*.

Veg and fruit festivals

Cherry festivals are happening in the following towns:

Castegnero - May 25-28

Marostica - May 27

The town of Peseggia province of Scorze', Venice, will hold its Pea Festival May 25-June 4. Food tents open at noon on Sundays, other days at 7 p.m.

The town of Peseggia is 62 km from Vicenza.

Upcoming concerts

Gospel music—Cheryl Porter and the International Gospel Messengers will perform May 24 at 9 p.m. in the MaxLive complex in the town of Costabissara, province of Vicenza;

Marilyn Manson performs in Milan May 28 and in Florence May 29.

Elton John appears in Venice June 5-6 and in Lucca July 10.

Red Hot Chili Peppers perform in Udine June 28.

The 80's group Devo appears in Bergamo June 29 and in Pordenone June 30.

July 12 Catch Ziggy Marley in Florence.

Michael Buble plays in Padova Oct. 21 and in Mantova Oct. 22.

Harlem Globetrotters

The City of Jesolo will host the players/showmen of the great U.S. basketball tradition, the Harlem Globetrotters May 26.

Advance tickets are on sale from www.ticketweb.it and cost 19 to 39 euro plus commission.

The Globetrotters will also play in Rome May 24, Livorno May 25 and in Reggio Emilia May 27.

Non-competitive rowing race and palio

May 27 be in Venice to watch Vogalonga. This is the name of this

non-competitive rowing race where hundreds of boats of every shape and form, together with hundreds of Venetian and foreign rowers, take part.

The boats start gathering in St. Marks basin in the morning hours.

That same day the Palio of Ancient Maritime Republics will take place in Venice.

This is a yearly boat race between the four Italian Maritime Republics that sailed the seas in medieval times and is hosted, in turn, on the Mediterranean at Amalfi and Genova, on the Arno in Pisa and on the lagoon in Venice.

Starting at 5 p.m. there will be a historical parade with traditional costumes from the four republics in San Marco Square and along the bank.

At 6:15 p.m. the regatta starts from Mulino Stucky and passes through the Canale della Giudecca and San Marco Basin, the distance is 2 km.

Art in Verona

More than 180 works of art from Botticelli to Modigliani to Giorgione and Bonnard; from Caravaggio to Calzolari and others are on display in the Palazzo della Ragione, located in Piazza dei Signori, Verona until July 29.

The exhibit is open weekdays 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., weekends 9:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Entrance fee is 10 euro.

Visit a botanical garden

The world's first botanical garden was created in Padova in 1545 and today it still preserves its original layout – a circular central plot, symbolizing the world, surrounded by a ring of water.

The garden is located near St. Antonio's Church, look for signs, 'Orto Botanico'.

The garden features more than 6,000 plants including ponds with water lilies, cactus, ferns, trees



A view of one of the many gardens at the Orto Botanico in Padova.

which date from 1585 and botanical plants. Other elements were added later some architectural – ornamental entrances and balustrades – and some practical – pumping stations and greenhouses.

The garden is open daily 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. Entrance fee is 4 euro. View the Web site (in English) at www.cbft.unipd.it/pdtour/garden.html

Celtic music festival

The 4th Annual Celtic music festival takes place in the town of Montecchio Precalcino May 26-27.

Different clans and groups will be present all dressed in their clan outfits.

May 27: Gates open at 2 p.m. and at 4 p.m. activities begin in the Celtic village. Craftsmen can be seen working on items and at 5:30 p.m. activities for children begin.

At 7 p.m. the Celtic restaurant opens and 7:30 p.m. is the ritual lighting of the fire. Music begins at 10 p.m. music.

May 28: Gates open at 11 a.m. with the Celtic restaurant opening at noon. Children's activities begin at 3:30 p.m.

At 6 p.m. the battle between the Celts and Cimbri takes place.

The restaurant reopens at 7 p.m. Entrance fee 6 euro, but if you go in costume, are younger than 18 or over 65 you pay only 4 euro. Children shorter than the king's sword get in free.

Find details on the Web site: www.venigallia.com in Italian only. Montecchio Precalcino is 16km north of Vicenza.

Exhibition

June 2-3: The 7th annual Reptiles Day, exhibition-market is held in the exhibition grounds of Longarone.

There will be 71 exhibitors from 15 of Italy's regions and exhibitors from the USA, Germany, Austria, Belgium and Holland.

See reptiles, insects, tropical and carnivorous plants, such as the Venus fly catcher, and appropriate equipment and supplies on display.

Last year saw more than 3,000 visitors came to the exhibit.

Open 9 a.m.-7 p.m. each day. Entrance fee 6 euro.

Find details in English are on the Web site: www.reptilesday.com. Directions from Vicenza 151 km: Autostrada A4 east, take the A27 north and exit at Pian di Vedola and follow directions for Longarone.

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

May 22	CLOSED	
May 23	Lucky You (PG13)	7 p.m.
May 24	Dead Silence (R)	7 p.m.
May 25	Wild Hogs (PG13)	7 p.m.
	Black Snake Moan (R)	10 p.m.
May 26	Shrek the Third (PG)	4 p.m.
	Zodiac (R)	7 p.m.
May 27	Shrek the Third (PG3)	4 p.m.
	Zodiac (R)	7 p.m.
May 28	CLOSED	
May 29	CLOSED	

Camp Darby Theater

May 24	Dead Silence (R)	6 p.m.
May 25	Black Snake Moan (R)	6 p.m.
May 26	Zodiac (R)	6 p.m.
May 27	Spiderman 3 (PG13)	2 p.m.

Movie Synopsis

BLACK SNAKE MOAN - *Samuel L. Jackson, Christina Ricci*. Bitter and broken from a cheating wife and a shattered marriage, Lazarus' soul is lost in spent dreams and betrayal's contempt – until Rae. Half naked and beaten unconscious, Rae is left for dead on the side of the road when Lazarus discovers her. Lazarus quickly learns that the young woman he's nursing back to health is none other than the town tramp from the small Tennessee town where they live. Worse, she has a peculiar anxiety disorder. He realizes when the fever hits, Rae's affliction has more to do with love lost than any found. Refusing to know her in the biblical sense, Lazarus decides to cure Rae of her wicked ways – and vent some unresolved male vengeance of his own.

ZODIAC - *Jake Gyllenhaal, Mark Ruffalo*. As a serial killer terrifies San Francisco Bay and taunts police with his ciphers and letters, investigators in four jurisdictions search for the murderer. The case will become an obsession for four men as their lives and careers are built and destroyed by the endless trail of clues.

SHREK THE THIRD - *Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz*. When Shrek married Fiona, the last thing he wanted was to rule Far Far Away, but when his frogger-in-law, King Harold, suddenly croaks, Shrek is quickly fitted for the crown. Now, unless the reluctant would-be king can find a suitable replacement, he'll be royally screwed for the rest of his days. It's going to take an ogre-sized effort – and a whole lot of help from Fiona and her band of princesses – for Shrek to save the day and find their own "Happily Ever After."

DEAD SILENCE - *Amber Valletta, Ryan Kwanten*. There is an old ghost story in the sleepy town of Ravens Fair about Mary Shaw, a ventriloquist who went mad. Accused of the murder of a young boy, she was hunted down by vengeful townspeople who cut out her tongue and killed her. They buried her along with her "children," a hand-made collection of vaudeville dolls. Since that time, Ravens Fair has been plagued by death.

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

Classified Ads

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

Buyers must go to the Vicenza MWR Web site, www.vicenzamwr.com for details about items for sale below or call 634-7343 or 0444-71-7343 from off post.

Queen-size box spring and mattress wanted: Will pay fair price.

Olympus D-40 camera: 4 mega pixel w/attachments. \$130, OBO.

Pyramid 100 watt AM/FM car stereo cassette player: Still in box. \$30.

Free to good home: Kittens and mother cat.

AFN Decoder: \$75, OBO.

Whirlpool Washing Machine: 220v, front-loading. \$200.

1998 Suzuki GSX-R600: Excellent condition. \$2,950, OBO.

1992 Honda CBR 900RR: Beautiful Bike. \$2,200.

2005 Road King Classic Harley Davidson: Beautiful condition. \$12,500.

Wanted: Cheap, reliable car.

Dell Computer: Includes mouse, keyboard and CPU. No monitor. \$400.

Toshiba Laptop 2003 Laptop: Has power problems. \$400.

MoBunny needs a good home: Free white friendly rabbit. Comes with cage, dishes, litter box, and more.

1992 Mercedes: Runs well. \$1,200.

2000 Fiat Panda: Needs battery

and a tune-up. \$350.

DVDs: Have numerous at different prices.

Guitar Amp: Ampeg AX-44C. Works fine and sounds great. 110V. \$200.

Mixing Board and Audio Receiver/Power Amp Stereo: Old but works great, 110v. \$75 for Board, \$250 for Amp, or \$300 for both.

31-band Furman Equalizer: Single Channel, 110/220V. \$60.

Centon 512MB RAM Stick for Notebook computer: \$35.

PC games: Assorted titles/prices.

XBox 360 Games: Assorted titles/prices

LG TV: 110/220v, good condition. \$60.

May 24 Safety Day event hosts fun, information for all

May 24 is Safety Day on Caserma Ederle and the community is invited to pick up their Safety Passport to Fun and take a Walk to Afghanistan – all the while learning valuable tips on summer safety, earning Walk to Afghanistan mileage, and the opportunity to win terrific prizes from AAFES.

The fun begins at 10 a.m. in front of the post exchange where you and your family register and pick up your Safety passports, along the way check out the various safety displays. Have your blood pressure checked by Occupational Health staff before setting off and collecting your endorsement.

The USAG Vicenza Health Promotion staff will have a table set up at the PX where you can sign up for the Walk to Afghanistan challenge and AFN will broadcast live from the parking lot.

Walk to each location on the passport and get an endorsement, then turn in the completed passport back at the post exchange for your chance to win cool prizes including a set of weights, a weight bench, baby seat and more.

Safety passport locations are (can be visited in any order):

A: Post exchange – See a demonstration about sports nutrition and pick up a free T-shirt, shaker cup, and other items.

B: ECO Center: The first 50 participants will receive a voucher for a free Compact Florescent Light bulb. Check out the Mercedes and Ferrari owned by the USAG Vicenza Directorate of Public Works. Learn about the insect world from the post entomologist and see his display of creepy crawlies! Find out how to correctly use insect sprays and weed killers. DPW will show you how to correctly recycle and help save the planet.

C: Ederle Inn pool: The Sports & Fitness staff offers a class on safe swimming just in time for the long weekend.

D: Army Substance Abuse Program: Stop by ASAP, located in bldg 169 next to the health clinic, and try on their beer goggles and see what driving under the influence is like. ASAP will also have handouts on managing stress, separation, family problems and play videos on alcohol and drug prevention.

E: Fitness center: Pump up at the fitness center with information on hydrating during workouts, knowing your limits and eating right. You can also take an initial fitness assessment for the Walk to Afghanistan wellness initiative.

F: Davis Soldier & Family Readiness Center: The Vicenza American Red Cross will give you information on volunteering options and health and safety classes.

G: Auto Skill Center: Charlie and his team of ASE-certified staff will demonstrate how to

change a tire, wiper blades and answer general car care questions.

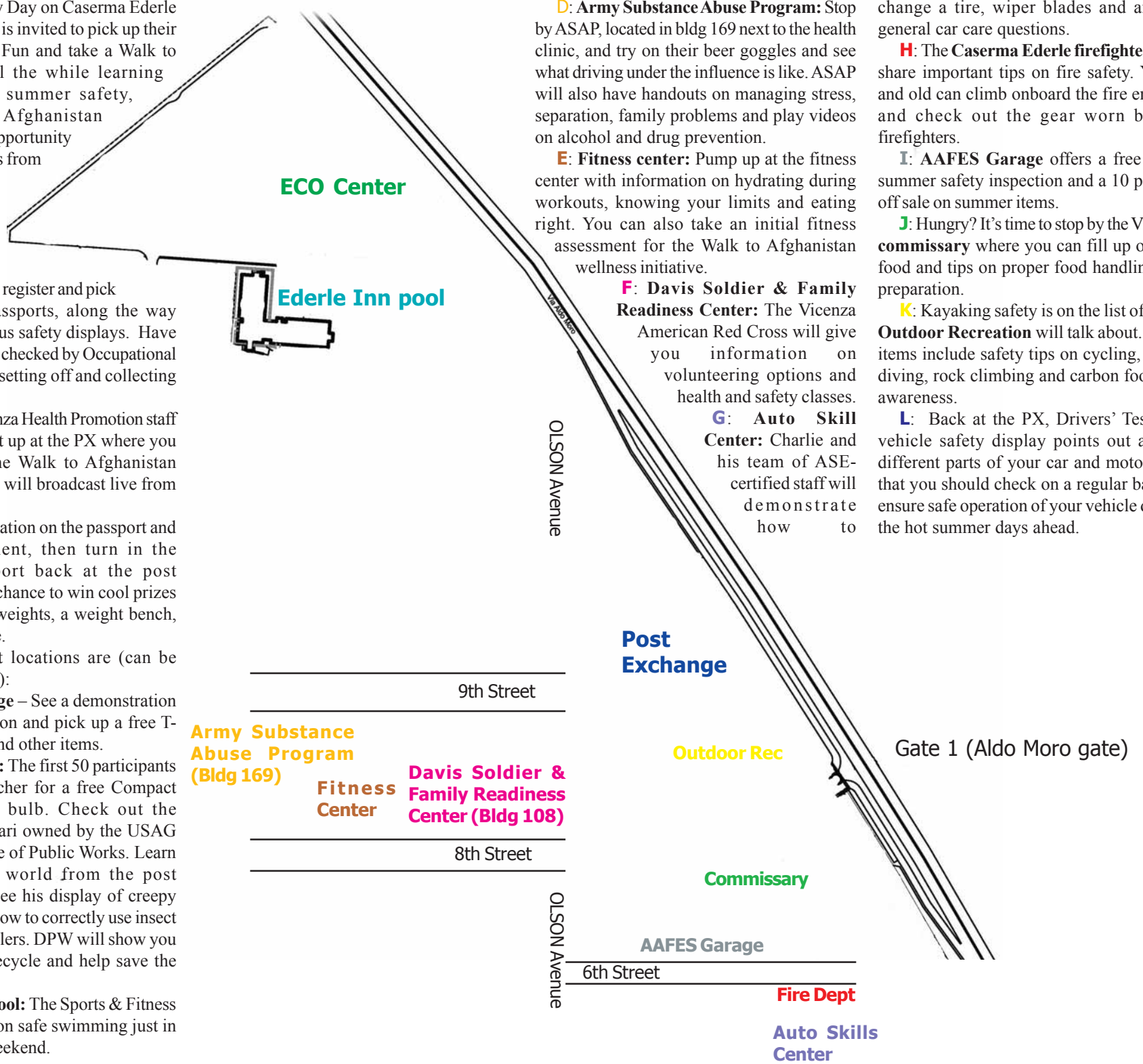
H: The Caserma Ederle firefighters will share important tips on fire safety. Young and old can climb onboard the fire engines and check out the gear worn by the firefighters.

I: AAFES Garage offers a free super summer safety inspection and a 10 percent off sale on summer items.

J: Hungry? It's time to stop by the Vicenza commissary where you can fill up on free food and tips on proper food handling and preparation.

K: Kayaking safety is on the list of items **Outdoor Recreation** will talk about. Other items include safety tips on cycling, scuba diving, rock climbing and carbon footprint awareness.

L: Back at the PX, Drivers' Testing's vehicle safety display points out all the different parts of your car and motorcycle that you should check on a regular basis to ensure safe operation of your vehicle during the hot summer days ahead.



Celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

On Thursday, Caserma Ederle celebrated Asian Pacific American Heritage month in the fitness center gym. The event included traditional dances and some handicraft on display in several booths representing Guam, Korea, China and Philippines (see photo at left). Master Sgt. Tamika Anderson, SETAF Equal Opportunity advisor, introduced the event, based on this year's theme "Pursuing Excellence through Leadership, Diversity, and Unity", and also the guest speaker Capt. Jonathan Ng, USAG Vicenza Executive Officer. Command Sgt. Maj. Isaia Vimoto, HHC, 173d ABCT, introduced some Samoan dances, such as *Namu*, and *Tauluga*, respectively meaning a mosquito dance and the final dance. Vimoto explained that "in today's society it is important to show the rest of the community our culture, what we represent and what we stand for." (Below) Two men perform a traditional "War" dance during the event. (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)



(Below) Sabrina Vimoto, Vicenza High School senior (left) and her brother, Tim (far right) perform *Tauluga*, a Samoan dance along with community members. Vimoto is wearing a *Slapo*, a traditional tree-bark dress and a head band called *Tuiga*.

