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## A little piece of New Orleans

A mother adjusts the hat of her daughter made during the Lundi Gras festivities held at Club V Feb. 27. "All the activities for children were great," she said. "We enjoyed sampling the food, and I have to say, my favorite is the Bourbon Street bread pudding. See more photos and story on page 5.

## Library enforces behavior policy

By Spc. Justin Nieto  
SETAF Public Affairs

The post library here has been targeted as a popular hang out for children after school while waiting for their parents to pick them up, a source of a big problem for a facility known to be a quiet study facility.

"In the past it has been a bad issue, specifically the noise and behavior of some individuals," said Steve Brown, librarian, Ederle Library. "It wasn't exactly conducive to the library environment of studying, research and reading, which is what a library is supposed to be used for."

Brown said that the majority of issues arise right after school lets out and children spend their time in the library until their parents pick them up for the night, which leads to the children getting restless and somewhat disruptive.

"The children show up, do their homework and then have to wait around for their parents to show up," said Brown. "Would you want to spend almost three hours just sitting around in the library with nothing to do? I know I wouldn't."

Brown agrees the burden lies mostly on the parents to ensure their children are properly behaved in these facilities and don't use the library as a childcare center.

The issue got so bad, it was brought before the Community Action Council and openly addressed by the Department of Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

"The Library, and in fact, many individuals in the community have recognized there has been a chronic problem regarding noise and behavior in this setting," said MWR in a statement responding to the issue. "U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Policy Memorandum 06-34, Post Library Conduct was put into effect on 19 Sep 2005. A copy of this policy is available on a

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bulletin board at the Library and the U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Web site."

The policy outlines what kind of behavior is allowed and what kind of behavior will not be tolerated under a kind of three-strike system.

The punishments range from receiving a warning to being kicked out of the library for a month.

Brown stated the problem hasn't been as big lately, however, and he attributes a portion of the recent quiet to the returning parents from their Afghanistan deployment.

"I believe that has helped the situation a bit because there were a lot of single parents here when the deployment began and now they have that support when dealing with their children," said Brown.

Brown stated there are many options available to the parents for keeping their children occupied after school such as sports, the Teen Center on Caserma Ederle and the Villaggio Youth Center. For a small membership fee a year, these facilities are worth it, according to Brown.

"This boils down to parental responsibility," said Brown. "We need to tell [the children] to act better."

## Bush reports on trip to Afghanistan, South Asia

By Jim Garamone  
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WASHINGTON – President Bush used his weekly radio address to report on his visit to Afghanistan and South Asia.

Bush said he is pleased with the progress and changes in Afghanistan. The country harbored Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda terrorist group. It was in Afghanistan where al Qaeda planned the September 11th attacks.

"I was thrilled to see firsthand the

incredible transformation that has taken place there," he said. He called the Taliban a brutal regime that terrorized its own people and oppressed women.

"Today, the terror camps have been shut down; women are working; boys and girls are back in school; and 25 million people have now tasted freedom," he said.

Bush praised President Hamid Karzai and the "vibrant young democracy" that is growing in a blighted section of the globe.

See Bush Visit on page 3

### AFN Web site highlights Olympic athletes

Web surfers can log on to [www.AFNEurope.net](http://www.AFNEurope.net) for more information about the military athletes and how they fared in the 2006 Winter Olympics recently held in Torino, Italy.

Two local AFN broadcasters covered the event from the Opening to Closing Ceremonies and profiled the U.S. military Olympians and coaches who competed in the 20th Winter Olympic Games. See all of their stories and daily diaries posted on the Web site.

### New Post Office hours

The Post Office on Caserma Ederle is now open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. They are now open on Thursday mornings.

### OHA survey deadline Friday

The Overseas Housing Allowance Utility Survey deadline for U.S. servicemembers assigned to U.S. Army, Europe has been extended to Friday.

Results from the survey will help determine OHA rates for Americans in uniform worldwide.

Each year, the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee conducts the OHA Utility Survey to collect average monthly utility and recurring maintenance expense data from service members who receive the allowance. Respondents should use actual utility bills or maintenance expense records to determine their monthly average.

The survey is available online at: <https://www.perdiem.osd.mil/oha/ohasurvey>

It covers all service members who receive OHA and live in privately leased quarters.

# USAREUR CG encourages participation in well-being survey

By Gen. David D. McKiernan  
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The well-being of our Soldiers, civilian employees, retirees and family members is a combat multiplier and critical to our readiness. For this reason, it is important the support services they receive are of the highest quality.

To measure the effectiveness of services provided by military communities and determine overall customer satisfaction, USAREUR, in coordination with IMA-EURO, is conducting a well-being survey from now until March 10.

Information gathered during the survey will be shared with participants and the agencies affected. This information will also be used as a baseline for improving services and overall quality of life throughout the Army in Europe.

The survey will include questions about the following important topics:

- Childcare and Youth Programs
- Recreation
- Family Readiness
- Relocation
- Financial Readiness
- School and Education

- Healthcare
- Spouse Employment

The survey takes about 30 minutes to complete. Surveys and answer sheets are available at convenient places throughout the community, such as Army Community Service centers, fitness centers, libraries, and similar facilities, as well as from units that have been selected for the survey. Answer sheets must be returned to these facilities or to the administering unit for collection and forwarding.

The USAREUR Modular Survey System Web site at <http://www.per.hqusareur.army.mil/umss/wbs.htm> provides more information.

#### Commanders and Leaders:

I ask you to aggressively support this survey throughout your organizations and communities. Use your communication channels to emphasize the importance of taking part. Maximum participation will help ensure our families receive the level and quality of services they deserve. Emphasize this survey helps to capture their "vote."

#### Soldiers and Civilian Employees:

A select number of units and organizations have been asked to complete the survey. If your unit was



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not selected, you can still take part by contacting one of the agencies previously listed.

#### Family Members:

In addition to the facilities indicated, you may also participate through your Family Readiness Group. Please take time to complete the survey and encourage neighbors, friends, and retirees who may not have heard about it to do the same.

I strongly encourage everyone to participate in this important survey. This is our opportunity to indicate our satisfaction with the communities we live in and rate the overall effectiveness of the services they provide.

## Pentagon to appeal court ruling against new personnel system

By Gerry J. Gilmore  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The Pentagon plans to appeal a recent federal court decision that stalled some labor-management provisions of the new National Security Personnel System, a senior Defense Department official said here Wednesday.

"Clearly, the department will be working with the Department of Justice on the appeal of that decision," DoD spokesman Bryan Whitman told Pentagon reporters.

U. S. District Judge Emmet G. Sullivan ruled Feb. 27 that proposed NSPS provisions would not protect civilian employees' ability to bargain collectively. The cited provisions involve labor relations, collective bargaining, independent third-party review, adverse actions and the National Security Labor Relations Board, DoD's proposed internal labor relations panel, according to the court's 77-page decision.

In 2003, DoD began work to establish a new civilian personnel compensation and management process that rewards employees according to performance. Old civil service rules mostly tied employees' raises to an individual's length of service. In February 2005, the American Federation of Government Employees and a dozen other labor unions filed a lawsuit against the Defense Department over the establishment of the NSPS.

Defense Department officials believe the department needs to transform its 50-year-old civilian personnel system into one that's more capable and flexible in order to better meet 21st-century challenges, Whitman said. DoD and the Office of Personnel Management have worked together to create the NSPS, a personnel management process that'll eventually apply to more than 650,000 DoD civilian employees.

**For more information on the  
National Security Personnel System  
visit the Web site [www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/](http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/)**

## Community Action Council

This forum is to discuss issues affecting the community.

If you have an issue you wish to submit, visit the USAG Vicenza Web site at [www.usag.vicenza.army.mil](http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil) and click on the Community Action Council link. This link provides you the opportunity to review issues that have been previously submitted and responded to by post agencies. There is also a form available for you to submit any new issue you would like addressed. If you have questions, call 634-5222 or 0444-71-5222 from off post.

The command encourages you to identify yourself when submitting a CAC issue in order to be able to answer your concern directly.

The command also reminds the community that CAC issues submitted containing vulgar, derogatory or inflammatory language will not be addressed.

Childcare is offered during the CAC at \$4 per hour, per child, for children ages 6 weeks old through kindergarten from 8:45-11:15 a.m. Preregistration is required. Children will be cared for in the Child Development Center, building 395.

Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services Central Registration. Call 634-7219 or stop by their location in the Davis Family Readiness Center.

The CAC will be hosted at the Caserma Ederle Chapel on March 22 beginning at 9 a.m.

**Issue: Academic and Extracurricular Activities** – Provide the Vicenza area with an American-style education that has a robust student activities program that ensures students receive opportunities mirroring what many stateside schools have to offer. Our children are going to have a non-competitive school resume when they

start to apply for higher education. Higher education seeks students who are willing to go above and beyond. They look for extra curricular activities, as well as how students have built themselves into well-rounded productive citizens.

#### Recommendation:

1. Begin to establish and organize academic programs for students with their help and input in order to justify student interest and locate staff and community expertise
2. Organize a town hall meeting for the high school where students and parents can voice their concerns
3. Seek for more funds in the budget for these opportunities for our children
4. Hold the Vicenza High School leadership accountable at all costs

**Response from DoDDS:** Student interests, staff expertise, and budget are factors influencing the range of extracurricular activities offered at the high school. As we decide which programs and activities are offered, we have to ascertain all requirements of law, regulation, and collective bargaining agreements are satisfied.

The School Advisory Committee, composed of parents, teachers, and a student, has reviewed the activities offered at Vicenza Middle/High School. They have determined the middle and high school academic and extracurricular opportunities available for students are plentiful and varied.

For the past two school years, we have received increased funding enabling us to offer eight additional extracurricular activities, five of which were student requests. Students who want to be involved in extracurricular activities are involved and usually overextend themselves.

DoDDS' administrators are held accountable through an effective system of checks and balances ensuring each school's limited resources are maximized so students have as many academic and extracurricular opportunities as possible.

All DoDD Schools provide a forum for parent concerns and advice through the SAC. Our next SAC meeting is March 16 at 3:15 p.m. in the high school information center.

**Issue: Cost of Child Care – Information**

to new civilians is very poor. I'm a new civilian employee. When I was looking for information on the Internet I couldn't find anything for civilians; all was for military personnel.

Plus, I have two children: one is 4 (almost 5) years old and the other one is 1 year old. I have to pay almost \$600 a month for them to be in child care. Don't get me wrong, I'm okay with this but, I think it is too much, and my oldest child can't go to pre-school because my wife doesn't work. And I get just 10 hours of daily care. How is it possible for her to look for a job if she has the two children with her all the time and I'm working?

Back to the \$600 issue – why do I have to pay more if they are getting the same care as the other children? Like I said before, I don't mind paying it, but is too much for a month.

**Recommendation:** A better rate in child care. We aren't rich you know.

**Response from the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation:** Thanks for giving us the opportunity to clarify the fees and availability of childcare. The fees for childcare are determined by the Department of the Army. It is important to note no customer pays the full cost of childcare. Fees are established on a sliding scale based on the total family income of the patron. The Army subsidizes every single patron to a greater or lesser extent depending upon the fee that is charged to them. Fees for childcare within Child and Youth Services are significantly lower than fees for childcare of similar quality in the United States, especially in the case of infants.

CYS offers several discounts reducing the cost of childcare. The Multiple Child discount applies to the second and subsequent children in full time care, with a 10 percent discount given for each of these children. Employees of CYS receive a 20 percent discount on childcare fees. Parents who help in one of the CYS programs with specified volunteer tasks may earn credit towards a discount on their fees.

At this time the Child Development Center is staffed to support reintegration and has eliminated the maximum number of hours per week a family may take advantage of hourly

care, provided space is available. Also, while there are currently no slots available in the full-day preschool program, our Part Day Preschool 2-day program has a few openings. This program meets on Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The customer may choose to use the Hourly and Part-Day preschool programs to give his spouse sufficient time during the week to look for a job with the children safely and happily occupied in the CDC.

**Issue: Pricing in MWR Facilities (Art Center Framing) CAC Issue Number 06-278**

**Update from DMWR:** We appreciate your question about how MWR sets prices. IMA Europe has just recently given their approval for the garrison commander to establish MWR prices, except for CYS. We are now reviewing all MWR prices, except CYS, and will be briefing the garrison commander this week for his approval of all MWR prices. We will make the new prices available as soon as possible.

In addition, we thank you for your concerns about the Vicenza Art Center. We are reviewing, restructuring and amending the pricing structure in line with new IMA-E guidance. We are also reviewing our product and service offerings to make sure we are operating our business efficiently and effectively – and meeting customer needs. We have also asked our higher headquarters to conduct an assistance visit to make sure we are operating our Art Center in accordance with Army policy and guidance.

We apologize for the longer-than-normal framing time at the Vicenza Art Center. Unlike many framing shops on the economy, the Vicenza Arts Center offers many options in addition to framing. While we strive for quality in both materials and technique in our framing projects, many times, our staff focus is on other Art Center projects, including supervision of the do-it-yourself framing studio and educational classes, which may slow down our turn around time.

While we recognize that there may be faster options for framing elsewhere, the primary goal of the Vicenza Arts Center is quality and ensuring customer satisfaction.

We will work to improve the turn-around time and appreciate your continued feedback.

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the Caserma Ederle  
Chapel on  
March 22 at 9 a.m.**

## Spread of democracy

# Bush says U.S., Italy strategic partners

By Steven Donald Smith  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—The strategic partnership between the U.S. and Italy is an important component in helping spread democracy and peace, President Bush said Feb. 28 after a meeting with Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi.

"We discussed Iraq and the need for strong allies to continue to support the democracy movement there," Bush said at the White House. "This strategic relationship is important for both our peoples and it's important to help lay the foundations for peace."

Berlusconi echoed Bush's sentiment about the importance of spreading the democratic values both countries share.

"It is only through democracy there can be freedom, and only through freedom can human beings give the best of themselves," the prime minister said. "As President Bush has said, that only if all democratic states join together, we can bring democracy and peace all over the world."

Bush added his personal relationship with Berlusconi has helped because it is built on shared principles and trust.

"A personal relationship is

based upon mutual trust. I have found Silvio to be a person of his word," Bush said. "I like somebody who makes up his mind based upon principle."

Italian troops are currently serving in both Afghanistan and Iraq, but Italy has a prospective plan in place to withdraw its 3,000 troops from Iraq by the end of the year. Berlusconi said Italian forces have already trained 10,000 Iraqi law enforcement personnel.

"We have, all together with our allies, trained the Iraqi troops and Iraqi soldiers and the law enforcement so that the Iraqi government itself will be able to guarantee the security of its

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people through their own forces," Berlusconi said.

When asked about recent sectarian violence in Iraq and if he feared the outbreak of "an all-out civil war," Bush said the people of Iraq and their leaders

must choose unity in order to stem chaos.

"Obviously, there are some who are trying to sow the seeds of sectarian violence. They want to ... destroy in order to create chaos," Bush said. "And now the people of Iraq and their leaders must make a choice. The choice is a free society or a society dictated by the evil people who will kill innocents."

The president said the December elections were a clear indicator the Iraqi people want a unified and peaceful country. "Last December, 11 million people, in defiance of the terrorists and the killers, went to the polls and said, 'We want to be free,'" he said.

## Supporting Reintegration



Clockwise from bottom left: USAG Vicenza Directorate of Logistics Transportation Motor Pool drivers take a break from supporting Soldiers returning from Afghanistan. The USAG Vicenza DOL and drivers are responsible for receiving and transporting all returning Soldiers and equipment at Aviano Air Base. (Photo provided by Alex Menzies, DOL)

## BUSH VISIT:

### Bush reports on trip to Afghanistan, South Asia

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Bush visited American servicemembers stationed in Afghanistan. "It was a privilege to thank them in person for their courage and for the sacrifice of their families back home," he said. "These fine Americans are standing watch for liberty halfway across the world, and I told them that all Americans were proud of them."

After Afghanistan, the president and his party flew to India where he held talks with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, and concluded an agreement to share civilian nuclear technology. India – who has not signed the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty – did agree to open its 14 civilian nuclear reactors to international inspectors and keep power generation separate from its military program.

The next stop on his trip was India. Like

America, India has endured terrorist attacks on its International Atomic Energy Agency. Bush said the agreement was good for American security and for American companies.

The president's final stop was Pakistan. The country is a frontline state in the war on terrorism and has worked closely with U.S. and Afghan officials to stop Al Qaeda and the Taliban, Bush said.

Bush said he appreciates Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf's position and his strong support against terror.

"Since he joined the fight against terror, President Musharraf has faced several attempts on his life, yet President Musharraf has not faltered," he said. "He understands that the terrorists are a threat to the peace and security of the Pakistani people and the world."

Bush said the relationships with the three nations are important to long-term American security.

"By working with these leaders and the people of these three nations, we're seizing the opportunities this new century offers and helping to lay the foundations of peace and prosperity for generations to come," he said.

### USAREUR Logician's Conference to be held in April

The USAREUR Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4 (Logistics) is hosting a two-day conference April 19 and 20 at Patrick Henry Village, Heidelberg on programs for Department of the Army civilians in the Ammunition, Maintenance Management, Quality Assurance and Reliability, Supply Management, and Transportation Management career fields. The theme of the conference is "Maximizing Your Opportunities." The scheduled keynote speaker is Kathryn A. Condon, Army Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff

Registration begins Friday and closes April 7. There is no charge for the conference. Attendees will be asked to pre-order lunch during online registration and pay for lunch during sign-in April 19. If TDY funds are not available, managers may approve permissive TDY, allowing the employee to attend at his/her own expense without reimbursement for travel and lodging costs. TDY expenses are the responsibility of the employee's command.

For more information, hotel accommodations, and the name of the USAREUR career program manager use your Army Knowledge Online user ID and password to log-on <https://extranet.g4.hqusareur.army.mil/careerday>.

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# Remembering Our ForeMothers

## Women's History Month time to reflect on female accomplishments



The Federal Women's Program manager and Col. Virgil S. L. Williams, USAG Vicenza commander, get ready to cut the cake to officially kick off the 2006 National Women's History Month in the post exchange food court Thursday. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

*Kick off Women's History Month by testing your knowledge.*

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### Do you know who they are?

1) She is the first woman to ever receive a Nobel prize. Her work contributed greatly to our understanding of radioactivity and the effects of x-rays. She received two Nobel prizes – the first in 1903 in Physics for her joint research on the radiation phenomena with her husband Pierre, who also received the award, and in 1911, this time in Chemistry, for the discovery of the elements radium and polonium. She died in 1934 of aplastic anemia, a blood disease often resulting from radiation exposure. Her daughter, Irene, also received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for her synthesis of new radioactive elements.

2) In the early 1900s, she noticed drivers in the rain or snow had to stick their heads out of their windows to see the road while driving or stop every once in a while to wipe away the excess moisture. She invented the windshield wiper.

3) She is the first woman to swim the English Channel. She finished her famous swim in 14 hours and 19 minutes, beating the men's record by two hours.

4) She is the first woman to travel into space. Growing up wanting to be a tennis player, she orbited Earth on June 18, 1983, aboard the space shuttle Challenger.

5) While washing dishes at home, she wanted to take special care of her fragile China. She invented the dishwasher, which required hand-pumping, and unveiled it at the 1893 World's Fair.

6) She said "If the first woman God ever made was strong enough to turn the world upside down all alone, these women together ought to be able to turn it back, and get it right side up again! And now they is asking to do it, the men better let them." She was born into slavery in New York and emancipated in 1827. When she heard one of her five children had been sold into slavery in Alabama, she sued the court for his return and won since he had been emancipated under New York law. She spent most of her life traveling the states promoting the end of slavery, women's rights and preaching.

7) She joined the women's rights movement in 1852 after teaching for 15 years. She said: "Men their rights and nothing more; women their rights and nothing less!" She spent her life campaigning for women's suffrage and equality. She was the first woman to be honored by having her likeness appear on a circulating United States coin – a dollar coin.

8) She invented a treatment for straightening hair that is still

used today. She said: "I am a woman who came from the cotton fields of the South. From there I was promoted to the washtub. From there I was promoted to the cook kitchen. And from there I promoted myself into the business of manufacturing hair goods and preparations... I have built my own factory on my own ground." She first started making treatments at home because she suffered from hair loss. She is known as one of 20th century's most successful, self-made women entrepreneurs.

9) The Associated Press voted her the Greatest Female Athlete of the first half of the 20th century. The wire service also voted her Female Athlete of the Year six times – once for her track dominance and five times for her golfing prowess. While she qualified for five Olympic events in 1932, women were allowed to compete in three. She won the first women's Olympic javelin (143 feet, 4 inches) and set a world record in winning the first Olympic 80-meter hurdles (11.7 seconds). She took a silver medal in the high jump. As a professional golfer, she won the U.S. Women's Open in 1948, 1950, and 1954 (just after being diagnosed with cancer). From 1948 to 1951, she was the leading money winner on the Ladies Professional Golf Association circuit and she won 31 LPGA sanctioned events.

### International Women's Day

International Women's Day is Wednesday and first arose in 1908, which was a period of expansion, turbulence, booming population growth and radical ideologies.

International Women's Day is commemorated at the United Nations and is designated in many countries as a national holiday.

The day honors ordinary women as makers of history; it is rooted in the centuries-old struggle of women to participate in society on an equal footing with men. When women on all continents, often divided by national boundaries and by ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic and political differences, come together to celebrate their day, they can look back to a tradition representing at least nine decades of struggle for equality, justice, peace and development.

It wasn't until 1981 the United States chose the week of March 8 to show the international connections among women. That year Congress passed a resolution declaring National Women's History week. In 1987, the week was expanded to the entire month of March.

### Upcoming Events

Carrie "Niki" McDonnall, humanitarian, community builder and author of "Facing Terror" will share a message at the Ederle Chapel on March 14 from 9:15-10 a.m.

Women's History Month luncheon (date pending) in the South of the Alps dining facility with guest speaker Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez, California 47th Congressional District, House Armed Services Committee

Recognition of Vicenza High School Women's History Month Essay Contest Winners

Answers – 1) Madame Marie Curie 2) Mary Anderson 3) Gertrude Ederle 4) Sally K. Ride 5) Josephine Cochrane 6) Sojourner Truth (born Isabella Baumfree) 7) Susan B. Anthony 8) Madame C. J. Walker 9) Mildred "Babe" Didrikson

## Barracks receive face lift

By Spc. Justin Nieto  
SETAF Public Affairs

Throughout the last month, civilian contractors hired by the Centralized Furnishings Management Office have been working around the clock to repair and replace furniture in various barracks in the community.

"When funding was received the contractors started repairing furniture in barracks based on priority," said Gregory Patrick, with the CFMO. "It was first estimated that 15 or 20 percent of the existing furniture would have to be disposed of, but because of the contractor's ability to repair it, we only [had to replace] 3 or 4 percent."

Patrick said the workers are pulling late hours almost every day of the week, including Saturday and Sunday, to meet the demands of community and the Soldiers returning home from Afghanistan.

"With the repairs and replacement, our Soldiers are returning to find a clean room and serviceable furnishings," said Patrick.

"We actually did the Base Assessment Plan about two months before the deployment to Afghanistan," said Patrick. "But unfortunately, there was no money for the repairs needed."

In anticipation of available funds, a non-funded contract was drawn up, and then awarded as soon as the money came through, stated Patrick. "This way when the Supply Management Center in Germany came through for us with the funding, we had the paper work

ready to go and the contractors could begin work immediately."

The work has been noticeable.

All 16 barracks belonging to units on Caserma Ederle are having their furniture repaired through these actions. An estimated 1,400 living quarters are having refurbished furniture, all done on a budget of \$150,000, according to Patrick.

"Most of the furnishings in all of the barracks required some type of repair, minor to major, and in some cases replacement," said Patrick. "The contractors are doing an outstanding job, and are working long hours to satisfy this community's requirement."

Patrick said the refurbishing is proceeding at an excellent pace, and he hopes the job will be complete before the last of the Soldiers return from their deployment.

"The contractors to date have completed buildings 106, 107, 104, 105, 101, the top floor, 7A, 7B, 5B and presently working building 100," said Patrick.

And none of the furniture goes to waste either. Whatever can be salvaged from the broken down pieces, hinges, wardrobe doors, wood in general is used to repair furniture worth saving.

"When I showed [Sgt. Maj. John Bagby, 173d Airborne Brigade] around a finished building, he asked me, 'Mr. Patrick, how do you say 'beautiful' in Italian?'" said Patrick. "And I said 'bello', and then he took the contractor's hand, shook it and said, 'bello, bello!'"

### Before



### After



# A little piece of New Orleans

## Post celebrates Lundi Gras in Cajun style

Story and photos by Diana Bahr  
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

Club V was transformed into a miniature New Orleans Feb. 27 for a Lundi Gras party featuring a Cajun Cook Off and mini-float contest. Sponsored by the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, children and adults were kept busy making carnival masks and hats with the help of DMWR staff.

The Cajun Cook Off judges were busy sampling and grading such New Orleans fare as two kinds of Jambalaya, Hummingbird cake, red beans and rice, shrimp fettuccini, and Bourbon Street bread pudding. Once the judges had begun the taste testing, the rest of the crowd took up forks and spoons and began sampling on their own.

"I'm from New Orleans," said retiree Alan Butner, as he sampled Maj. Ryan Dillon's "Jazzy Jambalaya" during the party. "I was on my way back from watching the Olympics in Torino and decided to make a stopover here. I was stationed here many years ago. I saw the advertisement for the party and here I am! This is great!"

Dillon, who just returned from

deployment in Afghanistan, and his wife, Christina, entered their version of Jambalaya with shrimp and a Bourbon Street Bread Pudding. "I'm a Wampus Cat," confessed Dillon. "I spent my senior year at Leesville High, so I figured that entitled me to enter the contest."

Dillon's competition in the Jambalaya department was Allie Vallery, Army Community Services Employment Readiness Program manager.

"My family's been in New Orleans since the late 1600's," she said dishing up a sample of her contest entry to judge Sgt. Maj. Larry Lane of the SETAF Public Affairs Office. "My mother's family is Cajun, and I've grown up around all this great food."

The judges for the event all confessed to the same quandary – how do you choose just one item to be the best?

Without a doubt, trying to select the best dish that was served was the hardest part of being a judge, according to Master Sgt. Vanessa Burkhead, Office of the Provost Marshal. "All the dishes were great."

As it turned out, they couldn't choose just one, and it was a tie for first place between the red



A father and son make a carnival masks during the Lundi Gras festivities Feb. 27.



A boy shows off his prize-winning mini-float which took him two days to make. He received a gift certificate from AAFES for his efforts.



beans and rice dished up by Sgt. 1st Class Ed Parkins, who just returned from Afghanistan where he served with the 1st Battalion,

508th Infantry (Airborne), and wife Melissa, and the Hummingbird cake served by Sgt. Garth and Gina Miller-Ames and their children, Chelsea and Cameron Ames.

Second place went to Carmen Kamiya, who's spicy shrimp fettuccini quickly disappeared from the pot. "The real recipe calls for crawfish," confided Kamiya. "But since I couldn't find it over here, I settled for shrimp."

While food may be one part of carnival events, people always like to watch the floats come down the streets and, while we don't have the room on Caserma Ederle for that type of event, five children entered mini-floats with themes ranging from thanking Soldiers for

helping Hurricane Katrina victims to welcoming back our heroes from Afghanistan. Winning the mini-float event was 8-year-old Antonio Tartaglia.

"Since so many Soldiers helped to save the people of New Orleans," said Tartaglia. "I wanted to use that as my theme for my float, as a way to thank them for what they did."

"It was obvious these children had put a lot of thought and work into these tiny floats," said Burkhead. "They were all winners in my opinion."

"It was a fantastic event," agreed Chaplain (Capt.) Charles Burgess, who just got back from Afghanistan and agreed to be a judge for the event. "There was great music and food. It was nice to see people enjoying themselves."

## Club pancake dinner fundraiser proves successful

Club Beyond Teens serve food during the club's Pancake Dinner fundraiser Feb. 24 at the Ederle Chapel. The chapel hosted an estimated 300 plus pancake lovers during the fundraiser. Due to their generosity, over \$3,500 was raised for the club's upcoming mission to the Slovak Republic. Thirty-two members of this community will join 650 other Club Beyond teens from all over Europe to head to Liptovsky Mikulas in the Slovak Republic in April to build playgrounds, conduct English as a Second Language classes, host sports clinics and teach Vacation Bible School.

"Lives will be impacted because of the caring of this American community," said Gil Carter, Vicenza Club Beyond director. "All the youth and adults attending the mission trip would like to thank the community for its support." (Photos provided by Club Beyond)



# Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

## Women's Day

March 8 is International Women's Day. Don't forget the women in your life.

## Antique markets

The following markets take place March 12 from sunup to sundown:

**Vicenza** – The antique market will be held in all the main squares in the city center. Find more than 200 vendors.

**Villafranca, Verona** – More than 120 vendors line up in *Corso Vittorio Emanuele*.

**Asolo** – Find 100 vendors in *Piazza del Mercato*.

## Vicenza Volksmarch

*StraVicenza* is the name of the road march taking place in **Vicenza** March 19. Distances are 1, 5, 4.5, and 10 kilometers with the starting point at the main square in the city center, *Piazza dei Signori*, at 10 a.m.; gathering time of 8 a.m. The march takes you through all the main streets of the city.

Registration is in the square March 17 from 4-9 p.m.; March 18 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2:30-10 p.m. or on the day of the march from 8-9:45 a.m. Cost is 3 euro, children 2 euro. *Note: March 19 is a No Drive Day in the city center of Vicenza.*

Participants can park their car for free in the parking lot at the soccer stadium or in *Via Cricoli*, which is located on the other side of town, from 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

The Web site is in Italian only, [www.stravicenza.it](http://www.stravicenza.it).

## Exhibitions

**Vicenza**: A free exhibition and market of modern and contemporary art will be held at the Vicenza exhibition grounds March 10-13. Open Friday from 4-8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and Monday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The grounds are located near the Vicenza *ovest*, west, autostrada exit.

**Venice**: Sea goers are in for a treat at the "Venice International Floating Show," said to be the most prestigious boat show in the world. It offers new and used equipment and sailboats for seafarers, operators and shipyards. There are 136,000 square meters of water that will not only accommodate the hundreds of craft in the fair, but will act as a stage for many accessory sporting events such as sailing regattas, demonstrations of junior dinghies and models.

Find the exhibition by following signs after crossing the long bridge which links Mestre to Venice.

Starting March 11, it is open weekends from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and weekdays 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. until March 19. Entrance fees are 11 euro for adults; 9 euro for children 10-16 years of age and free for those younger than 10 years old. Full information and directions at [www.salonenaudicodivenezia.com](http://www.salonenaudicodivenezia.com).

## Medieval festivals near Verona

The *6th Grande Festa Medievale*, Great Medieval Festival,

will be held March 26 in the castle in **Bevilacqua**, province of Verona.

The fest starts at 10:30 a.m., and families can enjoy flag throwers, musicians, archers, falconers, friars, dancers, medieval camp, duels between knights, as well as games for adults and children alike.

The ticket office opens at 10 a.m., and entrance fees are 7 euro for adults; 3 euro for children between 5-10 years of age; younger than 5 free.

At 12:30 p.m. there will be a medieval meal in the presence of musicians, dancers and jesters. Reservations for the meal are required and cost 33 euro for adults, 15 euro for children 5-10 years of age and free for children younger than 5. Call 0442-93-655 or 0442-64-9521, Italian is spoken.

**Bevilacqua** is also having an Easter lunch at 12:30 p.m. Reservations are necessary and can be made at the above telephone number. The cost is 40 euro for adults, 20 euro for children 5-10 years of age, and free for children younger than 5.

## Antique parts market

The city of **Lonigo**, 22 kilometers southwest of Vicenza, holds their 16th exhibition-exchange of antique car, motorbike and bike accessories/parts March 11 and 12 in the hippodrome.

Open both days from 8 a.m., Saturday until 6 p.m. and Sunday until 5 p.m. The entrance fee is 5 euro.

## Guitar concert

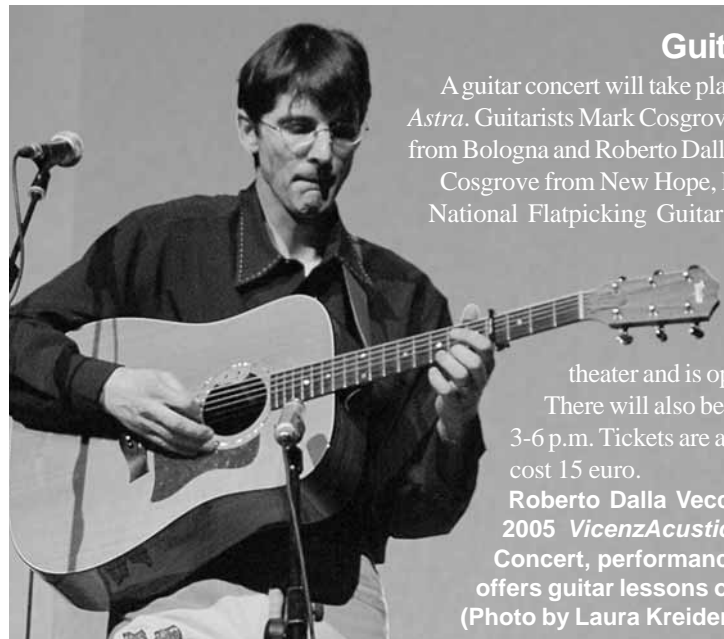
A guitar concert will take place at 9 p.m. March 18 in Vicenza's *Teatro Astra*. Guitarists Mark Cosgrove from the United States, Franco Morone from Bologna and Roberto Dalla Vecchia from Vicenza will perform.

Cosgrove from New Hope, Pennsylvania, is the winner of America's National Flatpicking Guitar Championship and the Watson Guitar Championship.

Tickets cost 15 euro and are available from Informagiovani, *Contra delle Barche*, which is located opposite the theater and is open Monday-Friday from 3:30-7:30 p.m.

There will also be a seminar with the artists March 19 from 3-6 p.m. Tickets are available at the above Informagiovani and cost 15 euro.

**Roberto Dalla Vecchia**, from Vicenza, plays during the 2005 *VicenzAcustica, Chitarre in Concerto*, Guitars in Concert, performance in *Teatro Astra*. Dalla Vecchia also offers guitar lessons on post through *Soldiers' Theatre*. (Photo by Laura Kreider)



# Now Showing

## Caserna Ederle Theater

March 7	The Family Stone (PG13)	7 p.m.
March 8	The Chronicles of Narnia	7 p.m.
March 9	The Family Stone (PG13)	7 p.m.
March 10	King Kong (PG13)	7 p.m.
March 11	Cheaper by the Dozen 2 (PG)	4 p.m.
	King Kong (PG13)	7 p.m.
March 12	Glory Road (PG)	4 p.m.
	Rumor Has It (PG13)	7 p.m.
March 13	CLOSED	
March 14	Glory Road (PG)	7 p.m.

## Camp Darby Theater

March 10	The Ringer (PG13)	6 p.m.
March 11	Munich (R)	6 p.m.
March 12	Cheaper by the Dozen 2 (PG)	3 p.m.

## Movie Synopsis

**THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE** - *Tilda Swinton, Georgie Henley*. The book tells the story of Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy, who are separated from their parents in London during the German air raids of World War II. They are sent to the country for safety and find a magic wardrobe that transports them to the mystical world of Narnia, a once peaceful land of talking beasts, dwarfs and giants. However, Narnia has been frozen by the evil White Witch, and the kids must help the lion Aslan break her spell.

**THE FAMILY STONE** - *Dermot Mulroney, Diane Keaton*. The Stones, a New England family, have their annual holiday gathering. The eldest son brings his girlfriend home to meet his parents, brothers and sisters. The bohemian Stones greet their visitor – a high-powered, controlling New Yorker – with a mix of awkwardness, confusion and hostility. Before the holiday is over, relationships will unravel while new ones are formed, secrets will be revealed, and the family Stone will come together through its extraordinary capacity for love.

**CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2** - *Steve Martin, Bonnie Hunt*. Tom and wife Kate, hoping to bring their family together for a memorable summer vacation, take their 12 offspring to the rustic Lake Winnetka. But their retreat soon becomes cutthroat when they enter into a competition with the over-achieving members of a large family headed by Tom's long-time rival, Jimmy Muraugh.

**RUMOR HAS IT** - *Jennifer Aniston, Kevin Costner*. Sarah's life is in a tailspin. She's finally agreed to marry her boyfriend Jeff, but isn't at all sure that marriage is what she really wants – in fact, she's not sure what she wants in general. As conflicted as she is about her love life, her professional life isn't much better – an aspiring journalist, Sarah's career has stalled at the New York Times obituary column.

**GLORY ROAD** - *Josh Lucas, Derek Luke*. The inspiring true story of the underdog Texas Western basketball team, with history's first all African American starting lineup of players, who took the country by storm, surprisingly winning the 1966 NCAA tournament title. Josh Lucas stars as Hall of Famer Don Haskins, the passionately dedicated college basketball coach that changed the history of basketball with his team's victory in this time.

Admission: Adults age 12 and over \$4, children \$2. The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time. Tickets to blockbuster shows are presold at Baskin Robbins.

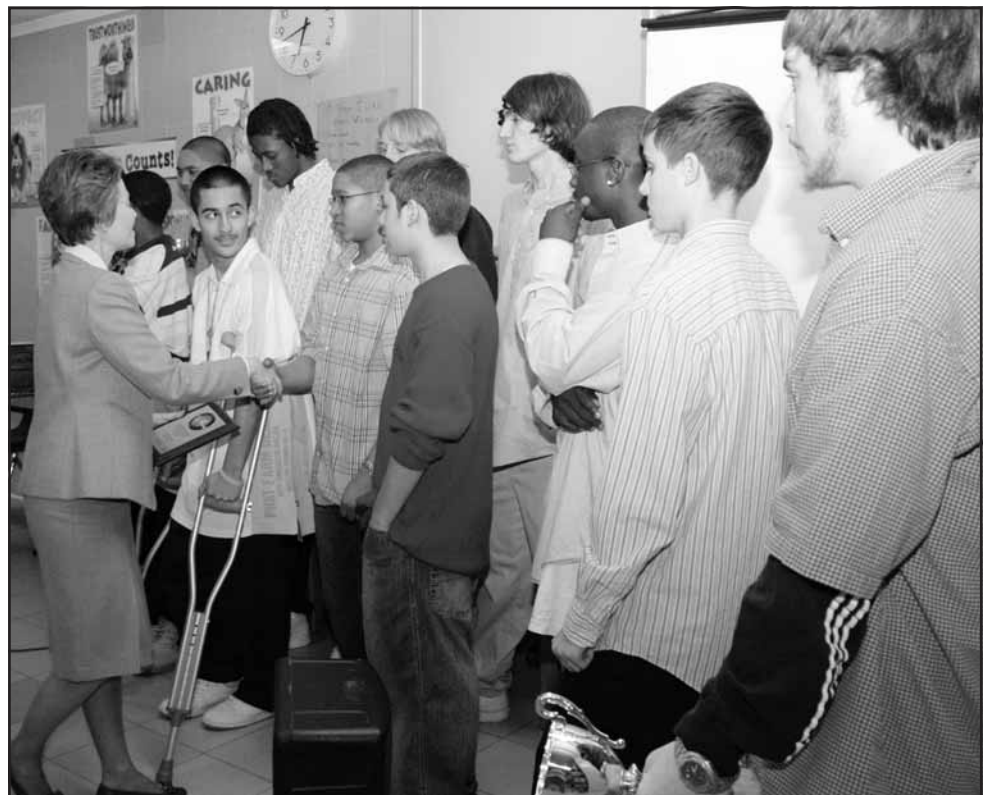
## VHS Winter Sports Recognition

Vicenza High School Principal Kathleen Reiss, congratulates the members of the VHS Boys Basketball team during the Winter Sports Banquet hosted by the VHS Booster Club at the high school cafeteria Thursday.

The team placed Third in the DoDDS European Basketball Championship 2006, Division III that took place in Mannheim, Germany, Feb. 22-26. Xavier Taylor was selected for All Conference. Chakeira Gilbert, on the girls' team, was also selected All Conference. Also recognized were the Wrestling team, the Girls' Basketball team, the Rifle team and the Cheerleading team during the banquet.

Below: Jessica Boydston receives the Leadership award from Kathi Hunnewell, VHS Cheerleading team coach. According to Hunnewell, all the cheerleaders voted for these awards on their way up to Mannheim, Germany, where they participated in the European Championship on Feb. 25. Three

Cougar cheerleaders, Kati Hunnewell, Ashley Rabot, and Kenesha Fairley were selected for All Conference. (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)



# Follina

Story and photos by Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

Located between *Valdobbiadene* and *Vittorio Veneto* along one of the most spectacular wine roads in the Veneto Region, sits *Follina*, a medieval hamlet which was probably founded and developed by a group of Cistercian monks who started the process of reclaiming the valley and followed the Benedictine rule.

Its name may come from the word *follatura*, fulling, which refers to a technique of manufacturing wool. Fulling is the process of fluffing up an already



Primavera del Prosecco	
<i>Vidor</i>	March 4 - 19
<i>Santo Stefano</i>	March 18 - Apr. 2
<i>Guia</i>	March 25 - Apr. 9
<i>Col S. Martino</i>	March 25 - Apr. 17
<i>San Giovanni</i>	March 31 - Apr. 9
<i>Villa di Cordignano</i>	March 8 - Apr. 17
<i>S. Pietro di Barbozza</i>	Apr. 15 - 25
<i>Miane</i>	Apr. 21 - May 7
<i>Saccol</i>	Apr. 22 - May 1
<i>Fregona</i>	Apr. 22 - May 1
<i>Refrontolo</i>	Apr. 22 - May 7
<i>Combai</i>	May 5 - 14
<i>Vittorio Veneto</i>	May 5 - 14
<i>Colfosco</i>	May 26 - June 4
<i>S. Pietro di Feletto</i>	May 27 - June 4
<i>Conegliano</i>	Month of June



woven or knitted piece of woolen cloth and requires hot water. Due to the abundance of water in this region, this practice has taken place here since the Middle Ages, if not before.

Considered as one of the most important examples of Cistercian architecture, the *Abbazia di Santa Maria*, St. Mary's Abbey, was started in the 12th century. The basilica, completed by the Abbot Nordio in 1335, sits atop a hill preceded by stone stairs. On the facade, a rose window surmounts a frescoed lunette of the 14th century positioned over the entrance representing a Madonna with Child and two saints.

After entering the basilica, on the right it is possible to enter the Romanesque cloister built between 1170 and 1268.

A restoration of the church and the cloister was necessary after WWI. Throughout the centuries, the cloister was partially walled up and had different functions, including dwellings, workshops and poultry pens. During the last battle of WWI, the explosion of a grenade caused some damages. Only in 1921, the restoration was completed thanks to the religious order of the *Servi di Maria*, Mary's Servants.

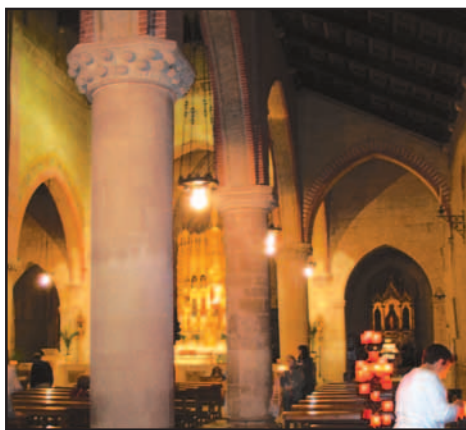
From this first cloister it is possible to reach another one called Abbot's Cloister created in 1535 with a classic small loggia on the second floor.

In addition to visiting this unique abbey, nowadays this area is also a renowned destination for its hills shaped by vineyards on the *Prosecco* Road, which crosses the so-called *Marca Trevigiana*. This geographical region lies in the heart of the Veneto and includes many hills around the *Piave* River on the foot of the *Prealpi Bellunesi*.

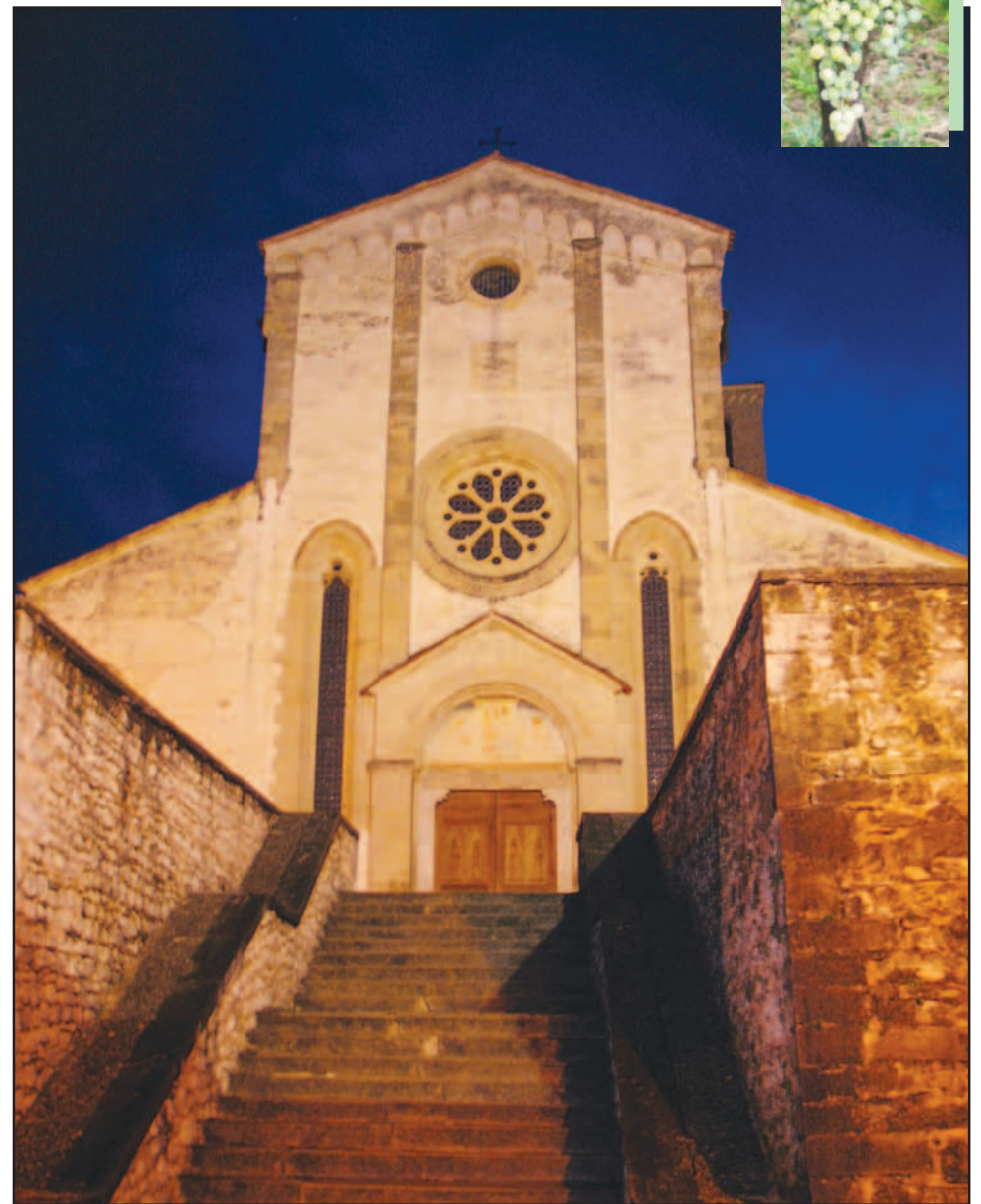
Starting at the beginning of March, all the towns participate in the annual *Primavera del Prosecco*, Spring of the Prosecco. Each week, a different town holds a *festa*, where it is possible to taste, and purchase, the local Prosecco wine. Other local products are also on display, and booths or tents house thousands of visitors. For information about this annual event, check the Web site: [www.primaveraprosecco.it](http://www.primaveraprosecco.it) (in English, Italian and German).



Upper left and above: Small towns, hills and vineyards shape the landscape of the area between *Valdobbiadene* and *Vittorio Veneto* in the so-called *Marca Trevigiana*. Top: Details of the frescoes of the abbey. Below: The interior of *St. Maria* in *Follina*. On the altar, a stone statue of the Virgin with Child dates back to before 1000 A.D.



View of the basilica and bell tower of *Follina* from the second cloister, the Abbot's Cloister, built in 1535.



The facade of *Abbazia di Santa Maria*, St. Mary's Abbey, in *Follina*, whose foundation dates back to the 12th century when a group of Cistercian monks started to reclaim the valley. It has been a destination for pilgrims since ancient times. The basilica was erected in the 14th century in a late Romanesque style. Its cloister (left) is an architectural example from this period with its series of double columns decorated with medieval symbols.