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Brigade Soldier awarded Bronze Star for Valor

Story and photo
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RC-East PAO

BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan — A Bronze Star with "V" device for valor was awarded to Sgt. Ryan P. Inabnet, 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 1-91 Cavalry Squadron, at Fire Base Naray, Kunar province, April 24.

Brig. Gen. Mark Milley, Combined Joint Task Force-101 deputy commanding general of operations, awarded the medal to Inabnet and presented him with a coin for excellence.

Inabnet was recognized for his actions in combat July 27, 2007, when he saved more than a dozen Soldiers' lives during a combat operation in Kunar province.

The Quick Reaction Team he was on was called out to re-enforce International Security Assistance Forces engaged in combat with insurgents.

"We first set out after receiving word that four casualties on the ground were injured and two of them were serious," said Inabnet, a wheeled-vehicle mechanic. "Once we arrived we got the four injured in the vehicles and dropped them off at the

medevac site."

Shortly afterward, Inabnet provided first aid to a wounded Soldier from his QRT.

"Once we had all the equipment and personnel, we started to head back," said Inabnet. "That's when we started taking [rocket propelled grenades] and small-arms fire."

As the group tried to break contact, several Soldiers were wounded and put into Inabnet's vehicle.

"My main goal was to get these guys back to the helicopter landing zone so they could survive," said Inabnet.

"I ended up staying up for hours until we got all our guys back inside the [forward operating base]," he continued.

"That day will be with me for a long time," he said. "I would like to thank the Lord above and all my brothers who were in that fight with me."

Note: The Bronze Star is the ninth highest medal and is awarded for heroic, meritorious achievement or service. However, a Bronze Star for valor has a "V" device attached to the ribbon and is only awarded for heroic and brave actions in combat, making it the fourth highest medal that can be awarded.



Brig. Gen. Mark Milley, CJTF-101 deputy commanding general of operations, awards and pins a Bronze Star for Valor on Sgt. Ryan P. Inabnet, 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 1-91 Cavalry Squadron, April 24, at Fire Base Naray, Kunar province. Inabnet was recognized for saving more than a dozen Soldiers' lives while acting with a Quick Reaction Team re-enforcing International Security Assistance Forces battling insurgents. He provided first aid to several wounded Soldiers and transported numerous casualties to a medevac point.

Renovated Teen Center opens in time to celebrate Month of the Military Child

Teens play hoops and practice volleyball skills on the new flooring in the Teen Center April 24. It was the first time they had been allowed in the gym since the center underwent renovation Nov. 1. "The kids have been watching the progress of the renovation and couldn't wait," said Michael Morris Child and Youth Services youth program director. "When I first got here we averaged about 20 teens a day," he said. "Now we average about 60 a day. In fact, since we have to kick them out of here when closing time comes we talked to the teens who are here until closing and decided that it would be worth our while to extend our hours until 7 p.m. and beginning June 7, we'll be open Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m." Read the story on page 4. (Photo by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)



Will he, or won't he?

See page 8 to find out if he swings and hits, or swings and misses.

Savvy parents central to spring semester stress relief

Dr. Robert McKenzie
Chief, Department of Behavioral Health, USAHC-Vicenza

Columbine High School, Colo., Jonesboro, Ark., Springfield, Ore., and Virginia Tech are communities that immediately come to mind when I think about the school violence that has recently marred the spring semester stateside.

I talked with school administrators, counselors and teachers about why so many tragedies occur during this time of year, and recognized the fact that the rate of suicidal behavior is also highest in the spring.

Most of our students have a lot of positive things happening, but there are a predictable set of pressures placed upon them which can cause some distress, including:

- ◆ Anxiety related to summer

vacation such as visiting the other parent or seeking employment

- ◆ Transition issues related to changing schools, changing relationships and having to move again

- ◆ Failing grades and facing being held back or attending summer school

- ◆ End-of-year testing

- ◆ Awareness of spring anniversary dates such as school shootings or the Oklahoma City bombing.

On top of these are the additional challenges of being in a foreign country: unfamiliar ways of doing things or being a great distance away from other support systems, like family. There may be increased familial stressors related to the euro to dollar conversion rate, our national recession or other financial hardships.

Our community is also dealing with the ongoing deployment of

the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team. This is not only an extended 15-month deployment, but it may be the second, third or fourth deployment for many of our Soldier-families.

Regardless of how many times a Soldier has deployed, there are always challenges with re-integration into a family. Having a parent return after 15 months is a significant change.

When children or adults are under significant stress, it usually shows in their behavior. Student behaviors and school safety concerns that may surface this spring are:

- ◆ Increased bullying (two-thirds of school shooters were victims of bullying)

- ◆ Lack of tolerance of diversity

- ◆ Increased misbehavior or high-risk behaviors

- ◆ Increased threats of violence

- ◆ Increased suicidality

Any student who is experiencing fear is a student that isn't learning. To maximize student achievement and success, schools and parents must work together to create an environment where students feel safe. Parents need to stay involved and be aware of what and how their children are doing.

Our school administrators, counselors and teachers are working hard to address these issues but they can't do this alone. Parents need to pay attention to what their children say and do. If you know they are approaching stressful events, help them plan and prepare.

If concerning behaviors or emotions are identified, develop an intervention. Ask for help. The USA Behavioral Health department is available at 634-7604/7403 or 0444-71-7604/7403 from off post.

How to get post information

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs Office
Command Information

Community members who don't have access to official e-mail often find it frustrating when it comes to finding the telephone number for a specific office.

There are several ways to get help:

1. If you need directory assistance and have access to a DSN (official) telephone, dial '0' or 113 from any official phone.

2. If you are off post, dial 0444-71-7111. This will send you to the directory assistance operators.

Please note: When you dial this number, you will not hear the telephone ring. Do not hang up. The operator will answer the phone as soon as he or she can. The Switching Control Center is aware of this problem and is working to fix it.

3. The USAG Web site: www.usag.vicenza.army.mil has listings and links to many of the most-requested telephone numbers, as does the Directorate of FMWR Web site: www.vicenza.mwr.com.

As a reminder, all numbers that have a 634 or 635 (Longare) as the prefix may only be called from on post. To dial that number from off post, dial 0444-71 and then use the last four digits of the number.

Club Beyond youth cook up super supper

(Below) Jacob and Sara Nantz register for a raffle with Club Beyond member Adriana Espinoza at the Club Beyond pancake supper held April 29 in the post chapel. "It's a good way to help support our teens," said Sara Nantz. Raffle winners received T-shirts and calendars. The pancake supper was a benefit to help raise funds for the teens annual Beach Break trip to Camp Darby in June. The supper raised \$400 according to Jocelyn Cary, Club Beyond director. The teens will hold a car wash fundraiser May 17 from 10-2 p.m. at the commissary (Right) Elizabeth Nantz cooks bacon for the hungry crowd in the chapel's kitchen. (Photos by Tiffany Tran-Ozuna, Outlook volunteer)



Speak Out

"What is the best lesson you learned from your mother?"

By Laura Kreider



Angela Calcinai

Bravo Det, 208th Finance Bn

To always be a conscientious worker and love your neighbor as yourself.



Anh Pearson
Post Chapel

Think positive and move forward.



Gabriel Rosario
Vicenza Middle School
9th grade

To not accuse someone for something that they didn't do.



Ebony Tyson
Vicenza Middle School
8th Grade

I learned to never give up and that I can do anything if my heart's in it.



Chaplain (Maj.) Bill Schneider
Post Chapel

To always treat others the way you would like to be treated.

Operation Prayer Storm hits post chapel

Story and photos

By Diana Bahr

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

Thursday was National Day of Prayer and the Caserma Ederle Post Chapel celebrated with a perfect storm of prayer, song and fellowship.

The 11:30 a.m. service was led off by USAG Vicenza Chaplain, Lt. Col. William Phillips, who retold a Civil War anecdote about a captain who complains to Gen. Stonewall Jackson about Soldiers making noise in the camp.

The captain tells the general that the men are praying and singing – and that the articles of war order punishment for those making unusual noises.

The general replies, “God forbid that praying should be an unusual noise in the camp, young man.”

The story set the tone for the National Day of Prayer as the

garrison, SETAF chaplains and special guests said prayers for our leaders, world and nation.

These were followed by Vanessa Royer singing “Be Thou Near To Me,” after which prayers were read for our armed forces, for peace, our Soldiers and our families.

“National Day of Prayer is a

time for us to reflect on our faith and fellowship,” said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) William Phillips after the service. “Our goal is to provide a bit of spiritual peace for our community members during an otherwise busy time.”

The brief service concluded with a light luncheon in the chapel activity room.



(Above, left) It's a balancing act for Jonathan Koch, chief, Contract Management section, USAG Vicenza Directorate of Public Works, who holds 6-month-old daughter Gabriella, while his wife, Teresa, helps daughters, Isabella (left), 5, and Michaela, 3½. (Above, right) Vanessa Royer sings “Be Thou Near To Me” during National Day of Prayer held Thursday in the Caserma Ederle Chapel at 11:30 a.m.



ACS asks community help us, help you

Story and photo

by Cristina Zacchino

ACS Marketing manager

Army Community Service wants to know what programs are important to you, what programs you like and what ideas you have for new programs. Whether you are a

family member, Soldier or civilian, married or single, ACS wants your opinions.

Through the end of May ACS staff members will be at the post exchange food court Fridays during lunch handing out Community Needs Assessments.

The questionnaire is anonymous and can be dropped

in the ACS Community Needs Assessment drop boxes located at ACS, the library, USO and other locations on post.

The survey will help ACS understand if it is on the right track and how they can better support you by developing and improving programs that will make military life easier and more fulfilling.

The Community Needs Assessment was developed by experts at Cornell University and is being given by military installations worldwide.

Questions range from spouse job satisfaction to awareness of the current programs offered.

If you do not have time to fill out the questionnaire in person or if you prefer to complete the survey online, go to the Web site: www.myarmylifetoo.com/survey_Vicenza

For details call ACS at 634-7500 or from off post 0444-71-7500. This is your chance to help us help you.



Staff Sgt. Jerred Coleman, 2-503d Inf (Airborne), Rear detachment, fills out a Community Needs Assessment at ACS.

Summer hire deadline May 16

The Civilian Personnel Civilian Human Resources Agency (CHRA), Europe Region, is accepting applications for the 2008 Summer Hire program until May 16.

Information on the program, including vacancy announcements and application instructions, are posted on the CHRA, Europe Region web site: <http://cpolrh.belvoir.army.mil/eur/employment/index.htm>

The Summer Hire program is designed to provide young people an opportunity to gain meaningful job experience, prepare for future education and career goals and support the Army mission.

Jobs are available in clerical, labor, and child development. Examples of clerical work include typing, computer work, filing,

receptionist work, customer service and answering telephones.

Child development involves childcare duties, and labor positions may include working indoors and outdoors, light to moderate lifting, or yard work.

Requirements

◆ Summer Hire is open to family members between 14 and 22 years of age.

◆ Participants must be unmarried family members of an active military member or DoD civilian who will turn age 14 before June 23, which is the official start of the program and will not reach their 23rd birthday before Aug. 1.

◆ Summer Hires employed in child development positions must be a minimum of 16 years old.

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At your service

Audrey McDonald is the new Vicenza American Red Cross field office assistant and came to Vicenza from Okinawa in February with her husband, Sgt. Thomas McDonald, who is assigned to the 13th Military Police Company.

“Some of my duties as the field office assistant are to help community members with emergency messages and learn about the different volunteer opportunities available on post through the American Red Cross,” said McDonald. “We place volunteers at the health clinic, the veterinary clinic, the dental clinic and within our office.”

McDonald and the rest of the Vicenza American Red Cross staff may be reached at 634-7089 or 0444-71-7089 from off post. The office is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. They are located in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center, bldg 108. An emergency case worker is on call 24/7.



Audrey McDonald
Vicenza American Red Cross
Field Office assistant

Community events



(Above) Connor Hooper shoots hoops at the Child and Youth Services Teen Center. The center reopened April 24 after several months of renovations. (Right) Teens hang out in the renovated Teen Center activity room that offers computers, video games, pool tables and a kitchenette. The center is open school days Monday-Friday, 3-7 p.m., non-school days 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. and will open Saturdays 11 a.m.-7 p.m. starting June 7.

Teen Center facelift gets rave reviews

Story and photos
by Diana Bahr
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

Sometimes it's the little things that make people happy. At least that was the comment made by several regulars playing basketball on the new flooring at the CYS Teen Center April 24.

"This floor is a much better floor to play on," said 16-year-old Connor Hooper, a member of the Vicenza High School Cougars basketball team. "This is a great improvement over the old floor. I come here after school every day to practice and hang out with my friends."

Improvements to the Teen Center included new tile flooring in the activity room and

electrical upgrades, said Tom Perkins, Army Corps of Engineers project manager for the 136,000 euro renovation.

"We also replaced all the existing south facing windows in the gym area, installed new gym flooring and a new sidewalk around the building along with new entry doors," said Perkins.

"The project began Nov. 1 but because Youth Sports basketball teams were using the teen center gym for their basketball games over the winter, the project was done in phases," said Michael Morris, CYS youth program director. "We purchased new furniture, lockers and kitchen area for the activity room and once that was finished basketball season was over, so we were able to let the kids hang

out in the activity area and begin work on the gym floor. The kids have been watching the progress and are really excited to finally get in here and play."

Morris has been with Vicenza Child and Youth Services for two and a half years and seen the use of the teen center grow at an incredible rate.

"When I first got here we averaged about 20 teens a day," he said. "Now we average about 60 a day. In fact, since we have to kick them out of here when closing time comes we talked to the teens who are here until closing and decided that it would be worth our while to extend our hours until 7 p.m. and beginning June 7, we'll be open Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m."

All this came as great news to 8th grader Charles Austion. "Normally I'm not allowed in the teen center because I'm in 8th grade and I would have to hang out in the Villaggio center," said Austion as he retrieved a volleyball for some players. "But because they're renovating the Villaggio center, I've been allowed to come here. It's awesome and since I'll be in 9th grade next fall, I can come here all summer with my friends."



Young scientists experiment, put theories to task

Story and photos
by Diana Bahr
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

Vicenza Elementary School held a non-competitive science fair May 1 in the VES gym.

More than 60 displays were set up in the small room representing projects from the pre-kindergarten Sure Start class to 6th grade.

"This was a non-competitive event...a celebration of science, mathematics and technology," said Kim Stephenson, Vicenza

Elementary School 6th Grade science teacher and co-coordinator of the event.

"The students did follow the scientific procedures that the 8th through 12th graders use for the National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium that is held each year," she said.

The doors to the gym opened at 10 a.m. and young scientists stood by ready to explain their experiments and answer questions.

Sixth-grader Destany Schendel's project, "Will a Plant

Live Better if it is watered with Coke or Water" was a hit with many children.

"I actually thought that because Coke has caffeine in it, the plant would live better," said Schendel. "People perk up when they drink caffeine...but the plant only lived a week."

"I learned from this experiment that I shouldn't drink caffeinated drinks," she said, "and that I should drink water, but I still like Coke."

"I really like science," she continued. "I think that I'd be



Jeremy Petersen explains the experiment he and partner Justin Buckner came up with, "What stands better - three legs or four?" to a group of children during the Vicenza Elementary School Science Fair Thursday. The boys were surprised to discover that a three-legged object often had better balance and didn't fall over under different test conditions like shaking.



Sixth-grader Destany Schendel explains her project, "Will a Plant Live Better if it is watered with Coke or Water" to a group of children during the Vicenza Elementary School Science Fair Thursday. "I actually thought that because Coke has caffeine in it, the plant would live better," said Schendel. "People perk up when they drink caffeine...but the plant only lived a week."

interested in a career that involves science."

Another experiment that drew in the crowds was "Which Soda Will Boost a Mentos Rocket Better?," which was the brainchild of McKelly Rentas and Bryan Thyng.

Most of his audience wanted to see the experiment in motion, unfortunately Rentas was unable to oblige the crowd as he had run out of soft drinks.

"I like root beer and because it's really foamy, I was pretty sure that the root beer would be

the better rocket booster," explained Rentas.

"So we experimented with root beer, Diet Coke, Pepsi and Mist. We were surprised when Diet Coke boosted the Mento rocket 12 inches," he said.

"I've only been at Vicenza Elementary School for two years," said Stevenson, "so I'm not sure when one was last held. But this is the first in a few years."

"Hopefully, it will become an annual event. The turnout was great and I had many terrific helpers," she added.

Darby gets three-star scrutiny on commitment to families

By Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Gauging just how well Soldiers and families are benefitting from the Army Family Covenant was the purpose of Lt. Gen. Robert Wilson's visit to Camp Darby April 28.

"We know the strength of our Soldiers lies in the strength of their families," said the assistant chief of staff for Installation Management and the commanding general of the U.S. Army IMCOM.

"When I visit installations such as Camp Darby, I am looking at the commanders and their command sergeants major for new programs that complement quality of life improvement in areas such as health care, child and youth services, schools and housing," Wilson said.

According to USAG Livorno garrison commander, Lt. Col.

Steven Cade, from easy fixes immediately implemented to ongoing projects and future initiatives, all of Camp Darby's Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, employees and volunteers are extremely committed to the

welfare and well-being of all its personnel.

"Our child and youth services has especially benefited with 16 free hours of care for deployed families, four free instructional classes and two free sports

enrollments for children of deployed families along with renovations of the current child development center, new school age service building, playground and an area for dance classes and piano lessons," said Cade.



Fifty-seven adults and 29 children participated in the first Child and Youth Services two-mile run April 26 on Camp Darby. Army Family Covenant funding was utilized for the Month of the Military Child event to ensure that activities were offered to the families, according to Kerry Lawrence, USAG Livorno CYS director. (Photo by Joyce Costello, USAG Livorno Public Affairs)

Scholarship helps Livorno graduate support teaching dream

Story and photo
by Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

When Carolyn Berrios first arrived in America as a second-grader, she didn't speak much English. Her father was assigned to Fort Bragg and she was assigned an English-as-a-Second Language (ESL) teacher.

"I was in 2nd grade and the ESL teacher wasn't well-trained so I wound up falling behind," said Berrios. "It was that experience in life that motivated me to want to get my teaching degree and help immigrants or those whose primary language was not English."

Berrios is now a junior at University Maryland University College pursuing a degree in teaching with a specialty as ESL. But being able to financially achieve her dream is tough; she pays for college by working two



Carolyn Berrios takes a break between her two jobs to study before her college class in the evening. Berrios is a winner of the Friends of Camp Darby Women's Empowerment award.

jobs and help from her parents. When she learned the Friends of Camp Darby \$500 Women's Empowerment Award can be used for furthering her education, she wrote an essay and applied.

"My younger sister is also in college and my brother will

enter college next year, so I wanted to make it easier on my parents by winning this award to help offset the cost of college," explained Berrios.

According to the Friends of Camp Darby president, the Women's empowerment award winner is determined by

an essay contest and a vote by the Friends of Camp Darby committee, according to the Friends of Camp Darby president, Karen Pryor.

"Her (Carolyn's) essay was very touching because it's very important that all American children receive top education regardless of their primary language," said Pryor. "Being stationed in Italy really helps one appreciate the difficulties and challenges of learning and living in a second language."

The Women's Empowerment Award is done quarterly, but it's not the only scholarship the Friends of Camp Darby offer.

They also have scholarships for USAG Livorno seniors who are continuing on to college and are holding a raffle for an antique sewing chest at the Second Glance thrift shop where the proceeds go toward the scholarships.

Darby Dates

Camp Darby ITR

Cinque Terre trip: May 17 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$39 for adults, \$34 for children, this does not include the €8.40 train ticket not included and park entrance.

Cinque Terre is a remote piece of the Italian Riviera consisting of five villages connected by trails that hug the coastline.

There are no museums in sight, just sky, sea and some great hiking. Trails are easy to follow with varying degrees of difficulty and there is a train service for those that want to skip the hiking. Call ITR at 633-7589/8231, or 050-54-7589/8231 from off post.

Hotel booking service

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

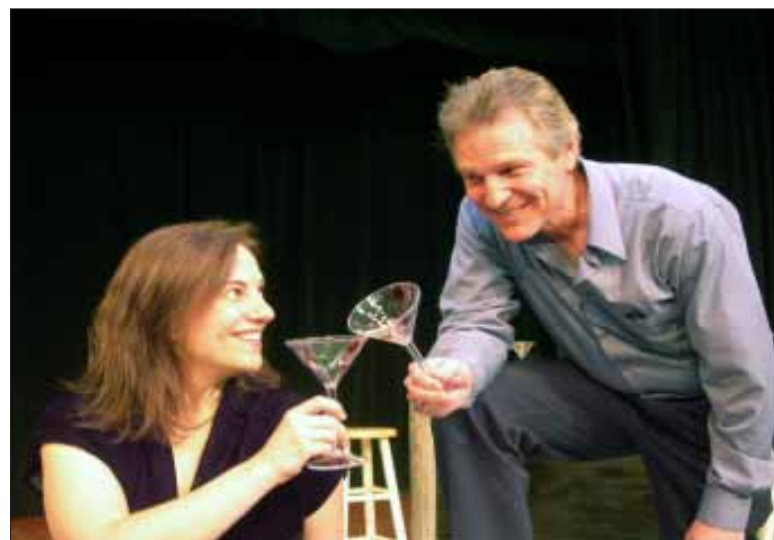
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Discover the wealth of history of Italian cities onboard the "Hop On - Hop Off" buses available in Rome, Florence and Pisa. Get on and off as often as you want for the entire day. Discover the lovely cities of Pisa, Florence and Rome at discounted prices for savings up to \$3.67 per person.

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

Soldiers' Theatre presents *All Gershwin*; *Really Rosie* walks off with Toppers



(Above) Carolyn Parse-Rizzo and Larry Kreider rehearse for the upcoming Soldiers' Theatre production of *All Gershwin*. (Right, left-right) Elizabeth Buffington, Samantha Price, Carolyn Parse Rizzo, Audrey Crow and Rosie Malone perform in *Really Rosie*. (Photo courtesy of Ross Daniels, Soldiers' Theatre)

Soldiers' Theatre Press Release

All Gershwin! is presented at Soldiers' Theatre Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30pm.

Community members are encouraged to purchase their tickets early as Soldiers' Theatre shows tend to sell out. Tickets for the show are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students. The show is not recommended for young children. The box office is open Tuesday-Friday, 11a.m.- 1 p.m. Call 634-

7281 or 0444-71-7281 for details.

The Tournament of Plays Festival, a Europe-wide Performing Arts competition

held in Heidelberg, Germany, April 26, found Soldiers' Theatre production of *Really Rosie* walking away the big winner.

Really Rosie was named Best Show, Bonnie Daniels named Best Director, Elizabeth Buffington named Best Female Youth Performer, Ciriaco Colella for Best Keyboard Accompanist, Ross Daniels for Best Lighting Design, the entire acting troupe for Best Ensemble, and Mary Horning for Best Poster Design.



Exhibits, markets, outlet malls good places for Mother's Day

No more feeding of pigeons in Venice

According to media reports it is now forbidden to feed the pigeons in San Marco Square, in Venice. The Veneto Regional Administrative Tribunal has forbidden the sale of any food used until now to feed the pigeons.

Exhibitions, markets

Vicenza: Monthly antique market Sunday in Vicenza's main squares open sunup to sundown;

Bassano: A permanent exhibition, 'Mondo animale, conoscerlo per proteggerlo' (The animal world, know them to protect them) located in three rooms in Palazzo Bonaguro.

The exhibit helps participants know animals that have been classified as uncommon and rare. It is geared towards children and open weekends, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

Entrance fee is 3 euro, children under 9 years old free.

Costozza: May 17-18, find a flower exhibition-market in the gardens of *Villa da Schio*, located in the town of *Costozza* near Longare.

This exhibition-market features rare plants and flowers, roses, garden furniture and paintings. More than 50 exhibitors will show and sell orchids, water plants, sweet-peas, geraniums, grass seed, fruit trees and garden plants.

There are also dried and decoupage flowers, engraved

flowers on glass and flowers in natural soap so it's not too early to think about seasonal gifts.

The gardens are open each day from 9 a.m.-sundown.

Entrance fee is 6 euro, free for children under 12 years old.

Visit a zoo

A small, but interesting park can be found about 45 minutes from Vicenza in the town of *Cartigliano*, located near *Bassano del Grappa*.

Visitors will find lots of picnic areas, bars and space for children to play. Animals include monkeys galore, pigs, tigers, snakes and a hippopotamus.

Entrance fee is 9 euro; but free for children under age 2.

Open each day from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday's closed except during the month of May and August.

The Website is only in Italian, www.parcocappeller.it, but has directions under Info.

Harlem Globetrotters dates, venues

The Harlem Globetrotters will play in the following cities:

Verona on May 6 and *Milan* on May 8.

All games start at 9 p.m. and tickets are available on the Web site: www.ticketweb.it

Marathon in Custoza

The 9th International Marathon of *Custoza*, province of *Sommecampagna*, will be held on Sunday.

The start time is 8:30 a.m.

from *Villa Venier*. Participants must be 18 or older to enter, however; there are other non-competitive runs of 6, 11 and 21 kms. Registration closes Saturday.

Full information from the Web site: www.maratonadelcustoza.it. Some information and the application form are in English.

Mother's Day in Italy

Festa della Mamma, Mother's Day, is celebrated on the same day as in the U.S., which is May 11.

Find the stores full of gift ideas, large or small and restaurants and pizzerias on that day will be fully booked.

Stretch euro, shop at outlet malls

There are several factory outlet centers in Italy.

Italy's first designer outlet village is the *McArthur Glen Outlet*, located in *Serravalle Scrivia*, *Alessandria*.

Stores are open Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and weekends, 10 a.m.- 8 p.m.

The mall features more than 130 stores, including some of the world's best-known names in fashion, sport and home wares to include Clarks, Lacoste, Invicta, Levi's and Dockers, Nike, Fiorucci and La Perla.

The outlet village is located near the *Serravalle* autostrada exit on the A7 Milan-Genova route. Check out the Web site: serravalle.mcarthurglen.it, which is available in English for

directions and details.

Fox Town is located on *Via Maspoli 28*, in the town of *Mendrisio*, *Canton Ticino*, *Switzerland*. This factory outlet center in a post-modern building is very close to the border between Italy and Switzerland.

There are 140 top Italian and international brands: Gucci, Versace, Richard Ginori, Samsonite as well as restaurants, bars, 1,000 free parking spaces, an exchange office and ATM machines.

Fox Town is open everyday 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Check out the Web site: www.foxtown.ch, then click on either *Shanghai* or *Mendrisio* and then on English.

A little nearer, but smaller is a factory outlet, *Diffusione Tessile*, by the *Max Mara* group to be found in the town of *Legnago*, province of *Verona*.

To get an idea of prices and what is on sale visit the Web site: www.diffusionetessile.it although in Italian it's easy enough to understand.

The store is open 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-7:30 p.m. and closed Monday mornings.

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

May 7	Vantage Point (PG-13)	6 p.m.
May 8	Witless Protection (PG-13)	6 p.m.
May 9	Iron Man	6 p.m.
	Semi-Pro (R)	9 p.m.
May 10	College Road Trip (G)	3 p.m.
	Iron Man	6 p.m.
May 11	College Road Trip (G)	3 p.m.
	Jumper (PG-13)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

May 8	Semi-Pro (R)	6 p.m.
May 9	88 Minutes (R) (1st Run)	6 p.m.
May 10	Jumper (PG-13)	6 p.m.
May 11	The Spiderwick Chronicles (PG)	2 p.m.

Admission: Age 12 and over \$4, under age 12, \$2.

The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time.

Movie Synopsis

SEMI-PRO - *Will Ferrell, Woody Harrelson*. Jackie Moon is one-hit wonder who used the profits from the success of his chart-topping song "Love Me Sexy" to achieve his dream of owning a basketball team, the Flint Michigan Tropics. But it is the worst team in the league and in danger of folding when the ABA announces its plans to merge with the NBA. If it wants to survive it must now do the seemingly impossible - win.

COLLEGE ROAD TRIP - *Martin Lawrence, Raven Symone*. Melanie is eagerly looking forward to her first big step towards independence when she plans a girls-only road trip to check out prospective universities. But when her overbearing father insists on escorting her instead, she soon finds her dream trip has turned into a nightmare.



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Ethnic hair care seminar

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

Passport office notes

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

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

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

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

American Red Cross classes

Health and Safety course schedule:

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

May 17: Free Babysitter's Training 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The American Red Cross, Vicenza is open Monday - Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., located in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center, room 47, 634-7089 or 0444-71-7089 from off post.

A Red Cross emergency communications caseworker can be reached 24/7.

Military Spouse Appreciation event

The Military Spouse Appreciation dinner is set for May 16 at 7 p.m. featuring special guest Patty Shinseki,

wife of retired Gen. Eric Shinseki. Cost is 20 euro and deadline for reservations is May 13 to Shay Morris or Sarah Penhallegon. Call 634-5087/6731 for details.

Vicenza community volunteer orientation

If you're interested in volunteering for ACS or as a community volunteer attend a volunteer orientation.

The next orientations are May 12, 9:30-10:30 a.m. and May 22, 10:30-11:30 p.m.

Call the Army Volunteer Corps coordinator for details at 634-7942.

Horseshoe tournament

The "Talk is cheap" Horseshoe tournament is May 10 starting at 9 a.m. with the players meeting at the North 40 track.

There are male and female divisions, and categories for singles and doubles.

Participants placing first through third will receive awards. For details, call 634-7009.

Venice photo safari

Child and Youth Services and Venture Crew 3 are teaming up to take youth in grades 9-12 to Venice for a photo safari May 10. Sign up deadline is May 8.

For details call the Teen Center at 634-7659.

ACS events

Six Steps to Stamina: Learning How to Balance Stress: This lunch-hour seminar can help you develop stress management skills in a new, fun and creative way. The training is every Friday in May during lunch.

For details and reservations call Family Advocacy at 634-6269.

Freddy FAP goes to Panama: May 14, 3-4:30 p.m. at ACS, children ages 5-12 and their parents can join Freddie FAP and learn how to cook Panamanian dishes.

For reservations or details, call ACS at 634-7500.

Intercultural Spouses program: Come out to ACS May 16, 10 a.m.-noon and join other spouses learning more about the cultures that make up our Army Family.

Call Relocation Assistance for details at 634-8525 or 634-7500.

ITR trips

May 23: Overnight trip to Tuscany. This includes two nights hotel accommodations with breakfast, wine tasting and lunch in Chianti, a guided tour of Florence and free time in Cinque Terre.

How TRICARE Dental works

Have questions about the TRICARE dental system?

Get the answers to your questions May 14 in the 9 a.m. hour when TRICARE expert, Dr. George Schad, and Vicenza Dental commander, Dr. (Col.) Andy Jordan will be live in the AFN Radio studio.

Listeners can call in questions to The Eagle studio line 634-7585 beginning at 6 a.m. May 14.

Can't get 106FM at work or home? Tune into channel 142 on your AFN decoder.

May 9: Visit local wood and gold workshops and wine tasting, 8:30-1 p.m., adults only.

May 10: Cinque Terre: Explore the five villages that hug the Mediterranean coast, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

May 11: Venice, Pirate Ship Adventure, a cruise to Burano, potluck lunch, so bring a dish.

Call ITR at 634-7094 or 0444-71-7094 for details.

Free country music show

Club Veneto is hosting a free performance by country singer Granger Smith May 13. Show time is 8 p.m.

For details call 634-7685.

Outdoor Rec events

Local cycling trips: Every Tuesday and Thursday Outdoor Rec leads bike rides in the local area for all levels of riders. Level I rides are about one and a half hours on a course eight to 10 miles with level, paved surfaces at an easy pace.

Level III/IV, mountain bike rides last about two and a half hours on a 25-mile course through the hills south of Vicenza on paved surfaces, gravel roads and single-track at a moderate-to-fast pace.

Cost for rides is \$40 for the year, \$15 a month or \$5 per ride.

All riders should have the appropriate bike for the ride, and in good working order.

Mountain, road, touring and cruiser bikes are available for rent from Outdoor Rec.

Sign up at ODR at least one day before the ride.

For details call 634-7453.

Bicycle maintenance: Level 1 Brake Maintenance class is May 14. This is the first class in a series. The cost is \$15, but pay \$5 for any subsequent class in the series.

For details call 634-7453.

ODR hours: Outdoor Rec will be open May 13-15 from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m. and closed May 19-21 for staff training.

For information, call 634-7453.

MOMS Club events for May

Exercise: Walk the Track Tuesdays, 9:30 at the North 40, weather dependent.

Zoo trip: May 6, 9:15 a.m. car pool from the commissary.

Preschool Playgroup: May 7 and 28, 11 a.m.

Recipe Swap: May 8, 11 a.m.

Book Club: May 12, 10 a.m.

For details about MOMS Club e-mail momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com or contact Deanna at 0444-945-105 or Amber at 334-700-8443.

Postal rates increase

Effective May 12 mailing a First-Class letter (1oz.) will cost 42¢, First-Class letter (2 oz.) will cost 59¢ and postcards cost 27¢.

Other items have increased as well, visit the Web site: www.usps.com for details.

Forever Stamps purchased for 41¢ will be honored at new rates.

USO events

The USO and Capitol Motors are hosting a contest on AFN radio through May 18. Tune in to AFN 106FM, or channel 142 on your AFN decoder, for details and times of the contest.

Qualifying entrants will be placed in a drawing for a weekend for two at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort. The drawing will take place on AFN radio May 19.

May 12, 6-8 p.m. it's *Ladies Night* at the USO building 9A.

To celebrate Mother's Day, this free event offers hair extension and styling demonstrations, manicures and makeup application.

Join us for refreshments and prizes. *Military Family Appreciation Day* is May 17, 1-3 p.m. Join us for ice cream sundaes, root beer floats, children events and a drawing to give away three bicycles.

VFW Post 8862 meeting

VFW Post 8862 will conduct a business meeting May 8, 5:30-6:45 p.m. at the Italian retiree center "La Rondine" on Via Calvi.

Support for the veterans, Soldiers, family members, military community and other items will be discussed.

For directions, details or to join the VFW, see our Web site at www.vfwpost8862.org or contact post commander Tom Buffington at 634-7857, off post at 0444-71-7857.

Religious activities

Special Chapel event

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

Caserma Ederle Chapel

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

Chaplain Crisis Line:

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

Saturday services

4p.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation, or by appointment.

5 p.m.: Vigil Mass

Sunday Services

9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass
9 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school and AWANAs (Sept. thru May in Vicenza High School)

10:45 a.m.: Catholic religious education (Sept.-May in Vicenza High School)

11 a.m.: Protestant worship
1:30 p.m.: Full Gospel Pentecostal worship

4 p.m.: Lutheran worship
6 p.m.: Contemporary Christian worship

Monday

Noon: Weekday Mass
3:05 p.m.: Middle School Club in the high school cafeteria. (Sept.-May)

5:30 p.m.: High School Club in the Teen Center. (Sept.-May)

For details contact Jocelyn Cary at 634-7890 or 349-385-3476 or vicecb@yahoo.com.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Noon: Weekday Mass
Noon: Protestant Men of the Chapel (PMOC) Bible study (at DFAC)

Noon: LDS Study
5:15 p.m.: PWOC evening Bible study

Thursday

9:30 a.m.: Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC)

Noon: Weekday Mass
5:30 p.m.: Gospel service choir rehearsal

7:15 p.m.: Gospel service Bible study

Friday

Noon: Weekday Mass
Noon: Muslim Khutba and prayer

Faith group POCs

Islamic POC is Mohamed Noeman at 634-6306.

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

Latter Day Saints (LDS) POC is Frank Petty at 634-3907/340-899-2218.

Darby Chapel

For details call the chapel at: 633-7267 (50-54-7267).

8:30 a.m.: Catholic Reconciliation
9:30 a.m.: Catholic Mass
11 a.m.: Protestant worship

Ongoing ACS classes

The following classes are offered on an ongoing basis and most require reservations in advance:

◆ New Parent Support Program

◆ Relocation Readiness

◆ Financial Readiness

◆ Family Advocacy

◆ Exceptional Family Member Program

◆ Employment Readiness

◆ Journey Series with Deployment Support events

For a complete list of Army Community Service classes and events go to www.vicenzamwr.com Web site. Call ACS at 634-7500 or 0444-71-7500 from off post for details and to make reservations.

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Zane Addison, Vicenza New York Yankees, hits a line drive for a single.

Vicenza Yankees lose to Livorno Diamondbacks

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Youth Services' New York Yankees played hard but lost to the Livorno Diamondbacks, 21-3, during Saturday's game on Villaggio. Despite the big difference in scores, none of the players seemed upset over the loss.

"This was the first time

I've played baseball," said Michael Lamora. "I had fun and I'll be back to play next week and as many other times as I can."

The fun part of the game is what is most important to one of the Yankees coaches, Bob Addison.

"Even though they lost, the kids kept their spirits up," said Addison after the game. "They never quit and as long as they're having fun, I think they'll enjoy playing baseball."

"Only four or five of the children have ever played before," he continued. "So they are young and still learning the game. When they come back to play the next week, that's a good sign that they're having fun and enjoying themselves."

The teams are part of Child and Youth Services Youth Sports and play in the Bantam Baseball for 10-12 year olds. The next Bantam games are May 17, May 20, 21 and June 7. Other CYS Youth Sports leagues are Bambino for ages 3-5; PeeWee for ages 6-7 and Minors for ages 8-9. YS has two other teams, which play on the Palladio baseball league at the Italian baseball stadium, Pomari, the Vicenza Hurricanes for ages 9-11 and the Vicenza Spartans for ages 12-14.

For a complete list of game schedules or other events, contact CYS Youth Sports at 634-6152.

Mike Lamora, #18, Vicenza NY Yankees, did take the swing, but struck out. The loss to the Livorno Diamondbacks didn't seem to phase Lamora who said that it was the first time he'd ever played baseball. But he had fun and planned to keep playing.



Who can get dirtiest goal of Club Beyond Muck Wars

Story and photos
by Diana Bahr
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A fierce war was fought on Villaggio Saturday afternoon disrupting birthday celebrations, barbecues and sending community members caught in the crossfire scurrying for cover.

"I've only been here a year," said Christopher Stuckey as friends Christopher Le and Christian Addison, all members of the Tree Huggers tribe, helped apply war paint to Stuckey's face. "This is my first time with Club Beyond and my first time in Muck Wars."

Club Beyond, the non-denominational post chapel youth club, has been hosting Muck Wars since 2004. The goal of the muck wars is to see which team gets the dirtiest. Each side chooses a princess who is held

by the opponent with the goal of rescuing their princess and getting filthy in the process.

Because of all the construction happening on post and Villaggio, this year's war was held along the community side walk running between two rows of homes on Villaggio, behind the ball parks.

"We're having summer snowball, water balloon and slime fights today," said Jocelyn Cary as she showed the teens how to fill pantyhose with flour that would be like snowballs when thrown. "Because of the lack of space, we've had to be creative with the muck."

"Last year's muck wars were muckier since we had more space and fewer conflicts," said Andrew Lotze, Club Beyond adult volunteer. "But this year was definitely mucktastic."



A member of the Tree Huggers team flings a water balloon at a member of Team Blue during the 5th Annual Club Beyond Muck Wars Saturday. The event was held in Villaggio and had local residents watching and laughing from the sidelines.



(Above) Christopher Stuckey (left) stands still as friends Christopher Le (right) and Christian Addison, all members of the Tree Huggers tribe, apply war paint to his face. (Right) A member of the Tree Huggers lobs a 'snowball' toward a member of Team Blue during the 5th Annual Muck Wars held Saturday.



Sports Shorts

Youth Sports Baseball upcoming games

The Vicenza Hurricanes take on the Dragons May 11 at 10 a.m. at the Pomari stadium.

May 18 the Hurricanes spin their way over to Conegliano for a 10:30 a.m. game against Conegliano.

In the Allievi category, the Vicenza Spartans go up against the Dragons May 10 at 4 p.m. in Castlefranco (west of Treviso).

May 18 is another away game where the Spartans travel to Ponzano (north of Treviso) and play against the Ponzano home team.

For details on all Youth Sports games and directions to fields, call CYS Youth Sports at 634-6152 or 0444-71-6152 from off post.

Armed Forces Day 5K Fun Walk/Run

Vicenza's FMWR salutes the Armed Forces May 17 with a 5K Walk/Run.

Participants can sign up at the Body Shop or post fitness center. Deadline to register is May 13.

A pre-briefing will take place at 8:45 a.m. at the North 40 track.

For details call 634-7009 or 0444-71-7009 from off post.

Three-on-Three Basketball tourney

Get your hoops team together, and come on out the "3-on-3" Basketball Tournament May 23 and 24.

This event is free of charge but deadline to sign up is May 19.

Awards will go to the first through third place teams.

For details call Sports and Fitness at 634-7009 or 0444-71-7009 from off post.

CYS Track meet

CYS is holding a track meet for youths ages 6-13 May 17 at the North 40 track.

May 9 is the deadline to register at CYS Sports and Fitness Youth Sports office in Villaggio.

For details call 634-6151 or 0444-71-6151 from off post.