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Army Chief of Staff visits Vicenza

By DAVID RUDERMAN

U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs Office

The Chief of Staff of the Army met with family members, toured new and renovated facilities, and was briefed by U.S. Army Africa leadership during a visit to U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Oct. 15.

Gen. George W. Casey Jr., returning to the United States after visiting troops in Afghanistan, met with 35 family support group leaders in Davis Hall after touring the garrison's recently dedicated health center and primary education complex.

'This is like a walk down memory lane," Casey told the family members, who gathered for an update and a question-andanswer session with the CSA.

He gave family members an update on the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, which is presently nearing the end of a deployment in Afghanistan, discussed the increase of rest time between deployments and addressed concerns regarding expected cuts in the Department of Defense budget.

"I was with the brigade Wednesday. They have made great progress over the course of the past year, remarkable progress," Casey said.

Perhaps the best news for the attentive family members was the arrival of the 10th Mountain Division's 4th Brigade advance party on the ground in Afghanistan. The

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Sgt. 1st Class Kyle Davis

Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. George W. Casey Jr., speaks with family members during a visit to U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza and U.S. Army Africa, Oct. 15.

Families welcome 173rd paratroopers





Chilly weather didn't cool spirits Oct. 13 as family members and friends waited at Hoekstra Field for the latest arrival of 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team Soldiers to return to Vicenza after a year deployment to Afghanistan. The Vicenza Military Community and friends and family arriving from the United States will welcome more paratroopers back to Italy over the coming weeks.

Photos by Grant Sattler

Trick-or-treat planned Oct. 29

By PEGGY **SCHADLER**

Family and MWR Marketing

The Halloween Carnival at Villaggio begins Oct. 29 at 3:30 p.m. with trick-ortreating for ID card holders from 6-7 p.m. and for the Italian community from 7-9 p.m.

The carnival will include activities such as pumpkin bingo, outdoor movie, a costume fashion show, a haunted house, musical tombstones and a

mad scientist laboratory.

For the safety of all participants, no private vehicles will be permitted to enter or leave Villaggio from 6 - 9 p.m. The road by the gate will be closed at 6 p.m. Parents picking up children will enter and leave via the same road.



File photo by Laura Kreider

Halloween Twister, Children trick or treat at Villaggio at last year's festivities. The carnival fortune teller, lollipop will begin at 3:30 p.m. Trick-or-treating for ID card holders begins at $ghosts,\ a\ scary$ 6, and 7-9 p.m. for the local Italian community.

To donate candy for trick or treating, boxes will be located in the Commissary and PX. Family and MWR will collect the donations by Oct. 26 and distribute them to participating families.

Visit www.VicenzaMWR.com for more information and complete safety rules for participants. For specific questions about the event call 634-5087.

Safety tips make Halloween fear-free

USAG Vicenza Safety Office

There is no real trick to making Halloween a treat for the entire family. but both adults and children share the responsibility for having a safe and enjoyable occasion.

The worst dangers are from falls, flammable costumes and pedestrian traffic and car incidents. Although there will be no movement of vehicular traffic inside Villaggio Family Housing during the Halloween event, there will be other residents and guests who will be arriving and departing outside the housing area along the roadways, so be especially careful and watchful.

Parents should review the following Halloween Safety Tips with their children to assure a fun and safe Halloween for the entire family.

Safety tips for children

- Cross streets only at corners, cross walks, and look left/right/left.
 - Never cross between parked cars.
- Walk facing the oncoming traffic if there is no sidewalk.

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Garrison news

Retiree Appreciation Day planned Oct. 28

USAG Vicenza Retirement Services

All military retirees are invited to hear updates, receive services and enjoy free lunch at the annual Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 28 at the Luna Bubble.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. with an opening ceremony at 9 a.m. The Vicenza Retiree Council will provide updates on available services. Informational and personnel service booths will be open 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Services include medical and dental screening, DFAS finance, the U.S. Consulate Federal Benefits Unit from Rome, legal assistance, ID card renewal, Army Community Service and Army Emergency Relief.

There will be a free barbecue lunch for all retirees, hosted by the Global Credit Unit and commissary vendors.

The day closes with a no-host dinner at Dai Gelosi at 6 p.m. with a live band playing 50's and 60's music. For more information, contact Timothy Scott, the USAG Vicenza Retirement Services officer, at DSN 634-7262.

HALLOWEEN: Caution helps kids avoid mishaps

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- Remove masks before crossing streets.
- Be aware of cars that may be turning into or backing out of driveways.
- Children should know to never go into a stranger's house.
- Walk do not run from house to house. Do not cross yards and lawns where unseen objects or the uneven terrain can present tripping hazards.

Safety tips for parents

- Accompany children younger than 12. For older kids, know the route they'll take and who will be with them. Tell children what time to return home or when to meet at a meeting point.
- Explain to children the difference between tricks and vandalism.
- Instruct children not to eat treats until they return home and you have a chance to inspect those treats. When in doubt, throw it out.
- Give children an early meal before going out.

Costume safety

Costumes should be made of flame retardant material.

wear warm clothes under or over their costume. Have rain wear handy.

- Costumes should be made of a bright material. Children should carry a flashlight or have reflective strips on the costume, so they can be seen. Bags or sacks carried by youngsters should be light-colored or trimmed with retroreflective tape if children are allowed out after dark.
- Costumes should not include high heel shoes or long dangling pieces that a child may trip over, and should be short enough to prevent children from tripping and falling.
- Knives, swords and other accessories should be made from cardboard or flexible materials. Do not allow children to carry sharp objects.
- Masks can obstruct a child's vision. Use facial make-up instead. If masks are worn, they should have nose and mouth openings and large eye holes.
- Use caution with facial make-up. Don't use anything on the face that isn't intended for skin. If face paint has a bad smell, the FDA recommends throwing

If it's cold, children should it away. Don't use it near the eyes and test for allergic reactions in advance. Children should not sleep with face paint on or wear it too long.

Villaggio residents

- Residents should remove all obstacles from their lawn and steps to prevent children from being injured.
- Turn on lights, both inside and out, to help prevent injuries.
- Keep dogs and other pets away from doors so children will not become frightened.
- Candlelit jack-o-lanterns should be kept clear of doorsteps and landings. Consider the possibility of using flashlights instead of candles to light
- If you have Halloween inflatables in your yard, ensure a safe walkway is maintained and anchor lines are easily identified. If you identify any additional hazards then take immediate corrective action to mitigate or eliminate the hazard.

With common sense, caution and a little preparation, both children and adults can enjoy a fun, fear-free

CASEY: Increased dwell time 'most important thing' for balance

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division is scheduled to take over from the 173rd, which will return to Vicenza over the course of the next several months.

"They're on their way," Casey told the family members. "I just want to say thank you to the Soldiers and family members here in Vicenza. You've carried a heavy burden over the last several years, and we thank you for your service."

Addressing other issues, upcoming budget cuts across the Department of Defense have been anticipated for some time, Casey said, endeavoring to put a projected \$10 billion reduction in over all outlays into perspective.

"I have told them: Hands off the family programs. We have doubled family programs since 2007. That's the

first thing I want to tell you: Don't worry about the money," Casey said.

He expects the total Army force to be in a better state of balance by the end of next year, a combined result of increased enlistment and an increase in rest time for Soldiers between deployments.

The authorization to add 75,000 Soldiers to the ranks, made several years ago, has been augmented by the support of Secretary of Defense Robert Gates to authorize another 22,000 under the present administration, he said.

"You'll see that impact, along with the reduction in Iraq," he told the family members.

The increase in dwell time in between deployments, increasing from 12 months to 18-24 months, will also have a beneficial effect. "That's the most important thing we needed to do to get ourselves back in balance," Casey said.

Casey said he was impressed by improvements to the infrastructure and range of services built by the garrison over the past few years.

from Germany to here in 1973, so it's changed a lot," he said.

"Holy, Mac! I just saw the health center, the new elementary and middle school, and the barracks renovations taking place here. I thought it was Gen. Hogg's house when I drove up," Casey quipped.

"The last thing is, we remain absolutely committed to the Family Covenant, and delivering on it," Casey said, before opening the floor up for questions and comments.

He met later with U.S. Army Africa Commander, Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg, for a briefing on U.S. Army Africa, the force's newest Army Service Component Command.

"This really allows us to focus on "I was in the first company that came the land forces in Africa in a way we've never been able to do before. Over the next few years, one of things you'll see is a Regimental Brigade Combat Team that's focused on Africa. That's going to really ramp up our abilities," he said.

Casey also met briefly with AFN South and U.S. Army Africa journalists before beginning his journey back to the United States.

To see more images from Casey's visit, go to www.flickr.com/photos/ usarmyafrica or visit www.usaraf.army. mil/.

Speak

Do you think it's easier to be a teenager today, or in times past?



Nick Angyal VHS Senior

"Today is easier because back then they had to work for everything that now we take for granted."

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Tyler Gafford VHS Sophomore

"Being a teenager now is easier because there is less racism."



Kate Panian VHS Sophomore

"Being a teen in the past was more simple because they didn't have distractions like computers and cell phones."



VHS Senior

"It was easier and better for teens back then; they had Woodstock and Jimmy Hendrix."



Rebecca Matheson VHS Senior

"In the past, because neighborhoods were safer and the family unit had more value."

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Make changes for energy savings

Environmental Division

Have you ever thought about how much energy you can save with some small steps and simple actions?

The figures will probably surprise you. You can easily cut your energy bills by several hundred dollars a year with small changes.

saves the garrison funds saves energy and money. that can be used to support mission and quality of life projects.

But how can you achieve these savings? A good starting point is to turn off lights when you leave a room for more than 10 minutes, and you switch off your TV, computer and office equipment when not in use.

Another simple action is to keep your thermostat a bit closer to the outdoor temperature to save fuel and electricity. It should be 74 degrees Fahrenheit (23 degrees Celsius) or more in the summer and around



Cutting energy costs Keeping the thermostat closer to the outdoor temperature

wintertime, you can usually use natural light for at least a few hours a day in Italy. Last but not least,

65 degrees Fahrenheit

(18 degrees Celsius) in

incandescent lamps for

CFL and LED lights.

New generation light

bulbs are up to five

times more efficient and

are safer to use. Don't

forget that, even in the

You can also swap

the winter.

purchasing Energy Star Certified equipment (a requirement for federal facilities) or ECO-labeled equipment might have a bit higher cost up front, but will save you a lot of money during the life span of the equipment.

Contact the USAG Vicenza Environmental Division at 634-5023/7166/8941 for more information, or visit the EPA's website at www.epa. gov/energy or the European Environment Agency's site at www.eea.europa.eu/themes/.

Community voice makes impact

hank you to all the Soldiers, family members, civilians, retirees, veterans, local national employees and contractors who participated in the Customer Service Assessment.

By completing the survey, your voice will impact the quality of life for everyone who lives, works and plays on USAG Vicenza and USAG Livorno.

We had 335 survey participants from USAG Vicenza and 334 from USAG Livorno. Those surveys are added to the more than 40,000 surveys from across IMCOM, and the results are compiled and analyzed for every installation that participated. Results will be reported to headquarters IMCOM and garrison commanders in November or December. You should expect to see these results soon after through various media outlets such as *The Outlook*, the Customer Management Services, the garrison website and the InfoX.

To all who participated in the survey, your voice will be heard as we all work to constantly improve the quality of garrison services to fit the level deserving of your dedicated service to our nation!

For more information on the 2010 Customer Service Assessment, contact the USAG Vicenza customer service officer at 0444-71-6426.

Ruth Cowart

Customer service officer

VHS student encourages community to support Red Ribbon activities, intent

By KYLE WOOD

Vicenza High School

s we enter the final week of October, the Vicenza community prepares for a long awaited time of the year. No, not Halloween, but rather Red Ribbon Week.

The idea dates from 1985 when Secret Agent Enrique Camarena was tortured to death after working undercover in Mexico to investigate a major drug

scandal. To honor his memory and beliefs, his friends began wearing red badges and ribbons. They formed coalitions and over time, Red Ribbon Week emerged.

This week people are reminded to wear red and to remember the sacrifices of Camarena and other men and women in the struggle against drug trafficking and abuse. By supporting this week, Americans demonstrate their ardent opposition to drugs.

The Vicenza community, through the Army Substance Abuse Program, ASACS and Project T.R.U.S.T., has several activities planned. See Page 7 for a list of activities. Students can experience the fun on Oct. 26 with a Splat Out Drugs Game and Oct. 28th with a Red Fashion Show at the high school. The middle school is doing a Spirit Week with a Pop Art Competition. The winners will receive savings bonds from Global Credit Union.

This year, remind yourself about the importance of a drug-free life. Have fun in drug free ways. Embrace the idea that we can live in a drug free world.

Shuttle Bus Mass Transit Schedule Monday - Friday											
US Army Health Clinic	-	7:25	8:25	9:25	10:55	12:45	14:25	15:25	16:25	17:25	18:25
Commissary bus stop	=	7:27	8:27	9:27	10:57	12:47	14:27	15:27	16:27	17:27	18:27
Villaggio bus stop #4	5:34	7:34	8:34	9:34	11:04	13:24	14:34	15:34	16:34	17:34	18:34
Villaggio bus stop #5	5:35	7:35	8:35	9:35	11:05	13:25	14:35	15:35	16:35	17:35	18:35
Villaggio bus stop #6	5:36	7:36	8:36	9:36	11:06	13:26	14:36	15:36	16:36	17:36	18:36
Villaggio bus stop #7	5:37	7:37	8:37	9:37	11:07	13:27	14:37	15:37	16:37	17:37	18:37
Torry VPC	=	=	8:44	9:44	11:12	13:10	14:44	15:44	16:44	=	=
Torry TMP #3	5:25	7:45	8:50	9:50	11:15	13:15	14:00	15:50	-	-	19:00
Lerino entrance gate	=	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:30	13:00	14:55	=	16:55	-	-
Commissary bus stop	5:45	8:15	9:15	10:15	11:42	13:35	15:10	16:00	17:10	17:42	18:45
US Army Health Clinic	=	8:17	9:17	10:17	11:45	=	15:12	16:02	17:12	17:45	-

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Hispanic Heritage fest Friday: Community

members enjoy samples from the 2009 Hispanic Heritage Month chili cook-off. This year's Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration will be held Friday at the Hoekstra Field Pavilion from 3-4:30 p.m. There will be an Arroz Con Pollo (rice with chicken) cook off, dancers and food sampling. Everyone in the community is invited to join in the festivities.

File photo by Laura Kreider

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Community Camera

A snapshot of events making news in and around the U.S. military community in Vicenza...

Photos by Laura Kreider



First baby born at new Benincaso Women's Center:

New parents Elizabeth and Capt. Mickey West, U.S. Army Africa, pose with their newborn baby girl, Iris MacKenna, for a family picture at the Benincaso Women's Center Oct. 15. Iris became the first baby born at the new center when she arrived Oct. 14 at 11:48 p.m.

Isabella Marie Weaver, daughter of Sgt. Semoy Weaver of U.S. Army Africa, was the last baby born at the Vicenza Benincaso Mother and Infant Pavilion. The Vicenza Benincaso Mother and Infant Pavilion opened in April 2005. A total of 649 babies were delivered before the center officially closed Sept. 23.

The new Benincaso Women's Center can be reached at DSN 636-9000, or commercial 0444-61-9000, extension 2.





Big shot: 1st Sgt. Bobby J. White, A Company, 457th Civil Affairs Battalion, (center) receives the FluMist nasal spray from Jona Dellamanna, U.S. Army Health Center, while Lt. Col. Evelyn Townsend fills in a form. **About 50 community** members turned up to receive the free flu vaccinations at the booth located at the PX food court Oct. 13. People younger than 50 may receive the FluMist nasal spray while the flu shot is given to people 50 and older. The booth will be at the PX

all week from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Cooking with class: The 509th Signal Battalion's Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Kupsh stirs some zucchini before dishing up during the cooking class held at Vicenza Army Community Service Oct. 12. The event was coordinated by the Family Advocacy Program as part of the Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities. Some community members had the chance to prepare and taste local recipes including Risotto with zucca, or rice with gourd, chicken with sage and peperonata, peppers cooked in olive oil. For upcoming activities, contact Family Advocacy at DSN: 634- 6269 or CIV 0444 -71- 6269.



Energy awareness: Ronald Pinkoski, USAG Vicenza Environmental Division Environmental Protection specialist (center), hands out free items including mouse pads, bookmarks and stickers, as well as tips and recommendations on how to conserve energy at the Energy Awareness booth at the PX Oct. 14 as part of the Environmental Division's Energy Awareness month initiatives. The goal was to promote awareness to the Garrison community on energy-related topics like energy conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy resources. Approximately 200 people stopped by the booth.



Retirees donate statue: USAG Vicenza Retiree Association members pose after the unveiling of the 10-foot statue of Asclepius outside the main entrance of the U.S. Army Health Center Sept. 23. The statue was donated by the association.

"Retirees are still serving and members of a great military community", said Ron Reynolds, the statue project coordinator and secretary for the retiree association's council.

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Being dimmer can make a difference

By GIANLUCA LUCETTI USAG Livorno DPW

U.S. Army Garrison Livorno is committed to enhancing its energy efficiency by making sure that energy-saving technologies are incorporated into infrastructure improvements.

Camp Darby's newest renovated facility, the post library, will be saving energy with the new generation of dimmable ballast florescent lighting, according to Tom Walker, the Department of Public Works director.

"New efficient lighting fixtures can operate at reduced power levels as regulated by a light level sensor when natural light is available for normal office tasks," said Walker. "This system can save up to 30% of electrical energy over traditional on-off lighting systems based on case studies and manufacturer's literature."

Walker adds that DPW is also installing the lighting system in other building renovation projects, on Camp Darby at the DOL/MWR warehouse offices, and on the depot in one of the 3/405th AFSB office buildings.

"The new generation of dimmable ballast florescent lighting (older versions are either on or off) is particularly good for South facing offices that receive more sunlight throughout the year and for areas with clear story windows (those above normal window height)," explained Walker.

For employees who work in offices without the latest lighting technology, they may discover the amount of light at their desk has not decreased appreciably when they turn off the lights in the office during the daytime.

In order to use natural light more efficiently: paint walls light reflective colors (white is the best); keep window blinds rolled up, except to control too much sun light and overheating; and if possible locate your desk at an angle to windows, both to reduce glare on your computer screen and avoid shadows on your desk work area.

"Whether you have dimmable florescent lighting or use natural lighting, Camp Darby employees can help the Army save energy," said Walker.

Walker adds that by visiting the Camp Darby Energy Awareness site at www. usag.livorno.army.mil/2010EAM.html, people can get an office check list to see where they can make a direct impact.

"Homeowners and renters will enjoy the energy savers booklet that has tips on saving energy and money at home and building managers can get the latest information on matching HVAC



Photo by Joyce Costello
A Camp Darby fireman checks the fire
alarms in the new post library. The facility
is one of the first on Camp Darby to use
a combination of new lighting technology

schedules to occupancy schedules, along with how to reduce major sources of infiltration," said Walker. "Even children can enjoy energy games and applications...everyone can do their part to help sustain our environment."

and natural light in order to conserve

Darby

Free Comedy Show

Armed Forces Entertainment presents the adult's only show 'Laugh It Up, Double Time' Tommy Davidson and Rob Maher at the DCC Sunday at 7 p.m.

Halloween Trick or Treat

Trick or Treating for the Livorno community is Oct. 29. To participate or for information, contact the School Age Center by Friday at DSN 633-7613.

Adult Halloween Party

Enjoy an adults-only Monster mash costume dance party at the DCC Oct. 30.

Thanksgiving meal

The Vicenza Dining Facility will be serving a Thanksgiving meal Nov. 19 at the Livorno Unit School cafeteria. Buy tickets from unit representatives. No tickets will be sold at the door.

ACS classes

Consumer Rights Oct. 28, 11 a.m.-noon

Italian for Beginners Nov. 1, 5:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.

Play group Nov. 3, 11 a.m.- noon Call DSN 633-7084 to sign up.

SAS/YS

Youth Services Kick Back night Oct. 29, 6 p.m.- 10 p.m. Parents Night out Oct. 30. Teen guide to Career planning Nov. 9, 5 p.m.

Fitness Center

The pre-season basketball tournament is Nov. 6.
The 5K Turkey trot is Nov. 24.

AWAG conference set at Darby Oct. 23-25

The Italy AWAG conference begins at Camp Darby with a wine tasting Friday. The conference starts at 8 a.m. Saturday, followed by an optional dinner. A Tuscan day trip is set Sunday.

Topics include communication skills, parenting, volunteerism, belly dancing, Italian cooking and travel tips. Register at www.awagonline. org/Italy.html.

ITR trips

Wine tasting trip to Tenuta Agricola Pitti Oct. 30 Lucca Comics Oct. 31 Cermanics trip Nov. 6 Ferrari Museum Nov. 25

ODR trips

Paint ball tournament Nov. 6 Spend Thanksgiving skiing the Matterhorn. Call 633-7775 for details.

Religious Activities

Nov. 17 audition for the Chapel Christmas play.

Nov. 18 join the pilgrimage to Montenero. For details, call the chapel at DSN 633-7267
9:40 a.m. Catholic reconciliation 10 a.m. Catholic Mass
11:15 a.m. Protestant worship 10 a.m. Protestant Sunday school 11:15 a.m.: Catholic CCD

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Library returns home

The Camp Darby Library is currently closed to the public as it moves from its temporary location by the swimming pool to its original home by the Education Center. According to the librarian, Michael McDaniel, the new facility will open Nov. 8 at 10 a.m.

"The grand opening will have a special reading to inaugurate the children's room along with a magic show and snacks," said McDaniel. "I think the community will really enjoy all the changes and modernization updates."

Photo by Joyce Costello

Latin art, food, dance spice up senses

Story and photo by JOYCE COSTELLO

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Life was a little bit hotter than normal for the Camp Darby community on Oct. 15 as the installation celebrated the end of Hispanic Heritage Month with a food tasting and Latin dancing presentation at the Darby Community Club.

"The main reason the food tasting was such a success was due to all of the volunteers that stepped forward to help cook and the EO community working together cohesively as a strong team," said Staff Sgt. Ian Keathley, USAG Livorno Equal Opportunity representative. "Every heritage month we celebrate is a great way of celebrating the diversity of each culture and its role in the melting pot of American society."

The event included Mexican art examples of Dia de los Muertos (The Day of the Dead) by the Livorno Unit school children and dancers from the Proscaenium Dance School in Pisa, along with piñatas for the kids.



Proscaenium Dance School from Pisa, Italy, performs for the Camp Darby community during the Hispanic Heritage Food tasting event Oct. 15.

"I enjoyed watching the different types of Latin dances. It really added to the fiesta mood," said Vaun Smith who was attending the event.

Keathley adds that people who

are interested in volunteering for the EO committee or November's Native American and Native Alaskan heritage month should contact him at the Provost Marshal office.

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Sweets for the sweet:

Downtown Vicenza hosts Cioccolando Vi, a chocolate festival, Friday through Sunday in Piazza Biade, Piazza Signori, Piazza Duomo, Piazza Garibaldi, Piazza Castello and Piazzetta Palladio. There will be free chocolate tasting and 60 chocolate stands to visit. The fest runs Friday 2-10 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Downtown stores will be open until midnight on Saturday and all day Sunday. Free entrance.

Courtesy photo



Local festivals & shows

Abilmente – Bricolage and Manual Creativity exhibition: Oct. 21-Sunday, 9:30 a.m.–7 p.m.,

Oct. 21-Sunday, 9:30 a.m.—7 p.m., in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria 16. Embroidery and patchwork workshops, sewing classes, T-shirt decoration; creative techniques workshops for children.

Admission fee: €10; reduced fee €8 for children younger than 12, senior citizens, groups of more than 10. Free for children 5 and younger, for disabled people and their assistants.

Autumn flavors and colors: Monday in Vicenza, Corso Fogazzaro. Typical local products exhibit and sale.

CioccolandoVi – Chocolate Festival: Sixty chocolate stands in Vicenza (Piazza Biade, Piazza Signori, Piazza Duomo, Piazza Garibaldi, Piazza Castello and Piazzetta Palladio) Friday 2-10 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Free chocolate tasting. Downtown stores will be open until midnight on Saturday and all day Sunday.

Horse-Drawn Carriage Tours: Saturday from 3-8 p.m. in downtown Vicenza. Enjoy a 20-minute tour of beautiful sites in Vicenza. Tours depart and return to Piazza Biade. The cost is €15 for a maximum of 4 people at a time.

Oktoberfest: Friday – Monday, in Mussolente, about 25 miles northeast of Vicenza. Food stands featuring typical Bavarian dishes and the Forst bear open at 6:30 p.m.; live Bavarian music at 9 p.m.

Autumn Festival: Saturday

– Sunday in Sarego at the sports center in Piazza Don Stefano Lago, about 16 miles southwest of Vicenza. Local agricultural products exhibit and sale. Food booths featuring mixed game spitroast and other local specialties open at 6:30 p.m.

Chestnut Festival: Friday-Sunday, in Alvese, Nogarole

Vicentino, about 21 miles west of Vicenza.

- Friday: 8 p.m. food booths open; 8:30 p.m. '70s, '80s and '90s music and Karaoke.
- Saturday: food booths open at 2 p.m.; live music at 8 p.m.
- Sunday: 9 a.m. food booths open; 9:30 a.m. free guided nature walk with local products tasting. Call Anna Terracino at 634-7169 or 0444-71-7169 to request an English-speaking guide. Noon, lunch of gnocchi with fioretta (local ricotta), barbecued steak, water and wine for €11; 2 p.m. live children's entertainment; 3:30 p.m. Latin-American music and dancing with "Cuba te llama" Band; 4 p.m. live '60s and '70s music and ballroom dancing

Chestnuts Festival: Friday – Monday, in Albettone, Lovertino, about 17 miles south of Vicenza. Food booths open at 7 p.m.; live music and entertainment start at 9 p.m.; fireworks Monday at 11 p.m.

Reenactment of old trades: Sunday in Valdastico, Località San Pietro, about 35 miles north of Vicenza; 10 a.m. local craft and typical local products exhibit and sale; 11:30 a.m. Stihl Timber Sports presents a woodcutters show; 2:45 p.m. old trades parade.

Provincial Exhibition: Autumn mushrooms and medicinal herbs, Sunday 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. in Costabissara, about 7 miles northwest of Vicenza.

Vintage cars and motorcycles fair: Friday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. in Padova, Via N. Tommaseo, 59, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. The exhibit areas include exibitions of car manufacturers' clubs and racing teams, dealers and restorers areas, spare parts and models, displays of car and motorcycle accessories and specialty merchandies and items, rims and tires, limited-edition tin toys and life-size models, motor training, documents and instructions booklets.

Entrance fee: €18; children 14-17 €12; free for children younger than 14.

Triestepresso: Oct. 28-30, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. in Trieste, Piazzale de Gasperi, 1, about 135 miles east of Vicenza. The most specialized Italian espresso coffee show.

Entrance fee is €9. To receive a reduced ticket for €7 and for more information, visit the English website at http://www.fiera.trieste.it/espresso/eng/info_utili.htm.

FREE concerts, exhibits & events

Monome demonstration and live music: today, 9:30 p.m., in Vicenza, Bar Sartea, Corso San Felice & Fortunato, 362. A monome is a real-time step sequencer used commonly for musical performances.

Live pop and classical music by local singers: tomorrow, 8:30 p.m., in Vicenza, Primavera Movie Theater, Via Ozanam.

Eco-science Festival: Saturday - Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. in Vicenza, Strada delle Caperse, 155. Free entrance to the local nature oasis and free guided tours.

Wind Band in Concert: Saturday, 5:30 p.m. in Vicenza, Palazzo Chiericati, Piazza Matteotti, 37/39.

Vicenza Fotoberfest – photo exhibit through Oct. 31, in Arcugnano, Villabalzana, Osteria alla Quercia, Via S. Rocco, 2G. Open 5-11:30 p.m., closed Tuesdays.

Photo exhibit: Through Sunday in Vicenza, LAMeC (Basilica Palladiana), Piazza dei Signori. Tuesdays-Sundays, 10:30 a.m.-1p.m. and 3-7 p.m.

Painting exhibit (amethyst light and color): Through Oct. 31 in Vicenza, Galleria Art. U' – United Artists, Via Soccorso Soccorsetto 17. The exhibit is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays 4-7 p.m.; Thursdays and Saturdays 10:30 a.m.—noon and 4-7 p.m.

Drop Simpler Live Music: Saturday, 9:30 p.m. American band plays rock and roll, Il Dragone Restaurant, Via Della Robbia, 15.

Explore the sky: Astronomical Observatory of Arcugnano, Tuesday, 9 p.m., Via S. Giustina, 127, about five miles south of Vicenza. View the sky and planets with the observatory's telescope.

Concerts

Sting: Monday in Firenze; Nov. 2 in Milan, Teatro degli Arcimboldi; Nov. 3 in Torino, Palaolimpico; Nov. 10 in Rome, Auditorium Parco della Musica.

Big Brother and the Holding Company: Wednesday in Vicenza's Teatro San Marco. Holiday on Ice Tropicana:

Oct. 28-31 in Milan, Palasharp; Nov. 5-7 in Torino, Palatorino. **Prince:** Nov. 2 in Milan, Palalottomatica; Nov. 3 in Assago,

Milan, Mediolanum Forum. **Joe Satriani:** Nov. 11 in Milan, Alcatraz Club; Nov. 12 in

Padova, Gran Teatro.

Swan Lake by Matthew

Bournes: Nov. 17-21 in Milan,

Teatro degli Arcimboldi.

Emerson & Lake: Nov. 19 in Rome, Auditorium conciliazione;

Nov. 21 in Milan, Conservatorio; Nov. 26 in Padova, Gran Teatro.

Simply Red's Farewell, The Final Tour: Nov. 20 in Milan, at the Mediolanum Forum.

Adam Lambert: Nov. 24 in

Shakira: Nov. 27 in Torino, Palaolimpico.

Kings of Leon: Dec. 3 in

Bologna, Futurshow Station. **30 Seconds to Mars:** Dec. 8

in Bologna, Paladozza. **Voca People:** Dec. 13 in Milan, Teatro Dal Verme; Dec. 15

in Florence, Teatro Saschall.
Buy tickets in Vicenza at Media
World in the Palladio Shopping
Center or at http://www.greenticket.
it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing
or http://www.ticketone.it/EN/.

Sporting events

Wrestling Raw World Tour: Nov. 13, Assago (Milan), Mediolanum Forum.

For information in English or to purchase tickets online, visit *http://www.ticketone.it/EN/.*

ODR trips

Don't miss out on the year-round tours, trips and events offered by the installation's Outdoor Recreation:

Shop till you drop with ODR. Head to **Nove for Ceramics**, then have lunch in **Marostica** on Oct 26.

Or check out the Leaning Tower of Pisa and shop for Carrara marble Oct. 30. Head to San Martino for a hike Oct. 30.

Visit Gardaland, Italy's largest theme park, for Halloween fun Oct. 31. There will be 15 sinister sets, a place crawling with shocking "live" presences, gruesome "flesh and bone" individuals ready to "send shivers down the spines" of those who dare to enter.

Check out all trips coming up this fall in the ODR Schedule available online at www.Vicenza MWR.com or register on MWR Online Services.

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

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Thursday	The Other Guys (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Friday	Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13)	6 p.m.
	The Switch (PG-13)	9 p.m.
Saturday	The Switch (PG-13)	3 p.m.
	Red (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13)	3 p.m.
	Red (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Wed.	Eat Pray Love (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Oct. 28	Eat Pray Love (PG-13)	6 p.m.
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Camp Darby Theater

Friday	Step Up 3D(PG-13)	
Saturday	The Social Network (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13)	1 p.m.
Oct. 29	Eat Pray Love (PG-13)	6 p.m.

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

View MOVIE TRAILERS and schedule online at http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/vicenza.htm or http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm.

Looking to buy or sell items? Check out MWR's Marketplace at www.mwrmarketplace.com

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Halloween at Arena

Celebrate Halloween at the Lion's Den. Come watch "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" on the big screen and enjoy drink specials and giveaways all night long on Oct. 29 beginning at 8 p.m.

VCC annual bazaar

The Vicenza Community Club invites you to shop from vendors from around Europe during the annual Festa Italia Bazaar Oct. 30-31. The annual event will be at the Pavilion Teen Center, the Luna Bubble and fitness center. Items for sale include furniture, wine, chocolates, ceramics and more.

FMWR wants feedback

Help FMWR serve you better. Take a short survey at www. vicenzamwr.com/library.html.

Murder Mystery Dinner

The Youth Center, in conjunction with Club Beyond, will be hosting a Murder Mystery Dinner at the Villaggio Youth Center on Saturday from 7-10 p.m. for youth grades 9-12. Call 634-7659 for more information.

CYSS Focus Group

CYSS will hold a Parents Focus Group Meeting Wednesday at noon at ACS to hear feedback regarding the quality of CYSS services. All parents of children who use CYSS are invited. Call 634-8347 for information.

School Age Zoo Trip

Sign up by Oct. 29 for the School Age Center's Parco Le Cornelle zoo trip Nov. 6 for schoolaged children in grades 1-6. Hourly patrons can save \$16 per child by using their four free hours of monthly care. Call 634-5700 for details.

Anger Management

Anger Management for children 4-6 (parent/child) is Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The workshop series helps children develop skills to cope with anger during hands-on, fun activities and play with their parent. Please call FAP at 634-7500/6202 for reservations.

Stress Management

Stress Management for children 13-18 years is Tuesday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Through activities, we will identify stress triggers, stress in the body and appropriate ways to manage stress. For more info, call 634-7500/6202.

Anger Management

Anger Management for teens ages 13-18 is Oct. 28 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Call FAP at 634-7500/6202.

EFMP Roundtable

The EFMP Roundtable Tuesday from 11 a.m. – noon. Relax and share with others in the community. For more information call EFMP at 634-7500/7912.

Sponsorship Training

Sponsorship Training is set Tuesday from 2-3 p.m. The handson training is designed to give simple but useful tools on how to be a good sponsor and welcome newcomers to Caserma Ederle. For more information contact Relocation Readiness at 634-7500/8525.

Book Club

The Book Club will discuss Saul Bellow's "The Adventures of Augie March" Nov. 4 from 7-9 p.m. at the Post Library. The classic is about a Chicago boy growing up during the Great Depression.

MyCAA update

The MyCAA program will be temporarily closed until Sunday. USAG Vicenza's Employment Readiness Office can assist with contacting MyCAA. Call 634-6884.

Free legal help

Navigating the MEB-PEB process is complicated, but free legal help is available. Visit the USAG Vicenza homepage at http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil and click on "Hot Topics" to review the full news article.

Preserving memories

Create a scrapbook canvas for that special memory Friday at the arts and crafts center. Supplies will be provided along with ideas and techniques to create a special "family" memory item.

For a list of classes, visit the arts and crafts center or see the calendar at www.vicenzaMWR.com.

Date Night

It's Date Night every Friday in October at the Arena. You and your date will enjoy an evening out for \$12. Date Night package includes four games of bowling, two shoe rentals, two hot dogs and two cokes. Offer is valid 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Birth Control

Women interested in starting or renewing a birth control prescription can call the GYN Clinic at 636-9000. Press 2 for the Benincaso Women's Center, then 2 again for the OB/GYN clinic.

If you already have a prescription, it can be refilled without an appointment. If you don't have a prescription, you may

schedule an appointment to discuss options. No exam is necessary.

MOMS Club events

- Friday: Walk the Track 10:30; ■ Tuesday: Toddler Playgroup
- 0 a.m.;
- Oct. 28: Outdoor Play Date 4 p.m.;
- Oct. 29: Walk the Track 10:30 a.m.;

E-mail *momsclubofvicenza@ yahoo.com* for more information.

Improve your GT score

Take the FAST class and improve your GT score. Class begins Monday. Call 634-8933 or e-mail Lourdes.fernandez@europe. ctcd.edu.

Freddy FAP visit

Freddy FAP is Family Advocacy's world traveler. He visits countries throughout the world every month and brings back activities and food for families. Freddy FAP returns from Rwanda with fun, activities and snacks Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Call 634-6202 for info.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week kicks off Saturday from 10-11:30 a.m. with a balloon fest and games for families at the football field. From noon-1 p.m., visit the Arena for one free game of bowling and free shoe rental. Call 634-7554 or e-mail *Cheryl.Davis@eur.army.mil.*

Join the Boy Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 295 meetings are every Tuesday from 5:45-7 p.m. in the Vicenza High School cafeteria. All boys ages 11-18 are invited to join and experience fun and adventure while learning valuable life and leadership skills.

For information, call Philip Bonney at 327-130-8933 or Rich Price at 634-8082 or 347-289-6163.

New Runners Club

The new Fleet Feet Running Club, a new community running club, is seeking community members of all skill levels. We plan to run together, eat together, and meet our training goals together. The first meeting is Oct. 30 at 9 a.m. at the running track.

For more information, e-mail fleetfeetrunningclub@googlemail. com.

USARAF FRG

USARAF's next FRG meeting. will be Nov. 8 from noon – 1:30 p.m. at the Vicenza Arts and Crafts Center. Free childcare is available. Make reservations no later than Friday. Door prizes and lunch provided. RSVP by Nov. 4 to Tashunda Vaughn at 0444-71-6084 / 634-6084 or e-mail tashunda.s.vaughn@eur.army.mil.

Master's Degree Programs

The University of Phoenix offers master's programs in MBA, MAED, classroom or online. Classes are 6-weeks long and offer continuous enrollments. Most students can complete their MBA or MAED in less than two years. For more info, call at 634-8928 or e-mail Sarah. Foley@phoenix.edu.

Contract positions

There are part-time contract positions for a Catholic religious education coordinator and a Protestant parish coordinator for the chapels at Daenner Kaserne or Landstuhl. For more information, contact Kermit Powers, at *kermit. powers@eur.army.mil* or call 06-202-806-197.

Emergency number

For medical emergencies, call 118 from off post, 99-118 from any DSN line. In Vicenza, you will be transferred to an English speaker.

Community Calendar Highlights

Wednesday: Info X
Oct. 28: Retiree Appreciation
Oct. 29: Halloween Events
November 2010: Native
American Heritage Month
Nov. 1: Italian Holiday (All
Saints' Day

Religious activities

Chaplain Crisis Line

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

Sunday services

8 a.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation, or by appointment

9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass

(Daily Mass is held weekdays at noon)

9 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school and AWANAs (September-May at Vicenza High School)

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

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

5 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Mondays

Noon: LDS scripture study

Tuesdays

9:15 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

Wednesdays

3 p.m.: Praise dance practice

3:30 p.m.: Middle School Club Beyond meets in VHS cafeteria September-May

5 p.m.: Contemporary
Praise band practice

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

5:30 p.m.: High School Club Beyond meets at the Teen Center September-May. Call 340-139-4073 for information.

5:30 p.m.: Catholic choir practice

6:45 p.m.: Gospel choir practice

Thursdays

9:30 a.m.: Catholic Women of the Chapel

5:30 p.m.: Gospel service choir rehearsal

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

Faith group contacts

Islamic: Call 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for info.

Jewish: Call Paul Levine at 345-907-2108.

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

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



First graduates: Tashunda Vaughn, Brianda Barrett and Shannon Reynolds graduated from the first Army Community Service Briefer's Training Course to be held in Italy Oct. 14 in Vicenza. From left to right are Julia Sibilla, master trainer, Vaughn, Barrett, Sherri Funk, master trainer, Reynolds and Jean Sweeton, master trainer.

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

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ESPN to film military-focus Sportscenter in Germany

Military ID card holders invited to attend live-filming of Veterans Day events

7th U.S. Army Joint Multinational Training Command Public Affairs Office News Release

ESPN's flagship news and highlight program, Sportscenter, will broadcast live from the Grafenwoehr, Germany, parade field Nov. 11, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. (CET).

The event is open to all military ID-cardholders and their guests.

The special Sportscenter will honor veterans and highlight the Soldiers, civilians, and families of the U.S. Army Europe. ESPN anchors Hannah Storm and Josh Elliot will host the broadcast.

The event will include a Veterans Day ceremony, musical entertainment, and static displays and demonstrations of

military vehicles and equipment.

The Joint Multinational Training Command will sponsor a Warrior Challenge competition with teams representing various U.S. Army units in Bavaria. ESPN will broadcast several of the events and will award the winning team with a trophy during a live, on-air segment of the program.

The festivities will also include a community tailgate party in the overflow parking lot of the Grafenwoehr Post Exchange.

The special Sportscenter will air live the event on ESPN in the United States, and will air overseas on the AFN Sports channel

For the most up-to-date information on the event, check out the JMTC's Grafenwoehr 100th Anniversary page on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Grafenwoehr100.





Vicenza Cougars close out football season: The

Vicenza Cougars gave it their all Saturday during the final game of the 2010 High School Season but coudn't pull a win, losing to Naples 0-26. Above: Alex Steger, left, runs the ball with

Above: Alex Steger, left, runs the ball with blocking help from Aaron Hogg.

Left: Marcus Grice, top, and Joe Boswell stop a Naples runner.

Photos by Viki Frey

Community invited for 173rd Running of the Herd in Bamberg

Brigade Support Battalion, 173rd ABCT

The 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team at Bamberg, Germany, is inviting the community to participate in the 4th Annual Running of the Herd – a 24-hour relay run to honor the past and present sacrifices of Sky Soldiers and their families at Bamberg Nov. 8 and 9.

This year's race will mark the Return of the Herd from their third Afghanistan deployment. The Brigade Support Battalion at Bamberg will host the relay to honor the sacrifices of the 173rd paratroopers and their families over the last year and remember the fallen. Specifically, this year's event will be held in remembrance of the nine Sky Soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice during OEF X.

The Running of the Herd race began in 2007. While deployed to Jalalabad, Afghanistan, for Operation Enduring Freedom VIII, the 173rd Airborne Association sent commemorative DVDs that included the song, *The Eighth of November*, and decided to host the first Running of the Herd – a 24 hour relay race circling the airfield there, starting and ending at midnight

from Nov. 8-9. More than 200 Sky Soldiers participated to honor our fallen paratroopers.

The morning after the 22- to 27-mile race, as the medics were stiffly beginning their shifts, casualties started pouring into the C-MED and Forward Surgical Team, after elements of the 2/503 IN (ABN) were ambushed in Aranus, Afghanistan, with six Sky Soldiers paying the ultimate sacrifice and six others wounded.

Charlie Company of the 173rd BSB, is inviting the Vicenza military community to join in this year's Running of the Herd. Individuals may register as part of a team or attend to support the runners and be a part of the event. Members of the 173rd Association, all 173rd Vietnam veterans, sponsor prizes and sweatshirts for all participants in the event.

The 24-hour relay opens with a ceremony at noon on Nov. 8 and finishes Nov. 9. Representatives from the 173rd ABCT in Bamberg can assist individuals with arranging housing and transportation.

For more information or to request an event packet, e-mail robert.b.mullins@us.army.mil.

SOLDIERS & CIVILIANS COMMUNITY UNIT/REC OPEN PLAY SPORTS

 Flag Football Stats and Results:

 Team
 Win
 Loss

 HHC USAG-V/509th
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 Health Clinic
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Oct. 5
Health Clinic (19) vs. HHC/509th (7)
USARAF (21) vs. 14th Trans. (12)

Oct. 7

14th Trans. (14) vs. HHC/509th (26) USARAF (8) vs. HHC/509th (26)

Oct. 12

Health Clinic (26) vs. USARAF (13) HHC/509th (19) vs. 14th Trans. (12)

Oct. 14

Health Clinic (13) vs. HHC/509th (20) USARAF (6) vs. 14th Trans. (20)

Sports horts

Aquatics Academy

Enjoy the pool throughout the winter. Aquatics Academy offers opportunities to improve your skills in the water.

Session 2 of Beginner Swim Lessons begins Tuesday.

Lunch Time Advanced Swim Session 2 begins Wednesday and Session Two of Adult Intermediate begins Tuesday.

Call 634-6536 for information on all aquatics classes.

Tell us what you want via online survey

Speak up. Let the installation's fitness officials know what classes or team sports you want, and the time and location of those events.

Answer four easy questions at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VicenzaSportsSurvey.

Register now for basketball season

Registration for the upcoming basketball season runs through Nov 17. The season starts Nov. 24.

Register by calling 634-7009.

Get in prime shape for ski, snowboard season

Skiers and snowboarders can join Coach Ice Ski for a workout in preparation for the snow season. Workouts will take place at the fitness center Tuesdays at noon. Call 634-6240 for more information.

Become a CYSS coach today

Potential coaches must pass a background check, and will receive training and certification.

Contact 634-6151, alex. ruiz5@eur.army.mil or sky. clarke@eur.army.mil more for information.

Enjoy sporting events outside the gate

The Outlook's Out & About section, Page 6, lists sporting events that take place in the surrounding communities. Wrestling Raw World Tour set Nov. 13 in Assago (Milan). Visit http://www.ticketone.it/EN/.

Unit/rec play set at post fitness center

Basketball: 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for six or more players.

Volleyball: 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday for 8 or more players.

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

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

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