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Naples limits traffic downtown

By Melissa Kabukuru, Panorama editor

Starting Monday, driving through Naples' historic Spaccanapoli district will be restricted even further.

The city will implement the second phase of its new limited traffic zone, called the Zona Traffico Limitato (ZTL) Centro Antico, beginning Feb. 13. The ZTL Centro Antico will allow minimal traffic in a large part of Naples' historic center from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Traffic workers have been distributing fliers to drivers throughout the city since Feb. 1 to warn them of the upcoming changes. The new phase of the limited traffic zone will prevent most vehicles from entering the area stretching from Piazza Dante in the west to Via Carbonara in the east between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. The restricted area is bounded by Via Foria in the north and Corso Umberto in the south.

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See page 4: Performers with the Cirque Dreams World Tour entertain audiences during a performance of the company's "Jungle Fantasy" show at the Naples High School gymnasium Feb. 7. (Photo by MC1 Terry Vick)

Community members prove 'Naples Got Talent'

Story and photos by MC3 Caitlin Conroy
Navy Public Affairs Support Element-East Detachment Europe

The Naples United Service Organization (USO) held its third annual "Naples Got Talent" show Feb. 4 at the Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples Support Site.

The first place winner was Yeoman 3rd Class Sheena Todd, a.k.a. "Pink Venom," from Commander U.S. Sixth Fleet, whose rapping and choreography won over the audience. Todd was accompanied by Yeoman 2nd Class Darnell Poage, Yeoman 1st Class Suraya Mattocks and Intelligence Specialist 3rd Class Nikki Tilley.

"Sheena gave an amazing performance and surprised judges and the audience with her original rap music and lyrics," said Sabrina Pullido, USO Naples director.

Ana Allen took second place for her singing, which included a performance of "Over the Rainbow." Rounding out the top three was "Marsupio," a

four-person band with a musical repertoire ranging from jazz to pop. As part of the show, the group performed a prize-winning rendition of Nine Inch Nails' "Hurt."

The event was planned, organized and executed by the USO Naples staff and volunteer committee over the span of two months and 300 volunteer hours. More than 50 community members auditioned to participate in the show, with only 10 chosen to compete and five becoming finalists.

"The USO did a great job organizing everything," said "Marsupio" singer Jessica Ebel. "I was amazed at how many people showed up and loved that all the performers did something a little different."

The top three performers took home gift cards courtesy of USAA, a weekend stay in Florence courtesy of 2B4 Hotel Reservations, and two round-trip air tickets to the U.S. courtesy of United Airlines.



Eileen Sempa performs during the USO's third-annual "Naples Got Talent" show Feb. 4.

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Captain's Corner

By Capt. Scott Gray
NSA Commanding Officer



I would like to send out a huge "thank you" to all of our Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) staff that worked so hard to bring us the Cirque Dreams World Tour. Wow, that was some show. I have heard so many people in the community saying it was one of the best shows they have seen in their time in Naples. It was a lot of hard work to put on this event, and the MWR staff and volunteers did an amazing job. We must also thank Principal Daniels and the High School staff for providing the venue. Using the High School gym was outstanding and ensured everyone was warm and comfortable during the show. The event was a total team effort — well done!

We put out early this week that the Feb. 7 meeting between union officials discussing the gas station attendant strike has been postponed until further notice. This does not mean that it will not happen. Please continue to keep tanks full and conserve fuel as much as possible, carpool or ride the bus. We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as we receive them.

I would like to talk about energy conservation on an individual level. Each member of the NSA Naples community has a responsibility to help us reduce our energy costs. We all need to help conserve energy by turning lights off in unoccupied rooms, turning off our computer monitors (and computers if possible) at the end of the day and unplugging any electric device that does not need to be plugged in. This is an all-hands effort.

The exam cycle for E-4 to E-6 sailors is upon us. I trust that all eligible sailors have been studying hard. Remember, preparation for advancement does not start a week before the exam, but should be an ongoing personal initiative year-round. It is an outstanding achievement and a proud moment when a sailor gets frocked, so it's well worth the time and effort to study and do all you can to earn that promotion. At the very least, it's extra money in your pocket. I look forward to being the one to hand you your certificates when you get that crow or extra chevron. Remember, this year the exams will be administered at the Support Site instead of Capodichino due to the ongoing food court renovations. Please plan accordingly and get the word out to your people to ensure they all show up on time and at the right place.

Need ideas for this weekend? Join MWR and participate in Saturday's Sweetheart Stroll at the Support Site. The run starts 9 a.m., and four legged sweethearts are also welcome! Another great opportunity that I want to highlight is the "Parent's Night Out" brought to you by MWR and the Child Development Center (CDC). This service is available for children from 6 weeks old to those in 6th grade. Drop your kids off and have a nice dinner and a movie, or just stay at home and enjoy the quiet time. Space is available on a first come, first pay basis. Register now by calling the Support Site CDC at 081-811-4390.

We have experienced some pretty severe winter weather during the last few weeks, with lots of snow and ice on the roads throughout the surrounding areas. Please keep this in mind as you set out, and take those conditions into consideration as you plan your travels. Roccaraso ski area received in excess of four feet of snow during the past few weeks, so the skiing should be outstanding. Get up there for the weekend, and remember that it is an easy two-hour drive, which makes it an easy day trip. Take advantage of the great conditions and have fun, but do so safely.

Finally, don't forget to start working on your taxes, as W-2 forms should now be available to everyone. The deadline will sneak up on you before you know it. So contact the volunteers at the VITA tax centers at Capodichino and the Support Site. They are more than happy to assist you with all your tax preparation needs. Additionally, don't forget to register to vote. The November general election will be here before long, so take the necessary steps now to ensure you are able to exercise your right to vote.

Base Notes

From Panorama staff reports

Auxiliary Firefighter Force seeks volunteers

Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples Fire & Emergency Services is gearing up to train another Auxiliary Firefighter Force team. A volunteer information session will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Support Site Fire Station.

Participants will gain hands-on experience plus the opportunity to earn Department of Defense firefighter certifications. Some of the certifications you will be able to earn include: Firefighter I, HazMat Operations, Aircraft Rescue Firefighter, Confined Space Rescue and HazMat Technician.

USO sponsors Family Trip to Science City Feb. 19

The USO will offer a chance for families to visit Science City (Citta' della Scienza) in Naples Feb. 19. Science City features fun and interesting exhibits for children and adults based on the major concepts of modern science. Tour includes roundtrip bus transportation, entrance fee to the site and tour leader assistance for a cost of €15. For more information, call the USO at 081-568-5713 or 081-811-4903.

CREDO Marriage Enrichment Weekend March 2-4

Invest in your marriage with this weekend retreat, in which couples experience a safe and relaxed environment where they can fall in love all over again. Rediscover the foundations of your relationship, develop new skills, and learn from other couples. The weekend-long event takes place from March 2 to March 4. If you and your spouse are interested in attending, please call your CREDO Office at 081-568-5255.

Exams for E-4 to E-6 personnel in March

The Active Duty E-4 to E-6 Navy Wide Advancement Exams will be held March 1 for E-6 personnel, March 8 for E-5 personnel and March 15 for E-4 personnel.

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Office of the Inspector General, Naples, Italy
Leave a recorded message 24/7:081-568-2983
Speak to the CNREURAFSWA Investigator:081-568-2600
Speak to the CNE-CNA-C6F Investigator:081-568-2964
E-mail: ighotline@eu.navy.mil
Website: www.cnic.navy.mil/europe/index.htm

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Testing will be conducted at the Community Center and Fellowship Hall on the Support Site.

All personnel authorized to take this examination must muster no later than 6:30 a.m. with their military identification card and proper uniform of the day outside the Community Center. The doors will be closed promptly at 7 a.m.

Candidates who are not in line by 7 a.m. will not be allowed into the testing site. If candidates need a calculator they must bring their own. It must be a scientific, non-programmable one. Watches will have to be taken off during the examination. Cellular phones must be turned off and surrendered to ESO personnel, and will be available for pick up upon completion of Navy Wide Exams. For any questions, please e-mail PS2 Stanton at john.m.stanton@eu.navy.mil, Mr. Bruno at gianfranco.bruno.it@eu.navy.mil, or PSCS Deguzman at ronaldo.deguzman@eu.navy.mil

Asian Auction scheduled for Feb. 25

This year's Asian Auction will take place in the Naples High School gym Feb. 25 from noon to 5 p.m. Walkthrough begins at 11 a.m. The Naples High School Booster Club and Naples High School Parent Teacher Association are sponsoring the event. All proceeds will benefit student programs.

Upcoming Morale, Welfare and Recreation events

Feb. 11 — Sweetheart Stroll: a 1-mile walk or 5K fun run for families and their dogs. Check-in at 8:30 a.m. at the Support Site Library piazza. Run starts at 9 a.m. For more information, call 331-197-4137.

Feb. 11 — Parent's Night Out is available for children from 6 weeks old to those in 6th grade. Space is available on a first come, first pay basis. Register now by calling the Support Site Child Development Center at 081-811-4390.

Feb. 14 — Valentine's Dinner at the Fairways restaurant from 4 to 9 p.m. Spend a special night with your partner in Carney Park's lush surroundings. The dinner includes: prime rib, baked potatoes, green beans almonde and dessert for \$24.95. Free red rose for the ladies! To reserve your table, call 081-526-5418.

Feb. 14 — Lover's Lane from 6 to 9 p.m. at Strikers Bowling Center. Bring your sweetheart to Strikers this Valentine's Day. \$10 per person includes: 1 hour of bowling, shoe rental, a large pizza, and a glass of Lambrusco (must be 18 or older). Reserve your spot now, call 081-811-6979.

ITT Day Trips —

Feb. 9: Posillipo Market
Feb. 10: Evening at Stappo Wine Bar
Feb. 11: Segway tour of Rome
ITT Extended Trip —
March 15-19: St. Patrick's Day in Dublin, Ireland.
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Italian Carnevale traditions

By Terri Lana, Fleet and Family Support
 Center Intercultural Relations staff

Carnevale (Mardi Gras) is celebrated in Italy and many places around the world 40 days before Easter. It's a final party before Ash Wednesday and the restrictions of Lent.

This festive season is celebrated with parades, masked balls, entertainment, music and good food. Mischief and pranks are common during Carnevale, hence the saying, "a carnevale ogni scherzo vale," or "anything goes at carnival."

Venice, Viareggio, and Cento hold the largest and most elaborate carnival festivals.

During the celebrations, children and adults wear elaborate costumes for the festival. There are "Veglioni di Carnevale" costume or masquerade balls, both private and public.

The typical dishes in our region during carnevale include lasagna, along with chiacchiere and sanguinaccio (light pastry



Venice is known for holding a large, elaborate Carnevale festival each year. (Photo courtesy of the Fleet and Family Support Center)

with chocolate pudding).

The 2012 dates for Carnevale fall on weekends from Feb. 11 through Feb. 21, the day of Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras.

If you cannot make it to Venice this year, check out the following cities that put on Carnevale celebrations in Campania:

Agropoli (Salerno province):

www.carnevalediagropoli.it;

Capua (Caserta province) :
 www.capuaonline.it;

Montemarano (Avellino province):
 www.carnevaldimontemarano.it;

Palma Campania (Napoli province):
 www.carnevaleparmesese.eu;

Villa Literno (Caserta province):
 www.carnevale.villaliterno.eu.



Naples senior signs letter of intent with NCAA Division I university

Naples senior Alexandra Mack signed a letter of intent Tuesday to attend Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va. on a soccer scholarship. While attending Naples High School, she was named MVP last season and helped her team win the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DODDS) Division II European Championship. Last year she was also selected for the 2011 DODDS All-Europe soccer team. Beyond soccer, she ran on the championship-winning Naples Cross Country Team last season, helping the team win the 2011 DODDS Division II European Championship. She attracted the interest of recruiters at Liberty University, a NCAA Division I school, while attending the university's summer camp in 2011. Signing the letter of intent this week was the culmination of years of hard work and training for Mack. Congratulations to her and her family. (Photo courtesy of the Mack family)

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UPCOMING FFSC NAPLES FEBRUARY EVENTS

Call FFSC at 081-811-6372 to reserve your spot for events and classes.

- 10 **THE HILL OF VOMERO** (8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Departs from JFC.) Explore the beautiful Vomero area, including the local market and St. Elmo Castle.
- 10 **LEGAL ASSISTANCE AT SUPPORT SITE FFSC** (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) Legal Assistance appointments will be performed by a NLSO attorney two times per month at the FFSC service center. The attorneys are available for the usual legal assistance services, such as powers of attorney, immigration, consumer law, creditor/debtor issues, divorce, etc. Please contact 081-568-4576 for more information or to make an appointment.
- 13 **CULTURAL TIPS** (9 a.m. - 10 a.m. at the TLA Coffee Shop) Tiziana, an ICR specialist, will be available to answer your cultural questions on topics such as food, holidays, trips, etiquette, transportation, the Italian language and much more.
- 14 **EASY ITALIAN** (9 a.m. - noon) This is an introduction to basic Italian language and conversation. Subsequent classes will take place at the same time Feb. 21 and Feb. 28.
- 15 **STRESS MANAGEMENT 101** (11 a.m. - noon; at the Navy College Classroom at Capodichino) Stress is a fact of life. Stress Management 101 provides opportunities to create work and life strategies to get to a healthier stress zone.
- 15 **PARENTS OF SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN SUPPORT GROUP** (5 - 6 p.m.), Parents can share information and provide mutual support.
- 16 **VISIT NAPLES FOOD LANDMARKS** (8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Departs from JFC) Discover Naples' most famous coffee shop, pizzeria, restaurant, ice cream store and more.
- 16 **SPONSORSHIP TRAINING** (9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.; at Capodichino in BEQ RM G 4344) To be a sponsor is a duty; to be a great one is to make a difference!
- 16 **THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN** (12:30 - 1:15 p.m.; At the Capodichino Theater) L-Funds, G-Funds, I-Funds, oh my! Get information on your opportunities with TSP and other ways to plan and save for retirement.
- 17 **THE FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT PROCESS** (Noon - 3 p.m.) Want to land a federal job? This workshop focuses on the key steps to gain federal employment. Topics covered vary from job searching guides to interview tips. The third hour, hands-on practice, is optional.

UPCOMING GAETA FEBRUARY EVENTS

Call FFSC Gaeta at 081-568-8354/7 to sign up for a class.

- 13-17 **AREA ORIENTATION/ ICR SEMINAR** (9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) Learn everything you need to know about setting up your home on the economy. Learn to use the phone, settle into your new home, deal with emergencies and more. Learn to make the best of your time in Italy. The AO/ICR Seminar WILL NEED AT LEAST 5 CONFIRMED PARTICIPANTS OR IT WILL BE CANCELLED.

FEBRUARY

- 10, 17, 24 **WEB TABRIEF FOR SAILORS** The WEB TA brief is at 9 a.m. Feb. 10 & 24 and at 1 p.m. Feb. 17 at Capo in Admin II. Visit the Navy College Office at Capo for more information or call 081-568-6684/6683/6678.
- 13 **CONNECT THE TOTS CLUB VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY** will be held at 10 a.m. Feb. 13 at the Support Site Fellowship Hall.
- 14, 21, 18 **DEFENSE LANGUAGE TESTING PROGRAM** Take the DLPT or the DLAB at the Navy College Office. Open to military members and civilian government employees. Make an appointment at the NCO or contact 081-568-6684/6683/6678 or nco.naples@eu.navy.mil.
- 15 **CNE/CNA/C6F's N1 HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE** will be hosting its monthly "Brown Bag Session" in Admin III in the second basement level of the C4I Building. Those who need access should call 081-568-4920. The sessions are informal opportunities to discuss with the workforce various topics related to CNE/CNA/C6F and/or Federal Employment. Sessions are open to all military and civilian personnel and generally take place for one hour during lunch.
- 16 **MONTHLY BABY BASICS CLASS** offered by NMCRS visiting nurses. Next class is from 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 16 at the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Office, ADMIN II, Room G-016 at Capo. Topics include newborn care (i.e. bundling, diapering & bathing); feeding, crying & comforting; health & safety, etc. Contact NCMRS for registration and information at 081-568-3913.
- 23 **PLAY AND PICNIC WITH CONNECT THE TOTS CLUB** Join members of the Connect the Tots Club for Play and Picnic at 10 a.m. Thursday, February 23, at the Youth Center Playground. Bring a lunch. Rain location: NEX food court by the games and rides. Prospective members welcome!
- 24 **SAT TEST** Take the SAT test now. Your score report will arrive Naples 6-8 weeks after testing. Testing starts at 7:45 a.m. Appointments required via the Navy College Office, Capo, ADMIN II, main floor by contacting 081-568-6684/6683/6678 or nco.naples@eu.navy.mil.
- 25 **THE NAPLES HIGH SCHOOL ASIAN AUCTION** will take place from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25. All proceeds benefit student programs. Walkthrough begins at 11 a.m. Sponsored by the NHS Booster Club and the PTA.
- 27 **CONNECT THE TOTS CLUB COFFEE TALK** Join members of the Connect the Tots Club for Coffee Talk, 10 a.m., Monday, February 27 at the NEX Food Court by the games and rides. Prospective members welcome! Find out what Connect the Tots is all about. For more information on the Club and to see more upcoming activities, visit www.meetup.com/Connect-the-Tots-Club/.
- 28 **BLACK HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATION** The Combined Multi-Cultural Heritage Committee will hold a Black History Month presentation in the Capodichino Theater at 11 a.m.
- 29 **BUDGET FOR BABY WORKSHOP** The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is offering a free Budget for Baby workshop Feb. 29 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the NMCRS office at Capodichino, Admin II, Rm. G016. Learn about budgeting for a new baby, including cost-cutting ideas and helpful local information. Upon completion of the class, each active duty military family will receive a layette containing \$100 worth of various items for your new baby. Call 081-568-3913 to register.

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Beginning Monday, only residents, public transportation, emergency vehicles, public service providers and people transporting the disabled will be allowed in the limited traffic zone during the restricted hours. Commercial delivery vehicles will also be permitted during certain times of day.

The limited traffic zone does not apply to Piazza Garibaldi, where the central train station is located, or to the roads immediately surrounding Molo Beverello, the city's main port.

The first phase of the ZTL Centro Antico went into effect Sept. 22, permanently barring most motor vehicles from crossing Piazza Dante, Via Pessina and part of Via Duomo in the city's historic downtown. The ban on these restricted roads, or *corsie preferenziali*, applies 24 hours a day, and also extends to motorcycles and scooters.

Fliers in Naples publicizing the ZTL have promoted the plan as creating a more livable community, featuring the phrases *passeggiare* ("stroll") and *respirare* ("breathe"), along with images of a bus, a train and children playing. Maps of the ZTL and other promotional materials use the phrase, "*cambia l'aria a Napoli*," or "change the air in Naples."

Starting Saturday, the city will introduce a second new busline, route C57, to help alleviate traffic downtown. The new bus line connects the center of the city with Parcheggio Brin, a parking area east of Piazza Garibaldi at the intersection of Via Benedetto Brin and Via Alessandro Volta. Another new busline, route C55, began running in September to help people move throughout the limited traffic zone.

Giuseppe Narducci, Naples' municipal security councillor, told the Naples newspaper *Il Mattino* earlier this month that the city was working to disseminate information about the new ZTL.

"The objective of the ZTL is to push the citizens to use public transportation, reducing the consequences of the use of automobiles," Narducci told *Il Mattino*. "Measures like the ZTL will improve quality of life."

When the first phase of the limited traffic zone began in September, Naples Mayor Luigi De Magistris told the Italian news agency ANSA that he was confident that Naples citizens would adapt to the change.

De Magistris said cars would gradually disappear from the city, to be replaced with public means of transportation.



A performer with the Cirque Dreams World Tour entertains audiences during a performance of the company's "Jungle Fantasy" show at the Naval Support Activity Naples High School gymnasium Feb. 7. (Photo by MC1 Terry Vick)



Performers with the Cirque Dreams World Tour entertain audiences in the Naples High School Gym Feb. 7. The show included music, acrobatics and tumbling acts, along with elaborate costumes. (Photo by MC1 John Parker)

Cirque Dreams comes to Naples

By MCSA Erik Luebke,
Navy Public Affairs Support Element-
East Detachment Europe

American performance company Cirque Dreams performed two free shows for members of the Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples community at the NSA Naples High School gymnasium Feb. 7.

The performance, called "Jungle Fantasy," featured many acrobatic and humorous acts to entertain the NSA community.

"This event is called Cirque Dreams 'Jungle Fantasy,' and we're bringing the jungle to life," said Julia Langley, a singer for Cirque Dreams. "It's your jungle fantasy and imagination come to life."

Cirque Dreams was originally put together by Neil Goldberg in 1993, and has put on many performances, including two Super Bowl shows as well as shows for Disney. It is currently the only Circus-style show to have been on Broadway.

Several hundred people came to see the high school's gym transformed into a jungle-themed stage, where the circus performers entertained the audience with various tumbling, balancing and musical routines.

"The audience has been wonderful to us as far as energy goes," said Langley. "We know when we go out there we are giving off energy, and they are giving the

energy back to us, and it's just a wonderful exchange between the performers and the audience."

The show, which primarily plays in the United States, is currently partnered up with Armed Forces Entertainment to visit 17 U.S. military bases in 10 countries around the globe.

"It is amazing to be able to transform the show and bring it here to

troops around the world," said Heather Hoffman, the tour manager and assistant artistic director.

After the show, many of the performers sat down on the stage and talked with members of the audience who wanted to ask questions or have a picture taken.

"This is one of the most rewarding tours. There are 20 of us — 16 per-

formers and four crew members," said Hoffman. "And I know I speak for all of us when I say this is one of the most rewarding experiences of our lives. It is an absolute honor and privilege to perform for those who take care of us."

For more information on the Cirque Dreams company and its shows, visit <http://www.cirqueproductions.com>.

Under Secretary of the Navy visits sailors and Marines in Europe and Southwest Asia

By MCI (EXW/DV) Jack Georges,
Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia Public Affairs

The Honorable Robert O. Work, under secretary of the Navy, concluded a three-day four-stop trip through Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia Feb. 3.

Following an area brief with U.S. 6th Fleet at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples, Work emphasized the Navy-Marine Corps team's critical role in the nation's defense strategy during an all-hands call with Naples service members.

"Our new strategy requires us to maintain the global sea lines of communication," Work said. "We have to be able to maintain access. We need to be able to conduct low cost, high payoff deployments. The Navy-Marine Corps team does all of these things best."

Work stressed that the Navy's program produces a Navy-Marine Corps team built for war, capable of responding to crises and protecting U.S. and allied interests.

Work's trip also included stops at Naval Support Activity Bahrain; Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy; and Naval Station Rota, Spain. At each stop, Work met with senior leadership and held all-hands calls with service members to answer their questions and discuss upcoming changes affecting sailors and Marines.

"The future is very, very bright," Work said. "The reason why I know it will be bright, is because of people like you... who are our secret weapon of the Navy-Marine Corps team."

Beginning in Bahrain, Work met with sailors and Marines for breakfast and thanked them for their hard work.

He also had breakfast with sailors and Marines

in Sigonella, toured the flight line, barracks, fitness center and community piazza.

Work made his final stop in Rota where he received a command brief and toured Rota's facilities. During an all-hands call, he noted Rota's key role in preparing to host four forward deployed destroyers as announced last October by Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta.

"When you have a great base like this, or like Sigonella or Rota, you're going to find ways to use it. The Navy-Marine Corps team has an important mission here in Europe and around the globe," said Work.

Throughout the trip, Work underlined the importance of the Navy and Marine Corps mission and acknowledged the challenges facing sailors and Marines who execute that mission, given the historically unprecedented ratio of one year at war for every year at peace the military has operated under since 1989.

"I want you to know Secretary Mabus and I, and every person in the department, understands the sacrifices you are making," said Work.

He assured service members that current plans under discussion to change the military retirement program would not affect those presently serving, and military pay would not be reduced as the Pentagon identifies areas of the defense budget to be cut.

Work is a retired Marine Corps colonel and is the principal assistant to the Secretary of the Navy, acting with full authority of the secretary in day-to-day management of the Department of the Navy.

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Talent show participant and first place winner Sheena Todd, a.k.a. "Pink Venom," performs with Darnell Poage during the United Service Organization's (USO) third annual "Naples Got Talent" show aboard Naval Support Activity Naples Support Site Feb. 4.

NAPLES GOT TALENT

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"The USO Naples committee worked to deliver another incredible show to NSA Naples," said Luisa Mazzella, USO Naples operations manager. "It was amazing to see the Reel Time Theater filled with community members. We had a long line of people eager to support their friends and coworkers."

The evening's event not only showcased the creativity that Naples area military and their family members have to offer, but also celebrated the USO's 71st birthday. Participants and community members were treated to a USO video tribute during the show and a slice of birthday cake afterward.

"It was mind blowing seeing everyone having such a great time," said Mazzella. "The crowd really appreciated the contestants and that was gratifying for all of us who worked hard to select them."

Judges for this year's event included Rear Adm. James Foggo, deputy commander of U.S. Sixth Fleet and an avid supporter of USO Naples and the talent show; Musician 2nd Class Joel Packer from the Naval Forces Europe Band; and Jackie Washington, winner of last year's talent show and singer of the National Anthem for this year's competition.

Contestants Matthew Collier, an aviation support equipment technician airman, and Joshua Lindsey, and information systems technician seaman, performed as the duo "Mayfield Run." They said they were excited to participate in the event regardless of the outcome.

"Everything with this event and the USO has been great," said Lindsey. "We were anxious but excited to play, and even though we didn't win, we were excited to be given the opportunity to share a co-written song that means a lot to us."

The event was put together not only by USO committee members, but also volunteers from the military community.

"This year's show had such a great variety of performers and it was great to be a part of it," said Yeoman 2nd Class Miguel Handa, who also volunteered for last year's talent show. "I love volunteering with the USO and will continue to volunteer with them whenever I can."

With numerous community members auditioning and volunteering and a full house to boot, the USO Naples talent show was a hit among the local community.

"There's a lot of talent among our community members, and the USO hopes to continue to lift the morale of our troops and their families by delivering great programs like this one throughout the year," Mazzella said.

For more information about USO events, contact the USO Naples at 081-568-5713.

Talent show participant Josh Ledestich performs during the United Service Organization's (USO) third-annual "Naples Got Talent" show aboard Naval Support Activity Naples Support Site Feb. 4. The annual event not only showcased the creativity that Naples area military and family members have to offer, but also celebrated the USO's 71st birthday with a video tribute and birthday cake after the show.



Under Secretary of the Navy Robert O. Work receives honors as he arrives Feb. 2 for a meeting with senior leadership at the headquarters for Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa/Commander, U.S. 6th Fleet. Undersecretary Work's visit to Naples was part of a four-stop trip through Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia. (U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Stephen Oleksiak)



Members of the Naples High School Academic Team won first place in the 28th annual Academic Bowl in Germany this month. Shown here are Nikka Malakooti, Phillip Davis, John Moulton, and John Michael Spatt, the team members who traveled to Germany to compete. (Photo courtesy of Naples High School)

Naples High School Academic Team captures the DoDDS European Championship

By Claudia Scherillo
Naples High School

Between Feb. 1 and Feb. 3 the Naples High School Academic Team traveled to Hambachtal Park in Oberhambach, Germany to compete in the 28th annual Academic Bowl. Twenty four DoDDS high school teams from all over Europe participated in the event, with Naples taking first place.

Teams played five round robin games on Thursday within their pools. On Friday, the championship games were determined by double elimination play among the eight teams who advanced from the previous day. The Naples team won four out of five round robin games, being beaten only once by Ramstein High School. On Friday, Naples played through all rounds undefeated to take the championship in the final game against Brussels.

The competition was intense, but all the teams displayed outstanding sportsmanship and camaraderie in spite of the competitive atmosphere. Naples

won one of their games in a double overtime with Heidelberg High School. One parent present at the games wrote that the Naples team members were gracious in their win and had a great collective personality.

The competition team members who traveled to Germany were seniors Nikka Malakooti and Phillip Davis, sophomore John Moulton, and freshman John Michael Spatt. Other students who participated with the Academic Team in preparation for the Academic Bowl were Marc Davis, Ehsan Malakooti, Brittaney Key and Darybelle Collins.

Being able to experience this competition first-hand was an amazing and thrilling opportunity. The Academic Bowl offers a chance to showcase our brightest students in a setting where they can network and learn from each other. It was very gratifying to see how they supported one another. Their pleasure in winning a game was equaled only by their honest congratulations to the other team if they lost a match. The

ability to appreciate the knowledge possessed by all the participants was evident. We at Naples High School look forward to next year's competition and defending our title.

Officer Force Management Efforts Lead to Smaller FY13 SER Board

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

The Navy's past successful efforts to balance the officer corps resulted in the need to conduct a selective early retirement (SER) board for only two communities in the restricted line and staff corps this year, as announced in NAVADMIN 048/12, Feb 7.

Because of the force management efforts used during the past few years, the unrestricted line and most of the restricted line and staff corps officer communities are within their manpower requirements at the senior levels.

Due to high retention and low attrition, the Oceanographer and Supply Corps officer communities are over their requirements at senior ranks. The Navy does not plan to conduct any further SER boards for the officer communities for fiscal year 2013.

The restricted line and staff corps communities in Oceanography (1800 designator) and Supply Corps (3100 designator) will be part of the fiscal year 13 SER Board conducted in July 2012. This board will help ensure balance of these two communities and bring the number of O-5s and O-6s in line with the number authorized to meet the manpower requirement. This action is required because of the high retention rates for active Oceanography/Supply O-5 and Oceanography O-6 officers.

Current projections indicate the SER board will select for early retirement approximately two captains and three commanders from the Oceanography community and 14 Supply Corps commanders. These numbers may be adjusted based on the number of voluntary retirement requests received prior to the board.

The SER board will consider the records of all active duty restricted line (Oceanography) captains with at least four years time in grade as of July 1, 2012 and whose names are not on a list of officers recommended for promotion. In addition, Oceanography and Supply Corps commanders who have twice failed for promotion to O-6 and whose names are not on a list of officers recommended for promotion will be reviewed by the board.

Officers who wish to be exempted from consideration by the SER board may submit a voluntary retirement request no later than May 25, 2012, with a requested retirement date of Sept. 1, 2013, or earlier. Once the voluntary retirement request is approved, the officer will be removed from consideration by the board. For those officers selected for early retirement, they must by law retire no later than the first day of the seventh month following Secretary of the Navy approval of the board recommendations. The target date for this approval is Sept. 1, 2012.

A separate NAVADMIN identifying the senior and junior in zone officers eligible will be released 30 days prior to the convening of the July 2012 SER board. Unrestricted line officers will not be considered by this board. Future use of SER boards will be evaluated annually by grade and community.

For more information about the SER board read NAVADMIN 048/12 at www.npc.navy.mil.

The NSA Emergency Dispatch Center mission (Part 1 of 4)



Information compiled by EN2 Miguel Huerta
NSA Naples Emergency Management Office Disaster Preparedness Specialist

The Naval Support Activity Naples Emergency Dispatch Center (EDC) is committed to providing quality emergency services for all personnel stationed in the Naples area of operation. Our overall goal is to provide fire, medical, and security response to all personnel in need. The Emergency Dispatch Center is the call center for all incidents requiring emergency services.



FIRE SERVICES

The Naples EDC receives automated alarms for essential buildings only. Dispatch does not receive alarms for apartment buildings at the Support Site. The EDC will dispatch fire personnel from the stations aboard Capodichino or the Support Site for all events requiring fire assistance on base. The Vigili di Fuoco is the Italian fire department that will respond to incidents requiring fire services out in town.

Capodichino Fire Station: 081-568-5462/3 or 081-568-5585
Support Site Fire Station: 081-811-4528/4039

WHEN TO CALL THE EMERGENCY DISPATCH CENTER

Use the Emergency Line in case of:

- Fire/gas/carbon monoxide alarm
- House break-in (in progress)
- Vehicle break-in (in progress)
- Elevator assist
- Traffic accident with injuries
- Domestic abuse
- Suspicious activity

NOTE: All services requiring fire, medical, security received on the emergency line are recorded. All services requiring reports will still need to be reported to the NSA Security Precinct.

Use the Non-Emergency Line for:

- Translation services
- Tow truck assistance
- Traffic accident with no injuries

NOTE: All services requiring reports will still need to be reported to the NSA Security Precinct.

FFSC offers cooking classes as part of Intercultural Relations

Story and photo from the Fleet and Family Support Center

If you stop by the Fleet and Family Support Center and check our monthly calendar, you will notice that every month we offer a cooking class at a local restaurant. This restaurant is located in Aversa, 10 minutes from the Support Site. We take the bus T63R and stop by the Hotel del Sole, close to the Aversa train station. The restaurant inside the hotel is where the famous Chef Salvatore every month teaches us a different recipe. We have prepared several Italian dishes: chicken cacciatore, eggplant parmesan, spaghetti with clams, calamari, homemade pizza, zucchini and a variety of vegetables. Step by step, we follow his instructions and at the end we enjoy a meal which we have created. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to learn how to cook some



As part of the Intercultural Relations (ICR) program, the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) offers a cooking class in Aversa every month.

famous Italian dishes. The cost for the class is €15.

Check our monthly calendar with many interesting classes and field trips. The Naples

FFSC is also on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NaplesFFSC. If you wish to register for our classes, call the FFSC at 081-811-6372.

Weekly Crime Statistics for Jan. 30 - Feb. 5, 2012

- Traffic Accidents	.....6	(1 on base 5 off base)
- Vehicle Break-In	.....4	(4 off base)
- Larceny of Personal Property	..3	(3 on base)
- Pick Pocketing	.....1	(1 off base)
- Stolen Vehicle	.....1	(1 off base)
- Counterfeiting	.....1	(1 off base)

Pick Pocketing (off base). On Jan. 30 at approximately 10 a.m., E-5/USN reported pick pocketing that occurred Jan. 29 in Rome, Italy. Victim reported that while traveling on the train from Rome to Naples, he fell asleep and upon waking up, he noticed his pants pocket slashed and his wallet missing.

Stolen Vehicle (off base). On Jan. 30 at approximately 11 a.m., E-4/USN reported a vehicle theft that occurred earlier that day in Gricignano, Italy. Victim reported that she parked her vehicle and upon returning noticed her vehicle missing.

Larceny of Personal Property (on base). On Jan. 30 at approximately 6:10 p.m., E-6/USA reported a larceny of personal property that occurred earlier that day on the NSA Naples Support Site. Victim reported that he had some personal items stored in a storage cage and when he returned to his storage cage, he noticed multiple items missing.

Vehicle Break-In (off base). On Jan. 31 at approximately 12:40 p.m., E-5/USN reported a vehicle break-in that occurred earlier that day in Lago Patria, Italy. Victim reported that when he returned to his vehicle, which was parked at his residence, he noticed his driver's side door lock broken and €5 missing.

In the event of an emergency or to report a crime, please call the Emergency Dispatch Center at 081-568-4911 or 5911. (On-Base Dial 9-1-1)
For non-emergency assistance, call 081-568-5638.

Larceny of Unsecured Property (on base). On Jan. 31 at approximately 5:55 p.m., CIV reported a larceny of unsecured property that occurred earlier that day on the NSA Naples Support Site. Victim reported that he placed his bicycle inside the entrance to his residence and upon returning noticed it missing.

Vehicle Break-In (off base). On Feb. 3 at approximately 11:12 p.m., E-7/USA reported a vehicle break-in that occurred earlier that day in Lago Patria, Italy. Victim reported that he parked his vehicle and upon returning noticed his vehicle's passenger side window broken and multiple items stolen.

Counterfeiting (off base). On Feb. 3 at approximately 6:40 p.m., E-5/USA reported an instance of counterfeiting that occurred earlier that day in Gricignano, Italy. Complainant reported that when he paid for his coffee at a coffee shop he was given a €10 bill in change, and when he attempted to change out the Euro at the NEX it came back positive as a counterfeit Euro bill.

Larceny of Unsecured Property (on base). On Feb. 4 at approximately 2:05 p.m., CIV reported a larceny of unsecured property that occurred earlier that day on the NSA Naples Support Site. Victim reported that he left his camera unsecured at the fitness center and upon returning noticed it missing.

Vehicle Break-In (off base). On Feb. 4 at approximately 6 p.m., E-5/USN reported a vehicle break-in that occurred earlier that day in Gricignano, Italy. Victim reported he parked his vehicle outside of his residence and upon returning noticed his vehicle's driver side window broken and multiple items missing.

Vehicle Break-In (off base). On Feb. 5 at approximately 11:50 p.m., E-6/USA reported a vehicle break-in that occurred earlier that day in Lago Patria, Italy. Victim reported that she parked her vehicle and upon returning noticed her passenger side window broken and multiple items stolen.

NOTE: We would like to remind the community that if you find unattended property, you can turn it in to the NSA Naples Security Lost and Found. Items may be turned in at the NSA Naples Security office at either the Support Site or Capodichino. If you have lost an item, you may check to see if the item has been turned in during normal business hours, which are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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29 CONNECT THE TOTS CLUB LEAP YEAR CELEBRATION will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 29 at the Support Site Fellowship Hall. We'll be celebrating our February birthday children. Please RSVP on the website at www.meetup.com/Connect-the-Tots-Club/ if you plan to attend.

REGISTER NOW FOR SPRING TERM CLASSES Classes run from March 19 to May 11. Contact UMUC Maryland at 881-568-6673/74/75, Central Texas College at 881-568-6761 and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University at 881-568-4364, or visit the colleges at Capo.

PRAXIS TEST REGISTRATION Last day to register for the May 2 test session is March 2. Contact or Visit the Navy College Office to register for a PRAXIS test in Capo, Admin II, Room G-036 or call 881-568-6683/6684/6678.

REGISTRATION FOR GRADUATE DEGREE ON-SITE PROGRAMS Visit the University of Phoenix and the University of Oklahoma to learn what on-site degree programs are offered in the Naples area. UP is at 881-568-6670 and OU is at 881-568-6672. Both colleges have office at Capo in ADMIN II.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NAPLES OVERSEAS SPOUSES CLUB (NOSC) seeks two volunteers with finance/accounting/bookkeeping background to serve as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. If you would like to build your resume while overseas, gain experience in not-for-profit finance, build your local network, and can commit 5-10 hours per week please contact noscpresident4@gmail.com or 345-423-7964 for more information.

THE AMERICAN SOCCER CLUB (ASC) OF NAPOLI is looking for qualified coaches for the 2012 spring soccer season for the age groups of U-9, U-11, U-13, and U-15/17. For more information or to sign up, e-mail ASCNapoli@yahoo.com or check their Facebook page, ASC-American Soccer Club of Napoli.

THE ALLIED SPOUSES CLUB (ASC) IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS. We need a webmaster, a publicity coordinator, a volunteer coordinator, a bazaar chair, a historian and a parliamentary authority. No experience necessary! For more information, please email club president Antonietta Alfieri Ciccone at ascpresidentjfc@gmail.com.

NAPLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA is searching for people who want to lead the PTA during the 2012-2013 school year. PTA board members are elected every year and committee chairs are appointed every year. If you are interested in a board or chair position, please email Angel Neese at itwife2000@yahoo.com with your name, contact information, the position you would like to hold, and a little information about yourself. Open positions include President, VP of Programs, VP of Fundraising, treasurer, secretary, and volunteer coordinator.

ATTENTION PHOTOGRAPHERS! Are you interested in taking photos of Naples Elementary School students during 2011-2012? Contact Dr. Johnson at 881-811-4159 or donita.johnson@eu.dodea.edu.

NAPLES AMERICAN RED CROSS (ARC) NEEDS VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTORS. ARC needs volunteer instructors for various courses. Those interested in becoming instructors can contact the ARC office at 881-568-4788.

NAVY LEAGUE OF THE U.S./NAPLES COUNCIL is seeking board members. Contact Betty Reese at 881-526-8051 or breese@cybernet.it.

NAPLES OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION NEEDS REFEREES Anyone interested should contact Nigel Alexander at 881-721-5413 or 346-680-3282 or by e-mail to nalexander@afsouth.nato.int.

NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY OPERATION CLIP & SAVE (coupons): 881-568-3913.

GAETA/NAPLES AREA GIRL SCOUTS Now accepting registration for the 2011-12 school year. We are still in need of leaders and co-leaders. Training and support provided. FMI, contact naplesgs@yahoo.com.

ONGOING/ON THE HORIZON

NAPLES OVERSEAS SPOUSES CLUB (NOSC) is seeking volunteers! Join a group of dedicated and committed women to plan and execute social events, community outreach projects, and day tours. For more information, please email Chioma Griffin, club Vice President at nosc1stvp@gmail.com.

RECEIVE DAILY REFLECTION an inspirational thought-for-the-day e-mailed throughout the work week. To receive Daily Reflection, e-mail Chaplain Charles Luff at charles.luff@eu.navy.mil.

SECURITY NOTE: All DoD military or civilian personnel hosting an event off base must complete a Special Event Force Protection Plan (SEFP) 45 days in advance, regardless of organization, if the event will involve 50 or more personnel, include distinguished visitors or involve personnel wearing uniforms. FMI, contact the AT/FP Division at 881-568-5525 or visit their office in the Capodichino Security Precinct, Bldg. 403.

CATHOLIC WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL invites community members to join the Rosary Prayer Group that meets every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Support Site Chapel. For more information, e-mail CWOCNaples@gmail.com.

PROTESTANT WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL PWOC Woman's Bible Study meets every Tuesday from 9-11:30 a.m. in the Support Site Fellowship Hall. Free child care provided. For questions, contact Audrey de Rivera at 345-872-9947.

ATTN MILITARY RETIREES AND SURVIVORS Connect to the retired community through membership in the U.S. Military Retiree Association of Southern Italy (USMRA-SI). For info and an application, visit <http://usmra-si.tripod.com> or call 329-208-7315.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS hosts English-speaking AA meetings on and off base in the Naples area. For more information, call 347-544-0254 or visit <http://www.aa-europe.net/countries/italy.htm>.

SURE START is a unique program committed to providing the highest quality of education for command-sponsored children of enlisted personnel (priority to E1-E4) who are 4 years old by Sept. 1. FMI, call Karen Rodrigues at 881-811-4682 or the school at 881-811-4037.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS WELCOME AT ALL CONNECT THE TOTS CLUB ACTIVITIES! The CTT Club hosts events, crafts and outings designed for you and your child (infancy through preschool). For more information on the club, visit www.meetup.com/Connect-the-Tots-Club/.

TOASTMASTERS meets the first and third Tuesdays of every month. Meetings are held at the Support Site Community Center. FMI, contact Toastmasters President Leonard Augustine at 346-771-7506.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL NAPLES *Tuesday* Meditation & Prayer (7:15-7:45 a.m.) in the hospital chapel. Traditional hymn and praise and worship music will be provided during this time. *Wednesday* Roman Catholic Mass (11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.) in the hospital chapel. Call 881-811-6451 to confirm that Mass is being held. *Thursday* Men's Fellowship and Bible Study (6-7 a.m.) in the hospital chapel.

FILIPINO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NAPLES, ITALY meets every 1st Sunday of the month at the SS Fellowship Hall at 12 p.m. FMI, contact Christian Rodriguez at christian.rodriguez@eu.navy.mil, Catherine Katimbang at catherine.katimbang@eu.dodea.edu or visit their Facebook page: Fil-Am Naples.

CATHOLIC WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL meets monthly in the Support Site Fellowship Hall for prayer and fellowship. Child care provided. For information, contact Eileen Mayette at cwocnaples@gmail.com.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, San Gennaro council 14853, meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the Support Site Fleet and Family Support Center. E-mail Jaime Gonzalez at kofcnaples@gmail.com or visit <http://sites.google.com/site/kofcnaples/home>.

HARRY S. TRUMAN LODGE No. 649 meets every Friday at 7:30 p.m. FMI, contact Kevin Baker at 338-479-7023 or hst649sec@yahoo.com. Visit <http://www.hst649.org>.



Friday, Feb. 10
4:30 p.m. Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close, PG-13
5:30 p.m. Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol, PG-13
7 p.m. The Sitter, R

Saturday, Feb. 11
2:30 p.m. Hugo, PG
4:30 p.m. Sherlock Holmes: Game of Shadows PG-13
5:30 p.m. Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close, PG-13
7 p.m. Red Tails, PG-13

Sunday, Feb. 12
4:30 p.m. Adventures of Tintin, PG
5:30 p.m. Red Tails, PG 13
7 p.m. The Sitter, R

Monday, Feb. 13
4:30 p.m. Red Tails, PG 13
5:30 p.m. Sherlock Holmes: Game of Shadows PG-13
7 p.m. Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close, PG-13

Tuesday, Feb. 14
4:30 p.m. Adventures of Tintin, PG
5:30 p.m. Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol, PG-13
7 p.m. Sherlock Holmes: Game of Shadows PG-13

Wednesday, Feb. 15
4:30 p.m. The Muppets, PG *Last Showing*
5:30 p.m. Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close, PG-13
7 p.m. The Sitter, R

Thursday, Feb. 16
4:30 p.m. Arthur Christmas, PG *Last Showing*
5:30 p.m. Hugo, PG
7 p.m. Red Tails, PG-13 *Last Showing*

Friday, Feb. 17
4:30 p.m. Adventures of Tintin, PG
5:30 p.m. War Horse, PG-13
7 p.m. Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close, PG-13

Movie descriptions

**No Children Under 10
Admitted to R-Rated Movies**

JOURNEY 2: MYSTERIOUS ISLAND, PG for some adventure action, and brief mild language. Action/Adventure, Sci-Fi/Fantasy, 98 min. Cast: Dwayne Johnson, Michael Caine, Josh Hutcherson, Luis Guzman, Vanessa Hudgens. Young Sean Anderson receives a coded distress signal from a mysterious island where no island should exist. It's a place of strange life forms, mountains of gold, deadly volcanoes, and more than one astonishing secret. Unable to stop him from going, Sean's new stepfather, Hank, joins the quest. Together with a helicopter pilot and his beautiful, strong-willed daughter, they set out to find the island, rescue its lone inhabitant and escape before seismic shockwaves force the island under the sea and bury its treasures forever.

SAFE HOUSE, R for strong violence throughout and some language. Action/Adventure, Thriller, 115 min. Cast: Denzel Washington, Ryan Reynolds. For the past year, Matt Weston has been frustrated by his inactive, backwater post in Cape Town. A "housekeeper" who aspires to be a full-fledged agent, the loyal company man has been waiting for an opportunity to prove himself. When the first and only occupant he's had proves to be the most dangerous man he's ever met, Weston readies for duty. Tobin Frost has eluded capture for almost a decade. One of the best ops men that the CIA's known, the ex-intelligence officer has given up assets and sold military secrets to North Korea to aiding splinter cells, the damage he's done to the U.S. is immeasurable. And he's now back on the reservation with a secret.

EXTREMELY LOUD AND INCREDIBLY CLOSE, PG-13 for emotional thematic material, some disturbing images, and language. Drama, 129 min. Cast: Tom Hanks, Sandra Bullock, Thomas Horn, Max Von Sydow, Viola Davis. Oskar is convinced that his father, who died in the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center, has left a final message for him hidden somewhere in the city. Feeling disconnected from his grieving mother and driven by a relentlessly active mind that refuses to believe in things that can't be observed, Oskar begins searching New York City for the lock that fits a mysterious key he found in his father's closet. His journey through the five boroughs takes him beyond his own loss to a greater understanding of the observable world around him.

THE SITTER, R for crude and sexual content, pervasive language, drug material and some violence. Comedy, 82 min. Cast: Jonah Hill, Max Records, Ari Graynor, JB Smoove, Sam Rockwell. Noah is a suspended college student who lives at home with his single mom. When he is talked into babysitting the three, young, misfit kids next door, he decides to take them along on an attempted sexual rendezvous, and the night takes a wild and dangerous turn for the worse for which he is totally unprepared.

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE: GHOST PROTOCOL,

PG-13 for sequences of intense action and violence. Action/Adventure, Sequel and Thriller, 133 min. Cast: Tom Cruise, Jeremy Renner, Simon Pegg, Paula Patton, Michael Nyqvist. Blamed for the terrorist bombing of the Kremlin, IMF operative Ethan Hunt is disavowed along with the rest of the agency when the President initiates "Ghost Protocol." Left without any resources or backup, Ethan must find a way to clear his agency's name and prevent another attack. To complicate matters further, Ethan is forced to embark on this mission with a team of fellow IMF fugitives whose personal motives he does not fully know.

ADVENTURES OF TINTIN, PG for adventure/action violence and some drunkenness. Kids/Family, Action/Adventure and Animation, 107 min. Cast: Jamie Bell, Andy Serkis, Daniel Craig, Simon Pegg, Nick Frost. Tintin is the intrepid young reporter whose relentless pursuit of a good story thrusts him into a world of high adventure.

SHERLOCK HOLMES: GAME OF SHADOWS, PG-13 for language and intense action. Action/Adventure and Sequel, 129 min. Cast: Robert Downey Jr., Jude Law, Noomi Rapace, Stephen Fry, Jared Harris. Sherlock Holmes has always been the smartest man in the room... until now. There is a new criminal mastermind at large — Professor Moriarty — and not only is he Holmes' intellectual equal, but his capacity for evil, coupled with a complete lack of conscience, may actually give him an advantage over the renowned detective. Holmes' investigation into Moriarty's plot becomes ever more dangerous as it leads him and Watson out of London and across Europe, to France, Germany and finally to Switzerland. But the cunning Moriarty is always one step ahead as he spins a web of death and destruction — all part of a greater plan that, if he succeeds, will change the course of history.

HUGO, PG for mild thematic material, some action/peril, and smoking. Drama and Kids/Family, 121 min. Cast: Asa Butterfield, Chloe Morte, Sacha Cohen, Ben Kingsley, Jude Law. Hugo is a wily and resourceful boy whose quest to unlock a secret left to him by his father will transform him and all those around him, and reveal a safe and loving place he can call home.

ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: CHIP-WRECKED, G. Animation, Kids/Family, Comedy and Sequel, 85 min. Cast: Jason Lee, David Cross, Justin Long, Matthew Gubler, Jesse McCartney. The Chipmunks and The Chipettes (three female counterparts to the Chipmunks) go on a cruise trip with the Chipmunks' wner/manager/father figure, Dave Seville. During the cruise, the 'Munks and 'Ettes turn the ship into their personal playground, causing trouble and running amok as they will. Eventually, their chaotic behavior gets them shipwrecked on the Isles of Scilly, everyone getting lost in the process. As Dave sets out to look for the lost chipmunks, the six find a new castaway on the island who turns out to be more than a match for



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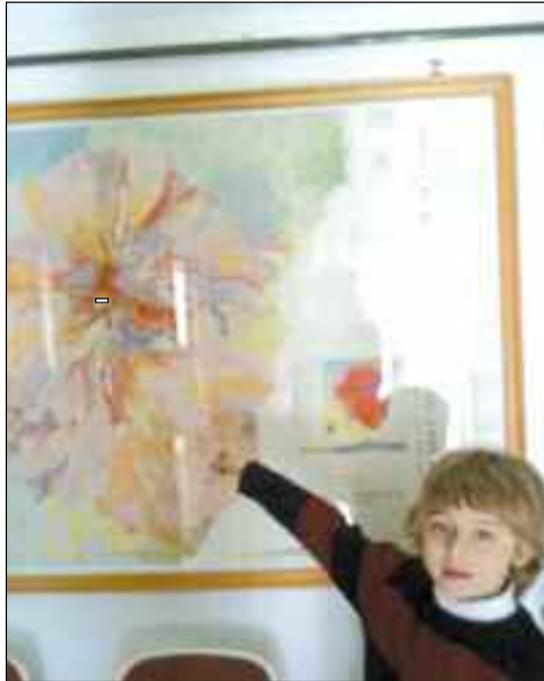
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If you have been sexually assaulted or need to speak with a S.A.P.R. victim advocate, call 335-640-6621 24/7 for information and support.

Kids Talk



Second grader Ferdinando Johnston recently visited the Istituto di Sismologia in Sicily, where he saw some of the instruments that are used to measure Mt. Etna's volcanic activity.



During a Christmas vacation with his family in Sicily, second grader Ferdinando Johnston visited Mt. Etna. (Photo courtesy of Naples Elementary School)

Exploring Mt. Etna

By Ferdinando Johnston
Second Grader at Naples Elementary School

I went to Mt. Etna in Sicily for Christmas vacation with my family. There was snow on Mt. Etna and my brother and I played in it, making snowballs and a snowman. Mt. Etna is located on the east coast of Sicily and is the largest active volcano in Europe. It is over 3,329 meters tall. My nonna (grandma) lives in a city called Catania, which is on the side of Mt. Etna. From her house, I could see the lava flowing out of the volcano at night.

I also visited the Istituto di Sismologia, where scientists monitor earthquakes around Mt. Etna and all over

the world. There I saw many instruments for measuring volcanic activity in Mt. Etna.

On the day that we drove to the top of the mountain, it was clear and sunny and we could see the entire island of Sicily, but right before we left, fast clouds moved in and covered us up! It was cool.

Our family has an apartment in Taormina where we can see Mt. Etna (from a safe distance) every time we visit Sicily. Although Mt. Etna is very active, it is called *Vulcano Buono* (which means "Good Volcano" in Italian) because the volcanic ash makes the ground very fertile for growing crops like vegetables and grapes for wine. And there are many places on the mountain to collect fresh water that comes from under the volcano. Since the volcano is very active and erupts a lot, people who live around Mt. Etna are not as afraid of the volcano, but instead feel lucky to be close to it.

Naples Elementary School Preschoolers make recycled snowballs



There may not be a blanket of snow in Naples, Italy, but Ms. Burley's preschoolers still know how to have an indoor snow ball fight. They used recycled paper and had a grand time. They didn't throw it away, either — after all, tomorrow may call for another day of indoor recess. (Photo courtesy of Naples Elementary School)

Individual Force Protection Plans (IFPP)

All Department of Defense personnel and their adult family members on official or unofficial travel outside of Italy must complete an Individual Force Protection Plan (IFPP). IFPPs are mandatory if one of the following criteria is met:

- If the destination country or region has a State Department Public Announcement or Travel Warning in effect.
- A U.S. Mission (Embassy/Consulate) is not present and the State Department or responsible Chief of Mission cannot extend normal consular protection services to U.S. Citizens.
- Travel includes any of the following countries: Russia, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Turkey, Israel, Lebanon, Albania, Kosovo, Serbia, and all Africa Nations.
- Travel is out of Area of Responsibility (AOR) as required by AOR Commander. (CONUS, Alaska, Hawaii, and U.S. Territories are exempt).

For more information, please contact the Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Division at 081-568-5525 or 081-568-5595, or visit the office in the Capodichino Security Precinct in Bldg. 403, open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Gli Strumenti Musicali / Musical Instruments

Practice your vocabulary. Find the Italian words.

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BATTERIA / Drums
CHITARRA / Guitar
CLARINETTO / Clarinet
FISARMONICA / Accordion
FLAUTO / Flute

PIANOFORTE / Piano
SASSOFONO / Saxophone
TROMBA / Trumpet
VIOLINO / Violin
VIOLONCELLO / Cello

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

BASILICO / Basil
CANNELLA / Cinnamon
CORIANDOLO / Coriander
CUMINO / Cumin
DRAGONCELLO / Tarragon
FOGLIE DI ALLORO / Bay
leaves
MAGGIORANA / Marjoram
NOCE MOSCATA / Nutmeg
ORIGANO / Oregano
PREZZEMOLO / Parsley
ROSMARINO / Rosemary
SALVIA / Sage
TIMO / Thyme
ZENZERO / Ginger

Le spezie / Spices

Obtaining your Sojourner Permit

Italian law requires all foreign personnel working or living within Italy, other than an active-duty member under military orders, to obtain a Sojourner Permit within eight days of arrival in Italy. This is different from a visa, which is merely an approval for entry into the country.

All applicants over 14 years of age must apply in person, as each person's signature is required at the time of application.

NATIONALS OF ANY STATE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY COMING TO ITALY DO NOT REQUIRE ANY VISA OR SOJOURNER PERMIT.

As part of the Area Orientation process, the U.S. Region Legal Service Office (RLSO EURAFSWA) assists in the preparation and oversees the acquisition of the Sojourner Permit for all personnel attached to U.S. Navy commands in the Naples area. Army and Air Force personnel stationed at JFC must apply through the Carabinieri at the JFC Provost Marshall's Office, Building L.

Contact Connie Henderson, RLSE EURAFSWA liaison advisor, at 081-568-4639 for more information.



Members of the Fab Fit Club (FFC) at Naval Support Activity Naples perform an exercise during a group TRX workout session at the Capodichino Fit Zone gym Jan 25. FFC, a group that works together to maintain a high level of physical activity through various types of workout regimens, meets Monday through Thursday.

Local fitness club helps community stay in shape

Story and photos by MC3 Caitlin Conroy, Navy Public Affairs Support Element-East Detachment Europe

Fab Fit Club (FFC), a local Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples fitness program, helps promote a "fit for life" lifestyle by providing motivation and support at NSA Naples Capodichino and the Support Site.

The club was created by Natonya Pacchiarotti, a personal trainer and marathon runner who wanted a place where she and anyone who wanted to participate could join together and workout with a motivated support system.

"The goal of FFC is to help get people motivated to workout, push each other and hold each other accountable," said Pacchiarotti. "Even though I train regularly for marathons, I need people to motivate me, too. Having that hour workout a couple of days a week where we push each other and coach each other through the workout, that's what this group is all about."

FFC meets for approximately one hour Monday through Thursday and alternates between high-impact and low-impact workouts.

"Typically we try to alternate workouts during the week to help keep it challenging and interesting," said Pacchiarotti. "For instance, Monday, which is typically one of our high-impact days, we usually do a P90X or



Nat Pacchiarotti (right) and Tiffany Pinter, members of the Fab Fit Club (FFC) at Naval Support Activity Naples, gear up for a TRX workout session at the Capodichino Fit Zone gym Jan. 25.

Insanity workout from the Beachbody workout series, while Tuesday, a low-impact day, we'll switch it up and do a pool or spinning workout."

Workouts can vary based on what participants have to offer, as well.

"We like to incorporate different types of workouts that other people might know," said Pacchiarotti. "It's a group workout and not just one person facilitates them. If someone knows a good kettle bell routine, for example, and is willing to lead a workout session, we'd like to give it a try."

FFC meets at both Capodichino and the Support Site and holds different workouts at each location.

"I think it's terrific that Nat started this club," said Thanh Andrews, an FFC participant. "There isn't anything like this on base and it's a great outlet that makes working out more enjoyable. You get to workout with others and everyone keeps you positive and motivated to exercise and eat healthy."

Pacchiarotti said that the club needs motivated leaders. "I'm not going to be in Naples forever," Pacchiarotti said. It would be nice to see the club continue on after I've left."

For more information about FFC, including schedules and locations of workouts, visit the Fab Fit Club Facebook page at: FabFitClub@groups.facebook.com.

Sailors rack up fewer ARIs and DUI incidents in 2011

By MC3 Andrea Perez, Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

With Navy-wide decreases in alcohol-related incidents (ARIs) and driving under the influence (DUI) reports in 2011 compared to past years, sailors are reminded to stay responsible in 2012, officials said Feb. 6.

"Responsible alcohol use is knowing how much alcohol your body can handle," said Dorice Favorite, Navy Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention (NADAP) director. "Some people aren't aware of how much alcohol is in a particular drink, and those who aren't educated on how much alcohol they can consume and still function might drink too much and make irresponsible decisions."

Per OPNAVINST 5350.4D, alcohol and drug abuse undermine combat readiness and are incompatible with maintaining high standards of performance and military discipline. They are severe detriments to the Navy's overall mission readiness.

"Alcohol abuse impacts the Navy's mission because every time we lose a sailor, that means someone else has to pick up their responsibilities," said Favorite. "Our current campaign, 'Who Will Stand Your Watch,' talks about responsible use of alcohol and how someone's poor decisions have an effect on everyone else. Everybody is accountable, and sailors need to understand that when we lose them it has an impact on everyone."

OPNAVINST 5350.4D defines responsible use as the application of self-imposed limitations of time, place, and quantity when consuming alcoholic beverages.

Alcohol shall not be consumed to the extent that it:

- Impairs rational and full exercise of a member's mental and physical faculties while in a duty status or in the performance of military duties;
- Reduces member's dependability and reliability;
- Reflects discredit upon the member personally or upon the Navy;
- Results in behavior that is in violation of this instruction and/or the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).

"Sailors who make poor choices and receive a DUI are subject to non-judicial punishment," said Favorite. "They also may be processed for administrative separation and receive counseling, and if the DUI happened in town, they will have court costs. So, there are great ramifications to a poor decision."

Violation of policies set forth in OPNAVINST 5350.4D subjects military members to the full range of administrative and disciplinary actions available. These include informal counseling, comments in fitness reports and evaluations, punitive measures, and administrative separation as required by the UCMJ.

"If a sailor needs assistance for alcohol or drugs, we recommend that they refer themselves to their command Drug and Alcohol Program Advisor (DAPA), the chaplain or the Fleet and Family Support Center," said Favorite.

According to Favorite, to qualify as a valid self-referral, disclosure of alcohol abuse must be made to a qualified referral agent with the intent of acquiring treatment, and there can be no credible evidence that the member was involved in an ARI. If a member's chain of command initiates a referral, it may be based on any credible factor, including hearsay, personal observation, or noticeable change in job performance. Disclosure of alcohol abuse made to any person who is not a qualified self-referral agent may not shield the member from disciplinary action.

NADAP's mission is to support Fleet readiness by fighting alcohol abuse and drug use. For more information and resources visit the NADAP web page located under the Support and Services tab at www.npc.navy.mil.

For more information from the U.S. Navy, visit www.navy.mil, www.facebook.com/usnavy, or www.twitter.com/usnavy.

For more news from Navy Personnel Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/npc/.

FFSC Tip of the Week: Budgeting for leaving Italy

From the Fleet and Family Support Center

Have you notice that your utilities are a couple months behind?

The usual billing cycle for Italian utilities is about two months behind; therefore, people are paying for their summer energy costs in late fall.

This delay can create a problem when service members are leaving Italy. When a service member is checking out of economy housing, he or she is required to pay the energy bill, meaning the last bill and an estimated cost from the date of that bill until the closure of the house. This means that a service member could be paying up to four months of energy costs.

Due to the high cost of energy, it can be a large bill. It is important that service members have savings available to pay the final utility bill before leaving Naples. Create an estimate of your possible final bill by looking at your last two bill cycles and save at least that amount.

If you end up having a surplus after paying your bill, you can enjoy a wonderful last meal in Italy.

A guide to Naples' Museo Archeologico Nazionale

Story and photos by Melissa Kabukuru, Panorama editor

It is hard to believe the concentration of treasures contained in Naples' Museo Archeologico Nazionale (National Archaeological Museum). Besides paintings and mosaics from the towns that were destroyed by Vesuvius' eruption in 79 A.D., the museum houses some of history's most famous Roman copies of Greek statues.

While sometimes in the art world the word "copy" denotes something that can be more or less ignored, that is not the case with Roman copies of Greek statuary. Without the newer and more durable marble copies made by the Romans, art historians would know far less about Greek sculpture from the Classical and Hellenistic periods, very few examples of which survive.

Luckily for those of us who live in Naples, several brilliant examples of Greek statuary are preserved via Roman copies at the National Archaeological Museum. While the museum's collection in general is

impressive, boasting riches from Herculaneum and Pompeii as well as the extensive Farnese sculpture collection, there are a handful of world-renowned pieces inside that are absolute must-sees. In other words, if you've been to the museum and missed these, you should probably plan a second visit.

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO THE MUST-SEES

If you hang a right upon entering the museum, you'll encounter the collection of sculptures accumulated by the Farnese family. The collection contains many treasures that you can browse (including the Tyrannicides group in the first room that opens to the right) but if you're short on time, you can proceed straight to the highlights: the Farnese Hercules and the Farnese Bull. Just continue following the main corridor as it turns to the left, and after you turn the corner a room will open to your right that contains the two colossal statues, both of which were recovered from the Baths of Caracalla in Rome.

Farnese Hercules (a.k.a. Weary Hercules or Hercules at Rest), Roman marble copy after a bronze original of circa 320 B.C.

On the south end of the room is the Farnese Hercules, a copy of a lost masterpiece by the Greek sculptor Lysippos. Lysippos was a star of the Late Classical period of Greek art (so much so that Alexander the Great chose him to be his official portraitist) and this is the best-known copy of one of his most famous works. When the colossal statue was displayed at the Palazzo Farnese in Rome from roughly 1545 to 1787, it was considered an essential stop for travelers and artists.

The sculpture depicts a larger-than-life and fantastically muscled Hercules leaning exhaustedly upon his club, which is draped with the skin of the Nemean Lion (his first labor). Behind his back, he holds the apples of Hesperides, which he stole to complete his 11th labor. At this point, his feats have rendered him so tired that he can barely hold himself up. His momentary weakness is at odds with the exaggerated strength of his body, making him seem more human than demigod. This approach is typical of Late Classical sculpture, which sought to humanize mythological figures and gods.

As is typical of Lysippos' style, the sculpture is designed to be viewed from multiple angles. Unless you take the time to travel behind the sculpture, you'll never see the apples of Hesperides held in Hercules' right hand — or his fantastic backside, which may be one of the most enviable male buttocks in the history of art. (A contender for ancient art's best female rear view — the *Aphrodite Kallipygos* — is on display in another room of the museum.)



The Farnese Hercules depicts the hero exhausted after completing his labors. It was originally displayed in the Baths of Caracalla in Rome.

Farnese Bull, Roman copy of Greek original from second century B.C.

After you're done admiring all the angles of Hercules, turn to the north side of the room and you'll see the Farnese Bull, one of the largest sculptural groups passed down from antiquity.

The group depicts the myth of Dirce, who was the wife of Lycos, the king of Thebes. According to legend, Dirce mistreated her beautiful niece Antiope, prompting Antiope's sons Zethos and Amphion to punish Dirce by tying her to a bull.

In the sculpture, Zethos and Amphion are depicted in the act of tying Dirce to the horns of the rearing animal. The sheer size of the group is impressive, as is the tension shown in the figures of the brothers, one of whom is attempting to control the bull's horns with his bare hands while the other pulls the rope tight. It seems that the bull may spring loose at any moment, all while the helpless Dirce lies below, dangerously close to being trampled. Meanwhile, the boys' mother, Antiope, looks on.

All the elements combine to create a monumental scene full of

detail, exploding with the violent energy of a punishment frozen in mid-action. Make sure to walk around it to appreciate it fully.

If you leave the room with the Farnese Bull and Farnese Hercules, you can take a right to continue exploring the sculpture wing, which shortly turns to the left. Here you'll find yourself in a

corridor full of Roman imperial portraits. Enjoy these, but don't miss the room that branches off to the right. (If you run into the fascinating, shady-looking busts of the emperor Caracalla, you've gone too far.) Enter this room and head toward the right end to find a statue of Venus with a much-admired buttocks.



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The Aphrodite Kallipygos, whose name translates as "Aphrodite of the beautiful buttocks," is based on a Greek original from circa 300 B.C.

fell in love with the younger daughter. When the wealthy boys' father couldn't get them to marry upper-class women, he brought in the sisters of the beautiful buttocks, and the sons married them. Verses quoted in Athenaeus' writings say that when the girls got wealthy and famous, they founded a temple in Syracuse dedicated to Aphrodite Kallipygos, or Aphrodite "of the beautiful buttocks."

Other interpretations of the sculpture say that it is a merely a cult statue of the goddess of love (Aphrodite in Greek, Venus in Latin) as she is preparing to bathe. But unlike Classical sculptures of Aphrodite bathing (such as the Aphrodite of Knidos) in which she attempts to cover her nudity with her hands, she makes no attempt to cover her nudity here. Instead, she displays it unabashedly.

After seeing the Venus Kallipygos, head back to the imperial sculpture hall and take a right. On your way out, you can admire two busts of the emperor Caracalla looking suspiciously over his shoulder, as if predicting his own assassination.

You'll then find yourself in the room of the museum where you first entered. Head across the room to the left of the door marked *uscita* ("exit"), and you'll see another masterpiece of Classical Greek sculpture on display.

Doryphoros ("spear bearer" in English, Doriforo in Italian), Roman marble copy of a bronze original made in the 5th century B.C.

The Doryphoros was sculpted by the Greek artist Polykleitos, who believed that mathematical formulas held the key to beauty.

To prove his reasoning, the sculptor set out to make a perfectly proportioned statue epitomizing his ideals. According to the Roman historian Aelian, Polykleitos simultaneously created another statue whose elements and proportions were dictated not by mathematics, but by the suggestions of people who visited his workshop. When the two statues were unveiled, the artist's mathematically designed version was admired by all, while the other was scorned. According to Aelian's account, Polykleitos then said, "But the one you find fault with, you made yourselves; while the one you marvel at, I made." He called the work *Canon*, and wrote a treatise of the same title to accompany it and explain his principles of ideal proportions.

The Doryphoros displayed here is often deemed the most beautiful of the Roman reproductions of this work. In it, you can observe the pronounced *contrapposto* (shift of weight onto one foot) that makes the statue's stance appear relaxed and natural, though it actually adheres to rigid principles of mathematical balance. The figure's limbs alternate between being tense and relaxed, creating a dynamic sense of movement despite the fact that the statue is actually standing still. The mathematical harmony of the spear bearer's movement and proportions set the standard for Greek sculpture of the High Classical period, while testifying to the rational ideals of the era.

Fortunately, the statue has been moved from the museum's outdoor courtyard into the ground-floor entryway, which allows one to view it at length without being bothered by the cold.



The Greek sculptor Polykleitos created this sculpture, known as the Doryphoros, as an embodiment of the mathematical formulas of beauty and ideal proportions.

Aphrodite Kallipygos (literally, "Aphrodite of the beautiful buttocks"), Roman copy from 1st century B.C., from a Greek original of about 300 B.C.

The reconstruction of this sculpture's head in the 18th century has done much to contribute to its fame — Aphrodite now appears to be looking over her shoulder to admire the reflection of her bare bottom in the water.

Perhaps due to the nature of the restoration, it has sometimes been associated with a story of two sisters in Syracuse who were debating one day who had the most beautiful rear end. The two women, the daughters of a farmer, took their debate into the street and asked a male passerby to decide who was better endowed. The man, who happened to come from a rich family, picked the elder daughter. He fell in love with the girl and later told his younger brother all about the encounter. That brother too went in search of the girls and promptly



The Alexander Mosaic, found in the House of the Faun in Pompeii, reproduces a lost painting of a battle between Alexander the Great and Darius III.

Alexander Mosaic, Roman mosaic from the 1st century A.D., copied from a Greek painting called “Battle of Issus” from 310 B.C.

There’s no doubt that some of the greatest pieces in the Naples museum are mosaics that were recovered from Pompeii and Herculaneum. Taking the staircase up from the ground floor, you’ll find them on the mezzanine level through the first door on your left.

While there are plenty of “ooh” and “ahh” worthy moments in the mosaic rooms, by far the most spectacular piece is the Alexander Mosaic, which reproduces a lost Greek painting of Alexander the Great confronting the Persian king Darius III in battle. Using tiny pieces of glass and stones (called *tes-sarae*), the mosaic reproduces the painting’s subtle shadows and overlapping figures in surprising detail.

In the mosaic, Alexander charges at Darius and

stares straight at the king forebodingly. He maintains eye contact with the Persian king even as his spear is lodged firmly in the torso of one of Darius’ bodyguards. Darius, meanwhile, reaches out as if to ask for mercy as his army retreats.

As the Persian horses rear and turn to run, you can see their alarm in the reds of their eyes. The buttocks of one fleeing horse juts out at the viewer in startling three-dimensionality, employing the advanced technique known as foreshortening. Meanwhile, below Darius’ chariot a warrior hides behind his shield, the metal surface vividly reflecting his expression of fear.

The original Greek painting by Philoxenos of Etruria is now lost, but Pliny described it as “inferior to none.” The same can be said of this mosaic, which stands out as one of the most awe-inspiring examples of the mosaic medium in action.



The Museo Archeologico Nazionale in Naples contains frescoes from the towns of Pompeii, Herculaneum and Boscoreale, which were destroyed by the eruption of Vesuvius in 79 A.D.

Pompeii frescoes, sculptures

If you have time you can visit the *gabinetto segreto* attached to the mosaic wing, which contains erotic sculpture and paintings (mostly from Pompeii). (Warning: there is explicit material in here, and children under 14 can enter only when accompanied by an adult.)

Otherwise, head upstairs and you’ll find sculptures and frescoes from the Vesuvian towns of Stabiae, Pompeii, Herculaneum and Boscoreale.

On the first floor — the next landing on your right as you ascend from the mosaics section — you can find sculptures from Pompeii’s Villa of the Papyri, which include some remarkable bronzes from the destroyed villa along with detailed descriptions of the villa’s layout.

If you’re more interested in paintings, however, keep heading up to the top and enter the Salone della Meridiana, a grand room with elaborate ceiling paintings. Continue through the room and enter the second door on the left, which is labeled “agli affreschi” (to the frescoes).

Here you’ll find frescoes from the ruins of Pompeii, Boscoreale and Herculaneum. The sheer amount of frescoes is astonishing, and in some ways helps you visualize what the original buildings looked like more than visiting the actual ruins.

Descriptions in English make it possible to understand the various styles of Roman painting, which range from nature scenes and elaborate architectural illusions to small mythological scenes.

Museo Archeologico Nazionale di Napoli (National Archaeological Museum of Naples)

- *Location:* Piazza Museo Nazionale, 19; Metro stops Museo (Line 1), Cavour (Line 2)
- *Hours:* Wednesday through Monday 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; closed Tuesday
- *Cost:* €6.50 per person

