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America's Cup tangles Naples traffic

Melissa Kabukuru, Panorama editor

The America's Cup World Series is coming to Naples in April, and the effects are already being felt throughout the city.

Since March 26, a special limited traffic zone has been active in Naples, banning vehicle traffic in most of the downtown district of Chiaia. The limited traffic zone, which will continue through April 25, includes the city's high-end shopping areas and a large part of the Naples waterfront. The restricted area is bounded by Piazza Sannazaro in the west, Corso Vittorio Emanuele in the north, and Piazza Municipio in the east.

Additionally, a large portion of Naples' waterfront thoroughfares of Via Caracciolo and Via Partenope are being converted into pedestrian-only areas through April 25. With few exceptions, only pedestrians will be allowed along the waterfront between Castel dell'Ovo and the western end of the Villa Comunale, the city's large waterfront park.

Through April 25, the bans apply Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and continually on weekends from 7 a.m. Fridays through midnight Sundays.

The bans will also apply continuously from 7 a.m. Thursday, April 5 to midnight Sunday, April 15 (the week of the America's Cup races) and again from 7 a.m. Friday, April 20 to midnight Wednesday, April 25.

Meanwhile, construction has been underway for weeks preparing moorings for the boats that will be competing in the America's Cup events, which are part of a series of races leading up to the 2013 America's Cup in San Francisco.

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A month of traffic disruptions will accompany the America's Cup World Series events in Naples, which will take place April 11 to 15. (Photo by Melissa Kabukuru)

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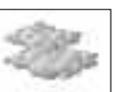
FRIDAY

High 68 / Low 52
Foggy



SATURDAY

High 70 / Low 54
Foggy



SUNDAY

High 68 / Low 48
Partly cloudy



Naples observes Month of the Military Child

By MC1 Felicito Rustique, Navy Public Affairs Support Element-East Detachment Europe

Since 1986 the U.S. military has recognized April as Month of the Military Child (MOMC), and Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples will celebrate the month-long observance with numerous events for children and their families.

Recently, representatives from NSA Naples Child and Youth Programs, the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) and Naples Elementary School shared their thoughts on why MOMC is important and how parents can make deployments — one of the biggest challenges of being a military child — easier.

“NSA Naples celebrates MOMC because we need to recognize the children that help support their families when mom or dad is deployed,” said Chris Kasperek, director of Child and Youth Programs at NSA Naples. “Military children have to move to new schools in the middle of the year and make friends in a variety of states and countries.

Military children are resilient world travelers, and they need to know their families support them.”

Kasperek also said that people sometimes focus on negative references towards military children, like “Military Brats.” But actually, “they are not brats, they are our future.”

Karen Rodrigues, an educator at Naples Elementary School, said military children deserve a month of recognition because like their mother or father who serves, they make sacrifices as well.

“The military asks an incredible amount from our families,” said Rodrigues. “Children do not have the choice to stay in a location, and the sacrifices they make are not ones they themselves often discuss. They deserve a month where the public understands the sacrifices they are forced to make.”

Rodrigues also said that today's technology can help deployed parents make sure their child continues succeeding at school during

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a separation.

“With the Internet and e-mail, parents who are deployed have so many more ways to share in their child's life while away,” said Rodrigues. “Communication is key and that is easier to achieve now more than ever before.”

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Captain's Corner

By Capt. Scott Gray
NSA Commanding Officer



The budgetary pressure is on, especially for our Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs. We are looking hard at the services we provide and how we can be more efficient in order to live within our budgetary constraints. As I have said repeatedly in the past, the best way to help preserve our services is to use them on a regular basis. From the bowling alley to the restaurants, to the theater, gyms and pools, we are reexamining how we do business and looking for ways to cut expenses and increase revenues to cover costs. Please keep this in mind as you plan your outings and your weekends, and consider on-base options first.

The weather outside has been beautiful and with warm-weather comes more outdoor activities. Spring break is right around the corner and I hope everyone will have the opportunity to enjoy the week and get in some sightseeing or travel. Many of you will be planning backyard barbecues or just spending some quality time outside. Please remember to hydrate, use sunscreen and when riding your bikes, scooters or skateboards, ensure you are wearing a helmet. Nobody is too cool for a helmet.

We have some great events coming up, including the next Parents Night Out April 21. This initiative by Child and Youth Programs (CYP) has been a great success and thus it will continue. Many parents are taking the opportunity to have CYP entertain their kids for the evening while they enjoy some quality — and much deserved — time out for themselves. CYP has been doing a great job accommodating requests for special event child care, so keep this in mind if you are planning a function. If you are planning an evening command function (hail and farewell, Submarine, Seabee or Navy Ball, etc.) contact Chris Kasperek at 081-811-4989 to see if CYP can help make your event that much easier. Please don't wait until the last minute, as these events require coordination.

As a reminder, The Easter Eggstravaganza will be held at the Support Site Central Park April 7 and should prove a great time for young and old alike.

Please keep the pet policy in mind - use leashes and plastic bags. We have the new dog park on base and it is a great place to let your dog go and perhaps make some new friends. Be considerate of your neighbors and help keep the base a clean, healthy and safe place to live. As a reminder, pets are never allowed in the enclosed children's playgrounds — this is for health and safety reasons. Additionally, remember that no pets are allowed on Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) property at any time. This includes sporting events and before and after school. These rules are for the safety of all students.

Let's remember that the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society fund drive still has a few weeks to go. We've only heard from a small portion of our personnel, so get those slips or donations in to your command representative and give today! Remember, it's not about sailors and Marines giving more, it's about MORE sailors and Marines giving.

If you have been to the Navy Exchange or the Commissary you have noticed the one-euro requirement to use a shopping cart. The one-euro is refundable as long as you return the cart. This is an incentive to prevent having carts abandoned all over the Support Site. Please honor the intent and return carts to the Exchange or Commissary for the benefit of all. Also, the carts from the Commissary and Exchange are different sizes. Please make the effort to place the right cart in the correct place so patrons behind you don't find a tangled web of carts.

As many of you may already know, it is school registration time. The DoDDS high school and elementary schools are trying to get the registration process off to a good start. Please make every effort to register your children early. If you have children in both schools, you can register both at one location. The earlier the schools can determine their student counts, the better they can plan to meet staffing requirements.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the beautiful weather!

Base Notes

From Panorama staff reports

Service members can take the OHA Utility and MIHA Survey starting April 1

The triennial Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Utility and Move-In Housing Allowance (MIHA) survey is open during all of April for personnel stationed in Italy.

The voluntary survey is for military personnel who reside in privately leased quarters and receive an overseas housing allowance. Survey results will be used to update OHA utility and MIHA allowance rates for Italy.

The Defense Travel Management Office (DTMO) encourages participation from every eligible service member. Individual responses will be held in strict confidence by DTMO and will not be shared with any other office or agency.

Starting April 1, the survey can be found at <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/aprutilmiha.cfm> and will be active through the close of business April 30. The survey may take as much as 45 minutes to complete.

The regional commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia will be coordinating survey participation for installations in Italy. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the regional coordinators at 081-568-2551.

Run with the Chiefs April 1

The Naples Area Chief Petty Officers will be hosting a free 5K fun run and BBQ on Sunday, April 1 to kick off events for the Year of the Chief. The run will start at 1 p.m. behind the Support Site chapel. Food and entertainment from the Navy band will follow.

Military, civilians and families are all invited. For more information, contact ICC Brian Teneyck at 081-568-4198.

USO Naples volunteer committee presents A Red Carpet Affair May 5

Join the USO Naples May 5 for an incredible evening event — "A Red Carpet Affair: The Prom You Never Had." Spend a night to remember dancing to your favorite tunes on the rooftop of the Hotel Mediterraneo in Naples. Dress to impress for a chance to wear the crown of the prom king or queen. Indulge in a luscious buffet dinner while enjoying the breathtaking view of the Bay of Naples. Limited seats are available. Call the USO at 081-568-5713 or 081-811-4903 to reserve your seat.

Register now for American Red Cross babysitter certification courses

The American Red Cross will be holding babysitter certification courses Wednesday, April 11; Friday, April 13; and Friday, April 27. The classes last between 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$45 per student; each class is limited to eight students. Register and pay now to reserve your seat. For more information or to register, call the local office of the American Red Cross at 081-568-4788.

World Autism Awareness Day event April 2

In honor of World Autism Awareness Day, a discussion panel will be held at the Support Site bowling alley from 5 to 6:30 p.m. April 2 to discuss local support and programming for children with special needs and their families. The panel event will be followed by free bowling, cake and pizza for participants. Representatives from the schools, the Fleet and Family Support Center, Child and Youth Programs and the hospital will participate and be available for a question and answer session.

International Children's Festival at JFC April 27

This annual festival will take place April 27 at the soccer field at Allied Joint Force Command Naples. School performances will take place from 10 a.m. to 12:20 p.m., with a children's party to follow from 12:35 to 1:30 p.m. Rain location will be in the NOCC building.

Important DoDDS dates

April 6: No school (teacher work day); End of third quarter
April 9-13: Spring Break
April 24: Honor Society Induction Ceremony at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria

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Naples February 2012 births



- FEB. 1 Chiara Sumera Sta Ines**, 7 pounds and 4.7 ounces, daughter of Amabelle S. Sta Ines and LT Frederick M. Sta Ines
- FEB. 1 Sophia Ann Norwood**, 7 pounds and 14.5 ounces, daughter of Diane L. Norwood and LCDR Brian G. Norwood
- FEB. 2 Zachary Tyler Green**, 7 pounds 5 ounces, son of Ashley N. Green and IT1 Timothy N. Green
- FEB. 5 Lucas Ferdinand McDavit**, 7 pounds and 7 ounces, son of Catherine M. McDavit and LT Michael K. McDavit
- FEB. 7 Jayden Nicole Elizabeth McCollough**, 8 lbs and 6.2 ounces, daughter of Rachel A. McCollough and HM2 Richard C. McCollough
- FEB. 12 Keelin Rose King**, 5 pounds and 11.2 ounces, daughter of Kathrine H. King and HM3 Jeremy K. King
- FEB. 14 Parker James Moton**, 8 pounds and 15 ounces, son of Katherine A. Moton and LT Christopher A. Moton
- FEB. 14 Sofia Grace Curry**, 8 pounds and 14 ounces, daughter of Mary Seerino-Curry and PO2 Brian R. Curry
- FEB. 17 Leonardo Pharapon Prince**, 8 pounds and 0.9 ounces, son of Nipa Prince and IT2 Jonathan P. Prince
- FEB. 17 Eliana Giada Wynfield**, 7 pounds and 8 ounces, daughter of Annette M. Wynfield and LCDR Stephen S. Wynfield
- FEB. 25 Rylan Charles Long**, 7 pounds and 1 ounce, son of Dominique S. Long and MA2 Anthony C. Long
- FEB. 28 Arianna Marie Neal**, 8 pounds and 11.9 ounces, daughter of Amanda M. Neal and LT Ronald P. Neal
- FEB. 28 Olivia Ann Dietrick**, 6 lbs and 15.1 ounces, daughter of Tina R. Dietrick and CDR Glenn T. Dietrick

Italian News Briefs

Compiled by Teresa Merola

Town installs machine to give cash for recycled aluminum

In the town of Camigliano in the Caserta province, the rate of recycling among citizens reached 72 percent, making the town one of the best municipalities at recycling in Campania. To increase the number of people who recycle, the Camigliano mayor is setting up a cash dispenser for aluminum, which returns 10 cents for every four recyclable aluminum containers that bear the symbol "A1." The money returned by the machine comes in form of vouchers that can be spent in a number of shops that have agreed to accept them. The mayor stated that the town has "door to door" garbage collection, including glass collection. He said that to have good garbage collection rates, it is important to have good quality of service offered by the municipality, but also it is important to have an economic incentive so that every virtuous action is rewarded. This is the reasoning behind the cash dispenser, he said.

Uncertified eyeglasses seized in Rome

Police seized a million counterfeit prescription eyeglasses in Tivoli near Rome. These glasses were to be sold in retail outlets throughout Italy. The glasses did not have safety-standard certifications, potentially proving hazardous to users. The import company under investigation would have earned approximately €12 million by selling the products, police estimated.

Napoli to compete against Juventus for Coppa Italia

The final of the soccer math for the Coppa Italia will take place at Rome's Stadio Olimpico on May 20 between Juventus and Napoli. They will do battle for this trophy after eliminating Milan and Siena in the semi-finals. Aurelio De Laurentiis, the president of the Napoli team, announced that he has contacted the chief of

Trenitalia to study train prices, schedules and quantities to help thousands of Neapolitan fans reach the Rome stadium.

Italians flock to agriturismo for Easter

Despite the economic crisis, Italians will spend their Easter holidays in more than 20,000 farming hotels, or *agriturismi*. These are the favored holiday destination for Italians to get away from the day-to-day chaos of the city and spend their leisure time outdoors, tasting authentic and unique local recipes made with genuine ingredients.

Renovated Provincial Museum opens in Capua

On the occasion of the 89th anniversary of the Italian Air Force, the President of the Italian Republic Giorgio Napolitano inaugurated the newly remodeled Provincial Museum in Capua. The completely renovated museum opened to the public on March 29. The museum houses a variety of archaeological, historical, and artistic artifacts of the many civilizations that lived in Capua, including the Oscans, Etruscans, Samnites, Romans, Normans, Angevins, Spanish and so on. Capua's history is linked to Spartacus and Hannibal, among other famous historical figures. The museum is divided into two departments: Archaeology and Medieval. There are also three large courtyards with a large garden. The museum will be free during the Culture Week that will take place from April 14 to 22.

Tod's sponsors Colosseum restoration

Rome mayor Gianni Alemanno announced that the Colosseum will undergo a major restoration starting in April and will be completely restored without a single cent from citizens, thanks to the sponsorship of the Tod's group. The last time the Colosseum underwent restoration was 73 years ago.

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MARCH EVENTS

- 30 ACT TEST** Take the ACT test now. Your score report will arrive Naples 6-8 weeks after testing. Testing starts at 7:45 a.m. Appointments required — visit the Navy College Office in person on the main floor of Admin II at Capo, or contact the office by phone at 081-568-6684/6683/6678 or by e-mail at nco.naples@eu.navy.mil.
- 31 GIRL SCOUTS 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY WALK** Come celebrate 100 years of Girl Scouts! We will walk a combined effort of 100K and there will be loads of other fun activities. Join us at the field by the pool on the Support Site March 31 from 9 a.m. to noon. Don't miss out!

APRIL EVENTS

- 2 WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY** In honor of World Autism Awareness Day, a discussion panel will be held at the Support Site bowling alley from 5 to 6:30 p.m. to discuss local support and programming for children with special needs and their families. The panel event will be followed by free bowling, cake and pizza for participants. Representatives from the schools, the Fleet & Family Support Center, Child and Youth Programs and the hospital will participate and be available for a question and answer session.
- 3 PAESTUM & MOZZARELLA TOUR AND LUNCH** with the Allied Spouses Club will take place April 3. For more information, e-mail ascpresidentjfc@gmail.com.
- 4 ALLIED SPOUSES CLUB BOARD MEETING** For more information, e-mail ascpresidentjfc@gmail.com.
- 5 EASTER EGG HUNT** Join us for the Connect the Tots Club Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 5 at the pavilion next to the skate park. This will also be a potluck lunch, so please bring a dish to share. FMI, visit www.meetup.com/Connect-the-Tots-Club.
- 11, 13 & 27 AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTER CERTIFICATION** The Red Cross will hold babysitter certification courses from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 11 and Friday, April 13 in the American Red Cross office in the Admin II building at Capodichino. Another class will be held Friday, April 27 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Support Site Fitness Forum. Cost is \$45; registration is first-come, first serve. FMI, call the American Red Cross office at 081-568-4788.
- 12 CONNECT THE TOTS CLUB COFFEE TALK** Join members of the Connect the Tots Club for Coffee Talk at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 12 at the Navy Lodge Coffee Shop. Prospective members welcome! Find out what Connect the Tots is all about. FMI, visit www.meetup.com/Connect-the-Tots-Club.
- 13-15 CREDO FAMILY RETREAT** Don't miss this chance for the whole family to learn together. The Family Retreat is designed to teach patterns and skills that support a healthy family life. This program will teach families the role of parents, the role of the children and the role of the couple in the family. Single parent and step-family concerns are also included. All will receive encouragement to develop and practice the skills to manage their lives, and to prevent and solve problems.
- 18 APRIL SHOWERS MUSICAL PLAYDATE** The Connect the Tots Club is hosting an April Showers Musical Playdate at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 18 at the Support Site Fellowship Hall. Join us for a morning of rain- and spring-themed music that can't be beat! FMI, visit www.meetup.com/Connect-the-Tots-Club.
- 19 MONTHLY BABY BASICS CLASS** offered by NCMRS Visiting Nurses will take place from 9 a.m. to noon April 19 at the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Office at Capodichino, located in room G-016 of the Admin II building. 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.
- 20 ALLIED SPOUSES CLUB SPRING FLING GALA** will be April 20. For more information, e-mail ascpresidentjfc@gmail.com.
- 21 CONNECT THE TOTS CLUB BIRTHDAY PARTY** The Connect the Tots Club is TWO! Join us to celebrate two years of fun activities, as well as our April birthday kids! The party is at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 21 at the pavilion next to the skate park. Please bring a potluck dish for all to enjoy, and include what you are bringing in your RSVP. To RSVP, visit www.meetup.com/Connect-the-Tots-Club.
- 26 ALLIED SPOUSES CLUB TURKISH LUNCHEON** Enjoy Turkish foods and surprise gifts at this luncheon that will make you feel like you are in Turkey. Bus transportation available from Allied Joint Force Command Naples. For more information, e-mail ascpresidentjfc@gmail.com.
- 27 INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL** This annual festival will take place April 27 at the soccer field at Allied Joint Force Command Naples. School performances will take place from 10 a.m. to 12:20 p.m., with a children's party to follow from 12:35 to 1:30 p.m. Rain location: NOCC building.
- 27 CONNECT THE TOTS CLUB PLAY DAY** Enjoy the great weather with the Connect the Tots Club at a park play day beginning at 3 p.m. Friday, April 27. Location is at the Yellow Playground on the Support Site (go past the tennis courts to the big rainbow playgroup nearest the courts).
- 28 YARD SALE** The Connect the Tots Club Annual Yard Sale will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28 at the Support Site Village Forum. For more information on this and other activities, visit www.meetup.com/Connect-the-Tots-Club.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NAPLES HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC BOOSTERS seeks 2012-2013 board members. For more information, e-mail matthew.ukleja@gmail.com.

ALLIED SPOUSES CLUB is seeking strong candidates to fill the following leadership positions: events coordinator, volunteer coordinator and bazaar chairman. Annual rotation of leadership also means we are electing new board positions: president, vice president and secretary. FMI, e-mail ascpresidentjfc@gmail.com.

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60 years of faithful service to the NATO community

Adm. Bruce W. Clingan, Commander, Allied Joint Force Command (JFC) Naples (far left), recognizes Maria Caliendo of Sannino's Jewelry Shop (far right) for her "faithful service to the JFC military and civilian community" at a March 26 award ceremony held at the vendor's Bagnoli outlet. Caliendo, a vendor since March 1952 and a member of one



of the many commercial businesses supporting the close-knit JFC community, responded to Clingan's acknowledgment by saying she felt privileged to be a part of such a distinctive community. "(I) have given my best to reciprocate all that this place has offered me," said Caliendo, who received an honorary plaque during the ceremony. "I am greatly honored and moved (by this gesture)." Lt. Gen. Marquis Hainse, JFC Deputy Commander (center left) and Pierluigi Quattordio, JFC's senior interpreter (center right) were among the many supporters who witnessed the event honoring one of the community's longstanding service suppliers with 60 years of service to the NATO community. (Photo by JFC Naples)

Clingan meets with workforce, reviews guidance

By JFC Public Affairs

In a series of "All Hands" calls this week with the Allied Joint Force Command (JFC) Naples headquarters workforce, Adm. Bruce W. Clingan, commander of JFC Naples, explained what thoughts shape his beliefs in leading the operational headquarters.

"War is political," said Clingan. "We are not."

With these persuasive words, the Commander's rhythmic efforts to communicate to the civilian and military workforce and the contributing nations that support this operational headquarters set the framework toward enabling the transition to a warfighting headquarters.

"We must master the art of warfighting first," he said. Clingan went on to explain that contributing Alliance nations must be prepared to execute a "high-end" conflict – for example, including but not limited to specialties ranging from within the cyber realm to kinetic and other non-kinetic operations.

"We must master the operational art (of our given training specialties)," he said. And, where guidance may be lacking, Clingan suggested that we must take the initiative to help develop the appropriate guidance.

Many in the audience were impressed with the commander's open engagements with the workforce.

"Internal communications is both a chain-of-command and a collective responsibility that cuts across all levels of our command," said JFC Command Sgt. Maj. Manfred Jerabek. "The Commander's investment in his workforce today in effective internal communications is essential and he hit all the right notes with our people."

"Planning is the foundation of our success," Clingan emphasized. "If (a mission) is going to take 50 years to achieve, then we need to work toward developing plans that achieve objectives in a relevant timeframe."

Clingan also took the opportunity to highlight to the headquarters staff the value of "effects-based thinking."

"Effects-based thinking is a powerful tool," he said. "I like plans of action and milestones because they help us measure progress toward our intended results."

"We cannot do everything," Clingan continued, making a practical connection with the gathered workforce. He acknowledged that the collective approach to achieving his number one priority of transforming this headquarters to a warfighting command will take "wise choices" and that he values the contributions and ideas of leaders at all levels throughout the command.

"Leadership and courage matter," he said. Explaining that this transformation is not just about the move to the new Lago Patria headquarters, Clingan said that there is a strong rationale for change.

"Organizations must be able to adapt to changing circumstances quickly and in depth," he said. "NATO is on this path."

Clingan acknowledged that in order to provide an effective and accurate response to current and future security threats and challenges, the Alliance will continue to need its own command and control capability; however, that capability must continue to evolve from the present structure to better suit contemporary threats and challenges.

A leaner command structure, that better capitalizes on command and control structures

within the NATO force structure, and uses more up-to-date technology, is needed to allow the Alliance to maintain its level of ambition, to maintain robust command and control and deployable military capabilities, and to prevail in operations in a dynamic and complex environment across NATO's agreed missions and capabilities.

"As mandated by NATO nations," Clingan said, "the new NATO Command Structure will require our transformation to a warfighting headquarters and will require work to make this transition smoothly... it is going to take leadership and courage – yours."

"My intent is to make this transition seamlessly," Clingan said. "I am acutely mindful of causing minimum disruption to our staff and your families."

"I am asking each of you to help lead and to help maintain the preparedness of the most powerful alliance in the world," he said.

Diana Sodano, JFC community relations officer, said she appreciated the commander taking time to share his leadership philosophies with his staff.

"When people are informed, they feel a sense of ownership over issues that affect all of us," Sodano said. "I am glad that he took the time to tell us his thoughts and guidance."

AMERICA'S CUP

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Catamarans will conduct practice runs in the Gulf of Naples on April 7 and April 8, while the competitive events will take place April 11 through April 15. A total of nine teams from eight countries will compete in match races, fleet races and speed trials during the five days of competition.

The public can watch the practice runs and the events from the race village that will be set up in the Villa Comunale park along the waterfront starting April 7.

Given the traffic restrictions, those who want to go downtown to watch the events and practice runs should consider taking public transportation. Those coming from Pozzuoli or Bagnoli can catch the Metropolitana Linea 2 to Piazza Amedeo, which is not far north of the Naples waterfront.

Alternatively, city officials are encouraging visitors to park their cars at Parcheggio Brin, a parking area southeast of Piazza Garibaldi at the intersection of Via Benedetto Brin and Via Alessandro Volta. From there, several city buses — including the new Chiaia Tender Bus that serves the Chiaia restricted traffic zone — can be taken into the city center.

An official inauguration ceremony for the America's Cup World Series events will take place Sunday, April 8 in Piazza del Plebiscito in downtown Naples. The ceremony will include a video installation on the façade of the piazza's San Francesco di Paola church and a flag-hoisting attended by officials from Naples, Campania and the America's Cup World Series. The event will conclude with a fireworks display.

For more information about the month-long limited traffic zone for the America's Cup, visit www.comune.napoli.it and look for pages titled *ZTL straordinaria*.

Youth sports season begins



Above: Youth athletes show their patriotism by placing their hands over their hearts during a performance of the Star-Spangled Banner during the opening ceremonies for Naval Support Activity Naples' 2012 Spring Youth Sports Season March 24.

Left: Saturday, March 24 marked the opening day of the 2012 Spring Youth Sports Season at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples. At an opening day ceremony at Carney Park, Capt. Scott Gray, commanding officer of NSA Naples (right), threw the opening pitch to signal the start of the season. (Photos by Enzo Buono)

Fleet and Family Support Center events this week

From the Fleet and Family Support Center

For more information about local Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) events, visit www.facebook.com/NaplesFFSC.

UPCOMING FFSC NAPLES EVENTS

Call 081-811-6372 for more information or to register

Tuesday, April 3 – EFFECTIVE RESUME WRITING (12:30 - 3:30 p.m.) Having a difficult time creating your resume? This seminar provides a basic introduction to the design and purpose of a resume. Special attention is given to the federal employment resume.

COUPON CLUB (1 - 2 p.m.) Do you want to save money on your groceries? You don't have to be an extreme couponer to save money. Join other smart shoppers to sort coupons and discuss cost saving methods to help your family.

AL-ANON SUPPORT GROUP (6 - 7 p.m.)

Wednesday, April 4 – EXPLORING POZZUOLI (8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.; Departs from JFC) Enjoy Pozzuoli by using public transportation. See the Roman amphitheatre, the Rione Terra, the port, the Temple of Serapis, the fish market and enjoy a good pizza.

CHOICES (MANAGING YOUR ANGER) – 2 - 4 p.m.; Session 1 of 4) A four-session program focused on skills to manage anger and develop effective communication.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN NAPLES (Noon - 2 p.m.) Looking for a job in Naples? This educational session is great for spouses (and family members) who want to explore the various employment opportunities available in Naples.

CREDIT AND DEBT MANAGEMENT (12:30 - 1:15 p.m. at the Capodichino Theater) Do you know how much the minimum credit card payment is costing you? Learn strategies to pay down your debt, wise ways to use credit, and the decisions that can impact your credit score.

SPONSORSHIP TRAINING (9:30 a.m. - noon at the Capodichino Theater) To be a sponsor is a duty; to be a great one is to make a difference.

Thursday, April 5 – EASTER PREPARATION IN NAPLES (8:30 - 2:30 p.m.; Departs from JFC) Learn how the Italians celebrate Easter. Visit some famous churches, and walk around to see the typical Easter eggs, cakes and breads in local stores.

IA DEPLOYMENT SUPPORT DISCUSSION GROUP (1 - 2 p.m.) Topic: NSA Naples Fire Department home safety training.

OMBUDSMAN ASSEMBLY MEETING (6 - 8 p.m.) Topic: NSA Naples Fire Department home safety training.

INTRODUCTION TO YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE (9:30 a.m. - noon) Are you looking for a place to start understanding your finances? This inclusive financial class covers the topics of budgeting, credit/debt management, insurance, saving/investing, retirement planning, and the TSP.

CONFLICT MANAGEMENT (1:30 - 2:30 p.m.) Conflict is inevitable. Conflict management helps people manage conflict by examining attitude and behavior when faced with conflicting situations.

Friday, April 6 – 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 – powers of attorney, immigration, consumer law, creditor/debtor issues, divorce, etc. Please contact 081-568-4576 for more information or to make an appointment.

STRESS MANAGEMENT (9:30 - 11:30 a.m.; at the Support Site Fit Forum) Yoga/Pilates to follow.

INTRODUCTION TO LOVE & LOGIC PARENTING (10:30 - noon)

UPCOMING FFSC GAETA EVENTS

Call 081-568-8354/7 for more information or to register

Friday, March 30 – GIANOLA SCHOOL COOKING CLASS (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.) Cooking Class at the Hotel School in Formia. Come and learn how to make more regional dishes from Italy. Cost of class (to include food) to be paid at the school is €15.

Monday, April 2 – ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CLASSES (10 - 11 a.m.) This class covers the Italian you need on a daily basis.

LUNCHTIME ITALIAN ONBOARD MT. WHITNEY (Noon - 1 p.m.; CTR 1 onboard the Mount Whitney) This class covers the Italian you need on a daily basis.

SMOOTH MOVE WORKSHOP (2:30 - 3:30 p.m.) Learn about your moving allowances, household goods, utility closeouts, customs, and more. You should attend this class 4-5 months before your PCS date.

Naples area ombudsmen and key spouses

The ombudsmen program at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples coordinates communication of information between service members and their families. The service provided by ombudsmen becomes especially critical and helpful during deployments. Here is a list of ombudsmen for Naples area commands.

AFN NAPLES: Donna Vigil, ombudsafn@gmail.com

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CNREURAFSWA: Sindy Copeland: cnreurafswanaples@hotmail.com

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JFC: Edna Wood, ombudsmanjfc@gmail.com

NSA Naples: Heather Staib-Jerzy, nsa_naples_omb@yahoo.com

NCTS: Denise Caton, ombudsmanncts@yahoo.com

NSSA DET Naples: Gretchen Bozwell, nssadetnaplesombudsman@hotmail.com

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USS MOUNT WHITNEY: Sheree Johnson & Anna Nickell, mtwombudsman@yahoo.com

CURRENTLY VACANT: NAVFAC SEABEES, RLSO & NLSO, DESRON SIX ZERO, U.S. ARMY ELEMENT, U.S. ARMY ELEMENT - ALPHA COMPANY, U. S. ARMY ELEMENT - HHC

Any spouses who have an interest in becoming an ombudsman should contact the Ombudsman Coordinator, Cecellia Kitson, at cecellia.kitson@eu.navy.mil.

MILITARY CHILD

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According to the website Military.com, 1.7 million children under the age of 18 have at least one parent serving in the military, and 900,000 children have had one or both parents deployed multiple times.

"It's easy to forget the kinds of sacrifices our military kids make," said Mark Johnson, a clinical counselor at FFSC. "Living with frequent separations from a parent is very difficult for kids, but they'll be more likely to adapt and thrive through a deployment if you recognize and appreciate their contributions."

Johnson also said when it comes

to deployments, each military child responds differently, but there are some general guidelines parents can follow.

"Young children will be asking lots of questions," said Johnson. "Be patient and answer each time, trying not to show irritation. Kids may feel sad, angry, hurt, afraid or all of the above. These feelings come out in many different ways. Show them patience and love while reassuring them."

NSA Naples MWR facilities such as Striker's Bowling Alley, libraries, Carney Park, and the Teen Center will all offer special

events and deals for military children during MOMC.

"Take this opportunity to celebrate our military children," said Pamela O'Connor, NSA Naples school liaison officer. "Help them to know how important their love and support is to their military parent. The community will be celebrating in the schools and at MWR facilities, so attend an event and make that recognition a special experience for your family."

For more information on MOMC events, contact Child and Youth Programs at 081-811-4989.

April events for Month of the Military Child

From Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Sunday, April 8 to Saturday, April 14 – NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK (At the Capodichino and Support Site libraries) The libraries this year will be hosting special book and bulletin board displays highlighting the achievements of libraries, as well as holding an essay contest. Daily drawings for prizes will take at both libraries, and special story time sessions will be held at the Support Site library throughout the week.

Tuesday, April 10 and Tuesday, April 24 – AUTO SKILLS WORKSHOP (3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Auto Wood Skills Center) This workshop will include how to check a vehicle's vital fluids, brakes, windshield wipers, tires, radiator, seat belts, etc. Call 081-811-4971/4947 for more information or to register.

Wednesday, April 11 – Friday, April 13 – FREE KIDS MOVIES FOR SPRING BREAK (Titles to be announced) The Reel Times 2 Theater at the Support Site will show a free kids movie at 4:30 p.m. each of these three days during Spring Break.

Saturday, April 14 – NAVY BAND CONCERT (4 to 6 p.m. at the Central Park amphitheater at the Support Site) The Navy Band will be playing in the amphitheater for a target audience of 6- to 12-year olds. There will also be children and family oriented games. Free and open to all.

Tuesday, April 17 – BOOK DISCUSSION: ERIN HUNTER'S "OMEN OF THE STARS" (4 p.m. at the Support Site Library) Light refreshments provided.

Friday, April 20 – FAMILY BONFIRE NIGHT (7 to 10 p.m. at the Carney Park fire ring) Come out to Carney Park with the whole family, pick your spot and relax in front of the big bonfire.

Friday, April 20 to Saturday, April 21 – CAMPING 101 FOR FAMILIES (Sign up with the Navy Outdoor Recreation (NOR) Center at Carney Park) Learn some basic camping skills in a controlled environment. In addition to the camping basics, you will also be able to participate in a number of activities such as campfire cooking, archery, hiking, and lawn games. Sign up for this event before noon at least five days before the event date. Cost is \$10 for individuals, \$25 for family of three, and \$30 for families of four and above. Spring Special: For only \$10 more, camp a second night.

Saturday, April 21 – ARCHERY (10 a.m. to noon at Carney Park) Come out and see if Archery is for you and hit the bulls eye. Meet at Yurt 6 at 9:45 a.m. Free.

Saturday, April 21 to Sunday, April 22 – FAMILY HIKE THE RIM (2 to 4 p.m.) Departs from the NOR center at 1:45 p.m. A hike that the whole family can enjoy. Free.

Saturday, April 21 – GLOW IN THE DARK FUN RUN (Starts at 8 p.m. at the NOR Center at Carney Park) Open to all youth and their families. A t-shirt, glow in the dark necklace, water and healthy snacks will be provided for participants. Bonfire will be held at the end of races. Advanced registration begins on March 19 at the Support Site Teen Center and will end April 19. Registration is also available the day of the event at the NOR Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. For those who register in advance, a bus is available departing from the Support Site and returning from Carney Park.

Thursday, April 26 – TEEN EMPLOYMENT TIPS WORKSHOP (5 p.m. at the Teen Center) Looking to apply for a job this summer? Attend this workshop designed especially for teens to get a head start on what employers are looking for and how to prepare yourself for summer employment. Advance registration is encouraged. Register at the Teen Center. We will also be able to inform everyone about our Summer Teen Employment Program.

Saturday, April 28 – TEEN COSMIC BOWLING PARTY (6:30 to 8 p.m. at Strikers Bowling Alley) Deadline to register is Wednesday, April 25. Cost is \$5 per teen, which includes 2 1/2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, and pizza. Space limited to the first 15 teens who sign up. Register today at the Teen Center.

ONGOING

Library photo contest: Enter the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) libraries' kids photo contest. Take a picture of your military hero and submit it to the libraries. Win a tote bag to carry your books, along with a travel mug. Open to kids 3 to 12. Pick up your entry form at the Support Site or Capodichino libraries.

Poetry Contest at the MWR Libraries: April is Poetry Month and the libraries will be holding a poetry contest. Entry forms can be picked up at the Capodichino or Support Site libraries. All poems must be submitted by April 30 and be no longer than 500 words. Winner will be published in a Panorama issue and will receive a \$20.00 MWR promotional voucher and t-shirt.

Kids bowl free Mondays at Strikers: Every Monday in April from 4 to 6 p.m., kids 16 and under bowl free at Strikers Bowling Alley — as many games as they want! Minors must be with parent or have a military-issued ID to participate.

Wednesday Kiddie Special at Fairways: Every Wednesday in April with the purchase of one adult meal, one child under 10 eats half price off of the children's menu at Fairways Restaurant at Carney Park.

Carney Park Golf Course Family Golf Promotion: Any military child will get one free bucket of range balls when their parent purchases same size bucket of range balls. This will be for entire month of April.

ITT tours: Visit the Information, Tours and Travel offices at the Support Site or Capodichino for more information about the following tours: Tour of Science City (April 6); Monkey Planet in Teverola (April 9); Naples Underground and Pizza (April 10); Free bus transportation to Mergellina (April 11); Day on the Farm (April 12); Naples Chocolate Factory (April 13); Time Elevator in Rome (April 14); and Segway Tour of Rome (April 28).

GAETA EVENTS

Friday, April 6 – SPRING ACTIVITY DAY AT THE OLDE MILL INN (Starts at 10:30 a.m.) Families and children are invited to meet at the Olde Mill Inn Park for fun outdoor games, arts and crafts, and to take pictures with the Easter Bunny.

Thursday, April 12 – CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR (10:30 - 11:30 a.m.) At the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fleet Recreation Center. MWR will receive some children's books from the NSA library for checkout. If you don't have a MWR library card, you may register at the Fleet Recreation Center. Cookies and juice available.

Saturday, April 14 – "ROME ZOO" TOUR

Responsibly complying with the €1,000 law

By Bethany Franz, Personal Finance Educator
The Fleet and Family Support Center

Now that Italian law requires all payments of €1,000 or more to be conducted electronically, it has changed the way U.S. and NATO service members must pay their rent. The change in the rent payment highlights a very important situation: financial responsibility.

Each month military members receive an Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) that is designated to cover the costs of renting on the economy. Prior to the change in rent payment laws, the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) financial counseling office had cases where individuals chose not to pay rent and to use the money for other reasons, causing serious discipline issues for the sailor.

Now sailors have the option to pay for rent through the use of a credit card. As a reminder, credit cards need to be used responsibly. Some sailors may use a credit card to earn points with a rewards program. If the rent amount is paid off monthly with OHA, this can be a responsible option. It is not responsible to use a credit card to pay for rent only to defer payment. In this situation, credit card points, no matter how many, will have little benefit.

Here a scenario: an E-7 sailor with dependents decides to put two months of rent on a credit card and uses the OHA for another purpose. He or she decides to pay it off over time by only paying the minimum payment.

It will take the sailor three and a half years to pay off two months of rent with about \$1,200 in interest. Maybe the person decides to make double the minimum payment; it will still take the sailor eighteen months to pay off.

As a reminder, credit cards need to be used responsibly. Rent payment by credit card is not a poor choice for everyone. If credit cards are used for rent but fully paid off by the end of the billing cycle, that person is using the credit card responsibly. Charging rent payments and paying them off over time is not responsible and just plain expensive. For more financial education, call your Fleet and Family Support Center 081-811-6372 to ask about future financial classes, or consult your command financial specialist.

Options for paying your rent

Are you confused on your options to pay rent while complying with Italian laws? This is a quick outline on the options for rent payment through the four financial institutions available on base.

The Navy Exchange

Rental payment via bank transfer is available at the Navy Exchange (NEX). Individuals can go to the customer service counter at the Support Site NEX and pay rent in cash using dollars or euro, or by using a check, credit card or debit card. All transactions will use the NEX's dollar-to-euro transaction rate, unless the transaction is being made using euro cash. To make the payment transfer, the NEX requires the recipient's account number, the name of person on the account, and the IBAN code. The NEX has a customer application that details all the needed information for a transfer. This service costs €2 and will take about two to three days. You will receive an e-mail confirmation.

As of right now customers must appear at the service counter each month to make the transaction. The NEX is currently working on other options to provide more convenience for customers. Call the NEX customer service office at 081-811-4717 for further assistance.

Navy Federal Credit Union

Direct rental payment via bank transfer is currently not available with Navy Federal. However, account holders have options to pay for rent in conjunction with the other financial institutions on base. First, customers can withdraw funds through cash or bank draft and bring them to the NEX, Community Bank, or Banco di Napoli to have the bank transfer processed. Second, customers can initiate a recurring or one-time electronic transfer from their account to a Community Bank account for payment by bank transfer.

Lastly, customers can use a Navy Federal debit or credit card at the NEX to arrange an electronic transfer and possibly earn rewards points depending on the type of card. Point of sale will appear as U.S. dollars and will be subject to the NEX conversion rate. Customers can then establish a recurring Web-Bill Payment to the credit card to avoid interest and debt. Call the Navy Federal at 081-811-4887 for further assistance.

Community Bank

There are three options for rent payment at Community Bank. First, account holders can create a "standing payment order" where rental payment is paid on an established date with a recurring monthly amount at no cost. Second, all customers can make a one time euro transfer called a "bonifico" using either cash, funds withdrawn from a Community Bank account, or verified funds. This service costs \$2 for account holders and \$3 for non-account holders. Lastly, customers can obtain a Euro Cashier's Check by paying in cash or verified funds at the cost of \$5 for all customers. Call Community Bank for more information at 081-635-5304.

Banco di Napoli

People with and without accounts can use Banco di Napoli for rental electronic bank transfer. To set up monthly payments, customers must bring a military ID card, original *codice fiscale* (Italian tax code) and cash in dollars or euro. Civilians must also bring their original *permesso di soggiorno* (sojourner's permit). Subsequent payments will not require all the documentation. Banco di Napoli charges €5 for this service. Account holders can create a debit transaction for the rental payment online at a cost of €1 per transaction. Banco di Napoli charges €4 euro per month for an account, with the additional cost of €8.55 every three months paid to the Italian government. Necessary landlord information includes IBAN code and name of account holder. Call Banco di Napoli for more information at 081-751-1252.



**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.

Weekly Crime Statistics for March 19- March 25, 2012

- Traffic Accidents	4 (4 off base)
- Vehicle Break-In	3 (3 off base)
- Stolen Vehicle	1 (1 off base)
- DUI	1 (1 off base)

Traffic Accident with Injuries (off base). On March 19 at approximately 9:15 a.m., O-2/USN reported a traffic accident without injuries that occurred earlier that day in Naples, Italy. Driver stated that he was driving when another driver attempted to pass and struck his rear driver's side quarter panel. Damage to both vehicles included minor dents and scratches.

Vehicle Break-In (off base). On March 19 at approximately 9:15 a.m., O-6/USAF reported a vehicle break-in that occurred March 18 in Naples, Italy. Victim reported that he had parked his vehicles at his residence, and upon returning noticed that both of the passenger's side windows were broken and multiple items were missing.

Traffic Accident with Injuries (off base). On March 19 at approximately 9:06 a.m., E-6/USN reported a traffic accident with injuries that occurred March 18 in Naples, Italy. Driver reported that he was attempting to back out of a parking space when he struck a local national. Local national was treated for minor injuries and no damage to the vehicle was reported.

Vehicle Break-In (off base). On March 19 at approximately 3:20 p.m., E-6/USN reported a vehicle break-in that had occurred March 18 in Lago Patria, Italy. Victim reported that he had parked his vehicle and upon returning noticed his driver's side window broken and multiple items missing.

Vehicle Break-In (off base). On March 20 at approximately 8:30 a.m., CIV reported a vehicle break-in that occurred March 18 in Casapulla, Italy. Victim reported that he had parked his vehicle and upon returning the next morning noticed his driver's side window broken and multiple items missing.

Stolen Vehicle (off base). On March 21 at approximately 7:43 a.m., CIV reported a vehicle theft that had occurred March 20 in Pinatamare, Italy. The victim stated that she had a vehicle towed to a mechanic and the following day she was notified by a friend that her vehicle was stolen from the mechanic's shop.

DUI (off base). On March 24 at approximately 4:50 a.m., local law enforcement reported a DUI that occurred earlier that day in Naples, Italy. Local law enforcement informed military police that during a random sobriety check point, E-5/USN failed a blood alcohol content test and was cited for a DUI.



A total of 112 members of the Le Piume Nere leisure club travelled to Rome to compete in the Rome Marathon March 18. Le Piume Nere is a walking and running club serving members of the U.S. and NATO community in Naples. (Photo courtesy of Le Piume Nere)

Le Piume Nere runners and walkers take Rome by storm

Jo-anne Owens, Le Piume Nere member

They say all roads lead to Rome, and this was certainly true for the 112 members of Le Piume Nere (The Black Feathers) running club, who participated in the Rome Marathon Sunday, March 18. The leisure club, which serves the U.S. and NATO military community in Naples, was represented by men and women from 16 different nations. Runners and walkers of all abilities took part, from well trained, well experienced marathoners to first-time entrants.

Most of us began our journey months ago when we committed to entering the race. For others it was a last-minute decision egged on by naysayers, and for a very few it was on a whim, a split-second resolution to try something they had never dreamed of doing. However, we were all in Rome with one common goal: to complete the grueling 26.2 miles (preferably within the 7 hour time limit) — but more importantly, to have fun while trying.

Club members travelled to Rome from various regions of Italy as well as overseas and enjoyed an afternoon at Marathon Village the day before the race. We posed for group photos and glimpsed some of the elite runners who had travelled from far and wide to conquer Rome. During dinner that night, Le Piume Nere members celebrated the seventh birthday of Paige Bigelow, the daughter of Le Piume Nere runner Peter and Le Piume Nere team mom Cheryl. Paige was excited to celebrate with her "other family."

The marathon started and ended at the Colosseum, taking participants on an amazing sight-seeing tour

that passed by The Vatican, the Spanish Steps and Trevi Fountain. Enduring a run that can last several hours can be tough, and club members found a variety of ways to stay motivated during the race. For many, the thought of the finisher's medal around their neck drove them to the finish line. Some who met up with "the wall" simply couldn't figure out how to quit, so they kept on running. A few simply wanted to stay ahead of the hooting and hollering from the 10 or so clowns who whipped the crowds into a frenzy with horns and whistles. One member enjoyed a cigarette and another stopped for a Big Mac en route.

Whatever their driving force, 112 members of LPN crossed the finish line in times ranging from 3 hours and 9 minutes to 6 hours, 51 minutes and 2 seconds.

Sadly, seven of us did not complete the race for a variety of reasons. One runner suffered severe knee issues, and another collapsed with only 7 kilometers remaining after unknowingly running with a serious infection. However, we were all Rome warriors that day, supporting each other every step of the way.

The emphasis on making the Rome marathon an event to be experienced and enjoyed rather than just a race is what makes Le Piume Nere so unique from other running clubs. It is this aspect of running that Le Piume Nere President Gianni Interbartolo, "Uncle Gianni" to all, likes to promote the most. The club is all about having fun and meeting new, like-minded people.

For more information about Le Piume Nere events and membership, e-mail Gianni Interbartolo at G.INTERBARTOLO@ncnp.nato.int.

April is Autism Awareness Month

By Jennifer Binkley
Naples Elementary School

April 1 marks the start of Autism Awareness month and April 2 is World Autism Awareness Day. The goal of Autism Awareness Month is to draw attention to what is known as the fastest growing epidemic affecting our

children today.

The Centers for Disease Control report the incidence rate of autism is currently exceeding 1 in 100, with the incidence of autism on military installations being reported as 1 in 88, or a total of 12,000 children. Autism can cause social, behavioral and communication challenges for the individual who suffers from it and can also cause stress and anxiety for families and caregivers. It is critical that parents and providers understand what the "red flags" of autism are and how they can obtain help. The following behaviors may indicate a child is at risk for an autism spectrum disorder, and is in need of an immediate evaluation:

- Lack of warm, joyful expressions;
- Lack of sharing interest or enjoyment;
- Lack of response to name;
- Loss of language;
- Repetitive movement with objects such as spinning or lining up toys;
- Repetitive body movements such as

flapping or rocking;

- Lack of speech or repetitive speech (echoing);
- Inability to play with other children or lack of interest in playing with others;
- Resistance to being touched.

If you have any concerns about your child's development and your child under the age of three, please contact Educational & Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS) at 081-811-4676 to request a child find appointment. If your child is three or older, call Naples Elementary School at 081-811-4037.

For more information on Autism please check out the following websites:

- Autism Society of America: www.autismsocietyofamerica.com;
- Centers for Disease Control: www.cdc.gov;
- Autism Speaks: www.autismspeaks.com.

WORLD AUTISM DAY APRIL 2

In honor of World Autism Awareness Day, a discussion panel will be held at the Support Site bowling alley from 5 to 6:30 p.m. April 2 to discuss local support and programming for children with special needs and their families. The panel event will be followed by free bowling, cake and pizza for participants. Representatives from the schools, the Fleet and Family Support Center, Child and Youth Programs and the hospital will participate and be available for a question and answer session.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED continued

LA MIMOSA THRIFT SHOP AT JFC is currently accepting volunteers to sort donations and staff the store. Hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.. La Mimosa is closed Wednesdays and weekends. FMI, e-mail ascpresidentjfc@gmail.com.

NAPLES OVERSEAS SPOUSES CLUB (NOSC) seeks a volunteer to serve as marketing director. If you would like to build your resume while overseas, build your local network and can commit 5-10 hours per week, please contact noscpresident4@gmail.com or 345-423-7964 for more information.

ANIMALS WITHOUT LIMITS (AWL) is searching for volunteers who want to help at our Animal Hospice in Lago Patria. We also need volunteers for different projects on the Support Site base. For more information please contact us at awlrscueteam@gmail.com or director@animalswithoutlimits.com

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 the group's Facebook page, ASC-American Soccer Club of Napoli.

ATTENTION PHOTOGRAPHERS! Are you interested in taking photos of Naples Elementary School students during 2011-2012? Contact Dr. Johnson at 081-811-4159 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 081-568-4788.

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.

NAVY LEAGUE OF THE U.S./NAPLES COUNCIL is seeking board members. Contact Betty Reese at 081-526-8051 or breesec@cybernet.it.

NAPLES OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION NEEDS REFEREES Anyone interested should contact Nigel Alexander at 081-721-5413 or 346-680-3282 or by e-mail to nalexander@afsouth.nato.int.

NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY OPERATION CLIP & SAVE (coupons): 081-568-3913.

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.

THE WELFARE & RECREATION ASSOCIATION is available to meet associates every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at its location on the first floor of Building 450 upstairs from Capo Landing. FMI, visit <http://www.wraitalia.it/>.

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 (SEFPP) 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 081-568-5525 or visit the division office in the Capodichino Security Precinct, Bldg. 403.

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>.

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.

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 081-811-4682 or the school at 081-811-4037.

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.

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/.

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 081-811-6451 to confirm that Mass is being held. Thursday Men's Fellowship and Bible Study (6-7 a.m.) in the hospital galley.

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 the group's 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>.

NAPLES CHRISTIAN HOMESCHOOL ASSOCIATION meets regularly to support families on their homeschooling journey. FMI, contact Susan Van Cleave at sdwvanleave@msn.com.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 007 holds troop meetings every Monday from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the Support Site Community Center. FMI, contact Scoutmaster Dennis Smith at 081-811-5585 or dennis@bsulfurcreek.com.

SAIL WITH THE NAPLES NATO YACHT CLUB (NNYC) AMERICAN TEAM. We are looking for Americans interested in participating in dinghy races sailed at the NNYC facilities on the island of Nisida. Experience not required. FMI, contact Frank Chapman at champanf@ix.netcom.com.

WOMEN, INFANTS, CHILDREN (WIC) OVERSEAS PROGRAM is offered at NSA Naples. Women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, postpartum or have an infant or child under the age of five may qualify for the program. WIC Overseas is a nutrition education program that provides nutritious supplemental foods. Contact WIC Overseas at 081-811-4962.

CARNEY PARK LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION meets at 9 a.m. Mondays. All skill levels welcome. Discounted play with membership. FMI, call Carol Borkowski at 081-804-3345, or Carney Park Golf Course at 081-526-4296.



Friday, March 30
4:30 p.m. Chronicle, PG-13
5:30 p.m. Big Miracle, PG
7 p.m. The Hunger Games
PG-13
Premiere Showing

Saturday, March 31
2:30 p.m. The Hunger Games
PG-13
4:30 p.m. Journey 2: Mysterious
Island, PG
5:30 p.m. The Hunger Games
PG-13
7 p.m. Safe House, R

Sunday, April 1
4:30 p.m. Dr Seuss' The Lorax
PG
5:30 p.m. Man On a Ledge
PG-13
7 p.m. The Hunger Games
PG-13

Monday, April 2
Closed, No Movie

Tuesday, April 3
Closed, No Movie

Wednesday, April 4
4:30 p.m. Dr Seuss' The Lorax
PG, *Last Showing*
6:30 p.m. One for the Money
PG-13

7 p.m. Navy Entertainment
Presents: The Front
Men (Live Show)
FREE ADMISSION

Thursday, April 5
4:30 p.m. Chronicle, PG-13
5:30 p.m. The Hunger Games
PG-13
7 p.m. Underworld Awakening
R, *Last Showing*

Friday, April 6
4:30 p.m. Big Miracle, PG
5:30 p.m. Ghost Rider: Spirit of
Vengeance, PG-13
Premiere Showing
7 p.m. Safe House, R



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March 31 A Day at the Spa in
Contursi €50
April 1 On the Trail of
Padre Pio €40
April 6 Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius €45
April 7 Tivoli Gardens and
Hadrian's Villa Tour €68
April 8 Easter Wine Tasting Event at
Cantina del Vesuvio €48

WEEKEND TOURS

April 13-16
Spring Break in Venice €228
April 28-29
Wine Roads of Siena €187
May 12-13
Mothers Day Weekend at the Spa €192
May 24-28
Memorial Day in Slovenia. €425

American Soccer Club of Napoli girls' teams win two trophies in Rome

By Chris Fletcher

Girls from the American Soccer Club of Napoli (ASC) marched north Saturday, March 24 to battle legions of girls' teams from all over Italy during an international soccer tournament held at St. George's International School in Rome, Italy.

ASC fielded two teams, one in the Premier Girls Red Division and one in the Premier Girls Blue Division. The Red Division Team, coached by Cmdr. Damon Dixon and Rebecca DaCosta, finished the first round of tournament play with three wins and one tie, allowing team members to advance to a semi-final game. After beating St. George's International School in a tightly contested semi-final game, they advanced to the championship match in the Red Division, besting Ambrit Red 1-0 in a fierce battle for the first-place trophy.

The Blue Division Team, coached by Petty Officer First Class John Parker and his son Kazuki Parker, finished the first round of tournament play 2-0 with decisive victories over Ambrit Blue and Rome International. They went on to defeat St. George's International in the semi-final game 2-0, following that up with a resounding 4-1 victory over the Italian Select Academy - Rome in the final competition of the day. Players on coach Parker's team outscored their opponents 24-1 over four



Girls with the American Soccer Club of Napoli brought back two first-place trophies from an international soccer tournament held in Rome March 24. Back row (from left to right): Coach Rebecca DaCosta, Katye Cairns, Amber Albano, Coach Damon Dixon, Hope MacDonald, Taylor Otte, coach John Parker, Anna Zick, Jillian Thurston, Lily Beltz, Natalie Cariello, Neeve Carlos, Devin Waller, assistant coach Kazuki Parker. Middle row (from left to right): Ciara Mulligan, Calista Crawford, Ariana Bockstahler, Tori Harris, Savanna Dixon, Maris Amsberry, Halle Dixon, Lauren Bushey. Front row: Goalies Maddy Fletcher (left) and Courtney Hall (right).

games, to bring home the first-place trophy in the Blue Division. One Naples player, 7-year-old Halle Dixon, played in the tournament for another club due to no teams being fielded from Naples for her division. Nevertheless, she led her team on the pitch, scoring 15 goals during the tournament and propelling the team to a first-place finish. Overall it was another great

experience had by players and their parents. ASC Napoli has some very talented girls in our program and it is a credit to the parents and the players when we win these tournaments. Our girls play year-round with boys and against all-boys teams, so when they can play in these girls-only events, they really can showcase their talents, coach Parker said.

Hospital and APS staff from Naples act as mentors in Cameroon

By MCI Denise Alford, Commander
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DOUALA, Cameroon — Africa Partnership Station (APS) medical training team members along with medical personnel from the U.S. Naval Hospital in Naples, Italy, traveled to Douala to mentor Cameroon military members at the region's two military hospitals between March 13 and March 16.

The four days of classes consisted of classroom lectures and practical skill demonstrations that built on last year's tactical combat casualty care course.

This marks a positive sign of progress as the APS staff transition from their role as teachers into the role of mentors watching the Cameroonian military hospital staff lead training themselves, said Chief Petty Officer Blake Cooper, a medical planner at Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Africa. "The Cameroonians have always been eager to have us here and enthusiastic about learning," said Chief Cooper. "The goal has always been to have the Cameroon military teach themselves with no assistance from APS." The APS team answered questions when needed, but the

training was led entirely by Cameroonian hospital staff. "They have always possessed the capabilities to be successful on their own, our staff helped bring them together to organize a more structured learning environment," said Cooper. "We are here to watch and answer questions."

The military hospital has not only benefited from training assistance but also improvement and expansion to the facility itself.

During a tour of the grounds, Cameroonian Colonel Abeng Mbozo'o, chief medical officer of the hospital, pointed out the areas where construction will begin on additional buildings, as well as renovations to some of the older structures.

"Our goal is to continue to move forward in every possible way and to be able to help other facilities become successful as well," said Mbozo'o.

The APS visit ended with a graduation ceremony for the military members that participated in the week's course.

APS is an international security cooperation initiative facilitated by Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa, aimed at strengthening global maritime partnerships to improve maritime safety and security in Africa.



The modern towns of Ercolano and Portici rise around the ruins of ancient Herculaneum, which was destroyed in the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 A.D.

The lost city of Herculaneum

Story and photos by Laura Byrd

They might have thought they were safe at first.

Running from a light dusting of ash, the people who lived in Herculaneum watched as Mount Vesuvius awoke from 800 years of dormancy with a massive eruption during an August afternoon in 79 A.D. Volcanic ash shot thousands of feet into the air, blowing massive pieces of debris onto neighboring Pompeii, collapsing buildings and suffocating people instantly. Pompeii was smothered while the winds seemed to favor Herculaneum – until late that night.

Well after midnight, a pyroclastic surge suddenly descended rapidly down the mountain, devouring the waterfront hamlet, killing everyone instantly with intense heat. Mercifully fast, the molten lava that flowed over the city incinerated people instantly. The combination of ash, soot, gas and boiling mud with a temperature of nearly 932 degrees Fahrenheit carbonized both bone and wood – preserving corpses and buildings for centuries to come.

The lethal flow buried Herculaneum under a thick blanket of ash, soot and lava almost 60 feet deep. Hidden and forgotten for several hundred years after the catastrophic event, new communities were built on the site centuries later. Today the towns of Ercolano and Portici sit precariously close to the excavation that continues to reveal what really happened the day Vesuvius claimed the lives of the inhabitants.

Originally named after the Greek hero Hercules, Herculaneum's founding dates back to the 6th century B.C. The Greeks believed Hercules was the creator of Mt. Vesuvius and worshipped both him and his lover, believed to be Venus. By 89 B.C. Rome had captured the city, and many distinguished and wealthy Romans owned second homes in Herculaneum. Considered a luxurious vacation destination, home owners had private boats moored in the boat houses along what was the town's waterfront. It was here that modern day excavations would eventually reveal hundreds of skeletons – many more victims than were originally thought to have died in the

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Laura Byrd

city. With ample time to flee, residents had evacuated the city and fled to the water, presumably to escape by boat, only to perish when the flow hit the shoreline at more than 100 miles per hour.

Today, excavating the site continues to be a challenge due to the close proximity of the towns later built on the original site. A mystery hidden in the depths of the earth for centuries, it remained largely undiscovered until 1981 when public works employees stumbled on bones while digging a drainage ditch.

Although a Spanish engineer began excavation of the city in 1738, and subsequent efforts to excavate the city did result in the recovery of many art pieces, efforts to fully excavate Herculaneum were abandoned when Pompeii was discovered in the late 18th century. With the accidental discovery of human remains at Herculaneum decades later, inter-



Herculaneum was considered a luxurious vacation destination for Romans before Mt. Vesuvius' lethal eruption in 79 A.D., which buried the seaside town under nearly 60 feet of ash, soot and lava.

est was renewed and an American anthropologist, Sara Bisel, was brought in to oversee the excavation in 1982 with funding from the National Geographic Society.

Originally only 55 bodies were discovered, but as archaeologists continued to explore and expanded the excavation toward the boat houses, the remains of over 300 people were eventually found. Close examination revealed gruesome details – the intense heat had resulted in the explosion of skulls and fracture of bones and teeth.

But because the vaporization happened so quickly, the corpses were unusually well preserved, found in their original positions at the time of death.

This remarkable preservation can be seen today in the vivid frescoes and architectural detail still intact in the private homes and public houses of Herculaneum. More intimate and abundant with detail than the neighborhoods of Pompeii, it is easy to imagine life in the village as you walk the streets lined with entire homes and enter the



The intense heat and pyroclastic flow from Mt. Vesuvius' eruption preserved the corpses of many people who died in the blast.



Above and below: The buildings at Herculaneum still contain well preserved Roman frescoes and mosaics.

rooms still embellished with colorful murals from ancient Rome.

Only about a 20-minute drive from Naples, Herculaneum can be fully explored in two hours. Many of the objects of everyday Roman life that were excavated during the twentieth century are displayed in the museum at the site. Some art objects uncovered prior to modern-day excavations are housed at the National Archaeological Museum of Naples.

For more information, visit www.pompeiiisites.org. To reach the information about Herculaneum, select "English" as the language, and click on the tab "Archaeological Sites," where you can then select Herculaneum. You can browse information about the archaeological site using the menu on the right.

