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Throughout the history of NAS Sigonella there have been several floods and other natural disasters which challenged the base and tested our response capabilities. In recent memory there was the 2005 floods which caused us to really evaluate our ability to respond to a crisis. A lot of lessons were learned and those lessons are still being integrated and tested throughout NASSIG. In looking at the past year with the earthquake in Haiti and the volcano in Iceland which is still causing issues with travel, I am more convinced more than ever that we cannot become complacent with respect to emergency preparations. These events have proven that the unexpected can strike at any time, and

we cannot just stay prepared during the rainy season when a flood is a major concern. We must always be ready for an emergency or crisis. To best protect yourself and your dependents against the unexpected, everyone should be in a constant state of preparedness by knowing what to do and what materials to have in order to survive an emergency. If you haven't already been preparing for emergencies, now is a good time to update your family disaster supplies kit and review your NEO Kit for completeness. Your NEO Kit should have your valuable information pre-staged to go in a hurry if an evacuation becomes necessary. Emergency supplies should consist of food, drinking and

flushing water, toiletries, and supplies for your pets to last at least three days in the event of an emergency. Other key items that should be on hand are flashlights, a radio and a first aid kit. The Red Cross has a complete list of emergency items at the following site: <http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared/supplies.html> In addition to stocking up on emergency supplies, knowing what to do is essential to surviving an emergency. You should know and discuss with your family members what to do in an emergency. This can be as simple as knowing the fire escape routes from your home to knowing what procedures need to be followed if the base

announces that Shelter in Place has gone in effect or the base has gone into FPCON Delta. Knowing this information will not only prepare you and your loved ones for emergencies but also instill the confidence of what to do when one occurs. It is important to remember that these provisions are meant to prepare us for unforeseen future events. The need for this preparation among the military and dependants was made extremely clear during the 2005 Flood. The lessons we learned then shaped how we look at Emergency Management now. The current readiness of our service members and dependents will directly effect how NAS Sigonella survives the next large scale emergency no



matter what form it may take. So remember, even though these precautions take extra time, resources and planning, they are a small price to pay to survive the next emergency that challenges NAS Sigonella.

BLOOD-SUCKERS: DON'T BE A VICTIM

By: ENS Michael Bowe-Rahming
US Naval Hospital Sigonella

Summer time is almost upon us. We'll be pulling out our bikes, climbing volcanoes, camping, travelling to far-away places and hitting the beach. Well, we're not the only ones coming out in force. A well-known member to our community will also be enjoying the warmer climate and in some cases some fresh blood - the MOSQUITO!

Not only are mosquitoes a nuisance, but they transmit many harmful diseases. Malaria, encephalitis and West Nile Virus are only a few common diseases mosquitoes can transmit to humans and animals. The mosquito life cycle has four stages, three of which primarily require water for development. Elimination of this "standing water" can minimize the number of mosquitoes.

You may not know that certain breeds of mosquitoes are strong flyers and may travel up to 50 miles away from their breeding sites. Since we cannot control the surrounding farm lands, we must be more vigilant on our end to help maintain what is

within our control. You can make the difference and eliminate these potential breeding grounds that welcome these pests to your backyard. How you ask? By Emptying swimming pools, toys in the backyard, planting pots, spare tires, anything lying around that water can collect in. Even that empty beer can left out from

last weekend can become potential breeding grounds for mosquitoes. So be vigilant and monitor your yard for such hazards. Here are additional recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC):

"The most important step is to eliminate potential breeding habitats for mosquitoes. Get rid of any standing water around the home, including water in potted plant dishes, garbage cans, old tires, gutters, ditches, wheelbarrows, bird baths, hollow trees, and wading pools. Any standing water should be drained, including abandoned or unused swimming pools. Mosquitoes can breed in any puddle that lasts more than four days. Make sure windows and screen doors are "bug tight." Replace outdoor lights with yellow "bug" lights. Wear headnets, long-sleeved shirts,

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CHAPLAIN CORNER



Chaplain Wilson

I leave you with this . . . PT 1

My time at NAS Sigonella is winding down. In less than three months I will be PCSing to a new duty station. So, I want to take the next few articles that I have left and share with you some things I have learned from this great duty station. As I reflect upon my three years here I have been reminded of some positive things that I would like to share.

The most important and meaningful thing that I have gained from being here is family. No, I know I have a family back home. No, I did not have children while stationed here. What I mean is that I have established friendships that have been life altering and absolutely beneficial to my well being. I have gained some friendships that have greatly impacted me and that have positively influenced my life.

I used to not like people. Let me clarify. I used to be less likely to socialize more than I had to. I have been forced, both by my role and the uniqueness of SIG to change my approach and attitude. This has greatly changed me for the better. Because of this I have gained, as I said, many great friends.

By being involved in the lives of oth-

ers I have gained friendships with co-workers, at tenant commands, within the church congregations, and most of all within my neighborhood. If you live in Mineo and have ever attended a block party you know what I mean. There is a bonding that takes place that has such a positive influence you cannot help but be edified and changed for the better.

As a matter of fact the friendships that I have gained have turned into ones that I would begin to classify as one similar to a family. When you begin to eat multiple meals with, vacation with, celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, and spend Thanksgiving and Christmas with these friends then you reach a new class of friendship. Linda and I have had the chance to do this on more than one occasion and it has been wonderful. We have been brought into a family that has had a great impact on us and for this I feel blessed.

It is amazing what you gain when you get out and spend time with people. This community is invaluable in the personnel you will meet. If you are new here it is important that you get out and spend time with people and gain these same friendships and build these same bonds. When you do this you will gain friends for life. You too will gain a new family.

So, as I look back at my time here I am reminded of gaining friendships and more particularly being adopted by a bunch of families. While I will miss being connected the way I have with these friends on a constant level and separated by time and space, I will never forget the memories that I have of these great individuals and families. I will remember the faces and conversations. I will remember the good times and the bad. I will remember the fact that I have gained new members of my family.

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NAVY NEWS

Motorcycle Enthusiasts Host Wreath-Laying Ceremony at Navy Memorial

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- More than 400 motorcycle enthusiasts affiliated with Rolling Thunder, Inc., a non-profit nation-wide organization dedicated to increasing awareness for U.S. Prisoner of War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA) concerns, gathered at the Navy Memorial May 29 to recognize veterans past and present.

The wreath-laying ceremony came as a precursor to what has become a Memorial Day weekend tradition for more than two decades, a national gathering of motorcycle enthusiasts in Washington drawing more than 70,000 participants, several of whom are veterans of conflicts.

Incorporated in 1995, Rolling Thunder, Inc., is a non-profit organization with nearly 90 chartered chapters in the United States and members abroad, united in the cause to bring full accountability for POWs and MIAs of all wars, encouraging individuals through a variety of demonstrations, parades and community outreach events to ensure service members are accorded respect, evidenced through the organization's watchwords, "We Will Not Forget."

Lt. Cmdr. (ret) Pete Zaleski, Rolling Thunder, Inc. national veteran's rights officer, served as the event's guest speaker, addressing a crowd comprised largely of Vietnam-era veterans on the importance of both the organization's mission, as well as recognizing all U.S. citizens choosing to serve their country's armed forces.

"Today at the Navy Memorial, home to the collective history of our Nation's Navy, Rolling Thunder is here to honor not only our Sailors, but all veterans of all wars," he said. "Rolling Thunder is here again this Memorial Day weekend as we have been for the past 22 years to show resolve in reminding our government that there are still those whose war has never ended."

Zaleski, a prior-enlisted

Vietnam-era Navy veteran, along with Navy veteran Taylor Kiland, Navy Memorial public relations director, placed a wreath purchased by Rolling Thunder, Inc., at the foot of the Lone Sailor during the ceremony. The ceremony also included the playing of Taps, as well as a moment of silence, an emotional moment evidenced by the faces of the crowd.

Zaleski also addressed the changing role of the U.S. Sailor today, saying that despite the difference in which conflicts are conducted, the men and women in uniform will continue to have the respect and admiration of Rolling Thunder, Inc.

"Our military will win this war on terrorism," he said. "In this war we have Sailors serving on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan side by side with our Marines, Soldiers and Airmen. Many of our countrymen and members of Rolling Thunder are behind our men and women whom we've sent in harm's way. We're behind them 110 percent."

Service members from conflicts dating from the 1950's attended the event, along with individuals from more recent U.S. military operations.

Tennessee native Engineman 1st Class (ret.) Kenney Hensley said attending the Rolling Thunder, Inc., wreath-laying ceremony reaffirmed his conviction on the importance of having been an active-duty Sailor during Operation Desert Storm.

"For us older veterans and even for active-duty, this is therapeutic," said Hensley. "I have spent a lot of hours in the engine room on a ship, gone from home, doing my duty. Some of it was fun and some of it was hard. But looking back on it all, it was the best thing that ever happened to me in my life. I am proud to be a Navy veteran."



100529-N-4178C-002 WASHINGTON (May 29, 2010) Lt. Cmdr. Pete Zaleski (ret.) renders a salute during colors at the Rolling Thunder wreath-laying ceremony at the U.S. Navy Memorial. This event and the May 30 Rolling Thunder motorcycle procession from the Pentagon to the Washington Monument is designed to honor service members classified as Prisoners of War or Missing in Action, as well as recognizing American veterans from all wars. (photo by MC1Bruce Cummins)

PHOTO FROM THE FLEET

Check in weekly to find out what our fellow shipmates are doing around the fleet.



photo by MCSN Eric Lockwood

100526-N-5878L-074 NEW YORK (May 26, 2010) Sailors and Marines salute Ground Zero as the multi-purpose amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima (LHD7) arrives to participate in Fleet Week New York 2010. Approximately 3,000 Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen are participating in the 23rd Fleet Week New York, which will take place May 26 through June 2. Fleet Week has been New York City's celebration of the sea services since 1984.

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What is Social Networking?

Social network is the building and grouping of online communities of people who share interests, activities, and meeting individuals from different groups. Most social networking sites are most popular online. The internet is filled with millions of individuals who are looking to meet other people, to gather and share first-hand information and experiences about golfing, gardening developing friendships, professional alliances, and finding employment.

When it comes to online social networking, websites are commonly used. These websites are known as social sites. Social networking websites function like an online community of internet users. Depending on the website in question, many of these online community members share

common interests in hobbies religion, or politics. Once you are granted access to a social networking website you can begin to socialize. The most popular social networking sites are facebook, twitter, myspace, linked-in and YouTube.

The friends that you can make are just one of the many benefits to social networking online. Another one of those benefits includes diversity because the internet gives individuals from all around the world access to social networking sites. This means that although you are in the United States, you could develop an online friendship with someone in Italy or Germany. Not only will you make new friends, but you just might learn a thing or two about new cultures or new lan-

guages and learning is always a good thing.

There are dangers associated with social networking including data theft and viruses, which are on the rise. The most prevalent danger is online predators or individuals who claim to be someone that they are not. By being aware of your cyber-surrounding and who you are talking to, you should be able to safely enjoy social networking online.

The Fleet and Family Support Center will be offering a course on Navigating the Social Networking World on 15 June 1300-1500. This course will discuss how to navigate the social networking sites and how to secure your privacy and safety while maintaining contacts with friends and family from around the world.

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Italian News

Housing Italian employee wins 'Eyes on Malta' video competition

(Story by Malta Tourism Authority) The Malta Tourism Authority announced the results of the 'Eyes on Malta' video competition organized on its website visitmalta.com and Youtube during 2009.

The competition, which ended on 31 December 2009, called for participants to submit videos highlighting their own personal impression of Malta as a unique holiday destination.

A total of 23 videos were received, originating from the UK, Italy, Germany, Austria, Malta, the USA, Hungary and Ukraine. The videos were uploaded on a dedicated

channel on the popular video-sharing website Youtube. Participants were encouraged to publicize their video by sharing it with their online friends to increase visibility and improve their chances of ranking high.

A judging panel from the Malta Tourism Authority reviewed all submissions and decided to award the first prize to the video 'FASCINATING MALTA' by Angelo Fragala' from Italy.

"I did not expect to win this important competition because of the high level of participants who had submitted a lot of professional doc-

umentaries from every part of the world. During the preparation of this video, I combined my great passion for film direction and photography - that I have been cultivating since I was child - with my architecture college background. I am very proud to have represented my country and Sicily at the award ceremony before the officials of the Malta Tourism Authority," Fragala said.

The winning video can be watched at: www.youtube.com/user/eyesonmalta#p/u/11/4BX_Dh4kqjM

Italy's First Champion Magician Is Only 17

(Story by Stefano Rodi / Corriere della Sera)

At the age of 17, he can keep 1,500 people spellbound and staring open-jawed into the air. Mesmerizing an audience is a huge thrill for a youngster and on Saturday, the budding Harry Potter in question, Luca Bono, became Italy's first champion magician. Luca shot to fame two years ago when he made his legendary Nimbus 2000 broomstick fly round the packed hall of the Palais de Saint Vincent. It was an illusion, of course, but no one saw through it. Noses remained upturned and jaws duly dropped. Last Saturday, in the same hall, Luca defeated 19 other finalists, selected from 150 candidates up and down Italy, at Italy's first magic championship recognized by FISM, the Fédération International Société de Magie. "My love for magic started by chance, when I had to give up another passion. I used to race karts

when I was 12 but I was seriously injured in an accident and ended up in hospital. My older brother used to visit me while I was convalescing and one day he did a few magic tricks to amuse me. I couldn't go anywhere so I had to watch".

When Luca was mobile again, one of the first places he went was the Circolo Amici della Magia in Turin. The spell began to take hold. He was well and truly hooked when he met actor, cabaret artist and stage director Arturo Bracchetti, the man who revived quick-change artistry. Luca says: "I may not be able to see the audience when I'm performing but I can sense their presence. It's an odd feeling but I know instantly what has most impact and I work on that. At the Circolo degli Amici della Magia, when I tried out the trick that later won me the championship, I knew it was working when I got applause where I wasn't expecting it". Even magicians

make mistakes but spells can put things rights. "We're lucky. If a singer hits a wrong note, there's no way of disguising the fact. But I've nearly always been able to get away with my mistakes and the audience has been none the wiser".

Luca exudes confidence, especially when he is manipulating ropes, handkerchiefs, doves and playing cards. Clearly, this is a teenager who is having a great time. "I love magic, and not just on stage. It's part of my life. I live in magic". He hasn't got superpowers but his hands accomplish the seemingly impossible as he makes things appear and disappear. "I enjoy astonishing my friends, although I can understand why they don't want to play cards with me". What about school? "Magic helps there, too, especially when we've got a math test. But please don't write that".

Italian NEWS

Sicilian Culture, Events and Lifestyle



Alberto Lunetta
The Signature Staff



Racketeering victims work with police, Italian Government continues to crack down on Mafia

(Story by ANSA/ADN)

Palermo - Four suspected members of a prominent Palermo Cosa Nostra family were arrested last week after victims of extortion rackets worked with police, judicial sources said.

A former Palermo soccer player, Gaetano Vasari, who helped the city's club return to Serie A in 2003 before retiring to open a bakery, was one of the victims, police said.

Police said the collaboration of the racket victims was "very important".

In recent years there have been several campaigns by the government and business organizations to help firms shake off protection rackets. A total 5,300 mafia members have been arrested since the current conservative government took office two years ago, according to Italian interior minister Roberto Maroni. During that period, the government seized 11 billion euros worth of mafia assets and arrested 360 mafia fugitives, including 24 of the 30 "most dangerous," Maroni said. During that period, the government seized 11 billion euros worth of mafia assets and arrested 360 mafia fugitives, including 24 of the 30 "most dangerous," Maroni said.

As reported by EH.com, locals call the extortion racket "Pizzo", and experts agree that this criminal activity is Mafia's core business, bringing in a steady cash flow which finances its worldwide operations. But "Pizzo" offers much more than just a large financial gain: the protection

racket is Mafia's way to affirm its control over a city, sending the message "I own this place, so you must give me a share of anything you earn, and you must ask my approval for anything you do." Recently, things have started changing for the better: the association of Italian business owner is now expelling from its ranks anyone who pays the "Pizzo." Police has been very successful in taking into custody Mafia bosses, whilst at the same time confiscating Mafia's financial assets. Business owner who have said no to Pizzo are increasingly joining an association called AddioPizzo (Goodbye Pizzo) which put them in contact with thousands of Sicilians who are tired of the Mafia and are willing to buy only mob-free products. The association AddioPizzo is really hitting the Mafia where it hurts, and its leaders now lives in constant danger of a terrible retribution: their popularity is their only defense, since Mafia knows that if AddioPizzo leaders were killed today, thousands of people would take the street in protest, and new stronger leaders would inevitably emerge. So everything depends on national and international attention: the moment we forget about AddioPizzo, Mafia will destroy them without too much fuss, maybe killing a few and spreading negative rumors about the others.

Italian police recently arrested seven people on the southern island of Sicily for crimes, including an alleged attempt to kill the head of a

local football team more than a decade ago. Police conducted early morning raids in the central Sicilian city of Caltanissetta and the southern coastal town of Gela. Several people were charged with crimes including mafia association, attempted murder, extortion, and robbery.

Among those detained was a doctor suspected of providing the mafia with names of potential extortion targets. Anti-mafia investigators suspect the mafia was involved in public works corruption and efforts to control the Gela football club, Juveterranova, which reopened under new management as Gela Calcio in 2006. Investigators said the alleged crimes dated back to September 1998 when Fabrizio Lisciandra, Juveterranova's president, was shot in the leg during a failed attempt to kill him for refusing to resign from his position in favour of someone handpicked by a local mafia boss.

A regional official and a local businessman were among six people arrested in the Sicilian city of Enna two weeks ago for suspected mafia links. Calogero Silvio La Malfa, 51, has no previous criminal record and works in a government tourism office in Sicily. He has been suspended from his post.

Italy's justice minister Angelino Alfano praised Tuesday's operation saying it showed the Italian authorities' unrelenting determination to fight the mafia. "This operation is the

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Photo by EPA

Italian policemen display photographs of Mafia boss Raccuglia, who was arrested a few months ago in Calatafimi, in the province of Trapani, after fifteen years of hiding.

Strawberry Festival in Maletto starts this weekend

Signonella strawberry-lovers should not miss this family oriented community food event taking place in Maletto's historic center this weekend (June 4 through 6). The festival kicks off tonight at 6 p.m. in the main square (piazza XXIV Maggio) and will feature: strawberry cakes, strawberry jam, strawberry syrup, strawberry ice cream and, of course, strawberries galore.

Festival highlights include the following tasting of strawberry-based specialties: June 5 - 7 p.m./piazza IV Novembre: "Degustazione specialità varie alla fragola" (strawberry specialties); June 6 - 12:30 p.m./piazza IV Novembre: "Risotto alla fragola" (strawberry risotto); June 6 - 4:30 p.m.: "Degustazione

prodotti dolciari a base di fragola" (strawberry cakes); June 6 - 6 p.m.: "Grande torta alla fragola" (huge record-breaking strawberry cake weighing over 2,200 pounds).

Hot-air balloon rides will also be available on June 5 and 6 at 6:30 p.m. Music shows will be staged every night at 9 p.m. in the heart of the town. The festival will also feature Sicilian food specialties, street artists' performances, arts and crafts and guided tours of the historic center.

For more information, directions and detailed schedules visit www.comune.maletto.ct-egov.it/Eventi/

Berlusconi Says Italian Cuts Necessary to Defend Euro

Story by Bloomberg

Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said Italy's planned 24.9 billion euros (\$30.4 billion) of budget cuts over the next two years are "absolutely necessary" to defend the euro and protect Italy.

The measures are part of a European effort to convince investors the region can control budget deficits and shore up the euro, which has fallen 15 percent this year. The package aims to reduce Italy's budget gap an additional 1.6 percent of gross domestic product to bring the shortfall within the EU limit of 3 percent of GDP in 2012 from 5.3 percent last year.

"The sacrifices requested are absolutely necessary to defend our currency," Berlusconi said at a press conference in Rome last night to explain the measures. "Defending the euro today means saving Italy's future."

Fallout from Greece's near default led to a surge in borrowing costs in southern Europe on concern about rising deficits in Portugal and Spain and Italy's ability to finance the region's biggest debt. European Union leaders set up a 750 billion-euro financial lifeline this month to backstop the region and defend the euro, prompting Italy, Spain and Portugal to agree to additional deficit cuts.

Wage Freeze

Italy's measures include a 10 percent budget cut for ministries, 4.5 billion euros in reduced transfers to regional governments, a partial amnesty on illegal building, a crackdown on tax evasion and a three-year wage freeze for civil servants.

The International Monetary Fund's executive board praised Italy's pledge to cut the deficit. Containing govern-

ment wages "should remain a key element of the consolidation strategy," the board said in a statement released last night.

European Central Bank Executive Board member Lorenzo Bini Smaghi said last year's deficit would have been just over 3 percent if between 1998 and



Photo by Il Giornale

2008 "salaries in the public sector had been in line with the ones in the private one," according to a letter published today in daily Corriere della Sera. "The budget adjustment would have likely been more contained."

Berlusconi said that while public spending that accounts for about half of GDP needed to be scaled back, the measures also aim to combat tax evasion and rein in the underground economy. Those steps include requiring the use of credit cards, checks or other traceable means for any transactions of more than 5,000 euros.

Italy misses out on about 100 billion euros a year in unpaid taxes and that helps create Europe's second-biggest underground economy after Greece, worth about 270 billion euros, or 22 percent of GDP, Berlusconi said. The

plan also calls for a crackdown on false disability claims. Italy pays 16 billion euros a year in benefits to 2.7 million people claiming disabilities, Finance Minister Giulio Tremonti said.

"It makes you wonder whether a country like that can still be competitive," he said at the press conference.

The health-care system would not be affected by the deficit cuts, Tremonti said.

Italy's unions were divided over the measures, with the CGIL, the nation's largest, saying it would call for a general strike in June to protest the cuts. The CISL and UIL unions have so far not called for protests.

"It is encouraging that most of the correction is taking place through expenditure cuts, rather than through higher taxes," Davide Stroppa, economist with UniCredit SpA in Milan, wrote in a note to investors yesterday.

Italy's budget gap of 5.3 percent of GDP last year was less than half that of Greece, Ireland and Spain, which have the region's highest deficits. Italy plans to reduce its shortfall to 2.7 percent of GDP in 2012, a year before Spain and Portugal get within the EU limit, and two years before Greece. Italy has still been buffeted by the contagion because it has the region's biggest debt at 115.8 percent of GDP.

The premium investors demand to buy Italy's 10-year bonds over German bunds, the European benchmark, fell 11 basis point to 136.9 yesterday, almost twice the level at the start of 2010. Spain's spread against Germany reached 155.90 basis points, more than twice its average over the past year.

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Asian Pacific American Heritage

"Diverse Leadership for a Diverse Workforce"

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Kartodromo Inn

The Filipino-American Association and the Heritage Committee will be spearheading an evening of songs, dances, and Asian-Pacific cuisine on Sunday, June 6th, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

The month of May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, a time to commemorate and celebrate the many accomplishments and contributions of immigrant, refugee, and American born Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders who through sacrifice, perseverance, education, government, and leadership have helped transform this country into the greatest and most benevolent nation in history. Early Asian Pacific-Americans worked long hours for little pay and were discriminated against just for being different. Today, Asian Pacific-Americans earn more, own more, and are better educated than all other American minorities (U.S. Census, 2007). It is through vision, sacrifice, and perseverance that Asian Pacific-Americans have accomplished so much since they first arrived in this land of opportunity in 1843. Let us take time this month of May to celebrate the many achievements and contributions Asian Pacific-Americans have made to the United States.

"Our nation is diverse; our Navy must be no less so. When we recognize and capitalize on the strength that diversity brings to the Navy, we are better able to develop new ideas and reach out to partners around the world.

America's greatest asset is not our assembly lines or weapons systems, or even our great ships, submarines, and airplanes...it's our people." - Vice Adm. Harry B. Harris, Jr, Commander, U.S. 6th Fleet

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Calling All Photo Junkies!

If you want to take in a new hobby or if you want to advance your photography skills, this club is for you. The Sigonella Photography Club is looking for new members to join for discussions on how to take better pictures, camera care, photo challenges, processing and monthly field trips. We meet every first Wednesday of each month at the Marinai Community Center at 6PM. For more information contact Angela Andrieux x-0681 or find us on Facebook by searching for "Sigonella Photography Club".

It's PCS Season! Are Your Pets Vaccines Up To Date?

In order to travel by air, dogs and cats must have a rabies vaccine less than a year old and more than 30 days old. Pets must also have a valid health certificate. If you are traveling by military air, health certificates can be provided at the Veterinary Treatment Facility located on NAS I within 14 days of travel. If you are flying commercial, an official Italian veterinarian must examine your animal within 6 days of travel. More information on commercial travel is available at the clinic. Please stop by for our PCS packet which will walk you through getting an Italian health certificate.

The veterinarian will be TDY 10-13 May, 21-31 May, and 7-11 June. Vaccinations cannot be given during this time, so please plan ahead and make sure your pet's rabies vaccine will be 30 days or older at the time of travel. If you are PCSing anywhere other than the continental United States, please ask your sponsor for specific pet import requirements. For example, pets traveling to Hawaii must start the process at least 120 days from expected arrival date! Please plan ahead and call the vet clinic at 624-4258 if you have any questions.

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A Stone's Throw

Cefalu: the ideal summer day

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Signature Staff

Cefalu is a picturesque city lying on the northern coast of Sicily in the province of Palermo. The city's coastline of lava rock and sandy beaches lies on the clear turquoise waters of the Tyrrhenian Sea.

The skyline of the city is dominated by a large mountain called the "Rocca" which is topped by the remains of a medieval castle.

The heart of the city was built into the lower slope of the rock. Cobble stone streets line the town center leading to the Piazza Duomo where the 11th century Norman Cathedral of Cefalu stands.

Site: For things to see and do, Cefalu gets a rating of four stars. What the city may lack in historical ruins and museums compared to other places like Agrigento, it makes up for with its beautiful beaches, shopping and scenic views. That is why only one star was removed from this category. That is not to say the city is without

historical sites or significance. The cathedral is definitely worth visiting. The architecture, stone work and intricate painting inside make for great photo opportunities.

The view from the castle atop the summit is worth the walk up. It allows for expansive views of the entire town and coastline below.

However, the real attractions are the beaches and shops. There are several "lidos," or beaches, to choose from which are very popular spots.

If you feel like venturing off the beaten path, you can find stairways leading down to more secluded sections of coastline consisting of lava rock. Either way, the water is very temperate and makes for very enjoyable swimming. There are many shops to choose from throughout the town. Intricate Roman and Greek style potteries are common in the shops and make for nice souvenirs.

Family Friendly: Cefalu only rates three stars in this category for the simple reason that the town is not very handicap or stroller accessible.



(Above) Umbrellas line the beaches of Cefalu.

(Below) Old fishermen's dwellings line the water with the "Rocca" in the background.



The rocky coastline of Cefalu with a lighthouse overlooking the old harbor.

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REVIEW SUMMARY

Site:



Family Friendly:



Accessibility:



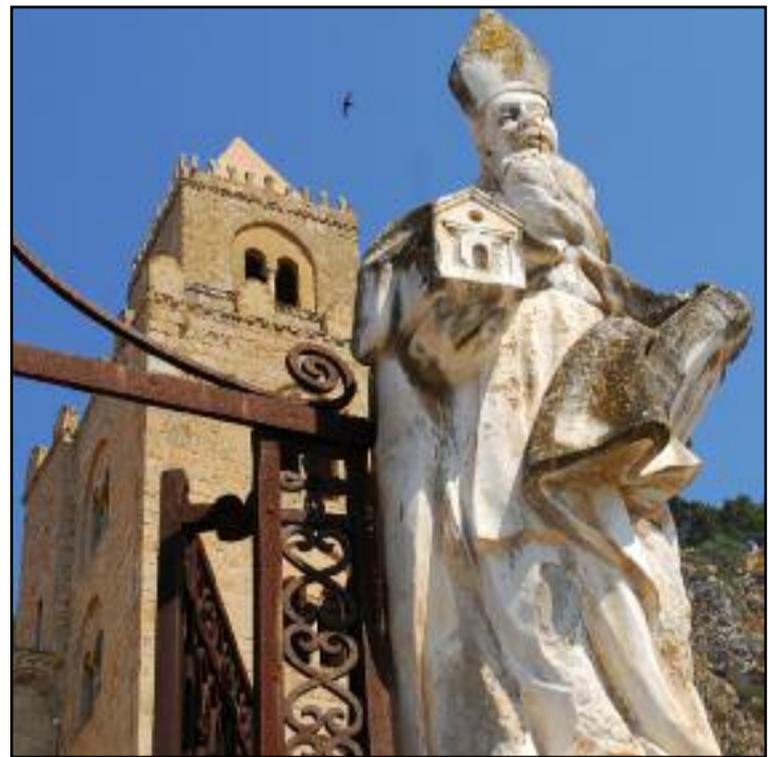
Travel Time:



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(Above) The popular beaches of Cefalu stretch along a large portion of the city. The town is almost entirely built around the beaches. (Left) The Cathedral of Cefalu in the shadow of the moountain known as the "Rocca."



The sloping streets, limited handicap access to the beaches and the climb up the mountain to get to the castle make it difficult for anyone with small children or a disability to get around.

With that said, there is plenty to do for families with children. The beaches are clean and safe. The traffic in the streets is very light and mostly consists of scooters. There are family friendly restaurants along the beach with outdoor seating and there are

plenty of cafes with cool drinks and gelato to fight the heat during the hot summer months.

Accessibility: The trip to Cefalu gets five stars for ease of travel because the trip was offered through ITT. ITT hosts regular trips to Cefalu and busses passengers there in the morning and returns them to base in the evening. It is not difficult to reach the town by a privately owned vehicle. The route is mostly along main roads with very little twists and turns.

To get to Cefalu take A-19 (Catania to Messina). Followed by A-20 (Messina to Palermo). Take the Cefalu Cefalu exit.

Travel Time: For travel time, this trip rates two stars because it take close to three hours by bus. Traveling by a privately owned vehicle will take anywhere from two to three hours.

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GOT SHOES??

Did you know that last year alone, Americans discarded more than 300 million pairs of shoes?!? Sadly, this is the EXACT number of children worldwide who live each day without any shoes at all. That is nearly 16% of the world's population of children!

Sigonella's Girl Scouts, in collaboration with the charitable organization SOLES4SOULS, are conducting a base-wide shoe drive from May 22nd – June 12th.

Since 2005, Soles4Souls has given away over 7 million pairs of new and gently worn shoes! The shoes have been distributed to people in over 125 countries, including Kenya, Thailand, Haiti and the

United States. Currently, Soles4Souls distributes one pair of shoes every 9 seconds!

Please support the Girl Scouts and join in our effort as we hope to follow Soles4Souls' motto, "changing the world, one pair at a time." Take this opportunity to do some spring cleaning and empty out your family's closets. We will accept any type of gently worn shoes – children's or adults'. Look for donation receptacles throughout base, or drop off shoes directly at the Matella's House 2302 B Sigona, Marinai. Point of Contact: Kristen Matella 624-1466 OR kristenmatella@yahoo.com.



Do you have a passion for writing or are you looking for a little experience in journalism? Do you ever read the stories here and think you'd like to add to our growing archive of travel articles? Does your command have something special going on that you think deserves to be in the paper? If so, The Signature is looking for you! We are seeking volunteers to help cover base-wide events as well as feature stories. If this sounds like an opportunity you would be interested in please call the Public Affairs Office at 624-5440.

Ristorante Bella Etna

4	<p>*Breakfast: Rolled Oats, Grilled Sausage Links, Oven Fried Bacon, Asstd Omelets, Eggs to Order, Roasted Potatoes, Waffles, Asstd Doughnuts, Cinnamon Rolls.</p> <p>*Lunch: Cream of Mushroom Soup, Beef Stir Fry, Tempura Fish, Baked Fish, Steamed Rice, Calico Cabbage, Herbed Broccoli, Strawberry Cake, Lemon Meringue Pie, Fruit Gelatin.</p> <p>Speed line: Grilled Cheese/Hamburger, Baked Beans, French Fried Potatoes, RIKPAK.</p> <p>*Dinner: Egg Drop Soup, Chicken Cacciatore, Roast Beef, Rice Pilaf, Southern Green Beans, Savory Squash, Strawberry Cake, Lemon Meringue Pie, Fruit Gelatin, RIKPAK.</p>
5	<p>*Breakfast: Farina, Grilled Ham Slices, Oven Fried Bacon, Asstd Omelets, Eggs to Order, Roasted Potatoes, Buttermilk Pancakes, Asstd Doughnuts, Crumb Cake.</p> <p>*Lunch: Breakfast Items, Chicken Gumbo Soup, Roast Pork, Cottage Fried Potatoes, Tossed Green Rice, Peas w/ Carrots, Cauliflower Au Gratin, Brown Gravy, Velvet Pound Cake, Vanilla Cream Pie.</p> <p>*Dinner: Zesty Bean Soup, Baked Italian Sausage, Veal Steak, Steamed Rice, Home Fried Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Savory Style Beans, Chicken Gravy, Velvet Pound Cake, Vanilla Cream Pie.</p>
6	<p>*Breakfast: Rolled Oats, Grilled Minute Steak, Oven Fried Bacon, Asstd Omelets, Eggs to Order, Roasted Potatoes, French Toast Puff, Asstd Doughnuts, Italian Croissant.</p> <p>*Brunch: Breakfast Items, Knickerbockers Soup, Chili Macaroni, Islander Rice, Corn O'Brien, Green Beans, Marble Cake, Sugar Cookies.</p> <p>*Lunch: Nutty Split Pea Soup, Roast Beef, Baked Fish, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Steamed Asparagus, Natural Pan Gravy, Marble Cake, Sugar Cookies.</p>
7	<p>*Breakfast: Rolled Oats, Grilled Sausage Links, Oven Fried Bacon, Asstd Omelets, Eggs to Order, Roasted Potatoes, Waffles, Asstd Doughnuts, Cinnamon Rolls.</p> <p>*Lunch: Chicken Gumbo Soup, Beef Yakisoba, Veal Parmesan, Steamed Rice, Oven Browned Potatoes, Green Peas, Seasoned Summer Squash, Spice Cake w/ Frosting, Vanilla Cookies, Fruit Gelatin..</p> <p>*Speed line: Assorted Pizza, RIKPAK.</p> <p>*Dinner: Minestrone Soup, Cantonese Spareribs, Cranberry Glazed Chicken, Pork Fried Rice, Lima Beans, Broccoli Parmesan, Spice Sake w/ Frosting, Vanilla Cookies, Fruit Gelatin, RIKPAK</p>
8	<p>*Breakfast: Farina, Oven Fried Bacon, Baked Sausage Patties, Asstd Omelets, Eggs to Order, Roasted Potatoes, Waffles, Biscuits and Gravy, Asstd Doughnuts, Blueberry Muffins.</p> <p>*Lunch: Egg Drop Soup, Sweet & Sour Pork, Chicken Chopsuey, Egg Foo Young, Chinese Fried Rice, Chow Mein Noodles, Oriental Fried Cabbage, Corn Kernel, Fruit Cocktail Upside Down Cake, Blueberry Pie.</p> <p>*Speed line: Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich, Onion Rings, Macaroni & Cheese, RIKPAK.</p> <p>Dinner: Cream of Broccoli Soup, Braised Beef Cubes, Shrimp Scampi, Seasoned Boiled Pasta, Spanish Style Beans, Carrots Slices, Fruit Cocktail Upside Down Cake, Blueberry Pie, RIKPAK.</p>
9	<p>*Breakfast: Rolled Oats, Creamed Ground Beef, Oven Fried Bacon, Asstd Omelets, Eggs to Order, Roasted Potatoes, Blueberry Pancakes, Biscuits, Asstd Doughnuts, Bear Claw.</p> <p>*Lunch: Beef Noodle Soup, Pepper Steak, Fish w/ Cherry Tomato Sauce, Bruschetta, Steamed Rice, Franconia Potatoes, Cream Style Corn, Eggplant Parmesan, Almond Cookies, Carrot Cake, Chocolate Pudding.</p> <p>*Speed line: Grilled Cheese/Hamburger, Baked Beans, French Fried Potatoes, RIKPAK.</p> <p>*Dinner: French Onion Soup, Corned Beef & Cabbage, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Steamed Rice, Potatoes Au Gratin, Club Spinach, Steamed Peas & Carrots, Almond Cookies, Carrot Cake, Chocolate Pudding, RIKPAK.</p>
10	<p>*Breakfast: Hominy Grits, Corned Beef Hash, Oven Fried Bacon, Asstd Omelets, Eggs to Order, Roasted Potatoes, French Toast, Asstd Doughnuts, Raisin Muffin.</p> <p>*Lunch: Vegetable Supreme Soup, Roast Porkloin, Honey Glazed Chicken, Steamed Rice, Roasted Garlic Potatoes, Seasoned Mix Vegetables, Club Spinach, Oatmeal Raisin Cookies, Cherry Cobbler.</p> <p>Speedline: Assorted Pizza, RIKPAK.</p> <p>*Dinner: Tomato Bouillon Soup, Roast Turkey, Swedish Meatballs, Red Beans w/ Rice, Mashed Potatoes, Natural Pan Gravy, Creole Green Beans, Corn Kernel, Oatmeal Raisin Cookies, Cherry Cobbler, RIKPAK.</p>
11	<p>*Breakfast: Rolled Oats, Grilled Sausage Patties, Oven Fried Bacon, Asstd Omelets, Eggs to Order, Roasted Potatoes, Waffles, Asstd Doughnuts, Cinnamon Rolls.</p> <p>*Lunch: Chicken Corn Chowder, Tempura Fish, Beef & Broccoli, Paprika Buttered Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Fried Okra, Spiced Cake w/ Frosting, Crisp Drop Cookies.</p> <p>Speed line: Grilled Cheese/Hamburger, Baked Beans, French Fried Potatoes, RIKPAK.</p> <p>*Dinner: Chicken Noodle Soup, Baked Fish, Grilled Steaks, Tossed Green Rice, Corn O'Brien, Lima Beans, Spiced Cake w/ Frosting, Crisp Drop Cookies, RIKPAK.</p>

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ON THE GO WITH MWR



Amici Club welcomes you!

Are you new to Sicily? In grades 1 through 5 or 6 through 12? Want to make some new friends quickly? Want to learn the basics about living here? Join the Amici Club.

Register at the Youth Center or Teen Center by Tuesday, July 27.

Meetings and club activities are free. All meetings will be held at the MWR Classroom, in Midtown, second floor near the Teen Center. Parents are welcome and encouraged to join, too.

Summer dates and program:

Friendship collage: (grades 1 through 5) Tuesday, August 3 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. for grades 6 through 12.

Simple Italian Words and Vocabulary Bingo: Wednesday, August 4 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. (grades 1 through 5) and 3 to 4 p.m. for grades 6 through 12. Prizes!

Italian Cooking Experience: Thursday, August 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. (all grades), Bruschetta and fruit salad, yummy! Practice your Italian by naming the fruits.

Entapolis Field Trip: Thursday, August 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (all grades): Have lunch at McDonalds and try the Italian gelato. Permission slip and 10 euro spending money required.

For information call the Youth Center at 624-3712.

Enjoy Bruschetta and fruit salad for all grades!

MIDTOWN MOVIE THEATERS

SCHEDULE & DESCRIPTIONS



HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON- Jay Baruchel, Gerard Butler, America Ferrera, Jonah Hill, Craig Furguson

A Viking teenager who is being trained to fight dragons encounters and ultimately befriends one of the flying fire-breathers. (93 min.)

SHREK FOREVER AFTER- Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz, Antonio Banderas, Jon Hamm

After challenging an evil dragon, rescuing a beautiful princess and saving your in-laws' kingdom, what's an ogre to do? Well, if you're Shrek, you suddenly wind up a domesticated family man. Instead of scaring villagers away like he used to, a reluctant Shrek now agrees to autograph pitch forks. What's happened to this ogre's roar? Longing for the days when he felt like a "real ogre," Shrek is duped into signing a pact with the smooth-talking dealmaker, Rumpelstiltskin. Shrek suddenly finds himself in a twisted, alternate version of Far Far Away, where ogres are hunted, Rumpelstiltskin is king and Shrek and Fiona have never met. Now, it's up to Shrek to undo all he's done in the hopes of saving his friends, restoring his world and reclaiming his one True Love. (93 min.)

PRINCE OF PERSIA: SANDS OF TIME- Jake Gyllenhaal, Gemma Arterton, Alfred Molina, Ben Kingsley, Steve Toussaint

Set in 9th century medieval Persia, a young adventurous prince uncovers a dangerous artifact in a remote mountain kingdom and with the help of an enemy princess, must stop a despot from unleashing a sandstorm that could destroy all mankind. (116 min.)

IRON MAN 2- Robert Downy Jr, Gwyneth Paltrow, Don Cheadle, Mickey Rourke, Sam Rockwell

The world is aware that billionaire inventor Tony Stark is the armored Super Hero Iron Man. Under pressure from the government, the press and the public to share his technology with the military, Tony is unwilling to divulge the secrets behind the Iron Man armor because he fears the information will slip into the wrong hands. With Pepper Potts, and James "Rhodey" Rhodes at his side, Tony forges new alliances and confronts powerful new forces. (125 min.)

DEATH AT A FUNERAL- Chris Rock, Martin Lawrence, Tracy Morgan, Danny Glover, Regina Hall

A day in the life of an American family who come together to put a beloved husband and father to rest. As mourners gather at the family home, shocking revelations, festering resentments, ugly threats, blackmail and a misdirected corpse unleash lethal mayhem. (90 min.)

REPO MAN- Jude Law, Forest Whitaker, Alice Braga, Live Schreiber, Carice van Houten

Humans have extended and improved our lives through expensive mechanical organs created by a company called The Union. The dark side of these medical breakthroughs is that if you don't pay your bill, The Union sends its highly skilled repo men to take back its property, with no concern for your comfort or survival. Remy is one of the best organ repo men in the business. When he suffers a cardiac failure on the job, he awakens to find himself fitted with the company's top-of-the-line heart-replacement as well as a hefty debt. A side effect of the procedure is that his heart's no longer in the job. When he can't make the payments, The Union sends its toughest enforcer, Remy's former partner Jake, to track him down. Now that the hunter has become the hunted, Remy joins Beth, another debtor who teaches him how to vanish from the system. They embark on a chase across a landscape populated by maniacal friends and foes, one man will become a champion for thousands on the run. (111 min.)

ROBIN HOOD- Russell Crowe, Cate Blanchett, William Hurt, Mark Strong, Mark Addy

In 13th century England, Robin and his band of marauders confront corruption in a local village and lead an uprising against the crown that will forever alter the balance of world power. (148 min.)

THE LAST SONG- Miley Cyrus, Liam Hemsworth, Greg Kinnear, Kelly Preston, Bobby Coleman

An estranged father living in a small Southern beach town gets a chance to spend the summer with his reluctant teenaged daughter, who would rather be home in New York. He tries to connect with her through the only thing they have in common-music. (107 min.)

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Send the kids to Camp!



Camp Adventure (SAC) & Camp A-OK

Prices are determined by income category & program. There is a 20 percent sibling discount on weekly programs. The drop in hourly care fee is \$3 per hour, which does not include the cost of the field trip. Camp A-OK is open to members who completed Kindergarten. Camp Adventure is for members in completed grades 1 - 5. Camp Andiamo (Marinai Mobile Camp) This camp is free. The cost per weekly field trips is \$15. Camp Andiamo is open to members in completed grades 3 - 9. Campers must participate in the camp at least one day a week in order to be eligible to attend the field trip.

Camp Avanti (Marinai)

This camp is free, on non field trip days. Field trips vary from 10-20 euro per week. Camp Avanti is open to members in completed grades 5 - 8. Campers must participate in the camp at least one day a week in order to be eligible to attend the field trip.

How to reserve a summer camp week and eligibility.

All camp slots must be reserved and paid for in advance from Monday to Wednesday for the following week. Full time SAC members and single/dual military will have first priority. On Thursday/Friday we will have "space available" slots only. It is highly recommended you secure your slots early in the week before we fill up or risk not having a slot. All youth must have a current registration packet.

For more information on the 2010 CYP (Child & Youth Programs) Summer Programs and Camp Adventure call the Youth Center at 624-3712.

What is Camp Adventure TM Youth Services?

Each summer Youth Services staff has the pleasure to work in conjunction with college students from US universities. The key to the success of the Camp Adventure TM Youth

Services program is the staff. College counselors are energetic, enthusiastic, committed, dynamic, and highly skilled. Most of the staff are students who are studying for careers in education, youth/human services, or the leisure industry. Accepted applicants attend a development program, Camp Adventure

TM College. The program is a development program emphasizing basic values and traditions as well as the skills and knowledge needed to operate programs and services. As part of the program, coun-



selors become certified in first aid, CPR and participate in lifeguard training. Most important, counselors are dedicated to providing quality and friendly service for the military youth around the globe. Sign your kids up for Camp Adventure at the Youth Center. Call 624-3712 for details.

Summer Field Trips with Camp Adventure!



Each youth in our summer camp program will be issued a special shirt this summer, which must be worn on the field trips during the week. The shirts will provide us a sense of unity on trips, as well as, allow us to easily identify youth in our group. We

highly recommend all campers keep one extra set of clothing in their cubby, as we offer a lot of fun, but messy, activities in this program. All campers will need to carry their lunch on trips. Campers will need to bring a backpack from home to take on trips, swimming, and to carry their lunch and special items. Campers should pack a nut free healthy lunch daily. Campers should not bring soda, candy or items needing refrigeration. A microwave will be available for heating food. Should your camper forget his or her lunch, a \$5 fee will be charged to your account and a lunch will be provided. For more information call 624-3712.

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and long pants if venturing into areas with high mosquito populations, such as salt marshes or wooded areas.”
 Now that we know the first steps of protection from these pests, let’s consider pesticides. Pesticide and insecticide application is done routinely throughout the Sigonella facilities during high mosquito population periods. Self-protection with approved mosquito repellents containing DEET have also proven effective in preventing mosquito bites. CDC makes the following recommendations to help reduce the possibility of being bitten by insects or arthropods that can transmit diseases (vector-borne), such as malaria and dengue, you should—
 Use an insect repellent on exposed

skin to repel mosquitoes, ticks, fleas and other arthropods. EPA-registered repellents include products containing DEET (N,N-diethylmetatoluamide) and picaridin (KBR 3023). DEET concentrations of 30% to 50% are effective for several hours. Picaridin, available at 7% and 15 % concentrations, needs more frequent application. DEET formulations as high as 50% are recommended for both adults and children over 2 months of age. Protect infants less than 2 months of age by using a carrier draped with mosquito netting with an elastic edge for a tight fit. When using sunscreen, apply sunscreen first and then repellent. Repellent should be washed off at the end of the day before going to bed. Apply permethrin-containing (e.g.,

Permanone) or other insect repellents to clothing, shoes, tents, mosquito nets, and other gear for greater protection. Permethrin is not labeled for use directly on skin. Most repellent is generally removed from clothing and gear by a single washing, but permethrin-treated clothing is effective for up to 5 washings. USE MOSQUITO REPELLENTS WHEN NECESSARY, ALWAYS FOLLOWING LABEL INSTRUCTIONS. Awareness and education are key elements if we are to survive this upcoming mosquito season. If you have any questions regarding mosquito control, please visit the CDC website (<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/health/mosquitoes/index.htm>) or contact the local Preventive Medicine department at ext. 6231, and we will be glad to assist.

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Female priest ordained in Italy by rebel Catholics

(Story by Guardian.co.uk)

A 35-year-old Sicilian became the first Catholic woman to be ordained in Italy last Saturday. Maria Vittoria Longhitano is a member of the breakaway Old Catholic church. But she was made a priest at the Anglican church of All Saints in Rome - an act some in the Vatican are likely to see as provocative, not least because the organist at the service was dismissed by the Catholic hierarchy after deciding to change sex. The Old Catholic church broke with the Vatican in the 19th century in protest at the adoption of the doctrine of papal infallibility. It is in full communion with the Anglicans. Longhitano, who is married, told the congregation: "I have opened the way. Catholicism means universality, and without women it is mutilated." She said she was convinced the laity in Italy were "ready to welcome a female ministry" and that in her native Sicily people often asked her: "Why don't we have the joy of women priests?"
 The first Italian woman to become a priest was Teodora Tosatti, who was ordained in 2006, but the service was held outside Italy, in Bonn, Germany. Relations between the Anglican community and the Vatican have



Photo by Il Messaggero

Maria Vittoria Longhitano, a married Sicilian teacher belonging to the Italian Old Catholic Church (Chiesa Vetero Cattolica), a congregation that broke away from Roman Catholicism in the 19th Century, became the first Italian female ministry last week in Rome. "I hope to break down prejudice in the Roman Catholic Church. I'm talking about an extremely hierarchical system; a male caste with a strong instinct of self-preservation," Longhitano said. The Vatican disapproved the decision by the Italian Old Catholic Church to allow the ordination of women as priests and forbade her to celebrate Holy Mass in the Milan church which she used to attend as a deacon.

been particularly sensitive since Pope Benedict last year announced special arrangements for the acceptance into the Roman Catholic church of disaffected Anglican priests and their congregations. Most of those expected to leave are critics of women's ordination - an innovation the archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, vig-

orously defended on his last visit to Rome six months ago. Music for Saturday's service was provided by Luana Ricci, born Marco Della Gatta, the former organist of Lecce cathedral in Puglia. As reported by Il Messaggero, the Vatican reacted so harshly to this unprecedented female priest ordination that it even banned her from celebrating Holy Mass in the church where she had been assisting in celebrating liturgy as a deacon for over five years, whose use is typically allowed to Old Catholic Church male priests. Longhitano was then forced to celebrate her first Holy Mass in the street in Milan using an Ikea bookcase as altar. Longhitano is currently looking for a church to celebrate Mass. Baptists and Waldesian church officials as well as Milan City administrators offered to support her.

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<p>NEWS BRIEFS</p>	<p>2010 Navy Ball Committee Asian Antiques and Furniture Auction</p>
	<p><i>Saturday, June 5th 2010 NAS I Gym Naval Air Station Sigonella Sicily</i></p>
	<p>Over 300 items including: Antique Furniture, Decorated Porcelain, Lamps, Hand Tied Rugs, Clocks, Carved Jade, Mirrors, Paintings, Nautical Collection, Crystal, Screens, Cloisonne plus many One-of-a-Kind items. For more information please call: MM2 Greg Cupp +39-333-797-9709 / LT Bryce Klaput +39-335-128-1525</p>

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latest proof of the Italian state's determination to wage war against organized crime," said Alfano. According to anti-mafia prosecutors, La Malfa is linked to a local mafia clan headed by farmer Salvatore Seminara di Mirabella Imbaccari. La Malfa is accused of allowing Seminara to run an illicit betting business from a rural bed and breakfast located near the Sicilian town of Piazza Armerina, famous for its Roman mosaics. The bed and breakfast was used to launder the Seminara clan's cash, the prosecutors said. Anti-mafia prosecutors in the provincial capital Caltanissetta ordered Tuesday's sting operation codenamed 'Game Over'. Local businessman, Angelo Maria Gloria, and four manual laborers were also arrested in the operation, police said. A total of 22 people were arrested on suspicion of

mafia association and extortion in two related operations carried out in Sicily last year, codenamed 'Green Line' and 'Old One'. Italian police made another strike against the mafia when they recently hit both the Sicilian Mafia and the Naples Mafia who were operating in a dual venture. Authorities say that the usually rival mafia clans put aside their differences to work together and take control of the huge vegetable markets in southern and central Italy. They controlled prices and decided which companies transported produce. Sixty Mafia suspects were arrested in the raids from both the Sicilian and Naples based mafia organizations. Around 20 of the suspects arrested are believed to belong to the Naples mafia's Casalesi Clan and about a dozen of the others arrested belonged to the Mallardo and Licciardi Clans. There were also six arrested from the Santapaola mafia clan.

The mafia bosses running the vegetable markets behind the scenes were forcing growers to use a mafia owned haulage firm for the transportation on all their crops. This mafia run company was transporting produce locally and all the way to Sicily where one of Europe's largest markets is located in the town of Fondi surrounding Rome. The powerful Mafia clans were able to control the raising of prices which in end got passed on to the consumers. This is just one example of how families and clans of the Mafia organizations are now starting to work together and putting aside the traditional rivalry. This new found willingness to work together could make the Mafia an even stronger force as its enormous profits rise and its power base expands to even further reaches than it is now. Italian police's crack down on the Mafia continues and they say they are making it increasingly harder for the Mafia to continue to operate.

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BRAIN TEASERS

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Sudoku Rules

Rows

Every row must contain the numbers 1-9. There may not be any duplicate numbers in any row.

Columns

Every column must also contain the numbers 1- 9. Again, there may not be any duplicate numbers in any column. Each column will be unique as a result.

Regions

A region is a 3x3. There are 9 regions in a traditional Sudoku puzzle.

Every region must also contain the numbers 1-9. Duplicate numbers are not permitted in any region. Each region will differ from the other regions.

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Il Mercato

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AUTOMOBILES

2006 Chrysler Pacifica Touring 3.5V6 Silver, perfect condition, 3rd row, no smoking, one owner, 67k miles, new tires, new brakes. Asking \$15,000. Call Julie at 3923335803 or 3923308898

For sale 2004 Fiat Stilo SW MultiJet JTD 1900 cc 16 v/5 6 speed full optional. Asking \$ 5800 or Best Offer. Contact 328 6580072 ask for Francesco.

2007 Chrysler Pacifica, automatic. Worth \$12k plus in fair condition, but needs approx \$5k work. \$3,000. If interested, call 624-0212 after 1800 or 346 687 2082 during the day for more info.

1995 Fiat Brava, four door, hatch back, manual. Blue, a/c, good condition. \$2,800. Call 624-0212 after 1800 or 346 687 2082 during the day.

Alfa Romeo, 1994 in good shape, Great tires, Reliable, Just tuned up, \$1800 or best offer. Also have two American propane

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1999 Renault Megane - PCS SOON-NEED TO SALE NOW! 4 door sedan, all new tires replaced May 2010, power door locks, power front windows, cold A/C, air bags, alarm, CD player, new battery in 2009, great gas mileage. \$3200 OBO. To view, call Andrew at 624-1222-Leave message.

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2001 BMW 318I, 4 dr 4 cyl great on gas, 127,000 KMs, new rotors, front brakes, O2 sensor cam position sensor, internal combustion valve, spark plugs. Power windows, power locks and air conditioner. Contact Mitch at 345-857-4078 or 624-0236.

1998 HONDA XRL 250 ENDURO DUAL SPORT MOTORCYCLE with <44,000 km. Easy electric starter, small

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PS3 Tony Hawk RIDE Game and

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Yamaha electric guitar, soft case, amplifier, only three hours of playing time. Entire package only 150.00 Euros. Contact:

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BEDROOM SET. Includes dresser with attached mirror, 2 night stands and a queen size bed frame/head board, matching comfortable mattress and box spring. asking \$900.00 for complete set only, call Chris @ 348-298-9452 or 624-5970.

Sky TV converter box, ATLONA CDM-660. purchased 1 year ago. \$100. Contact John Moore @ 624-4370

Lightwood Bedroom set and King size sleigh-type bed frame and headboard. Tall five-drawer Dresser, eight-Drawer Dresser with Mirror and two night stands, about 4 years old, some scratches (due to move) but in good condition! Asking for \$600.00 for entire set. Contact John Moore @ 624-4370

-White (GE) Microwave (used) \$25.00.
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PETS

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