



County Fair Takes Sigonella by Storm

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The Sigonella County Fair proved to be a success this past weekend when Moral Welfare and Recreation along with the community persevered through the high winds that disrupted the food tents and inflatables to make the festival a hit.

Preventing Vehicle Break-ins in Sicily

Article by Lt. j.g. Matt Knight
Sigonella Public Affairs Officer

In America many Americans have come to think of their vehicles as extensions of their homes and tend to leave clothes, CD's, electronics and other valuables lying in plain sight. American service members, dependents and civilians PCSing to NAS Sigonella often import their vehicular habits along with their vehicles making them vulnerable to vehicular break ins.

Warrant Officer Annibale Lizzio, Comandante of the Carabinieri's Nucleo Investigativo, the Italian equivalent of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, said that in his experience "Americans move part of their home in their car. It looks like they create a house in their car." He explained that to keep a vehicle and its contents safe there should never be anything lay-

ing out. Items lying in plain sight are just a temptation for thieves and should be taken out of the vehicle.

According to NAS Sigonella Security, so far in 2008 among individuals stationed at NAS Sigonella, there have been 54 vehicle break ins, with 15 of those occurring in housing. Lieutenant j.g. J. Alan Vaught, NAS Sigonella Assistant Security Officer said, "if it's on base, they [thieves] have not hit anyone who had their car locked. All of the on base stuff has been people who left their car unlocked and stuff in it. They [thieves] are getting targets of opportunity on base..." He explained that people really need to use common sense when leaving their vehicles and said, "I would recommend not leaving anything in

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Music Man brings Community Theater to Sigonella

Article by Lt. j.g. Matt Knight
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Photos by Tony Waldbillig

The Sigonella Community Theater finished their third and final performance of Meredith Wilson's "The Music Man" 10 May, 6:30 p.m., at Knights Hall.

The quality of the final show was a testament to the intense community pride that Sigonellans have, and represented hundreds of hours of volunteered time, materials and labor. Lynn Soeby, Director, and Stephen Decatur teacher commented that "on stage is only the tip of the iceberg. Onstage is only 50 people... We had another 100 people sowing and painting and trying to get lighting and sound and everything together." She pointed



Cast members from the Music Man return to the stage for the final curtain call.

out that the all-volunteer cast and crew represents all of Sigonella and said "We have the elementary school, the

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Sigonella Teacher Wins 2007 Presidential Award

Story by MC2(AW)
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Christine Arnold accepts her 2007 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science.

Ninety-nine educators from the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, all fifty states, and the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) received the 2007 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching May 2. Among the awardees, Sigonella Middle/High School teacher Christine Arnold received recognition for excellence in science and accepted the award as the representing finalist for the DoDEA.

After an initial lower-level selection process, which included the submission of a video of respective

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Blend three ingredients - a paycheck, discipline and time - and you can become a millionaire. It's not always easy, but it is simple. Of the three ingredients, chances are you have two of them, income and time. By adding the third, discipline, along with the following knowledge, you can reach your financial goals.

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In the month of May, Caltagirone townspeople typically hold a traditional religious festival dedicated to the "Conadomini" Virgin Mary whose 15th century painting is kept in the Chiesa di Santa Maria del Monte. Find out more about this festival and others that are coming up for the spring in Alberto's Italian News.

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Weapons training is an integral part of every branch of the military. So basic is the concept, that it's first introduced to Sailors still in boot camp. Knowing how to properly and safely handle a weapon is at the core of being able to protect and defend both civilians and military.

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The Sigonella County Fair made its mark on the community, only this year under a different name. Previously name Spring Fest, the Sigonella County Fair brought with it the reliable excitement and entertainment of years past and then some.

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TRAFFIC NUMBERS

	Jan.- '08	Jan.- '07	Diff.
Accidents	125	113	+12
Injuries	22	11	+11
DUIs	5	2	+3
Traffic Deaths	2	0	+2

PLEASE, DON'T BECOME A STATISTIC!

DIRECT LINE NASSIG COMMANDING OFFICER CAPT. THOMAS J. QUINN

Over the last month, and really all of calendar year 2008, it has become apparent to me that as a base we need to become more vigilant about our driving, security, and overall safety habits.

In 2008 our accident and mortality rate is higher than last year and over 25 vehicles had items stolen from them this past month. Many of these incidents were not only due to momentary lapses in judgment but to a complete disregard for the kind of vigilant approach towards personal safety and security that we train for every day.

Secretary of the Navy Donald C. Winter once said, "A failure or two of observed safety could compromise people, could compromise equipment, could call to

question our procedures. Anyone of those will have, not could have, but will have a significant impact on our ability to conduct the mission." I think these words ring true for Sigonella because every accident and incident we have is one too many. We need to stay focused and not get complacent in our driving habits and every day lives.

Applying common sense towards things like driving and personal security is the first step towards eliminating needless accidents and security incidents. Remember to be a defensive driver and always be aware of your surroundings while you drive. I tell the new Sigonellan's at Indoc that the key to safe driving is to continue to drive like an American. Take the appropriate steps to secure your vehicle

when you leave it and don't get complacent because it is parked on base. Last but not least, take a proactive stance on personal security and safety.

When you travel remember to lock your doors and keep expensive items out of sight. If you are on base, keep an eye out for anything suspicious, check the fence while running, look for suspicious packages near the gate, and remember that it is everyone's responsibility to maintain the security of this base, not just the security forces.

Each of you can do your part in keeping Sigonella Safe. Stay alert and vigilant, and if you notice anything or anyone suspicious, contact security at 624-5225, or 911 in an emergency.



Health WATCH

Exceptional Family Member Program

Courtesy of Lt. Arcelia Wicker Jr., MSC, USN
US Naval Hospital Sigonella

The Navy's Exceptional Family Member Program is a program designed to assist Sailors by addressing the special needs of their exceptional family members during the assignment process. Special needs are described as any special medical, dental, mental health, developmental or educational requirement. Other requirements such as wheelchair accessibility, adaptive equipment or assistive technology devices and services are also included. The EFM Program requires mandatory enrollment, per OPNAVINST 1754.2 series, for any family member who lives with the sponsor, is enrolled in DEERS and who is affected by a physical, emotional or educational condition, or requires constant special medical care or special education not obtainable in isolated overseas locations.

Once enrolled into the program, your dependent will be placed into one of six categories based on the type or frequency of med-

ical or educational intervention that is required. The category will be used by your detailee for future assignments. The different categories are outlined as follows:

-Category 1: Needs do not generally limit assignments.

-Category 2: Limited Overseas and remote CONUS assignments.

-Category 3: The medical or educational condition precludes assignment to overseas locations based on non-availability of medical and/or educational services at most overseas locations.

-Category 4: The medical or educational condition requires assignment to billets near a major medical treatment facility.

-Category 5: This category includes a provision for homesteading in an area where the service member can fulfill both sea and shore duty requirements. Eligible families are

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Sunday
1 p.m. Church of Jesus Christ
Latter-day Saints

NAS II Chapel
Monday
11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass
Tuesday
11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass
Wednesday
11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass
Friday
11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass
Sunday
4 p.m. Catholic Mass

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings
Monday, Wednesday and Fridays
11:30 a.m.

NAS I Chapel
Sunday
8:45 a.m. Catholic Mass
10:45 a.m. Protestant Worship
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
6 p.m. Bible Study

Mineo Community Center
Sunday
9 a.m. Protestant Worship
12 p.m. Catholic Mass

Maranai Community Center
11 a.m. Protestant Traditional Service

Call 095-86-3801 for the Chaplains Office
Call 095-86-1205 for weekly Jewish services



Clear Vision in the Fog

Article by Lt. Stephen M. Coates, CHC, USN

Driving in the fog is dangerous but closing your eyes is not the proper response to the challenge. Next week, I give yet another Suicide Awareness/Prevention brief. No one looks forward to those . . . including the presenter. It is a heavy topic and it often hits too close to home. Still, these briefs are crucially important and I always endeavor to give my very best effort in the delivery of them.

Eventually, whether I give the brief or not, the ultimate questions of life will most certainly arise and we will have to deal with them. Avoiding tough issues, then, can only be achieved temporarily. On the other hand, when you deal with ultimate matters constantly, fatigue may blur your faculties of deliberation when the fog of war descends.

My sister-in-law is one of my favorite

people in the world. Last winter, while I was deployed on an IA, she sent me a letter and a box of treats. The cookies were great but her words endured long after the cookies disappeared:

"I was snowshoeing yesterday on some of our trails. It's great exercise but it's a great way to clear my head, mostly. I always find some animal den with tracks in the snow leading in and out and I try to follow them and figure out what their life is like. One such animal that I've been "spying on" seems to always end up where the deer rest in the snow. I still haven't figured out what they get from the deer or even what "it" is.

These are the things I ponder. I know it seems silly, but if I don't look for these kinds of

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Be prepared to be on your own for at least three days. Seven is better! The BASIC FIVE: Water, Food, Heat, Cash, Radio; Family Communications Plan; Phone Numbers & Rally Points; Public Protection Strategies; Evacuation and Shelter-in-Place; Web info; Ready.gov; Emergency info: AFN 106.0 FM; Questions? Call the EM Office at 624-2630, 8265 or 2621.

WEEKLY TRAFFIC/ SAFETY UPDATE

Traffic Court Results

E3 - Improper Backing. Member was awarded 2 points and DIP.
E6 - Improper Passing. Member was awarded 3 points and DIP.

NAVY News

Corpsman Returns \$1K Found Outside Pensacola Base

Article by Rod Duren
Naval Hospital Pensacola Public Affairs

A hospitalman from Naval Hospital Pensacola returned one thousand dollars along with personal effects after finding it scattered outside the Cory Station base while bicycling to work on Feb. 1.

Hospitalman Rodrigo Ben Ariel "HN Ben" rolled up on \$700 in cash fluttering along the grassy roadside.

"There was a deposit slip ... filled-out; and a phone number," Ariel explained. He continued on to the hospital where he had a 13-hour shift ahead of him that evening.

While on duty, Hospitalman Cory Brenon heard the story and suggested he might want to check around the site the following day for possible additional monies and more information about to whom it all belonged.

The next morning, on the way home, and much to his surprise, Ariel found another several hundred dollars, checks and a checkbook - which had a different telephone number from the one found the day before - in the same general vicinity.

"I called the number on the checkbook," he said, and was put in touch with the person who misplaced the money and checks.

Ariel explained the spouse of a service member came by the hospital Feb. 6 to retrieve the lost items.

She offered a reward, said Ariel, but "I can't take it ... it's not my money."

"HN Ben' is an outstanding hospital corpsman and a remarkable Sailor," said Lt. Jim Hinkle, assistant

division officer of the medical-surgical ward.

"His actions prove that the Navy's 'Core Values' are more than just words to him, they have true meaning; and are values he lives by on and off duty. HN Ben's honesty, integrity, and caring attitude make him a Sailor I would gladly serve with ashore or afloat."

Ariel's goal is to become a Navy chaplain, earn his citizenship, and apply to the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York.

"I believe I can help people," he said.

For more news from Naval Hospital Pensacola, visit www.navy.mil/local/nh_pensacola/.

NEWS BRIEFS

NASSIG Sponsored Earth Day Event

On Saturday, 17 May 2008, NASSIG will be sponsoring the 2008 Earth day celebration. NASSIG in partnership with the town of Motta Sant' Anastasia will be cleaning up the Strada Policara between the town of motta and SS192. After the event, NASSIG will be hosing a BBQ for the Motta community and Sigonella volunteers as the NAS I Soccer Field. For more information contact Mr. Mike Scott at 39-095-86-2580 or mike.scott@nassig.sicily.navy.mil

SAWS Monthly Adopt-a-Thon and Bake Sale

SAWS will be holding their monthly Adopt-a-Thon and Bake Sale, on Saturday May 17th. It will be in front of the Commissary starting at 10:00am until 2:00pm. We hope to see you there! There are many great dogs that need good homes! The SAF puppies and kittens will also be available for adoption on the 17th of May at 10:00am. They will be adopted on a first come, first serve basis.

Navy Ethos Statement as Directed by the CNO

The CNO has directed the development of a Navy ethos statement. Formally defined, ethos generally identifies the distinguishing character, culture, or guiding beliefs of a person, group, or institution. The purpose of the navy ethos statement is to communicate and emphasize the fundamental principles and values we would expect to be shared by all who serve within the navy team, military and civilian alike, no matter what community, command, specialty, or position each of us are associated with.

To enable development of an ethos statement that represents a shared view of our navy culture, your input is requested. A small team of personnel, representing a variety of warfare communities, ranks and professional experience, has prepared a draft navy ethos

statement. The statement is available for review at the website: www.ethos.navy.mil, along with a brief online survey to contribute your thoughts and opinions.

The survey does require a CAC card/PKI certificate to access but does not collect any identifying information and is completely anonymous. Please visit www.ethos.navy.mil to assist in this process.

All Hands E-mails

As of Monday May 12 All Hands email format has changed. The All Hands emails will be included on the bottom of the Plan of the day (POD) and attachments will only be allowed on a case by case basis. Each POD will go out at the end of the day and will only include All Hands messages received before 1600 each day. This shift is designed to streamline the current all hands system, lower the impact All Hands emails have on the email servers, and to concentrate the messages into 1 document.

Postage Stamps Increase in Cost

Effective May 12, 2008 the United States Postal Service will adjust their prices for mailing services. First-Class Mail stamps will be 42¢ each. Customers can continue to use the Forever Stamps they purchased for 41¢, even after the price change. Forever Stamps will be in stock at both the NAS 1 and NAS 2 Post Offices to meet increased demand before the price change. Contact the Post Office at 624-5242 or 624-4477 for more information.

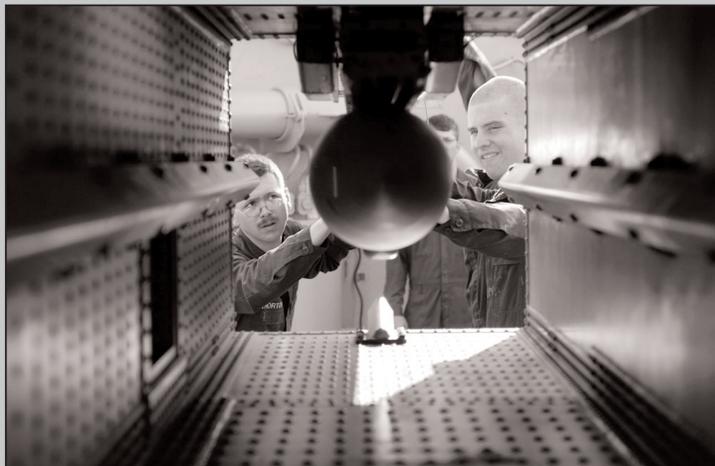
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Select prices:

First-Class Mail letter (1 oz.) 42¢
First-Class Mail letter (2 oz.) 59¢
Postcard 27¢
First-Class Mail large envelope (2 oz.) \$1.00
Certified Mail \$2.70
First-Class Mail International letter to Canada and Mexico (1 oz.) 72¢
First-Class Mail International letter to all other countries (1 oz.) 94¢

PHOTO FROM THE FLEET

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



U.S. Navy Photo by MCC Ty Swartz

Sailors aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD 2) load an AIM-7 Sparrow Missile into the forward launcher preparing for Cobra Gold 2008. CG08 is a Thai/U.S. sponsored military exercise designed to enhance interoperability between joint U.S. forces and the combined forces of U.S., Thai, Singaporean, Japanese and Indonesian militaries.

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Did you know?

Living beyond your means is a prescription for disaster? Does more than 25 percent of your take-home pay go to paying bills? Are you making only minimum payments on bills due? Are you taking out new loans to pay off old ones? Are you missing payments? Are you stalling one creditor to pay another? Are you having frequent family arguments over money? The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society can help you improve your financial picture. NMCRS Volunteers and employees work hard to help Sailors, Marines and their families pull themselves out of deficit budgets and into savings plans. Call today to schedule an appointment.

NMCRS: Service with a Smile!

Contact your Sigonella NMCRS Office today! Call 624-4212 for more information. Office Hours: Monday - Friday 0900 - 1600.

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Get Rich! It's Simpler Than You Think

Edited from an article by Harry Domach for <http://moneycentral.msn.com/>

Blend three ingredients - a paycheck, discipline and time - and you can become a millionaire. It's not always easy, but it is simple and there is no excuse not to do it. Of the three ingredients, chances are you have two of them, income and time. By adding the third, discipline, along with the following knowledge, you can reach your financial goals.

Here's how it works: Say you start with nothing, invest \$500 (of your income) a month (a healthy discipline), and let your money ride (over time) in diversified investments. Long term, the stock market returns at least 10% annually. Assuming a 10% return, you'd have \$102,000 after 10 years, \$380,000 after 20 years, and \$1.1 million in 30 years. All this happens through the power of regular investing and a simple-but-powerful concept called compound interest.

Compound Interest

Compounding is the reinvestment of the interest you receive from the money you set aside. For example, if you invest \$1,000 and earn 10% interest on your principal at the end of each year, you'll get in \$100 interest at the end of the first year. If you reinvest that interest, the second year you would start with \$1,100, and thus would earn \$110 interest. If you stay with it, you'd more than double

your money every eight years. The real magic of investing comes when you combine the surprising power of compounding with continuous and regular investments -- in other words, discipline.

The best way to make these continuous investments happen is by setting up an account with a broker or mutual fund that automatically deducts a fixed amount from your bank account every month. "Automatic" is the operative word here. Trust me, if you don't set it up that way, it won't happen. Instead, you'll end up pouring money in when the market is soaring and skipping payments when it's heading down. Eventually you'll get discouraged and give up.

Dollar-cost averaging

The process of continuously investing a fixed dollar amount is called dollar-cost averaging. Through dollar-cost averaging, you'll end up buying more shares when a stock or fund is down, and fewer when it's up. For instance, say you're investing \$500 monthly in a stock trading initially at \$50 per share; so the first time, you buy 10 shares. If the next month the stock moves up to \$62.50 your regular purchase will net you only eight shares. However, if the stock drops to \$41.67, you'll get 12 shares (not including any transac-

tion fees). It's easy to set up regular-investment mechanisms, thus harnessing the power of dollar-cost averaging. Mutual fund companies are more than happy to do so.

Risk

Sure, investing in the stock market has risk. There's always the chance the market will go nowhere for the next 20 or 30 years and you'll end up no better than when you started, but there's risk in everything, even CDs. With CDs, your original investment isn't in danger. Most CDs are insured, and the federal government will step in and make you whole, even if your bank goes belly up. But a problem crops up when something more sinister surfaces: inflation. At this writing, inflation, running at around 2%, is considered relatively benign. But is it? Let's do some math. Your real return is the interest you receive less the inflation rate. If your CD is paying 3% and the inflation rate is 2%, you're only making 1% in real terms. If inflation takes off, say to 5%, your CD will probably be paying around 4%. In inflation-adjusted terms, you've lost 1%. It can get worse. In the early 1980s inflation hit 14%. In such times, CDs and similar fixed-income investments don't even come close to the inflation rate, meaning you're losing serious money, in real terms.

By contrast, assets such as real estate and stocks tend to move with prices, and, over time, the stock market has outpaced inflation. For instance, in the 20-year period ending Dec. 31, 2001, the cumulative return of the market, as measured by the S&P 500 Index, was 1,606%, compared to 88% cumulative inflation over the same period.

What's the point? Yes, there's risk in investing in the market, but the odds are that continuous, regular investing combined with the power of compounding will make you rich.

The odds

If you count yourself a member
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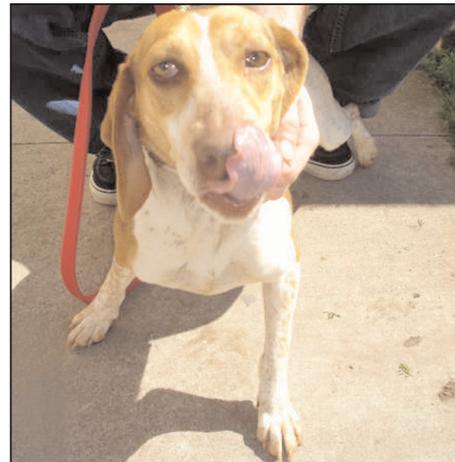
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Cold Noses WARM HEARTS



A reminder to the community that feeding feral or wild animals on the installation is prohibited.

Signonella's Stray Animal Facility (SAWS) has many cats and dogs just looking for a warm home and someone to love. Each week the Signature will feature animals in need of adoption.



(Above) Jade is a wonderful dog who has a fantastic personality. She loves to play and get her tummy rubbed. If you think you might be interested in adopting Jade please come and visit her at SAF. (Below) Nix is a great girl, but tends to be a little shy with people. If you want to help her come out of her shell and open your home to a great dog come down and visit her, she would love to see you. For more information contact the Stray Animal Facility at 624-3936 or Rose Cummings at 334-383-8786.



Italian NEWS

Sicilian Culture, Events and Lifestyle

Alberto Lunetta
Signature Staff



Spring Events Kick Off in Caltagirone

Make sure you enjoy the upcoming Caltagirone spring activities which will include a religious festival celebrating the Virgin Mary "Madonna Conadomini," the "Infiolata," a magnificent masterpiece of floral and horticultural art, photographic exhibitions, sports activities, concerts, guided tours of local monuments and other events which will take place in the historic heart of the town.

In the month of May, Caltagirone townspeople typically hold a traditional religious festival dedicated to the "Conadomini" Virgin Mary whose 15th century painting is kept in the Chiesa di Santa Maria del Monte, a beautiful church sitting atop the famous Scala di Santa Maria del Monte, a flight of 142 steps decorated with multicolored ceramic tiles.

This breathtaking 17th century scala, which is the town's landmark, will feature elegant flower decora-

tions (Infiolata) through June 8. During the festival, devotees set up edicole (little temple-like structures intended as a shrine or votive offering) featuring an image of the Virgin Mary and say a special rosary in Sicilian. On Saturday, May 24, a spectacular parade, honoring the Virgin Mary, leaves from the local soccer stadium at 3:30 p.m. and arrives about two hours later in piazza Matrice (the square nestled atop the steps).

This parade is named "A Rusedda" (rose plant), as it features farm tractors and floats decorated with these beautiful plants and holy pictures. In the past, Rusedda plants, which grow in the neighboring Bosco di San Pietro (Saint Peter's Wood), were used to fuel the ovens of the local ceramic craftsmen's workshops. Caltagirone farmers would sell these plants to the craftsmen to gather funds for the local churches.

On Saturday, May 31, the actual religious festival is celebrated with Holy Masses that are held at Chiesa di Santa Maria del Monte throughout the morning. In the evening, the festival ends with firework shows.

Before you leave the festival, make sure you visit the recently restored Villa Patti, a beautiful Venetian style residence surrounded

by beautiful gardens built in 1830. The villa is located in via Santa Maria di Gesù, (near the hospital in the modern part of the city). It houses a permanent exhibition of period furnishings, ceramics, vases, majolica and paintings dating back to the 19th century are displayed in a unique and elegant environment.

Open Tuesday through Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Sunday till 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday also open in the afternoon from 4 to 7 p.m. Closed on Mondays. Admission is free.

Don't forget to check also the "Museo Regionale della Ceramica." Located in via Giardino Pubbico (entrance from via Roma, the museum is housed inside a 18th century building which is part of the public gardens). Open daily from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. - regular admission for adults: € 3, reduced tickets available for children and - phone 0933-26972), the museo boasts an impressive permanent collection reflecting the historic Sicilian pottery's tradition.

If you would like to discover the artistic treasures of this beautiful Baroque town, make sure you sign up for one of the Sunday tours of the historic center and "Fratelli Minori" Convent (San Francesco cloister, the Seminario Arcivescovile or Bishop's Library, new Gothic chapel) and the Chiesa Santa Chiara and Santa Rita, Chiesa del Gesù churches. Tours can also include live ceramic-making demonstrations. For tours reservations, call "Associazione Sikelia" 0933-24234 or 333-9712114 or Catania Tours 0933-27213/59903.

For more information on spring events schedules, call Caltagirone Tourist Office at 0933-53809 (open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m.).



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The show will be open to the public at the Sant'Agata al Carcere Sanctuary (piazza Stesicoro) through May 25, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m. daily. Admission is free. For more information and directions, please contact the Catania Regional Province Tourist Office at 095-7306266/277 (opening hours: Monday-Saturday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. / Sunday 10 a.m. to 4:30

Manon Lescaut debuts at Bellini Opera House



Photo courtesy of Bellini Opera House Press Office

Curtains will rise tomorrow night at the historic Catania Bellini Opera on Giacomo Puccini's Manon Lescaut, the second performance which was dedicated to the famous 19th century Italian operatic composer during the current season.

The opera tells of a tragic love story of passion and betrayal. The nine performances will be staged on May, 17, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28 and 29.

The Bellini Opera House Orchestra will be directed by its Principal Conductor, Maestro Stefano Ranzani.

Principals include internationally renowned soprano Adina Nitescu, who stars in the title role, the popular Sicilian tenor Marcello Giordani as Renato and Sardinian baritone Domenico Balzani as Lescaut. The opera is produced by the Palermo Opera House and is directed by Pierfrancesco Maestrini.

For more information and tickets please visit <http://www.teatroms-simobellini.it/>

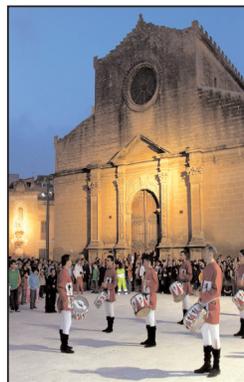


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Don't miss the chance to travel back in time in Castelvetrano, a small town in the Trapani province, which will celebrate the spiritual virtues of St. Rita of Cascia, one of the most respected saints of the Catholic Church this weekend (May 17-18).

Celebrations highlights include the "Corcio Storico di Santa Rita," a colorful historic parade in 18th century costumes which will re-enact the life of St. Rita. On May 18, the parade will leave from the Santa Rita steps at 5:30 p.m. and will proceed through the seven main squares of the town which will be decorated for the occasion (piazza Scalinata della Stazione, Nino Bixio, Regina Margherita, Carlo d'Aragona, Giacomo Matteotti, Archimede and Diodoro Siculo). About 50 artists among flag wavers and street musicians, from all over Italy, will accompany the parade which will feature 200 re-enactors.

The festival will end in piazza Santa Maria della Sanità, around 9 p.m. when the mayor will offer a votive lamp to the painting of St. Rita as a symbolic sign of devotion and as a request of protection for the town community. On both May 17 and 18, the Ramino Theatre Company from Ascoli Piceno will stage medieval shows at 9:15 p.m. in piazza Carlo D'Aragona, also known as "Sistema delle Piazze," a group of three adjoining squares located in the historic center. For more information and detailed schedules call the festival organizers at 0924-908559 - 3398616635 or send an email to comitato.santarita@libero.it



Get ready to celebrate the spring in Caltagirone! The town offers a plethora of events for the entire family through the end of June. May highlights include the "Madonna di Conadomini" religious festival, photographic exhibits, sports activities, concerts and guided tours of the main town monuments and churches, as well as the amazing flower decoration of the famous steps of Santa Maria del Monte.

Driving Center

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SPORTS & Fitness

“Triple S” April is in the Books

Article by CWO 4 Ronald Herb
Signature Volunteer

Now that we are into May, Triple S feels it's time to take a look at what has been going on in Major League Baseball (MLB).

The month of April is usually tough to get a reading on teams due to the many conditions that affect play. New teammates, off-season rust, and weather all make for factors that impact the level of play. Generally, Triple S prefers to wait until May to try and see what type of season we have ahead.

The first week of the season was all about the Detroit Tigers and their 0-6 start. Generally 0-6 would not seem strange for the Tigers but this season's team, with its many off-season additions was projected to be

an offensive juggernaut. They have done well since their start and have been 14-10 since the beginning. The Chicago White Sox sit atop their division but should begin looking over their shoulder now.

Phillies and Mets are only a half-game apart and figure they will battle like this for most of the season. Philly has been powered by the great start Chase Utley who has gotten off by hitting a ML leading 12 home runs to go along with 25 RBI's and a .364 BA.

The top record in MLB as of May 2 belongs to the AZ Diamondbacks. They have jumped out to a 20-9 record. Pitcher Brandon Webb's six wins [matching Yankee

pitcher Chien-Ming Wang for the league lead] have had a lot to do with the quick start.

In the American League the Boston Red Sox have been battling the surprising Tampa Bay Devil Rays for the AL East lead. Tampa is only one-game-back and is off to what may be their best start ever. The Angles and the Oakland A's are tied atop the AL West with 18-13 records and should play leap frog with the top spot in their division for the rest of the season.

One may ask where is the New York Yankees in all of this? The Yanks have a 15-16 record and don't seem to be firing on all cylinders as of yet. Team Captain Derek Jeter has

spent time on the DL, as has reigning MVP Alex Rodriguez. Once all the pieces are 100% the Yankees should push for the title.

Other players that have been off to top starts include Chipper Jones down in Atlanta. Without much noise he has hit eight HR's, drove in 21 RBI's and hit .417. Josh Hamilton drove in a league high of 32 RBI's for the Texas Rangers and appears to be stepping into the top tier of players in the league. Florida Marlin, SS, Hanley Ramirez looks like he wants to battle Utley for the early MVP lead as he hit eight HR's [from the leadoff spot] drove in 19, stole 10 bases and hit .319. Very good numbers for any

30 game stretch.

Notables for the early season, include ageless Greg Maddax searching for his 350th pitching win. The question about how great is Maddax compared to Roger Clemens is starting to gain some steam. Triple still holds Rocket Man Roger Clemens as the top pitcher for the last 20 years but GM is making it a conversation. The question of will Barry Bonds play, has not been brought up yet, but Triple S thinks that several AL clubs may look at that option as the All Star game nears. The chance to DH for half of a season could make him very valuable to a pennant contender.

Maryland

Just One Will Get It Done!

Article by Maxine Johns
MWR Fitness

Fitness has introduced new cleaning wipes that are an effective method to sanitize the fitness equipment at all of the Sigonella Fitness Centers.

With the increase in reported cases of Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus, a type of staph infection that is resistant to certain antibiotics. Staph or MRSA infections are usually manifested as skin infections that appear as pimples or boils and occur in otherwise healthy people.

Here are some recommendations to prevent the spread of Staph or

MRSA infections:

Wash your hands regularly, cover all wounds, don't share towels or other gear, and wipe down heavily used equipment before and after use.

The fitness centers have thrown out the spray bottles and cleaning towels and replaced them with compact silver dispensers throughout the fitness centers. They are mounted on the corner walls for easy reach to effectively clean the fitness equipment before and after each use.

Remember, just one will do! For more information contact Fit District at 624-4483.



Do you have a passion for writing or looking for a little experience in journalism? The Signature is seeking volunteers to help cover base wide events as well as feature stories. If this sounds like an opportunity for you please call the Public Affairs Office at 624-5440.

Casablanca

The Value of Weapons Training

Article and photos by
MC2 Joshua Wink
Signature Staff

Weapons training is an integral part of every branch of the military. So basic is the concept, that it's first introduced to Sailors still in boot camp. Knowing how to properly and safely handle a weapon is at the core of being able to protect and defend both civilians and military.

But, it's not a knowledge and a skill that can go unpracticed. Training is essential to keep Sailors well honed and efficient in their craft. It is extremely important that each and every person using a weapon is using it at the best of their ability. Whether it's a Master at Arm's providing security to the base or Explosive Ordnance Disposal defending themselves in the field, each must be properly trained to excel in any given situation.

Most people take for granted that the police force is there to protect them in a responsible manner, or that the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen are prepared if anything happens, but training on a regular basis is what keeps these securities intact.

"Each post here in Sigonella has to be properly manned, but as far as the Navy is concerned, Sailors out in the fleet also have to be trained properly, to be able to do their job everywhere," said Master at Arms Seaman James Smith.

At the firing range on the NAS-SIG Weapons Compound, Sailors can get to get qualified on the weapons they are expected to use in their job. Sailors need to get requalified annually if they are expected to carry firearm during the course of their work, and further training is carried out on the Firearms Training Simulator (FATS) at the armory.

"If there is a real world event that happens, we are going to be efficient with the weapon, and were not going to be a liability. We're always ready to deploy," said Master at Arm's Third Class Gabe Dominguez.

The FATS system plays out much like a realistic video game. An actual weapon with a compressed air hose is used to realistically simulate the feel and recoil of the firearm that the person is being trained on. It take the person through courses that they

would likely encounter on a routine basis such as inspecting a suspicious vehicle or clearing an abandoned residence. The system is designed to hone the skills of the person training, knowing when to draw, shoot, or when not to.

"Safety is first when it comes to weapons. You have to be able to know what you are going to do in all situations," MA3 Dominguez said.

Being able to recognize the situation before it is encountered is crucial to the safety of all persons using firearms as well as the people around them, and, on a military instillation, where the lives of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and their families depend on the security provided the littlest things can make the biggest difference.

"All the training that you get is only going to make you better," said MASN Smith.



MA's at the Sigonella Weapons Compound firing range aim for their mark while requalifying on the 9mm, M-16 and shotgun.



Motta Off-Road Challenge a Success!

Article and Photos by Jenni James
MWR Marketing

Last month, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) took fitness off the pavement and onto trails with their annual Motta Off-Road Challenge.

Every year, the owners of Donna Fortunata Restaurant, located in the town of Motta S. Anastasia, support the event by allowing MWR access to their land. The 1.8-mile course started with a steep downhill and took the runners up a very steep dirt trail to the top of a mountain and then circled back down, where they were forced to cross a very muddy creek that was screaming to eat up a shoe or two.

"MWR employees... is this not the hardest event we have?" jokingly asked Zina Herb, fitness director, to the crowd about the course.

Although the event is hard, it is highly anticipated each year not only for the beautiful scenery but also for the

stylish event shirts that everyone who participates earns.

"This year is the first year that we have had more women than men!" said Herb.

Out of 54 adults and two ten-year-olds who were Braylee Gilbert and Helena Herb, the overall winner of the run was Alyssa Noel with a time of 18:08.

After the finish, runners finished the rugged course, medals were awarded to the top three in each age category, and then everyone enjoyed a pasta lunch at Donna Fortunata restaurant.

Start training now for the popular summertime Splash-n-Dashes for both youth and adults. Check out the MWR Preview for upcoming dates and fitness information or call 624-4483.

Runners charged down the hill to get off the pavement and on the trails.



Motta Off-Road trail before the steep climb.

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Sig County Fair Brings Community Out for Fun and Entertainment

Article and photos by MC2 Joshua Wink
Signature Staff



Children and adults alike took rides on the carnival rides set up for the Sigonella County Fair.

The Sigonella County Fair made its mark on the community, May 9 and 10, only this year under a different name. Previously name Spring Fest, the Sigonella County Fair brought with it the reliable excitement and entertainment of years past and then some.

Despite the windy weather and cold temperatures uncommon for this time of year, Sigonella pulled up itself up by the bootstraps and made the festival work.

The two day long festival also included new additions to the stand by favorites of the festivals before. Festival goers indulged themselves in a chili cook-off, a pie eating contest, a watermelon eating contest and a variety of command sponsored food booths ranging from pancit, lumpia and fried rice brought by the Filipino-American Association of Sigonella to beer brats and Frito pie dished out by the girls softball team, the Lady Crush.

Entertainment included the live bands, It Doesn't Matter, Allapaluzza Victor, and Dazed and Confused. Emulating what the live bands were doing on stage was a contest featuring the highly popular interactive video game Guitar Hero with a \$50 prize going to the contestant with the best rock performance and another \$50 prize to the best rock outfit, along with a \$250 NEX gift certificate to the first place winner, a \$175 gift certificate for second and \$75 gift certificate to the third place winner.

Carnival rides were also set up for the festival goers as well as a virtual reality racing game. Due to the high winds the inflatable

playgrounds were only set up for the first night.

The festival lasted from 3 p.m. until midnight both nights and gave of the residents of Sigonella a chance to let go and have a celebration.



Photo by Lorie Warchol, MWR Marketing

(Above) Children head off during the beginning of the half mile America's Kids Run. (Below) Contestants square off in the Guitar Hero Contest.



MUSIC MAN

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middle and high school and the community. It's a partnership."

Soeby mentioned that she has directed 22 musical productions in the 10 years she has taught at Stephen Decatur but "This is the first true community production we have done." She went on to say that she had been working on the details of The Music Man since last year and had been actively preparing for the show since the auditions in February.

Christine Arnold, one of the lead actors and Stephen Decatur teacher, described how much she enjoyed being able to be in the music man and interact with her students. She said, "It has been a remarkable experience... I'm honored to be a part of it" and remarked that "This has been wonderful and I know that it has been a dream of Lynn's [Soeby] to really pull together the community and literally create River city Iowa and to really run with it."

In reference to her role as director of The Music Man, Soeby said, "My job is to control it and shape it... It's controlled chaos, and the closer we get to production the more chaotic it gets until dress rehearsal when everything falls into place and then they are just pros." She concluded that "We have a great community and it has been fun to bring them together."



(Above and below) Cast members from the Music Man pose for after production shot following a well recieved performance.



It's A Carnival!

Friday, May 30th
4-7 P.M.

Location: NAS 1 Bus Loop
(rain location: Knights' Hall)

Sponsored by
Stephen Decatur Elem. School
PTO

Come and join us for our 5th Annual SDES Spring Carnival! There will be fun, food, games and prizes with over 20 activities. Fun for all ages!

Tickets will be on sale at the event 25¢ each

Stock up for summer reading
at our **Carnival Book Fair Booth!**

Magnolia

Water, Soil, Hazardous Too

Caption and Photos by Master Sgt. Dennis Brewer, 352nd Special Operation group Public Affairs Officer, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom



(Above) Students pull test samples from 55 gallon drums of mock hazardous waste, much the same way kids pull slush from a slush puppy, during a training class conducted by Ms. Jacqueline Frances, an environmental engineer from the Naval Civil Engineer Corps, Port Hueme, California Friday. The class learned to collect and check soil, hazardous and water samples to include potable, open stream and ground water for contamination during the training which lasted for a week. The class is part of the Navy's ongoing environmental program ensuring good stewardship of Naval bases worldwide.

(Right) Sun-Ho Kim, an environmental engineer from Chin Hae Navel Base, Korea inspects the clarity of a mock hazardous waste stream (for the class, the samples were actually water with food coloring added). The first year employee thought the week long training was excellent and said he got a lot out of the class.



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Sports

Pick-Up Basketball
Sundays: 2 p.m. at Fit District

Child and Youth Programs

Camp Adventure is Back!
Camp 'A' - Youth Center, grades 1 - 6
Camp 'A OK' - CDC, kindergarten
New! Camp 'Andiamo' - two days in Marinai and two days in Mineo, grades 1 - 8
Contact the CDC at x3736 or the Youth Center at x3711

Midtown 2 Theaters

Armed Forces Day: May 17
Reduced admission to all active duty members. Must have ID. Raffles for each movie.

SpareTime Bowling Center

Colorama Glow-in-the-Dark Bowling
NEW START TIME beginning May 31
Saturday nights at 8pm!
Lane reservations begin at 7pm

Take 5

PlayStation 3 Tournament: May 20
Education Fair: May 21
Galley on the Go! May 22

Liberty

Wandering Cefalu: May 17
Siracusa Archeological Park: May 18

Chinese Dinner: May 23
Thrill Rides in the UK: May 23 - 30
Scopin' Out Scotland: July 1 - 8

ITT Gear-n-Go

Scilla & Reggio Calabria
May 17: Depart: NAS II 6:30 a.m., NAS I 7 a.m., Return: 8 p.m.
\$54 + euro for fees and food
Noto Infiolata & La Trota Restaurant
May 18: Depart: NAS II 9:30 a.m., NAS I 10 a.m., Return: 8 p.m.
\$50, includes lunch

Nicolosi: Ethnographic Museum and Vulcanological Museum "Family Trip"
May 21: Depart: Mineo 7:30 a.m., NAS II 8 a.m., NAS I 8:30 a.m., Return: 3:30 p.m.
\$30/adults, \$3/child 2 - 14 years old

Fine Art of Camping Series: Knots and Lashings
May 17: Midtown Gym 10am - Noon
FREE! (One point class)

Hike of the Month: Eloro Nature Reserve & Archeological Sight Family Trip
May 17: Depart: NAS II 7:30 a.m., NAS I 8 a.m., Return: 6 p.m.
\$25 for adults; children under 12 are free (Great American Backyard Campout +1 Point)

Il Picciolo Golf Course Transportation
May 17: Depart: NAS I 8 a.m., Return: 4 p.m.
\$5 for transportation

Kayaking in Sicily: Giardini Naxos & Taormina
Mandatory meeting: Friday, May 16 at 5 p.m.
May 17: Depart: NAS I 8:30 a.m., Return: 4:30 p.m.

\$30/person includes kayak

Scuba

Bubblemaker: May 16 at 5:30 p.m.
Kids 8 years of age and older

Fitness

Family Rock Climbing Orientation Night
May 23: 5 - 6:30 p.m., 6:30 - 8 p.m. at The Cave
Sign your family up for an hour and a half of rock climbing fun. Sign up ahead of time at Fit District. FREE

Youth Center

National Strawberries & Cream Day: May 21 at 4 p.m.
Spelling Bee: May 23 at 3:30 p.m.

Teen Center

Catania Market Trip: May 17
Need anything last minute for prom? Join us and get what you need!
Getting Ready Prom Party: May 17
Get your nails, make-up and hair done! For a pre-prom snack have some PIZZA!
The teen center has (almost) everything you need!! Make-up, hair supplies, manicure kits, nail polish and of course the pizza!

Mineo Recreation Center

National Apple Pie Day: May 16
Community Movie-in-a-Box: May 23 at 6 p.m.

MAY 16 - MAY 22

MIDTOWN MOVIE THEATER

MOVIE HOTLINE: 624-4248

SCHEDULE

MOVIE DESCRIPTIONS

Friday, May 16

12:00pm Semi-Pro R 91 min.
3:00pm Penelope PG 89 min.
5:00pm Speed Racer PG 129 min.
5:30pm 10,000 B.C. PG-13 109 min.
7:30pm Shutter PG-13 85 min.
8:00pm Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns PG-13 100 min.
9:30pm Doomsday R 109 min.

Saturday, May 17

2:00pm College Road Trip G 83 min.
2:30pm Iron Man PG-13 126 min.
4:30pm Horton Hears A Who! G 86 min.
5:00pm Never Back Down PG-13 114 min.
7:30pm Drillbit Taylor PG-13 100 min.
8:00pm Speed Racer PG 129 min.
9:30pm The Bank Job R 110 min.

Sunday, May 18

2:00pm Speed Racer PG 129 min.
2:30pm Shutter PG-13 85 min.
4:30pm 10,000 B.C. PG-13 109 min.
5:00pm Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns PG-13 100 min.
7:00pm Semi-Pro R 91 min.

Monday, May 19

12:00pm Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns PG-13 100 min.
3:00pm Horton Hears A Who! G 86 min.
5:00pm College Road Trip G 83 min.
5:30pm Drillbit Taylor PG-13 100 min.
7:30pm Iron Man PG-13 126 min.
8:00pm Never Back Down PG-13 114 min.

Tuesday, May 20

5:00pm Speed Racer PG 129 min.
5:30pm Shutter PG-13 85 min.
7:30pm Doomsday R 109 min.
8:00pm The Bank Job R110 min.

Wednesday, May 21

12:00pm Horton Hears A Who! G 86 min.
3:00pm College Road Trip G 83 min.
5:00pm Iron Man PG-13 126 min.
5:30pm Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns PG-13 100 min.
7:30pm Semi-Pro R 91 min.
8:00pm Drillbit Taylor PG-13 100 min.

Thursday, May 22

3:00pm Speed Racer PG 129 min.
5:00pm Penelope PG 89 min.
5:30pm Doomsday R 109 min.
7:30pm THROWBACK THURSDAY - FREE ADMISSION
Soul Plane PG-13 87 min.
8:00pm Shutter PG-13 85 min.

10,000 B.C. (PG-13)

In a remote mountain tribe, the young hunter, D'Leh, has found his heart's passion - the beautiful Evolet. When a band of mysterious warlords raid his village and kidnap Evolet, D'Leh is forced to lead a small group of hunters to pursue the warlords to the end of the world to save her. Driven by destiny, the unlikely band of warriors must battle saber-tooth tigers and prehistoric predators and, at their heroic journey's end, they uncover a Lost Civilization. Their ultimate fate lies in an empire beyond imagination, where great pyramids reach into the skies. Here they will take their stand against a powerful god who has brutally enslaved their people.

The Bank Job (R)

A car dealer with a dodgy past and new family, Terry has always avoided major-league scams. But when Martine, a beautiful model from his old neighborhood, offers him a lead on a foolproof bank hit on London's Baker Street, Terry recognizes the opportunity of a lifetime. Martine targets a roomful of safe deposit boxes worth millions in cash and jewelry. But Terry and his crew don't realize the boxes also contain a treasure trove of dirty secrets - secrets that will thrust them into a deadly web of corruption and illicit scandal that spans London's criminal underworld, the highest echelons of the British government, and the Royal Family itself...the true story of a heist gone wrong... in all the right ways.

College Road Trip (G)

Melanie is eagerly looking forward to taking her first big step towards independence when she plans a 'girls only' road trip to check out prospective universities. However, when her imposing police-chief dad insists on escorting her instead, she soon finds her dream trip turning into a nightmare full of misfortune and turmoil. Dad wants to assure total security and safety for his precious daughter, while Melanie has a 17-year-old's need to become a grown woman and have her own sense of independence. Now, even as dad and daughter bicker, banter and careen from one disaster to the next on their journey, they are about to discover that, sometimes, going that extra mile to be together can forge a family bond so strong it can withstand anything—even wild curves ahead.

Doomsday (R)

The year is 2008, and a pandemic threatens to wipe out the whole of the human race. For many in the United Kingdom—the epicenter of the outbreak—the end is nigh, so why bother to keep count? Within days of detection of the Reaper virus millions are infected in Scotland, the killer diseases home turf. Government has no choice but to declare the country a hot zone and quarantine the

populace in hopes of containing the Reapers spread. What was once Scotland is now a forgotten No Mans Land, with the Reaper given free reign to annihilate the population sealed inside. A quarter of a century later, with a new outbreak of the Reaper resurfacing in London, it becomes apparent that the governments best laid plans have gone completely, bloody awry. Department of Domestic Security (DDS) Chief Bill Nelson is summoned to meet with the prime minister and the true power behind his office, Michael Canaris, who reveal satellite photos of Reaper survivors in the hot zone. And survivors must mean there's a cure. Nelson quickly assembles a crack team of specialists to venture into the forsaken land and retrieve the counter-agent to the virus. For the tough and efficient commanding officer, Major Eden Sinclair, the assignment represents a disquieting homecoming. Twenty-five years earlier, she had been shoved into one of the last evacuating military choppers and flown to safety—forced to leave her mother behind. Once on the other side of the immediately re-secured border, the squadron is on its own, venturing into a ghoulish terrain of corpse-strewn, forlorn cities. All too soon, however, the crew meets up with a pack of feral survivors, and finds itself unwittingly standing in for the callous government that turned its back years before.

Drillbit Taylor (PG-13)

Ryan, Wade and Emmitt attend their first day at high school and they're pumped... until they meet up with Filkins, a school bully who comes off like a little Hannibal Lecter. Before they become completely engulfed in Filkins' reign of terror, they seek out some protection by placing an ad in Soldier of Fortune magazine. Their best response - and the cheapest - comes from Drillbit Taylor, a down-on-his luck soldier of fortune who lives a homeless - he likes to say "home-free" - existence on the beach. He enrolls them in some physical and mental training.

Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears A Who! (G)

The imaginative elephant Horton hears a cry for help coming from a tiny speck of dust floating through the air. Suspecting there may be life on that speck and despite a surrounding community which thinks he has lost his mind, Horton is determined to help.

PREMIERS FRIDAY MAY 23

21, Stop Loss, Superhero Movie

COMING SOON

The Ruins, Leatherheads

School NEWS

A Visit to Pizza Paradise

Article by Kim Rollins, Troop #41 Leader
Photo by Steve Rollins

The Sigonella Overseas Girl Scouts Troop #41 visited Paradise Ristorante in Motta Sant'Anastasia April 10 to learn the art of pizza-making.

Chef Gaetano, the Pizzaiolo, opened his kitchen to teach some eager Girl Scouts the fine art of making the perfect pizza. "I always wanted to learn how to make my own pizza!" commented [redacted] one of the Girl Scouts. The Girls were taught basic cooking skills and Chef Gaetano demonstrated how to properly handle an old style brick oven. Orazio Agosta, the restaurant manager, was more than happy to share his restaurant and assist the Girl Scouts with translator duties.

After an afternoon of spinning pizza dough, making their own pizza and watching them see their creations loaded into the oven, the girls enjoyed the "fruits of their labor" by sitting down to eat. The girls excitedly learned a phrase in Italian to thank their host for this experience, "Grazia per tutti!"

The lessons the troop learned at this event will go toward earning the Girl Scout Brownie "Make it, Eat it" Try-it badge. The experience also helps to qualify them for the Sicilian participation patch. On top of it all, they got the opportunity to participate in a very unique and special event which will be incorporated into future Girl Scout events for the troop.



Girl Scout troop 41 at Paradise Ristorante in Motta Sant'Anastasia with Chef Gaetano the Pizzaiolo.

Torch Club Wheels in the Caps 11,000 Bottle Caps Collected

Article and photos by Jenni James
MWR Marketing

For many years the children at the Youth Center have been involved with a nationally recognized organization, the Boy's and Girls Clubs of America. One of the clubs recognized under their umbrella is the Torch Club. The Torch Club's goal is to help build tolerance, civic responsibility, community involvement, good character, and leadership in children ranging in ages six-thirteen.

Two months ago, the Torch Club started collecting plastic bottle tops found on water, soda and juice bottles along with a local church, in Catania, that founded a program to recycle them for a good cause. With every 1000 bottle caps turned in, a much needed wheel chair is produced for a handicapped individual.

The Torch Club placed decorative collection boxes throughout Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) facilities and in the Navy Exchange (NEX) Food Court.

This program became a tremendously supported community event as bottle caps rolled in by the hundreds to all collection boxes and from various individuals and groups.

One group of supporters were the workers at the NEX warehouse who met with the Torch Club to donate their personal collection of bottle caps to the club.

"We have been collecting them for two years," said the warehouse staff. "There are about 4,000 caps!"

With the NEX warehouse donation, the Torch Club totals are over 11,000 bottle caps collected and they are only half way finished with counting them.

As the spring club winds down, this community event will come to a close. The next Boy's and Girls Clubs of America umbrella club will be Skills Mastery and Resistance Training (S.M.A.R.T.). Moves S.M.A.R.T and will start in the summer.

"All children in the community are welcome to come to the new S.M.A.R.T. Moves club," said Tiffany Franklin, Youth Center manager, "we are working on the details and will have registration open as soon as we receive the grant from BGCA."

S.M.A.R.T. Moves prevention/education program addresses problems such as drug and alcohol use and premature sexual activity. The program uses a team approach involving club staff, peer leaders, parents and community representatives. More than simply emphasizing a "Say No" message, the program teaches young people ages six

to fifteen how to say no by involving them in discussion and role-playing, practicing resistance and refusal skills, developing assertiveness, strengthening decision-making skills and analyzing media and peer influence. The ultimate goal: to promote abstinence from substance abuse and adolescent sexual involvement through the practice of responsible behavior. (www.bgca.org/programs)

For those who would like to continue donating bottle caps, contact information is available at the Youth Center. For S.M.A.R.T. Moves club registration and future BGCA clubs, look in the Preview on the Just for Kids section or call the Youth Center at 624-3712.



From left, Israel Watkins and Trisha Willie, members of the Torch Club, enthusiastically receive over 4,000 bottle caps donated for their community project from the Navy Exchange Warehouse staff.

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CHAPLIAN continued from page 2 things to question, then I will drive myself crazy with questions about how cruel people can be and why so many suffer needlessly, etc., etc. It's nice to just enjoy the moment. I think you are good at that - enjoying every moment."

Now, the sound logic for the benefit of gaining perspective is plain enough. It applies whether we need clarity in the midst of the mundane or the spectacular, the serene or the intense, the beautiful or the ugly. Those trapped in the Sigonella triangle need to find avenues to gain a wider angle view of their lives and world events.

On the other hand, those in the a-ter confronted daily with threats and violence need an occasional respite to improve the focus of their efforts. Remembering who and what is at stake effectively spurs us to concentrate on that which threatens. Either way, we hardly have time in this life to distract ourselves with contrived

enemies.

Ironically, it is difficult circumstances that jolt us back into recognizing what is important.

As a father, I know what it is like to be less than understanding when one of my kids spills a drink at the dinner table. However, after a deployment in support of the Global War on Terror, a mess of liquid in the kitchen seems pretty minor. I am glad simply to sit at the same table with them.

The message of this column is simple and I suspect you already know it well: Integrate practices in your life which provide for perspective rather than avoidance and be careful to approach situations both great and small with the wisdom you have synthesized through a wide spectrum of experiences.

But my sister-in-law is no simpleton. She has scratched a deeper issue here than simply gaining perspective. Even with a clear head, she knows she lives in a world in which

the fog remains no matter how many hours she spends snowshoeing. She's not avoiding anything. She is endeavoring to enable herself to exercise clear thinking about matters that absolutely demand it.

If your contacts are blurry and you are driving in the fog, you would be wise to clean your contacts.

In addition, you would benefit if you were an experienced driver, well rested, and vigilant in your powers of concentration. However, you are still driving in challenging conditions.

The ultimate matters of life are worthy of our greatest efforts and sharpest deliberation. To avoid the questions altogether or to hide behind an excuse of self-imposed ambiguity is completely irresponsible. In the midst of the fog, I encourage you to discipline yourself to actively engage such issues with a calculated perspective gained through life experiences and a resolve to do so with a clear head.

The week offered an exemplary opportunity to exchange their expertise and viewpoints with their colleagues and concluded with the acceptance of a certificate and a \$10,000 educational grant to be used at the awardees' discretion.

According to Kristin Scuderi in a White House press release, the award was established in 1983 by the Education for Economic Security Act and is given annually to math and science teachers across the United States who make outstanding contributions to their students and schools.

senate to discuss education reforms and other items that are important to mathematics and science education. In addition to a group photo with Vice President Richard B. Cheney, the educators also met with representatives of the National Science Foundation to discuss present and future funding of science and mathematics education as well as dine at several business breakfasts with leaders of the U.S. Geological Survey, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Office of Science and Technology, and the Department of Energy.

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

continued from page 1 teaching styles and an analytical paper application package, finalists were brought to Washington D.C. where they participated in a recognition week.

"Recognition week was amazing," said Arnold. "It was a combination of fantastic professional development ran through the national science foundation which is the agency that runs the presidential program."

During the week, the finalists were able to meet with congressional members of both the house and the

CAR THEFT

continued from page 1 your car on or off base, make sure you take your base pass out, they will take that sometimes too."

Lizzio and Vaught agreed in their comments that the best way to deter vehicle break-ins both on base and out in town is to follow a three part strategy. First, always check the vehicle for any visible objects that might be worth stealing and put them away or take them with you. Second, arm the vehicle's security system making it a tougher target. Third, lock the vehicle.

Vaught conceded that not all vehicles have security systems or for one reason or another can not be locked properly. In that case, he said, "Leave it unlocked and don't leave anything in it. If you leave it unlocked and take everything out of it including the base pass and faceplate to the radio, then they [thieves] will rummage through the vehicle and leave." He stressed that this should only be used if absolutely everything was out of the vehicle and it wouldn't prevent a break in but could prevent further damage to the vehicle from a

forced break in. Lizzio cautioned that in his experience, Americans almost always leave something in the vehicle. He also pointed out that if the vehicle was unlocked and something was left, it would encourage theft and if something was stolen it would be difficult for security to investigate where it was stolen.

Lizzio also mentioned, "Always lock your car even while you are driving and don't leave your purse or important items in sight, always put it below your seat or out of sight... It is important that one understands that you have to care about your personal security and pay attention and be very vigilant about that." NAS Sigonella Security Officer Ricky Gilbert said, "If you are in housing be more vigilant... When people run or walk the fence line in their daily exercise and they see a discrepancy in the fence, they should report that to security."

There is no 100% solution to preventing vehicular break ins, but by applying common sense and being vigilant about security on and off base the likelihood of incidents will dramatically decrease.

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those having an EFM with multiple/severe disabilities or medical problems, or highly complex educational requirements.

-Category 6: This is a temporary category and the medical or educational condition requires a stable environment for six months to a year.

It is also very important to note that while detailers use these categories for future placement, the resources available at the next duty station will ultimately determine placement where EFM concerns are present. For example, if a family member is placed in Category 3, it

will not prevent the member from bringing his family overseas if the necessary resources are available in that location. This is why overseas screening of all family members is vital in determining future assignments.

Members will remain enrolled in the program for as long as the need exists. To be disenrolled from this program, an updated application from your physician or school is required.

For any other questions please contact the EFMP Coordinator at 624-4842 or by email at arcelia.wick-er@med.navy.mil.

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of the "I want it now" generation, the idea of waiting 20 or 30 years to get rich probably sounds like a dumb idea. Sure, there are faster ways to get rich. You could win the lottery or pick the next Intel or Wal-Mart Stores, but don't quit your day job. Your chances of winning big in the lottery run around 15 million to one.

Naturally you would be sitting pretty if you had had the foresight to plunk significant cash into Intel or Wal-Mart 20 years ago, but consider that you would have lost money if you'd picked Advanced Micro Devices instead of Intel and you would be broke if you had picked

Kmart instead of Wal-Mart. In both instances, your retirement plans would be history.

Here's the bottom line. The fate of your retirement, your comfort in older age, probably lies in your commitment to the concepts laid out in the paragraphs above. For the vast majority of us, wealth creation is a slow and steady but powerful process. The tortoise almost always beats the hare. It's not easy. But it's very, very simple.

If this article peaked your interest and you would like to learn more about investment strategies, call the FFSC at 624-4291.

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