

# THE Signature

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## Happy Father's Day Signonella!

Sailors send love home to their fathers



"Hey dad, I love you and I miss you. Happy Father's Day."

-Lt. j.g. Alan Vaughnt, Security



"Hey dad, thanks for all the support back home. Happy Father's Day."

-IT3 Josh Lippoldt, COMSTA



"I love you and I miss you. I can't wait for Christmas."

-AE3 August Dephillips, Combined Maintenance Organization



"Happy daddy day. You know I love you. You know I miss you. God bless."

-ITSA Stephanie Fells, COMSTA

## Motorcycle Rally Raises Money for Orphans

Article and photos by Lt. j.g. Matt Knight  
Signonella Public Affairs Officer

The Institute Rome Saba, an orphanage in Belpasso, Sicily, was presented a check for \$1500 by Cmdr. Todd Siddall, Commanding Officer of EOD Mobile Unit 8 on the behalf of Navy Exchange New Car Sales and the Liars Motorcycle Club June 4 at the orphanage.

The presentation completed a joint project between the Liars Motorcycle Club and NEX new car sales wherein the money was raised through raffle tickets and T-shirt sales at the Motorcycle Rally held on May 2 at the NAS 1 Land Annex, according to Harold Laird, NEX Services operations manager.

The event was a huge success and well received by the children and orphanage staff. Mother Lorenza, director of the orphanage, commented that she had been at the orphanage 25 years ago and remem-

bered that even then there was a great relationship between the American community and the orphanage. She concluded by mentioning that the relationship has gotten even stronger and that the money received would go towards operating and maintenance costs at the orphanage. Tommy Politini, the eldest member of the Liars Motorcycle Club commented that, "In our bylaws there is a law that says we are a non-profit club, so what could we do with this money if not giving it to somebody that might need it?" Ben Turner of NEX New Car Sales said, "It's nice to give something back to the community, and that's what we did here today."

Attending the event were over a dozen Liars Motorcycle Club members who arrived on their bikes, NEX management, and Siddall, who represented NAS Signonella. "It was a great

opportunity for them to see the military in a good light, not associated with war, but helping them out whenever we can," said Siddall. "I

thought it was a fantastic opportunity that these guys cared enough to give back to the community and especially to the children in Belpasso."



Children and staff from the Institute Roma Sabata accept a check from Cmdr. Todd Siddall, NEX management, and the Liars Motorcycle Club.

## Fifth Graders Graduate D.A.R.E. Program

Article and photos by MC2 Joshua Wink  
Signature Staff

In 1983 a program was founded in Los Angeles that aimed to teach children about the dangers of using drugs, alcohol and tobacco. This program has since become so successful that it is now incorporated into 75 percent of American schools and has crept into 43 countries around the world. Its name is the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, or more commonly known as D.A.R.E.

Recently 45 fifth graders from the Steven Decatur Elementary School in Signonella completed this 10 week program and were awarded an official graduation with a certificate of completion from the Master at Arms volunteers who taught the class.

"The main thing that we hope the children get out of the D.A.R.E. class is to really stop and think before they do anything," said Master at Arms First Class Steven



reads his class winning essay to the graduating D.A.R.E. students and audience.

Benson, one of the volunteer teachers of the class and the ceremonies main speaker. "We want them to go off of what they know is right and wrong instead of just going along with the latest craze."

The D.A.R.E. program makes

use of multiple teaching techniques in their effort to convey to such a young audience the importance of saying "No" to drugs, alcohol and tobacco. Aside from the traditional teaching method of paper, pencil and books, the D.A.R.E. program also

gets the children involved in role playing activities that bring real world situations to life and require the children to not only make good decisions, but teaches them how they can say "No" and help others to make the same decision.

"These children are going to be tomorrows leaders; they are going to be tomorrows teachers. As they grow older they will be able to pass it down to the people that come up after them," Benson said.

of the graduating fifth grade class were additionally honored at the ceremony for best essay in each class. Both children received a separate award and read aloud their essay to the audience.

"The D.A.R.E. program is the best education we can get for drugs and violence. It teaches you a lot about all the drugs that are bad for you," said after the ceremony. "They taught us to say no to drugs, alcohol, peer pressure and things that are bad for us."

### WEATHER UPDATE

June 13  
H:86F  
L:57F



June 14  
H:84F  
L:56F



June 15  
H:81F  
L:62F



June 16  
H:81F  
L:62F



June 17  
H:87F  
L:66F



June 18  
H:92F  
L:69F



June 19  
H:91F  
L:68F



### TOP STORIES

Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island ushered in the next generation of naval electronic attack aircraft with the official arrival of its first EA-18G Growler, June 3.

Summer is upon us. Kids are out of school and vacations are being planned. Did you know that some of the hot vacation spots in Europe are right here in Sicily? The Island of Sicily offers a vacation spot for everyone, all within a few hours drive.

"San Caloriu di Naru fa li grazi a cantaru" (Saint Calogero from Naro performs many miracles.) This popular Sicilian saying expresses how genuine and deep-rooted is Naro's community devotion towards its beloved patron saint, who is said to have rescued the town from the plague.

On a clear day from NAS I it is possible to see the shape of a tall building, the Motta's castle. This structure of about 1000 years old was excavated inside a volcano, and it was scenario for curious historical events.

Twenty-six students from Signonella High School graduated in a ceremony held June 6 on NAS 1 near the school.

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### TRAFFIC NUMBERS

	Jan.- June '08	Jan.- June '07	Diff.
Accidents	138	140	-2
Injuries	23	14	+9
DUIs	5	3	+2
Traffic Deaths	2	0	+2

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## DIRECT LINE NASSIG COMMANDING OFFICER CAPT. THOMAS J. QUINN

The June 5th Feedback Live was so successful that some of the questions couldn't be covered in the allotted time, so we are going to devote this Direct Line to answering them. Please keep sending the questions via email or phone and I will do my best to answer them.

Additionally, has someone in Housing, the Exchange or Commissary provided you Great Service? Are you excited about a base sponsored program or service? Feedback Live is the perfect opportunity to share with the community about your positive experience. Feedback Live is held on the first Thursday of each month, from 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. To call in live on the show, please dial 624-4265 or 095-56-4265.

1. Would it be possible for Housing to issue residents manual dial (battery or

110/220V) emergency radios? The residents would have to sign for the radio as part of the inventory and return it or account for it when checking out of Housing.

Answer: Commander Naval Installation Regulations and Operation Prepare material states emergency preparation is everyone's personal responsibility from sponsor to dependent. NASSIG stationed personnel are encouraged to purchase Emergency battery operated radios, due to the frequent power outages and the ability to receive emergency notification information. This especially applies to those personnel living off base due to the complexity of receiving emergency updates. The least expensive option to date has been through the American Red Cross Office for under \$25. However, the radios can be purchased at buyer discretion from any

source. Specifically addressing the question can housing provide radios, the Emergency Management office requested funding in FY09 for radios for all tenant commands for use during an emergency as one of several means to receive updates. If additional funding is received then the Housing Office can manage the issuance of radios, similar to the AFN decoders, however at present housing is not currently authorized to purchase radios.

2. Why can't non-U.S. citizen dependants get jobs on base that is saved for dependants? My dependant is an Italian citizen with US permanent residence status and command sponsored (she is not dual citizen), and because of this we are told that she is not able to work in any job that all other dependants are able to work at. Is there a way to change this?

Answer: The SOFA requires that people that work on base are members of what it calls the "civilian component." To qualify, you must be a U.S. citizen (not just lawful permanent resident) or a citizen of a NATO country other than Italy. To change those conditions you need to convince your elected officials to renegotiate the SOFA.



# Health WATCH

## Sharing the Road, a Brief Guide to Bicycle Safety

Article courtesy of Captain Mike Hall MD FACF, Naval Hospital Sigonella

Riding a bike in Sigonella is one of the finest experiences I can recommend here. The walls and years fall away, and suddenly I'm 7 again, on my Schwinn Sting Ray and I own the neighborhood and the world all 'round. It is still that way for those of us who ride: the roads, the hills, the people and small towns all beckon, and it is undeniable the best way to see this beautiful island. Additionally, the MWR Summer "Go Green" theme offers compelling reasons as well. You'll get fit, you'll save gas money, and on Fridays, can join your friends by riding a bike to work. Earn prizes!

But this is about riding safely, and riding safely on a bike means only one thing: Don't Get Hit By Cars! A few safety tips will improve your "street smarts" and safety skills, and allow you to relax and enjoy this lovely Sicilian countryside. First, a message for all

you Drivers out there: Watch for cyclists! So the first piece of the puzzle lies with all of us when we are behind the wheel: Please slow down, pass with care, yield when appropriate, and finally WATCH THE ROAD AND HANG UP YOUR PHONE. Thank you!

Now to the bike part, I'll keep this simple:

1.) As the saying goes, you can never be too rich, too thin, or too visible on a bicycle. During the day, bright colors, reflective vests, day-glow yellow jerseys are all critical to being seen. Early mornings, dusk, and after dark, Lights, flashing/blinking taillight and reflectors are absolutely required. 40% of all bicycle fatalities are after dark when the cyclists are riding without lights. This is dangerous and easily preventable. Folks drive fast here, and there's lots of bikers on the road, but NOT

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### NASSIG WORSHIP SERVICES

**LDS Chapel in Catania**  
Sunday  
1 p.m. Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints  
For information contact 624-1671

**Church of Christ**  
Sunday 3:30 p.m. NAS I Chapel Room 4  
For information contact 624-5128

**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

**Call 095-86-3801 for the Chaplains Office**

**Call 095-86-1205 for weekly Jewish services**  
**Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings**  
Monday, Wednesday and Fridays  
11:30 a.m. NAS II Chapel

**NAS I Chapel**  
Sunday  
8:45 a.m. Catholic Mass  
10:45 a.m. Protestant Worship  
Wednesday  
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**  
Sunday  
11 a.m. Protestant Traditional Service



## What's the Good Word? Respect

Article Courtesy of Chaplain Stephen M. Coates

How many times have you heard it? "I will respect the rank but not the person." The rank will be most appreciative, I'm sure.

A few years back I was working with several chaplains developing a strategic plan for the Command Religious Program at a Marine Corps installation. Brainstorming guiding principles, I key stroked in the following submission: We will receive the respect we deserve.

My colleagues were appalled. They thought I had uttered a threat. "You respect us or we will beat it out of you."

"No, no," I explained. "I only mean that if we are individuals of competence and character, we will receive due respect. If we are not such persons, respect will not be forthcoming - and rightly so."

I thought I was on pretty safe ground.

Respect is something that needed to be earned or, at the very least, it was something you afforded others until there were grounds to withhold it.

Then a different perspective occurred to me. Why would anyone respect me? Particularly, why do those who know me best, who are intimately familiar with all my weaknesses, continue to demonstrate deference towards me? Maybe respect is not something earned after all. Maybe respect is something you choose to bestow.

In the mid 80's, I worked on a partisan staff in Illinois politics. At one point, I served as the campaign scheduler for a State Senator seeking reelection. Ten days prior to the election, a journalist scheduled an exclusive

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Call the EM Office at 624-2630, 8265 or 2621.

## WEEKLY TRAFFIC/ SAFETY UPDATE

**Traffic Court Results**

E4 - Negligent backing. Member was awarded 2 points and DIP.  
E4 - Following to close. Member was awarded 2 points and DIP.  
E5 - Other moving violations. Member was awarded DIP.

# NAVY News

## Navy Welcomes New Era of Electronic Warfare

Article by  
**MC2 Tucker M. Yates**  
Fleet Public Affairs Center  
Det. Northwest

Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island ushered in the next generation of naval electronic attack aircraft with the official arrival of its first EA-18G Growler, June 3.

The event marks the beginning of the long awaited transition to the Growler from the Vietnam-era EA-6B Prowler.

Presiding over the event were the Honorable Donald Winter, Secretary of the Navy; Jim Albaugh, executive vice president of The Boeing Company; U.S. Rep. Rick Larsen; Capt. Bradley Russell, commodore of Electronic Attack Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet (CVWP); and Oak Harbor Mayor Jim Slowik.

"Thank you for inviting me to witness this landmark event in aviation history. Today marks the culmination point in a largely untold success story that began more than 17 years ago," said Winter. "I am pleased to note that this has been a success story and an excellent example of Navy contractor teamwork and collaboration. By leveraging and evolving legacy programs, the F-18 as a platform, and significant payload components from the EA-6B, this program now stands as a model case of what can be achieved."

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U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Bruce McVicar

**An EA-18G Growler lands at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island for the first time. The Growler is being developed to replace the fleet's current carrier-based EA-6B Prowler. The next-generation electronic attack aircraft for the U.S. Navy, combines the combat-proven F/A-18 Super Hornet with state-of-the-art electronic warfare avionics.**

## Happy Anniversary Sigonella



**Once upon a time the operations side of Naval Air Station Sigonella was nothing more than a run way and a hangar.**

Article Courtesy of  
**John Hoffpauir**  
NAS Sigonella Manpower

You were commissioned and your mission life started on June 15, 1959 here in Sicily.

You were the result of a politico-military crisis in the Mediterranean involving the Soviet countries and the then free world. You were conceived and nurtured in Malta but you were born in Sicily. Happy Birthday Sigonella!

You first supported the P2V Neptune in surface and sub-surface naval military operations. In 1967, you undertook support of the P3A/B/C Orion aircraft to expand and enforce military operations for NATO and U.S. interests. It was hard work, long hours, frustrations and uninterrupted dedication to meet the changes and challenges of the Cold War.

You were promoted from a Naval Air Facility to a Naval Air station in July 1981.

More changes were in the making. The Serbo-Croatian situation exploded and demanded even more of your strength and resolve. It was an extended trial of your capabilities

and continuity. You succeeded in every respect and exceeded far beyond expectations.

At the center of the Mediterranean stage, you were involved in virtually all that history had to offer in this area. Most notable were the force-down of the Klinghofer murder terrorists at Sigonella; repeated staging of special troops to support as many operations in the Middle East; U-2 operations periodically; support of the cruise missile base opening and closing; and numerous other critical events and efforts dictated from the Pentagon hierarchy.

In the last couple of years, you have come to be involved in the financial wind-down of global military presence. Your strategic location and your ability to meet any challenge, including the current one, is a testimony of your value to the U.S. and our NATO allies in the European-Southeast Asia area. You are a key player and supporter of U.S. and NATO policy.

Sigonella - in omnia paratus (prepared for all things)!

Happy 49th Anniversary Sigonella!

## PHOTO FROM THE FLEET

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



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Kyle D. Gahlau

**USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) steams along in the Pacific Ocean. The ship is returning to the United States for decommissioning after 47 years of service, 10 of which have been in Yokosuka, Japan.**

## SEXUAL ASSAULT / VICTIMS INTERVENTION

*SAVI offers a Sexual Assault Hotline staffed with trained advocates who man the SAVI Hotlines 24/7.*

*The number is 335-642-8312 or 335-606-6146.*

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*Did you know?*

Living beyond your means is a prescription for disaster? Does more than 25% 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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# SUMMER IN SICILY

Article and photos courtesy of Fleet and Family Support Center

Summer is upon us. Kids are out of school and vacations are being planned.

Did you know that some of the hot vacation spots in Europe are right here in Sicily?

The Island of Sicily offers a vacation spot for everyone, all within a few hours drive.

Walk along the sandy beaches of Catania, where both public (spiaggia libera) and private (lido) installations are located; hike Mt. Etna and see real lava flow; camp Porto Palo, Marina di Ragusa; go fishing and dine on fresh fish caught daily in Siracusa;

Archeological sightseeing is plentiful in Cefalu', Palermo, Monreale, Acicastello, Noto, Modica, Agrigento, Selinunte, Segesta, Erice.

Explore the fourteen paradises of untouched beauty. The Aeolian islands, in the province of Messina, water meets fire in Stromboli, Vulcano, Lipari, Salina, Filicudi, Alicudi and Panarea.

Some have an African charm, such as the Pelagie, in the province of Agrigento, and Pantelleria in the province of Trapani. Others, the uncontested mistresses of the sea and its secrets, Levanzo, Favignana, and Marettimo, form the archipelago of the Egadi in the sea off Trapani. Further north, in splendid isolation, is Ustica, the island of Circe, with its unspoilt marine reserve.



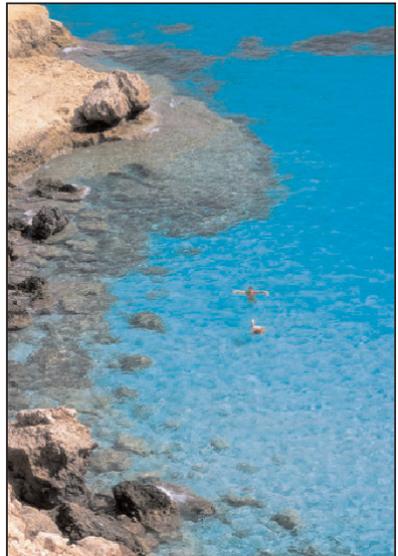
Other great opportunities include great cooking classes, kayaking, making Caleca pottery, sailing and deep sea diving.

It's our intention to just wet your traveling appetite and encourage you to consider some of the man-made, natural, and historical sights in Sicily. As you can see there are many adventures and sights awaiting you.

For additional travel information contact the FFSC, ICR at 624-4291.

Don't miss out on Intercultural

relations (ICR) classes which are offered every Friday. It includes a field trip downtown Catania.



## Sushi

## Pentagon

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)Ashley is a wonderful dog who has not had a home of her own for over 2 years. She is well mannered, loves to play, enjoys everybody and other animals. If you would like to visit her please come and check her out at SAF.  
(Below)Nix is a great girl who needs a chance to show people her great personality. She loves walks and would make a great asset to any family.

**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



## Naro honors the Black Saint

"San Calorù di Naru fa li grazi a cantaru" (Saint Calogero from Naro performs many miracles.) This popular Sicilian saying expresses how genuine and deep-rooted is Naro's community devotion towards its beloved patron saint, who is said to have rescued the town from the plague. Every year, on June 18, the population of this picturesque Norman-Arab-styled small town in the Agrigento province, which sits atop a hill covered with almond trees, holds a spectacular religious festival to pay homage to its protector. Saint Calogero, whose name means "beautiful elder," was born in the 5th century AD. He was one of the numerous monks who spread Christianity in southern Italy during that time. Those friars were very popular among Sicilians as they led a deeply religious and ascetic life, fasting, preaching and helping the local population through good deeds. Due to Saint Calogero's popularity, his name became synonymous with "good monk" and wise man, so Byzantine priests were all nicknamed "Calogero." This explains why some historic sources tell that there were several "Saint Calogeros" in Sicily at the time. The truth is that there is only one Calogero, who was born in 466 AD in Chalcedon (an ancient coastal city in Turkey, in the Asia Minor region).

However, there is still some debate among religious scholars about the saint's origin. In the 17th century, according to Sicilian historian Salvatore Schembri, the name of the city in which Saint Calogero was born was wrongly translated from ancient Greek by Jesuits priest who confused the word Chalcedony with Carthage, the ancient Tunisian city. That made the world believe that Calogero was African. Ever since, he has been depicted as a black saint, although he was actually white. Today, he is still nicknamed the "Il Santo Nero" (the black saint). Some peasants' legends say that his skin became darker due to repeated sun exposure.

Saint Calogero is also known as "the hermit" for his mystic life and "the thaumaturge" as he is said to have performed several miracles.

According to tradition, he was sent to convert Sicilians to Christianity by Pope Felix II, who is a saint himself.

Calogero, who travelled with other two saints (Gregorio and Demetrio), first landed in

the island of Lipari (Aeolian Archipelago) where he stayed for a while. He then traveled to Marsala, which he left shortly after because of a terrible anti-Christian persecution in which his travel companions were martyred. Calogero eventually arrived in Sciacca in the Agrigento province in 526 AD. There, he chooses to live a cave on Mount Cronio, which is famous for its vapor caves, and decided to settle down there. Later, Saint Calogero began crisscrossing Sicily to preach the Gospel and heal the sick; he was a "doctor" for both the soul and the body. Saint Calogero moved from one cave to another, including small towns as Salemi, Termini Imerese and big cities such as Palermo, Catania and Siracusa. He also lived in a Naro cave, where townspeople later erected a sanctuary to honor him.

According to tradition, the most famous legend about Saint Calogero, who is also venerated in Canicatti and other towns in southern Italy, is the one telling of the a wounded doe whose milk feed the hermit during the last years of his life. One day, while Saint Calogero was praying, a hunter tried to kill the doe that sought shelter in the hermit's cave. Moved by pity for the suffering animal, whose neck was pierced by an arrow, the saint performed a miracle by healing the doe on the spot, right in front of the astonished hunter, who fell on his knees begging the monk for forgiveness and converting to Christianity.

On the evening of the festival's eve (June 17), pilgrims come from the neighboring towns walking (some of them barefoot) for miles to throng the sanctuary. Today, walking barefoot for hours could be perceived as a "physical challenging" tradition, but it is nothing compared to what happened in the old times when some pilgrims would even drag their tongues all the way up to the main altar of the sanctuary.

The festival begins in the early morning



The blessing and distribution of the votive bread is one of the highlights of the Saint Calogero Feast. Believers who claim to have been healed by a heavenly power bake it to thank their beloved patron saint for having interceded for them with God during times of need.

on June 18 with devoti (devotees) crowding the sanctuary, which is located in piazza Roma, to attend holy masses, which are held every hour. Believers bring elaborate votive breads, which are often shaped as the healed part of the body and present them to the sanctuary for the traditional blessing and distribution.

Devotees indeed participate in the festival to express gratitude to the saint for a recovery from an illness or for having survived a natural disaster.

According to tradition, Calogero is said to be particularly invoked by the ones affected by hernias.

Pilgrims come from all over the world including New York where St. Calogero is also venerated. After the opening of the crypt in which the statue is kept, which is performed by the mayor, the beautiful ebony and silver-covered statue is placed on a float called "straula."

The street procession is ready to begin. At 11 a.m., the carriage starts to be pulled by hundreds of crying devotees from all ages and social status, who scream "Viva Diu e San Calò!" (Long live God and Saint Calogero) along viale Umberto (main street) for

about an hour, until it reaches the matrice (main church).

In the evening, a shorter procession, during which the statue is shoulder carried, starts at 6 p.m. from the main church to the Church of San Francesco in piazza Dante.

Attending the festival is a unique chance to see how religion and Sicilian folklore blend together. "Some visitors who see the festival feel so connected with Naro community's religious feeling that decide themselves to join the procession by pulling the rope," said Gaetano Mirabile, a member of the Amici di San Calogero, the religious club which organizes the festival.

Before you leave the feast don't forget to visit the town's architectural attractions. Naro boasts breathtaking Baroque and medieval historic sites and buildings. Some of the main highlights include: the Church of San Niccolò of Bari, the Chiaramonte Castle, the Church of Saint Agostino, the Malfitano Giacchetto Palace, the ancient Norman Cathedral, the "Golden Gate" and the Church of Santa Caterina.

Naro is fairly easy to reach and it is located about one hour and a half driving distance from Sigonella. Take A-19 highway (Catania Palermo) and exit Caltanissetta. Take State Road 640 towards Agrigento. Exit Canicatti and take State Road 410 toward Naro. For more information on Naro call the local tourist information at 0922-953434.



On June 18, the town of Naro, situated in the Agrigento province, pays homage to St. Calogero with a spectacular and elaborate religious street procession which is carried out with an incredible emotional charge by vast crowds of pilgrims.

## Oxidiana

Weekend's concerts and shows in Sicily



An exciting line-up of events taking place across Sicily awaits you this weekend and in the upcoming weeks. The full list is as follows: "Rares Morarescu & Alma Gitane" - Rares Morarescu (violin), Maurizio Crivello (grand-bouche guitar), Salvatore Agate (petit-bouche guitar), Sergio Zanforlin (violin) and Andrea Di Fiore (double bass) - Romania-born violinist Rares Morarescu and Palermo-based "Alma Gitane" band present a concert featuring gipsy jazz. (June 13 - 10 p.m., Y's Club); "Carlo Muratori in concert" - Carlo Muratori (pictured above left) (vocals and acoustic guitar), Massimo Genovesse (acoustic guitar), Marco Carnemolla (double bass) and Francesco Bazzano (percussions) -

Siracusa-born singer and songwriter Carlo Muratori tells the story of his land through Sicilian folk ballads.

(June 14 - 10 p.m., Y's Club); "Italian Brass Band" Music by Ceulemans, Spark, Mancini, Kander-Ebb, Williams and Conti-Sullivan, (June 13 - 9 p.m., Benedictine Monastery, piazza Dante, Catania);

Italian rap group from the Salento region "Sud Sound System" (Mercati Generali - June 13 - 10 p.m.);

Vittoria Jazz Festival: "Maurizio Diara Trio" - Maurizio Diara (guitar), Filippo Didietro (bass) and Enzo Augello (drums) - June 13; "Dado moroni Trio," Dado Moroni (piano), Marco Ganascia (double bass) and Enzo Zirilli (drums) - June 14- piazza Enriquez - Vittoria, Ragusa province - 10 p.m.;

"Jazz & Wine" C. Donato (piano) and D. Milano (saxophone), (June 13 - Eunoé Bar Cantina - 10 p.m. -Siracusa); Jazz Concert: Rosalba Bentivoglio (vocals) & Alberto Alibrandi (piano),

(June 13 -8:45 p.m. - Chiaramonte Palace, piazza S. Francesco-Enna);

"Ancient Greek Drama Festival" at the Siracusa Greek Theatre through June 22: (For more information and tickets [www.indafondazione.org](http://www.indafondazione.org));

"2008 Taormina Film Fest," Artistic Director: Deborah Young, chief international film critic of "The Hollywood Reporter."

Highlights include Mediterranean movies' competition and the world premiere of legendary Francis Ford Coppola's movie "The Godfather" (1985-part 1) recently digitally restored by Robert A. Harris to be held on June 19 at 9 .m. (pictured above right) - (June 15 through 21 - Ancient Greek Theatre and Palazzo dei Congressi (Convention Centre) - Taormina - Detailed shows' schedules available at [www.taorminafilmfest.it](http://www.taorminafilmfest.it)); Giacomo Puccini's four-act opera "Manon Lescaut," Palermo "Teatro Massimo" Opera House (June 13, 14, 15, 17, 18 and 19 - for more information visit [www.teatromassimo.it](http://www.teatromassimo.it)); Spring Classic Music Festival- "Goltermann Quartet" Music by Goltermann, Grutzmacher, Fitznshagen, Klengel, Sollima, Part and Piazzolla (June 17 - 9 p.m. - Aula Magna, Scuola Superiore d'Eccellenza (University of Catania) - Villa S. Saverio, Catania).

Please note that all the above performances' dates and times are subject to change without notice. For the latest information and to get directions to the shows' venues, please contact the events' organizers or the following tourist information offices: Catania (095-7306266/277), Palermo (091- 6058111), Messina (090- 674236), Enna (0935-24007), Ragusa (0932-621421), Siracusa (0931-461477).

# Red Cross Volunteers Complete Dental Assistant Training Program

Article and photos by  
Sandra Levenduski  
Signature Volunteer

On May 29th 2008, LCDR Byars, in the presence of the USNH Sigonella XO CAPT Richard Schloff, presented certificates to the Red Cross volunteers who graduated from the Dental Assistant Training Program. At least once a year the Dental Directorate and the Red Cross commit to train a group of volunteers. The group goes through a selection process prior to beginning program which occurred in November 2007. Once the class is formed, Doctor Byars and other dental officers held 80 hours of classroom instruction to teach the basic skills of the dental assistant job. Then the participants started to work side by side with a dentist in the two clinics (NAS I and NAS II). Each volunteer completed a 300 hours of clinical training utilizing the skills learned in the classroom.

"Our mission in the Dental Directorate beside providing the highest quality care is training our junior personnel, so this program is a natural extension of what we do on a daily basis," said CDR Ritter, Director of Dental Services.

The clinic sees about 1000 patients a month and provides nearly 4 million dollars of dental services a year.

The substantial working hours the staff puts in were augmented by the extra assistance the volunteers provide, so it is a win-win situation



**Maria Kayes, a Red Cross Volunteer, receives a certificate of appreciation from Lt. Cmdr. Byars.**

for all. Although LCDR Byars is soon relocating, the program will continue thanks to the dedication of LCDR Wilson who is taking over the program. The class also received letters of appreciation from the Red Cross director Mr. John Gooch. After congratulating the new "graduates" and thanking them for their commitment, he underlined the importance of the training by reminding them that a civilian program of this caliber could cost up to \$25,000 a student.

The Red Cross Certificate defined volunteers as "gray ladies" or "gray men". The nickname originated during the two World Wars in which women, at first, joined the arm services to take care of the injured of the conflicts. Since they wore a gray uniform and a gray veil it is no wonder why they earned the nickname. As

the gray ladies (in this case the volunteers were all women) the class' willingness to help others showed in the working hours they dedicated to the clinic, over 2700, surpassing the minimum required to graduate.

The Dental Directorate staff enjoy teaching was very proud to be part of this achievement.

"Volunteers make the difference, so if you have some scrap time come to the Red Cross and we will work with you to join our team," said Mr. Gooch. The American Red Cross offers numerous training opportunities.

To find more information visit their website [www.americanredcross.org](http://www.americanredcross.org) or visit their Sigonella office located at NAS I beside the library and you too can make a difference.

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**The Red Cross volunteers who graduated from the Dental Assistant Training Program.**

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# Motta Castle

Article and photos by  
**Sandra Levenduski**  
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On a clear day from NAS I it is possible to see the shape of a tall building, the Motta castle.

This structure of about 1000 years old was excavated inside a volcano, and it was the scene for curious historical events. In the 11th century, an Arab sultan asked the help of the Normans to kick his rival Arab tribes out of Sicily. From the Italian penin-

sula Count Roger of Hauteville, leader of the Normans, came to the rescue. As soon as the count approached the island, he was astonished by the wealth as well as the tactical place it occupied in the Mediterranean Sea. These were the

reasons that contributed to change the Normans mission, who then decided to occupy the land forcing all the Arabs to retreat.

The Arabs did not give up easily, so Count Roger commissioned the building of several towers or donjons strategically placed to help the sight of the coastal lines. The most important donjon is the one located in Motta S. Anastasia.

The site is about 1200 feet above sea level because it is erected on a dead volcano. From here it is possible to see up to the Siracusa's coast line, "Costa Saracena" named after the Arab tribe the Great Count tried to fight. Motta's volcano is about 600,000 years old. It was the era when Earth was mostly submerged by water. On the sea bottom a trench opened up forcing the exit of magma. It took thousands of years for the volcano neck to emerge from waters. The lava inside the cone slowly cooled down because the trench stopped and the mountain formed. The volcano reached an altitude of 400 meters above sea level making it an attractive site to build a tower.

Count Roger gave orders to excavate the mountain, or "Motta" in Italian, using the extracted material as construction add. The castle has three levels. The first flat was occupied by the troops who stood watch at the several openings. On this level there was the prison, now gone, and a cistern, still present. The second story was reserved to the commanders, and finally the third level was lodging for the troop families. The harshness of the surrounding land made the site virtually inaccessible for the Arabs, allowing the Normans much time to prepare the offense.

After the Great Count, the donjon did not fall abandoned; on the



The fortified central tower of Motta Castle.



The cistern where Bernardo Cabrera went believing it to be the bedroom of Queen Bianca of Navarra.

contrary it was a nice place where royalty often stopped to rest during long trips. King Frederick II of Swabia loved to stay in Motta's castle because the place was perfect for his studies on falconry. Nevertheless, this was scenario for some comical events throughout history.

During the Spanish occupation, Bianca of Navarra, widow of Martin II the Young was proclaimed vice-queen by her father in law, Martin I the Old. With the death of Martin, Count Bernardo Cabrera saw the opportunity to further strengthen his

power by asking Bianca. The queen was not in Motta's castle thinking of visiting. He thought that Bianca's bedroom, she had undressed. He did not get the chance to see her. She had been betrayed.

Once naked, she was in a room that was a rise inside the containing a poor man to panic. She had a servant, Jana, a faithful

# Magnolia



The castle is located on a tactical point allowing the Normans to keep a close guard on the coast of Catania a

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Central tower of Motta Castle.

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... Bianca's bedroom, so he totally ...  
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... rise inside the container causing the ...  
... poor man to panic. Suddenly, a boy ...  
... servant, Jana, a faithful servant of the

... queen, threw him down a rope made ...  
... out of tied linens. Bernardo quickly ...  
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... whole night exposed to the injuries of ...  
... the population.  
... Today, thanks to the city admin- ...  
... istration, the castle is well preserved ...  
... and it can be visited.  
... Doctor Fusto is the guide; her ...  
... detailed knowledge of the site makes ...  
... the experience unique for the visitor.  
... The castle is opened Monday through ...  
... Friday from 9 to 12.



The second story of Motta castle was once used as the commander's lodging.



...se guard on the coast of Catania and Sircusa.

## Ipanea Beach

# Housing CORNER

## Summer Grilling Safety



Article by MC2 Joshua Wink  
Signature Staff

Barbecuing season is here and there's not a day that goes by where people are absent from the many outdoor grills set up around Sigonella or hovering over their own personal ones. And while people are thinking about how great those char-grilled burgers and steaks will taste over a nice open flame, they might be forgetting that humans are made up of pretty much the same stuff they're throwing on the grill and can burn just as quick, and even quicker for all of those little hairs that they are covered with.

Whether its propane or charcoal, there are many safety precautions to take into consideration before lighting up that fire.

There are some important things to remember when using a propane grill. Before even lighting it, make sure to check that all the hoses and connections are secure and not leaking. Any leakage from these components could result in a dangerous fire in uncontained and open areas, no longer inside the grill where

it should be.

Once the gas is on make sure that the fire lights in the bottom of the grill. If the fire doesn't light after a couple of seconds turn the gas back off so that a build up of gas does not accumulate in the grill. Excess gas could eventually find a spark from another source and combust unexpectedly. Also, if the fire goes out make sure that the gas has not been continuing to escape into the grill or there will be a similar outcome.

When using charcoal grills it's important to use caution with starter fluid. Use only fluid made specifically for charcoal grilling. Using gasoline or other combustible liquids could result in grave and hazardous situations.

After lighting the coals do not reapply lighter fluid. Flames can follow the liquid back into the container and explode. Hot coals without a flame can be just as dangerous. When the fluid hits the coals it the lighter fluid evaporates leaving the vapors trapped in the grill. If these vapors find a spark form an outside source they can flash up and produce an unpredictable fire.

When grilling on either propane or charcoal be sure not to wear loose fitting clothes that could fall in the flame or catch on fire. Long hair should also be put up under a hat or into a bun to prevent it from coming in contact with the fire. Many hair products are combustible and can make it easy for a flame to leap across to long dangling hair.

Grill outdoors in a well ventilated area. The fire from grills produce carbon monoxide, a toxic colorless, odorless gas that can cause loss of consciousness, neurological damage, and possibly death. A concentration of carbon monoxide as little as 0.04 percent, 400 parts per million, in the air can be fatal.

Finally, keep children away from the grill. Children are curious creatures who like to investigate everything around them and do not yet understand the dangers of what fire can do. If they are too close they could end up tipping over a hot grill, or touching a hot piece of metal, both of which would be terrible outcomes.

Enjoy the summer and all of its advantages, but remember, be careful when barbecuing.

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## The Simplest Way to a Happy Lawn: Part 2

Article by Debbie Hallahan  
Signature Volunteer

Nutrients are essential to keep any plant healthy. We can provide nutrients to our plants by either applying organic or inorganic fertilizers. The problem is that using both types can have a negative environmental impact.

It is important for us to use care when applying fertilizer to our lawns. Residential landscaping can contribute to the problem of excess nitrogen in our water supplies. For example, if a heavy rain comes through the day after laying down new fertilizer, those nutrients can wash into streams and eventually out to sea, or drain into ground water.

According to the U. S. Geological Survey website,

"Excess nitrogen can cause over stimulation of growth of aquatic plants and algae. Excessive growth of these organisms, in turn, can clog water intakes, use up dissolved oxygen as they decompose, and block light to deeper waters. This seriously affects the respiration of fish and aquatic invertebrates, leads to a decrease in animal and plant diversity..." (see <http://ga.water.usgs.gov/edu/urban-nitrogen.html> for more information).

We can each do our part to reduce the amount of nutrients and pesticides we need to use and yet keep our plants green and happy.

First, and most importantly, is to follow the manufacturer's instructions and do not over fertilize. If your plants are not getting greener after two to three weeks of fertilizing, look for other things which may be causing the problem. Such problems could be improper watering, cutting too short, over fertilizing, or thatch which is too thick.

Second, is to match the fertilizer to the plant. The Fertilizer Institute website (<http://www.tfi.org/factsandstats/fertilizer.cfm>) explains that "The three numbers on your bag of fertilizer are referred to as the 'analysis.' It is the percentage of nitrogen, phosphate and potash that is available to plants from that bag of fertilizer." Nitrogen, Phosphate, and potassium (potash) quantities can vary because different species of plants can have differences in how much of each nutrient they need. There is plenty of information online or at the library which can help you to match your plants to the right fertilizer.

Self help offers a 16-8-16 lawn fertilizer which means it contains 16% Nitrogen, 8% Phosphate and 16% Potassium. They will also provide you with all necessary tools and information you might need to properly apply it.

Lastly, remember to follow good watering practices. Too much water can be as bad as not enough, can wash away nutrients, and suffocate roots. When our lawns grow thick and healthy, it makes it more difficult for weeds to take root, and is more resilient to pests. This reduces our need for pesticides and herbicides, which can be harmful to children and pets who play in the grass.

### Protestant Women of the Chapel

Bible study every Tuesday: 9:15 a.m. at NAS 1 Chapel (With free child care and Home school study/gym class) 6 p.m. at NAS 2 Chapel, and 7 p.m. at the Mineo Community Center - Find us at [www.pwocsig.com](http://www.pwocsig.com) or [pwocsig@yahoo.com](mailto:pwocsig@yahoo.com)



# MWR CORNER

## 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 624-3736 or the Youth Center at 624-3711.

## Midtown 2 Theaters

### Father's Day Special: June 15

**Signonella Sky Tonight:** June 20 at 7:30 p.m.

President of the Astronomy Club, Bud Turner, will speak on the amazing field of Astronomy! He will describe and illustrate what to see in the Signonella sky tonight! After the presentation, enjoy a "REAL" look through a telescope!

**Summer is here and that means Matinees at the Movies:** June 13 -August 22

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Reduced admission: Adults: \$2, Children (6-12): \$1, Children (5 & under): Free

**SpareTime Bowling Center**

**Colorama Glow-in-the-Dark Bowling**

Saturday nights at 8 p.m.!

Lane reservations begin at 7 p.m.

## Teen Center

**3-on-3 Basketball Game:** June 21 at 1 p.m.

## Job Pub

### Texas Hold'em Poker Club:

Wednesdays: Dealing starts at 7 p.m.

Play every week to earn points!

This is a four-week competition.

FREE ENTRY EVERY WEEK

Live Band! Max Stratos:

June 13 10:30pm - 1:30am

## Take 5

**Pool Tournament:** June 17

**Education Fair:** June 18

**Lunch and Learn:** June 19

## Liberty

**Hangin' Out at the Beach:** June 15

**Dinner in Siracusa:** June 20

**Scopin' Out Scotland:** July 1 - 8

## ITT Gear-n-Go

**Mt. Etna and Wine Tasting at the Barone**

**Villagrande Winery**

June 14: Depart: NAS II 8:30 a.m., NAS I 9 a.m.,

Return: 6 p.m. \$60, includes wine tasting and lunch

**Hike of the Month - Rocca de Cefalù**

(Easy to Difficult)

June 14: Depart: NAS I 7:30 a.m., NAS II 8 a.m.

Return: 4 p.m. \$25 + bring euro for lunch or pack a cooler

## Palermo II

June 15: Depart: NAS II 6:30 a.m., NAS I 7 a.m.,

Return: 7 p.m. \$32 + euro for fees and lunch

**Hike Castelmoia in Taormina**

June 18: Depart: NAS II 7:30 a.m., NAS I 8 a.m.,

Return: 4 p.m. \$20 + bring euro for fees and food

**Catania by Night: History, Wine Tasting and**

**Restaurant**

June 20: Depart: NAS II 4 p.m., NAS I 4:30 p.m.,

Return: 11:30 p.m. \$50, includes food and wine tasting

## Fitness

**Mineo Strength Workshop:** June 18 from 11am - 1pm

**Family Rock Climbing Orientation Night**

June 20: 5 - 6:30 p.m.; 6:30 - 8 p.m. at The Cave

## Sports

**Golf Tournament:** June 21

Il Picciolo Golf Course: Tee Time: 8:30 a.m.

\$43, includes entry fee, lunch, awards and greens

fee \$5, transportation. Sign-up at ITT or Take 5.

**Summer Basketball Tournament**

Coaches meeting and rosters due June 18 at 4 p.m.

Flight Line Fitness Center

## Mineo Recreation Center

**School's Out Party:** June 14 at 5 p.m.

**Father's Day Crafts:** June 14 at 4 p.m.

**Table Games:** June 19 starting at 4:30 p.m.

MAY 30 - JUNE 5

## MIDTOWN MOVIE THEATER

MOVIE HOTLINE: 624-4248

### SCHEDULE

### MOVIE DESCRIPTIONS

#### Friday, June 13

12:00pm Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian PG 140 min.  
3:00pm Nim's Island PG 94 min.  
5:00pm Forbidden Kingdom PG-13 113 min.  
5:30pm Leatherheads PG-13 114 min.  
7:30pm Smart People R 94 min.  
8:00pm 88 Minutes R 108 min.  
9:30pm Stop Loss R 113 min.

#### Saturday, June 14

2:00pm Kung Fu Panda PG 90 min.  
2:30pm Indiana Jones PG-13 120 min.  
4:30pm Superhero Movie PG-13 85 min.  
5:00pm 21 PG-13 118 min.  
7:30pm Shine A Light PG-13 112 min.  
8:00pm Prom Night PG-13 88 min.  
9:30pm Forgetting Sarah Marshall R 111 min.

#### Sunday, June 15

2:00pm Kung Fu Panda PG 90 min.  
2:30pm Forbidden Kingdom PG-13 113 min.  
4:30pm Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian PG 140 min.  
5:00pm 88 Minutes R 108 min.  
7:00pm Smart People R 94 min.

#### Monday, June 16

1:00pm Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian PG 140 min.  
3:00pm Kung Fu Panda PG 90 min.  
5:00pm Superhero Movie PG-13 85 min.  
5:30pm You Don't Mess With Zohan PG-13 120min.  
7:30pm Stop Loss R 113 min.  
8:00pm Forgetting Sarah Marshall R 111 min.

#### Tuesday, June 17

5:00pm Leatherheads PG-13 114 min.  
5:30pm 21 PG-13 118 min.  
7:30pm 88 Minutes R 108 min.  
8:00pm The Ruins R 91 min.

#### Wednesday, June 18

1:00pm Kung Fu Panda PG 90 min.  
3:00pm Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian PG 140 min.  
5:00pm Smart People R 94 min.  
5:30pm Forbidden Kingdom PG-13 113 min.  
7:30pm Superhero Movie PG-13 85 min.  
8:00pm Stop Loss R 113 min.

#### Thursday, June 19

3:00pm Nim's Island PG 94 min.  
5:00pm Incredible Hulk PG-13 114 min.  
5:30pm Indiana Jones PG-13 120 min.  
7:30pm THROWBACK THURSDAY  
FREE ADMISSION  
In Her Shoes PG-13 130 min.  
8:00pm Prom Night PG-13 88 min.

#### Prom Night (PG-13)

A dark secret amongst a group of children comes back to haunt them in the form of a vengeful killer on their prom night.

#### The Forbidden Kingdom (PG-13)

While hunting down bootleg kung-fu DVDs in a Chinatown pawnshop, Jason makes an extraordinary discovery that sends him hurtling back in time to ancient China. There, Jason is charged with a monumental task: he must free the fabled warrior the Monkey King, who has been imprisoned by the evil Jade Warlord. Jason is joined in his quest by wise kung fu master Lu Yan and a band of misfit warriors including Silent Monk. But only by learning the true precepts of kung fu can Jason hope to succeed - and find a way to get back home.

#### Smart People (R)

Professor Lawrence Wetherhold might be imperiously brilliant, monumentally self-possessed and an intellectual giant—but when it comes to solving the conundrums of love and family, he's as downright flummoxed as the next guy. His collegiate son won't confide in him, his teenaged daughter is an acid-tongued overachiever who follows all too closely in dad's misery-loving footsteps, and his adopted, posterously ne'er-do-well brother has perfected the art of freeloading. A widower who can't seem to find passion in anything anymore, not even the Victorian Literature in which he's an expert, it seems Lawrence is sleepwalking through a very stunted middle age. When his brother shows up unexpectedly for an extended stay at just about the same time as he accidentally encounters his former student Janet, the circumstances cause him to stir from his deep, deep freeze, with consequences for himself and everyone around him.

#### 88 Minutes (R)

Dr. Jack Gramm is a college professor who moonlights as a forensic psychiatrist for the FBI. When Gramm receives a death threat claiming he has only 88 minutes to live, he must use all his skills and training to narrow down the possible suspects, who include a disgruntled student, a jilted former lover, and a serial killer who is already on death row, before his time runs out.

#### Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R)

After a devastating break-up with his girlfriend, TV sitcom star Sarah Marshall, a heartbroken and depressed Peter heads to Hawaii for a little vacation to try his best to forget every detail of his relationship. But love laughs at Peter, because Sarah is vacationing in the same exclusive resort as Peter, along with her new boyfriend.

#### Indiana Jones and The Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG-13)

In 1957, Indiana Jones is thrust back in action, venturing into the jungles of South America in a race against Soviet agents to find the mystical Crystal Skull.

#### Leatherheads (PG-13)

In 1925, Dodge Connolly is a charming, brash football hero who is determined to guide his team from bar brawls to packed stadiums. But after the players lose their sponsor and the entire league faces certain collapse, Dodge convinces a college football star to join his ragtag ranks. The captain hopes his latest move will help the struggling sport finally capture the country's attention.

#### Kung Fu Panda (PG)

When threatened by a gang of snow leopards, the jungle animals call upon an inept panda to become a kung fu master and save the Valley of Peace.

#### The Ruins (R)

"The Ruins" follows a group of friends who become entangled in a brutal struggle for survival after visiting a remote archaeological dig in the Mexican jungle where they discover something deadly living among the ruins.

#### The Incredible Hulk (PG-13)

Scientist Bruce Banner desperately hunts for a cure to the gamma radiation that poisoned his cells and unleashes the unbridled force of rage within him: The Hulk. Living in the shadows—cut off from a life he knew and the woman he loves, Betty Ross—Banner struggles to avoid the obsessive pursuit of his nemesis, General Thunderbolt Ross, and the military machinery that seeks to capture him and brutally exploit his power. As all three grapple with the secrets that led to The Hulk's creation, they are confronted with a monstrous new adversary known as The Abomination, whose destructive strength exceeds even The Hulk's own.

#### You Don't Mess With The Zohan (PG-13)

Zohan, an Israeli commando, fakes his own death in order to pursue his dream: becoming a hairstylist in New York.

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# School NEWS

## Seniors Graduate from Sigonella High School

Article and photos by  
MCSA Jonathan Idle  
Signature Staff

Twenty-six students from Sigonella High School graduated in a ceremony held June 6 on NAS 1 near the school.

Capt. Thomas J. Quinn, NAS-SIG commanding officer, and other members from the Sigonella community and school were on hand to congratulate the graduates on their achievement.

At least 24 of the students will be enrolling in colleges back in the United States next year, and several are planning to commission as officers in military upon completion of their degrees.

The ceremony began with a procession and "Pomp and Circumstance". That was followed by the presentation of the Colors by the Sigonella High School NJROTC, and the singing of both the Italian and American National Anthems.

After the completion of speeches given by the class president, the valedictorian, the salutatorian, and the guest speaker, the students each presented a gift wrapped package to one of their parents to thank them for their love and support.

Finally, each student walked across the stage to receive their diploma and shake hands with Sonny Bertschinger, the school principal, and Capt. Quinn.

Bertschinger emphasized the importance of volunteers who helped put together the graduation.

"We have had tremendous support from organizations around base," he said. "A lot of volunteers came in



**Sigonella High School's graduating Class of 2008 throw their caps up in the air after the closing of their graduation ceremony.**

this morning to help setup the chairs, the sound system and stage where they will be sitting. It's really a community event. We really couldn't do it without the support of the base. So we're very thankful for that."

He believes this is a special time in the lives of everyone involved.

"Today is the culmination of twelve years of education for 26 of our students," Bertschinger said.

"They have just finished all of their final examinations. They have been busy attending graduation practices over the course of this last week so that they would know the ceremony and be able to walk through it successfully. It's a significant time in the lives of students who are getting out of high school. But even more importantly it's a significant moment for the families, the parents especially."

He stated that the school has

worked all year with the seniors with training exercises to prepare them for life after high school which all culminated in the senior activity.

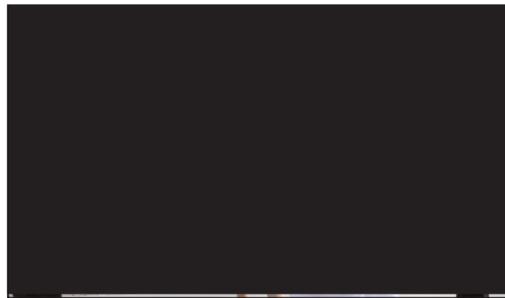
"The culminating activity is a time for reflection, a time to talk with each other, a time to do some planning for the future," Bertschinger said. "We call it the pathway to graduation and beyond. They've had some time to sit together after they finished with their final exams. We had a barbeque time for them so they could just collect together over at the pool."

He believes the smaller class sizes and fewer number of students in Sigonella compared to a public school in the U.S. is a great advantage to the students and teachers.

"You're just not a number," he said. "I think that all of the teachers here know a lot about each of the kids and have developed relationships with them. It makes it a lot easier to keep kids engaged."

He made it clear that this senior class made a lasting impression on him as a person.

"This is my first year as a high school principal," Bertschinger said. "This is the first senior class that I have gotten to work with. I am going to remember them for a long time. They have had a significant impact on the way I think about high school students, because of the way they have approached the problems that have been set before them, because of the way they faced the challenges and tragedies we faced this year, because of the way they respected each other and supported each other. They're an amazing group of young men and women, and I wish them all well. I plan to follow up. I plan to see how they're doing."



**██████████, a graduating senior, walks past the Sigonella High School NJROTC students as she makes her way to the stage during graduation. ██████████ will attend the University of West Florida in Pensacola next year.**

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advanced and user-friendly aircraft, the Growler will only require two-man flight crews vice four for the Prowler. In the EA-6B, a pilot, navigator, and two electronic countermeasures officers were needed. The improved capability of the Growler requires less manpower, with only a pilot and an electronic warfare officer for in-flight missions.

"I've flown it, and I can tell you that both the naval flight officer in the back seat and the naval aviator in the front are going to be busy with their new responsibilities. There's going to be more information than you could possibly imagine at your fingertips," said Russell.

"This is a big, fast, highly maneuverable jet that's going to give you total situational awareness to the battle-space out there. I tell you this: you're going to love your new office; however, let me caution you, crawl before you walk and walk before you run."

The Navy has placed an order of approximately 85 Growler aircraft. Of the 85, five will go to each of the 10 deploying Electronic Attack Squadrons (VAQ) and 12 are anticipated at the Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS), VAQ-129. Upon acceptance of this aircraft by CVWP it will be used by VAQ-129 to train their flight crews to ensure they can proficiently train the remaining squadrons. The first deploying

squadron to receive the Growler will be VAQ-132, in 2009.

"The full extent of the Growler's extraordinary capabilities cannot be disclosed, but we can say that this next generation aircraft is in a class by itself, combining airborne electronic attack with the newest technologies that belong to the Super Hornet Block II," said Winter.

Today the Growler and its pilots are poised to forge a game-changing path in the history of air warfare, cited Winter.

"This platform is a direct threat to current and potential enemies, and it represents a quantum advance in warfare capability in the electronic domain."

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**MANY AFTER DARK.** Take the hint, and dress accordingly and appropriately.

2.) Don't hug the curb. You hit stuff, have to swerve to avoid objects (and pull in front of traffic), or tempt cars to pass you when they shouldn't. Ride in the rightward portion of the road a few inches to the left of the white line, stay smooth, and be predictable.

3.) Signal direction changes early and often. I keep it simple, I point in the direction I intend to go. Use big movements and signal early and often. When pulling left, clear behind you with a quick glance before you pull out, turn smoothly and resume your right hand position in the lane.

4.) Ride as if you were invisible. Watch side streets, people backing out of driveways, passing, and in your lane ahead. Carry a whistle and/or a bell (I have both). These can be useful when traversing a busy intersection.

5.) Choose your routes carefully. I'm always amazed by the crazies riding on the 417. Choose wide and/or less traveled roads. I'll give you a hint: there's lots and lots of those here. Climbing up the hill and seeing Centuripe for the first time will change your life. You can ride here for an hour and not see a car. Stick to the back roads.

6.) Be careful on curves, knowing that the shortest distance between 2 points is a straight line, you may find yourself in that line by cars coming the opposite direction. I've noticed (as have you no doubt) that the local drivers like to cut the corners. Please be aware of that. See item #1. When in doubt use the whistle.

7.) A helmet is nice, but won't help you not get hit by a car. Only being aware and smart will do that. A helmet is nice if you fall off your bike however, and our kids should all wear one because they have an innate propensity to fall, crash, jump, and otherwise risk life and limb. The orthopods are plenty busy.

8.) Don't pass stopped cars on the right. They don't expect you there and you can easily be hit, as you may be in a blind spot. If you are stuck in a line of cars, sit behind one in the middle of the road where you can be seen in their mirror. At the railroad crossing, I always pull in front of the line of cars and get the jump on them as soon as the gate comes up.

9.) Be very very careful if riding on the sidewalk. Cars often cannot see you there, nor do they expect you. See item #2. Ride in the road.

10.) Don't forget to have fun. Enjoy this beautiful place in the way I think it best should be seen: from the saddle of a bicycle! See you on the roads (especially on Fridays!)



## Youth Splash it up at Splashers

Photo and caption by Jenni James  
MWR Marketing

Last Saturday, the first of three youth Splash-n-Dashes took place at Splashers Pool. Over 20 participants, ranging in ages 5 to 18, showed up bright and early for a little swimming and running. The Splash-n-Dashes are a non-timed event and every participant receives finisher medals. The next Youth Splash-n-Dash is scheduled for Saturday, July 5 at 9am, Splashers Pool. Above: Hannah Ventura takes off after the swim and starts the run around Midtown.

# Stampa

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point/counterpoint interview with both candidates. His article would appear in the newspaper of the largest city of the largest county in the district. The interview was substantive and fair. Both campaigns could expect a decent treatment in the press. Until . . .

On the way out the door, the candidates began to exchange accusations about lies the other was spreading around the district. The interchange was ugly. My candidate said things about his opponent that ought not to be said to any human being - even were a journalist not present to record such vitriol.

I have to tell you, I did not admire the opposing candidate. I found her opinions as well as her tactics repulsive. Nevertheless, later that afternoon, I found myself jeopardizing my job - inwardly compelled to visit the opposing campaign headquarters to personally apologize for the lack of respect shown to her that

morning. I sat with the candidate and her campaign manager. My message was simple: "No one should be treated with such disrespect. I am sorry for the events of this morning." My campaign never knew about that visit. Their campaign never forgot it.

Both superiors and subordinates know when they are being treated as pieces of machinery rather than persons. No one is fooled by intentionally misguided deference, however cleverly cloaked in a perfectly executed salute. No one is deceived by demeaning and patronizing orders, however carefully crafted in the safety of an accepted military idiom.

On the other hand, those treated with genuine respect will work unbelievable hours, accept arduous tasks daily, and even lay down their lives. Like respect, these are not commodities that can be earned - time, effort, life. These are treasures individuals choose to bestow for the sake of others, whether they admire them or not. Surely, then, I can choose to show proper respect to everyone.

# Days Inn

# IL Mercato

All classified ads are free to the community. Their intent is for advertising personal property for sale trade or giveaway. No commercial ads will be accepted. Ads run for two weeks. Classified ads are due no later than 2 p.m. of the Friday of the week before publication. For more information call 624-5440 or 624-2798 or 095-86-last four digits. Requests for commercial classifieds must be made to Stampa Generale at 081-568-7884.

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**Red Honda NT 650 V Deauville 2002**  
Touring bike that is European Specs. Very good running and comfortable bike to ride around Sicily. \$2,500 all offers considered. For more details and a test ride call or email Matt at 334-372-0240 after 9 AM or alfadog26@yahoo.com

**Harley-Davidson FATBOY, 1999.**  
With extras: Large saddle bags, wind-screen, leathers, helmets, lift. 40K miles. \$10,500. Call 624-0187.

**2000 Ford Focus SE (U.S. Spec).**  
Excellent condition, 77K miles, original owner, 4dr, 5 spd, A/C, tilt, cruise, CD, power windows and locks, tinted windows. Well-maintained and dependable. KBB value is \$4,950, asking \$4,000 firm. If interested, call 624-1449 or 3349784510

**1993 850 Volvo sedan,** blown head gasket, as is, Mario has inspected and can fix, \$450 worth of brand new tires with warranty from Auto Port, new brakes, new radiator, taxes good till August. You Fix, cheap car or part out and I will DRMO. Can be seen at Mario's by Tamolil. \$500, 335-645-5486 OR 624-6492.

**2003 Ford Ranger. 2.3L** single cab, gray, 5 on the floor, CD player. Great small truck! Perfect for singles and two-person families. Great on gas, all maintenance done at correct intervals, extremely clean and easy to maintain. Not a thing wrong with it! MUST SEE! Leaving in July, will work something out. \$6,000 OBO. 347-627-9413, 624-1681. Ask for Thomas.

**2004 Black Honda Civic LX 4Dr Sedan** Brand new condition low miles. Automatic, 4cyl, Pwr windows and lock with alarm. Retail Price 13,000 Asking Price 11,500. Available as soon as possible will be shipping car within a week if no buyers. Call or Text 346-724-4577

**2003 Honda CBR1100XX.** 16k miles, Helibar risers, Givi Wingrack II triple mounts, US specs. California model. Runs great, extremely smooth. \$8500 OBO. Call John at 624-1463.

**Renaut 19 16 v** Gray silver four doors A/C, power window, good condition \$1800

Mr Trovato 3920935457 or 624 4205

**1964 Antique Fiat 500d convertible.**  
Bone with suicide doors. Fully restored garage kept. This car is a MUST SEE asking 15.000 euro. call Tina 095 795-3353.

**1996 Volkswagen Golf** Must sell, 4 door, 5 speed, AC, runs well, good condition, clean. \$1700 OBO. Contact PO3 Staten at 624-4622 or 334-158-5176 or email at pstaten04@yahoo.com

**Audi 100, 1992,** 1900 C.C. engine is in excellent condition. Metallic blue, A/C, 4-door, 5-speed. 86,000 KM, 2800 Euro O.B.O. Call Antonio Cell: 339-4011979 or 624-2578

**1992 Vespa Piaggio,** 18,300 Km, 550 euro OBO. Call 346-687-2036

## WANTED

Minivan, 3 to 5 years old, must have not been smoked in and have rear AC. Call 349-109-3877 or 095-705-6010 or email schmutztreeter@yahoo.com

## FOR SALE

JVC (DVD-AUDIO/Video) TH-C6, system cinema Numeric DVD surrounds sound: 5disc/dvd changer, DVD-R/RW ET CD-R/RW, WMA/MP3, and JPEG. In excellent Condition. Asking for \$200. Sony PSP, bought this year at the NEX and has rarely been used. Comes with a hard plastic case/pouch; 3movies and 2games. In excellent condition. Asking for \$150.00. Call Lawrence at: 340-181-5012

1000v transformer, travel 220v hair dryer, Motorola cordless house phone with answering machine, and large floor fan. Prices negotiable. Please call Jay at 348-070-9894 or 624-3364.

8 ft. sofa w/2 matching wing chairs, brown & gold, fair condition, \$165. Call 095-791-3464 or 346-422-7842.

Baby changing station w/matching wardrobe, wood, white w/pink trim, \$175. Call 095-791-3464 or 346-422-7842.

Mediterranean style 3 piece bedroom suite, triple dresser w/mirror, wardrobe w/two drawers, two door night stand. Dark wood. All in excellent condition.

\$650 obo. Call 095-791-3464 or 346-422-7842.

Samsung Cell Phone w/ Camera, includes battery charger. 3 years old. Paid \$225 at NEX. Asking \$50 plus time on chip. Call 095-791-3464 or 346-422-7842.

Computer Desk and File Cabinet, light oak wood. Good condition. Asking \$75. Call 095-791-3464 or 346-422-7842.

Dual Reclining Love Seat, dark green, with center console. Good condition. Paid \$385.00, asking \$125.00 obo. Call 095-791-3464 or 346-422-7842.

33" Sony Trinitron Flat Screen TV, multi-system, dual voltage, surround sound. Six years old, but looks and plays like brand new. Paid \$1500 at NEX, asking \$500 obo. Pioneer DVD recorder/player, dual voltage. Like brand new. Paid \$275 at NEX, asking \$75 obo. Both available 13 June. Call 095-791-3464 or 346-422-7842.

Transformers, 2500 WA, \$65; 1000 WA, \$45; 75 WA, \$15. Call 095-791-3464 or 346-422-7842.

27" Zenith TV, NTSC, dual voltage, great for watching AFN and American videos, asking \$50. NTSC VCR, dual voltage. Great for recording AFN and viewing American videos. Asking \$35. NTSC DVD Player, dual voltage. Asking \$65. Call 346-422-7842.

Full size Mattress/box spring set, fair condition, \$100. Call 095-791-3464 or 346-422-7842.

Motorola Multi-Band Cell Phone, can be used throughout Europe and in the USA. Extra (\$50) battery and battery charger included. Available 13 June. Asking \$85 plus remaining time on the chip. Call 095-791-3464 or 346-422-7842.

Coffee and End Table Set, medium dark oak wood, good condition \$95. Call 095-791-3464 or 346-422-7842.

Fertilizer/Seed Spreader, like new, used once. Paid \$65, asking \$35. Call 095-791-3464 or 346-422-7842.

Sewing Machine, Monarch, table top, 110v, w/carrying case. Asking \$75 obo.

Call 095-791-3464 or 346-422-7842.

Microwave Oven, Kenmore, large capacity, 110v. Asking \$50 obo. Call 095-791-3464 or 346-422-7842.

AFN Decoder. Older version, but works just fine. Asking \$100 obo. Call 334-610-3876.

Ashley twin trundle bed frame. Honey pine wood. \$100. OBO. Battery powered child's driving Jeep \$25. 16 inch boy's bicycle. Great condition. \$40.OBO. Call 624-1232/cell 346-318-7830.

19" BEYERN chrome rims with ZR rated tires, 5 lug, 5 X 120 offset, like new, only 12 months old, paid over \$3000, will sell them for \$1500. Contact -1564 or 347-329-1173

Baby Boy Clothes 0-3 months up to 6-12 months. Onesies, Pants, PJs, and more. Everything in excellent condition, worn once, or Brand New items. \$1.00 a piece Three semi-formal Maternity Sets from Motherhood \$20.00 each JJ Cole Sling/Carrier Infant up to 18 months (Brand New) \$25.00 Bumbo Seat \$20.00 Aquarium Mobile. Remote Control for Mom and Dad. Mobile lights up ceiling with fishes, plays music etc. \$25.00 Please call Stacey 624-0629  
AFN Decoder box \$200, 1500w transformer \$50, Bombala Heater \$40 Call 347-526-8923 or 346-574-6475

19" Hitachi multisystem TV-\$50, 4-head NTSC VCR-\$20, DVD player-\$20. Call 624-1463.

Motorola Cell Phone, bought at NEX 3

weeks ago for \$89, asking \$45, charger included, will need new SIM card. Call 347-329-1102.

## MISC.

AA meetings will be held Monday, Wednesday and Friday, each week, at 7 p.m. in the NAS II Chapel. For further information call the AA hot line at 346-693-6935.

## LOST/FOUND

REWARD!!! Lost diamond bracelet on Nas I, probably at County Fair. It's small, but holds high sentimental value as it was a gift from my husband this year who is now deployed. If found please call x0134 or 349 615 9468.

## PETS

6 month pup free to good home. She is a happy light brown Sicilian mix and is great with kids and is house broken. All her shots are up to date. She comes with a free kennel, feeding bowl and leash. Please call Jessica at 340-945-7063 or 0127. Please leave message.

Small white poodle mix found wandering the streets near Enna exit on the way to NAS 1 on June 2nd. 10 lbs, ridiculously cute, and in need of a lot of TLC and a loving home. I am fostering her until I find a family, because I can't house two dogs. Please email me if you are interesting or give me a ring. Shannon.astrum@gmail.com or 346 687 2091.

I am a cute white hair, male cat with a very friendly personality looking for a good home. My name is Alex. Unfortunately my current owner has an allergic reaction to me and I need to change homes. I'm

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Anyone interested in sending ads via email should leave a phone number and point of contact name at thesig@nassig.sicily.navy.mil. Ads run for two weeks on a space available basis and must be sponsored by active duty military members, family members or Italian National/ American base employees. Ads must be 40 words or less and typed in regular upper case, lower case format. The Signature no longer accepts ads that bring profit to a business or individual, such as maid, babysitting services or home rentals. AFRTS/AFN decoders must be sold only to another authorized individual: active duty or retired U.S. military, DoD direct-hire employees, and their spouse. If someone would like these types of services in The Signature they can call Stampa Generale @ 081-568-7884.

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only two 1/2 years old. I am current on all my shots, I am neutered and I have been chipped! J Did I mentioned I love to play with a laser pointers?! I can also type 60 words a minute!!! Please call 333-760-2418 for more information

**YARD SALE**

1083B Mineo Housing. Saturday, 14 June, 7am to 11am. It's time to clean out the closets before the movers come. I have a lot of computer stuff that the wife said needs to go, some dishes and a mix of miscellaneous small items.

Saturday, 14 JUN, 2008 @ 1006C Mineo. Dining room furniture, electronics, and other miscellaneous items. For questions about early sale of furniture, call Frank @ 624-0123/8331.

**JOBS**

The U.S. Naval Hospital, Sigonella, is looking to contract out the following healthcare contracts: three (3) full-time Certified Medical Assistants and two (2) full-time or part-time Registered Nurses. Sources must possess U.S. citizenship and be eligible to work overseas. The minimum requirements are specified in the solicitation packages. If you are interested please contact Ms. Agostina Randazzo at 095-563792 or DSN 624-3792.

Babysitter needed at my home in Valverde (5 minutes from the mall I Portali). Mother tongue English required. If interested call leda at 347-952-1534.

Pet sitter needed for 1 year old energetic but sweet Shepard/Collie mix female dog. She is well trained, good with other dogs and older children. Prefer your home or fenced property June 20th to July 1st, also July 10th to August 22nd with some breaks when one of the owners is back in town. Please call Addie Roark 624-1497, home or 340-065-5340, cell for more information.

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