

Panorama

www.cnic.navy.mil/naples/newsroom/panorama/

NSA's MISSION STATEMENT: "TO PROVIDE QUALITY SUPPORT TO U.S. AND NATO PERSONNEL, ACTIVITIES, AND AFLOAT UNITS IN OUR GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY. TO ENSURE RELIABLE COMMAND AND CONTROL OF ALL SUPPORT PROVIDED TO THOSE UNITS."

55TH YEAR, No. 9

Serving the NATO, Naples and Gaeta military communities in Italy
SPEDIZIONE IN A.P. - 45% - ART. 2 COMMA 20/B LEGGE 662/96 - FILIALE DI NAPOLI

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2010

MARCH EVENTS



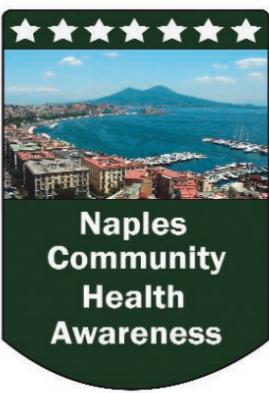
Page 12

HEALTH UPDATE

Page 6

USNH Naples Environmental Health Info Center: 081-811-6321

Visit <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Naples/CommandInformation/HealthAwareness/index.htm>



NAPLES GOT TALENT



Page 13

"Naples Got Talent" winners

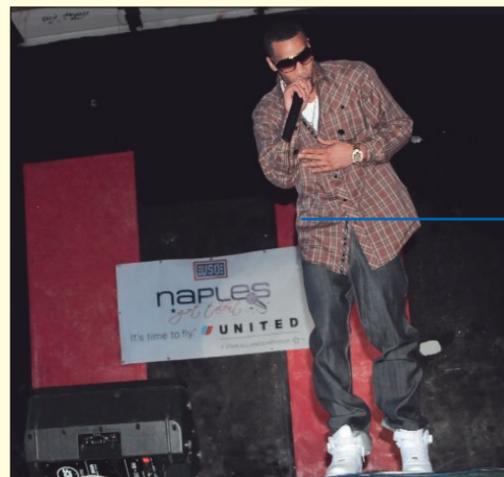


Left: USO "Naples Got Talent" first place winners Kevin Bargoan (left), Dusty Maloch (center) and Josef Green from the band "Nothing's Lost". (Photos by (MC1(NAO)John Parker NSA Naples assistant PAO)



Left: USO "Naples Got Talent" Third place winners Robert Amos and AJ Salvado.

Right: USO "Naples Got Talent" Second place winner Derek Williams.



Naples libraries celebrate Women's History Month

Story by MC3 Kristopher Regan, NPASE-E Det. Europe

The entire month of March is dedicated to commemorating women's history. It will be celebrated by many different ceremonies and events throughout the nation, but Naval Support Activity, Naples Libraries have a different way of paying their homage to this month.

All throughout the month of March the NSA Naples Libraries, both Capodichino and the Support Site, will have special displays and biographies of women who have impacted the world throughout history.

The librarians at both facilities will be on hand to help out anyone interested in learning about women's history.

"We will be helping out patrons locate any of the books they want to find to help educate them on women's history," said Marco Zucaro, librarian technician.

In addition to the displays the libraries will be holding weekly drawings for prizes and also an essay contest "writing women back into history."

The drawings will be held every week and the prizes will include items like T-shirts and mugs. To enter to win the prizes, participants must fill out their information and submit it to the library. The idea behind the essay is to have participants write essays about how women have impacted history throughout the ages. This is a nation-wide theme that is being promoted by the National Women's History Project.

"Traditionally it seems that women have been neglected as major players in world history, when in fact a lot of women have made monumental changes without recognition," said Ciro Giordano, supervisory librarian. "What I would like to see is people researching women in the past who have contributed to the history of our world."

The essay contest is open to all and the winner of the contest will receive a \$20 MWR gift certificate and a T-shirt.

The libraries will also be getting the children involved by introducing some of the women's history month material during their weekly activities.

"We hold children's activities like story time and the winter reading program at the Support Site library," said Giordano. "During this time we will be tying in our weekly activities to the theme of women's history."

For more information on this month-long event or any other events being held by NSA libraries go to <http://217.221.87.87/EOSWeb/opac/>.

U.S. Navy command announces workforce changes in Italy

From Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia Public Affairs

The commander of U.S. Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia is starting workforce realignment processes for its operations in Italy. This realignment supports current and future military responsibilities and will impact approximately 150 positions at U.S. Navy facilities in Naples and Sigonella.

Positions impacted by realignment were identified as the result of an overall review of the regional personnel structure in Italy. Positions identified for realignment have been determined to no longer be necessary to support command activities.

"Review of the personnel structure we currently have in place to support our military mission has revealed that our staff is larger than required," said Rear Adm. David Mercer, commander, U.S. Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia. "As a result, approximately 150 positions will be subject to realignment in 2010."

"These actions will impact both U.S. and local national employees; they are not designed to replace local national employees with U.S. employees," he said. "We will treat each employee fairly and seek to keep them informed throughout this process."

Many strategies will be used to realign staff structure to meet the goals of this action. They include, but are not limited to, retirement for those who are eligible, placement into other job vacancies where skills permit, separation incentives if approved, and re-training, where possible. Some employees will likely face involuntary separation during this process.

Most of the affected positions are part of the Public Works department or Fleet & Family Support programs.

The Italian government and union organizations received notification of the planned actions Feb. 25.

"Over the past five years, our organization has become smaller and more efficient but our personnel structure has not," said Mercer. "These

difficult actions must occur to meet the long-term needs of the U.S. Navy in Italy."

Since 2005, the U.S. Navy has reduced its number of bases in Europe. Many of the activities performed at these bases no longer require the same number of employees. The need for some positions has also decreased as technological advances have been adopted.

The U.S. Navy Human Resources staff will support all affected employees during the realignment. All applicable laws and regulatory policies, as well as the conditions of employment, will be followed throughout the realignment process.

"Fair treatment of our employees is always our focus," said Commander Chris Harris, director of Manpower for Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia. "We are working diligently to minimize the impact of personnel actions on our employees and their families."

The realignment process is likely to be ongoing through 2010.

Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia is headquartered in Naples.

Take the Cost of Living Allowance, Living Pattern Survey

Remember that all active duty U.S. military members at U.S. Navy installations throughout Italy are being asked to take part in the Living Pattern Survey (LPS) now through March 31. The survey can be found at <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/oscola/lps/italy/>.

Captain's Corner

By Capt. Robert Rabuse
NSA Naples Commanding Officer



The weather is starting to warm up, the days are a little longer and the sun is shining a bit more and that can only mean one thing—Spring is right around the corner and we're going to be spending more time outdoors. Soon we'll be seeing concerts in the park, barbecues in the picnic pavilions, and more community members participating in all kinds of outdoor activities. I saw a few dozen motorcycles out last weekend and plenty of bicyclists were dusting off their wheels. Please remember, if it has wheels and it's not a car, you are required to wear a helmet – Tutti!

Parents, please be careful and patient at the school drop-off and pick-up areas. Don't squeeze around other cars. Wait in line for the extra 30 seconds vice maneuvering around another drop-off. Children are moving between cars, sometimes very quickly, sometimes not looking, and many are shorter than the vehicle you are driving which makes them hard to spot. They are our precious future, and I would hate to have one of them get hurt because a driver was impatient or distracted.

Speaking of these wonders in our lives, it's great to see the playgrounds full of happy children; unfortunately I see dogs in them also! For those pet owners out there, please adhere to the pet policy on base and keep your pets on leashes, patrol after them, and generally keep the broader community in mind when you're out walking your pet. You've read the policy, signed the acknowledgment, now please comply without having to be told. If a youth is the "capable handler," make sure you've briefed them on the rules. Pets can be a joy in our homes and lives, let's not make them a menace to our neighbors.

I have not forgotten about my Dog Run promise, we are still working through some contracting and security issues on the western perimeter of the Support Site. In the meantime, enjoy the run at Carney Park.

As always, there's plenty of stuff to do on and off base this month. Check with MWR, ITT and the USO for lists of fun activities, as well as the FFSC and ICR offerings for things to do in and around Naples. One look at any of these organizations' calendars is enough to make anyone wonder how they can do it all. I encourage everyone to get involved in a community or spouse's organization as well, for a chance to connect with other people you may have some things in common with.

For the men out there, remember the "Feste delle donne" on Monday, March 8. It's Women's Day here in Italy, so don't forget to bring flowers to the woman in your life on Monday.

We're about 35-40% on our COLA survey participation, so thank you for everyone who has already logged in and made your voices heard. We still have about four more weeks where the survey is open, so please, if you haven't taken the survey, log in and take it. The link is in the PAO notes, on Facebook, and on the front page of this paper.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone in the community for rallying around the families of our deployed and IA personnel. Thank you for providing options and a helping hand to these families. Please continue to do so, as I know you will, and please ensure your own families are prepared in the event of a deployment by ensuring Wills, Powers of Attorney, SGLI, etc. are up to date. If you are an IA family and need assistance from the community, please contact your ombudsman as your first line resource for information on addressing the stresses of deployment. Of course, FFSC, your Command IA Coordinator (CIAC), and the chaplains are also ready resources available to you.

Have a great and safe weekend!

Base Notes

From Panorama staff reports

Customer/beneficiary survey at Naval Hospital Naples

The Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Medical Inspector General team will visit the Naples area from March 16-18. In advance of their visit, a short, internet-based customer/beneficiary survey to help capture concerns is open to all operational and command personnel, including family members and civilians who may utilize the military treatment facility. This is an opportunity to highlight any areas of interest for the IG team to look into during their visit.

The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SNDP2NZ>. If you cannot use the hyperlink, copy and paste the above into your web browser. If you would like to speak with a member of the Medical Inspector General team, please contact us at 1-800-637-6175, DSN 295-9019, by e-mail at NavyMEDIGHotline@med.navy.mil or personally while they are at USNH Naples.

Transition Counselor Institute—phase one March 29-30

The purpose of this course is to prepare education and installation professionals to recognize and address transition concerns that impact the mobile military child. This training is open to guidance professionals, school administration and other caring adults interested in learning more about the military child. There will be registration and breakfast from 8 - 8:30 a.m. in the Ciao Hall, NSA

Capodichino. For more information about this training or other professional development opportunities, please contact Donna Muller at 254-953-1923 or Donna.Muller@MilitaryChild.org. Please visit www.MilitaryChild.org and click the Upcoming Trainings tab to register.

The Jungle Book Kids

Main Stage Entertainment presents the Jungle Book. Come out and enjoy a wonderful show Friday March 19 at 7:00 p.m. or March 21 at 2:00 p.m. both shows will be at the Support Site Reel

Time Theater. Tickets will be available at both locations or online at www.mwritt.org.

Children's Easter Musical

The community is invited to come out and enjoy "It All Happened in the City" a Children's Easter Musical on Sunday, April 4 at 6 p.m. at the Support Site Chapel. The event is free and a potluck will be held afterwards. For more information, please call the Chaplain's Office at 629-4617.

Red Cross Courses

Babysitter's Training: 20 Mar 2010, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. CDC Support Site (Classroom)

CPR Instructor Course: 22-26 Mar 2010, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Fit Forum Support Site (Conference Room)

CPR/AED-Adult, Child & Infant CPR: 27 Mar 2010, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fit Forum Support Site (Conference Room)

Red Cross Volunteer Orientation: 3 Mar 2010, 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. ARC Office, Admin II, Room G028.1, Capodichino

Lifeguard training and CPR for the professional rescuer

Classes will be Monday thru Friday March 15 - 26 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the cost for this course is \$110 per person this includes all course materials & certification fees. The deadline for registration is March 12. For more information call 626-4254.

The Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society kicks of drive

The Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society annual Fund Drive kicked off March 4. "It's not about Sailors and Marines giving more, it's about more Sailors and Marines giving!" To give, contact your command representative or the Area Coordinator: Lt. Chris Moton 626-3948.

CNE-C6F/CNREURAFSWA HOTLINE

It is everyone's responsibility to report fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement in Navy activities to:

Office of the Inspector General

Phone 081-568-2983 - Fax: 081-568-6354
E-mail ighotline@eu.navy.mil
Web site <http://www.cnic.navy.mil/europe/index.htm>

You can choose to remain anonymous

FYI POSSIBLE STRIKE

- March 12** - Italian airlines personnel will be on strike for 4 hours, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- March 12** - All Trenitalia personnel will be on strike for 4 hours, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- March 12** - Some maritime transportation will depart with 4 hours delay minimum, because of the general strike.

Panorama

Associato all'USPI
Unione Stampa Periodica Italiana

Naval Support Activity
Capt. Robert Rabuse
Cmdr. Stephen Schutt
Lt. Matt Gill
MC1 (NAO) John Parker
Teresa Merola
MC1 (NAO) John Parker
MC2 (SW/AW) Felicit Rustique
MC3 Kristopher Regan
MC1 (EXW/AW) Terry Vick
J. Freed, Lou Freed
Editorial Office:
Free Mercato Ads:
Paid Advertising:

Naples Italy
Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Public Affairs Officer
Assistant Public Affairs Officer
Public Affairs/COMREL Specialist
Editorial Staff
Editor-in-Chief/Photojournalist
Contributors
NPASE-E Det. Europe
NPASE-E Det. Europe
NPASE-E Det. Europe
Tel. 081/568-5335- Fax 081/568-5112
Tel. 081/568-5856- Fax 081/568-5112
Tel. 081/568-7884- Fax 081/568-7887

This civilian enterprise (CE) newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the military services overseas. Contents of *Panorama* are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense, or the U. S. Navy. The appearance of advertising in this newspaper, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense, or Stampa Generale S.r.l. of the products or services advertised.

Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use, or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation, or any other nonmerit factor of the purchaser, user, or patron. A confirmed violation or rejection of this equal opportunity policy by an advertiser will result in the refusal to print advertising from that source until the violation is corrected.

The *Panorama* editorial office is located at Naval Support Activity, Naples, Italy, PSC 817, Box 40, FPO AE 09622 - Telephone: commercial 081-568-5335/5912; DSN 626-5335/5912. E-mail: naplespanorama@eu.navy.mil.

Panorama is published weekly on Friday by Stampa Generale S.r.l. Sig. Bruno Brandi, Publisher, Naval Support Activity, Capodichino (Naples), Italy - Tel. 081-568-7884, Fax 081-568-7887. E-mail: stampagenerale@tin.it - Autorizzazione Tribunale di Napoli No. 3404 del 3.4.1985. Direttore Responsabile: Bruno Brandi. Stampa: Europrint Sud S.r.l., Ferentino (Fr); Fotocomposizione: Stampa Generale S.r.l. - Tel. 081-568-7884. Stampa Generale is a private firm in no way connected with the U. S. Navy under exclusive written contract with the U. S. Navy. The editorial content is edited, prepared and provided by the Public Affairs Office of the Naval Support Activity, Naples, Italy. All news and feature articles and announcements submitted to *Panorama* are subject to editing to conform with contemporary standards of journalistic objectivity, clarity and relevance. We welcome any contributions, suggestions or comments dealing with community issues. Submissions for publication in *Panorama* will be accepted on the basis of newsworthiness, timeliness and space available. All copy must be submitted in Microsoft Word format in an e-mail to the editor at: naplespanorama@eu.navy.mil. Each submission must include the name and telephone number of the author. DEADLINE FOR ALL COPY AND PHOTOS IS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS FRIDAY PRIOR TO PUBLICATION DATE.



Portion of Gaeta returned to Italian government

Captain Robert Rabuse, Commanding Officer NSA Naples, and Colonel Salvatore Incandela, Ministry of Defense Rome, VIII Dept. of Infrastructure, sign the Monte Orlando military installation back over to the Italian Ministry of Defense Feb. 23. (Photo by IT1 Ethan Gurney)

Italian News Briefs

Compiled by Teresa Merola

Italy will hold regional elections

Italy will hold regional election on March 28-29. Last Saturday candidates from the conservative People of Freedom (PDL) party were excluded from the ballot in Rome province for the regional elections after failing to submit documents to the electoral office in time. The PDL coalition said its representative was distracted outside the electoral office by an argument with a member of another party which caused him to miss the noon cutoff for submitting the necessary documentation. The party's candidate for governor in Lazio region appealed to Italy's President Giorgio Napolitano after the first appeal against the decision was rejected by a court on Sunday and hopes to present another appeal at an Italian court.

Floating Prisons in Italy

A project to build floating prisons in Italy was presented last Friday from the Fincantieri ship-building group during a prison warden union meeting. The project was commissioned by the ministry of justice last May as a means to relieve the Italian prisons where the population of inmates is over 65,000 where can accommodate 43,000. The floating prisons consist in large barges on which modular structures could be built for specific needs. The model presented has 320 cells for a total of 640 inmates. Each cell is 14 square meters plus two for a lavatory. The entire barge is 126 meters long, 33 meters wide and 34.8 meters high. The cost estimated is 90 million Euros. They would be permanently docked in isolated port areas and the government is considering placing the barge-prisons in the ports of Genoa, Livorno, Civitavecchia, Naples, Palermo, Bari and Ravenna.

Italy is second in Europe in using solar energy

The Italian Industry Minister Claudio Scajola announced in a statement that Italy is second in

Europe in solar energy and can currently generate 1.3 gigawatt of energy which is sufficient to supply almost half a million household a year. In Italy there are about 70,000 certified solar energy systems and about 1,000 enterprises in producing, distributing, installing solar system and with more than 20,000 people employed in the sector. The last year's turnover was estimated at least 2.5 billion Euros.

Andrea Bocelli receives star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame

Internationally-renowned Opera and Pop singer Andrea Bocelli was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Tuesday, he said the American public's affection for him has always been shown at concerts and when people meet him in the streets. Bocelli started at the Sanremo Song Festival in 1994 and since then he sold over 70 million albums worldwide. He won a Golden Globe and an Oscar nomination with Celine Dion in 1999 for the song The Prayer and two other Grammy nominations as well as World Music Awards and six Classical Brit Awards.

Man uses web site to try to change city

A Neapolitan entrepreneur founded a web site called "Partenope City" and aims to change the Naples' moral and ethical values. The people of Partenope City cross at pedestrian crossings, they park their cars so that they do not block anyone and never drive through a red light. Currently the community is around 2,000 but it is growing. Claudio Agrelli the founder of the web site said that there is a web forum to discuss what the community would like to change and citizens take part in a social responsibility project. He hopes that through discussion boards and social networking, citizens propose projects and initiatives which will be voted on by other citizens. The proposals will be then presented to the real authorities to try and get things changed in the city of Naples.

THE INSIDE PAGE...

MARCH

- 9, 16 **EASY ITALIAN I, II, III**, 9 a.m. to noon, at the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC). FMI, contact the FFSC at 081-811-6372.
- 10 **ALLIED SPOUSES CLUB ITALIAN LUNCHEON**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at JFC Naples NCCC. Costs €20 for members and €25 for non-members, due by March 1. For more information, send an e-mail to glosappiobotta@afsouth.nato.int.
- 10 **NAPLES HIGH SCHOOL 8TH-GRADE PARENTS NIGHT** (Transition to NHS) in the cafeteria. FMI, call the school at 081-811-4061.
- 11, 18, 25 **BEGINNING QUILTING CLASS**, 4-5 p.m., in the food court. This will be a series of four classes each Thursday in March, no experience necessary. FMI, contact qatw.napoli@yahoo.com
- 11 **QUILTERS AROUND THE WORLD MONTHLY MEETING**, 5-7 p.m., in the food court. FMI, contact qatw.napoli@yahoo.com
- 13 **SEMI-ANNUAL ASIAN FURNITURE AUCTION** co-sponsored by the Naples High School (NHS) Athletic Booster Club and NHS PTSA at the NHS Gym. Viewing, registration and silent auction at 11 a.m. and live bidding starts at noon. Volunteers are also needed for this event. FMI or to volunteer, contact Tish Campbell at nahsauctionvol@gmail.com or 081-811-5595).
- 13 **NAPLES FRIENDS OF ANIMALS** will be holding our monthly Pet Adoption Day from 11:00AM-4PM in front of the Support Site NEX. For more information, please visit www.naplesfriendsofanimals.org
- 15-19 **TERRA NOVA TESTING FOR GRADES 3-11**. Please be sure students are present at school the entire week for testing.
- 17 **GRICIGNANO MARKET**, 8:45-11 a.m., departing from the Support Site. FMI, contact the FFSC at 081-811-6372.
- 17 **NAPLES AREA TOP 3 HOLDS GOLF TOURNEY**, 11:30 a.m. (tee-off at noon), at Carney Park. The entry fee is \$30 (carts cost extra). FMI or to sign up, contact Master Sgt. Kevin LaBrie at 081-721-5048 or by e-mail to klabrie@afsouth.nato.int.
- 18 **MONTHLY BABY BASICS CLASS** offered by Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) Visiting Nurse, 9 a.m. to noon, at the NMCRS Office, Admin II, G 016. Topics include: newborn care (i.e. bundling, diapering and bathing), feeding, crying & comforting, health & safety, etc. Contact NCMRS for registration and information at 081-568-3913.
- 18 **COOKING CLASS**, 9:45 a.m. to 2 p.m., departing from the Support Site. FMI, contact the FFSC at 081-811-6372.
- 23 **EXPLORING POZZUOLI**, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., departing from JFC. FMI, contact the FFSC at 081-811-6372.
- 23-30 **SEMPRE LATTE**- 10 a.m. in the Health Promotion Classroom at the Naval Hospital.
- 24 **WATCH, EAT, BUY FRESH PASTA**, 9:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., departing from the Support Site. FMI, contact the FFSC at 081-811-6372.
- 25 **CERAMICS LESSON**, 8 a.m. to noon, departing from the Support Site. FMI, contact the FFSC at 081-811-6372.
- 26 **LEARN HOW TO MAKE NEAPOLITAN PIZZA**, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., departing from JFC. FMI, contact the FFSC at 081-811-6372.
- 29 **TO VOMERO BY THE NEW METRO**, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., departing from the Support Site FMI, contact the FFSC at 081-811-6372.
- 30 **MOZZARELLA** (tentative). FMI, contact the FFSC at 081-811-6372.
- 31 **DUOMO CHURCH & OLD TOWN**, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., departing from JFC. FMI, contact the FFSC at 081-811-6372.
- 31 **SAT TEST**. FMI or to make an appointment, contact the Navy College Office at Capo, Admin II or call 081-568-6681/6684/6678. Testing starts at 7:45 a.m. and lasts about six hours.

APRIL

- 6-13-20-27 **SEMPRE LATTE** 10 a.m. in the Health Promotion Classroom at the Naval Hospital.
- EVERY MONDAY SHIPSHAPE**- 11 a.m. – noon and 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 in the Health Promotion Classroom at the Naval Hospital.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- NHS CHARITY AUCTION:** Volunteers are needed to help with the NHS Asian Furniture Auction, which will be held at 11 a.m. March 13. Help is also needed March 12 to set up. FMI and to volunteer, contact Tish Campbell at nahsauctionvol@gmail.com or 081-811-5595.
- NAVY LEAGUE OF THE U.S./NAPLES COUNCIL** is seeking board members. Those interested, contact Betty Reese at 081-526-8051 and/or breeese@cybernet.it.
- TAX ASSISTANCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** The U.S. Region Legal Service Office (RLSO) is seeking active duty and civilian volunteers for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program for tax year 2009. Interested persons can either sign up at the RLSO in the Admin II building at Capodichino on the first floor or call the RLSO at 081-568-4576. If desired, the RLSO will assist active duty members in seeking permission from their chain of command to participate in the VITA program.
- NAPLES AMERICAN RED CROSS (ARC) NEEDS VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTORS.** The Fundamentals of Instructor Training (F.I.T.) is a pre-requisite course to the Instructor Training course. FMI or to sign up, contact the office at 081-568-4788.
- NAPLES OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION NEEDS REFEREES.** Anyone interested should contact Nigel Alexander at 081-721-5413 or 346-680-3282 or by e-mail to nalexander@afsouth.nato.int.
- TEEN BABYSITTERS CAN EARN MONEY.** All American Red Cross Certified babysitters interested in occasional babysitting can post a personal business card at the Fleet and Family Support Center, first floor of the Navy Lodge. FMI, contact the FFSC at 081-811-6551/6552/6555.
- NAPLES COMMUNITY GIRL SCOUTS NEED LEADERS AND CO-LEADERS.** FMI or to volunteer, contact Shannon Matthews at 081-811-5599 or by e-mail to naplesgs@yahoo.com.
- NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOC. OPERATION CLIP & SAVE (COUPONS):** 081-568-3913.
- USO NAPLES NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** at the Support Site Office one or two days a week on Wednesdays and Fridays for tours, programs and projects. To get involved and make a difference in the NSA Naples community, call 081-568-5713 or send an e-mail to sabrina.pullido@uso.it.

More "Inside Page" on Page 11



**NSA Naples
Commanding
Officer
Captain
Robert
Rabuse
presents a
plaque
to Dott.
Fulvio Papa,
Sostituto
Commissario
Polizia di
Stato
Sottosezione
Polstrada
Fuorigrotta.**
*(Photos by
(MC1(NAO)
John Parker
NSA Naples
assistant PAO)*

**NSA Naples
Commanding
Officer
Captain
Robert
Rabuse
speaks with
Lt. Col.
Francesco
Marra
who is the
Commanding
Officer for the
Compagnia
Carabinieri of
Aversa.**



International Festival

**Yuko Garvey (left)
Masae Parker
(center) and Yoko
Gregg work at the
Japan table during
the Naples
Elementary School
annual International
Festival hosted by
the PTA on Friday,
February 26.**



NHS Band plays at JFC

The Naples High School Jazz/Rhythm and Blues Band performed at Allied Joint Force Command Naples during the Black History Month luncheon and celebration at the NATO Conference and Community Center's (NCCC) main ballroom. The band, headed by Mr. Gary Marvel, consists of 14 students and performs at various functions around the Naples area. (Photo by Mrs. Irene Tumulac)

Mount Whitney completes ATFP Certification

By MC2 (SW) Sylvia Nealy, USS Mount Whitney

Sailors aboard USS Mount Whitney (LCC/JCC 20) completed the ship's Anti-Terrorism Force Protection (ATFP) Certification, Feb. 15-17. The certification consisted of three consecutive days of ATFP training scenarios. Assessors from Afloat Training Group (ATG) based out of Norfolk, Virginia, came aboard and graded the crew's ability to defend against attacks from the land, sea and air.

"The training we provided to the crew members is very effective and it gives them the basic knowledge of how to operate both the .50-caliber and M-60 Machine Gun weapons," said Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Brenda Hernandezortiz, one of the Anti-Terrorism Training Team (ATTT) members. "These weapons are the first line of defense for the ship during land, surface, and airborne attacks."

During the assessment, the Sailors were tested on Force Protection and Security alert scenarios which demonstrated how they can protect the ship against threats. These simulated attacks included bomb threat, floating objects in the water, hostage situation, ship intruder, swimmer attack, and vehicle borne Improvised Explosive Devices.

"The goal of ATG is to establish and ensure that the ship's training team is self sufficient and has the ability to train its crew in the defense and war fighting capabilities concurrent with its mission," said Lt. j.g. Lyon Ellison, Mount Whitney's Anti-Terrorism Officer.

The Anti-Terrorism Training Team members hold training daily to ensure Sailors possess the proper knowledge and can react quickly to the various threats presented. The Sailors are also required to complete gun shoot and full-weapons qualifications.

"I am very pleased with the vast improvement of the crew members within a three-week period," said Chief Boatswain's Mate (EXW/SW) Guy Groux, ATG Team Leader for ATFP.

"The Sailors took charge, showed a lot of enthusiasm, and were confident in their ability to protect and defend the ship."

Mount Whitney is the Sixth Fleet flagship. It is homeported in Gaeta, Italy and operates with a hybrid crew of U.S. Sailors and Military Sealift Command civilian mariners.



Girl Scout Cadet troops 14 and 97 sponsored the Naples celebration of "Hunger Banquet" on Saturday, February 27. (Photo by Stuart Gelb)

Naples community Girl Scouts celebrate World Thinking Day

Story by Flynn Jones

Each year on February 22, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides all over the world come together to celebrate World Thinking Day. The theme changes from year to year, with the focus always on a global issue that affects women. This year girls worldwide said "together we can end extreme poverty and hunger."

Girl Scout Cadet troops 14 and 97 sponsored the Naples celebration on Saturday, February 27. A "Hunger Banquet" was held to give the 180 girls who attended the event an opportunity to experience, if even briefly, what hunger might be. The girls were divided into three different groups, with each group representing the percentage of people in the world who only have rice to eat (50%), those who have rice and beans (35%) and those who can afford meat, bread and vegetables (15%).

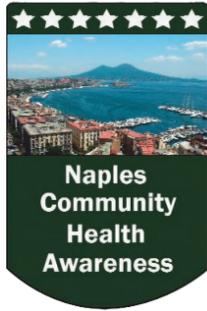
Following the banquet, the girls took a "passport" and began a walk around the "world" to learn how hunger and poverty affect countries worldwide. Each troop chose a country to present and particular focus was

made on countries the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) Council chose for the 2010 year: Haiti, Sudan, Zimbabwe, Maldives and Georgia. Other countries represented were South Africa, the Philippines, and Greece. Each troop provided information about the country, displayed the country's flag, had a small representation of local cuisine and, of course, discussed how poverty and hunger affected the country.

According to the WAGGGS web site, "Today, 30,000 children die every day from poverty and neglect, and two billion people live without adequate food and basic needs. More than three million people will die of HIV and AIDS this year – many of them live in poverty." Each girl donated at least \$1.00 to participate in the event, with the funds raised going to Haitian relief efforts.

The girls who participated in the Naples World Thinking Day event hopefully, left with a better understanding poverty and hunger and how they can make a difference. For more information about becoming a Girl Scout or volunteering, please contact naplesgs@yahoo.com.

Naples Public Health Evaluation



What is Bacteriological Contamination?

By CNREURAFSWA Public Affairs

Last week, we looked at tap water safety and why it is important to adhere to the Bottled Water Advisory that is in effect for U.S. personnel living off-base in the greater Naples area. Those new to the Naples area may not be aware of the reasons for the advisory, one of which is bacteriological contamination.

As Phase I of the Naples Public Health Evaluation (PHE) was getting underway in the summer of 2008, tap water samples from many homes showed evidence of coliform bacteria (total coliform and/or fecal coliform). Total coliform bacteria are a collection of relatively harmless microorganisms that live in large numbers in soils, plants and in intestines of warm-blooded (humans) and cold-blooded animals. Coliform aid the digestion of food. Finding coliform or other bacteria in water does not necessarily mean you will become ill. However, if these organisms are present, other disease-causing organisms may also be present. The presence of fecal coliform, which is a subgroup of total coliform, is an indication that a possible health risk exists for individuals exposed to this water.

Symptoms from waterborne illness may include diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, jaundice or fatigue. As is often the case, infants, young children and people with severely compromised immune systems are generally more susceptible to these illnesses.

Bacterial contamination can occur when increased runoff enters the drinking water source; following heavy rains, for example. Contamination can also appear after a break in water pipes; back-siphoning of water from drains, tubs and sinks into faucets (also known as "backflow"); or a failure in the water treatment process.

Many of the contaminated Phase I samples came from homes that were found to be on illegal wells or using unsanitary holding tanks. After this discovery, NSA Naples Housing Office began requiring landlords to disconnect from illegal wells and connect to the public drinking water system. Holding tanks must also be cleaned and disinfected every six months as well.

Boiling tap water to kill the bacteria is not a viable solution in Naples, because during PHE testing, the Navy also detected nitrates in some tap water samples. Nitrate is a chemical element found in fertilizer and other chemicals. Nitrate does not evaporate when boiled. In fact, boiling water for more than 10 minutes can make the nitrate more concentrated, increasing its potential health risk.

To reduce the risk of ingesting waterborne contaminants, always use bottled water for

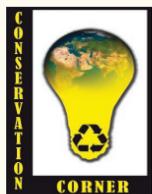
- Drinking
- Food preparation/Cooking
- Brushing teeth
- Making ice
- Pets

To learn more about tap water bacteria, read our fact sheet: https://www.cnic.navy.mil/navycni/groups/public/documents/document/cnic_065858.pdf

For information about the environment and your health, drop by the Environmental Health Information Center at Naval Hospital Naples at the Support Site in Gricignano or give them a call at 081-811-6321. To learn more about the Naples PHE, watch for All Hands e-mail messages, look for this weekly column in Panorama, and visit the Naples Community Health Awareness Web site at <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Naples/CommandInformation/HealthAwareness/index.htm>

NSA Naples energy conservation

Provided by UT2 (SCW) Michael Labeau



Here are a few ways to help you light your home with saving energy.

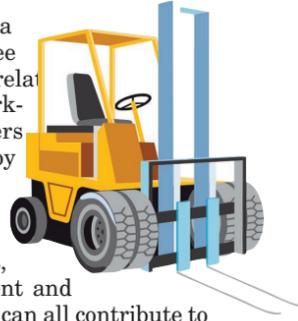
- 1. Use natural lighting.** Open curtains and shades during the day instead of using lighting. Consider skylights and solar tubes during remodeling or new construction design. This allows the maximum use of natural daylight
- 2. Let the sun in.** The sun's energy can have a noticeable effect on the temperature in your home, especially from windows facing south and west. Keep window shades and drapes open during winter months to let in the sun's radiant heat
- 3. Position lights properly.** Try to illuminate the entire activity area without creating distracting glares or shadows. To do this, position your light source closer to the area you want lit. This saves energy by not over-lighting an unused area.
- 4. Consider LED (Light Emitting Diode) lighting.** LEDs are becoming more common for can, track, under-cabinet and holiday lighting. Initial cost is more, but the lights use 10 times less energy and last 50 times longer than incandescent lights. They use one-third the energy and last 5 times longer than compact fluorescent lights.

NSA Safety Program

Forklift Safety

Provided by NSA Naples Safety Office

National fatality data indicate that the three most common forklift-related fatalities involve forklift overturns, workers on foot being struck by forklifts, and workers falling from forklifts. The case studies indicate that the forklift, the factory environment and actions of the operator can all contribute to fatal incidents involving forklifts. In addition, these fatalities indicate that many workers and employers are not using or may be unaware of safety procedures and the proper use of forklifts to reduce the risk of injury and death.



Forklift operation is dangerous. You can't just turn the key and expect it to be like driving a car. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) agrees, and has training requirements to ensure that operators know how to safely handle the equipment. Training must consist of a combination of formal instruction (e.g., lecture, discussion, interactive computer learning, video tape, written material), practical training (demonstrations performed by the trainer and practical exercises performed by the

trainee), and evaluation of the operator's performance in the workplace. At most installations forklift operators licensing program are in place. Contact the safety office for license and training tracking requirements.



Operator error is not the only hazard in working with a forklift that is why checking your equipment is so important. The NAVSUP Publication 538 covers the required periodic maintenance. Scheduled maintenance is the responsibility of the owner of the assigned equipment. It consists of the inspection, service, surveillance, adjusting and lubrication of equipment in order to minimize breakdown and keep the equipment in optimum operating condition. The owner must also have the manufacturer's technical manuals. These technical manuals provide recommended maintenance procedures, time schedules, lubrication schedules, principles of operation, a troubleshooting guide, repair instructions and numerous other useful maintenance data relative to the specific types of MHE. They also contain illustrated parts breakdown of components and assemblies, including parts lists.

Before starting your vehicle, conduct a pre-operation (or pre-start) inspection that checks a variety of items, including but not limited to:

- Fluid levels – oil, water, and hydraulic fluid.
- Leaks, cracks or any other

visible defect including hydraulic hoses and mast chains. NOTE: Operators should not place their hands inside the mast. Use a stick or other device to check chain tension.

- Tire condition and pressure including cuts and gouges.
- Condition of the forks, including the top clip retaining pin and heel.
- Load backrest extension.
- Finger guards.
- Safety decals and nameplates. Ensure all warning decals and plates are in place and legible. Check that information on the nameplate matches the model and serial numbers and attachments.
- Operator manual on truck and legible.
- Operator compartment. Check for grease and debris.
- All safety devices are working properly including the seat belt.

In addition to this general inspection, additional items should be checked depending on the forklift type (electric or internal combustion, including liquid propane).

Daily inspection records must be kept on file. Daily checklists for each type of industrial truck are available from the truck manufacturer. You may choose to use a checklist for each type of industrial truck in your workplace or compile one that can be used for any type of truck. Refer to the owner's manual, specifications and manufacturer's recommendations to modify the checklist for trucks being operated in your workplace.



NEX Facebook Offers Exclusive Coupons to Its Fans

The NEX has expanded its footprint on Facebook since it first launched its page in October 2008. Military customers who become fans of the NEX have the opportunity to find out about upcoming sales and promotions, store events, ask questions, participate in surveys and to be a part of the exclusive Deal of the Day program.

"During the holidays, we launched our Deal of the Day program and it was very successful," said Liza Hartman, Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) marketing specialist in charge of e-mail and social media. "We've expanded the program to now include exclusive coupons just for our Facebook fans. The response from our customers has been very positive."

Currently, the NEX has over 32,000 fans, but it would like to see even more. "Since we have such a mobile customers who tend to be far from home, social media, such as Facebook and Twitter, are how they connect," said Hartman. "We want all our customers to know the benefits of the NEX. It's a benefit they've earned by serving their country."

NEXCOM's use of social media sites also helps with its goals to be good stewards of the environment. By increasing the amount of marketing it produces online, it will further reduce the need for the paper and postage it uses to print its sales flyers each week.

To become a NEX Facebook fan, go to <http://www.facebook.com/NavyExchange>.

Naval Hospital Corner

New program allows sailors to verify medical readiness online

By Lt. Cmdr. James R. Hagen
Navy Medicine Information Systems
Support Activity Public Affairs

Navy Medicine Information Systems Support Activity (NAVMISSA) based in San Antonio, announced Feb. 22 the development of an online program that will support every Sailor.

NAVMISSA's new Web-based application allows Sailors for the first time to monitor their Individual Medical Readiness (IMR) status online.

Sailors can now review IMR medical and dental data from the Medical Readiness Reporting System (MRRS) via BUPERS Online (BOL). IMR status determines if a Sailor is medically eligible to deploy.

"This additional application within BOL allows Sailors to ensure that all of their IMR requirements are current and see what their current IMR status is," said Elaine A. Shorkey, a

NAVMISSA external liaison and project lead.

Maintaining accurate IMR status through MRRS is a high priority within Navy Medicine and directly supports Navy Medicine's goal of a fit and healthy force.

"The ability for individuals to monitor their IMR status will help to promote a healthy naval force and ensure our warfighters are medically prepared to meet their mission," said Capt. Tina L. Ortiz, NAVMISSA commanding officer. "It's every Sailor's responsibility to maintain their individual medical readiness. This tool empowers them to keep track of their IMR status and update it as necessary."

The new application is a module that displays information in an easy-to-follow format that resembles a report card. Sailors can review their physical health assessments, laboratory results, dental readiness, and any medical conditions that may prohibit or limit deployment and post-deployment health assessments. It also shows when immunizations should be administered and when upcoming assessments should be completed. A Sailor's overall IMR status is assessed into one of four categories: fully medically ready, partially medically ready, not medically ready and medical readiness indeterminate.

A fully ready status means the Sailor is current in all medical categories and is not considered at risk to experience a dental emergency, thus deployable worldwide. A partially ready status means the Sailor lacks one or more immunization, laboratory results or medical equipment such as a gas mask insert. These limitations can be quickly re-

solved and allow the member to deploy once corrected.

Not medically ready means the Sailor has a chronic or prolonged deployment-limiting condition and cannot deploy. This status includes Sailors who are hospitalized or convalescing from serious illness or injury, or they fall into a dental class three – considered to be at an increased risk to experience a dental emergency.

The last category, medical readiness indeterminate, applies to Sailors whose health status cannot be determined because of missing information such as lost medical records or an overdue assessment.

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class (SW) Amado A. Rivera is an administrative assistant for the Navy Medicine Support Command (NMSC) headquarters in Jacksonville, Fla., NAVMISSA's parent command.

"The IMR status has long been a potential problem for deploying Sailors," said Rivera, who has served aboard three ships. "IMR verification will allow Sailors simple access to helpful medical information as they prepare to deploy."

For Chief Storekeeper (SW) Sierra Elam, NAVMISSA's new Web-based application is a major breakthrough.

"I've served on four ships," said Elam, NMSC command career counselor and administrative leading chief petty officer. "Knowing who's in and who is out could turn a bad situation into a manageable one. For a leading chief, this is ground breaking."

To view medical readiness status, visit <https://www.bol.navy.mil> and select the IMR Status link under the BOL Application Menu.

National Patient Safety Week, March 7-13

By Wafa Cobin
Patient Safety Specialist, USNH Naples

For U. S. Naval Hospital, Naples, Italy, Patient Safety comes first! USNH Naples is committed to providing patient and family-centered healthcare services in a safe, comfortable, supportive and caring environment. Each year, USNH Naples participates in an educational and awareness-building campaign to promote patient safety and to encourage its clinicians, staff, patients and families to participate in contributing to safe healthcare. The theme of this year's Patient Safety Awareness Week, March 7-13, is "Let's Talk: Healthy Conversations for Safer Healthcare."

Ask 3 Good Questions for your Good Health...

Every time you talk with your doctor, nurse or pharmacist, you should ask questions about your treatments, problems and medications. Think and discuss with your providers what you need to do as a patient to achieve better health. Become involved in your health care by researching information about your diagnosis or your illness. Look at the different treatments and options available for you, and help your provider make decisions about your health. The more you know about your health care, the better.

Also, keep an updated list of your current medications including over-the-counter drugs and herbal supplements, and give it to your provider on your next health check-up.

You are in charge of your own health. Be active in preventing the spread of infection and wash your hands regularly. Learn about your health and be proactive in making your medical decisions with your healthcare providers. Should you have any concerns or questions about Patient Safety at USNH Naples, please do not hesitate to contact myself, Wafa Cobin, Command Patient Safety Specialist at Wafa.Cobin@med.navy.mil or 629- 6338.

NSA Naples Admin Dept eliminates enlisted field service records

Story by MCI (EXW/AW) Terry Vick
NPASE-E Det. Europe

The brown enlisted field service record (FSR) is joining the annals of history. Like wearing your white hat with dungarees and bellbottom denim work pants. Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples Administration Department, along with the rest of the U.S. Navy, is replacing the familiar bulky brown folder with the Electronic Service Record (ESR).

NAVADMIN 040/10, released in February 2010 from the office of the Chief of Naval Personnel, outlined the formal plan to phase out the FSR and establish its digital replacement.

"Basically the [NAVADMIN] directs us to return the field service records to the owners," said Personnel Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Josemarcelo Baqueroalvarez, who is helping supervise the transfer of information in NSA's admin dept. "First, however, we're going to scan all the critical information from each FSR and Sailors will have access to that information in their ESR's via a secure weblink."

The Navy first initiated ESR's in 2006. They are accessible to Sailors who have established self-service accounts on the Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System (NSIPS) webpage. The service member uses their Common Access Card (CAC) to both create and log into their Self-service account and have access to their ESR. "Everyone has an ESR account," said Baqueroalvarez.

"Newly reporting personnel are getting them and that is a good thing because they can check the status of their

money and other administrative issues."

Service members can also update emergency contact information, submit directly for Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders, submit travel claims and keep track of their awards, education, training and Personnel Qualification Standards (PQS).

For the Navy's administrative support community, phasing out the FSR represents an event they've long planned for. "The concept of converting to a paperless electronic service record goes back almost ten years," said Senior Chief Personnel Specialist Ronaldo Deguzman, leading chief petty officer for NSA's admin department. Guzman is supervising NSA's efforts to convert to the ESR. "This is an evolutionary process and we're in a critical moment. I think that every service member needs to check the NAVADMIN and make sure they're following what's prescribed in that message."

Many of the workers in the personnel support detachment continue to stand by for the latest guidance concerning the changeover process. "Some issues are still being determined such as what documents we'll continue to maintain and update here on sight," said Guzman. "Myself, and every Personnel Specialist here at NSA Naples is committed to supporting the NSA Sailors to the best of our abilities, but ultimately the ownership and maintenance of this new type of service record will rely almost completely on the service member."

For more info. concerning the ESR read NAVADMIN 040/10 and visit [https:// nsips.nmci.navy.mil](https://nsips.nmci.navy.mil) to establish a Navy Self-service account.

USS Nicholas conducts APS live At-Sea drill

By MC3 (SW) Tracey L. Whitley, Africa Partnership Station East Public Affairs

Africa Partnership Station (APS) East platform USS Nicholas (FFG 47) recently trained with the Mauritius Group and Intervention Police Force (GIPF) on basic visit, board, search and seizure (VBSS) methods, which culminated in a live at-sea exercise held Feb. 25.

In-port training, which lasted for a period of three days, gave students education and practice on proper boarding and searching techniques, along with instruction on how to investigate suspicious personnel and handle weapons. Additional courses taught damage control, search and rescue procedures, and force protection measures. The training was a vital part of the APS East mission to bolster maritime safety and security, by providing Mauritian maritime professionals with the enhanced skills to help counter against illegal trafficking and piracy and to protect precious resources – part of an ongoing endeavor to keep international waters safe.

"APS provides the perfect venue for this kind of training," said Lt. j.g. Beryl Stefanic, training officer aboard Nicholas. "We are fostering friendships and trust with one another while also providing important information that will help them keep positive control of any vessel which threatens their territory."

The students were able to put everything they learned over the past several days into practice during the at-sea drill, proving themselves to their

instructors as well as each other.

"This exercise really helped me understand every part of VBSS, because I got to act it out as if it were a real scenario," said Pvt. Pauline Pascal, one of the GIPF participates. "When we boarded the vessel and got up to the bridge, I was mentally prepared to take charge of the men inside by any means necessary, and that is exactly what I did."

The students used tactical movements they learned earlier in the week to take down their instructors, who took part in the drill. They used physical force and plastic weapons, portrayed as live weapons, to maneuver the men and begin the questioning procedures for insight on why the ship was in Mauritian territorial waters.

The drill was not only a test that dis-

played the knowledge of the students, but also provided a fun way to end the time the students and Sailors had spent together during the port visit.

"We had a lot of fun working with these Sailors," said Pascal. "This course gave us a solid foundation for maritime security and we all hope that we can do this type of training again with the U.S. Navy in the future."

Nicholas is currently deployed with high speed vessel Swift (HSV 2) during APS East, an international cooperative initiative aimed at strengthening global maritime partnerships through training and other collaborative activities in order to improve maritime safety and security in Africa. APS East is being conducted in cooperation with Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Africa and U.S. Africa Command.

FFSC kicks off Parenting Classes

Story by MC2 (SW/AW) Felicito Rustique NPASE-E Det. Europe

Parenting is never easy. Beginning this month, for those seeking advice on how to raise their treasured little "munchkins," the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) is offering The Parenting Series - five new monthly classes held free of charge at the FFSC's main office.

Each hour-long class covers a critical area of child rearing. Topics such as discipline, growth stages and understanding both you and your child's feelings are covered. Participants can also pick and choose which classes they want to attend.

"What we've put together is based on what the local community requested -- fairly short, to the point and specific to their needs," said Kathleen Williams, FFSC's clinical supervisor. "The goal is to promote positive growth in children."

The series is based on a curriculum designed by licensed experts and chosen by the FFSC to address parenting questions Naval Support Activities, Naples residents have been asking.

Although the classes may seem more for first-time parents, no matter how knowledgeable they think they are there's something to be gained by anyone who attends the classes. Williams explains.

"We tend to parent the way we were parented, which may or not be such a wonderful thing," she said. "Each child is unique and what might've worked before might not work again. We generally want to do a better job, so these classes are a way to share parenting knowledge with other parents and learn from someone who has more experience."

Williams also pointed out that the first few years of a child's upbringing will forever impact his or her development; therefore it's important to learn proper parenting early on.

"The most important developmental stages for children are from birth to three. This is when a child's personality and how they will learn is established. What happens to them during this period can determine whether or not they'll grow into happy adults."

Williams sees The Parenting Series as a new beginning and hopes people who attend will give the FFSC feedback. This way the center can stop, modify, or add to the classes and continue to deliver what the community wants.

The classes last from 11:30a.m. to 12:30p.m. Qualified social workers who teach the classes are also available for individual or couples counseling. Participants can sign up by stopping by the FFSC or calling DSN: 629-6533.

MORE INSIDE PAGE...

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED continued

NAPLES FRIENDS OF ANIMALS is currently seeking volunteers for board member positions, fundraiser events, and to foster animals and transport them to and from the off-base vet. FMI, visit <http://www.naplesfriendsofanimals.org> or e-mail Kimmie at nfoa.publicaffairs@gmail.com. They also need a volunteer to update, maintain and occasionally redesign the NFOA Web site. FMI, please contact nfoa.publicaffairs@gmail.com.

NAPLES OVERSEAS SPOUSES CLUB (NOSC). Volunteer opportunities with mileage and child care reimbursement. NOSC needs volunteers to work at their Forgotten Treasures Thrift Store during the summer, weekends, nights, and on a daily basis. FMI, e-mail nosctshop@gmail.com or call 081-811-4200.

ONGOING/ON THE HORIZON

CHRISTIAN DRAMA CLUB MEETS, 2:45-4 p.m., every Thursday at the Support Site Chapel. Students in K-8th grade are invited to join. Ages 4-5 are also welcomed to attend along with a parent. FMI, please call 081-811-4617.

SECURITY NOTE: All DoD military or civilian personnel hosting an event must complete a Special Event Force Protection Plan (SEFPP) 45 days in advance, regardless of organization, if held off base and involving 50 or more personnel or a gathering where distinguished visitors are involved. FMI, contact the AT/FP Division at 081-568-6300, or visit their office in Bldg. 447, behind BEQ II, at Capodichino.

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

NAPLES OVERSEAS SPOUSES CLUB OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS to high school seniors, undergraduate and graduate students. For more information and to apply, visit their Web site at <http://www.nosctaly.com>.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, San Gennaro council 14853, meets at 6 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month at the Capodichino Chapel Fellowship Hall. E-mail Jaime Gonzalez at kofcnaples@gmail.com or visit <http://sites.google.com/site/kofcnaples/home> for schedule of events and more information.

NAPLES AMERICAN RED CROSS holds orientation from 8:30-10 a.m. the first Wednesday of every month. Contact the American Red Cross Office for more info at 081-568-4788.

AMERICAN SOCCER CLUB (ASC) NAPOLI ONGOING PRACTICES WEEKLY. Winter Soccer Training for players age 13+ is taking place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the South (lighted) Support Site fields. FMI, visit <http://www.ascnapoli.com> or email ASCPrez4@yahoo.com.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE CLUB HOLDS PICK-UP GAMES, 2 p.m., every Sunday at the Support Site Central Park (field by the pool) and 6 p.m. Thursdays at the Support Site South Park (softball field behind the school). FMI, contact Edward.Butzirus@dla.mil.

PROTESTANT WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL (PWOC) holds Fall Bible Study every Tuesday at 9 a.m. (childcare provided) or 6 p.m. (no childcare) at the Support Site Fellowship Hall. FMI, contact Sheryl Sandros at 333-648-9503.

MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION IN SEARCH OF A DJ. MWR invites proposals for their DJ entertainment schedule of events. FMI, contact Mariella D'Amico CNREURAF-SWA NAF Business Office at 081-568-4836 or by e-mail to Mariella.Damico.it@eu.navy.mil. Deadline for submissions is noon Dec. 1.

TOUCH OF HEALING PRAYER WORSHIP, noon to 12:30 p.m., every Thursday in the U.S. Naval Hospital Naples Chapel. This is a "Healing/Anointing Prayer" worship service for patients, staff and family members; provided by Chaplain Phillip Clark.

'NEW BEGINNINGS BIBLE STUDY', noon to 12:30 p.m., every Tuesday at the USNH Naples Chapel. Those hungering for spiritual food are invited to bring a bag lunch, sodas will be provided.

HARRY S. TRUMAN LODGE NO. 649 MEETS, every Friday at 7:30 p.m. FMI, contact Francis Villareal at 334-645-9978 or Francis.villareal@eu.navy.mil. Visit <http://www.hst649.org>.

NAPLES HIGH SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) meets at 4:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month in the high school's Media Center. The meetings are open to the public. E-mail issues, questions or comments, to be addressed by the committee, to napleshssac@yahoo.com.

NEW PARENT SUPPORT OFFERS WEEKLY STROLLER WALK. Meet every Tuesday at 8 a.m. in front of Naples Elementary or Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Village Forum circular drive (next to Navy Lodge/across from library). For more info., call FFSC at 081-811-6372.

NAVY COLLEGE LEARNING CENTER offers self-paced computer courseware for the ASVAB, SAT, ACT, CLEP or GED exams. FMI, contact NCLC at CAPO, Admin II, Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon, or call 081-568-4006.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 'THE EDGE' from 12:30-1:30 p.m., every Wednesday at JFC Naples, in the NCCC, room 223. FMI, contact Ben Shevchuk, 347-971-8416.

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

PRAYER LUNCH HELD, noon to 12:30 p.m., Monday and Tuesday at the U.S. Naval Hospital Chapel. FMI, contact Chaplain Phillip Clark at 081-811-6451 or by e-mail to phillip.clark@med.navy.mil.

TEENS INTERESTED IN BABYSITTING bring Red Cross Certified Babysitting Course card along with a personal business card to the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC). FMI, call FFSC at 629081-811-6372.

MAINSTAGE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS. For more information, visit <http://www.naplesmainstage.org> or call 331-570-2879.

QUILTERS AROUND THE WORLD MEETS the second Thursday of every month to share ideas and inspire one another. Quilters of all levels are welcome. FMI, e-mail qatw.napoli@yahoo.com or call 348-430-934.

NAPLES-AREA GIRL SCOUTS: naplesgs@yahoo.com.

RED CROSS DISASTER ACTION TEAM: 081-568-4788.

NSA CHAPEL/USNH NAPLES MEDITATION GROUP, 7 p.m., Mondays (first-timers, arrive at 6:30 p.m.) Support Site side chapel (use side door under the clock tower). FMI, send an e-mail to bzzaragoza@yahoo.com.

COMPASS NAPLES NAVY SPOUSE TEAM MENTORING PROGRAM: for information call 081-811-4606 (leave a message) or e-mail COMPASSNaples@nsfamilyline.org.

WOMEN, INFANTS, CHILDREN (WIC) OVERSEAS PROGRAM OFFERED at NSA Naples. Women who are pregnant, postpartum or have an infant or child under the age of five may qualify for the WIC Overseas program - a nutritional education program that provides supplemental foods. For more info., contact the WIC Overseas office at 081-811-4962/60.

FILIPINO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NAPLES, ITALY, meets every 1st Wednesday of the month at Fellowship Hall, at 6pm. FMI, contact John Tanedo at 346-866-9679, DSN 626-6794 or john.tanedo@eu.navy.mil; Phil Laroya at DSN 629-6086 or philip.laroya@med.navy.mil.

MONTHLY CHILD FIND SCREENINGS AT NES. Ongoing identification of children with special needs as part of Naples Child Find, which identifies children between the ages of three and five who may have developmental delays and may need special education and related services. If you are concerned about your child's motor, cognitive, speech, language and/or social-emotional development, call 081-811-4044 for an appointment.

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

SPOT A STRAY OR LOST PET? Contact Emergency Dispatch Center, 081-568-5638/39.

NAPLES CHRISTIAN HOMESCHOOL ASSOCIATION provides support and activities throughout the school year. FMI, contact Mindy Doyle at mindydoyle@yahoo.com.

NAPLES-AREA USAF RETIREES, get information or an invitation to upcoming events and social activities by contacting Wylie Miller, USAF Retiree Affairs representative, 329-208-7315 or wkmiller@tin.it.

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

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

TOBACCO CESSATION, USNH Health Promotions Classroom and Capodichino. A four-week Freedom from Smoking class. To register, call 081-811-6313/6311.

EDIS SCREENINGS NOW AVAILABLE, Room W09, Support Site Village Forum. For eligible children who have not reached their third birthday. If you are concerned about your child's development, contact EDIS at 081-811-4676.

LATINOS UNIDOS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS. Meetings are at 2 p.m. the first Sunday of every month at the Support Site park. For more info, contact Michael Cortez, Michael.cortez@eu.navy.mil, 334-6771-0327, or Gabriel Sermeno, Gabriel.sermeno@eu.navy.mil, 081-811-5554.

Reel 2 Times cinema

Friday, March 5
1600 Percy Jackson & the Olympians: Lightning Thief, PG
1700 Nine, PG-13
1830 Valentine's Day, PG-13
2000 Youth in Revolt, R
2100 Daybreakers, R, 2100 PlusMovie & Premiere Showing

Saturday, March 6
1200 Percy Jackson & the Olympians: Lightning Thief, PG
1330 Valentine's Day, PG-13
1500 Leap Year, PG
1715 The Lovely Bones, PG-13, Premiere Showing
1800 Percy Jackson & the Olympians: Lightning Thief, PG
2015 The Lovely Bones, PG-13
2045 Daybreakers, R

Sunday, March 7
NIGHT OF THE OSCAR CONTEST "WIN A FREE MONTH OF MOVIES"
1200 Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel, PG
1330 Sherlock Holmes, PG-13
1500 Invictus, PG-13
1700 The Lovely Bones, PG-13
1800 Nine, PG-13
2015 Up In The Air, R
2045 Precious, R

Monday, March 8
1600 Percy Jackson & the Olympians: Lightning Thief, PG
1800 Leap Year, PG
1930 The Lovely Bones, PG-13
2045 Daybreakers, R

Tuesday, March 9
1600 Invictus, PG-13
1730 Percy Jackson & the Olympians: Lightning Thief, PG
1930 The Wolfman, R
2045 Youth in Revolt, R

Wednesday, March 10
1200 Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel, PG
1430 Percy Jackson & the Olympians: Lightning Thief, PG
1630 Valentine's Day, PG-13, Last Showing
1730 The Lovely Bones, PG-13
1930 Invictus, PG-13, Last Showing
2045 Up In The Air, R

Thursday, March 11
1200 Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel, PG, Last Showing
1430 Percy Jackson & the Olympians: Lightning Thief, PG
1700 Nine, PG-13
1800 Leap Year, PG
2015 It's Complicated, R, Last Showing
2045 Daybreakers, R

Friday, March 12
School's Out Matinees
1200 Percy Jackson & the Olympians: Lightning Thief, PG
1500 Leap Year, PG
1600 The Lovely Bones, PG-13
1730 The Spy Next Door, PG
2000 Precious, R
2100 Legion, R, 2100 PlusMovie & Premiere Showing



Friday, March 5
7 p.m.: The Lovely Bones, PG-13, Premiere Showing
Sunday, March 7
2:30 p.m.: Leap Year, PG



Until Every One Comes Home.

<http://www.uso.it>
Capodichino 081-568-5713
Support Site Office (M-W-F) 629-4903

USO DAILY TOURS

05 March Pompeii and Cameo Factory €35
06 March Black & White Masquerade Ball €49
07 March Best of the Region €38
27 March Magical Capri Tour €67

WEEKEND TOURS

March 26-27 Super Italian Motors. . . €272
April 3-4 Easter in Florence and Pisa €165
April 12-15 Spring Break in Barcelona €452
May 27-30 Paris and the Castles of Loire €692

Movie descriptions

No Children Under 10
Admitted to R-Rated Movies

LEGION, R, For strong bloody violence, and language, Action/Adventure, Science Fiction/Fantasy, Suspense/Horror and Thriller 100 min. Cast: Paul Bettany, Lucas Black, Tyrese Gibson, Adrienne Palicki, Charles S. Dutton. An out-of-the-way diner becomes the unlikely battleground for the survival of the human race. When God loses faith in Mankind, he sends his legion of angels to bring on the Apocalypse. Humanity's only hope lies in a group of strangers trapped in a desert diner and the Archangel Michael.

THE SPY NEXT DOOR, PG, For sequences of action violence and some mild rude humor, Cast: Jackie Chan, Madeline Carroll, Alina Foley, George Lopez, Billy Ray Cyrus. Action/Adventure, Comedy, Kids/Family and Thriller 92 min. Bob Ho is an undercover CIA superspy who decides to give up his career in espionage to settle down with his next-door neighbor and girlfriend, Gillian. But Bob has one more mission to complete before Gillian agrees to marry him: winning over her three opinionated kids. When Gillian suddenly has to leave town, Bob volunteers to babysit the children so he can earn their approval. But when one of the kids mistakenly downloads a top-secret formula from his computer, Bob's archenemy, a Russian terrorist, moves in for the attack, forcing Bob to juggle the roles of spy and prospective stepfather in the most challenging mission of his career!

THE BOOK OF ELI, R, For some brutal violence and language Action/Adventure, Science Fiction/Fantasy and Western 118 min. Cast: Denzel Washington, Gary Oldman, Mila Kunis, Ray Stevenson, Jennifer Beals. A lone hero must fight his way across the wasteland of post-apocalyptic America to protect a sacred book that holds the key to saving the future of humanity. In a post-apocalyptic America where the once-picturesque countryside has become a desolate and violent wasteland, one man (Denzel Washington) fights to protect that sacred tome that could hold the key to the survival of the human race in this futuristic thriller from filmmaking duo Albert and Allen Hughes (From Hell and Dead Presidents). Gary Oldman, Mila Kunis, and Ray Stevenson co-star

DAYBREAKERS, R, For strong bloody violence, language and brief nudity. Cast: Ethan Hawke, Willem Dafoe, Isabel Lucas, Claudia Karvan, Michael Dorman. Drama, Science Fiction, Suspense/ Horror and Thriller 98 min. Fresh off the success of their inventive take on the zombie genre, Undead masterminds Michael and Peter Spierig direct Ethan Hawke in an ambitious tale of a futuristic Earth populated entirely by vampires, and the efforts made by the creatures to ensure that their food supply doesn't run out as humankind is faced with extinction. The year is 2017, and a vampire plague has turned most of the planet's human population into bloodsucking ghouls. As the population of mortals fast begins to dwindle, a vampiric corporation sets out to capture and farm every remaining human while simultaneously researching a consumable blood substitute, headed by undead hematologist Edward Dalton (Ethan Hawke). His work is interrupted after stumbling onto a pocket of human survivors lead by Elvis (Willem Dafoe), a former vampire, whose past reveals a cure that could reverse the tide and save the human race. With time running out, Dalton's only hope lies in outsmarting the security forces of his boss (Sam Neill), whose goal isn't just to find a substitute, but to repopulate humanity in order to sell its blood to the highest bidder.

THE LOVELY BONES, PG-13, For mature thematic material involving disturbing violent content and images, and some language. Cast: Rachel Weisz, Mark Wahlberg, Susan Sarandon, Stanley Tucci, Michael Imperioli. Drama, Kids/Family, Science Fiction/Fantasy, Thriller and Adaptation, 135 min. Susie Salmon, a young girl who has been murdered, watches over her family -- and her killer -- from heaven. She must weigh her desire for vengeance against her desire for her family to heal.

UP IN THE AIR, R, For language and some sexual content, Cast: George Clooney, Vera Farmiga, Anna Kendrick, Jason Bateman, Danny McBride. Comedy, Drama and Adaptation 109 min. 2010 Academy Awards Nominations for: George Clooney - Performance by an actor in a leading role, Vera Farmiga - Performance by an actress in a supporting role, Anna Kendrick - Performance by an actress in a supporting role, Directing, Best picture, Adapted screenplay. Ryan Bingham, is a corporate downsizing expert whose cherished life on the road is threatened just as he is on the cusp of reaching ten million frequent flyer miles and just after he's met the frequent-traveler woman of his dreams.

LEAP YEAR, PG, For sensuality and language, Comedy and Romance 100 min. Cast: Amy Adams, Matthew Goode, Adam Scott, John Lithgow, Noel O'Donovan. A woman (Amy Adams) heads to Ireland in order to force her boyfriend (Adam Scott) to accept her wedding proposal by scheduling it on leap day, the only time when he couldn't refuse due to the country's tradition in this Spyglass Entertainment romantic comedy. Shopgirl's Anand Tucker directs from a script by Harry Elfont and Deborah Kaplan. Matthew Goode co-stars as a handsome innkeeper who throws a wrench into the woman's plans.

YOUTH IN REVOLT, R, For sexual content, language and drug use, Cast: Michael Cera, Portia Doubleday, Jean Smart, Zach Galifianakis, Erik Knudsen. Comedy, Drama, Adaptation and Teen 90 min. The journal of Nick Twisp, an 18-year old high school student, who goes on a quest to lose his virginity after his parent's breakup.

PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS: THE LIGHTNING THIEF, PG, For action violence and peril, some scary images and suggestive material, and mild language, Action/Adventure, Science Fiction / Fantasy and Adaptation 120 min. First Run Over Seas in Theaters. Cast: Logan Lerman, Brandon T. Jackson, Alexandra Daddario, Uma Thurman, Pierce Brosnan. It's the 21st century, but the gods of Mount Olympus and assorted monsters have walked out of the pages of high school student Percy Jackson's Greek mythology texts and into his life. And they're not happy: Zeus' lightning bolt has been stolen, and Percy is the prime suspect. Even more troubling is the sudden disappearance of Percy's mother. As Percy adapts to his newly discovered status as a demi-god (his father is Poseidon), he finds himself caught between the battling titans of Mt. Olympus. He and his friends embark on a cross-country adventure to catch the true lightning thief, save Percy's mom, and unravel a mystery more powerful than the gods themselves.

NINE, PG-13, For sexual content and smokin. Cast: Daniel Day-Lewis, Penelope Cruz, Marion Cotillard, Nicole Kidman, Rick Togazzi, Sofia Loren. Drama and Musical 110 min. 2010 Academy Awards Nominations for: Penelope Cruz - Performance by an actress in a supporting role, Art direction, Costume design, Original song - "Take It All". From the creative team behind the Oscar-winning adaptation of Chicago comes a lavish feature take on the Tony award-winning musical inspired by Federico Fellini's whimsical classic 8 1/2. Directed by Rob Marshall, Nine details the effort made by world-class filmmaker Guido Contini (Daniel Day-Lewis) in realizing his latest cinematic vision while simultaneously balancing his relationships with the many passionate and influential women in his life, including his mistress, Carla (Penelope Cruz), and wife, Luisa (Marion Cotillard). Original lyricist and composer Maury Yeston serves as co-executive producer for the filmed version of his own 1982 Broadway hit. Kate Hudson, Nicole Kidman, Sophia Loren, Fergie, and Judi Dench co-star.

PRECIOUS, R, For child abuse including sexual assault, and pervasive language, Genre: Drama, Adaptation and Teen, 109 min. Cast: Mo'Nique, Paula Patton, Mariah Carey, Gabourey Sidibe, Sherri Shepherd. 2010 Academy Awards Nominations for: Gabourey Sidibe - Performance by an actress in a leading role, Mo'Nique - Performance by an actress in a supporting role, Directing, Film editing, Best picture, Adapted screenplay. Clareece "Precious" Jones is an overweight, illiterate African-American teen in Harlem. Just as she's about to give birth to her second child, Jones is accepted into an alternative school where a teacher helps her find a new path in her life.

SHERLOCK HOLMES, PG-13, For thematic material including violence, disturbing images and suggestive material, Action/Adventure, Thriller, Adaptation and Mystery 134 min. 2010 Academy Awards Nominations for: Warner Bros. UK Services Production (Warner Bros.) Art direction, Original score. Cast: Robert Downey Jr., Jude Law, Rachel McAdams, Mark Strong, Eddie Marsan. Robert Downey Jr. brings the legendary detective to life as he has never been portrayed before. Jude Law stars as Holmes' trusted colleague, Watson, a doctor and war veteran who is a formidable ally for Sherlock Holmes. Rachel McAdams stars as Irene Adler, the only woman ever to have bested Holmes and who has maintained a tempestuous relationship with the detective. Mark Strong stars as their mysterious new adversary, Blackwood. Kelly Reilly will play Watson's love interest, Mary.

Winter winds down with March celebrations of women, Italian fathers and spring

Story and photos By Lou Freed

Contrasting the usual tempestuous days of March are bright, cheery days to celebrate the arrival of spring and women's achievements in the world. In Italy, it is the time to remember

St. Joseph and all dads as well as Michelangelo and Amerigo Vespucci, both of whom were born in March. And, while Ireland is to honor St. Patrick's exemplary deeds on the 17th, an association in Rome will commemorate Julius Caesar's demise in the Roman Forum on the 14th.

Campania's March cultural landscape looks manageable compared to the upcoming months' downpour of outdoor and cultural activities. Besides fests, this month features a female-themed opera and a series of concerts. Also, the sensational "Back to Baroque" art exhibits involving the entire Campania Region until April 11 continue to amaze audiences. What's more, there's a new art display by an American that increases the number of foreign artists being showcased at Naples' contemporary art museum. The annual 10-day boat show starting this weekend and the three-day tourism trade fair on the last weekend are meant to entice sportsmen and travellers at heart. Not to be missed is Disney on Ice that skates into town next week to be Naples' winter swan song. Lastly, should you be looking to enrich your gastronomical experiences close to Gricignano, visit Caiazzo of Caserta province for tasty offerings this weekend.

Fests

Festa della Donna

Italian women take center stage on the 8th, as men in their lives honor them with sprigs or bouquets of mimosa symbolizing women's vivacity and fragility. The gesture represents universal recognition of women's economic, political, educational and social contributions to humanity. It is also a commemoration of the heroic female factory workers in New York, who during their historic struggle for workers' rights and conditions, perished in a fire on the same day in 1908.

Looking for ways to celebrate women's special day? Here are ideas:

The Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage (MBAC) has organized a "Donna e Arte" ("Women and Art") weekend to allow women free entry in state museums on March 6

and 7. It is to encourage ladies to take a break from their routines and experience the country's art treasures, especially the marvelous exhibits in their cities and towns. For Naples, the exceptionally wide-ranging "Back to Baroque" national and international exhibits in the Capodimonte Palace, Royal Palace, St. Elmo Castle and St. Martin Monastery would be a treat. Especially appealing to many female art critics are the mouth-watering Baroque floral and rustic still lifes at the Villa Pignatelli Museum on Riviera di Chiaia, along with the eye-popping treasures in porcelain, coral and precious metals in Vomero's Duca di Martina Museum. Another worthy Baroque delight would be a visit to Caserta's Royal Palace, an opulent living testimony of the art in the Campania Region.

On the 8th at 3 p.m., the Naples Archeological Museum will hold a lecture on "La dea discesa nel corpo della donna: immagini di Venere da Kalamis a Lupertz" ("The Goddess' Descent into the Body of a Woman: Images of Venus from Kalamis to Lupertz"). Entry is free, but bookings are required through 081 442-2270/73 on Mon-Fri at 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Festa di San Giuseppe

In addition to Mass honoring the saint on March 19, bonfires and reenactments of St. Joseph's life are part of the celebrations. On the same day, Italy celebrates Father's Day, and as local tradition goes, the buxom-looking zeppola (pl. zeppole), a round pastry topped with cream and cherry, is sold in great quantities.

Festa dell'equinozio di Primavera

The Proloco of Casertavecchia's charming medieval village has scheduled a spring equinox fest "to celebrate their culture, art and cuisine," on March 12-21. Apart from the picturesque cathedral, its square and surrounding panoramic mountain views, the town has some of Caserta province's

coziest restaurants with tempting country-style cuisine. See lovely images of the area on line, and remember to wear comfortable walking shoes for your visit. More info is available through the Proloco office at 0823-371-127.

Opera

San Carlo Theater presents Gaetano Donizetti's 'Mary Stuarda' Mar 16-25

Gaetano Donizetti's engaging masterpiece is based on Friedrich von Schiller's Mary Stuart play. Critics cite Schiller as "the greatest playwrights of 18th-century Germany" whose works focused on legendary figures: Joan of Arc, Mary Stuart and William Tell. Moreover, Schiller's productions "were so exciting that nearly all his plays became operas," critics note. The work features the gripping fictional clash between two queens: Elisabetta I of England and Maria Stuarda of Scotland. Their rift was over the English throne and the love of Leicester, Elisabetta's favorite courtier, who happens to be in love with Maria.

Donizetti had been commissioned by the Royal San Carlo Opera House to write the work in 1834. Although it is said to be Donizetti's signature work, opera historians note its unhappy genesis due to the inexperience of the 17-year old librettist, Giuseppe Bardari, a law student. Not only was the libretto censored several times by King Ferdinand, it was rejected by the royal consort, Queen Christina, a descendant of Mary Stuart. Apparently, the piece also caused hatred on and off stage between the sopranos who first took on the roles for the Naples presentation. The animosity culminated with the leading ladies punching each other out at one rehearsal, causing one soprano to stay in bed for two weeks. After the work was banned, Donizetti set the music to another text to please the Neapolitan royalty. Subsequently, the opera was presented in 1835 at Milan's La Scala, where it was also censored. In 1865, the opera was finally presented in its original form in Naples when both composer and Bourbon rulers had passed on.

The billing includes director Andrea De Rosa, conductor Andriy Yurkevych from Ukraine, set designer Sergio Tramonti, costume designer Ursula Patzak, lights engineer Pasquale Mari, the San Carlo Orchestra along with the interpreters Sonia Ganassi, Mariella Devia, Caterina Di Tonno and Ricardo Bernal. For bookings, contact the theater at 081-797-2331/412 or biglietteria@teatrosancarlo.it. See details posted at www.teatrosancarlo.it.

Concerts

San Carlo Theater's March series spotlights Chopin, more

Until the 18th, Donato Renzetti, one of the greatest Italian conductors and opera composers, teams up with the young Chinese pianist, Yundi Li in the rendition of Fryderyk Chopin's Piano Concerto No.1 in E minor op. 11, Maurice Ravel's Mother Goose and Igor Stravinsky's The Firebird.

On Mar 19, St. Petersburg pianist Alexei Volodin is set to fill the theater with Chopin melodies featuring four Impromptus: op. 29, op. 36, op. 51 and op. 66; Barcarolle op. 60; Polonaise Fantasy op. 61; Three Mazurkas op. 59 and Sonata in B minor, op. 58.

The theme switches to other composers under the baton of the world-acclaimed George Pehlivanian on March 27. First on the program is Giovan Battista Belpasso's Fantasy on Giuseppe Verdi's The Brigands for oboe and orchestra to be followed by Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 7 in E minor. Either call the theater at 081-797-2331/412 or text them at biglietteria@teatrosancarlo.it. More info is at www.teatrosancarlo.it.

Art

MADRE exhibits American artist Ryan Mendoza

"Posseduti" ("The Possessed") presents 13 large canvases exploring constant hazards of contemporary lifestyle. Mendoza interprets these risks through disproportionate perspectives, dissonance and anatomical inconsistencies between the foreground and background characters. The figures, seemingly normal, are imbued with anxiety, troubles and perverse thoughts reminiscent of Freudian concepts. MADRE

(via Settembrini) is a 5 minute walk from the Piazza Cavour metro stop. Except on Tue when it is closed, the museum opens daily at 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. then until midnight on Sat and Sun. Exhibit ends June 28.

Archaeology

New program injects life into Pompeii

The Italian Ministry of Culture recently released its 2010 "Pompei Viva" or "Living Pompeii" program to increase the "understanding, safeguarding and enhancement" of the archaeological site. Initiatives range from activities for children, theatrical events and visits.

This month, the renovated House of Julius Polybius (among the best known and most studied in Pompeii) reopens with innovative technology including a virtual reconstruction of the place, a hologram of the man himself, tools and household equipment unearthed from the complex. An extraordinary narration on the place will accompany visitors on a journey back in time. Tours can be organized for small groups.

Also scheduled this month, is the educational exhibition "Pompeii - August 24, 79 AD" at the Piazza Anfiteatro. It will include a vibrating "seismic table" to simulate the eruption that caused Pompeii's destruction and sensitize younger audiences to the catastrophe. Project collaborators include seismologists, volcanologists and representatives from the Italian Civil Protection Department and the Vesuvius Observatory.

Disney on Ice

Spectacle to enchant at a venue near JFC Naples

A mere kilometer or so away from the NATO base is the Palapartenope Tent Theater where the show is slated to premiere March 10-14. A magical evening with Mickey and Minnie will transport kids and adults alike to the worlds of The Little Mermaid, The Lion King, Lilo & Stitch and Peter Pan. From the marine realm of Ariel and Sebastian to the African jungle of Simba and Nala; from the exotic Hawaiian scenes to the evocative London of Peter Pan and Tinker Bell, the dynamic cast is ready and keen to impress audiences with their show on ice that has received universal rave reviews.

The show boasts an international cast of world champion skaters, exciting choreography and a soundtrack rendering, besides popular Disney songs, classic rock-and-roll tunes. This unusual fusion inspired choreographer Cindy Stuart to generate original numbers such as the dance of the unbridled evil pirates that alternate with classical figure skating routines. Examples are the engaging duo of David and Nani and the tender pas de deux of Ariel and Prince Eric. Also, costume designer Arthur Boccia designed elegant clothes to match the special settings ranging from evening gowns to grass skirts, from surfer masks to Triton marine animal fins and many more. Each setting receive a different treatment as well from Patrick Dierson, lights coordinator. For instance, the foggy London scene changes to Peter Pan's mysterious forest. Ariel and Sebastian's deep sea environment is transformed to Lilo and Stitch's tropical ambiance. Set designer Robert Smith created multi-dimensional perspectives for different views. A fine example is Captain Hook's crew sailing aboard a huge 10-meter pirate ship and the piece showing King Triton's daughters emerging from giant clams. Can you afford to miss the show? Reserve tickets today through 081-804-7575/081-570-0008 or visit <http://www.applauso.it/> for info.

Fairs

The venue for both events below is the Mostra d'Oltremare or the Overseas Exhibition complex near the Campi Flegrei Metro station and the San Paolo soccer stadium. Underground pay parking is available and accessible from the entrance on viale Kennedy and via Terracina.

NauticSud Boat Show

Live your dreams of sailing Mar. 6-14

Discover the pleasures of sailing the Mediterranean seas at this annual boat show. Hundreds of state-of-the-art Italian and foreign made pleasure boats will whet even the uninitiated appetite for the sport. Visit <http://www.nauticsud.info/> for specifics.



The regal and elegant French-born Marie Julie Clary (shown here with her daughters) was the queen consort of Joseph Bonaparte (Napoleon's brother) when he ruled Naples in 1806-1808 and Spain in 1808-1813. The portrait is among other permanent female paintings in the Baroque Caserta Royal Palace apartments.

Page 1: Disney on Ice is slated to premiere on March 10-14 at the Palapartenope Tent Theater in Bagnoli. The magical evening with Mickey and Minnie will cast international world champion skaters to transport kids and adults alike to the worlds of The Little Mermaid, The Lion King, Lilo & Stitch and Peter Pan. Call 081-804-7575/081-570-0008 or visit <http://www.applauso.it/> for info. (Photo courtesy of A. Ambrosio)

Mediterranean Tourism Trade Fair

Tour operators to lay exciting travel destinations on travel and hospitality agents

This will be another tremendous marketing platform for the southern Italian tourism industry, where numerous Italian and international travel businesses will gather on Mar 26-28 at the Mostra d'Oltremare (Overseas Exhibition Ground) in Fuorigrotta. There will be meetings, presentations and discussions on new and tried ideas of unlocking the excitement of travel and the outdoors to travel agents and hospitality representatives. Bundles of travel literature promoting new and old favorite Mediterranean and other international destinations will certainly keep attendees entertained and busy throughout the event. For more details, see <http://www.bmtnapoli.com>.

Gastronomy

Old and new traditions mix in Caiazzo this weekend

The medieval town in Caserta province will sponsor tastings of virgin olive oil in Piazza Verdi Sat. March 6 at 4:00 p.m. The event is to showcase Caiazzo's olive oil producers and complement the current Campanian program of awarding the Denominazione di Origine Protetta (DOP) or Protected Origin Label to deserving "liquid gold" bottlers. Pallagrello wine and local delicacies will likewise be available at various food stands. Highlighting the Saturday events will be the "traditional meeting of flavors" blending the town's olive oil with Cetara's anchovies in Palazzo Matteoti. A two-day photo exhibit plus a Sunday historical parade at 10:00 a.m. are among other activities scheduled for the busy weekend. View the poster (in easy Italian) at <http://www.comune.caiazzo.ce.it/weekendolio.htm>.

USO presents "NAPLES GOT TALENTS"



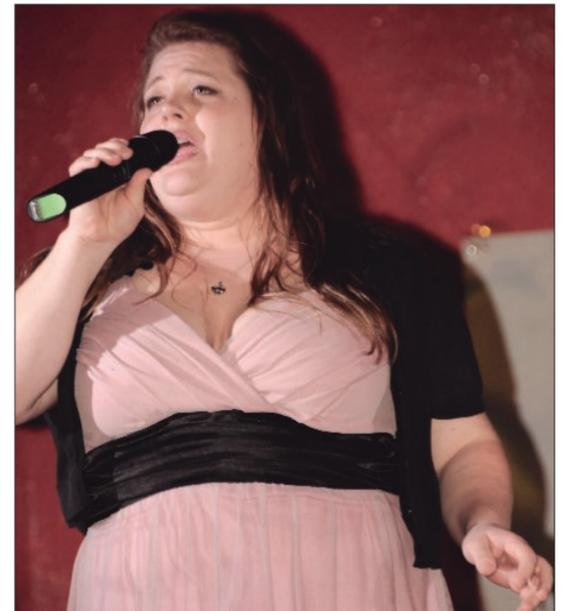
Ashley Foughty



Gerelle Weeks



Edward Brinston



Lisa Coner



Tamanu Lowkie



Ashlynn Staley

Jobs

HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE (HRO)

NEW LINK: <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Naples/Programs/Departments/HumanResourcesOffice/Jobs/index.htm>

The Human Resources Office is located at Capo Admin I, first floor. The customer service hours are: **Monday through Friday, from 0800 to 1530.**

Applications are accepted at the Security Pass and ID Office at Capodichino and Gricignano, OR at the HRO, located in Admin 1, Capodichino, OR by mailing to: HRO, PSC 817 Box 29, FPO AE 09622, OR at Fleet and Family Service Center (FFSC) located on the TLA first floor, at Support Site. HRO must receive mailed applications by closing date of the vacancy announcement.

U.S. POSITIONS

For a current list of U.S. vacancies and application process info. visit our NEW website at: <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Naples/Departments/HumanResourcesOffice/Jobs/index.htm>

CLOSING 11 MAR 10

Editor, YA-1082-02, ANN# EUR10-617054-SC, Full Time Permanent

Training and Curriculum Specialist, YA-1701-02, ANN# EUR10-610964-SC, Full Time Permanent

Security Technician (O/A), YB-0086-01 / 02, ANN# EUR10-610995-SC, Full Time Permanent

Education Services Specialist, YA-1740-02, ANN# EUR10-572593-SC, Full Time Permanent

(This is a courtesy announcement for the Navy College).

Centrally Billed Account (CBA) Coordinator, YA-0301-01 OR YA-02, ANN# EUR10-610954-EG, Full Time Permanent

Strategic Communications Advisor, YA-0301-02, ANN# EUR10-612169-EG, Full Time Permanent

CLOSING 18 MAR 10

Financial Technician, YB-0503-01, ANN# EUR10-617045-EG, Full Time Permanent

Security Guard, YM-0085-01, ANN# EUR10-T60488-SC, Full Time Permanent

OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Supv Child Development Center Director, YA-1701-02, ANN# EUR10-590126-SC-A, Full Time Permanent

OPEN CONTINUOUS

Education and Training Tech (CDC), (Multiple Positions), YB-1702-01, ANN# EUR10-535409-SC-A, Full-Time Permanent

COURTESY US VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

"Field Academic Advisor for the University of Maryland University College" (UMUC). Contact UMUC Naples or call DSN 626-6673/6675 (Commercial 081-568-6673/6675) or visit UMUC at CAPO, ADMIN II, for information on how to apply for the position.

Community Bank, Banking Center Service Supervisor, Capodichino U.S. Navy Base, Naples, Italy. To apply online, please use the "Careers" link at: www.dodcommunitybank.com, or submit your resume at HR Europe: pia.krucker@dodcommunitybank.com

Member Service Representative, Navy Federal Credit Union, Naples Italy. Apply online at www.navyfederal.org The U.S. Naval Hospital, Naples is seeking a part-time Contract Family Practice Physician for the Family Practice Department. If you are interested in the position, please contact Ms. Paola Gargiulo at DSN: 629-6117, E-MAIL: Paola.gargiulo@med.navy.mil. The position will remain open from 05 March 2010 thru 19 March 2010 (inclusive).

LOCAL NATIONALS (LN) POSITIONS

For a current list of LN vacancies and application process information visit our NEW website at: <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Naples/Programs/Departments/HumanResourcesOffice/Jobs/index.htm>

CLOSING 11 MAR 10

Safety Technician, Ua-0019-04, ANN# 62588-615595-SC, Full-Time Permanent,

Financial Technician (Multiple Positions), UA-0503-06, ANN# 3049B-613083-AG, Full Time Temporary

Management and Program Analyst, Ua-0343-03 KPP 02/01, or Ua-02, Or Ua-01, ANN# 33191-621231-AV, Full Time Permanent, AOC: CURRENT NAVFAC, PWD NAPLES EMPLOYEES ONLY

"If you have any questions/comments with regard to HRO Naples' services, please contact the Director's Office at 626-5770 or 081-568-5770. You can also submit your questions/comments to the HRO website at www.CNIC.navy.mil/Naples/index.htm; click on "CNREURAFSWA Human Resources Office; and under the HRO (N13) page, click "Contact Us", a form will appear. Please complete the short form and submit. You will be contacted within 24 hours, so please be sure to provide your contact information. Thank you and we appreciate your input, whether negative or positive so that we can find ways to improve the HRO services, or continue to provide excellent service. As a reminder, an HRO Representative is available for

the bi-weekly "Meet & Greet" at the NSA, Support Site Base, Navy Exchange Food Court area from 0800 to 0900. Please feel free to come by, pick up a copy of a vacancy announcement that you may be interested in applying for, or ask questions. If the HRO representative is unable to provide you a response, he/she will bring the question back to the HRO office and you will be provided an answer or a call back the same day. The next "Meet & Greet" is 15 March 2010."

NON-APPROPRIATED FUND (NAF) POSITIONS

Fleet & Family Readiness NAF Local Naples job announcements within CNREURAFSWA may be viewed at https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Naples/Recreation/CNICD_A059280 The necessary application forms are also available on line. For any questions you have you may reach us at 081-568-5612/4164.

NSA NAPLES POSITIONS, MWR OPEN CONTINUOUS POSITIONS

Recreation Aid, NF-0189-01, ANN# 10-021, flexible, Fitness Forum, Support Site. Job Summary: Assist in the operations of the fitness program.

Recreation Aid, NF-0189-01, ANN# 08-164, flexible, Community Services, Capodichino. Job Summary: Provides information concerning facility, operation and regulations.

Recreation Aid (Intramural Sports), NF-0189-01, ANN# 09-091, flexible full time, Fitness Forum, Support Site. Job Summary: Assists the Sport Coordinator to plan the fitness activities

Recreation Aid, NF-0189-01, ANN# 09-129R, flexible, Reel Time Theater II, Support Site. **Job Summary:** This position transacts the sale of refreshments at the theater snack bar.

Recreation Aid, NF-0189-01,

ANN# 10-022, flexible, NOR Center, Carney Park. Job Summary: Provides and maintain recreation and athletic equipment issue.

Recreation Assistant, NF-0189-02, ANN# 10-020, flexible, Fitness Forum, Support site. Job Summary: Provides instructions to patrons in a variety of physical fitness classes.

Child & Youth Program Assistant, CY-1702-I/II, ANN# 10-007, (Multiple Positions) flexible, Child Development Centers, School Age Care, Youth Programs, Capodichino/SS/Carney Park. Job Summary: Care and instruction for children and youth from 6 wks to 18 yrs.

NEX EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Gricignano, Building 2091-B Call 081-813-5252/5253/5254 DSN: 629-4774

Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. NEX Job opportunities are now posted on the Web at <http://www.navy-nex.com>

Submit completed applications to NEX Human Resources Office located above the Main Exchange. If you have questions please call the above numbers.

U.S. NAF POSITIONS AVAILABLE

CURRENT U.S. FLEXIBLE POSITIONS MAY BE NON-COMPETITIVELY CHANGED TO REGULAR POSITIONS

GRICIGNANO MAIN STORE

Ann# 001-10 Cashier Checker/Frontlines/NF-2091-01/FLEX - Closes: 03/12/10

Ann# 040-09 Lead Sales Clerk/Consumables/NF-2091-01/RFT-Closes: 03/12/10

Ann# 023-10 Lead Cashier Checker/Frontlines/NF-2091-01/FLEX-Closes: 03/12/10

Ann# 029-10 Safety Investigator/Loss Prevention/NF-0083-02/RFT-Closes: 03/12/10

GRICIGNANO MINI MART
No Vacancies

DISTRIBUTION CENTER, GRICIGNANO
No Vacancies

CAPODICHINO NEX MART

Ann# 014-10 Sales Clerk/NF-2091-01/FLEX - Closes: 03/12/10

Ann# 016-10 Customer Service Clerk/NF-2091-01/RFT-Closes: 03/12/10

EUROPE DISTRICT OFFICE (Gricignano Main Store)
No Vacancies

GRICIGNANO NAVY LODGE
No Vacancies

JFC-NATO MINI MART
No Vacancies

LOCAL POSITION

No Vacancies

NHS Sports

Submitted by the NHS Booster Club, <http://www.napleshsboosterclub.org>



Wildcat Cheerleaders Compete at DoDDS Europe Championships

By Kathryn Osborne

The Naples Wildcat Cheerleaders attended the DoDDS-Europe Basketball tournament held in Mannheim, Germany, February 24-27, to compete in the 2010 DoDDS-Europe Cheerleading Championships.

The ten varsity cheerleaders traveled to compete against twelve other Division II teams. The Wildcat's squad consisted of freshmen Megan Bayles, Tara O'Brien, and John Koffel; sophomores Shannon Ellis, Jackie Lund, Alexis Neeley, and Jacqueline Silva; and juniors Kiara Hall, Britton Haynes, and Dustin McCormick.

The team members cheered on the men's and women's basketball teams throughout the tourna-

ment and were judged individually on sideline, timeout, quarter, and halftime performances. Judges were looking for crowd-leading skills, motion technique, spirit, energy, and jump, tumbling, and stunting ability.

Only a total of ten cheerleaders were chosen to the all-tournament team in Division II. Incredibly, Naples had three individuals earn the all-tournament honor! Congratulations to Megan Bayles, Britton Haynes, and Jackie Lund, for their outstanding accomplishments at the tournament.

Naples also competed for the Division II team competition title, but the team did not place. Their hard work, dedication, determination, positive attitudes, and adaptability did not go unnoticed. Coaches Sonja Haynes and Kathryn Osborne are extremely proud of the team's accomplishments and improvements over the course of the season. Congratulations and GO WILDCATS!

Lady Wildcats Play Strong at DoDDS Championships

By Lady Wildcats Coaching Staff

The Lady Wildcats basketball team traveled to Mannheim, Germany, Feb. 24-27, to compete in the 2010 DoDDS-Europe Basketball tournament.

The Wildcats started strong on their first day at the DoDDS-Europe basketball tournament on Wednesday, Feb, 24, with victories over Milan and Hohenfels. Demi Holbrook was the leading

scorer on both games with 11 points in each game.

On Thursday, Feb. 25, they faced a talented and rested Mannheim team and ended up losing the game 36-32, but showed amazing heart. It was hard for the Lady Wildcats to find a rhythm in the game, but the end result was not from a lack of effort. In the game, three Lady Wildcats were injured during the game while chasing after loose balls, with one starter not able to return to the game as a result.

"I have not seen such physical

play in quite some time," said Scott Burgess, the Lady Wildcats coach. "Our Lady Wildcats channeled their inner Allen Iverson in this game. We could not be more proud of our girls' desire and toughness. If they were a bit taller, I think they could compete with the 1980s Detroit Pistons."

On Friday, the banged up Lady Wildcats faced the tournament's eventual champions, the Bamberg Barons. It was again a hard fought game, but the Wildcats came up short and lost 49-26.



International Festival

Leilani Kohles prepares some snacks for the Louisiana table during the Naples Elementary School annual International Festival hosted by the PTA on Friday, February 26. (Photo by MC1(NAO) John Parker NSA Naples assistant PAO)