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Car Buying in Sigonella Hazmat: Gotta Keep it Seperated

Article by MCSN Jonathan Idle
Signature Staff

Few things can compare to the feeling of climbing behind the wheel of a new car. It offers the driver freedom. Freedom to go where they want,

when they want. This is especially true in Sigonella where the simplest transit from NAS II to NAS I for groceries can become a hassle.

There are several options out there for someone looking to buy a

car or get an auto loan in Sicily.

The most commonly known options for buying a used car in Sigonella are the used car lot on NAS II and the "Il Mercato" section of the *Story continued on page 5*



Photo by MC2 Joshua Wink

A used automobile sits in the POV For Sale Lot on NAS II.

Story by MC2 Jason Poplin
Fleet Public Affairs Center
Detachment Sigonella

When people think about items such as charcoal starter and paint, rarely do they associate these items with danger or hazardous materials. As the barbeques come to a close or the home improvements are wrapped up, storage of these items are given little consideration and are frequently stashed in the most convenient of places possible. Whether they find their way to the outdoor shed or beneath the kitchen sink, they will more than likely take up residence beside other common household items. Given the right circumstances, such as leaky bottle or an inquisitive adolescent, a combination of these chemicals can generate heat or produce a fire.

"A common example of what we store in our house that could become an issue is a bottle of bleach and a bottle of Ajax," said Kurt Waeschle, Assist Chief of Operations, and Fire Emergency Services. "How many people store those two things in the same cupboard? You mix together a strong acid with a strong base and you've just built a little poisonous cocktail in your kitchen."

Improper storage of hazardous materials is not limited solely to a household concern. On May 22, a fire ignited aboard the USS George Washington which gained momentum and strength by setting off several combustible and improperly stored materials, ultimately causing fire damage to approximately 80 out of the ship's 3,800 spaces.

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Finding Over Seas Employment

Article by MC2 Joshua Wink
Signature Staff

While finding a job might not always be an easy task, working is generally considered to be a fulfilling endeavor. Having a job carries with it the chance to earn a little extra cash, develop professional skills and while maintaining others.

In Sigonella, while options for finding a job can be limited; out of 2000 family members on base there are only about 200 positions that can be filled by spouses, dependents, or military members.

"It's an individual choice, but in most instances they have the opportunity to have a dual income, and for spouses and even youths, they have the ability to enhance their skill sets where they can establish transferable skills that they can take with them where ever they trans-

fer to. So it's definitely a benefit to keep your skills current," said Juanita Lazenby, the Work and family life supervisor at the Fleet and Family Service Center.

Some of the positions in Sigonella include MWR, the bowling ally, CDC, the gym, commissary, Navy Exchange and the colleges. These positions are considered flexible hour positions and are will accept both military and non military members.

Federal positions as well as civil service type positions, on the other hand, are salary based.

"Normally these positions don't hire active duty members, they are looking for either spouses or local nationals since these positions are normally full time," said Lazenby.

Living over seas does prove to be a set-

back for some people in finding employment. For some, the area of expertise that they were trained in isn't equated to job they can find in Sigonella.

"We do have a lot of family members who are seeking employment, but since we are overseas there aren't a lot of opportunities in preferred career fields or preferred professions. So a lot of family members aren't necessarily able to get the exact job that they are looking for," said Lazenby.

However, there are educators working at the FFSC to help people write and revise their resume their resume. They also offer career exploration classes to help them find a position that they might be happy in and offer suggestion in what they may be good at. They also offer interview classes and can assist people through the process of finding a job and secur-

ing a job.

"We like to try and help people get out of the American triangle," said Marlene Casle.

"We do every thing we can to try and pull the spouses out of the houses. We found that happy spouses are spouses who feel free to go anywhere they want to go. We encourage people to come out of the house; however we can get them to do that, whether it's with a job, whether it's with volunteer work, or if it's with activities through MWR," added Casle.

There are several ways to find employment in Sigonella. The first is to check for listings on the sicily.navy.mil website under local job vacancies. This site will list all of the Human Resource Office federal positions, Navy Exchange and MWR. There is also a job vacancy board at the FFSC that lists all the current job announcements.

WEATHER UPDATE

August 15
H:100F
L:73F



August 16
H:91F
L:67F



August 17
H:89F
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August 18
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Co-sleeping or bed-sharing is defined as sharing a bed with your infant. Is this a safe practice? Many people think a co-sleeping death could not happen in their family.

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TRAFFIC NUMBERS

	Jan.- Aug. '08	Jan.- Aug '07	Diff.
Accidents	166	140	+26
Injuries	28	14	+14
DUIs	5	3	+2
Traffic Deaths	2	0	+2

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DIRECT LINE NASSIG EXECUTIVE OFFICER CAPT. JOSEPH W. BEADLES

The Aug. 7 Feedback Live was so successful that some of the questions couldn't be covered in the allotted time, so we are going to devote the next two Direct Lines to answer them. Please keep sending the questions via email or phone and I will do my best to answer them.

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

Q1. Why are places like Big Al's and Piazza Pizza allowed to charge us double the price on certain items such as water? In the commissary a 2 liter bottle of water is 70 cents but a Piazza Pizza its 1.50.

Answer: Big Al's and Piazza Pizza are two concession-operated businesses under the responsibility of MWR and the Navy Exchange. As such, aside from providing quality goods and services, they must make a profit in order to stay in business. They operate just as any other restaurant style, fast food business. The Commissary sells their products at cost, plus the surcharge and they are supported by appropriated funds.

Q2. I know one of the biggest complaints I hear from all new people coming through INDOC is about having to live in

Mineo. Would it be possible for personnel who are assigned Mineo housing (with no other choice) after one year on-board to have the option to move into open Marinal housing at their own cost?

Answer: Assignment to military family housing here in Sigonella is mandatory for those with accompanying dependents. The assignment policy/procedure is a random process based on family size & housing availability and is administered in a manner that maximizes the utilization of our 929 units. Selection is done via an automated system that selects the unit which has been vacant the longest. Relocating current residents from Mineo to Marinal after one year would adversely affect the process of fully utilizing family housing assets.

Q3. Subway on NAS 1 seems to be practicing unethical business practices. They have prices listed on their board that they do not honor. This matter has been brought to the manager's attention on at least 4 occasions. Each time he says that he will change the board but can't find the numbers. In addition, the cold cut trio foot long is not eligible for the \$5 price on NAS 1, but is on NAS 2. There seems to be some issues with Subway's practices and I'd like to know how can we resolve this?

Answer: The Navy Exchange firmly believes in honoring advertised pricing, including at Subway. While researching this issue we discovered that Subway's new management

was not fully informed and not adequately trained. We have taken the appropriate steps to ensure that this issue does not resurface. In addition, Subway will be running a promotion starting on 11 August featuring the Cold Cut Trio Sub at a reduced price.



The foot-long Cold Cut Trio Sub at \$5 is available at both the NAS 1 and NAS 2 Subway locations.

Health WATCH

The Fabulous Fig

Article courtesy of the Center for Disease Control

Figs, one of mankind's oldest fruits, are only now receiving its due attention in homes across the United States. Although considered a fruit, the fig is actually a flower inverted into itself. They are the only fruit to ripen on the tree. Originally native from Turkey to northern Mediterranean countries. The primary producers of dried figs today are the United States, Turkey, Greece, and Spain. This highly nutritious fruit arrived in the United States by Spanish missionaries settling in Southern California in 1759. Fig trees were soon planted throughout the state.

Varieties

There are hundreds of fig varieties but the following are most commonly found in today's markets.

The Calimyrna Fig: Is known for its nutlike flavor and golden skin. This type is com-

monly eaten as is.

The Mission Fig: Was named for the mission fathers who planted the fruit along the California coast. This fig is a deep purple which darkens to a rich black when dried.

The Kadota Fig: Is the American version of the original Italian Dattato fig, that is thick-skinned with a creamy amber color when ripe. Practically seedless, this fig is often canned and dried.

The Brown Turkey Fig: has copper-colored skin, often with hints of purple, and white flesh that shades to pink in the center. This variety is used exclusively for the fresh fig market.

Fig varieties and photos courtesy of the California Fig Advisory Board Availability

Fresh figs are available July through September. Dried figs are never out of season, and are available all year. You can find them in

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Sunday	Sunday
0845 Catholic Mass (NAS I Chapel)	0900 Protestant Worship (Mineo Community Center)
1100 Catholic Mass (Mineo Community Center)	1045 Protestant Worship (NAS I Chapel)
1600 Catholic Mass (NAS II Chapel)	Wednesday
Monday - Wednesday, Friday	1700 Protestant Fellowship Dinner
1130 Catholic Mass (NAS II Chapel)	1800 Bible Studies for All Ages (NAS I Chapel)

OTHER SERVICES/ACTIVITIES

POINTS OF CONTACT

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 Latter-day Saints: Please email ldssig@gmail.com or call 624-1671 or 349-1977-119
 Jewish Services: Please call 095-86-1205
 AA Meetings: Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 1900, NAS II Chapel, 339-344-9332



The Power of Faith

Article by Fr Ken Rodes

A little girl was born into a very poor family in a shack in the backwoods of Tennessee, the 20th of 22 children. She was prematurely born and frail and her survival doubtful. At the age of four she contracted double pneumonia and scarlet fever, a deadly combination that left her with a paralyzed and useless left leg. She had to wear an iron leg brace. Yet she was fortunate in having a mother who encouraged her. Her mother told her that despite the brace and paralyzed leg she could do whatever she wanted to do with her life. All she needed to do was

to have faith, persistence, courage and a determined spirit.

At 9 yrs of age, the little girl removed the leg brace. She took the step doctors told her she would never take normally. In four years she developed a rhythmic stride which was a medical wonder. Then she got the incredible notion that she would like to be the world's greatest woman runner. At 13 she entered a race, coming in last, way, way last. She entered every race in high school and kept coming in last. Everyone asked her to quit but she wouldn't. One day she

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE

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

WEEKLY TRAFFIC/SAFETY UPDATE

Traffic Court Results

E6 - Negligent driving. Failure to comply with NASSIG/host laws. Member was awarded 5 points and DIP.
E5 - Speeding. Member was awarded 4 point and DIP.
E4 - Other moving violation. Member was awarded 3 points.

NAVY News

Mercy Arrives in Papua New Guinea, Continues Pacific Partnership 2008

Article by MC2 (SW) Mark Logico
Pacific Partnership 2008 Public Affairs

The naval hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) arrived at Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea Aug. 4 to provide humanitarian civic assistance (HCA) in a coordinated effort with local and partner non-government organizations (NGO) and international militaries.

During the ship's 13 day visit, the crew aboard Mercy is scheduled to conduct medical, dental and engineering civic action programs in multiple areas in and around the capital of the country as part of the Pacific Partnership 2008 mission. They will also be admitting patients aboard the ship for any further examinations, surgeries and care.

"The Pacific Partnership team is a unique team formed from organizations with very different skills and capabilities, but unified in purpose to conduct a very important mission," said Adm. Robert Willard, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. "They carry with them a spirit of caring, commitment and compassion on this deployment for our Pacific neighbors."

Pacific Partnership is a humanitarian mission that is composed of multiple organizations which includes representatives from Australia, Canada, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Chile and India. The effort will be carried out in conjunction with local NGOs such as Rotary Club of Port Moresby, Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Papua New Guinea Organization of Civic Service Organization and St. John Ambulance. U.S. based NGOs will also be part of the operation: University of California, San Diego Pre-Dental Society, Project Hope, Operation Smile and relief teams.

Papua New Guinea is located in the southwestern Pacific Ocean, and it consists of numerous offshore islands and the eastern half of the island of New Guinea. While the country is considered one of the most diverse in the world with more than 850 indigenous languages and



U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Amy Yoon

Steelworker 3rd Class Michael Featherston, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133, hands out coloring books, crayons and frisbees to children attending the Uni Elementary School. NMCB-133 is working on the BottomTown Health Clinic Project, a Pacific Partnership engineering civic action project across the street from the school.

traditional societies, the official languages are English, Tok Pisin and Hiri Motu.

Mercy has visited the Republic of the Philippines, Vietnam and Timor-Leste, and following much needed rest and relaxation in Darwin, Australia, will continue the HCA mission in Papua New Guinea and the Federated States of Micronesia.

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your favorite grocery store in the produce or dried fruit section.

Selection

Look for figs that are soft and smell sweet. Handle carefully because their fragile skins bruise easily.

Storage

Store fully ripened figs in the refrigerator up to 2 days; bring to room temperature before serving. Using Dried Figs As a Replacement For Fat in Your Recipes. Dried figs are excellent replacement for fat in baked goods. Just remember when using dried figs to replace shortening or oil in baking do not overmix or overbake. Use only half of the normal amount of shortening, margarine, butter or oil, in a recipe when using any dried puree. For instance, if 1 cup of margarine is called for, use only ½ cup. Then use ½ of the fig puree. Here's a simple fig puree recipe to include in your baking recipes.

Fig Puree

Makes about 1½ cups

Ingredients

2 cups dried figs

¾ cup water

2 tsp vanilla

Puree figs, water and vanilla in blender or food processor. Use as

directed.

Nutritional analysis per serving: Calories 178, Protein 2g, Fat 1g, Calories From Fat 4%, Cholesterol 0mg, Carbohydrates 44g, Fiber 9g, Sodium 9mg.

Recipes

Fig Banana Smoothie

Makes 4 servings

Each serving equals 1 cup of

fruit or vegetables

Source: California Fig Advisory

Board

Ingredients

1 cup chopped dried figs (stems removed)

1 cup 1-inch banana slices

1 cup plain non-fat yogurt

3 cups crushed ice

1 Tbsp honey

mint leaf or berry garnish

Place all ingredients except garnish in a blender (not a food processor), and blend until smooth, approximately 2-3 minutes. Strain liquid and pour into tall, chilled glasses. Add garnish.

Nutritional analysis per serving: Calories 200, Fat 1g, Calories From Fat 5, Cholesterol 0mg, Carbohydrates 49g, Fiber 6g, Sodium 40mg, Sugars 36g.

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Waesche explained that one of the biggest problems that military installations have is the improper storage of hazardous materials. These problems are developed through storage habits which originate at home and are carried over to the workplace.

Every military installation has specific guidelines that come from National Fire Protection Association guide. These instructions identify where items need to be stored at home and the workplace to maintain safety. Naval Air Station Sigonella's guidelines come from NASSIGINST 11320.2G

Waesche recommended that

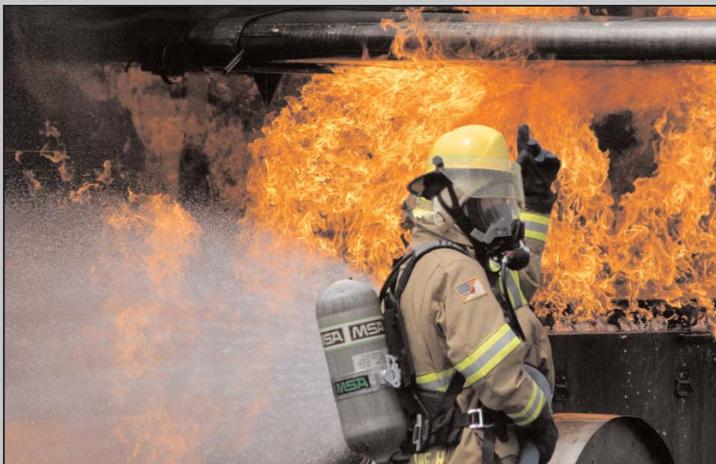
commands utilize flame lockers for the storage of flammable liquids. Flame lockers are designed to keep out oxygen and contain spills should items leak. Some flame lockers also are equipped with built in fire-suppression systems such as a sprinkler system.

"Items should be numbered, stored properly, and have a material safety data sheet," said Waesche. "If something spills and we arrive on scene with 25 gallons of ethanethiol bad stuff, I need to know what the response procedure is."

For more on NASSIGINST 11320.2G go to <https://infosig.sigonella.sicily.navy.mil/cgi-bin/inst/inst.cgi>

PHOTO FROM THE FLEET

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



U.S. Navy photo MC3 Barry Riley/Released

A firefighter assigned to Naval Air Facility Atsugi douses out a live fire on a dummy aircraft during the annual Off Station Mishap drill at Naval Support Facility Kamiseya. During the drill, emergency response and rescue teams were tasked with putting out a simulated fire, and rescuing two personnel from a plane crash scene.

NEWS BRIEFS

Stephen Decatur Elementary School

Like kids? Looking for a part-time job? Stephen Decatur Elementary School is now accepting applications for lunch monitors and paraprofessional aids. Hours for the lunch monitors are 10:15-12:35 daily while school is in session.

The job involves monitoring students in the cafeteria and recess. For paraprofessional aids, the hours vary depending on student need. Paraprofessional aids assist students with academic and social development.

Contact Mandy Berryhill (624-3001) at the Elementary School Office for an application. Note: Summer office hours are 8 A.M.-4 P.M. The elementary school office is located on Hillis

Drive (NAS 1) until 11 August. After 11 August, the office will move to the new building and can be easily accessed from Halsey Road.

Important Reminder: Registration is on-going at both the elementary and middle/high school. If you haven't registered your child for the upcoming school year, please do so immediately. For new families, registration packets may be picked up at the school offices located in the elementary and middle/high schools. To complete the registration process, please bring a copy of orders, student social security number, student passport, student immunization record, and student birth certificate. Returning students must re-register and only need to provide updated immunization records and/or orders.

Italian NEWS

Sicilian Culture, Events and Lifestyle



Mineo Honors Saint Agrippina

On the last two weekends of August, Mineo will pay tribute to Santa Agrippina, (Saint Agrippina) its beloved patron saint, with religious processions, holy masses and a combination of fireworks and music shows.

Saint Agrippina was a princess who was martyred by Roman Emperor Valerian in 256 AD because she was a Christian. According to tradition, the holy relics of Saint Agrippina arrived in Mineo on May 17, in the year 261 AD. This year the festival will host another precious Saint Agrippina relic (a piece of her arm's bone) which comes from the city of Cremona.

The statue of the patron saint, which is preserved inside the cathedral, is carried through the city streets for veneration on Sunday, Aug. 24 at 9 a.m. until noon and on Sunday, Aug. 31 at 8 p.m. until midnight.

The "Pellegrinaggio dei Nudi" (Pilgrimage of the naked ones), which takes place in the town's center on Aug. 30 at 7 p.m., is another highlight of this lively festival. Nudi are barefoot devotees dressed in white shorts and t-shirts with a red sash and a black velvet belt. They are called



Photo by David Kader

The statue of Saint Agrippina, Mineo's celestial protecting saint, will be carried throughout the town center's crowded streets during a spectacular religious festival, featuring pilgrims' processions, parades, holy masses, music and fireworks that will be held on the last two weeks of August.

"naked ones" because in the past they attended the processions by wearing only white "causi a tila" (underpants) and carrying a holy picture of the

saint and a bunch of flowers. The reason for such a simple dress relates to a legend telling about a night when a terrible earthquake woke up Mineo's

townspeople from their sleeps in 1693. Hundreds rushed into the streets wearing only their nightshirts and invoked Saint Agrippina for the cessation of the earthquake tremors. At the beginning of last century, the bishop of Siracusa prohibited devotees from wearing only underpants during the festival, as he believed it was an inappropriate outfit for a religious procession. During this fascinating religious parade, devotees scream in Sicilian: "Viva la nostra patrona Sant'Agrippina!" (Long live Saint Agrippina, our patron saint!). They also recite the rosary and sing hymns in Sicilian. After the World Wars, many Mineo residents who survived the fighting made a vow to go on a pilgrimage every year in Mineo for the rest of their lives. Saint Agrippina is also venerated for having protected Mineo against a devastating earthquake that hit the town in 1975.

The festival's entertainment includes will also include fireworks and music shows.

Mineo, a picturesque with charming medieval "vaneddi" (narrow streets) features beautiful churches, buildings and the ruins of a castle.

The Church of San Pietro is a baroque masterpiece featuring beautiful paintings and has a magnificent organ dating back to 1772 and a precious walnut choir. From the ruins of the ancient Castello di Ducezio you can enjoy a great view of the surrounding hills. The ruins include part of the exterior defensive walls and the main tower. This magnificent castle is named after Ducezio (495-440 BC) an ancient Sicilian commander who founded several cities in Sicily. The Chiesa di Santa Agrippina, the

town's main church that is named after the patron of Mineo, was originally an oratory (a private chapel) in 263 AD and later a mosque in the 14th century, was rebuilt in the 17th century since its structure was damaged by an earthquake in 1693. Inside, the Chiesa features a polychrome wooden statue depicting the patron of Mineo that was made in 1518 by Vincenzo Archifel. Precious stuccoes and a unique 16th century wooden nativity scene also enrich the church.

In the main square, there is another must see stop: the Chiesa del Collegio, a church that is part of the City Hally architectural complex. Inside, it features a majestic reliquary featuring thousands of bones belonging to local saints.

The City Hall also houses a small museum dedicated to Italian novelist Luigi Capuana (1839-1915), where you can also see on display one of the first cameras dating to the beginning of last century. It features the novelist's study and is open daily from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays also open in the afternoon from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. Group tours are available upon request.

On Fridays, don't miss Mineo's outdoor mercato (market) that is set up at the entrance of the town in largo Porta di Adinolfo (Adinolfo Gate). At this rich market you can find almost anything. Outdoor stalls sell food (fresh fruits and vegetables, meat, poultry, pastries) clothing, shoes, trinkets, local crafts, toys and more. It runs from 8 a.m. through 1 p.m. For more information and detailed festival schedules, contact Mineo town tourist office at 095-989010.

Arts and Crafts fair in Aci Catena

Mark this event on your calendar! This weekend, Aci Catena will host an arts and craft fair through Aug. 17. The fair will feature Sicilian puppets shows, food vendors, Sicilian carts parades, live music and art exhibits. For more information and detailed schedules call the town tourist office at 095-7644069



Photo by Giuseppe Stimolo

On Aug. 15, the community of Randazzo will pay homage to its copatron saint, Maria SS. Assunta (Our Lady of the Assumption), through a spectacular religious festival. The highlight of the celebrations is the afternoon "Vara" parade. The Vara is a majestic three tiered allegoric 65-foot tall float depicting the dogmas relating to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It carries about 30 among boys and girls dressed as angels, saints and the Holy Family, which is held in the historic center. This Festa dates back to the 16th century. The parade, which starts at 4 p.m., leaves from the Chiesa Madre (Main Church) located in piazza della Basilica. In the evening, Italian pop star Mario Venuti will perform in piazza Loreto at 9:30 p.m. For more information contact Randazzo Town Hall 095-7990011.

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Direzione artistica: Liliana Nigro
M I M E S I
16/17 Agosto 2008 **Buccheri (SR)**

If you are infatuated by the past, make sure you attend the 2008 edition of "Medfest" an exciting medieval festival running in Buccheri's historic center (Siracusa province) this weekend (Aug. 16 and 17). "Medfest" is an annual celebration of Sicily's medieval varied heritage. As festival organizers point out, medieval Sicily was indeed a "melting pot" of cultures.

The festival kicks off tomorrow evening (Saturday, Aug. 16) with a medieval parade, which will be accompanied by Assisi and Buccheri drummers, leaving from the San Antonio Steps at 6:30 p.m. and ending in piazza Frattì. Other Saturday's festival highlights include the following shows: "Undamaris" concert featuring "Medieval Laude" music (Aug. 16, 10 p.m. - piazza Roma and midnight piazzale Cosentino); Senegalese dance show (Aug. 16, 11 p.m. - piazza Roma); Belly dancing show with "Aisha" (Aug. 16, 11:30 p.m. - piazza Roma and 11 p.m. - piazzale Cosentino); "Accademia dei remoti" stilt walkers (Aug. 16, 11 p.m. - piazza Toselli); "San Gemini" flag wavers and drummers (Aug. 16, 11 p.m. - piazza Frattì). Sunday, Aug. 17 events are as follows: big parade with all the festival artists (6:30 p.m. - San Antonio Steps); "ATMO" acrobats (9:30 p.m. - piazza Toselli); fireworks show (midnight piazza Frattì).

For more information and detailed festival schedules visit www.medfest.it or call Buccheri Tourist Office at 0931-880359.



Middle Ages enthusiasts will be happy to know that the Motta Sant'Anastasia Medieval Festival will begin tonight in Motta Sant'Anastasia. This exciting annual event, running every evening at 8 p.m. through Aug. 17, will feature jugglers, jesters, flag wavers, medieval music, crafts and games. Don't miss the Palio horse race which will be held on Aug. 17 at 5 p.m. at the local soccer stadium. Every night, festivalgoers can also enjoy medieval Sicily's specialties. For more information and detailed schedules contact the Motta Pro Loco Tourist Office at 095-308161.



Photo by Assopescaportopalo

Don't miss out on the third edition of the Portopalo Fish Festival which will be held this weekend in this picturesque fishermen village located in the Siracusa province. This mouthwatering food event will be held at 8 p.m. on Aug. 16 and 17 in piazza Terrazza dei Due Mari ("Scalo Mandrie" district). The festival will also feature folklore shows and live music. For more information and detailed programs call "Assopescaportopalo" at 0931-842058/842903.



Bldg. 319 (NAS I)
Monday-Friday
7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
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Co-sleeping: Is it a Safe Practice?

Article courtesy of The Fleet & Family Support Center

Co-sleeping or bed-sharing is defined as sharing a bed with your infant. Is this a safe practice? The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) states that "between January 1999 and December 2001 more than 100 children under 2 years old (98% were less than 1 year old) died from accidents that occurred from co-sleeping".

Many people think a co-sleeping death could not happen in their family.

Recently our European Navy community experienced a co-sleeping death. Co-sleeping deaths are especially tragic because they are preventable.

Infants are at increased risk for co-sleeping deaths because they have

not yet developed the defense mechanism to prevent being smothered. If a parent rolls on top of a child, or a baby is pinned up against a family member, the baby does not have the ability to separate him/herself from the trapped position. The result can be death by suffocation. Additionally, an infant's body is small enough to become wedged between a mattress and bed frame, which can also result in strangulation. Today, all cribs are tested and approved for safety, and if they are assembled properly, provide child safety against co-sleeping deaths.

So, what are the alternatives to bringing your child to bed with you? One option is to place your child's crib or bassinet in the room with you. Your child will feel your presence

and you can hear your infant's movements. This also increases the ease for those late night feedings. Another option is a bed extension that is similar to a bassinets.

These extensions hook onto the side of an adult bed, allowing the infant to have a separate bed, close to mom and dad, yet safe from co-sleeping dangers.

Remember: only you can make an informed decision about what is best for your infant. Learn all the facts that will help you protect your child from co-sleeping dangers. The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) provides parenting assistance by trained Registered Nurses through their New Parent Support program. If you have any questions please contact them at 624-4291.

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came in next to last. Then came the day she won a race. From then on she won every race she entered

After graduating high school she went to Tennessee State University where she met Coach Ed Temple. Coach Temple saw her determined spirit, that she was a believer and that she had great natural talent. He trained her so well that she went to the Olympic Games. There she was pitted against the greatest woman runner of the day, a German girl named Jutta Heine. No one had ever beaten Jutta, but in the 100 meter dash the girl from Tennessee did and did it again in the 200 meter race. Finally came the 400 meter relay. The first two runners made perfect handoffs with the baton. But when she received the baton, in her excitement dropped it and Jutta gained a substantial lead. It was deemed impossible that anyone could catch Jutta but this fleet and nimble girl did. Wilma Rudolph, poor, frail girl from Tennessee had earned three Gold medals

What is so impressive about

Wilma's story is not that she won three Gold Medals but that she had faith: faith in her mother; in her coach, and in the Lord. Because of her faith she overcame the handicap that life handed to her and succeeded despite the odds stacked against her.

In our lives we have many handicaps which throw us, cause us to panic. Times when we feel we are overwhelmed by trouble: a serious illness, loss of a loved one, unemployment, a move to a new job or new place, financial problems, a family crisis or a physical handicap. It is at these times we need to have faith, persistence, courage and a determined spirit focusing on the Lord, keeping our eye on him and moving toward him. Our comfort and courage comes from knowing that he in turn is moving toward us, stretching out his hand to help us. With the Lord at our side all things are possible, as Wilma Rudolph believed and demonstrated in her life and which will happen in our lives if we have the same faith, persistence, courage and determined spirit as she had.

When you come upon these

handicaps in your life and feel overwhelmed, I offer for your meditation this encouraging reflection entitled, "Road of Life" by an unknown author.

The road of life was bright
It stretched before my sight
The Lord was at my side
To be my shepherd and guide
And so I started out

But then the sky turned dark
The road grew rough and steep
Rocks and ruts tripped my feet
My legs grew sore and weak
I scarce could carry on

I turned and cried: My Lord!
Why this pain; Why this plight
Why the ruts; Why the rocks
Where's the road; Where's the light
I cannot carry on

Then the Lord turned and said
My child, where's your faith?
Where's your belief in me?
Love chose this road for you
Just trust and travel on

Cold Noses WARM HEARTS



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

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



(Left) Nix is a great girl who would love a home call her own. She needs a patient family who could show her love and affection and how to belong. She would love a warm bed she could snuggle in every night.

(Right) Honey is a dog with a lot of energy and a very unique personality. She loves to run and go for walks. If you would like to meet her please come and visit her at SAF.

For more information contact the Stray Animal Facility at 624-3936 or a SAWS representative at 345-502-2266.



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"Signature." These two options offer the cheapest and most accessible way to purchase a used car. However, according to Ben Turner, Senior Agent Exchange New Car Sales Signonella, buying a used car, which can be anywhere from one year to twenty-plus years old, has risks involved with it.

"The reason a lot of times people sell their vehicle is because there are problems with it and they don't want to deal with those problems anymore," Turner said.

He also cautioned that the safety factor involved with having older cars need to be taken into consideration.

"It's a little bit scary to let your loved one drive a vehicle that firstly is not up to scratch as far as the safety specifications go, because a ten-year-old BMW will cost you six or seven thousand dollars, but obviously you're talking about safety standards that are ten years old," he said.

There is also the option to buy a new or used car from a dealers outside of the Signonella community such as the Volvo and Pentagon car dealerships.

Warranties often come with new car purchases at these dealers and limited warranties can often be purchased for used cars. Outside dealerships also offer their own financing options for purchasing a car.

The other option for buying a new car is the Exchange New Car Sales at Navy Exchanges on NAS I and NAS II. They offer cars and

motorcycles from companies including Ford, Chrysler, Dodge, and Harley Davidson. The Exchange new car sales program was set up to give servicemembers the best deal possible when buying a new car, Turner said.

"The Navy Exchange New Car Sales Program was set by the military for the military, and what they offer to the military is exclusive discounts, rebates, pricing and probably the most prestigious would be the lowest price guarantee," Turner said. "Our prices cannot be beaten by any state-side dealer."

He stated that the Exchange New Car Sales has great financing options for servicemembers who purchase a car with them.

"We have factory direct financing," he said. "Which means rather than taking a local loan from the likes of the credit union or your own bank we can keep everything under the same umbrella. We have some fantastic deals and offers available from factory financing, including the likes of zero percent and other preferential rates and financing for the military."

As Turner said people also have the option of applying for a loan at local banks or credit unions such as Navy Federal Credit Union, Community Bank, or USAA. People can also apply online for a loan through a bank or credit union.

No matter the avenue chosen to purchase a car in Signonella, the end result is that same feeling of freedom and access to world outside of Signonella that only a car can offer.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Attention all good standing Catholic gentlemen! Come join the ranks of Signonella's newest Knights of Columbus Chapter! We meet the first Thursday of every month at 1930 p.m. above Applebee's. You may also contact a fellow Knight after the Sunday Mass service in the NAS I Fellowship Hall, or Mineo community Building. (Pizza and soft drinks provided at the meetings!) For more information visit - www.kofc.org/

ALL CHAPEL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration is underway for the All Chapel Vacation Bible School. Come join us for a "Beach Party Surf'n Through the Scriptures!" August 11 - 15th 0830-1200 at the NAS I Chapel. Teen and Adult volunteers are needed. Please stop by the NAS I Chapel office to register your child for Vacation Bible School. For questions regarding this lively program please contact Charlotte Greeson or Susan Jones @ 624-3975.

SEXUAL ASSAULT / VICTIMS INTERVENTION

SAVI offers a Sexual Assault Hotline
staffed with trained advocates
who man the SAVI Hotlines 24/7.
The number is 335-642-8312 or 335-606-6146.

 <h2 style="text-align: center; background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 5px;">COMMUNITY CALENDAR</h2>				FRIDAY 15 - AUGUST	SATURDAY 16	SUNDAY 17
				<p style="text-align: center;">Italian Holiday Ferragosto</p> <p>Alcoholics Anonymous -7 p.m. -NAS II Chapel x9203</p>		
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p>Alcoholics Anonymous -7 p.m. -NAS II Chapel x9203</p>	<p>FFSC What About the Children 8a.m.-11a.m.; x4291</p> <p>FFSC CSB/Redux 9a.m.-10:30a.m.; x4291</p> <p>Red Cross Healthy Pregnancy/Baby 4:30p.m.-7p.m.; x4900</p>	<p>FFSC Men's Group 9a.m.-11a.m.; x4291</p> <p>FFSC Survive & Thrive 8a.m.-2:30p.m.; x4291</p> <p>NMCRS Budget for Baby 5p.m.-7p.m.; x4212</p>		<p>FFSC Predatory Lending 3p.m.-4p.m. x4291</p> <p>Alcoholics Anonymous -7 p.m. -NAS II Chapel x9203</p>		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<p>Alcoholics Anonymous -7 p.m. -NAS II Chapel x9203</p> <p>FFSC IA Discussion Group 11a.m.-1p.m. x4291</p>	<p>FFSC Credit Management 1p.m.-4p.m. x4291</p> <p>Red Cross Disaster Action Team Meeting 11:30a.m.-12:30p.m. x4900</p>	<p>FFSC Home Buying 1p.m.-4p.m. x4291</p> <p>Alcoholics Anonymous -7 p.m. -NAS II Chapel x9203</p>		<p>FFSC Cooking Class 9:30a.m.-3p.m. x4291</p> <p>Alcoholics Anonymous -7 p.m. -NAS II Chapel x9203</p>		



The Sigonella Galley is open from 5:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. for breakfast,
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for lunch and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for dinner.
The galley is located on NAS II.
This menu is subject to change without notice.

Friday 15

Lunch: Beef Barley Soup, Herbed Baked Fish, Chicken Pasta Prima Vera, Roasted Pepper Potatoes, Waxed Beans, Simmered Okra, Spiced Cake w/ Frosting, Lemon Cookies.

Speed line: Grilled Cheese/Hamburger, Baked Beans, French Fried Potatoes.

Dinner: Old Fashioned Bean Soup, BBQ/Braised Sparreribs, Herb Turkey Roast w/ Gravy, Tossed Green Rice, Cajun Oven fries, Corn on the Cob, Stewed Tomatoes, Spiced Cake w/ Frosting, Lemon Cookies.

Saturday 16

Lunch: Creole Soup, Beef Stir Fry, Kielbasa w/ Sauerkraut & Apples, Fried Rice, Steamed Broccoli, Summer Squash, Apple Sauce, Cherry Pie, Abacadabra Bars.

Dinner: Vegetable Soup, Spinach Lasagna, Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Marinara Sauce, Seasoned Asparagus, Steamed Cauliflower, Garlic Bread, Cherry Pie, and Abacadabra Bars.

Sunday 17

Brunch: Breakfast items, Egg Drop Soup, Cheddar Chicken Broccoli, Fried Onion Rings, Eggplant Ratatouille, Club Spinach, Cream Puff, Hermits.

Dinner: Chicken Vegetable Soup, Sauerbraten, Mustard Dill Baked Fish, Steamed Rice, Mashed Potatoes, Natural Pan Gravy, Steamed Cut Green Beans, Seasoned Carrots, Creamed Puff, Hemits.

Monday 18

Lunch: Creamed of Broccoli Soup, Beef Pie w/ Biscuit Topping, Lemon Pepper Catfish, Steamed Rice, Buttered Noodles, Mix Vegetables, Parmesan Eggplant, Yellow Cake w/ Icing, Brownies.

Speed line: Sub sandwich, Pasta Privera, Cartocciata.

Dinner: Mulligatawny Soup, Savory Baked Chicken, Beef Ravioli, Wild Rice, O'Brien Potatoes, Chicken Gravy, Peas & Onions, Harvard Beets, Yellow Cake w/ Icing, Brownies.

Tuesday 19

Lunch: Egg Drop Soup, Sweet & Sour Pork, Chicken Chop Suey, Egg Foo Young, Chinese Fried Rice, Chow Mein Noodles, Oriental Fried Cabbage, Simmered Corn, Dinner rolls, Pineapple Upside Down Cake, Blueberry Pie.

Speed Line: Chicken Patties Sandwich, Onion Rings, Pasta Primavera.

Dinner: Chicken Gumbo Soup, Roast Beef, Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Orange Rice, Mushroom Gravy, Southern Greens, Seasoned Mix Vegetables, Chocolate Cookies, Apple Pie.

Wednesday 20

Lunch: Beef Rice Soup, Blackened Fish, Beef Cordon Bleu, Garlic Cheese Potatoes, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans, Stewed Tomatoes, Brown Gravy, Spice Cake w/ Frosting, Chocolate Pudding, Jello.

Speed Line: Grilled Cheese/Hamburger, Baked Beans, French Fried Potatoes.

Dinner: Chicken Vegetable Soup, St. Louis BBQ Pork Ribs, Tarragon Chicken & Rice, Italian Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable Stir Fry, Steamed Green Beans, Spice Cake w/ Frosting, Chocolate Pudding.

Thursday 21

Lunch: Corn Chowder Soup, Roast Pork, Scalloped Ham & Noodles, Steamed Rice, Seasoned Carrots, Asparagus, Brown Gravy, Peanut Butter Cookies, Cherry Pie.

Speed Line: Baked Potatoes, Bacon Bits, Sautéed Mushroom, Sour Cream, Shredder Cheese, Assorted Pizza.

Dinner: Minestrone Soup, Honey Glazed Chicken, Stuffed Cabbage Rolls, Ginger Rice, Rosemary Roasted Potatoes, Corn, Steamed Broccoli, Cherry Pie Peanut Butter Cookies.

MWR CORNER

Midtown 2 Theaters Matinees at the Movies

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at
1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

National Relaxation Day

August 15. Relax at the theater with
free showing of Ferris Bueller's Day
Off.

Jox Pub

**First of Four Blast from the Past
Party Series:** August 15 from 9:30pm

- 3am. Totally Awesome 80's Party
Giveaways, costume contest, dress
as your favorite 80's icon!

Live Band: August 22

ITT Gear-n-Go

Summer Beach Shuttle

p.m. \$15 + bring euro for fees or pack
a cooler.

Siracusa I & Fontane Bianche Beach

\$38, includes the fees for the lido +
bring euro for food

Fireworks at Elephant Square & St. Agata Festival

August 17: Depart: NAS II 4 p.m.,
NAS I 4:30 p.m., Return: 10:30 p.m.
\$18 + euro for food

Take 5

Action Movie Marathon: August 16
Battleship Tournament: August 19
Education Fair: August 20
Lunch & Learn: August 21

Fitness

Splash-n-Dash Personal Challenge:
August 16
Intro to Strength Training: August 20
Mineo Housing Run - "Dog days of

Summer": August 21

**Back-to-School Bouncy House
Bash:** August 20-21

Liberty

Dinner in Siracusa: [REDACTED]
Hangin' Out at the Beach: [REDACTED]

Dinner in Catania: [REDACTED]

Sports

Youth Sports Soccer Registration
Now through August 30

Register at Fit District

Ages groups: 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-13
\$35 registration fee

Ladies Powder Puff Soccer
Registration August 15 - 30

Teen Center

Etnaland: August 16

Smart Girls: August 20

Paintball: August 21

Catania Market: August 22

Rock Band Competetion: August 22

AUGUST 15 - AUGUST 22

MIDTOWN MOVIE THEATER

MOVIE HOTLINE: 624-4248

SCHEDULE

MOVIE DESCRIPTIONS

Friday, August 15

1:00pm Wall-E G 98 min.
3:00pm Kung Fu Panda PG 92 min.
5:00pm Indiana Jones: Crystal Skull PG-13 124 min.
5:30pm The Mummy: Dragon Emperor PG-13 112 min.
7:30pm Tropic Thunder R 107 min.
8:00pm The Happening R 90 min.
9:30pm Wanted R 110 min.

Saturday, August 16

2:00pm Wall-E G 98 min.
2:30pm Incredible Hulk PG-13 114 min.
4:30pm The Love Guru PG-13 89 min.
5:00pm Get Smart PG-13 111 min.
7:30pm Tropic Thunder R 107 min.
8:00pm The Dark Knight PG-13 152 min.
9:30pm The Happening R 90 min.

Sunday, August 17

2:00pm Wall-E G 98 min.
2:30pm Kung Fu Panda PG 92 min.
4:30pm The Mummy: Dragon Emperor PG-13 112 min.
5:00pm Wanted R 110 min.
7:00pm Tropic Thunder R 107 min

Monday, August 18

3:00pm Wall-E G 98 min.
5:00pm Incredible Hulk PG-13 114 min.
5:30pm Get Smart PG-13 111 min.
7:30pm The Love Guru PG-13 89 min.
8:00pm The Happening R 90 min.

Tuesday, August 19

5:00pm The Mummy: Dragon Emperor PG-13 112 min.
5:30pm Indiana Jones: Crystal Skull PG-13 124 min.
7:30pm The Dark Knight PG-13 152 min.
8:00pm Tropic Thunder R 107 min.

Wednesday, August 20

1:00pm Wall-E G 98 min.
3:00pm Get Smart PG-13 111 min.
5:00pm Hancock PG-13 92 min.
5:30pm The Love Guru PG-13 89 min.
7:30pm The Happening R 90 min.
8:00pm Wanted R 110 min.

Thursday, August 21

3:00pm Kung Fu Panda PG 92 min. LS
5:00pm Incredible Hulk PG-13 114 min.
5:30pm Indiana Jones: Crystal Skull PG-13 124 min. LS
7:30pm The Dark Knight PG-13 152 min.
8:00pm **THROWBACK THURSDAY**
FREE ADMISSION
Top Gun PG 110 min.

The Dark Knight (PG-13)

The Caped Crusader returns, protecting Gotham
City from the mad criminal mastermind, The Joker.

Meet Dave (PG)

A massive fireball from space hits New York's
Central Park and an ordinary man emerges
unscathed. The man turns out to be a spaceship
operated by 100 human-looking aliens who are
one-quarter inch tall and seeking a way to save their
planet; complications ensue when their captain falls
in love with an Earth woman who's always picked
losers for previous romances.

Kitt Kittredge: An American Girl (G)

Aspiring reporter Kit Kittredge can't resist bringing
home strays, whether it's Grace, an abandoned bas-
set hound, or Will and Countee, a pair of young
hobos willing to trade work for meals. Determined to
recover the stolen money and believing Will is inno-
cent, Kit recruits her friends Ruthie and Stirling to
help her track down the real culprit. Together they
uncover a plot that goes far beyond Cincinnati!

Wall-E (G)

What if mankind had to leave Earth, and somebody
forgot to turn the last robot off? Wall-E, spends every
day doing what he was made for. But soon, he will
discover what he was meant for, as he adventures
across the galaxy chasing his dream.

The Mummy: Tomb Of The Dragon Emperor (PG-13)

Explorer Rick O'Connell combats the resurrect-
ed Han Emperor in an epic that races from the cata-
combs of ancient China high into the frigid
Himalayas. Rick is joined in this all-new adventure
by son Alex, wife Evelyn and her brother, Jonathan.
And this time, the O'Connells must stop a mummy
awoken from a 2,000-year-old curse who threatens
to plunge the world into his merciless, unending
service.

Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG)

As the Clone Wars sweep through the galaxy, the
heroic Jedi Knights struggle to maintain order and
restore peace. More and more systems are falling
prey to the forces of the dark side as the Galactic
Republic slips further and further under the sway of

the Separatists and their never-ending droid army.
Anakin Skywalker and his Padawan learner Ahsoka
Tano find themselves on a mission with far-reaching
consequences, one that brings them face-to-face
with crime lord Jabba the Hutt. But Count Dooku and
his sinister agents, including the nefarious Asajj
Ventress, will stop at nothing to ensure that Anakin
and Ahsoka fail at their quest. Meanwhile, on the
front lines of the Clone Wars, Obi-Wan Kenobi and
Master Yoda lead the massive clone army in a
valiant effort to resist the forces of the dark side ...

The Love Guru (PG-13)

Pitka is an American who was left at the gates of an
ashram in India as a child and raised by gurus. He
moves back to the U.S. to seek fame and fortune in
the world of self-help and spirituality. His unorthodox
methods are put to the test when he must settle a rift
between Toronto Maple Leafs star hockey player
Darren Roanoke and his estranged wife. After the
split, Roanoke's wife starts dating L.A. Kings star
Jacques Grande out of revenge, sending her hus-
band into a major professional skid - to the horror of
the teams' owner Jane Bullard and Coach Cherkov.
Pitka must return the couple to marital nirvana and
get Roanoke back on his game so the team can
break the 40-year-old "Bullard Curse" and win the
Stanley Cup.

Tropic Thunder (R)

A group of self-absorbed actors set out to make the
most expensive war film. But after ballooning costs
force the studio to cancel the movie, the frustrated
director refuses to stop shooting, leading his cast
into the jungles of Southeast Asia, where they
encounter real bad guys.

SHOWING FRIDAY AUGUST 22

1:00pm Wall-E G 98 min.
3:00pm Kitt Kittredge: An American Girl G 101 min.
5:00pm Meet Dave PG 90 min.
5:30pm The Love Guru PG-13 89 min.
7:30pm Star Wars: The Clone Wars PG 100 min.
8:00pm The Mummy: Tomb of
the Dragon Emperor PG-13 112 min.
9:30pm Tropic Thunder R 107 min.

COMING SOON

Hellboy II: The Golden Army
Journey To The Center Of The Earth

IL Mercato

All classified ads are free to the community. Their intent is for advertising personal property for sale trade or giveaway.

No commercial ads will be accepted. Ads run for two weeks. Classified ads are due no later than 2 p.m. of the Friday of the week before publication. For more information call 624-5440 or 624-2798 or 095-86-last four digits.

Requests for commercial classifieds must be made to Stampa Generale at 081-568-7884 .

SEND IL MERCATO ADVERTISEMENTS TO THESIG@NASSIG.SICILY.NAVY.MIL

Due to military website regulations Il Mercato cannot be posted online. The Signature will resume print on August 22. We appologize for any inconvenience.

Anyone interested in sending ads via email should leave a phone number and point of contact name at thesig@nassig.sicily.navy.mil.

Ads run for two weeks on a space available basis and must be sponsored by active duty military members, family members or Italian National/ American base employees. Ads must be 40 words or less and typed in regular upper case, lower case format.

The Signature no longer accepts ads that bring profit to a business or individual , such as maid, babysitting services or home rentals.

AFRTS/AFN decoders must be sold only to another authorized individual: active duty or retired U.S. military, DoD direct-hire employees, and their spouse. If someone would like these types of services in The Signature they can call Stampa Generale @ 081-568-7884.

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