



## Experiencing American history in Sicily

Article by  
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The community of Gela, situated at the southern end of the SS417, is an unassuming Sicilian town. It's a town that you never hear about Sigonellans having visited; it is not a tourist destination like Taormina, Agrigento, or Cefalu. However, what this community lacks in touristic commerce it makes up for in history and the warmth of its townsfolk. Gela has significant ties with America: Gela was the beach that Patton's 7th Army assaulted on 10 July 1943, an assault, codename Operation: HUSKY, that represented the first major offensive and the first attempt by the Allies to obtain a foothold on the Axis-held European mainland during World War II. Not far from Gela you will find Ponte Dirillo.

Over the years, NCTS Sicily has commemorated the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division's paratrooper landing at Biazza Ridge, near Ponte Dirillo on 9 July 1943. In a separate event, the Kiwanis Club of Gela has commemorated the amphibious landing at Gela. This year, at the suggestion of the Kiwanis, the two events were combined, exemplifying the ongoing cooperation between NCTS Sicily and the Kiwanis Club of Gela. I was honored to be asked to partici-



Photo by MCSN Whitfield Palmer, Navy Public Affairs Support Element East Detachment Sigonella

Lt. Cmdr. Joaquin Correia, Executive Officer of the Naval Computer and Telecommunication Station (NCTS) based at Naval Air Station (NAS) Sigonella and Dr. Giuseppe Abbate of the Gela Kiwanis Club stand at salute during a memorial service at the site of the Battle of Ponte Dirillo Friday, July 9. The wreath laying was part of a ceremony that marked the 66th anniversary of the Allied invasion of Sicily in 1943. Thirty-nine U.S. service members lost their lives during the fighting at Ponte Dirillo.

In the early part of 1943, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, President Roosevelt and the Allied military planners, including Generals

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## U.S. Navy Surgeon General visits Sigonella

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Vice Adm. Adam M. Robinson, U.S. Navy Surgeon General, Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, held an all-hands call for members of Naval Hospital Sigonella July 16 at Naval Air Station (NAS) Sigonella.

Vice Adm. Robinson spoke to Sailors on topics ranging from smoking cessation to deployments in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

"The purpose of this visit is to come to this European theater of operation," Vice Adm. Robinson said. "We've been to Rota (Spain). We've also been to Naples (Italy). I wanted to come to Sigonella to see my Navy Medicine corpsmen, providers, physicians, doctors, dentists, medical service corps officers, GS workers, volunteers and contractors. [I want] to thank them for all of their service and everything they do to make Navy medicine real to the men and women they're supporting."

Vice Adm. Robinson's main responsibilities as surgeon general

are overseeing programs and personnel.

"My responsibilities are also to make sure there is a level of care and concern for individuals as people, as patients and as shipmates," Vice Adm. Robinson said. "No matter what we do we have to make sure to take care of our people, because as I've said frequently, we rise and fall with our people. Our missions are always successful if we have nurtured, if we have educated, if we have prepared and if we have maintained a constant state of readiness for our people to help them attain their goals."

Vice Adm. Robinson believes it's important to visit Sailors stationed throughout the world, even at smaller bases like Sigonella.

"It's not the size of the patient that matters. It's the people that matter. I go to large places where I have a lot of people, Balboa is an example, National Naval Medical Center and Portsmouth Naval Hospital, too," said Vice Adm. Robinson. "Navy

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Vice Adm. Adam M. Robinson speaks to U.S. Naval Hospital Sigonella Sailors during an All Hands call on Thursday, July 16. Vice Adm. Robinson toured Sigonella for two days and said that he finds it important to visit Sailors all over the world, no matter how big or small the base they are stationed at may be.

## Fire safety while grilling

Article by Sandra S. Basile,  
Naval Air Station Sigonella  
Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention

On May 17, 2009, at approximately 4:30 p.m. in the afternoon, the Fire Department was dispatched to a private residence in Marinai Housing for a fire involving a ruptured propane tank. After talking with the Incident Commander, the tenant and bystanders, the following is a summary of the incident.

1. The tenant was going to BBQ for company and found that they had no gas in their propane tank.

2. The tenant borrowed a tank from a friend; he visually and audibly checked the tank for leaks. He tested the tank twice by connecting it and

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Photo provided by Lt. John Scott

A fire broke out in Marinai in May due to a ruptured valve. Always think of safety when you plan to BBQ this summer.

### WEATHER UPDATE

July 24  
H:100F  
L:73F



July 25  
H:98F  
L:69F



July 26  
H:96F  
L:64F



July 27  
H:92F  
L:67F



July 28  
H:92F  
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July 29  
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L:72F



July 30  
H:97F  
L:73F



### TOP STORIES

We live and work in a special place. We can enjoy our families and friends and be grateful for our military and civilian communities in Sigonella.

Secretary of Defense Dr. Robert M. Gates thanked the Navy's newest Sailors and their families for their decision to serve our nation, especially in a time of war.

Before you choose a volunteer opportunity, think about your reasons for volunteering. Which of the benefits of volunteer work are most important to you?

What could be more fascinating than combining the discovery of the artistic treasures of a unique Sicilian town and enjoying some top quality classic music? This summer, you have a chance to do it!

Some experiences in Sicily are well known and well loved-like shopping for fruits and veggies in the Catania market or devouring gelato in Motta. But others are hidden, like secret treasures. After visiting with some local Italians, we discovered a new gem on the Sicilian map: Naro.

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### TRAFFIC NUMBERS

	Jan. 09- July 09	Jan. 08- July 08
Accidents	122	180
Injuries	13	30
DUIs	1	5
Traffic Deaths	0	2

PLEASE,  
DON'T BECOME  
A STATISTIC!

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

Mid-July marked the halfway point through the time of the year that the Armed Forces typically experience the most off duty accidents and fatalities. This period between Memorial Day and Labor Day is one of the highest risk periods of the year and I think it is a good time to remind everyone to focus on reducing risks. Risk management is something that everyone should practice on the job and at home.

We are doing a lot of things really well this summer. Our motorcycle accidents are down 54% from last year and our automotive accidents in general are 32% below last year's total at this time. Also, we have had 57% less injuries in the accidents and zero deaths. This is a good start but as the weather gets nicer and sunnier, I have noticed that our accident rate rises as people pay less attention to the road and drive faster. In fact, ironically we had one of our lowest accident rates all year during the months where we had tons of rain and horrible weather. So don't let the beautiful weather lull you into dropping your guard and becoming the next accident.

The area where Sigonella needs to make some dras-

tic and immediate changes are alcohol related incidents and accidents. Since Memorial Day, our drinking incidents have steadily increased. January through nearly June, NAS Sigonella had no DUI's or near misses. Since 29 May we have had seven near misses, one DUI and two alcohol incidents that didn't involve driving. STOP THE STUPIDITY! Drinking and driving endangers not only the person who does it, but also everyone around them. We must use good judgment, have a plan in place which includes the next morning, and never drink and drive.

Furthermore, we need to be looking out for our shipmates. I have never met anyone who prefers to go drinking alone. We need to surround ourselves with trustworthy friends who will watch our backs, and have the courage to tell us when we are getting out of hand and if need be, pull us out of the club or bar. Since January, we have had 14 alcohol incidents which include assault, damage to government property, drunk and disorderly and other offenses where alcohol played a major factor. I guarantee that the large majority of these could have and would have been prevented if the individuals involved

surrounded themselves with good friends. Friends that stepped in when the person was getting out of hand. Friends that insisted that they had drank enough, another drink was not a good plan, and that it was time to leave before things got out of hand. These are the type of friends worth having and worth being.



As we enter the last half of summer, I want everyone to enjoy the beautiful weather but don't disengage your brain and do stupid stuff. Slow down while driving, have a plan when drinking, and never, ever drink and drive.

## Health WATCH

### Can't stand the heat?

Article by Lt. Skinner,  
Naval Hospital Sigonella  
Public Affairs Officer

The summer rays are stronger and the days are lasting longer, so let's be mindful of the ill effects those rays can bring.

Heat rash. It is not just for children - anyone can suffer from this pesky skin irritation.

Heat rash is caused by excessive sweating during hot and humid weather.

The rash is characterized by red clusters that look like pimples or small blisters.

Most likely locations are the neck, upper chest, groin area, elbow creases and under the breasts. What brings relief? Try going to a cooler, less humid area. Keep the affected area dry. You may use a light dusting of powder for relief but avoid creams or ointments as they tend to keep heat and moisture in. Wear loose-fitting clothing with breathable weaves.

Heat cramps are also caused by excessive sweating and exposure to the sun. It could be a marker of heat exhaustion or heat stroke. If you are

experiencing heat cramps, stop what you are doing. Seek shade and start cooling down with rest and a cool beverage and delay returning to strenuous activity for several hours even after the cramps resolve. If the cramps persist or symptoms worsen, seek immediate medical attention. Cramping usually occurs in the abdomen, arms and legs and can be very painful. If you are on a low sodium diet or have any heart problems and you experience these symptoms, get medical attention.

Sun burn can really ruin a beautiful day. So apply regular use of skin protection and alternate time in the sun with time in the shade. Monitor your skin for warmth, redness and discomfort. Try not to fall asleep in the sun to avoid over exposure. Seek medical attention for children under the age of one with sunburn or if you develop a fever, severe pain or fluid filled blisters with your sun burn. For less serious sunburn use cool compress or immerse area in cool water. Use moisturizing lotions but avoid butter or creamy ointments and salve

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## Gratitude

Article by Chaplain Concha

We live and work in a special place. We can enjoy our families and friends and be grateful for our military and civilian communities in Sigonella. We can truly find friendly smiles in everyone and we can express it in the same way to others.

This story is about an elderly man walking along the beach with his grandson. This was a daily routine. The child's parents were so delighted that grandpa and their son had a great time together. The story tells us that on a certain day, a large wave came along the beach and took the child away from grandpa.

The old man was so devastated. 'How I am going to handle this when I meet my daughter,' he asked. He began searching for the child for several hours. He felt almost helpless until he found out that the child has been pushed to a different place. He was so happy to see the grandson again and held the child in his arms.

The child was found by a teenager who happened to be at that place. The child seemed to be doing fine. After the initial shock, the old man realized that it was a special action done by the teen. But he so delighted to see his grandson that went home immediately and forgot to say thank you to the young man.

The next day, the old man met the teen that found the child. The first question that came from his mouth was 'Where is the hat that my grandson had on?'

This story is not related to anyone in particular but it reminds us that the attitude of gratitude is a virtue. It is a quality we need to use frequently. Creating an attitude of gratitude is one of the easiest steps we can take to improve our lives. The happiness that we create for ourselves by showing our appreciation has far-reaching effects, both for ourselves and for those we come into contact with.

As we continue to enjoy summer time, let's give time to see the people who are around us. At one time or another, each one of us has opportunities to show appreciation to people we live with. Look at your neighbors. Sometimes, they spend time looking for their own children and your children as they play together in your own backyard. A thank you greeting would make a lot of sense

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# NAVY News

## Secretary of Defense Gates thanks Sailors for their decision to serve

Article by Senior Chief Mass Communication Specialist Rhonda Burke

**NAVAL STATION GREAT LAKES, ILL (NNS)** -- Secretary of Defense Dr. Robert M. Gates thanked the Navy's newest Sailors and their families for their decision to serve our nation, especially in a time of war.

Gates served as reviewing officer for the recruit graduation ceremony welcoming the Navy's newest 971 Sailors to the fleet, July 17.

"You are the next generation of Sailors that has been tasked with the

heavy burden of ensuring the safety and security of our nation," Gates said. "I have no doubt that you are up to the task. It takes uncommon perseverance to make it through basic training, just as it takes uncommon patriotism to make the decision to join the military in time of war."

During his visit to the Navy's only basic training facility, Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Gates had the opportunity to tour various training facilities and recruit living spaces as well as observe Battle Stations-21 and the recruit capping ceremony.

Gates' message to the new Sailors is that they are now part of the greatest Navy that has ever sailed on the world's oceans.

"Just as in the days of wooden ships and iron Sailors, our enemies underestimate our resolve and capabilities at their own peril," Gates said.

The Secretary of Defense also recognized the vital role Sailors are playing on the ground in the Central Command area of operations.

"Every time I visit the war theatre, I am struck by the number of Sailors on the ground," Gates said. "Right now there are more Sailors

deployed on land in the Central Command theatre than on ships."

For the new Sailors, the significance of having the Secretary of Defense speak at their graduation was not lost.

"It was a great experience to be here when he is," said Seaman Recruit Jamesha Howard of Shreveport, La. "It was a big surprise."

Gates told the Sailors their new job is critical to our nation.

"Boot camp is the first step of the journey which you have embarked on," Gates said. "You now have the great responsibility to defend our nation and its interest at

home and in distant lands. It is not an easy task, but it is a vital one."

Gates was sworn in as the 22nd Secretary of Defense, Dec. 18, 2006. He is the only Secretary of Defense in U.S. history to be asked to remain in that office by a newly elected President.

This was his first visit to Naval Station Great Lakes, which is the largest military installation in Illinois and hosts the Navy's only Recruit Training Command. Each year nearly 40,000 men and women complete the requirements to become enlisted Navy Sailors at the Navy's only boot camp.

### PHOTO FROM THE FLEET

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



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Gary B. Granger Jr./Released

Members of the damage control team of the guided-missile frigate USS John L. Hall (FFG 32), Damage Controlman 1st Class Lois Batista, Gas Turbine Systems Technician Seaman Andrew Miller, and Damage Controlman 2nd Class Ryan Farley, compete in the pipe-patching event of the Damage Control Olympics at Mayport Naval Base. Damage Control Olympics is an annual competition that pits damage control teams from various Mayport shipboard commands against each other.



U.S. Navy photo by Scott A. Thornbloom/Released

Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) the Honorable Robert M. Gates, left, "Troops the Line" with Capt. John W. Peterson, commanding officer of Recruit Training Command, during a recruit graduation ceremony. Gates visited the Navy's only boot camp for the first time to see where Sailors begin their Navy careers. Gates also observed how recruits train including Battle Stations 21, a grueling 12-hour test held entirely aboard the battle stations trainer USS Trayer (BST-21), a 210-foot-long Arleigh Burke-class destroyer simulator.

### NEW ARRIVALS



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Hope

Volcano

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMMUNITY CALENDAR</b></p>				FRIDAY <b>24 JULY</b>	SATURDAY <b>25</b>	SUNDAY <b>26</b>
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY			
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1 AUGUST</b>	<b>2</b>
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# Motta

# Baseball

# Morobishi

**Did you know that . . .**

A Power of Attorney (POA) is acceptable to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society as authority to provide financial assistance to a service member's family during deployment?

The Society accepts valid General or Special POAs which authorize an individual to borrow money. As a fully accepted legal document, a POA also means that the Society will not allow the service member to disavow assistance rendered to family members. A POA is an acceptable substitute for a signed and witnessed Pre-authorization form. Plan for the unexpected! Visit your local Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Office for more details.

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**Thinking about volunteering! Check this out!**  
 Article courtesy of Military One Source

**Understanding why you want to volunteer**  
 Before you choose a volunteer opportunity, think about your reasons for volunteering. Which of the benefits of volunteer work are most important to you? Your answers will help you choose the type of work and organization to match your needs.

**Professional.** Volunteering can be a way to gain skills and work experience to help advance your career. Do you want to use your current skills? For example, you might have fund-raising experience that could help a scholarship program in your community. If you enjoy sewing, you might want to make costumes for a local theater company. Are there new skills or job interests you want to develop through volunteering? You might want to get health care experi-

ence by volunteering at a hospital. Volunteer work in tutoring might help you decide if you want to change to a teaching career. You can try out a leadership position in a volunteer setting to gain confidence for a similar position at work. Colleges, employers, and other institutions often recognize volunteer experience as "on-the-job" experience. Do you want to develop professional contacts? For example, a carpenter who specializes in historic preservation might volunteer at a local historical society. A computer consultant might volunteer at the local chamber of commerce.

You may find volunteer work that helps you in both the personal and professional areas of your life. For more information on how to become a volunteer and volunteer opportunities in a community near you, check out the Fleet and Family Support Center.

# Funny Island

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## Cold Noses

WARM  
 HEARTS



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

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



NASH (above) is a playful dog. He likes to run around and play in the grass. He also loves your attention and will do anything for a little treat.

AJAX (below) is a growing puppy. He is still rather shy and quiet, but he does enjoy your attention. He enjoys running around outside and having you chase after him.



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

### 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.*

Palermo

Alberto Lunetta  
The Signature Staff

# Italian NEWS

Sicilian Culture, Events and Lifestyle



## Noto international music festival lineup announced

What could be more fascinating than combining the discovery of the artistic treasures of a unique Sicilian town and enjoying some top quality classic music? This summer, you have a chance to do it! From July 25 through Aug. 13, Noto, one of the pearls of the Sicilian Baroque, will host the 34th edition of "Notomusica," the prestigious international music festival featuring top international performers. The event will take place at the courtyard of the Collegio dei Gesuiti, a breathtaking former convent located in the town's historic heart. Here are the shows that will be presented this summer:

**Saturday, July 25 - Udmurtia Russian Symphonic Orchestra:**

The Udmurtia Russian Symphonic Orchestra featuring conductor Nicolai Rogotnev and violinist Maria José Oviedo will pay tribute to Russian composer Tchaikovsky. The program will consist of Tchaikovsky's "Capriccio Italien", Fifth Symphony and Concerto in D Major for Violin and Orchestra (Op. 35). The concert will also include music by Mussorgsky, Borodin and Khachaturian.

**Tuesday, July 28 - Gloria Campaner (piano)**

Young and talented Italian pianist Gloria Campaner will perform music by Liszt, Wagner, Chopin, Rachmaninoff and Prokofiev. Born in Jesolo (Venice) in 1986, she started playing piano at a very early age. She has performed with several of the world's fine orchestras as a soloist and toured Germany, Austria, England, France, Japan, Italy and Switzerland. Campaner has also cooperated with Dutch choreographer Joost Vroenenraets from the Bejart Ballet Lausanne and Italian composer Marcello Abbado.

**Friday, July 31 - Carmelita Celi and Offerta Musicale Ensemble.**

Catania-based prominent music and drama critic and journalist Carmelita Celi will read selected literature excerpts from Italian and international authors including Spanish dramatist and poet Federico Garcia Lorca, Aldo Motta, Salvatore Di Giacomo, Moni Ovadia, Elena Loewenthal, Franca Valeri, Trilussa, Giuseppe Giocacchino Belli and Mario Grasso. Celi will share the stage with Offerta Musicale Ensemble featuring Carmelo Dell'Acqua (clarinet), Maurizio Salemi (cello) and Giosi Infarinato (piano). The evening's musical program will showcase music by Garcia Lorca, Mazzocchetti, Schubert, Traditional Jewish repertoire, Piazzolla and Shostakovich.

**Sunday, Aug. 2 - Nova Amadeus Chamber Orchestra.**

The Nova Amadeus Orchestra will present an evening of music and literature featuring the world premiere of Oscar Wilde's fairy tale for chamber orchestra and reciting voice "The Happy Prince," composed by Catania-based musician Silvio Amato.

Founded in 1982 by Stefano Sovrani, the Nova Amadeus Symphony Orchestra has been showcasing young musical talents who

have been performing in the most prestigious Italian Theaters, including projects with the Italian RAI national TV. Nova Amadeus performs standard orchestral and opera repertoire but it also plays music outside of the standard symphonic repertoire.

Upon the invitation of the Italian Foreign Minister and Italian Embassies, this orchestra has been performing in several music festivals across the globe (Greece, Switzerland, Germany, France, Malta, Tunisia, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, South Korea, Bangladesh, Belgium, Yugoslavia, Denmark, the United States, Canada, Vietnam, Singapore, Australia, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Pakistan etc.) In 1995, Nova Amadeus was awarded the international prize "Lumiere" by the Province of Rome.

**Wednesday, Aug. 5 - Irene Veneziano -**

Young and brilliant Italian pianist Irene Veneziano (below right) will perform piano music by Chopin, Beethoven and Liszt. Born in Angera (Varese), Italy, in 1985, Veneziano began her musical career at age nine under the supervision of Caterina Sibilia. In 2005, she graduated from the Istituto Musicale Pareggiato G. Puccini in Gallarate with flying colors. She was awarded the following prizes: "Prix Jean Clostre-Prix du Jury" at the "Les jeudis du piano competition" in Geneva 2008, the 2009 edition of the "Premio delle Arti" 2009 and the "Alfredo Casella prize" at the prestigious Premio Venezia piano competition. Veneziano appears regularly in solo and chamber orchestras' Italian and international recitals (Paris, Genève, Tunis, Singapore, Seoul, Hanoi, Podgorica, Los Angeles, Tirana etc.), performing with flautist Matteo Evangelisti and violinist Daniele Pascoletti. She has also been sharing the stage with other top class musicians and ensembles such as the Quartetto Terpsycordes, violinist Julia Dinerstein, the clarinetist Nicola Bulfone, tenor Saimir Pirgu, flutist Andrea Griminelli and world-renowned singer Amii Stewart.

**Saturday, Aug. 8 - Nello Salza Ensemble**

Legendary Italian trumpeter Nello Salza, who has been nicknamed as the "Trumpet of the Italian Cinema," will entrance spectators with "Music from the big screen," a unique concert featuring the most famous soundtracks from Italian and Hollywood movies. Salza, who is first trumpet with the Rome Opera Theatre, has worked with the most famous movie soundtracks' composers (E.Morricone, N. Piovani, A. Trovajoli, R. Ortolani, P. Piccioni, L. Bacalov, R. Pregadio, B. Conti, F. De Masi, F. Piersanti, S. Cipriani, A. North, R. Serio, A. Di Pofi, B. Zambrini and F. Carpi) performing in more than 300 film and television soundtracks such as "The Untouchables", "Life is Beautiful" by Nicola Piovani (Oscar prize 1999), "Once upon a Time in the West", "Cinema Paradiso", "The Legend of

the Pianist on the Ocean," by Ennio Morricone (Oscar prize 2007), "The Postman" by Luis Bacalov (Oscar prize 1996), "The Godfather" II by Nino Rota (Oscar prize 1974) etc. Salza has also played with Italian and international conductors, opera singers and musicians including S. Accardo, U. Ughi, L. Pavarotti, J. Carreras, P. Domingo, K. Ricciarelli, A. Bocelli, D. Modugno, Mina, C. Baglioni, Amii Stewart, Zuccherro, R. Zero and M. Nava.

**Tuesday, Aug. 11 - Quartetto di Sassofoni Accademia, Marcella Foranna and Guido Galterio.**

Soprano Marcella Foranna, pianist Guido Galterio and the Quartetto di Sassofoni Accademia will team up to perform a musical work featuring the legendary Italian film composer Nino Rota's soundtrack of 1951 movie "Filomena Marturano," a movie based on the theatrical piece Filumena Marturano by the Neapolitan actor and author Eduardo De Filippo.

Founded in 1984, the Quartetto di Sassofoni Accademia saxophone quartet has performed over 600 concerts since 1984 earning a reputation as one of the most active Italian wind instruments ensembles. The four musicians (Gaetano Di Bacco, Enzo Filippetti, Giuseppe Bernardini and Fabrizio Paoletti) have performed at international prestigious concert halls such as the Mozarteum of Salzburg, the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique de Paris, the Teresa Carreño Theater Caracas, the Teatro dell'Opera di Maracay, the Palau de la Musica de Valencia, the Kornzerthaus in Berne, the Museum of Contemporary arte in Barcelona, touring Canada, USA, Polonia, Germany, France, Switzerland, Venezuela, Brasil, Japan, Spain, Sweden, Finland, Austria, Malta, Greece, Turkey, Hungary, Croatia and Czech Republic.

**Thursday, Aug. 13 Alfredo Marcucci Orquesta Tipica**

Argentinean bandoneonist (bandoneón is an accordion particularly popular in Argentina and Uruguay) Alfredo Marcucci, who has played with legendary tango orchestras in the 1950s (Raúl Camplún, Osvaldo Donatto, Enrique Francini, Juan Canaro, Carlos di Sarli etc), will lead his "Orquesta Tipica" Italian tango ensemble in an unforgettable and passionate night tango music called "Tardécita Tanguera." The program will feature music by Arolas, Villoldo, Matos, Rodríguez, Gardel, Trailo and Piazzolla.

### Tickets

All shows will begin at 9 p.m. Tickets: Associazione Concerti Città di Noto: phone: 0931-838581/ Open: Monday to Friday 9:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. / 4:30 p.m. /6:30 p.m. email: associazioneconcerti@tin.it

For more information on Noto and directions, call Noto Tourist office at 0931-835073.



The performances of internationally renowned Italian trumpeter Nello Salza (pictured above) and young and talented pianist Irene Veneziano are among the highlights of the 34th edition of "Notomusica," an exciting music festival that has been offering unique and prestigious performances since 1978.



## New Place

## World music festival begins in Gravina

If you like ethnic music, be sure to mark this one on your calendar as an upcoming must go event! Gravina di Catania will host the first edition of "Insulae - La musica in mezzo al mare", (Islands -music in the middle of the sea), a two-day ethnic/folk music festival focusing on the cultural heritage of three islands of the Mediterranean Sea: Corsica, Sardinia and Sicily. Due to their geographical isolation, the communities living in those islands have developed an original culture that has produced, throughout the centuries, unique works of poetry, music and other arts.

Organized by Siracusa-based songwriter Carlo Muratori, the festival will showcase four concerts that will be held on July 26 and July 27 at the Villa Comunale (public gardens).

The Festival Schedule is as follows: Sunday, July 26 - 9:30 p.m. - Matilde Politi. Palermo-based anthropologist, actress and singer/songwriter Politi is a gifted artist who researches the roots of traditional Sicilian and Mediterranean folk music.

Sunday, July 26 - 10:30 p.m. - Chjami Aghjalesi.

A Corsican traditional music polyphonic group, it features 22 artists. Created in 1976 the group has recorded nine albums.

Monday, July 27 - 9:30 p.m. - Carlo Muratori.

A researcher of the

Sicilian folk culture since the 1970s, Muratori founded "I Cilliri" (a local folk revival band) in 1977. Ten years later, he started a solo career. Since then, Muratori has been performing traditional folk music and composing in Sicilian and other dialects.

Monday, July 27 - 10:30 p.m. - Franca Masu.

Born in Alghero, singer Franca Masu is the most popular representative of the ancient Catalan culture from Sardinia. During her career, she has collaborated with international jazz musicians and the Sardinian Jazz Orchestra performing across the globe.

Admission to all the concerts is free.



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## Beer festival in Valverde and Catania this weekend

Two exciting beer festivals will kick off this weekend in Catania and Valverde.

The historic center of Valverde will host the 6th edition of the "Weekend della Birra" running from Saturday, July 24 through July 26. The festival will feature beer tasting, entertainment and arts and crafts and food stands. There will also be a Harley Davidson motorcycle gathering on

Sunday, July 26 in the afternoon.

The first edition of the Catania beer festival will begin today in the Catania playa beach area (close to the soccer San Francesco soccer fields located along viale Kennedy) featuring 10 days of fine food and beer tasting as well as live music, entertainment and sports activities.

## Opera in Taormina

Signonella Opera lovers will be very glad to know that Giuseppe Verdi's AIDA will be staged at the breathtaking Greek Theater on August 7, 9 and 11. Set in ancient Egypt, this monumental four-act opera was first performed at the Khedivial Opera House in Cairo in 1871.

For additional information, venues directions, complete schedules and tickets call the Taormina Arte Ticket Office (phone: 0942-628730) or visit [www.ticketone.it](http://www.ticketone.it)

Tickets range from € 28 to € 60.

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# Naro, a hidden gem



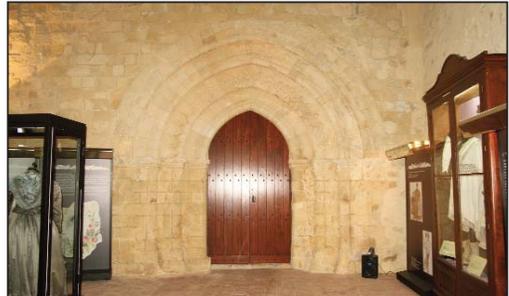
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**Rebekah Jacobs**  
*The Signature* Volunteer

Some experiences in Sicily are well known and well loved-like shopping for fruits and veggies in the Catania market or devouring gelato in Motta. But others are hidden, like secret treasures. After visiting with some local Italians, we discovered a new gem on the Sicilian map: Naro.

Naro is the perfect stop on the way to Agrigento's Valle Dei Templi (Valley of the Temples). It's a medieval town whose thirteenth and fourteenth-century buildings warrant a look for their beauty and importance. This town has successfully preserved its magnificent Baroque legacy yet remains a secret from most American tourists.

The road climbs 17km up, and the sweeping panoramic views down to the coast are remarkable. In fact, King Federico of Swabia named it

(Above) The sweeping views of Naro offer a beautiful sight for all to admire. (Below) The impressive Castello Chiaramonte is a must-see.



(Bottom right) Intricate dresses from middle class women are in perfect condition inside the castle.

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Do you go on cool trips and ever think "Hey, I bet other people would love to experience this place!?" Why not do a quick write-up about your trip and email it to us at the-sig@eu.navy.mil to get it printed in *The Signature*? Submit your article, along with at least six photos and see your name in print!

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"fulgentissima" because of its splendor and brightness. Because of Naro's strategic position, it is one of the highest towns in the Agrigento area.

Naro is a big agricultural center and produces grapes, wheat, olives, citrus fruits and almonds. One can enjoy these treats at the different fairs in Naro, especially at their famous Black Saint, or Santo Nero, festival honoring their patron saint in June.

While in Naro, stroll down Via Dante and enjoy delicious pasta and fresh bread for lunch. One can also admire the many magnificent monuments up and down this main street. The Chiesa del SS. Salvatore serves as a great example of Baroque architecture. The Church of the Saviour, stands on Via Cavour with its fine facade. The Jesuits built The Mother Church in the 17th century. Although one cannot enter it, it is a beautiful site to see. The Palazzo Municipale (Municipality) houses the Bibliotheca and a small museum with local archeological findings. One can also marvel at the decorated façades and the former Convent of Friars Minor with a charming cloister.

The Santuario di S. Calogero is

one of the most ancient sanctuaries of all of Sicily and maintains Santo Nero's crypt. The church was erected in the 16th century and significantly renovated in the Baroque age. Every June 18th, men and women carry the statue through town shouting and praising the saint in jubilation.

After climbing many stairs to get there, one will not be disappointed when they reach the Castello Chiamonte. This impressive castle was built in 1330 over earlier Norman fortifications. Inside the castle, there are incredible examples of the clothes the middle class women wore in the town. These elegant and intricate dresses are in perfect condition and have been donated for all to see. There's even a tribute to a woman who perished when her dress caught fire, and she could not remove it in time.

Perhaps the most wonderful characteristic of Naro is the small town Sicilian hospitality one will find. The gracious people will be happy to point the way as you find these sites.



(Above) The Black Saint is honored in Naro. (Below) There are great examples of Baroque architecture in this Sicilian town.



## Magnolia



## Alghero

# Go Green Sigonella!

Nine ways to go green and save green

**Article** courtesy  
**worldwatch.org**

How can we live lightly on the Earth and save money at the same time? Staff members at the Worldwatch Institute, a global environmental organization, share ideas on how to GO GREEN and SAVE GREEN at home and at work.

Climate change is in the news. It seems like everyone's "going green." We're glad you want to take action, too. Luckily, many of the steps we can take to stop climate change can make our lives better. Our grandchildren-and their children-will thank us for living more sustainably. Let's start now.

We've partnered with the Million Car Carbon Campaign to help you find ways to save energy and reduce your carbon footprint. This campaign is uniting conscious consumers around the world to prevent the emissions-equivalent of 1 million cars from entering the atmosphere each year.

Keep reading for 10 simple things you can do today to help reduce your environmental impact, save money, and live a happier, healthier life.

1. Save energy to save money.
  - Set your thermostat a few degrees lower in the winter and a few degrees higher in the summer to save on heating and cooling costs.
  - Install compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) when your older incandescent bulbs burn out.
  - Unplug appliances when you're not using them. Or, use a "smart" power strip that senses when appliances are off and cuts "phantom" or "vampire" energy use.
  - Wash clothes in cold water whenever possible. As much as 85 percent of the energy used to machine-wash clothes goes to heating the water.
  - Use a drying rack or clothesline to save the energy otherwise used during machine drying. If you must use a dryer, consider adding dryer balls to cut drying time.
2. Save water to save money.
  - Take shorter showers to reduce water use. This will lower your water and

heating bills too.

- Install a low-flow showerhead. They don't cost much, and the water and energy savings can quickly pay back your investment.
- Make sure you have a faucet aerator on each faucet. These inexpensive appliances conserve heat and water, while keeping water pressure high.
- Plant drought-tolerant native plants in your garden. Many plants need minimal watering. Find out which occur naturally in your area.

3. Less gas = more money (and better health!).

- Walk or bike to work. This saves on gas and parking costs while improving your cardiovascular health and reducing your risk of obesity.
- Consider telecommuting if you live far from your work. Or move closer. Even if this means paying more rent, it could save you money in the long term.
- Lobby your local government to increase spending on sidewalks and bike lanes. With little cost, these improvements can pay huge dividends in bettering your health and reducing traffic.

4. Eat smart.

- If you eat meat, add one meatless meal a week. Meat costs a lot at the store-and it's even more expensive when you consider the related environmental and health costs.
- Buy locally raised, humane, and organic meat, eggs, and dairy whenever you can. Purchasing from local farmers keeps money in the local economy.
- Watch videos about why local food and sustainable seafood are so great.
- Whatever your diet, eat low on the food chain. This is especially true for seafood.

5. Skip the bottled water.

- Use a water filter to purify tap water instead of buying bottled water. Not only is bottled water expensive, but it generates large amounts of container waste.
- Bring a reusable water bottle, preferably aluminum rather than plastic, with you when traveling or at work.
- Check out this short article for the

latest on bottled water trends.

6. Think before you buy.

- Go online to find new or gently used secondhand products. Whether you've just moved or are looking to redecorate, consider a service like craigslist or FreeSharing to track down furniture, appliances, and other items cheaply or for free.
- Check out garage sales, thrift stores, and consignment shops for clothing and other everyday items.
- When making purchases, make sure you know what's "Good Stuff" and what isn't.
- Watch a video about what happens when you buy things. Your purchases have a real impact, for better or worse.

7. Borrow instead of buying.

- Borrow from libraries instead of buying personal books and movies. This saves money, not to mention the ink and paper that goes into printing new books.
- Share power tools and other appliances. Get to know your neighbors while cutting down on the number of things cluttering your closet or garage.

8. Keep electronics out of the trash.

- Keep your cell phones, computers, and other electronics as long as possible.
- Donate or recycle them responsibly when the time comes. E-waste contains mercury and other toxics and is a growing environmental problem.
- Recycle your cell phone.

9. Make your own cleaning supplies.

- The big secret: you can make very effective, non-toxic cleaning products whenever you need them. All you need are a few simple ingredients like baking soda, vinegar, lemon, and soap.
- Making your own cleaning products saves money, time, and packaging-not to mention your indoor air quality.



**Galley Menu Hours**

<b>Monday-Friday</b>	<b>Saturday-Sunday-Holiday</b>
<b>Breakfast 0600-0830</b>	<b>Breakfast 0700-0900</b>
<b>Lunch 1100-1300</b>	<b>Brunch 1000-1300</b>
<b>Dinner 1630-1830</b>	<b>Dinner 1630-1830</b>

**24** **Breakfast:** Rolled Oats, Grilled Sausage Links, Oven Fried Bacon, Asstd Omelets, Eggs to Order, Roasted Potatoes, Waffles, Asstd Doughnuts, Cinnamon Rolls.  
**Lunch:** Cream of Mushroom Soup, Beef Stir Fry, Tempura Fish, Steamed Rice, Calico Cabbage, Herbed Broccoli, Tartar Sauce, Strawberry Cake, Lemon Meringue Pie, Fruit Gelatin.  
**Speed line:** Grilled Cheese/Hamburger, Turkey burger, Baked Beans, French Fried Potatoes  
**Dinner:** Egg Drop Soup, Chicken Cacciatore, Beef Cordon Bleu, Rice Pilaf, Southern Green Beans, Savory Squash, Strawberry Cake, Lemon Meringue Pie, Fruit Gelatin.

**25** **Breakfast:** Farina, Grilled Ham Slices, Oven Fried Bacon, Asstd Omelets, Eggs to Order, Roasted Potatoes, Waffles, Asstd Doughnuts, Crumb Cake.  
**Brunch:** Breakfast Items, Chicken Gumbo Soup, Texas Hash, Roast Pork, Cottage Fried Potatoes, Tossed Green Rice, Peas w/ Carrots, Cauliflower Au Gratin, Brown Gravy, Velvet Pound Cake, Vanilla Cream Pie.  
**Dinner:** Zesty Bean Soup, Baked Italian Sausage, Veal Steak, Steamed Rice, Home Fried Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Savory Style Beans, Chicken Gravy, Velvet Pound Cake, Vanilla Cream Pie.

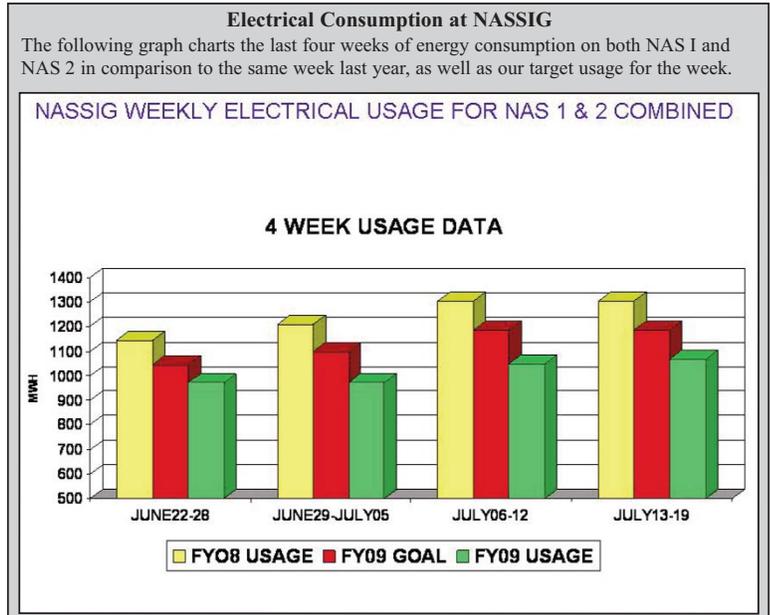
**26** **Breakfast:** Rolled Oats, Grilled Minute Steak, Oven Fried Bacon, Asstd Omelets, Eggs to Order, Roasted Potatoes, French Toast Puff, Asstd Doughnuts, Italian Croissant.  
**Brunch:** Breakfast Items, Knickerbockers Soup, Creole Pork Chops, Macaroni and Cheese, Islander Rice, Corn O'Brien, Green Beans, Marble Cake, Sugar Cookies.  
**Dinner:** Natty Split Pea Soup, Roast Beef, Baked Fish, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Steamed Asparagus, Natural Pan Gravy, Marble Cake, Sugar Cookies.

**27** **Breakfast:** Rolled Oats, Grilled Sausage Links, Oven Fried Bacon, Asstd Omelets, Eggs to Order, Roasted Potatoes, Waffles, Asstd Doughnuts, Cinnamon Rolls.  
**Lunch:** Chicken Gumbo Soup, Beef Yakisoba, Veal Parmesan, Farfalle w/ Tomato Sauce & Shrimp, Steamed Rice, Oven Browned Potatoes, Green Peas, Seasoned Summer Squash, Spice Cake w/ Frosting, Vanilla Cookies, Fruit Gelatin.  
**Speed line:** Sub Sandwich, Cartocciaata, Pasta Primavera.  
**Dinner:** Minestrone Soup, Cantonese Spareibs, Cranberry Glazed Chicken, Pork Fried Rice, Lima Beans, Broccoli Parmesan, Spice Sake w/ Frosting, Vanilla Cookies, Fruit Gelatin.

**28** **Breakfast:** Farina, Oven Fried Bacon, Baked Sausage Patties, Asstd Omelets, Eggs to Order, Roasted Potatoes, Waffles, Asstd Doughnuts, Blueberry Muffins.  
**Lunch:** Egg Drop Soup, Sweet & Sour Pork, Chicken Chopsuey, Egg Foo Young, Chinese Fried Rice, Chow Mein Noodles, Oriental Fried Cabbage, Corn Kernel, Fruit Cocktail Upside Down Cake, Blueberry Pie.  
**Dinner:** Cream of Broccoli Soup, Braised Beef Cubes, Shrimp Scampi, Seasoned Boiled Pasta, Spanish Style Beans, Carrots Slices, Fruit Cocktail Upside Down Cake, Blueberry Pie.

**29** **Breakfast:** Rolled Oats, Creamed Ground Beef, Oven Fried Bacon, Asstd Omelets, Eggs to Order, Roasted Potatoes, Blueberry Pancakes, Biscuits, Asstd Doughnuts, Bear Claw.  
**Lunch:** Beef Noodle Soup, Pepper Steak, Chipper Fish, Spaghetti Carbonara, Bruschetta, Steamed Rice, Franconia Potatoes, Cream Style Corn, Eggplant Parmesan, Almond Cookies, Carrot Cake, Chocolate Pudding.  
**Speed line:** Grilled Cheese/Hamburger, Pork & Beans, French Fried Potatoes.  
**Dinner:** French Onion Soup, Corned Beef & Cabbage, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Steamed Rice, Potatoes Au Gratin, Club Spinach, Steamed Peas & Carrots, Almond Cookies, Carrot Cake, Chocolate Pudding.

**30** **Breakfast:** Hominy Grits, Corned Beef Hash, Oven Fried Bacon, Asstd Omelets, Eggs to Order, Roasted Potatoes, French Toast, Asstd Doughnuts, Raisin Muffin.  
**Lunch:** Vegetable Supreme Soup, Roast Porkloin, Honey Glazed Chicken, Steamed Rice, Roasted Garlic Potatoes, Seasoned Mix Vegetables, Club Spinach, Oatmeal Raisin Cookies, Cherry Cobbler.  
**Speed line:** Assorted Pizza, Sautéed Mushroom, Baked Potatoes, Sourcream, Bacon Bits, Baked Italian Sausage, Sautéed Pepper & Onions.  
**Dinner:** Tomato Bouillon Soup, Ginger Pot Roast, Swedish Meatballs, Red Beans w/ Rice, Mashed Potatoes, Natural Pan Gravy, Creole Green Beans, Corn Kernel, Oatmeal Raisin Cookies, Cherry Cobbler.



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# ON THE GO WITH MWR

## Get out, help out. Volunteer!

Summertime in people repeatedly coming and helping with our events, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) events. Between races, BBQs, fairs and concerts, nearly every weekend has some sort of fun-filled happening going on at either NAS I or NAS II.

But these occasions don't run themselves. There is one key ingredient that every community activity has in common: Volunteers. "I wouldn't be able to run our events without them," said Lisa Roach, MWR Fitness Coordinator. "When we have the same

Volunteers can help out at this summer's fitness and sports events as well as the upcoming youth basketball and cheer season.

"MWR greatly appreciates the investment of time and knowledge that our volunteers share in our numerous activities and programs," said Token Barnhouse, Community Activities Director. "We greatly encourage volunteer support in all of our MWR programs."



A MWR Volunteer runs with a participant at the youth Splash-n-Dash.

### MIDTOWN MOVIE THEATERS

#### SCHEDULE & DESCRIPTIONS



**Friday, July 24**  
1:00pm Igor PG **FREE**  
3:00pm Up PG  
5:00pm Transformers: Revenge PG-13  
5:30pm Harry Potter: Half Blood Prince PG  
8:00pm Land of the Lost PG-13  
8:30pm The Hangover R

**Saturday, July 25**  
2:00pm Harry Potter: Half Blood Prince PG  
2:30pm My Life in Ruins PG-13  
4:30pm Terminator Salvation PG-13  
5:00pm Battle for Terra PG  
7:30pm Drag Me to Hell PG-13  
8:00pm Public Enemies R

**Sunday, July 26**  
2:00pm Harry Potter: Half Blood Prince PG  
2:30pm Transformers: Revenge PG-13  
5:00pm Ice Age: Dawn of Dinosaurs PG  
5:30pm Land of the Lost PG-13  
7:00pm Public Enemies R

**Monday, July 27**  
1:00pm Up PG  
3:00pm Night at the Museum PG  
5:00pm Land of the Lost PG-13  
5:30pm Harry Potter: Half Blood Prince PG  
7:30pm Transformers: Revenge PG-13  
8:30pm Public Enemies R

**Tuesday, July 28**  
5:00pm Ice Age: Dawn of Dinosaurs PG  
5:30pm Drag Me to Hell PG-13  
7:00pm My Life in Ruins PG-13  
7:30pm The Hangover R

**Wednesday, July 29**  
5:00pm Battle for Terra PG  
5:30pm Land of the Lost PG-13  
7:00pm Harry Potter: Half Blood Prince PG  
8:00pm Public Enemies R

**Thursday, July 30**  
1:00pm Ice Age: Dawn of Dinosaurs PG  
3:00pm Potter: Half Blood Prince PG  
5:00pm Terminator Salvation PG-13  
6:00pm Dance Flick PG-13  
7:30pm Transformers Revenge PG-13  
8:00pm Angels and Demons R

#### Drag Me to Hell (PG-13)

*Loma River, Dileep Raver, Alison Lohman, Justin Long*  
Christine Brown is an ambitious L.A. loan officer with a charming boyfriend, professor Clay Dalton. Life is good until the mysterious Mrs. Ganush arrives at the bank to beg for an extension on her home loan. Should Christine follow her instincts and give the old woman a break? Or should she deny the extension to impress her boss, Mr. Jacks, and get a leg-up on a promotion? Christine fatefully chooses the latter, shaming Mrs. Ganush and dispossessing her of her home. In retaliation, the old woman places the powerful Curse of the Lamia on Christine, transforming her life into a living hell. Haunted by an evil spirit and misunderstood by a skeptical boyfriend, she seeks the aid of seer Rham Jas to save her soul from eternal damnation. To help the shattered Christine return her life to normal, the psychic sets her on a frantic course to reverse the spell. As evil forces close in, Christine must face the unthinkable: How far will she go to break free of the curse? (99 min.)

#### Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince (PG)

*Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Tom Felton*  
Voldemort is tightening his grip on both the Muggle and wizarding worlds and Hogwarts is no longer the safe haven it once was. Harry suspects that dangers may even lie within the castle, but Dumbledore is more intent upon preparing him for the final battle that he knows is fast approaching. Together they work to find the key to unlock Voldemort's defenses and, to this end, Dumbledore recruits his old friend and colleague, the well-connected and unsuspecting bon vivant Professor Horace Slughorn, whom he believes holds crucial information. Meanwhile, the students are under attack from a very different adversary as teenage hormones rage across the ramparts. Harry finds himself more and more drawn to Ginny, but so is Dean Thomas. And Lavender Brown has decided that Ron is the one for her, only she hadn't counted on Romilda Van's chocolates! And then there's Hermione, simmering with jealousy but determined not to show her feelings. As romance blossoms, one student remains aloof. He is determined to make his mark, albeit a dark one. Love is in the air, but tragedy lies ahead and Hogwarts may never be the same again. (153 min.)

#### Public Enemies (R)

*Johnny Depp, Christian Bale, Marion Cotillard, Channing Tatum*  
No one could stop John and his gang. No jail could hold him. His charm and audacious jailbreaks endeared him to almost everyone from his girlfriend Billie to an American public who had no sympathy for the banks that had plunged the country into the depression. But while the adventures of the Dillinger gang, later including Baby Face Nelson and Alvin Karpis thrilled many, J. Edgar Hoover made Dillinger America's first public enemy number one and sent in Melvin Purvis, the dashing Clark Gable of the FBI. However, Dillinger and his gang outwitted and outgunned Purvis' men in wild chases and shootouts. Only after importing a crew of Western ex-lawmen and orchestrating epic betrayals, from the infamous lady in red to the Chicago crime boss Frank Nitti, were Purvis, the FBI and their crew of gunfighters able to close in on Dillinger. (130 min.)

Movie dates and times are subject to change.

#### SHOWING FRIDAY, JULY 31

1:00pm Ice Age: Dawn of Dinosaurs PG  
3:00pm Up PG  
5:00pm Land of the Lost PG-13  
5:30pm Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince PG  
7:30pm Imagine That PG  
8:30pm The Taking of Pelham 123 R

#### COMING SOON

Year One

## Lipari for Labor Day



Spend your Labor Day weekend in the beautiful black sands of Lipari. ITT Gear-n-Go is heading off to the Aeolian Island of Lipari for an unforgettable Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4-7.

Famous for its black sand beaches and crystal water, Lipari is the largest of the Aeolian Islands. The main town is also called Lipari, and has many interesting shops and museums to visit. Adventurous travelers can even take an invigorating hike up Mont Sant'Angelo. Like the other Aeolian Islands, Lipari is home

to famous sulfur mud baths.

ITT will be departing Friday, Sept. 4 on a three-day camping adventure. Camping gear is included in the price of the trip as well as a BBQ for all attendees. The campsite is located close to downtown. There will be opportunities to scuba dive, snorkel, sightsee, or visit the other Aeolian Islands by ferry, such as Vulcano or Stromboli.

Sign ups are being taken now at ITT Gear-n-Go. There is limited space and this trip fills fast. For more information, call 624-4777.

## New gear at ITT

For anyone looking to "get out of the triangle," ITT Gear-n-Go can get you set up with the equipment you need. They have brand new items for rental including road and moun-

tain bikes, tabletop gas grills, kayaks, GPS devices and much more. Rent for a day, a weekend or a week. Stop by ITT Gear-n-Go for a price list or call 624-4777.

For more information on MWR's programs and services, call 624-3968.

MOVIE HOTLINE:  
624-4248

**MEMORIAL, continued from page 1**

Montgomery, Patton, and Eisenhower, decided to use the troops from the recently won North African Campaign to invade Sicily. The invasion group consisted of American, Canadian, and British forces, with General Eisenhower in overall command of the invasion with the U.S. 7th Army, at the time commanded by Lieutenant General Patton, landing at Gela.

On the night of July 9, the Allies launched one of the largest combined operations of World War II here on Sicily, called Operation: HUSKY. Over the next 38 days, 1.5 million Allied soldiers, sailors, and airmen would fight for control of Sicily. Operation: HUSKY represented a historical first: the very first large-scale combat parachute jump over hostile territory, and the first regimental-sized combat parachute assault conducted by the United States Army.

The 505th Parachute Combat Team of the 82d Airborne Division was to parachute behind enemy lines between Caltagirone and the beaches in Gela. They would then close off roads leading to beaches and secure the drop zone for a safe beach landing. Mother Nature, however, did not cooperate.

While the seaborne invasion force was nearing Sicily from the south, 226 C-47 transport aircrafts loaded with 3,407 paratroopers took off from fields in Tunisia for their parachute drop under the cover of darkness.

Paratroopers, trained to drop in winds of 12-15 miles per hour, were forced to drop in winds of 35 miles per hour. As a result, the paratroopers were scattered widely over the southern part of the island, and experienced harsh landings in rocky gullies, fields, streams and roads. Some even landed near or on enemy positions.

The 1st Battalion of the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, commanded by Lt. Col. Arthur Gorham, found themselves among three German Army pillboxes and an approaching Panzer Division from the northeast at Ponte Dirillo. They set about clearing the defenders from their pillboxes and trenches before quickly seizing the bridge. Even though outmanned and outgunned, the 505th blocked the Tiger Tanks of the German Panzer Division from advancing toward the Allied landings on the beachhead and undoubtedly saved countless Allied lives.

While leading his men, Lt. Col. Gorham himself grabbed a rocket launcher and edged his way within range of a menacing Tiger Tank which had continued to roll forward. Gorham, out in the open and in full view of enemy tankers, kneeled to take aim at the tank, an action which led to his death.

Today, living on a peaceful Sicily, it is hard to imagine the adversity felt and bravery displayed by the warriors on both side of this battle.

The fierce fight at Ponte Dirillo and Biazza Ridge resulted in the loss of 39 American lives; however, their actions allowed for successful beach landing at Gela. There is a memorial marker at Ponte Dirillo located on the side of a farm house situated near the 281KM marker on the SS115 with the names of those brave men. Among the names you will find a Navy Ensign.

Today, I often hear people say that nothing good comes out of war. War is terrible to be sure; however, I ask you to stop for a second and think about how life in Europe and America would be different if the Allies had simply accepted the Nazi plans for European domination.

On July 10, 2009, 66 years after the beginning of the battle for Sicily, a group of us stopped to honor the warriors that fought for our freedoms. Freedoms that are the basis for our modern way of life. A life that allowed all Europeans and Americans liberty and the pursuit of happiness. I was honored to be there to recognize the contribution of those brave men. I ask you to take a moment from your busy day and remember the meaning of those who valiantly fought and died in Gela and at Ponte Dirillo.

Are you interested in seeing some American history in Sicily? Try some of these landmarks:

- The beach at Gela. Next to City Hall there is a marker commemorating the landing which you can see the entire beach from.

- The memorial marker at Ponte Dirillo near the 281KM marker on the SS115, located on the side of a farm house.

Perhaps you have experienced some of the history that Sicily has to offer. Why not take a day to experience American history in Sicily?

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as they will keep the heat in your skin. Do not break or squeeze the fluid out of blisters.

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lighting the grill.

3. Shortly after they started cooking, the tank ruptured at the valve, the faulty valve was unforeseen.

4. The tenant immediately phoned 911 to report the incident. The tenant did not have an extinguisher on hand. He knew that an Assistant Chief for the Fire Department lived nearby, so he went to his house to inform him of the incident and ask for help.

5. As first responders, they immediately started to evacuate the housing units within the immediate vicinity.

6. Upon arrival, the Fire Department was able to cool the tank with an attack line and removed the tank from the pit.

7. Thanks to fast action on the tenant's part, there were no injuries and minimal property damage.

Lessons learned from this incident:

1. Always be ready for unforeseen problems when dealing with fire. The tenant did what he could to ensure that the tank was safe, but the valve ruptured without warning.

2. If you do not own an extinguisher, you should buy one. The NEX has different styles and sizes.

3. Do not BBQ within 10 ft. of a combustible item.

4. When dealing with propane tanks, use a spray bottle with a couple drops of dish soap in it to check for leaks that can not be seen or heard. Connect your hose, turn on the tank and then spray the mixture around

connections and tank. Look for bubbles. This will help spot the smallest of leaks.

If you have any questions about BBQ safety, please contact the Fire Prevention Office at 624-5205/6957/5200.

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and create a better atmosphere among everyone.

Local Italian friends extend to us a wonderful welcome. Their natural hospitality is very contagious. Perhaps we can express our appreciation by saying 'Grazie' for what they do for us. Finally, we have received abundant blessings from the Lord in our families, friends, and local communities. Let's express our gratitude to the giver of all blessings. Take time to visit him in prayer at the chapel and any other place. "We give thanks to God always" (1 Thessalonians 1.2)

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Medicine is represented there, but Navy Medicine is represented every place that I have a corpsman, a Marine that has a corpsman, a nurse, a Medical Service Corps officer, or a Dental Corps officer. Every place in which there is a Navy representative is a place that I should visit if possible. It's never too small for me as surgeon general to go and tell the people that I thank them for their service, and that I'm honored to be their representative in Navy Medicine."

**NAS Sigonella Ombudsman Program Our Mission:**

-Primary liaison between families and the command

-To be an advocate for families and single sailors

-To disseminate information regarding command policies, services available, deployments, and Individual Augmentee (IA) support

-To be the primary POC for families and single sailors and to refer them to the appropriate agency for questions, concerns, help, or intervention

**Our Commitment:**

- We are committed to representing and supporting the command as well as the families and single sailors

-We are committed to presenting accurate and up-to-date information for referrals

-We are committed to COMPASSIONATE and CONFIDENTIAL advocacy within the guidelines of OPNAVINST 1750.1F

-We are committed to being available 24/7. Please keep calls between 0900-2000 unless you are experiencing an emergency. Call us at 624-4291 or 24/7 at 335-580-1269 for more information.

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# THE SPORTS LINE

Article by MC3 Jonathan Idle,  
 The Signature Staff  
 Regular season softball  
 comes to a close

The Naval Air Station (NAS) Sigonella regular season of intramural softball came to close July 17 at the softball field on NAS II.

The two final games featured dominating performances by the Booyah Tribe and Commander Task Force - 67 (CTF-67) who won their games 13-3 and 18-7 respectively.

The first game pitted the Booyah Tribe against the team from Public Works (PW) in a rematch from last season's finale where the two teams fought it out for the best overall record. There was no such drama this year as the Booyah Tribe was clearly the best team in intramural play having suffered only one early season loss to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Eight (EODMU8).

The Booyah Tribe put up the first runs of the game with a three-run burst in the top-half of the first inning.

PW posted their only three runs of the ballgame in the bottom-half of the second inning but the Booyah Tribe had already put up five more runs in the inning to take an 8-3 lead.

The game stayed at the same score until the top of the fourth inning when the Booyah Tribe added three more runs for an run lead making the score 11-3.

The Booyah Tribe was in full control and cruising thanks to the pitching of Personnel Specialist 1st Class Mike Elder.

The Booyah Tribe posted their final two runs of the game in the top half of the fifth inning when Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Roy Davis and Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Will Read hit back-to-back in the park homeruns giving the Booyah Tribe a 13-3 lead.

The game was called at the end of the fifth on the run-rule which states if a team leads by 10 or more runs after five innings, the game is over.

The second game of the night featured CTF-67 versus the Sigonella Lady Crush.

CTF-67 put up three runs in the top of the first inning, but the Lady Crush answered with two runs of their own in the bottom-half to make it a close game with a score of 3-2.

In the second inning, CTF-67 put up another three runs, but once again the Lady Crush answered the call with four runs to bring the game to a tie score 6-6 through two innings.

The third inning was a different story altogether. CTF-67 batted-around their line-up and then some, exploding for an 11 run inning. The

Lady Crush could only muster one run in the bottom-half of the inning to make the score 17-7.

CTF-67 added one more run for good measure in the fourth inning to end the scoring for the game at 18-7.

The game was called in the fifth inning due to the run-rule.

With the regular season complete, only the playoffs and the Captain's Cup Tournament remain on the schedule for the softball season.

The playoffs are tentatively scheduled to start Wednesday, July 29 with Captain's following in early August.

The Booyah Tribe will be going for their fifth straight Captain's Cup Title after a dominating performance in last year's tournament.



Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Will Read takes a swing at a pitch during his final regular season softball game for the Booyah Tribe. The Booyah Tribe won the game 13-3 and walked away with the league's best record.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### National Night Out

National Night Out is an event that takes place across the United States and the world for neighbors to come together to help build a stronger and safer community. National Night Out this year is on August 4 at the Sports Field at Marina. The event will be kicked off by a parade at 5 p.m. The parade will start at the main gate and end at the sports field. There will be food, games and many great activities for the children to get better acquainted with their community. There will also be a demonstration by the Military Working Dogs, a watermelon eating contest, and the Pie-in-the-Eye event will take place here. This is the perfect event and perfect night to get to know your neighbors.

### Job Opportunities

MWR is looking for a driver for the Weekend Liberty Shuttle. This is a contracted position. Vehicle is provided. Driver's License and/or Italian translation are required. Open to U.S. and Italian citizens. Call 624-0405 for more information or email john.lenz@eu.navy.mil.

FISC Department, Sigonella, is soliciting for one "full-time" or two "part-time" REGISTERED NURSE, personalized service contracts, for the Flight Line Clinic, NAS II. FISC Department, Sigonella is also soliciting for one "full-time" or two "part-time" REGISTERED NURSE and CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT, personalized service contracts, for the Clinic at the U.S. Naval Hospital, NAS II. Closing date is 07 August 2009. Sources must be eligible for US employment. Solicitation packages will be available at the FISC Department, NAS II. Point of contacts are Mr. LaColla, at 095-865727 (DSN 624-5727) or Ms. Randazzo, at 095-563792 (DSN 624-3792).

### SAWS

The Stray Animal Facility (SAF) will have dog walking hours starting next week from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. There will always be someone there to let the dogs out during those 2 hours. If you cannot make it during those two hours, you can still call SAF and discuss with them what time you can come by to walk and/or play with the dogs and see if they are available at the same times.

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# 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 5 p.m. of the Friday before the week of publication. For more information, call 624-5440, 624-2798 or 095-86-5440/2798. Requests for commercial classifieds must be made to Stampa Generale at 081-568-7884.

Send Il Mercato advertisements to [thesig@eu.navy.mil](mailto:thesig@eu.navy.mil)

If you are transferring to Sigonella and would like to see the Il Mercato section in full, email us at [thesig@eu.navy.mil](mailto:thesig@eu.navy.mil) from your .mil account to verify your affiliation with the U.S. Military.

Anyone interested in sending ads via email should leave a phone number and point of contact name at [thesig@eu.navy.mil](mailto:thesig@eu.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/American base employees. Ad must be 40 words or less and typed in regular upper case, lower case format. *The Signature* does not accept 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*, call Stampa Generale @ 081-568-7884.

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