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Back to school for Stephen Decatur students



Photo by SN Michelle Watkins

First graders begin their first day of the new school year. Aug. 26 marked the first day of school, as students became familiar with their classmates, teachers and new classrooms. For some it was their first time saying goodbye to parents; for others it was a reunion with classmates from last year.

UMUC offers scholarships

Office of Publications, Maryland in Europe

University of Maryland University College (UMUC) Maryland in Europe offers a variety of \$500 scholarships for both undergraduate and graduate studies that can be used for tuition and books beginning Term 2 (Oct. 28).

Students who already receive financial aid are still eligible to apply. Students should check with their local education center to find out the requirements for each of the scholarships as some may vary, but all scholarships require an essay.

"Students seem to shudder at the very mention of writing an essay," said Jeff Pruitt, UMUC Assistant Director of Financial aid. "The essay requirement is not really that bad, plus there are no wrong answers. For an hour or two of work, students could possibly receive \$500 in credit that can be used towards tuition and books at Maryland. In terms of effort expended, it's worth it."

The financial aid office provides tips to students in writing their essay. Some of the helpful hints include addressing the topic of the essay, proofreading carefully, being concise and clear when writing, and using the proper format (left alignment, typed, and double-spaced). The office also reminds students to include their scholarship application with the essay.

The deadline to apply for scholarships is Sept. 6. Visit www.ed.umuc.edu or the local education center for the scholarship application and requirements. For additional information contact the Office of Financial Aid at DSN 370-6762, CIV +49 (0) 6221-3780, or e-mail edfso@ed.umuc.edu.

SAWS record number of adoptions

By JO3 Jay Price

Editor

At the start of the fiscal year 2002, Sigonella Animal Welfare Society had more animals in cages than they knew what to do with. Many dogs and cats had to share cages as the facility was overflowing with strays and domestic pets that had run off.

Diseases were also attacking many of the animals, killing two dogs within a few days of their capture. The stray cats that weren't caged and were running off were doubling every 63 days, creating a rather large colony but most were diseased and dying off on a daily basis.

According to STG2 Dave Teets, the Security Animal Facility and SAWS coordinator, it was the security officer who saw the problem for what it was, and standing up when most of the rules

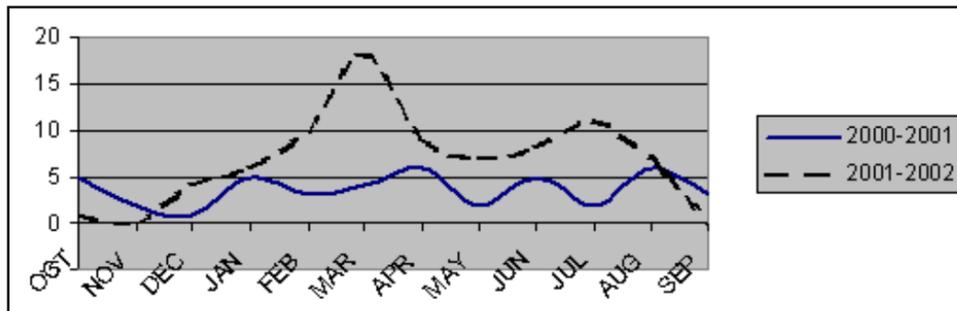
weren't being enforced.

Once in capable hands, the animals were then looked at in a different light. The new Catch and Release Program cleaned up the over-population of feral cats, where cats were being caught on a daily basis and with the assistance of the Veterinary Clinic, they were spayed or neutered then released to the area they were caught. Within a few months, the population of cats was under control. Many more feral cats still roam the streets of NAS I and II, as it will always be an ongoing mission to control the number of strays.

According to Teets, it wasn't only the Veterinary Clinic and Security Department who were working on the population and well being of the animals; the hundreds of voluntary hours that the community had generously given to the facility, the hundreds of donated items from the Nearly New Store, the pet food, kitty litter, soap, brushes, leashes, and animal carriers all proved to better the facility in one way or another.

Teets placed a special thanks to the Security Department for stepping up to provide SAF its own budget and pitching in with getting a pressure washer.

The three-man crew most responsible SAWS' success is SM3 Tom McDonnell, MA2 Dusten Persons and STG2 Dave Teets.



Throughout the two fiscal years, the number of adoptions doubled, and in March 02, 18 cats and dogs had been adopted. Vertically are the numbers of dogs and cats adopted.

ICR for Italian workers planned

By JO1 Craig Coleman

Managing Editor

An Italian worker says to his American colleague, "I'll see you this afternoon." What does he mean? The American may think his coworker means after lunch, at around 1 p.m. while the Italian may mean after riposo, maybe around 5 p.m. NASSIG Sailors, who have been through the mandatory Intercultural Relations Course (ICR), have been taught the basics of Italian culture and communication techniques in an effort to clarify situations like this one, but what about his Italian counterpart?

The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) will begin a new ICR training course for local national workers in September. Italians who have worked at NASSIG for up to one year will be eligible.

"We improve communication," said Cinzia Spampinato, Intercultural Relations Program Manager. "Cross-cultural training in a multicultural environment like NASSIG is essential to mission accomplishment."

The course will include an examination of American and Italian perceptions of each other, a comparison of geographic and population size of the U.S. and Italy, a look at American versus Italian work ethics and a breakdown of the U.S Navy structure.

Spampinato believes that new local national workers need IRC training. "You are entering a new and unfamiliar world," she said. "There are some behaviors that we do unconsciously that are driven by our (cultural) values and we may not even know they exist."

The Italian IRC, like its American counterpart, will first try to raise the student's cultural awareness. Spampinato compares the brain to a computer and the mind to its software operating system. The software is influenced by culture. "We have all developed mental software that influences how we think and behave," Spampinato said. "People of other cultures develop different software of the mind."

Without this understanding we travel the world deaf and blind, thinking that our culture is superior, or that there is only one way of doing a thing."

The second phase of the training involves gaining intercultural knowledge. Spampinato said that knowledge of the new culture is important because, "If you don't know anything about the culture how can you expect to adapt?"

The third step is the development of intercultural skills, which may only be developed by putting intercultural knowledge into practice. "You may read about Italy," Spampinato said. "Or friends may tell you stories about Italy, but until you use that knowledge you won't develop skills."

Finally, awareness, knowledge and skills combine to produce a person who is adapted to the new multicultural environment. "A person who is bicultural is able to function effectively in both cultures," said Spampinato. "It's a matter of identifying the sets of values in American society and understanding those values."

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Italian phrase of the week...

Frutti di mare.



(Seafood.)

SECURITY BLOTTER



Helping make the community aware

CRIME STOPPER'S HOTLINE 624-6389

Aug. 19 - Aug. 26

The following incidents were reported and categorized as follows:

- Traffic accidents without injuries - 6
- Traffic accident with injuries - 3
- Car break-ins - 6
- DUI - 0
- DUI's 2002 - 15
- DUI's 2001 - 33

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Direct Line

Capt. Tim Davison, NASSIG
Commanding Officer



I wanted to take the time to mention how personally grateful I am for the tremendous support, dedication and service the Defense Commissary Agency (DECA) store and staff provide us here at NAS Sigonella. Since opening our new commissary this summer, they have provided us with a wider variety of products, ranging from fresh fruits, vegetables, ice cream, beverages, pre-prepared and frozen foods, and even exotic house plants than was possible in the cramped, less capable store we previously shopped at for groceries. The new bakery makes us fresh, delicious breads and pastries. The deli staff is always friendly, courteous and willing to help with a special order or favorite sandwich. However, sometimes items have not been as readily available, particularly perishable items such as milk, eggs and meat, due to delivery schedules or product availability.

When the new store opened, it was at the end of the school year, family vacations began and teachers returned to the states. Since government regulations require DECA to be run like a business, the commissary management wisely cut back on some of the ordering so there would not be a huge product loss or spoilage. In June and July, the shelves were fully stocked and sales were up 18 percent. In August, the store in Costanzo closed and the 70 families who live up there have increased their use of the new commissary. The management anticipated this and started increasing the orders ahead of time. For the last several weeks, the staff has increased the size of specific orders to keep high demand products on the shelves. Even with their additional ordering efforts, there have been some shortages.

This month, items such as eggs and meat have not kept pace with the demand. There are several reasons why this happened. As you know, August is a busy time for many of us, but even more so because our Italian neighbors and co-workers go on vacation throughout the month. Some deliveries were not made during the regular delivery schedule, as each trucking company has a different vacation schedule. The Housing Office has made available freezer units so that families can stock up on more frozen and meat items. Additionally, some of the products come from Germany, so if the delivery company is on vacation, it takes a little longer to get here.

Just to let you know what the "typical" delivery schedule is:

- Two meat and milk orders a week are delivered on Tuesday and Friday
- One egg order a week is delivered on Tuesday
- Two water orders a week are delivered on Monday and Thursday.
- Two produce orders a week are delivered on Tuesday and Friday.

This is a rough delivery guide to follow and unfortunately, some things affecting the weekly plan are beyond the immediate control of the commissary staff and management.

Other special events during August have also contributed to the challenges the commissary has in keeping the shelves stocked. Teachers and families, new Sailors and civilian employees have started to arrive. The commissary staff estimates the number of new personnel on base, and they order items based on these estimates. Please be patient with the commissary staff as they balance the greater capabilities of the new store, the challenge of keeping the perishable items that are on the shelves fresh, and the fluctuating needs of the community. Be assured that they are working to maintain a fully stocked commissary for all authorized patrons to enjoy.

The Pulse

Hand, foot and mouth disease

Article courtesy of USNH Sigonella Flight Line Clinic

You notice small blisters and red dots on our child's hands, feet or mouth; what do you do now?

This is commonly called hand, foot and mouth (HFMD or Coxsackievirus) disease. It has been described as "the common cold with a rash."

Three to five days after being exposed to the disease, it typically starts with cold-like symptoms that last about three to five days. The full infection with HFMD also has sores, curiously enough, on the hands, feet and mouth. The sores on the hands and feet are usually somewhat oval shaped flat blisters that don't appear to hurt. The ones in the mouth start off as blisters in the back of the mouth and then they rupture and form ulcers for a few days. The skin rash may last for 7-10 days. Most kids with HFMD aren't too sick, although some fever and the sores in the mouth can bother them. Occasionally, you'll find sores on the buttocks too.

HFMD primarily affects young children, but anyone can get it, even adults. Most cases occur in the summer and early fall. Outbreaks may occur among groups of children or adults who gather in a common area (e.g. schools or child care centers).

The virus is spread primarily through contact with bodily secretions of ill persons, usually on the hands or face or on toys. The virus is not spread through water so swimming after or near ill persons is not likely to spread the disease unless you come in direct contact with active secretions.

The greatest communicability is during the acute phase of illness when people are feeling ill. Persons who feel ill or are experiencing cold-like symptoms should minimize contact with other people and avoid swimming.

What is the treatment for hand foot and mouth disease?

There is no specific treatment for the virus that causes hand, foot, and mouth disease. The whole thing only lasts a few days and goes away spontaneously. Antibiotics do not help.

How do I prevent getting the disease?

By following a few key safety rules, you can help prevent and control the spread of hand, foot and mouth disease:

- Wash hands well, especially after going to the bathroom, changing diapers and handling diapers or other stool-soiled material
- Cover the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing
- Wash toys and other surfaces that have saliva on them
- Children should be excluded from child care or school settings if there is a fever and/or ulcers in the mouth.
- If blisters/lesions are open and weeping, children should be excluded from child care settings until the blisters are dried and crusted

What should I do if I think someone in my family might have hand, foot and mouth disease?

This information is not intended to be used for self-diagnosis or as a substitute for consultation with a health care provider. If someone is concerned that they may have this disease please schedule an appointment as soon as practical with their Primary Care Provider. The clinic phone number for family members is 624-4622. The Flight Line Clinic phone number for active duty is 624-5455.

FFSC introduces parenting class

Article courtesy of Fleet and Family Service Center

Raising children is a challenge, but parenting younger children and teenagers can be one of the most challenging tasks parents face today. The parenting skills that we learned from our parents may or may not be effective for today's children. Add the factors of military family lifestyle and you can find yourself feeling frustrated, inadequate and isolated from your children.

STEP TEEN (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting) Class Schedule

STEP 1. "Understanding Your Teenager and Yourself" focuses on various parenting styles to enhance parenting skills and address teen behavior and attitudes.

STEP 2. "Building Your Teen's Self Esteem" focuses on developing strategies for parents to encourage and build their teen's self esteem.

STEP 3. "Communication With Your Teen" focuses on how to effectively communicate with your teen.

STEP 4. "Discipline and Your Teen" focuses on the effectiveness of various approaches to teen discipline.

STEP FOR KIDS (Systematic Training For Effective Parenting)

STEP 1. "Understanding Children's Behavior and Misbehavior" focuses on various parenting styles and allows parents to enhance their parenting skills. Also addresses children's behavior and attitudes.

STEP 2. "Encouragement: Building Your Child's Confidence and Feeling of Worth" focuses on developing strategies for parents on how to encourage and build their child's self esteem.

STEP 3. "Communication: How to Listen to Your Child" focuses on how parents can improve their communication skills and relationship with their child.

STEP 4. "Natural And Logical Consequences" focuses on the effectiveness of different approaches to disciplining your child.

Instructor, Ms. Galya J. Taborn, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, has 30 years of experience working with children and families.

If you would like to sign up for the STEP TEEN, please contact the FFSC between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at 624-4291, or visit FFSC.



Garlicky Greens Sicilian Style

By Bea Cook

Contributing writer

3/4 pounds kale, rinsed and coarsely chopped
3/4 pounds Swiss chard rinsed and coarsely chopped

(chard is a white beet with leafy edible leaves)
1 teaspoon olive oil
1/3 cup golden raisins
1/4 cup pitted black olives (about 9), slivered
4 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 tsp red pepper flakes
Dash salt

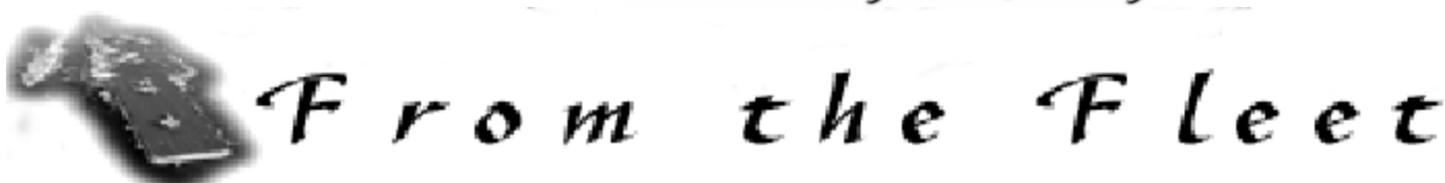
Bring 2 cups of water to a boil in a large, wide saucepan. Add kale, cover pan and cook for 4 minutes. Stir in chard and cook for 3 minutes; water should be almost gone. Transfer vegetables to a bowl. Heat oil in same saucepan used to cook greens over medium heat. Add greens, raisins, olives, garlic and red pepper flakes, and sauté for 2 minutes or until greens are tender. Season with salt to taste.

S.A.F.

Dogs: 2
Cats: 0
Puppies: 0
Kittens: 2



Call 624-3200 for the Stray Animal Facility if you are looking for a particular animal (i.e. Breed, size, color or age).



From the Fleet

Navy NASCAR Truck Hits the Ground Running

By Lt. Cmdr. Joyce Zongrone, Naval Reserve NIB SW 111 Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) — The Navy's coming ashore these days and, instead of hitting the road, it's pounding the racetrack.

With eight top-10 finishes in 15 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series races, the U.S. Navy-sponsored NASCAR Racing Truck is part of an ongoing recruiting and retention effort.

Jon Wood, driver of the No. 50 Rousch Racing Ford F-150, is currently sitting at 11th overall in the Craftsman Truck Series with seven races remaining in the season.

There is more to the Navy's relationship with racing than its name on a truck. The partnership with Rousch Racing provides an opportunity to motivate and attract young people to the Navy. The move is also intended to encourage active-duty Sailors to stay Navy.

"As NASCAR has consistently been the number one spectator sport in America, this sponsorship will provide a tremendous amount of positive exposure for the Navy," said ENCS (SW) J. Romagnoli Jr.

Today's young Sailors have much in common with the 20-year-old Wood and his pit crew, according to Capt. Jake Ross, Director of the Navy's Center for Career Development (CCD).

"The level of teamwork that goes into winning a race is the same as launching a fighter jet off the deck of an aircraft carrier," said Ross.

Also, the sport of racing, like the Navy, is family oriented. Each year, more than 75-million NASCAR fans turn out with their families to enjoy a day at the races.

"Driver John Wood is part of a proud Wood family of racers just as the Navy is a family-ori-

ented service and proud of it," according to Capt. Timothy Goodwin, Director of Communications at CCD.

A military flyover and a color guard presentation will accompany the next race in the series, a Sept. 5 tilt at the Richmond International Raceway in Richmond, Va.

Caring Navy Caps Kids

By Journalist 2nd Class Kimberly Rodgers

CHICAGO (NNS) — Sailors from the Navy Office of Information, Midwest (NAVINFO MW), extended gifts of care and concern to patients of Chicago's Children's Memorial Hospital Aug. 12 as part of a four-year-old Navy "Caps For Kids" program.

Eager children lined up to hear first-hand about the Navy and to accept hats NAVINFO Sailors offered them. In addition to ball caps, each child received an "Honorary Sailor" certificate, Navy stickers and a copy of All Hands Magazine.

With bright smiles and wishful eyes, the children donned their new Navy caps in appreciation to Sailors, who presented the caps on behalf of Sailors who provided them from several operational commands throughout the Fleet.

The Navy Office of Information, Southwest (NAVINFO SW), based in Dallas, Texas, launched the program as a regional community relations effort in 1999.

By early 2000, with more than 100 commands participating and cap donations reaching more than 1,300, NAVINFO SW expanded the program into a national effort.

The success of the Navy's "Caps for Kids" program revolves solely around Fleet support.

"We send annual request letters to every commanding officer in the Fleet, knowing well there is not a special fund for caps and no requirement to participate in the program," said Lt. Cmdr. Jack

Todd, Director of NAVINFO SW.

"We want the donating Sailors and units to truly be a part of the program," Todd said. To accomplish this, NAVINFO SW sends a letter thanking each participating unit and later tells them when, where and who gave their caps out.

Currently, more than 300 commands have donated ball caps and Navy memorabilia to bring cheer to young patients throughout the United States. Sailors add sentiment to the gifts by signing them, some with a brief word of encouragement.

Crewmembers visiting CONUS ports or their ship's namesake are ideal for "Caps For Kids" visits. For example, USS Constellation (CV 64) and USS Bunker Hill (CG 52) Sailors recently conducted a "Caps" visit while at Seattle's Sea Fair, and Sailors from USS Houston (SSN 713) gave caps to kids at Houston's Texas Children's Hospital.

Ball caps from the VP 40 Fighting Marlins, VP 26 Tridents, USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55), and USS Samuel Eliot Morison (FFG 13) were given to the children during the Chicago visit.

"It was so much fun," said Teri Foster, an official with the Chicago hospital. "I love to see smiles on the kids' faces. They go through a lot. I think it was a hit, for sure. We really appreciate the Navy taking time out to do these kinds of things."

"The hospitals are always very receptive to the visits," said Love.

"I think it's important to know you can bring a smile to a child's face. You can walk in the room and their whole world lights up."

The "Caps For Kids" point of contact is YN2 (SW) Derrick Love at NAVINFO Southwest. Sailors and command representatives interested in taking part in this national community outreach program should contact Love at (214) 767-2553 or navinfo_dal_3@earthlink.net.

AOSC New Membership Tea

NAS Sigonella All Officers' Spouse's Club is hosting their annual New Membership Welcome Tea on Sept. 5.

Membership is extended to spouses of commissioned officers, warrant officers, and spouses of retired officers residing in the area, as well as civilian personnel of GS-7 and above and NATO officers and their spouses. If you are available, please consider joining us at this relaxing and informational reception that will include light beverages and hors d'oeuvres.

ADAMS Supervisor Training

Want to be a better supervisor? Attend the one-day Alcohol and Drug Abuse Managers/Supervisors (ADAMS) for supervisor training being held Sept. 24 and 25.

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Labor Day Hours

Navy Exchange hours of operation for Monday, Sept. 2 will be the same as regular Saturday hours (9 a.m. - 6 p.m.) due to the holiday. The Food Court will remain open until 9 p.m.

HC 4

Change of Command

Cmdr. Daniel Braswell will be relieved by Cmdr. Michael Fitzpatrick as the Commanding Officer of HC 4 Aug. 31. The guest speaker, Capt. James Scurria is a former CO of HC 4 and a plank-owner.

Command Spotlight: Travel Section ensures rapid claims payments

By JO1 Craig Coleman

Managing Editor

Service members are often tasked with traveling on military business. Whether the trip is short or long, pleasant or difficult, the final act of TAD travel is completion of the travel claim. But what happens between the submission of paperwork and receipts to your Pass Liaison Representative (PLR) and the day the money claimed arrives in your bank account? Claims are processed and sent to the

Defense Finance and Accounting Service by PSD's TAD Travel Section.

"We help customers who go TAD in their mission by paying their travel advances and then liquidating their claims when they get back from their missions off-base," said DK1(SW) Ron Zimmermann, Travel Voucher Auditor. Although PSD has 10 working days to process a travel claim, Zimmermann said they usually complete them in 3 to 4 working days.

Department PLRs check the member's claim looking for errors, omissions or missing receipts. The claims are then taken to the Travel Office, where a travel voucher examiner, like DK3 Claritza Alicea, signs for them and logs them into the Integrated Automated Travel System computer. Alicea, nearing the end of her two-year tour here, verifies that each claim has filed correctly and often finds mistakes that, if not corrected, could cause the claim to be rejected.

"When a customer wants to be reimbursed for something they need to have their command put it in their orders," Alicea said. "Sometimes we send the claim back to have their orders modified so that the next set of orders they send will get them paid for their rental car."

DK2 Luis Paredes is a travel voucher examiner, the assistant auditor and also processes all USNR travel claims. When asked

which facet of his job he enjoys most, the three-year Sigonella veteran said, "I like to do them all. It's a lot of work, but I like this job."

According to Alicea, continuity makes her job enjoyable. "The best thing about this job is when you wake up in the morning you know what you're going to do when you get to work," said Alicea. "You have a picture of how it's going to be."

Continuity is important, but for Paredes, continuity doesn't mean boredom. "Every one of those claims is different," he said. "They have different entries, different inputs. The traveler can go to many places in the same trip and Navy travelers can go anywhere."

At times it gets monotonous, but most of the time it's good," said Zimmermann. "Knock out 20 to 30 claims in a day and you're done."

From travel to the Italian mainland to travel to the other end of the globe, the TAD Travel staff ensure claims are filed properly and returns are received promptly.

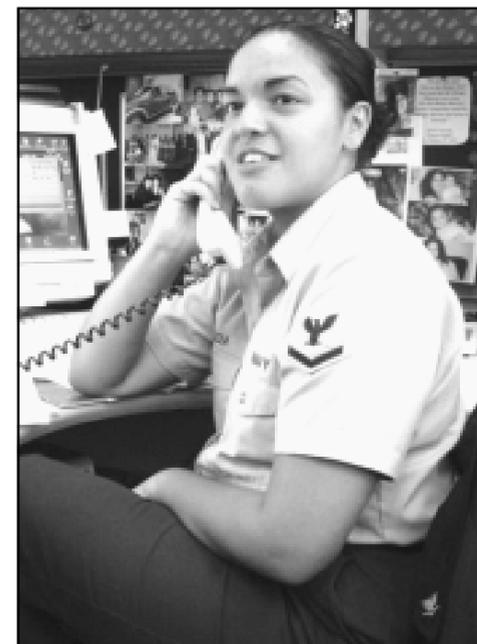


A Sailor shows a coworker a computer printout of completed travel claims.

Photo by JO1 Craig Coleman

Common travel claim mistakes

- Missing signatures on claim
- Unclaimed items that should be claimed
- TDYs to CONUS need to claim lodging tax separately
- Not marking block 16 when claiming driving mileage to airport
- Not providing exchange rate of the country visited



A Sailor helps a customer over the telephone.

Photo by JO1 Craig Coleman

By Alberto Lunetta
Community Relations

Italian News

SICILIAN CULTURE AND LIFESTYLE

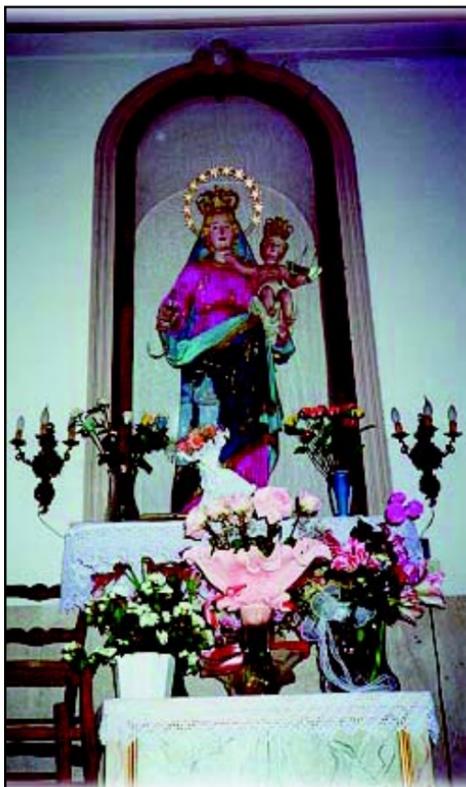


Photo courtesy of Parrocchia Acitrezza

On Sept. 1, Acitrezza will celebrate the Madonna della Buona Nuova (the Virgin Mary who brings good news) festival featuring religious processions, holy masses, spectacular fireworks and the Calata dell'Angelo a show, in which an angel made of chalk is lowered to the ground.

Religious festival to be held in Acitrezza

On Sept. 1, Acitrezza will celebrate the *Madonna della Buona Nuova* (the Virgin Mary who brings good news) festival.

This Madonna is the secondary patron of Acitrezza. The origin of this celebration is unknown although the historic chronicles state that the first festival was held in 1923. This Madonna is worshipped as the protector of sailors and fishermen.

In 1871, Acitrezza fishermen erected a small chapel in the northern part of the town to preserve a 16th century fresco painted on a calcareous stone.

This painting depicts the Virgin Mary holding baby Jesus who holds a small boat on his hands.

The chapel can still be visited today and is located at the end of via Marina near the crossroad with via Provinciale. Currently, a painting that reproduces the original design covers this fresco.

Later in 1923, Angelo Musumeci, an sculptor from Acireale, carved the statue that depicts the Virgin Mary using his young daughter as a model.

The statue portrays the Madonna holding in one hand an anchor, the symbol of the firmness of the faith, and in the other she holds baby Jesus who is clutching a small vessel in his left hand. This statue is preserved at the church of San Giovanni Battista in via Provinciale.

On Aug. 31, starting at 9 a.m., devotees go around the city in a lizard to collect from the local business owners various types of

food and drinks (cakes, pasta, pizzas, bread, liquors, *limoncello*, wine and more) plants, pets, clothes, and school supplies.

Later on, at 8 p.m. the donations will be auctioned in piazza Giovanni Verga (the city main square).

On Sept. 1, the festival opens with firecrackers and peals of bells at 8 a.m. Holy mass is celebrated at 10 a.m.

Later at 6 p.m., the carriage with the statue depicting the Madonna will be carried in procession throughout the historic center until midnight.

At 9:30 p.m., the procession stops at the Alaggio port where the blessing of the boats is performed.

On the same evening, the *Calata dell'Angelo* a show in which an angel made of chalk is lowered to the ground will be performed at 11 p.m. in via Tunisi.

A spectacular fireworks show is performed at midnight in the port area.

Caltagirone houses ceramics exhibition

An amazing collection of about 100 ceramic pieces from the Spanish town Paterna (near Valencia) dating from the 13th to the 18th century is on display at the *Museo Regionale della Ceramica* (Regional Pottery Museum) located in via Roma in the northern part of Caltagirone.

The exhibition explores five centuries of fine pottery production assessing the intensive contacts and trade exchanges between Sicily and Spain that took place in medieval times.

Objects on view will include ceramic ba-

sins, vases, bowls, drug jars, tiles and tile panels and sculptures of various shapes and sizes.

The exhibition is open daily through Sept. 15, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The cost of a ticket is 2.5 Euro. For more information call 0933-21680.

Guitar Festival begins in Siracusa

A prestigious guitar festival will be held from Sept. 8 through 26, at the *San Pietro Auditorium* that is located inside the Chiesa di San Pietro al Carmine, an ancient church situated in Ortigia, the historic hearth of Siracusa.

The festival features some of the best world-renowned guitar virtuosos including: *Marco Tamayo*, guitar (Sept. 8),

Vadim Brodski, violin, *Giovanni Grano*, guitar (Sept. 12), *Carlo Marchione*, guitar (Sept. 15) *Mitch Weverka*, guitar (Sept. 19); *Aniello Desiderio*, guitar (Sept. 22) and *Kazuito Yamascita*, guitar (Sept. 26).

All concerts begin at 9 p.m.

For further information call 368-7702177.

Nightfall Symphony Performance

On Friday, Aug. 30, Nightfall Symphony and Stone Henge will be playing at the Internet Cafe in Catania. The groups will be performing a variety of music from heavy metal to 70s rock starting at 9:30 p.m. The Internet Cafe can be found on Viale Lonio 71, following past the train station, passing by the post office, and going around road construction for the new subway.

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Week at a glance

Week at a glance

HOROSCOPES

ARIES: You may find travel to be most rewarding. Don't start any arguments unless you're prepared to accept irrevocable results. Spend a quiet day or two this week with the one you love.

TAURUS: You'll communicate easily and develop new friendships. You are best to ask questions if you aren't certain about issues that are confronting you. You may find yourself in a heated dispute with a friend if you try to change your mind.

GEMINI: Be firm when dealing with matters pertaining to your environment. You can make the most headway if you put in some overtime. You can surprise members of your family, which in turn will bring you a pat on the back.

CANCER: Any capricious behavior will confuse loved ones and your mood swings will result in loneliness. Look before you leap. Expect temper tantrums on the home front if you haven't been letting someone have their way.

LEO: Look into intellectual and physical games that will test your abilities. Travel will also be very informative. Time to deal with institutional environments, government agencies, and matters of a private nature this week.

VIRGO: You need to be active and spend time with friends you enjoy. Try to be a bit more understanding or you may end up spending the evening alone. You may find that you're being used. Try to do something outdoors this week.

LIBRA: You can expect to have problems with your mate if you've been spending too much time away from home. You will feel the limitations if you have been overdoing it. A little volleyball or other outdoor sports should be on your agenda.

SCORPIO: Your sensitive nature will allow others to read you well. You may be looking through rose-colored glasses. You can evade an issue as usual by being affectionate, fun loving, and far too active for your lover to catch on. A good week to gamble, luck is in the stars.

SAGITTARIUS: Delve into your work if you can't make amends at home. Short trips to visit others will do the whole family a world of good. Do the necessary chores and then do things that please you. A close friend comes to you for advice, what you tell them may save their life.

CAPRICORN: Be up front if you don't want to be embarrassed. Try to curb your bad habits. Avoid any intimate involvements with coworkers or employers. Drastic financial losses may be likely if you lend money. Accommodate others but not before you do your own thing. Do the proper safety checks before you go out. You are best to work at home if you can.

AQUARIUS: You may not be able to help, but your support will be favorable. Be sure to think twice before you say something that might hurt your partner's feelings. Your need to use emotional blackmail will only cause more conflict. Depression may put a damper on your week. Business partnerships should turn out to be quite lucrative. You may find that your plans will cost a little more than you had expected.

PISCES: New romantic partners will evolve through group endeavors; however, the association may not be likely to last. You'll have amazing ideas, but superiors may try to block your attempts at implementing them. Try not to lend or borrow money this week.



THE MOVIE CONNECTION



Theater Schedule

XXX (Rated PG-13)

This is the story about a new breed of Secret Agent. XXX is the first release in what will certainly be a continuing series of Xander Cage adventures. Cage is an anti-social, tattooed bad boy hooked on extreme sports stunts, who is cornered into joining a U.S. intelligence agency. After a suitable period of competency testing, America's newest hero is sent to Prague to gather information about a megalomaniac anarchist named Yorgi. Cast: Vin Diesel, Asia Argento, Samuel L. Jackson.

The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course (Rated PG)

Aussie adventurer Steve Irwin, other known as the Crocodile Hunter, has avoided the death roll and nabbed another feisty crocodile, hoping to save it from poachers. What he doesn't know is that the crocodile is somehow involved with a missing top-secret U.S. satellite beacon, and the poachers are actually American special agents sent to retrieve the beacon. It won't be easy, but if he can handle bird-eating spiders and venomous snakes without getting bitten, gun-wielding agents shouldn't be too much of a problem. Cast: Steve Irwin, Tommy Lee Jones, Michael Jackson.

TRIVIA

What is John Wayne's real name?
 What movie is the biggest flop in history?
 When were table forks introduced in England?
 What is the only fruit/vegetable to bare its seeds on the outside?
 What is the only state that allows residents to cast absentee ballots from space?

(Answers on page 7)

Best Sellers-- Pens

- Pissaro Executive Pen & Pencil Set
- Optima Venice Ball Point Pen
- Verveball Pen/Pencil Set
- Optima Lava Rollerball Pen
- Waterman Harley-Davidson Pen



They did what?

All's well that ends in a well.

Six people drowned recently while trying to rescue a chicken that had fallen into a well in southern Egypt. An 18-year-old farmer was the first to descend into the 60-foot well. He drowned, apparently after an undercurrent in the water pulled him down. Police said his sister and two brothers, none of whom could swim well, went in one by one to help him, but also drowned. Two elderly farmers then came to help. But the same undercurrent apparently pulled them.

The bodies of the six were later pulled out of the well in the village of Nazlat Imara, 240 miles south of Cairo. The chicken was also pulled out. It survived.

Off the Rack!

Resident Evil



Like *Tomb Raider*, *Resident Evil* is a popular game turned film. As the video game goes, the hero is a special agent who finds herself in the company of the undead, and all they want to do is feed.

I have to say that this film hits right on the game's story line, making it somewhat believable that zombies could roam the Earth. In the film Milla Jovovich (*5th Element*), whose character name is never given, plays an agent protecting a top secret DNA lab that is set far below the Earth's surface.

Of course, something goes wrong and the security system kills off all scientists as a poisonous gas travels through each room. Jovovich and a few other agents must resolve the problem with the security system in order to escape with their lives.

This film is very suspenseful with the undead lurking about everywhere. The director, Paul Anderson, did an amazing job keeping this film entertaining while putting out a lot of technical terminology. This movie is better than the other adaptations that I've seen and it's a great horror show guaranteed to keep you awake at night.

Resident Evil is rated R for sci-fi horror violence, language and brief nudity.



By JO3 Jay Price

AFN Sigonella television schedule

CET	Friday, Aug 30	Saturday, Aug 31	Sunday, Sept 01	Monday, Sept 02	Tuesday, Sept 03	Wednesday, Sept 04	Thursday, Sept 05	Friday, Sept 06	CET
00:00	ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News	College Football cont.	ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News	NFL Countdown	00:00
00:30	Headline News	Movie: <i>Bad Boys</i>	Saturday Night Live		Headline News	Movie: <i>The Fan</i>	MLB	NFL	00:30
01:00	College Football		It's Showtime at the Apollo		ESPN News				01:00
01:30					College Football				01:30
02:00									02:00
02:30		Movie: <i>Money Train</i>	Late Friday	College Football Scoreboard		Movie: <i>Patriot Games</i>			02:30
03:00				WWF Superstars					03:00
03:30				America's Black Forum					03:30
04:00	Headline News			Meet the Press	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		04:00
04:30	ABC World News		Entertainers		ABC World News	ABC World News	ABC World News	ABC World News	04:30
05:00	ESPN News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	ESPN News	ESPN News	Headline News	ESPN News	05:00
05:30	NBC Nightly News	ABC World News	Hour of Power	ESPN News	NBC Nightly News	NBC Nightly News	NBC Nightly News	NBC Nightly News	05:30
06:00	Sesame Street	ESPN News	Celebration of Victory	Sesame Street	Sesame Street	Sesame Street	Sesame Street	Sesame Street	06:00
06:30		NBC Nightly News	Coral Ridge Hour		Franklin	Peter Rabbit			06:30
07:00	Teletubbies	Little Bill	Christopher Closeup	Harold and the Purple Crayon	Wheel of Fortune	Wheel of Fortune	Blue's Clues	Teletubbies	07:00
07:30	Wheel of Fortune	Dora the Explorer	Cafe Video	Wheel of Fortune	Oprah Winfrey	Oprah Winfrey	Wheel of Fortune	Wheel of Fortune	07:30
08:00	Oprah Winfrey	Mary Kate & Ashley	Book of Virtues	Oprah Winfrey			Oprah Winfrey	Oprah Winfrey	08:00
08:30		The Odd Parents	Wishbone		Port Charles	Port Charles			08:30
09:00	Port Charles	Pokemon	Familj Movie:	Port Charles	Guidino Light	Guidino Light	Port Charles	Port Charles	09:00
09:30	Guidino Light	Lizzy McGuire					Guidino Light	Guidino Light	09:30
10:00		Croc Hunter		Guiding Light	General Hospital	General Hospital	Guiding Light	Guiding Light	10:00
10:30	General Hospital			General Hospital			General Hospital	General Hospital	10:30
11:00	Headline News	This Old House	Cinema Secrets	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	11:00
11:30	Judge Judy	MotorWeek	At the Movies	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	11:30
12:00	Today	Entertainment Tonight	Headline News	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	12:00
12:30			Army Newswatch						12:30
13:00		WWF Smackdown	College Football						13:00
13:30				Zoboofafo	Mighty Ducks	Hey Arnold	Rugrats	Doug	13:30
14:00	Arthur	My Wife and Kids		SpongeBob	The Weekenders	Recess	Happily Ever After	Rocket Power	14:00
14:30	The Proud Family	King of Queens		Horrible Histories	All That	Croc Files	Yu-Gi-Oh!	7th Heaven	14:30
15:00	7th Heaven	Enterprise	WWF Superstars	Brothers Gracia	Taina	Standard Deviants	The Mummy		15:00
15:30		Law & Order		Jeopardy!	Jeopardy!	Jeopardy!	Jeopardy!	Jeopardy!	15:30
16:00	Jeopardy!		Andromeda	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	16:00
16:30	Headline News			ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News	16:30
17:00	CNN	Headline News	AMA Motorcross	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	17:00
17:30	Headline News	Navy/Marine Corps News		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	17:30
18:00	The Simpsons	College Football		60 Minutes	7th Heaven	ESPN News	Friends	The Simpsons	18:00
18:30	Malcolm in the Middle					Headline News	Everybody Loves Raymond	Malcolm in the Middle	18:30
19:00	Fear Factor			The Practice	Movie: <i>Brian's Song</i>	The Bernie Mac Show	Will & Grace	Fear Factor	19:00
19:30							Scrubs		19:30
20:00	Alias		NFL Films Present			Buffy the Vampire Slayer	CSI	Alias	20:00
20:30									20:30
21:00	Headline News		College Game Dav	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	21:00
21:30	Tonight Show w/ Jay Leno		scorepara	Tonight Show w/Jay Leno	Tonight Show w/Jay Leno	Tonight w/Jav Leno	Tonight Show w/Jav Leno	Tonight Show w/ Jav Leno	21:30
22:00			College Football						22:00
22:30	Late Show w / Letterman			Late Show w/Letterman	Late Show w/Letterman	Late Show w/ Letterman	Late show w/ Letterman	Late Show w / Letterman	22:30
23:00									23:00
23:30				ESPN News	ESPN News				23:30

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