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Tax Center

The Camp Darby Tax center can prepare and file your taxes electronically for free. The Tax Center is open Mon– Fri from 8-5. Everyone will need to show an ID and Social Security Numbers. Plus, you will also need to have all of your W2s, 1099 forms from Banks and financial institutions and any other documents relating to your taxes prior to making an appointment. For questions and appointments, call 633-7227.

Living Pattern Survey

You can make a difference in the amount of COLA you receive by taking the living pattern survey online at <https://www.perdiem.osd.mil/oscola/lps/italy/> or at www.livorno.army.mil. 69% of the minimum sample size of 127 have already taken the survey. Please remember that Family members of Deployed Service Members can and should take the survey. The bottom line is that if you receive COLA you need to complete this survey prior to January 31, 2007 to make a direct difference in your paycheck.

Safety News

Do you know where to go to get the latest product recalls or how to report an unsafe product? The U.S. Consumer Product Safety commission www.cpsc.gov

New Italian Animal Laws

To the Camp Darby Community from LTC Sicinski:

For community members who own dogs, you need to make sure you are in compliance with the Host nations laws concerning dogs. Ms. Livia Turco, the Italian Minister of Health, issued a new ordinance amendment for “people to remaining safe from dogs’ aggressiveness”.

The original aggressive dog ordinance passed in December 2, 2005, named 17 breeds considered dangerous.

- American Bulldog;
- Charplanina Shepard
- Anatolian Shepherd
- Central Asian Sheperd Dog
- Caucasian Mountain Dog
- Estrela Mountain Dog
- Argentine Dogo
- Fila Brasileiro
- Perro da canapo majoero;
- Presa canario
- Perro da presa Mallorquin;

- Pit bull
- Pit bull mastiff
- Pit bull terrier
- Rafeiro do alentejo
- Rottweiler
- Tosa

If you are under 18 or have a criminal record, it is against the law to own one of these dogs.

Additionally, the ordinance says:

- It is forbidden to cut the dogs ears, tail and vocal chords.
- It is mandatory to use a collar or a muzzle in open space and both in public place and cars.
- It is forbidden to use electrical collar.
- It is mandatory to have insurance to cover any damage your dog may cause to another person.
- It is forbidden to train the dogs in a manner that increases their aggressiveness.

These rules, which previously only applied to the 17 dangerous breeds are now applicable for all other breeds of dogs.

If you do not have a dog but are considering buying one, when a dog is three months old it must be registered with the canine registry office (*anagrafe canina*) where the tattoo or microchip identification documents will be needed. Italian law states that the dog must be tattooed on its body as well as on its ear by a registered veterinarian. The new owner of a dog (by purchase or adoption) has 15 days to register with the canine registry office.

At this time cats do not need to have an identification chip or tattoo.

If you have questions about your dog call the Camp Darby Vet at 633-8288

Changes to Italian Emergency Room Visits

The Italian government has implemented a country-wide fee of 25 Euro for white code ER admissions (non-emergency ER visits like severe cold and flu symptoms, headaches, diarrhea, allergic reactions etc.). Code White cases account for 90% of Italian ER visits. However this charge will not affect any emergencies involving life,

limb, or eyesight or severe chest pains or broken limbs. There is no charge for children that need to visit the emergency room.

Currently, hospitals within differing Italian Regions (like Tuscany) have liberty to adjust prices. The Pisa University Hospital is charging 10 Euro, while the Livorno Hospital is at 18.65 Euro.

Service Members and their Families who visit the emergency room at Italian Hospitals need to make sure they bring extra Euros with them. Even if they feel it is an emergency visit, it is best to be prepared in case their conditions is down-graded upon arrival. Call the Livorno Health clinic at 633-7640 for more information.

Darby Job Corner

Job Announcement for: Installation Access Control Registrar Part Time IACS REGISTRARS, \$9.00 an Hour start with a 20 hour work week. Requirements are: Must be an American citizen 18 years old or older in good standing. Have an Italian residence permit or DOD family member with SOFA stamp and US Passport. Be able to obtain a security clearance; have basic computer skills, type 40 words per minute, read, write, and comprehend English. For additional information contact: Bill Lease bill.lease@itteboc.com Office number 49-6204-738-4330 Cell# 49-172-684-5183

For information about resumes, jobs, volunteering and more- contact Stephen Zglinicki, Employment Readiness Specialist 633-7084 or email him at stephen.zglinicki@darby.setaf.army.mil

New Speed Traps

Twelve new Italian autovelox (radar) machines are being installed on the highway (SGC FI-PI-LI) that connects Florence, Pisa and Livorno. Four machines are in the Florence province, 6 in the Pisa province and 2 in the Livorno Province. Locations of where the new ones are being installed will be available on-line because the purpose of the autovelox is to encourage motorists to moderate the speed and respect the limits in areas that have had a large amount of accidents due to speed. The SGC, unlike the autostrade, has a speed limit of 90K in most areas. Fines in Pisa can range from 36 Euro to over 370 Euro. Additionally, you can expect to lose your Italian driving privileges for one to three months. Motorists who are caught exceeding the speed limit by the autovelox machines should expect to receive a ticket in the mail at either the CMR or your local Italian address.

Black History Month

- Feb 3– Maddin Tournament at the DCC at Noon.
- Feb 10– Black History Black History Gospel Extravaganza and the Livorno Jubilation Choir free performance at Darby Theater, 7PM
- Feb 10- DDR Contest (Dance Dance Revolution) at DCC
- Feb 16– Old School vs New School 3pm at the Gym (free)
- Feb 24 - Free Food Tasting in the DCC Blue Room from 4-6pm
- Feb 24– Professional Comedy Show for ADULTS only at DCC from 7pm-midnight. Tickets go on sale soon.
- Feb 26– Banquet with Guest speaker
- Essay and coloring contest for kids

POC are TSgt Packer (633-7254) and TSgt Carson (633-7092)

Community Action Council

Subject: Making the Community Action Council (CAC) more fun

Question: Does serving free cookies and punch or popcorn at the DDC to truly transform this [the CAC] into a Darby Community Social event possible?

Answer: (Ms. Diane Anderson, MWR) Army Regulation 215-1, Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Non-appropriated Fund Instrumentalities, clearly defines situations where Non-appropriated Funds can be used to purchase food and beverages such as cookies, punch and popcorn. Such situations that can warrant refreshments include voluntary service and civilian awards ceremonies.

However, the Community Action Council is a Command and Community Informational meeting and the use of Non-appropriated Funds to purchase refreshments are not authorized.

Subject: Double headers on Saturdays

Question: Why not have a double run of the movie on Saturday, if it's good?

Answer: (Ms. Amy Cole, AAFES) There is currently not the volume of customers to warrant a double showing or double feature of movies on any given day. Most showings of the four per week that we currently offer do not come close to having the quantity of patrons required to operate the facility at a "break even" status, so it is not beneficial to add addi-

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tional showings to the four that are currently being offered. Further, most "blockbuster" movies are run through the schedule two times to give people who missed the showing the first time an additional opportunity to see the movie.

Get answers by submitting your issues at the USAG Livorno web site under CAC link. If you have a CAC issue that involves AAFES or AAFES Concessionaire, please contact Gino Rakas, AAFES General Manager, at 634-7796 or RakasG@aafes.com

Italy Off the Beaten Path... Explore your world.

Shop-O-holics Rejoice From Jan 7-Mar 7, Italian shops in Florence and the surrounding area are taking an advantage of a loophole in the law which allows them to reduce priced up to 50% before closing down for renovations. Normally, stores can only reduce prices on end-of-season goods and after the Epiphany weekend. However, authorities warn to be wary of discounts over 40% and to always ask for a receipt.

La Boheme If you never saw it on Broadway, take the time to see it now. Jan 19-28th at Florence's Teatro Comunale. www.maggioflorentino.com

The Chocolate Fair of Florence Jan 19-28th open from 11am to midnight expect Sundays (closes at 9) at Saschall in Florence. There is an entrance fee but you'll receive a coupon for 4 chocolate samples, 1 coffee and 1 tea. www.fieradelcioccolato.it

Ciblobrivini. Food, wine and book festival Jan 20 in Pontassieve at the Ristorante Carpe Diem. tel 0558360255 or www.comune.pontassieve.fi.it

Palio di Sant'Antonio Jan 21st traditional horse race in Buti. tel 0587-722511 www.comune.butitino

The City of Theater 2007 Jan 13– May 12 in Cascina there are ongoing performances. For a complete list of performances and ticket information, go to www.lacittadelteatro.it

Broccoli Festival If you happen to be driving up to Vicenza, Jan 12– Jan 21st, the commune of Creazzo is celebrating their love of Broccoli. Definitely a must see! www.tuttocreazzo.it

Camp Darby ITR is your source for guided tours. Stop by or call to see what trips they have coming up or look in the Darby Horizon's. 633-7589