

# 29 graduate from Columbia College

Columbia College - Guantanamo Bay will confer 25 associate and four bachelor's degrees to students at its first commencement ceremony, to be held Sunday, March 26, 5 p.m., at the Naval Station Chapel on Chapel Hill.

A reception will follow at the Bayview Club.

The ceremony will be a joint commencement for Columbia College, Troy State University and University of Phoenix graduates.

Capt. Mark Leary, USN, Naval Station Guantanamo Bay's commanding officer, will serve as the featured speaker. Leary assumed his current position at the base on Sept. 22, 2005. He has served in the Navy for more than 23 years, and has a significant military background in both sea and shore assignments.

"Columbia College is committed to helping military per-

sonnel, Department of Defense employees and their family members earn college degrees, and we are proud to hold the first commencement ceremony at Columbia College-Guantanamo Bay," said Mike Randerson, Columbia College vice president for Adult Higher Education.

"Commencement is an opportunity for faculty, staff, friends and family to celebrate each student's accomplishment."

Columbia College - Guantanamo Bay was founded in 2004. It is the first college to offer the base on-campus and online courses simultaneously each session.

Columbia College serves nearly 25,000 students each year at its Day Campus, Evening Campus, Online Campus, Graduate Studies Program and its 30 Nationwide Campuses.



Photo by JO2(AW) Honey Nixon

*Melissa Belleman teaches Introduction to Computer Information Systems at Columbia College.*

## Class of 2006

**Master of Science in International Relations**

**Troy State University**

Cynthia D. Miller

**Bachelor of Science in Business Management**

**University of Phoenix**

Brenda Campbell

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**Columbia College**

**Bachelor of Science in Business Administration**

Oswald Troy Augustus Brooks

Paula K. Massa

**Bachelor of Arts in General Studies**

Venecia I. Wenze

**Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies**

Racheal Renee Parks

**Associate in Arts**

Michelle A. Papineau

**Associate in General Studies**

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| Robert John Evans          | Donald Williams            |
| John S. Fries II           | Jessica Marie Lynne Wilson |
| Javier Gonzalez            |                            |



From the SJA

# Getting to the point on spear-fishing

By LCDR Matthew Beran, Staff Judge Advocate

I have received a great deal of response regarding my article two weeks ago on the new Natural Resources instruction implemented on 12 December 2005. The feedback revealed a lot of misinformation and misconceptions regarding the new spear-fishing regulations.

For the record, then:

— The new instruction does NOT require spear-fishing licenses. It does require individuals to complete an on-line safety course and pass a 50-question exam. The course is now available on the NAVSTA GTMO intranet; it is not yet available on the NAVSTA

GTMO external website, nor on the homepages for tenant commands, such as the JTF or NAVHOSP. Station personnel are working to expand availability of the training and exam as you read this!

— The passing score for the exam is 94 percent (47 out of 50 questions).

— Once people pass the on-line test, results are automatically emailed to Environmental, but people must print and fax their results to Safety at 5006. Once these steps have been completed, the spear-fishing safety training responsibilities set forth in NAVSTAGTMO INST 11015.1 are complete.

— Only Naval Station Security Department personnel (including Harbor Defense and Game Wardens) may issue citations for spear-fishing violations, and only after those personnel have successfully completed the course with a 100 percent pass rate. (I don't even have the authority to issue citations, and I passed the exam with a score of 100 percent.)

Thank you to all who submitted feedback on the article. I sincerely appreciate all efforts to ensure safe and lawful spear-fishing in the waters of Guantanamo Bay.

## Operation Iraqi Freedom anniversary message

Special by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Outside of my office in Washington, D.C., sits a small American flag, one of many distributed by a local Boy Scout troop to many of the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines who serve our country. The flag is accompanied by a note that reads: "Here is a flag for your pocket, so you can always carry a little bit of home. We are praying for you and are proud of you. Thank you for defending our country and freedom."



Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld

That small flag is a reminder that so many Americans — even the young — recognize the importance of the sacred duty each of you have will-

ingly taken: to defend them, their families, their homeland and their freedoms.

Throughout history, our military has fought to protect our people and our way of life, in battles the names of which echo through history: Bunker Hill and Gettysburg, Normandy and Midway, the Chosin Reservoir and the Ia Drang Valley.

On Sept. 11, 2001, a new enemy — extremists motivated by a twisted ideology — believed that their vicious assault on our homeland would force our country into retreat. They were wrong. That day, the sight of smoke rising from Washington, New York and a field in Pennsylvania filled the American people not with fear, but with resolve.

That resolve has taken so many of you to far-flung battle lines in the defense of our nation: from the mountains of Afghanistan to the jungles of the Philippines, from the plains of Central Asia to the deserts of the Horn of Africa. And for many, it has also taken you to the dusty streets of Iraq, where

three years ago our Coalition removed Saddam's brutal regime from power and liberated 25 million Iraqi people. And today, it is increasingly the liberated people of that land who are standing with you and joining the fight against the common enemy — the terrorists and assassins in their midst.

The Iraqi people — who had suffered through decades of brutality and corruption — understand the high stakes in this war. They are determined to claim their birthright of freedom and secure their new democracy. In defiance of violence, they have elected a provisional government, drafted a Constitution, ratified it through popular referendum and elected a permanent government — with millions more Iraqis participating in the process at each new stage.

This progress on all fronts has been murderously contested at every turn by terrorists aligned with al Qaeda. But they are not succeeding. Some terrorists have privately noted

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# GTMO resident tackles Alaskan terrain

By JO1 Igo Wordu, Public Affairs Office

Those who know Mike Harris know how dedicated he is to his work-out routine. The contract employee with the station Information Service Department, regularly tackles the hills and back trails of Guantanamo Bay to stay fit.

Recently, he traveled half-way across the world in February, to participate in the Alaska Little Su 50K, a 50-kilometer race across the frozen Alaskan tundra. The Little Su 50K is the little brother of the Susitna 100, a challenging 100-mile outdoor event in Alaska which includes sled dog racing, skiing, biking and hiking through one of the great basins in south-central Alaska, using the major peaks of the Chugach Mountains and the Alaska range as a dramatic backdrop. The 50K covers the same course as its brother, but is about one-third the distance.

Athletes from all over the world take part in the two events every year. Athletes tackle harsh weather conditions and difficult terrain through mountains and frozen lakes. Harris was one of 100 starters in the 50K, and finished 52<sup>nd</sup>. He said he would do it all over again despite the difficulties he faced. "You get a medal to show that you finished the challenge," said Harris.

Although training in a very different environment — GTMO, Harris braved temperatures in the low 20s to compete in the event.

"It felt much colder," said Harris who



Photo by Mike Harris

## Participants in the Alaska Little Su 50K tackle harsh weather conditions.

is more familiar with GTMO temperatures. "During the race it warmed up to freezing, and then the temperatures began to drop. That evening it snowed for some time on the trail, but tapered off toward the end."

The weather wasn't the only difficulty he faced. One of the two headlamps he had burnt out about three hours from the finish.

"If I hadn't have brought a second one I would have had to stay on the trail until sunrise as there was minimal to no ambient light which was not enough to find the trail ahead."

He said he went a little overboard on gear. "It was difficult getting good advice

as the conditions could change dramatically within just a few hours," said Harris, but thought he had enough gear to help him deal with the wintry conditions. "I carried a CamelBak with three liters of water, an extra water bottle, fleece pants, fleece top, down-filled jacket, mid-weight gloves, glacier gloves, power bars, dextrose 'goo' for energy, two head lamps, extra batteries, baklava, full-face fleece top, fleece socks, and a camera."

In addition to that, Harris said he wore three layers of lightweight fleece to cover the top of his body, polypropylene bottoms and fleece pants, scree-gaiters with waterproof trail shoes, glove liners and a fleece cap. What drove Harris to compete in the Alaska race?

He said his father served in the Army at Fort Richardson just outside of Anchorage, Alaska. After his father retired, the family moved to Big Lake, Alaska, which is the site of the start and the finish of the race.

"That was how I became interested in outdoor sports," Harris said. "For me, it's not just staying healthy, it is also about having fun," said Harris. "I'll certainly do it again."

Harris is preparing for another shot at the challenge. This time, he wants to go for the 100-mile event. He said he would love see other athletes from GTMO participate with him. "I welcome anyone who is interested to train with me for the next event," said Harris. "At least we have 11 months to the next event."



## Anheuser-Busch salutes the men and women of our Armed Forces and their families.

Throughout 2006, members of the military and as many as three direct dependents may enter any one of Anheuser-Busch's SeaWorld, Busch Gardens or Sesame Place parks with a single-day complimentary admission.

# GTMO to get CFC-O Special Merit Award

By JO2(AW) Honey Nixon, Public Affairs Office

U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay is the recipient of the 2005 Combined Federal Campaign – Overseas (CFC-O) Special Merit Award. NAVSTA raised more than \$62,000 in a record-breaking year for the annual fundraising campaign.

The Special Merit Award is a top honor accorded to any military installation that achieves the greatest improvement in contribution from the previous year, averaging dollar donations, total contributions and overall participation. It was awarded by Commander, U.S. Southern Command, Gen. Bantz Craddock.

More than \$16 million was raised last year by 1,300 overseas commands to help maintain charities around the globe.

The 2005 CFC-O community area project officer, GMC(DSW) Jose Castilla said NAVSTA had a 37 percent increase in personnel participation, which led to an overall 33 percent increase in contributions for the year.

SSG Nfor Barthson, JO2 Scott Torres, and LT MSC Kelley Quinn, were recipients of the CFC-O Heroes Award for their outstanding volunteer work towards the campaign.

Castilla said the award is given to individuals who contribute not



only by assisting the campaign at unit locations but go above and beyond in their commitments as campaign volunteers.

“To be a part of the CFC campaign is a significant way of making a difference to those less fortunate,” says Torres. “It’s also a reflection of how well the GTMO community works together.”

Castilla agrees that being a part of the CFC program is rewarding and encourages those who did not participate last year to seize the opportunity to give during next year’s campaign.

“I challenge anyone, who has not already done so, to look inside himself or herself and develop an individual sense of benevolence to participate more, and to be part

of the solution,” Castilla said.

“When I fill out my pledge card and give to a worthy charities of my choice, I think of it as a tribute to those who are giving so much more than some extra cash,” he added.

Established in 1961, CFC provides the opportunity for all federal employees to donate during the campaign season, which runs from October through December.

Castilla believes the Special Merit Award is not just for those who received certificates or contributed the most money, but for everyone who supported the campaign this year.

“We had 390 contributors last year, and this year we had 900, so we nearly tripled the amount of people who took part in this campaign,” added Castilla.

Anyone interested in contributing or volunteering for next year’s campaign can contact their department representative or log onto [www.cfcoverseas.org](http://www.cfcoverseas.org).



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Photo contributed by Marie Goode-Spencer

**Yard of the Month** — *CAPT Mark Leary, NAVSTA CO, congratulates Ed and Sandy Wilson at Caribbean Circle 2 C, Yard of the Month winners for February, as Rudy Sammons, Housing Director and Ron Slater, Neighborhood Manager, look on.*

## Worship Services

**Catholic Mass** (Main Chapel)  
Tuesday-Friday, noon  
Daily Mass (Cobre Chapel)  
Confession, Saturday, 4 p.m.  
Vigil Mass, 5 p.m.  
Sunday Mass, 9 a.m. (Cobre Chapel)  
Eucharistic Adoration, daily 24 hrs.

### Protestant Services

Sunday  
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
Services at Main Chapel, 11 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.  
Gospel Worship Service, 1 p.m.  
Monday  
Prayer Group, 6 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
Wednesday  
Men's Fellowship, 6:30 p.m.  
(Fellowship Hall)  
Gospel Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.  
(Sanctuary A)  
Thursday  
PWOC - 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
Sunday, Protestant Liturgical Service,  
10 a.m. (Sanctuary B)

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter

**Day Saints** (Sanctuary A)  
Sunday Sacrament, 9 a.m.  
Monday, Family Home Evening, 7  
p.m.

### Filipino Christian Fellowship

(Sanctuary A)  
Sunday Worship, 7 p.m.

### Iglesia Ni Cristo

(Sanctuary B)  
Sunday Worship, 8 p.m.

### Pentecostal Gospel Temple

(Sanctuary D)  
Sunday Worship, 8 a.m. & 5 p.m.

### Seventh Day Adventist

Sabbath School Saturday - 9:30 a.m.  
(Sanctuary B)  
Saturday Divine Service, 11 a.m.

### Islamic Service

(Sanctuary C)  
Friday Worship, 12:30 p.m.

### United Jamaican Fellowship

(Bldg. 1036, next to Phoenix Cable)  
Sunday Service, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

### Shabbat Service

Second Friday of the month, Rm. 11,  
7:30p.m.

# GTMO begins NMCRS Fund drive

By JO1 Igo Wordu, Public Affairs Office

The annual Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) Fund Drive is now underway and U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Cuba is committed to raise as much participation as possible.

For many years, NMCRS has helped service members and their families who find themselves in dire situations due to unforeseen circumstances. Oftentimes, these situations are desperate, and may require financial or counseling assistance to help alleviate the problem. NMCRS is a non-profit, charitable organization, which provides financial, educational, and other assistance to members of the Naval services of the United States, and their family members and survivors when in need.

While some people may think the NMCRS services limited, they are far more reaching than most people know.

The society, with the help of the Navy and Marine Corps, administers nearly 250 offices ashore and afloat at the Navy and Marine Corps bases around the world.

Their services are provided to:

- Active duty and retired Navy and Marine Corps personnel;

- Eligible family members of Navy and Marine Corps person-



Photo by JO1 Bob Lamb

**Two U.S. Army soldiers wait for someone to 'bail' them out of 'jail,' just one of several fund-raising events held in 2005 to benefit the NMCRS.**

- nel who died on active duty or in a retired status;

- Reservists on extended tours;

- Indigent mothers (65 years or older) of deceased service members who have limited resources and no family to provide for their welfare;

- Uniformed members of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

In addition to inter-command fund-raising activities, there will be several events which could potentially involve everyone on the station.

There will be a Radiothon, Apr. 10 – 14, hosted and coordinated by the Naval Media Center. During this period, listeners to 'The Blitz,' FM 103.1 can call in their song requests for a fee. The minimum pledge for requesting a song is \$2.

Additionally, listeners can bump other song requests off the air for a minimum of \$1 over the previous pledge amount.

Those wishing to pledge a little more money can participate with 'repeater' songs. However, only four designated songs can be repeaters, at a minimum pledge of \$50. Repeaters will be played at top of the hour, and at 15 minute

intervals. Repeater songs can be bumped as well, for the cost of the initial bid plus as additional \$50.

Media Center personnel will collect all pledge sheets and turn them over to the NMCRS fund-drive coordinator for collection.

Personnel can also participate in the 'jail and bail' drive. Individuals can nominate a person they would like 'jailed' for a pledged fee. All 'jailed' personnel are confined in the grilled fence area at McDonald's facing Sherman Ave. Pledges to free 'inmates' must be at least \$1 more than the original fee.

NMCRS needs volunteers to help make this fund-drive a success. Command and department representatives are now accepting pledge cards and monetary contributions.

For more information about local activities, contact NMCRS coordinator, BUC (SCW) David, David at 2632 or 84272; JO1 Chris Conklin at 2351; JO1 Igo Wordu at 4623; and YN2(SW/SCW) Avril Blunt at 4145. More information about the Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society, eligibility, and services provided, go to the NMCRS website at [www.nmcrs.org](http://www.nmcrs.org).

## Red-Cross initiates baby layette program

Spencer's Infant and Children's Clothing Company has partnered with the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services to offer a complete layette to babies born since September 11, who are children of military personnel deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

To qualify to receive this gift, the service member must be (or have been) deployed overseas or

aboard a ship at sea directly supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the Caucus Region (Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, etc.), the Philippines or Guantanamo Bay.

The layettes will include a variety of infant apparel appropriate for the age and size of each baby receiving the gift.

The service member's spouse may contact their local American Red Cross to request the gift.



**Civilian medal** — *CAPT Mark Leary, NAVSTA CO, presents Herman Sweeting, ROICC office, with the Armed Forces Civilian Service Medal. The medal was presented for Sweeting's effort in support of hurricane relief efforts on the Gulf Coast. The citation read in part, "You provided critical support for relief efforts immediately following the devastation left by Hurricane Katrina. Your efforts in support of this vital endeavor helped start the recovery process to rebuild critical infrastructure and help the immediate needs of local residents."*

Photo by Stacey Byington

## Phishing scam targets Thrift Savings Plan participants

By **Samantha Quigley, American Forces Press Service**

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Participants, as well as some non-participants, in the Thrift Savings Plan are targets of a "phishing" scam, an official with the board administering the program said March 20.

Tom Trabucco, director of external affairs for the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, said phishing is an "attempt to get recipients of the unsolicited e-mail to compromise themselves by giving up their personal financial information."

Thrift Savings Plan administrators would never request personal or financial information via e-mail, Trabucco said. "Do not respond to unsolicited e-mail, and never give out information of a personal nature (through) unsolicited e-mails," he said.

The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board alerted Thrift Savings Plan coordinators to the scam in a March 17 memo, the day after the scam was discovered.

The memo described it as an unsolicited e-mail with a link to a bogus Web site appearing to be the thrift plan's account-access site.

The bogus site asks for a recipient's social security and Thrift Savings Plan per-



sonal identification numbers. Entering this information takes the user to another screen where they are asked for financial information, including a credit card number, he said, adding that this information can be used to steal an individual's identity.

As long as participants have not responded to this scam e-mail, their accounts have not been compromised, investment board officials said in the memo. Those who did respond should contact their financial institutions immediately for guidance.

They should also call the Thrift Savings Plan at (877) 968-3778 and ask to have their account access blocked, according to the memo.

Phishing e-mails generally appear to be from a business or organization the recipient may deal with, according to a Federal Trade Commission Consumer Alert issued in June 2005.

It may request that the recipient update, validate or confirm account information, the alert said.

Participants are encouraged not to attempt to access their accounts by clicking links offered in any e-mail, according to the memo.

Only by opening a new Internet browser and typing the Thrift Savings Plan's Web site into the address field can a participant be sure of accessing the authentic thrift plan Web site.

"The thrift plan is a retirement savings plan for 3.6 million federal civilians and service members," Trabucco said. "Officials don't know how many plan participants the scam has affected, but the FBI is investigating."

## How do you recycle at GTMO?



**Ashley Roblego**

*"We have a blue recycle box in front of our house, and we fill it with glass and plastic. We also have paper bags that we put soda cans and plastic bottles that we take to the recycling center."*



**Amanda Wright:**

*"We recycle our cans, our paper, and plastic grocery bags."*



**Audrey Chapman:**

*"We recycle all the plastic bottles here at the gym, and I try not to throw something away that can be recycled, even if it's other people's trash I find."*



**Sgt. Roshawn Siggall:**

*"I use the recycling containers near the bus stops."*

## Sexual assault prevention program working

By Donna Miles, American Forces Press Service

The Defense Department's second annual report on its sexual assault prevention and response program reflects increased understanding about what sexual assault is and more willingness to report it, the commander of the joint task force overseeing the program said.

"Our climate of confidence is building, and our programs are working," Air Force Brig. Gen. K.C. McClain, commander of DoD's Joint Task Force for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, told reporters here.

DoD sent the second annual report on the program to Congress March 16, as required by the 2005 National Defense Authorization Act.

According to the report, DoD received 2,374 allegations of sexual assault that involved a military member as either a victim or alleged perpetrator in 2005. That's up 40 percent from 2004, but McClain said it more likely reflects more willingness to report such assaults than a surge in incidents.

Sexual assault is the most

underreported crime in our society as well as our military," McClain said. Studies show that as few as 5 percent of sexual assaults ever get reported, she noted.

DoD's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program is making progress in getting more people to step forward and report sexual assault, McClain said. She credits some of that progress to a new system that gives victims the option to file a "restricted report," meaning they can report that a sexual assault occurred without launching an investigation.

This option, introduced in June, enables victims to get medical care and counseling services without going through a criminal investigation, McClain explained. Of the 435 people who filed restricted reports last year, 25 percent later requested to change to an unrestricted report, opening the door to a criminal investigation.

"We think that's good, because it shows that the program is working as designed," she

said. "Restricted reporting was to allow a victim to come forward, get the care and support they need without initiating the investigative process. That 25 percent of them did, we think, is indicative that the design is sound."

DoD acted quickly on reports of sexual abuse, completing 1,386 investigations in 2005. "We think we have done an outstanding job in bringing these cases to fruition," McClain said. By Dec. 31, the close of the reporting period, 352 offenders were awaiting final action on their cases and another 274 had received punitive action.

A big part of DoD's program focuses on education, not just to ensure people recognize and know how to report sexual assault, but also to help prevent it from happening in the first place, McClain said.

"Our biggest preventive effort is to help people understand what behaviors constitute assault," she said. "One of the key things is we not only do not want victims of sexual assault,

but we don't want perpetrators of sexual assault." The education program begins when people enter the military and continues throughout their careers.

"This is not a one-time shot, but will be a continuing effort as we work to eradicate sexual assault from our ranks," she said.

McClain credited all the services with being "very aggressive" with their training programs.

"The education and training is having an impact," she said. "More people are understanding what constitutes sexual assault. More people understand how to report sexual assault. More people are willing to come forward."

"We hate that we have even one sexual assault. Preventing sexual assault ultimately boils down to a mission-readiness issue, because it can impact entire units and their ability to perform their missions. It strikes at the very heart of military preparedness."

# Sports, fitness round-up

## Hoops

**League Standings:**  
W.T. Sampson Middle School:

Team	Wins	Loses	Spurs	1st
Jazz	5	3	Sonics	2nd
Spurs	4	4	Jazz	3rd
Sonics	3	4		

## Softball

Men's softball:		Womens Softball:	
Hydroids	14	DEL-JEN Regulators	2
W.T. Sampson	4	Rough Riders	0
Heat	27	Hydroids	14
Bee's	20	OARDEC Guardians	5
Untouchables	8	NEX	6
NPG	12	UC	16
Rough Riders	20	W.T. Sampson	3
NEX	24	Six Pack	10
Rocking Anchors	3	Desperate Housewives	1
GTMO Devils	19	W.T. Sampson	0
March 20, 2006		Six Pack	5
BCD Bandits	22	Desperate Housewives	6
DEL-JEN	11	Six Pack	15
Guardians	10	W.T. Sampson	7
NPG	12		
March 21, 2006			
BCD Devils	24		
	6		

## Rugby

Do you have a passion for Rugby? Well, wait no more. Play Rugby with the GTMO Rugby Club.

MWR is looking for interested men and women to join GTMO's Rugby team. Beginners are welcome.

Practice held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., at the high school field.

FMI contact Robert Smith at 9729 or 84176.



**Environmental reminder**  
*Conch season is closed March, April and May. Please report all violations to 4105 or VHS channel 12.*



Photo by PH2 Patricia Totemeier

**Aviation Machinist's Mate 1st Class Patrick Palma and U.S. Marine Sgt. Deo Harrypersaud, prepare NASCAR driver and Busch Series car owner Dale Earnhardt Jr., prior to a VIP flight with the U.S. Navy flight demonstration team, "Blue Angels."**

## NASCAR drivers fly with the Blue Angels

By PHAA Joshua Martin, Fleet Public Affairs Center, Pacific

EL CENTRO, Calif. (NNS) — National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) drivers Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Mark McFarland, and Fox News NASCAR announcer Jeff Hammond flew with U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels, at Naval Air Facility El Centro recently.

The event highlighted similarities between the Navy and NASCAR.

"This event shows how the Navy's speed, agility and high-tech capabilities correlate with the NASCAR experience," said Senior Chief Navy Counselor Jeff Priest, U.S. Navy Motorsports program manager. "It displays the teamwork and professionalism required in both NASCAR and Navy life."

NASCAR began as a form of regional entertainment in the southeastern U.S. It has become the second most popular televised professional sport in the U.S., ranking be-

hind the NFL. "I'm excited to be here and really impressed with the professionalism and attention to detail the Navy demonstrates," said Dale Earnhardt Jr., driver of No. 8 Budweiser Chevrolet Monte Carlo.

The Navy also sponsors the Earnhardt Jr.-owned No. 88 "Accelerate Your Life" Chevrolet Monte Carlo, driven by McFarland in NASCAR's Busch Series.

"It was the experience of a lifetime to fly with the Blue Angels and unlike anything I've felt before," said McFarland.

"I don't think there's any way to describe how fun and exciting it was to fly with the Blue Angels," said Hammond. "I've had some wild rides in my life, but this is by far the most exciting one ever."

In addition to flying with the Blue Angels, Earnhardt, McFarland and Hammond signed autographs for local Sailors and their family members.



# All-hands clean-up held near Gold Hill Towers



Photo by JO1 Igo Wordu

*YNSN Angel Datil and MA2 Benard Houston walk along the wildlife trail picking up trash on the pathway.*



Photo by JO1 Igo Wordu

*Carolyn Bishop and Patrick 'Shawn' Lewis from the base environmental office ensure that everyone has the necessary tools to properly dispose trash collected during the clean-up held Friday, March 17.*

## SECDEF anniversary message ...

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that “time is not on our side” and that “morale is down.” Others have observed a “very dangerous” turn of events. Zarqawi himself writes of his fear that “democracy is coming,” and with it will come the death of his cause.

You should know that the role you have played in fighting the extremists has made an indelible mark on history in the cause of liberty. And the names of new battles — including the routing of the Taliban at Mazar-e-Sharif, the “Thunder Run” to Baghdad and the liberation of Fallujah — now join those others proudly remembered in our history.

Some of your comrades and friends have fallen in battle, and more have been wounded.

Their sacrifices remind us that freedom is a gift, selflessly purchased by the very best among

us, at great cost.

We will never forget them and their grieving families.

The peace of a troubled world depends on you — our men and women in uniform. You have willingly accepted the highest responsibility of citizenship. Never forget that you serve in the finest military in the world, in the greatest nation in the world.

You serve in a military dedicated not to conquest, but to preserving freedom.

It is a military that is recognized and appreciated by your fellow citizens.

So know that wherever you go, you can always carry with you a little bit of home.

I thank you for all you do for our country. May God bless you and keep you safe. And may God continue to bless the United States of America.

## March is Social Work Month

*Contributed by Denise Clark, Red Cross Station Manager*

Social Workers make meaningful and humanitarian contributions in communities worldwide, one person, one family, one challenge at a time.

Social Workers are on the front lines helping people overcome life’s most difficult challenges. They are highly trained professionals working in schools, hospitals, health care agencies, mental health clinics, senior centers, crisis centers and military facilities. Social Workers actively advocate changes in policy and legislation to strengthen the social safety nets so critical to so many.

Social Workers, whether in direct practice, administration, education, research or policy development, promote social justice for all.

In the weeks since Hurricane Katrina made landfall, American Red Cross mental health professionals have logged more than 800,000 mental health contacts.

“In addition to picking up the

pieces of their lives, many people are still uncertain about the safety and well-being of family members. Also, they may be grieving the loss of their homes, irreplaceable photographs and possessions and in some cases their jobs. We’re here to offer support and to help them get back on their feet as soon as possible,” said Carol Waring, disaster mental health volunteer with Red Cross for nearly a decade.

Our American Red Cross, Guantanamo Bay wish to extend our deepest appreciation and respect for our hard working professional Social Workers of Guantanamo Bay. You can meet them in the Naval Hospital, Schools, Chapel, Fleet & Family Service Center, American Red Cross, and Joint Task Force Combat Stress

Let us celebrate the enormous contribution, dedication and sacrifices Social Workers provide to improve our quality of life.

# Downtown Lyceum

**Friday, March 24**

***Nanny McPhee***

7 p.m., PG, 99 min.

***Big Momma's House 2***

9 p.m., PG-13, 99 min.

**Saturday, March 25**

***Failure to Launch***

7 p.m., PG-13, 96 min.

***Underworld: Evolution***

9 p.m., R, 106 min.

**Sunday, March 26**

***Something New***

7 p.m., PG-13, 100 min.

**Monday, March 27**

***Tristan and Isolde***

7 p.m., PG-13, 125 min.

**Tuesday, March 28**

***Nanny McPhee***

7 p.m., PG, 99 min.

**Wednesday, March 29**

***Big Momma's House 2***

7 p.m., PG-13, 99 min.

**Thursday, March 30**

***Something New***

7 p.m., PG-13, 100 min.



## ***Failure to Launch***

*Comedy, Romance*

Cast: Matthew McConaughey, Sarah Jessica Parker, Zoey Deschanel, Justin Bartha, Bradley Cooper

*Storyline: A thirtysomething man who still lives with his parents falls in love with the woman of his dreams and begins to suspect she has been hired by his parents as a way to get him out of the house.*



## ***Big Momma's House 2***

*Action/Adventure, Comedy, Sequel*  
Starring: Martin Lawrence, Nia Long, Zachary Levi, Emily Proctor, Mark Moses

*Storyline: The continuing adventures of master-of-disguise FBI special agent Malcolm Turner. This time he must go undercover as Big Momma to nail his ex-partner's murderer. While undercover in the house of the suspected criminal, Malcom grows attached to the suspect's three children.*

# MWR Happenings

## **Windjammer Dinner Theater**

Monday, March 27, at 5:30 p.m. Bring the family to the Windjammer Club to enjoy dinner and then watch family oriented G or PG-rated movies. This Monday, "Kangeroo Jack" begins at 5:30 p.m., and the second movie, "Jersey Girl," begins at 8 p.m.

## **Liberty Program Night Fishing**

March 24, the boat departs the Marina at 5:30 p.m. and returns at midnight. Poles, bait, snacks and beverages are provided. Sign-up required. FMI call 2010.

## **Liberty Program Kayak Race**

March 25, show time is 8 a.m. at the Sailing Center, the race begins at 8:30 a.m. Sign-up required. FMI call 2010 or 7421.

## **Bingo Specials**

March 26 is 'Senior's Sunday,' April 2 is 'Lady's Sunday,' April 9 is 'Men's Sunday,' and April 16 is 'Newcomers Sunday.' Also, come celebrate 'Birthday Bingo.' Show proof it's your birthday and receive a gift of one set of cards. If you bingo, in addition to regular prize, get \$1 for each year of your age.

## **Eight-ball Tournament**

March 26, at 7 p.m. at the Deer Point Liberty Center. Prizes for first and second place. Sign-up required. FMI call 2010 or 7421.

## **Chess Tournament**

March 27, 7 p.m., at the Marine Hill Liberty Center. Prizes for first and second place. Sign-up required. FMI call 7421.

## **Teen Fear Factor**

March 31, 8 - 11 p.m at the Windjammer Pool. There will be 2-person boys and girls teams. There will also be two winning teams. Sign-up at the teen center by March 17. Prizes include t-shirt, prize video and Ipod. FMI call Trecia at 2096.

## **Karoke**

Every Thursday night at Club Survivor from 8 p.m. to midnight. FMI call Norman at 5871.

# GTMO Shopper

## For Sale

(2) New full-length body mirror, can hang on wall, \$30. FMI call Michelle at 8664 or 3261 or email [michelle.a.allman@jftgmo.southcom.mil](mailto:michelle.a.allman@jftgmo.southcom.mil).

(2) 90-hp Mercury Force outboard motor, excellent condition, \$2000. FMI call Michael at 7408 or 5010.

(2) 35-in. JVC TV, \$250; entertainment center, \$100, pine coffee table w/2 end tables, \$200; couch and loveseat, \$350; white twin-bed w/mattress/box spring, \$125; 3 computer work stations, \$25-\$50; 19-in. TV, \$25; 2 grey area rugs, \$25 each; 2 blue area rugs, \$35 each; white corner plant stand, \$15, 7-ft. Christmas tree, \$75. FMI call Lisa at 7015 AWH, but before 9 p.m.

(2) New blue FLEXI classic all-belt 2 retractable belt leashes, up to 55 lbs, 16-ft., \$10. FMI call White at 2650.

(2) Concrete round patio table w/ curved bench seat set, \$40; dive gear, extra long fins, computer, octopus and ladies med. BC, \$400; 2 area rugs, plant pots. FMI call Marie at 7106 AWH.

(1) Pioneer 404 speakers, \$50; 25-in. color TV, \$125; 20-in. color TV, \$50; pressure washer, \$325; 15hp Yamaha outboard, \$1,500; 6hp lawn mower, \$200; kitchen table w/leaf, \$50; 2 Diesel rod/reel combos, \$120; electric reel pair, 6/0 Penn on 9/0 Penn Senator rod, \$350; freezer chest, \$225. FMI call 5338 AWH or 4493 DWH.

(1) Dark blue sofa w/matching loveseat and pillows, \$150; 4-piece multi-color living-room set, \$200 OBO; light blue loveseat w/ matching chair and foot stool, \$50; dressers or nightstands, \$5 each; full-size bed or queen-size bed, \$25 each OBO. FMI call 5665.

(1) Unopened portable DVD player w/ ar kit, power cord and mounting straps, A/V input, remote control, 25-games-in-1 game system, \$250. FMI call Emil 8111 AWH.

(1) Riffe Baja speargun, suitable for blue-water hunting, \$600. FMI call 3661 DWH or 7788 AWH.

## Vehicles/Boats

(2) 1986 Plymouth Reliant, 4-door, excellent condition, \$1,500. FMI call Michelle at 8664 or 3261 or email [michelle.a.allman@jftgmo.southcom.mil](mailto:michelle.a.allman@jftgmo.southcom.mil).

(2) 1988 Buick Lesabra, V6 engine, power window, CD player, power seats, good condition, \$1,800 OBO. FMI call William at 4148 or 5607.

(2) 2001 Land Rover Discovery Series 2, 55,000 miles, \$16,000. FMI call Robert 7773.

(2) 1988 Suzuki Samurai, new tires and front-end alignment, excellent condition, \$2,200. FMI Call John at 5037.

(2) 1994 Buick, great condition, \$3,800 OBO. FMI call 8187.

(1) 1998 Toyota Corolla, fully loaded, CD player, excellent condition. For best offer call 2345 or email [steelface61@hotmail.com](mailto:steelface61@hotmail.com).

(1) 1993 Acura Integra, 120,000 miles, brand new radiator, runs great, \$3,900 OBO. FMI call 7903 or email [coastwarrior18@yahoo.com](mailto:coastwarrior18@yahoo.com).

(1) 1998 Mazda 626, alarm system, \$5,500. FMI call 7832 or email [WML1981@aol.com](mailto:WML1981@aol.com).

(1) 1991 Dodge Caravan, new tires, struts, and shocks, available April 20, taking deposits now, \$1,500. FMI call AJ or Aaron at 8667 or Jim or Brandon at 8650 or email [ajdon@aol.com](mailto:ajdon@aol.com).

(1) 1999 Ford Windstar SEL, 56,000 miles, tinted power windows, leather seats, seven passenger, new front tires, alloy wheels, \$10,000 OBO. FMI call Mike at 4620 AWH or 4505 DWH.

(1) 1985 Dodge W-150 pickup, 4x4, white w/ standard transmission, \$1,500. FMI call 5897 AWH or 4669 DWH.

(1) 2001 Harley Davidson 883, only 2,000 miles, Vance and Hines Performance exhaust systems, 3 different seats, Kuryakyn Hyper starter, cover, many new parts, \$6,000 OBO. FMI call 5683.

## Employment

(1) Human Resources Office announces the following vacancies: Environmental Protection Specialist, closes March 24; Human Resources Assistant (Rec. & Placement/OA), closes March 27; Accounting Technician, closes March 27; Contract Surveillance Representative, closes March 29; Supply Technician, closes April 3; Medical Technician, closes April 3; Social Services Aide, closes Dec. 29; FMI call Delaine at 4822 or 4441.

(1) W.T. Sampson has the following

positions open continuous: Substitute teacher 06-CUBA-55; \$89 per full day and \$44.50 for less than one day. Official application can be picked up and submitted to the W.T. Sampson High School main office. Please stop by or call Ramonia at ext. 3500 for further information.

## Announcements

(2) All enlisted spouses are invited for a Cheese and Wine Sunset Cruise April 29. Due to limited space available, interested spouses are encouraged to RSVP by Apr. 24. FMI call Carol at 7841 or Sheila at 9599.

(2) Garage door openers and gate keys will be available for pick-up for all Caribbean Circle residents on Apr. 8, from 8 a.m. - noon, at #2B. 2 garage-door openers will be issued to each unit. Water filters will also be available for all family housing residents, as well as plant cards for all permanent party residents.

(2) The Housing Office is looking for family housing residents interested in showing off their living-room, kitchen and/or dining room for the One-Stop website. Please contact Fran McGuffey or Charity Sandstrom at 4172, or email [mcguffeyfm@usnbgmto.navy.mil](mailto:mcguffeyfm@usnbgmto.navy.mil) or [sandstromcl@usnbgmto.navy.mil](mailto:sandstromcl@usnbgmto.navy.mil). The pictures from different units will be made available on the website for inbound families to give them an idea of housing arrangements in GTMO.

(1) If you have received a new storage building in family housing in the Windward Loop, Villamar, and Caravella Point areas, the project is now ready for your use. FMI call the Housing Office at 4172.

(1) There will be a Blue Jackets Association meeting March 29 at 1 p.m. at the Acey Ducey. All E-5 and below are welcome. FMI call 2351.

(1) Free salsa lessons Friday nights from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Windjammer. Stay on for Salsa Night afterwards and dance the night away.

(1) The W.T. Sampson High School A-OK Renaissance Team is holding a carwash in the NEX parking lot March 25, 9 a.m. The A-OK Renaissance Team provides incentives for academic excellence for stu-

dents in seventh through ninth grades. Please come out and support this worthy effort. FMI call 3500 DWH or 4813 AWH.

(1) There will be an Easter Sunrise Service, April 16, 7 a.m., at the Bayview Club. Brunch will be served following the Sunrise Service. Reservations are required for Brunch. Sign-up through the Chaplain's Office by April 7. FMI call 2323.

(1) The All-Navy Women's Soccer Team tryouts and training camp are April 11 to May 1 at Naval Station Mayport, Fla. Application deadline is April 1 and applications are available on the Navy MWR website: [www.mwr.navy.mil/mwrpgrams/sports.htm](http://www.mwr.navy.mil/mwrpgrams/sports.htm). FMI call Donald Golden at 901-874-6621 or [donald.golden@navy.mil](mailto:donald.golden@navy.mil).

## Wanted

(1) Personal trainer needed to lose weight by certain deadline. FMI call 4840.

(1) Hot tub or spa. FMI call Jack at 5200 DWH or 7340 AWH or email [jwelch@brgtmo.com](mailto:jwelch@brgtmo.com).

(1) Babysitter needed for most Friday and Saturday nights. FMI call Mindy at 5550.

## Lost & Found

(2) Lost, black cat, blue collar, Nob Hill/Villamar area. If found please call Rachel at 7154.

(1) JBL speargun, lost at Chapman Beach, Cabana #5, March 11. If found, contact Karl at 7729.

## Yard Sales

March 24—Caribbean Circle, #30B, 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

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March 25—Caribbean Circle, #30C, 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

March 25—Evans Point, #390, 5 p.m.

March 26—Evans Point, #390, 5 p.m.

March 27—Evans Point, #390, 5 p.m.

March 28—Evans Point, #390, 5 p.m.

March 29—Evans Point, #390, 5 p.m.

March 30—Evans Point, #390, 5 p.m.

# High school seniors hold fund-raising carnival

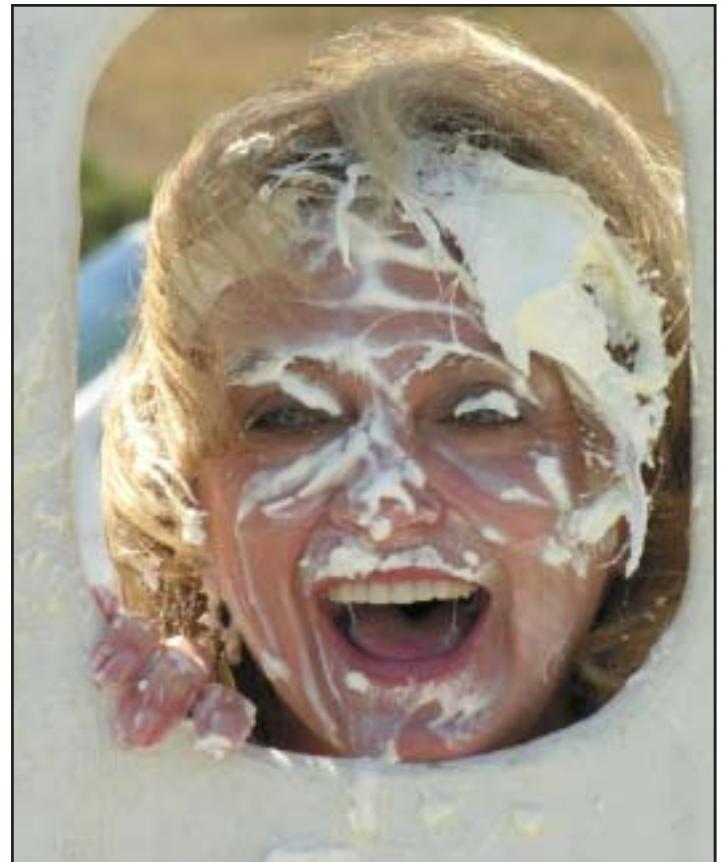


*W.T. High School seniors Langston Edwards, Nick Basel, Heather McGarity and Alyssa Roper help out at the senior class carnival and yard-sale, held Saturday, March 18, at the Downtown Lyceum. Events included a dunking booth, cake walk and a pie-in-the-face throw.*

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*Rory McGarity, a teacher at W.T. Sampson Elementary School, gets dumped into the water tank.*



*Barbara Moore, a counselor at W.T. Sampson Elementary School gets pied in the face.*