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Colorful beads, medallions and feathered masks, like those shown here, are commonplace at the New Orleans Mardi Gras celebration and were also popular at the GTMO celebration Feb. 9.

# Local revelers celebrate Mardi Gras 2008

Story, photos by MC2 Kim Williams

NAVSTA Public Affairs

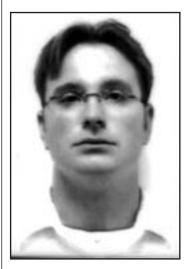
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# GTMO resident indicted, arrested

Story by Lt. Cmdr. H. B. Burke,

OIC, RLSO SE Det

A joint team of Naval Criminal Investigative Service special agents and members of the Naval Station security force arrested Daniel James Busby in his base residence



Busby

last Saturday morning.

The agents executed an arrest warrant issued after a federal grand jury in Jacksonville, Fla., indicted Busby on Feb. 6, 2008, for malicious mischief. The indictment sprang from an investigation alleging that Busby stole and destroyed a Ford F-250 pickup truck.

NCIS Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) David Truesdale credited the arrest to the excellent coordination between NAVSTA Security's Command Criminal Investigations Division and NCIS. He confirmed that the pickup truck belonged to Burns & Roe Corporation. SSA Truesdale could not comment further on the investigation due to still-developing aspects which may lead to additional arrests.

Shortly after the arrest, NCIS transported Busby to the Leeward air terminal, where agents escorted him to Jacksonville on the Saturday AMC rotator flight. There he was held in custody awaiting an initial appearance before a federal magistrate.

All crimes committed on board NAVSTA GTMO are subject to U.S. federal prosecution by virtue of extraterritorial application of the Special Maritime and Territorial Jurisdiction act. Busby faces criminal charges in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Jacksonville Division, because Jacksonville was his point of entry into the United States.

Having been indicted, Busby is presumed innocent until he is proven guilty in a court of law. If convicted, he faces up to five years in prison for the alleged offense.

Busby was the operator of the New Car Sales outlet at the Navy Exchange.

Any resident with information about Busby's case is encouraged to contact NCIS Resident Agency GTMO at 4140. Information regarding other criminal activity should be reported to Naval Station Security at 4105.

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### News From the Fleet

# MCPON Outlines Expectations of the First Class Petty Officer

### By MCCS (SW/AW) Bill Houlihan, MCPON PAO

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Following up on remarks he made to the Surface Navy Association (SNA) National Symposium on Jan. 15, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)(SW/FMF) Joe R. Campa Jr., has specifically outlined the expectations of a Navy first class petty officer.

On Jan. 29, in communication with the Navy's chiefs mess through his regular newsletter titled, "To the Deckplates," Campa listed those expectations as: First line leadership, rating expertise, professionalism, communication, loyalty, and heritage. To view the newsletter, visit www.navy.mil/navydata/mcpon/ Expectations\_of\_the\_PO1.pdf.

Over the past several months, Campa had been stressing the important role played by first class petty officers in his discussions with Sailors around the Navy. At the same time senior enlisted leaders from the fleet were providing their input.

In his remarks to the SNA, Campa emphasized that the Navy doesn't have "a single Sailor to spare," and said that taking greater advantage of the leadership talents of the senior petty officers is critical to Sailor development in the fleet. He reemphasized that last week.

"As our Navy moves forward, we must be able to leverage the leadership and talent that lies within our first class community. The increased demands on our maritime forces and non-traditional missions make it imperative that we strengthen the leadership that we provide our Sailors on the deckplate," said Campa.

Campa said that formalizing the expectations is only the first step. Now it's up to the Navy's first class mess to use that guidance as a means to evaluate their own effectiveness as leaders. Critical to this deckplate initiative will be the involvement of the chief's mess.

"None of these concepts are

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# If you could be base commanding officer for one day, what would you change?

"I would implement a program for career progression for all servicemembers."

PS3 Paul Wilson CSD finance specialist





"I'd implement tougher restrictions on those individuals convicted of alcohol-related incidents."

EO2 (SCW) Mario Perez GTMO PWD

"I'd let all military personnel, regardless of age, drink alcohol. If you can go to war, you should be able to drink."



### YNSN Howard Quintanilla NAVSTA OPS



"I would write an instruction that would designate one day out of every work week as a half day of work only - for morale purposes."

ABH3 John Krannitz NAVSTA Brig Friday, Feb. 15, 2008 3

Local News -

# Earthquake shakes GTMO

### Story by MC2 Kim Williams

NAVSTA PAO

n earthquake shook Naval Station (NAVSTA) Guantanamo (GTMO) Bay, Feb. 11 at 9:09 a.m.

The 4.4 magnitude tremor occurred 11.8 miles below sea level, 35 miles southwest of the base.

"Our seismographic satellite, located on the ridgeline, recorded and transmitted the data about the earthquake to Houston which in turn, sent the information to Colorado for decoding," said Electronics Technician 1st Class Jerry Ramm, NAVSTA calibration lab.

The NAVSTA calibration lab is locally responsible for maintaining the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) site and is one of nine stations part of the Caribbean Earthquake and Tsunami early detection net.

While this is the first quake of 2008 recorded by the USGS National Earthquake Information Center, it is not a rare phenomenon.

"The Caribbean in general has pretty regular seismicity," said Lind Gee, USGS – Albuquerque Seismological Laboratory. "The event [earthquake] occurred on the strike-slip fault just south of Cuba. It is likely that there will be some small aftershocks, although they may be too small to be felt at GTMO."

GTMO is not a stranger to inclement weather and natural phenomena and the base is fully prepared in the event of a more powerful earthquake.

"A lot of our hurricane preparedness applies to earthquake. Both put the same lateral loads on a building, so making our buildings hurricane resistant helps with seismic protection as well," said Cmdr. Jeff Johnston, Guantanamo Bay public works officer.

Along with GTMO, officials believe that nearby Santiago de Cuba felt the most shaking from the quake.

"There is enough seismicity in the Caribbean region that I would expect earthquakes to be felt from time to time," said Gee.

The USGS recorded a magnitude 7.6 earthquake Nov. 29, 2007 25 miles from the northwest coast of Fort-de-France, Martinique, which is also in the Caribbean Antilles Islands.

There was no damage to any property on board NAVSTA Guantanamo Bay from the earthquake.

#### Religious Services/ Base Chapel

#### Catholic

Daily Catholic Mass Mon. - Fri. 5:30 p.m. (Main Chapel) Vigil Mass, Sat. 5 p.m. (Main Chapel) Sun. Mass, 7:30 a.m. (JTF-Troopers Chapel) Sun. 9 a.m. Mass (Main Chapel) Protestant (GTMO Chapel) Sat. 11 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist Service (Room B) Sun. 7 p.m. Filipino Christian Fellowship (Room A) 8 a.m. Pentecostal Gospel Temple (Room D) 9 a.m. LDS Service (Room A) 10 a.m. Liturgical Service (Room B) 11 a.m. General Prot. Service 11 a.m. United Jamaican Fellowship (Bldg 1036) 1 p.m. Gospel Service 7 p.m. Iglesia Ni Cristo (Fellowship

Friday Religious Services

1:15 p.m. Islamic Service (Room C) 7 p.m. Jewish Service (FMI call 2628)

#### Religious Services/ JTF Troopers Chapel

#### Catholic Services

Wed. 11 a.m. Spanish Mass (New) Sat. 6:30 p.m. Vigil Mass (PPI Chapel)

Sun. 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass (New)

Protestant (GTMO Chapel)

Sat. 11 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist Service (Room B) Sun. 5:30 Filipino Christian Fellowship (Room A) 8 a.m. Pentecostal Gospel Temple (Room D) 9 a.m. LDS Service (Room A) 10 a.m. Liturgical Service (Room B0

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### Sailor of The Week

"I am happy that I was selected as Sailor of the week because it says to me that my chain of command acknowledges my hard work."



BMSA Amy Morales
NAVSTA Port
ServicesDept.

# Ombudsman Corner

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### News



From left to right: Jennifer Pierdant, Guinness Customer Service Representative, Master Chief Keith Carlson, NAVSTA Command Master Chief, Craig Basel, GTMO MWR Director, Mike Miller, CNIC Adult Beverage Manager, Capt. Mark Leary, NAVSTA commanding officer.



# MWR staff brings local pub to life

### Story provided by MWR

Day fast ap proach in g
March 17, GTMO residents will have a great place to celebrate the holiday this year-all without leaving the island.

There's no question that somewhere, St. Paddy is smiling and toasting the latest monument to his memory - GTMO's O'Kelly's Irish Pub.

Before Naval Station Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Leary snipped a kelly green ribbon to officially opening O'Kelly's Irish Pub, a lot of hard and unpublicized staff work had gone into making Morale, Welfare and Recreation's (MWR) latest entertainment venue a reality.

'Sure and begorrah', there must have also been some

true luck of the Irish operating, to take this complicated project from concept to operating reality in just six months.

It all started in August 2007 as MWR's Craig Basel won the approval for the project from CNIC and Commander Navy Region Southeast.

Soon, representatives from Prairie Pacific Pubs and Genesis Custom Interiors were on base measuring the tired old Acey-Deucy Club [the location of O'Kelly's Pub] for a true makeover.

Actual fabricating of the Pub's interior was conducted in Calgary, Ontario while the striking stained glass included in the design was created on the 'ould sod' of Ireland itself. The pub was delivered to GTMO, complete with the Irish stained glass, via the barge Jan. 7, 2008. As MWR personnel recall, it arrived looking more like a monstrous jig saw puzzle than anything resembling an entertainment complex until the multitalented craftsmen assigned to the MWR maintenance staff worked their magic.

In less than three weeks, the staff painted and installed the oak flooring, erected the elaborate wooden ceiling and wainscoting, assembled all of the fixtures and furniture, installed a fireplace and mantle, wired satellite TVs and hung the pictures and posters.

MWR credits the efficient and effective staff work with saving thousands of dollars that would have been required to execute this project through an outside contractor.

O'Kelly's is the third Irish Pub concept introduced to the Navy. The other two pubs are located at NSB King's Bay, Ga. and the Navy Yard in Washington, DC.



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# Navy Exchanges, customers go green

### Kristine M. Sturkie,

### **NEXCOM PAO**

NEX customers will be able to do their part to help the environment by purchasing a multiuse reusable shopping bag at Navy Exchanges worldwide.

Green Bags will be available in stores in the continental United States late February and in March for overseas NEXs.

The reusable bags will sell for \$.99 for the non insulated bag and \$1.99 for the zippered insulated bag.

The reusable bags are made of a sturdy mesh, sewn together from 100 percent polypropylene and can withstand repeated usage.



The bags' straps carry a lot of weight without tearing, and have a flat bottom to help prevent tip-overs. Best of all, they are

moisture resistant and can be recycled when no longer usable.

"The NEX is always looking for ways to help the environment and make the shopping experience a pleasant one for our customers" said Mike Mongin, NEXCOM Operations Program Manager.

"The NEX reusable Green Bags reduce the need for plastic or paper bags at checkout and make the shopping trip a little easier. These bags are also easy to store in your vehicle for your next trip to the NEX."

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new and I would say the great majority of our first classes are on board already. Defining clear expectations provides a structure our chiefs can train to and our Sailors can strive for," said Campa.

Campa deliberately inserted the phrase "deckplate triad" into the "Expectations of the First Class Petty Officer" and said he expects it to become a reality in the fleet. Under "Communication," he stated: "First class petty officers clearly communicate standards to the Sailors they lead, while consistently keeping the chain of command informed. The deckplate triad of division officer, chief petty officer and

first class petty officer is only effective with their input and deckplate perspective."

Campa told the SNA audience that the relationship between the chief and the division officer has always been strong, and should remain that way.

"But," he added, "consider how much more effective that leadership team could be if it evolves into a triad to include first class petty officers."

For more news from Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, visit www.news.navy.mil/local/mcpon/.

# LIBERTY FEBRUARY EVENTS

Feb 15 Free Paintball 1900 at the Paintball Range

Feb 17 Kayaking 0800 at the Marina

Feb 20 Liberty at the Lanes 1800 at the Bowling Center

Feb 23 Getaway on the Queen 0900 Bayview (overnight)

Feb 27 Liberty at the Lanes 1800 at the Bowling Center

Feb 28 Night Fishing 1900 at the Marina

Feb 29 Last Buck Party 1900 All Centers

FMI Call 2010

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# Research reveals truth about GTMO myth

### Story by MC1 Robert Lamb

NAVSTA Public Affairs Office

t doesn't take long after ar riving in Guan tanamo Bay (GTMO) for new personnel to start asking themselves about all the memorial markers that are dotted around the area.

Markers that detail the Christopher Columbus landing and recall the battle of Cuzco Well are extremely easy to research, but some of the others are not.

Some markers are to honor those who lost their lives and others serve to recall a historical period in America.

The one marker that seems to garner the most attention is the one that can be seen across from the lighthouse, situated on a slope, along the road to Cable Beach.

That particular marker simply says, John Simmons, and that's all.

Rumors about this isolated marker have stayed consistent for many years. GTMO is notorious for rumors and if they stick, they eventually will be recorded as fact.

Some time ago, Gazette staff members tried to find



someone who knew for sure the identity of John Simmons.

And what about the rumor that he was buried in the standing position and facing Jamaica?

Recently an article came to our attention that just may answer those particular questions and perhaps a few more about John Simmons.

July 21, 1956, an article published in the 'Indian,' a long time newspaper here in GTMO, was headlined 'Tomb near Phillips Park Lighthouse Has Jamaican Buried in Standing Position Facing Homeland'.

This story was written by Ely U. Orias.

According to this ac-

count, John Simmons was a former Base civilian employee, from Jamaica, who died Feb. 20, 1938.

Born in 1885, in St. Mary, Jamaica, Simmons moved to Panama at the age of 15 and then move to GTMO at the age of 25.

Simmons eventually worked in GTMO for the next 28 years. At the age of 53, Simmons came down with stomach problems and later died. He was survived by his wife, three daughters and a son, who were in Jamaica at the time of his death.

A few minutes before his death Simmons made a dying wish that he be buried in a standing position facing Jamaica and in a place where his vision could stand unimpeded.

With the approval of then Base Commanding Officer, Capt. Mark Hersey, Simmons' body was accorded the privilege to stand in death forever within the reservation, "as token of appreciation for his undoubting services and as a gesture of compliance with his dying wish."

After reading that this 'rumor' has been laid to rest, many of you may start to think of your own demise and wonder whether you could make a similar request.

Not likely, as per B U M E D I N S T 5360.1, paragraph 13-2, individuals eligible for interment at National Cemetery are not eligible for interment at a naval plot or Cemetery.

Utilizing guidelines set forth in B U M E D I N S T 5360.1, paragraph 2-3b(4), (5), and (6), the following individuals may be buried in a Naval Plot or Cemetery.

Indigent patients that were hospitalized in a naval medical facility provided disposition of remains cannot otherwise be made.

Persons not covered in BUMEDINST 5360.1, paragraph 2-3b(1) through (4) while hospitalized in a naval medical facility or when death occurs onboard a naval installation, provided disposition of remains cannot otherwise be made.

The U.S. Naval Cemetery is host to special Memorial Day services every year, and is open to the public only on that date.

Residents who desire to visit the cemetery any other day may contact HM1 Swoop at the United States Naval Hospital in Guantanamo Bay, but must be escorted to the cemetery by the Naval Station Ordnance Department.

Rumors can sometimes be unverified accounts or unexplained events circulating from person to person and pertaining to an object, event or issue, but many times these rumors turn out to be true.

### Feature

# Creature Feature: Leatherback Sea Turtle

# Story by Jose Montalvo

### GTMO Enviornmental

The Leatherback Sea Turtle (<u>Dermochelys coriacea</u>) is another sea turtle that occasionally nests on GTMO beaches. This one is rarely seen by people diving and snorkeling here because Leatherbacks are the most pelagic of all sea turtles, spending most of their lives in the open ocean.

They are a solitary species; however, small groups may enter coastal waters during the reproductive season or following concentrations of jellyfish. Adult females come ashore to nest on sandy beaches. Leatherbacks were listed as an endangered species in 1970.

Leatherbacks are the largest of all turtles with adults reaching lengths of 4 - 8 feet and weights of 500 - 2000 pounds. Some authorities claim the Leatherback is one of the largest of all living reptiles, second only in size to certain species of crocodile.

They are found throughout the Caribbean and distributed world-wide in tropical and temperate waters in the Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian oceans. They are named for the shell that is a mosaic of small bones covered with a leathery skin, mostly black with some pale spots. The leathery shell has 7 longitudinal ridges which are believed to act as keels.

Leatherbacks prefer the open ocean in the upper end of the water column. They are carnivores and eat primarily jellyfish. High concentrations of jellyfish are often found near the surface in upwelling areas where deep water comes to the surface.

Leatherbacks also eat squid, crustaceans, algae, and seaweed. Although they prefer the shallower



end of the open ocean, they are known to use waters as deep as 1650 feet.

Females nest an average of five - seven times per nesting season with an interval of about 10 days between nesting attempts.

They prefer sandy beaches backed with vegetation and a generally steeper slope which reduces the length of the crawl to dry sand. Preferred beaches are also close to deep water and rough seas.

Females are susceptible to disturbances and will abort nesting efforts if disturbed by people, animals, or even lights while attempting to nest.

Threats to Leatherbacks are much the same as threats to other sea turtles. These include loss of nesting habitat from beach front developments, disturbance to nesting females from lights, people, and pets on developed beaches, entanglement in fishing gear, ingestion of marine debris and illegal taking of turtles and eggs. Vehicles on beaches have been known to crush nests and hatchlings have been trapped in ruts left by tires which stops them from entering the water.

Leatherback conservation efforts at GTMO are the same as for other sea turtle species and include cabling off beaches to prevent vehicle access, a nest monitoring program, prohibitions on taking sea turtles and their eggs, and an educational outreach to inform residents about sea turtle conservation.

Most all GTMO beaches have sea turtle nests and we have active sea turtle nests all year long. When using the beaches you will probably see tracks leading to and from depressions or pits in the sand. It is important to stay clear of these because they may be turtle nests which can be damaged by foot traffic or dogs and kids digging and playing in the sand.

These areas can be easily avoided because they are usually well above the high tide line. By keeping recreational activities at or below the high tide line, we can help conserve these nests and the next generation of sea turtles. It is important to keep litter, especially plastic bags, off the beaches and out of the water. Plastic bags, balloons, and similar items are

eaten by Leatherbacks and other species because they resemble jellyfish and other prey.

Even small quantities of debris clog their digestive system, interfere with their metabolism, and usually kill the turtle. It is also important to avoid disturbing sea turtles.

Occasionally you may see a turtle crawling on the beach or excavating a nest and it is important to stay away. If someone approaches or shines a light on a nesting sea turtle, she will abort her nesting activity and return to the sea.

GTMO provides excellent nesting habitat for sea turtles and this becomes increasingly important as other beaches are developed or otherwise rendered unsuitable.

It is our responsibility as stewards of this Base to ensure our actions manage and conserve these species and their habitats.

If you see a violation or poaching of sea turtles or other wildlife, call Security at 4105 or Channel 73 on VHS. They will respond and take appropriate action.

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### **Navy-wide News**

### Colombian delegates meet with U.S. Navy to plan 2008 interactions

### By MC1 (SW) Holly Boynton,

### U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command

MAYPORT, Fla. (NNS) — Representatives from the Colombian Armada, which includes coast guard and marine corps, met with their U.S. Navy, Army, and Marine Corps counterparts during the Colombian Operational Naval Committee (ONC) conference at Naval Station Mayport, Feb. 4-5.

ONC's are hosted on a rotating basis between U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command (NAVSO) in Mayport, and the partner navy, meeting annually to plan for interactions between

the U.S. Navy and partner nations in Latin America. The attendees discuss and plan for upcoming activities in 2008, to include exercises, foreign military sales and Theater Security Cooperation issues.

At the conclusion of each ONC, the senior delegate from each country signs a memorandum of understanding (MOU). This is a summation of the various items discussed. The 2008 Colombia ONC MOU was signed by Colombian Coast Guard Commander, Capt. Hugo

M. Ortiz and Capt. Steve Blaisdell, NAVSO director of exercises and theater security cooperation.

"This is another venue to focus on mutual cooperation and security and to further build upon personal friendships that bond our navies together," said Blaisdell.

NAVSO frequently hosts foreign military members in a continuing effort to strengthen ties throughout Latin America and the Caribbean to support Theater Security Cooperation and the U.S. Maritime Strategy.

NAVSO, the naval component commander for U.S. Southern Command, oversees U.S. maritime operations throughout South America, including exercises and deployments; counter illicit trafficking support, and Theater Security Cooperation events such as community relations projects.

For more news from Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command, visit www.navy.mil/local/cusns/.

## Navy relaxes management controls for tuition assistance

### From Naval Education and Training Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Restrictions on enlisted Sailor participation in Tuition Assistance (TA) and Navy College Program for Afloat College Education (NCPACE) based on time in service and end of obligated service have been rescinded.

The change, announced by Navy Administration message (NAVADMIN) 42-08 released Feb. 12, was based on Sailor feedback and as a result of savings from management controls that were put in place in June 2007.

Sailors with less than 19 years time in service and meeting all other requirements may participate in TA or NCPACE as long as course completions occur prior to separation from active duty.

"If you look at what some of the "Top 50" civilian corporations are offering for education, I think we are matching that," said Capt. Ken Barrett, Task Force Life/Work lead. "We then take it a step further by offering Navy Credentialing Opportunities Online certifications, paying for College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) examinations and access to Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Educational Support (DANTES) programs.

Not only will the Navy help pay for your

degree, we're making it easier to get credit for the job you're already doing."

During the recent Task Force Life/Work Roadshow events held in five fleet concentration areas, Sailors provided more than 250 feedback comments on education issues, recommending changes to a variety of programs including the current TA policy, according to Barrett.

"Listening to our Sailors has allowed us to calibrate the controls to become even more effective," said Rear Adm. Gary Jones, commander, Naval Education and Training Command. "We continue to monitor the new policies and their impact on Sailors and the Voluntary Education (VOLED) program, building the programs and making changes as needed.

TA and NCPACE support our Sailor's education goals and are included as part of our new Enlisted Learning and Development Strategy that we are beginning to rollout."

Setting realistic goals, conducting early career planning, and maintaining a balance between job and education is essential to a Sailor's success, according to Ann Hunter, the Navy's Voluntary Education (VOLED)

Service Chief.

"For example, Sailors with four-year commitments may find completing degree requirements challenging. Completion of "A" School and satisfactory progress toward warfare qualifications must come first," said Hunter. "This doesn't prevent Sailors from developing an education plan and studying for CLEP and DANTES exams."With careful planning, these Sailors may complete 24-30 hours of college courses before completion of their four-year commitment. This, combined with credit for military training and experience, could lead to a degree," added Hunter.

Sailors are required to assess career and educational goals and work with both Navy leadership and Navy College Offices to develop a plan that places a priority on warfare and professional qualifications, and supports career development.

The education plan is only one aspect of a Sailor's career development plan. Full implementation of the Navy's management controls requires cooperation between the Navy College Offices, command leadership and Sailors. Roles and responsibilities are outlined in the NAVADMIN.

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# MARDI GRAS, From page 1

The world-famous cel ebration which takes place the day before Lent made its way to the confines of Guantanamo Bay Feb. 9.

The colorful Mardi Gras 2008 parade, which dates back to the late 17th Century, is a celebration of the consumption of things, typically food and beverages, that are forbidden during Lent.

The GTMO Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center hosted a Mardi Gras event which included dinner at the Bayview, a ride on a Mardi Gras float and a visit to the new O'Kelly's Irish Pub.

"Mardi Gras is a huge event [in Lousiana]. It's a way of life there, so we wanted to bring some of the Big Easy here to GTMO," said MWR Bayview Manager Marlene Diaz. "[This is] a time to celebrate good food, music family and friends," said Diaz.



The GTMO Mardi Gras celebration Feb. 9 brought residents from all departments together to experience a taste of the Big Easy.



The Mardi Gras celebration was revitalized this year in GTMO through a collaboration between MWR staff and the JTF public affairs group from Louisiana.

"We just want to thank the community for its support in all MWR programs ans special events. We really enjoy trying to bring a little of home to our home here in GTMO," said Diaz.

# **GTMO** unclaimed vehicle listing

Per NAVSTAGTMO 11200.1, the security department can only hold vehicles for 120 days. The cars listed below are approaching or past this deadline. Unclaimed vehicles will be turned over to Bremcor per NAVBASEGTMO 4500.3F. Only the registered owner or his agent may claim a vehicle. These are not for sale. For more information, contact

Reg. Number	Year	Make	Model	Color	VIN
C-8669	at local colorest	Plymouth	Herizon	Grey	1P3BL28BD227846
C-3814	1986	Buick	Regal	Black	1G4GJ47YXGP445762
UNK C-1951	1984 1997	Buick Oldsmobile	LeSabre Aurora	White Maroon	1G4AP3777EH93032 1G3GR62C3V4108918
C-8694	2001	Chevy	Tracker	White	2CNBJ78C416925852
C-4984 C-0094	1978 1979	Datsun Cadillac	Pickup Seville	Green White	KHL620351621 6S69B99488328
C-4998	1982	Ford	Fairmont	Blue	9FABP21BK166428
UNK	1988	Dodge	Caravan	White	2B4FK21G6HR12315
C-3147	1985	Dodge	Ram	White/Red	1B7KD36W0FS608530
UNK	1992	Lincoln	Towncar	Blue	1LNLM81WXNY738783

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# Downtown Lyceum

Friday, Feb. 15
The Water Horse
7 p.m., PG, 135 min.
Jumper
9 p.m., PG13, 90 min.

Saturday, Feb. 16
Cloverfield
7 p.m., PG13, 84 min.
Walk Hard: The
Dewey Cox Story
9 p.m.,R, 96 min.

Sunday, Feb. 17 P.S. I Love You 7 p.m., PG13, 126 min.

Monday, Feb. 18 Charlie Wilson's War 7 p.m., R, 97 min.

Tuesday, Feb. 19
Jumper
7 p.m., PG13, 90 min.

Wednesday, Feb. 20 The Water Horse 7 p.m., PG, 135 min.

Thursday, Feb. 21
P.S. I Love You
7 p.m., PG13, 126 min.



### P.S. I Love You, PG-13, 126 min.

A grieving young widow discovers that her late husband has left her a list of tasks revealed in 10 messages, delivered anonymously, intended to ease her out of grief and transition her to a new life.



### The Water Horse, PG, 135 min.

Angus, a young Scottish boy, finds an enchanted egg. Taking it home, he soon finds himself face-to-face with an amazing creature: the mythical "water horse" of Scottish lore. Angus begins a journey of discovery, facing his greatest fears and risking his life to protect a secret that would give birth to a legend.

# MWR Happenings

### NATIONAL SPORTS & FITNESS DAY 5K

Feb. 22, 2008

Calling all NAVSTA and JTF Commands

Help celebrate National Fitness Day by conducting Command PT Feb. 22 6:30 at the Base Gym

To sign up or for more information contact

Karissa Sandstrom at sandstromka@usnbgtmo.navy.mil

or by phone at 77262

This Event Is Open To Everyone

T-shirts for all participants

### KING CRAB VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Feb. 23

10 a.m. at Windmill Beach

4 person co-ed teams (must have at least one female)

Rosters due Feb 22 at the base gym by 5 p.m.

Prizes and/or plaques for 1st & 2nd place

FMI call Aubrey at 2113 or email at

Aubrey.G.Keimnec.Civ@usnbgtmo.navy.mil

#### MARCH MADNESS 3-on-3 TOURNAMENT

March 15

3 p.m. at the Denich Gym

Open to Active Duty only

5 person roster, double elimination

Free t-shirts to all participants

Register at Denich Gym

FMI contact the MWR Sports Office at 2113

### GTMO Shopper

### For Sale

- (2) laptop, system toshiba microsoft windows xp proffessional version 5.1.2600 physical memory 959.91mb hard-drive 111gb \$700 OBO call Thompson at 3441 or 75643.
- (2) Maytag washer & dryer both for\$150.00. Call4519-W or 78690-H
- (2) GE Washer and Dryer, good condition, both for \$100, Call 77134. (2) Kids solid pine wood bedroom set that includes, bunk bed, 5 drawer chest, night table, toy chest, and computer desk with hutch -\$800, Female mountain bike in great condition \$100, Kids semi-automatic paintball gun \$100, Adult paintball gun, brand new and only used 2 times \$500, Glow in the dark XBOX with lots of games \$150, Sony Playstation 2 \$50,FMI 75811 or 84050.
- (2) SCSI DSL Modem, \$40. FMI call 77224.
- (1) SCSI DSL Modem, \$30. FMI call 79403.
- (1)Kids 8 piece solid pine wood dismountable bunk bed bedroom set-\$800, SIM-5 Pro Elite paintball gun \$450. FMI call 75811.
- (1) Mini-fridge perfect condition-\$150 and Sunbeam Gas grill with side burner, bottle and cover-\$150(Great Condition). Buy both for \$250. Contact: AM1 Weeks at TK 120 (78641) or work 3321.
- (1) Zenith 57 inch HDTV must sell \$1400 OBO, Sharp 37 inch LCD HDTV must sell \$900 OBO, ASUS Pocket PC Series 6 must sell \$200 OBO. FMI 79551/90498.
- (1) Canon powershot sd870 8.1 mega pixel, 1 week old, \$315.00 call Nelson 8153/77689.
- (1) 55" JVC HDTV \$900, Desk 75, Vacuum 50, Desk Chair 50, Coffee and 2 End Tables set 150, Night Stand 40, Elliptical Machine 200, Futon and extra mattress 50, Fishing Equipment 50, Coffee maker 10, TV Stand 50. First come, first serve. Call Adam 7-7050 or 3632.
- (1) Two scuba tanks, plus other dive items \$180. FMI 3471, 84548. (1) Sofa and love seat \$150, Coffee table and 2 end tables \$100, TV stand \$40, Bdrm set \$200, Bed and boxspring \$250, Scuba tanks 63, 80, 100, all \$75, contact Ben@77106

### **Vehicles/Boats**

- (2) 1998 Olds Silhouette V-6 Van with 70,000 miles, green. Fullyloaded, power everything, grey leather interior, second row captain chairs, third row folding 50/50 spit bench, dual airconditioners, alumimum wheels, very clean, not a GTMO special, well maintained. Asking \$5500. Available April 1st. Daytime 76230 ask for Craig, evenings 79485. (2) 2003 Ford Taurus SE, V6, 49 K mile, excellent condition, asking \$9,900 or best offer, call 77134. (2) 1992 Ford Ranger 65,000 Miles, \$2,000 OBO FMI call Omar
- Afghanzada 78742 leave a message.
  (2) 2004 Ford Expedition Eddie
- Bauer Great Condition \$20,500 OBO. FMI call 77271.
- (2) 1992 Geo Tracker. \$3500 OBO. Call 4700 or 77707.
- (1) 2002 VW Passat 1.8T, less than 49K miles, 4 door, Automatic, cold A/C, very clean. \$10,500 OBO. Available late APR. FMI: 77280.
- (1) Golf cart, excellent condition, newer batteries, lifted, large tires, extra parts. \$1,300 obo. Call Adam at 7-7050 or 3632.
- (1) 12 foot inflatable Zodiac boat with 7.5 HP motor. Includes all accessories. Perfect for exploring the bay. FMI call 79561 or 2254. (1) 1998 Ford Windstar van. Not a GTMO special. Low miles. Clean inside and out. FMI call 79561 or 2254
- (1) 18 FT Pontoon Boat, 90 HP Johnson Motor, Hummingbird Fish Finder, AM/FM CD Marine Stereo, Uniden Marine Radio, 10 pole holders, ladder, great for fishing or diving. \$8000.00 call 90376 or 77563.
- (1) 1997 Ford Ranger, 196k miles, runs good, A/C \$4000 OBO. 1996 Saab 900S, 111k miles, new exhaust, great A/C \$4200 OBO. Contact Ben@77106.

### **Employment**

- (1) PRACTICAL NURSE, LGS 0620-05/06 ANNOUNCEMENT # FN08-003A US Naval Hospital FMI call CNRSE Forward Deployed Detachment Office 4441.
- (1)Medical Support Assistant LGS-0697-04US Naval Hospital. FMI call CNRSE Forward Deployed Detachment Office 4441.

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- (1) Nursing Assistant LGS-0621-04 Announcement # FN08-006.FMI call CNRSE Forward Deployed Detachment Office 4441.
- (1) NURSING ASSISTANT LGS-0621-04 ANNOUNCEMENT# FN08-006A. FMI call CNRSE Forward Deployed Detachment Office4441.
- (1) SECRETARY YB-318-1 ANNOUNCEMENT#08-001 CUBAN COMMUNITY. FMI call CNRSE Forward Deployed Detachment Office 4441.
- (1) Office Automation Clerk GS-0326-04 ANNOUNCEMENT# 08-002
- HOUSING DEPARTMENT. FMI call CNRSE Forward Deployed Detachment Office 4441.
- (1) Materials Handler WG-6907-05 Announcement # 08-004 FISC POSTAL. FMI call CNRSE Forward Deployed Detachment Office 4441.

### **Announcements**

- (2) The W.T. Sampson High School Odyssey of the Mind team would like to extend their grateful appreciation to the GTMO community for their overwhelming support. Our Money Tree fund raising activity at the NEX last Saturday was a tremendous success due to the extreme generosity of "Team GTMO". We will proudly represent this community
- during the World Finals at the University of Maryland in May! Thank you for bringing us so much closer to our goal!
- (2) The Jamaica Independence Day Committee 2008 is seeking committee members and volunteers to be part of our planning for this year's celebration. FMI call Beneford Taylor DWH at 75041/74547 and AWH at 77576.
- (1)Come to school and be our guest, Share with the kids that reading is "the best" Read to them and make them smile, It really will be worth your while! To Dr. Seuss, we'll sing a birthday song, The celebration will last all day long! (March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ W.T. Sampson ES)

POCES: Taylor Edwards or phone 2207 HS: Sonja-Lee Pollino-3500/3361.

(1) Class dates for MWR MCSE training are: March 3-9 and March 15-21, 2008. The training will be held 2/F Windjammer Training Room. Please contact MWR IT at 7-9556 (Pamela Reed) for more information.

### Misc. Ads

(2) Lost: Wedding ring, thin silver band with tiny sparkles on top. Lost at pool. Great sentimental value! Please return to Irene at 75725.

### **Yard Sales**

Feb. 16&17-Villamar 20B7a.m.-noon Feb.17-Caravella Point 14-B from 7a.m. to noon.

### GAAA 2008 Gala

Come one, come all!!!

Feb. 23 at the Windjammer

TICKETS ON SALE NOW at NEX ATRIUM Sat. 10 a.m. - 2p.m.

This event will celebrate cultural diversity and empowerment.

Raffle prizes include:

- Air Sunshine round-trip ticket to FT. Lauderdale
- LYNX round-trip ticket to FT. Lauderdale
  - A Nintendo Wii - An IPod shuffle
  - An IPod shuffle and many more!

The guest speaker for the event will be Don McNeal former NFL superstar

# GTMO Happenings





MIDDLE LEFT, BOTTOM RIGHT:

TAX\$\$TIME— Two servicemembers and their wives prepare their 2007 income tax returns at the NLSO GTMO VITA tax center. Volunteers from the GTMO community spend countless hours per week throughout tax season preparing returns for local residents free of charge. Residents may schedule an appointment to have their taxes prepared by calling 4692.

ABOVE: NAVLEAD — Petty officers from several Guantanamo Bay commands attended a week-long work center supervisor course facilitated by Sailors from the Center for Naval Leadership (CNL). The course, which allows students to interact with instructors and each other during senario driven exercises, is one of several leadership classes CNL offers. The Navy recently mandated that the Work Center Supervisor course be completed by all E-6 examination candidates prior to testing.



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