

NAVSTA skipper sends holiday wishes



From the Captain: 2007 holiday message



This is the third Christmas for our family in Guantanamo Bay. As many of you know, every Christmas, the children of W. T. Sampson schools have made the Christmas ornaments for our tree.

Thanks to the loving guidance of our wonderful art teachers, Heather Schwartz and Sonja Lee Pollino, our tree has always been unique and lovely.

Though the past two Christmas trees were truly a delight, this year's tree is absolutely extraordinary!

Our family brought home a huge, fresh, 16-foot tall tree, and with the help of our son, Tom, stood it up, straight and proud, in the foyer of our historic home.

It rises grandly up through the stairwell and can be gazed upon from many different perspectives.

Pollino's students chose a patriotic theme this year. They

made fabulous red, white, and blue pinwheels, and stars of many shapes and sizes.

My wife Paula added garland of Old Glory ribbon and the whole thing came together splendidly.

The tree is topped with a grand pinwheel and streamers and everything sparkles and shines.

It is a delight to behold and it means the world to us that our talented teachers and students have filled our Christmas season this year, and every year we have been here, with this glorious gift of joy.

We will always remember Christmas in Guantanamo Bay because of the thoughtfulness and enthusiasm of so many wonderful students at W.T. Sampson School.

Happy Holidays and may your New Year be bright and full of wonder!

Captain and Mrs. Mark Leary and family.

GTMO NEX customer notice: Store to remove front customer service desk

On January 8, 2008 the Customer Service desk located at the entrance of the Main NEX will be removed.

All services that were provided at this desk including recycling refunds, returns, refunds, atrium reservations, and school lunch tickets will provided at the customer service center located in the back of the store near the sporting goods department.

Refunds and returns can now also be conducted at any register.

We request that all jewelry and Watch returns take

place at the jewelry counter.

We also request that all electronics department returns be taken to that department.

Check cashing is available in the customer service department and express line register number one.

In addition, we no longer require that customers check their bags at the front counter.

The area that the counter was will now highlight store sales events and promotions.

FMI contact 74497

GTMO Cotillion

First practice at the Bayview
Monday, Jan. 7 at 6:30 p.m.



This is the last call for anyone interested in participating.
FMI call Marlene at 75605 or Terrill at 3664

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NAVY BALL 2008 PRESENTS

Christmas Bake Sale and
Fun with Santa
at the Miniature golf and skate rink

Dec. 23, 6-8 p.m.

\$1 for 2 minutes of golf per person-
Create teams up to 5 and throw dodge balls at
Santa!

FMI call 4721 or 78519

Navy announces rating mergers decisions

By MC2 Trevor Andersen, Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

The Navy announced in **NAVADMIN 319/07** on Nov. 30 that the merger of eight engineering ratings into three has been postponed until 2010 when the proposal will be reevaluated. Two other rating mergers have been disapproved.

The larger merger of eight ratings included combining the hull maintenance technician, damage controlman and machinery repairman ratings into one rating, the electrician's mate and gas turbine system technician-electrical ratings into a second and the machinist's mate, engineman and gas turbine system technician-mechanical rating into a third.

"I believe an engineering rating merger makes sense, but when we do it, we'll do it right. It's not an easy process; there are training and distribution issues that need to be carefully planned, so that when we do execute, we can be certain we've

set our Sailors up for success," said Vice Adm. John Harvey, Chief of Naval Personnel (CNP).

The proposal to merge interior communications electrician (IC) with electronics technician (ET) was disapproved.

"The bottom line is ICs and ETs are just too unique to merge. They have unique skills, and the equipment they operate and repair requires individualized training. Things are working well now and it makes sense to keep them that way," Harvey said.

The operations specialist (OS) and quartermaster (QM) merger was also disapproved.

"In-depth analysis determined that while OS and QM rating share some common skill sets, we found as Sailors become more senior, each rating focuses on different operational and warfare priorities. Additionally, during the course of the rat-

ing merger study, senior enlisted leaders revealed a strong belief that the quartermaster, as one of the oldest ratings in the Navy, is deeply rooted in the culture of our nautical heritage. These factors, combined with the fundamental role of positional accuracy in safe navigation, led to the decision to maintain the uniqueness of these two ratings," said Fleet Master Chief Manpower, Personnel, Training, Education Office of the CNP, Mike McCalip.

With the release of the NAVADMIN, the CNP made it clear that the Navy considers rating mergers seriously.

"This is not a process that we take lightly; every proposal is carefully analyzed. Where it makes sense, rating mergers will occur. Where it does not make sense, we're not afraid to pull back or cancel those proposals," said Harvey.

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 Hall)

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)
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Advancement exams waived for select GWOT Sailors

By MCSN Ken Ingram

ANAVADMIN released Dec. 13, provides guidance for administering Navy-wide advancement exams to Sailors who are deploying, deployed to or returning from operations in Iraq, Afghanistan or the Horn of Africa.

"These changes are made as we learn how to best support our Sailors fighting the Global War on Terrorism," said Vice

Adm. John C. Harvey, Chief of Naval Personnel.

NAVADMIN 336/07 supersedes a previous message NAVADMIN 139/07 which also affected Sailors' ability to take advancement exams while in these regions.

Some of the guidance listed in the new message includes:

All Chief and Limited Duty Officer candidates who are eli-

gible, meet the requirements of the new message, and have the commanding officer's approval are waived from the advancement examination. NAVADMIN 139/07 did not include candidates going up for board for their first time.

Sailors who are within 60 days of a pending deployment to these regions may request an early ex-

amination if eligible. An early exam for E-4 to E-6 may be requested and administered if the deployment date falls within a three-calendar month window prior to the month of exam administration.

"Sailors taking the exam up to E-6 are recommended to take the exam before they are deployed to these areas," said Jim Hawthorne, head of

exam administration division at Naval Education and Training, Professional Development and Technology Center. "You won't be able to take it during training, and you may not get to take it while you are on deployment."

The NAVADMIN also provides detailed instructions for E-4 to E-6 candidates in theater who are unable to participate in an

advancement exam. It should be read in its entirety due to the specifics.

"The flexibility provided in the NAVADMIN is in no way intended to disadvantage any Sailor. Every effort shall be made to provide Sailors the best opportunity to perform well on their exam," according to Harvey.

The GREAT debate: officer or enlisted?

Story by MC2 Kim Williams,

NAVSTA Public Affairs



It's a debate that has touched many Sailors at one time or another.

While there are perks to going officer, many enlisted members do not understand the process of joining the higher ranks.

Officers enjoy better pay and more responsibility, but this duty is not for everyone.

By contrast, the enlisted community also enjoys a sense of pride, distinction and a wealth of knowledge that many officers who have not been a part of that community would not understand.

With so many opportunities in both communities, which is the right place for you?

While joining the Navy as an enlisted Sailor is as simple as having good morale character, being medically fit and passing the Armed Services Vocational Battery (ASVAB), there are several communities within the enlisted ranks that require a screening process similar to that of any officer program.

Navy Sea, Air and Land Forces

The Navy's Sea, Air, Land (SEAL) forces are the elite Special Operations forces of the US Navy. The SEAL teams are one of the most respected commando forces in the

world—they are often cited as the most elite, flexible and highly trained Commando force. If you want to become a SEAL, the U.S. Navy Special Warfare Community has a challenge for you. The SEAL program consists of more than 12 months of initial training—followed by an additional 18 months of pre-deployment training—and intensive specialized training designed to push you to your physical and mental limits—again and again. By law, only men are allowed to join the SEAL program.

Applicants must meet specific eyesight requirements, ASVAB score, be 28 years old or younger, be a U.S. citizen, pass a diving physical and complete a physical screening test. Applicants must also pass a Basic Underwater Demolition/SEALS (BUD/S) physical fitness screening test in Boot Camp and in the Delayed Entry Program (DEP) in order to qualify for a SEAL contract.

Navy Linguists

The enlisted side of the house has openings for a few good Sailors who have special language skills. Cryptologic Technician Interpretive (CTI) are Sailors that have learned a foreign language to a high degree of proficiency.

The Defense Foreign Language Program is open

to anyone in the Navy who wishes to establish their proficiency in this area. Sailors can contact their educational services officer and make arrangements to take the test for free. There are different degrees of foreign proficiency, from basic to advanced.

Immediate opportunities exist for Sailors in ranks E-2 through E-5 who are native or near native speakers of the following languages: French, Arabic, Persian-Farsi, Chinese (Mandarin), Korean, Vietnamese, Serbian, Croatian, and Russian. Sailors should contact a career counselor for more information.

Navy Nuclear Program

The Navy's Nuclear Field program offers exceptional technical training in nuclear energy and nuclear propulsion to those who qualify.

The training, some of the broadest and most comprehensive available anywhere, prepares people to become experienced professionals in a high-tech field.

All candidates for ratings in the nuclear field program must meet test score criteria [no waivers] and other criteria set forth in NAVMILPERSCOMINST 1306.11. All candidates must be high school graduates [GED not acceptable], and have com-

pleted at least one year of algebra with a minimum grade of 'C'. Transcripts or certified a copy must be filed in service record when enlisted.

Officer Programs

There are several different pipelines a Sailor can choose to apply for these programs and if he is a 'fit' as deemed by the decision making board for the program in question.

Seaman to Admiral-21

The Seaman to Admiral-21 (STA-21) program streamlines the application process by consolidating eight of 14 commissioning paths by using a single application.

There is one application deadline and one selection board.

Under STA-21, Sailors remain in an active-duty status while participating; they draw full pay, allowances, and benefits, and receive an education voucher valued at up to \$10,000 per year for tuition, fees, and book costs.

Participants in the program attend Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps affiliated colleges or universities after gaining admission.

Several officer programs have age requirements, so pay close attention to OPNAVINST 1420.1A for details.

The STA-21 program is not for Sailors who already possess a baccalaureate

degree, but instead these Sailors have a few other options to join the officer community.

Officer Candidate School

Officer Candidate School (OCS), Limited Duty Officer (LDO) and Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) commissioning programs select Sailors with bachelor degrees or eight years or more experience in the Navy.

The OCS option annually selects Sailors with a Bachelor of Arts or Science degree from an accredited college/university. Deadlines for submission vary depending on the designator in which the Sailor is applying for.

Applicants must also take portions of the Aviation Selection Test Battery (ASTB) based on their individual program's requirements.

The ASTB is primarily an aptitude test that assesses math skills and aptitude, the ability to extract meaning from written material, familiarity with mechanical concepts and simple machines, and the ability to perform mental rotations to determine the orientation of aircraft in 3-dimensional space.

There is no minimum score required to apply to officer programs requiring the ASTB, according to chapter four of OPNAVINST 1420.1A.

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For those Sailors who want to forego taking a test that have proven on the job and Navy experience of eight years or more, the Limited Duty Officer (LDO) or Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) programs may be for them.

LDO/CWO

The LDO and CWO communities, affectionately known as 'The Mustang' community, is one of the Navy's officer commissioning programs offered to enlisted Sailors. While this program is the only officer commissioning program that does not require its applicants to possess a college degree, it requires career experience – which many consider invaluable practical knowledge.

Enlisted candidates who are first class petty officers, with at least one-year time in rate, or

chief to master chief petty officers can apply to the LDO program upon fulfilling minimum program eligibility requirements. All applicants are required to have completed eight years of active-duty service before applying to the program.

CWO applicants must be a chief petty officer (E-7 through E-9), including E-6 personnel, when notification has been received by the commanding officer that the applicant is a selectee for chief petty officer and must have completed at least 12, but not more than 24 years of active naval service.

According to OPNAVINST 1420.1A, The LDO program is comprised of technically oriented officers who perform duties limited to specific occupational fields. These officers come from almost every enlisted rating with a few

exceptions. CWOs are technical specialists who perform duties requiring extensive knowledge and skills of a specific occupational field at a level beyond what is normally expected of a master chief petty officer.

Selectees must remain flexible, worldwide assignable and ready for anything. Applicants do not have to apply for the same designator [field] in which you are currently rated.

The best way to determine which route whether officer or enlisted is right for you is research. OPNAVINST 1420.1A is the guideline for all officer programs and Navy career counselors, recruiters and mentors can also assist. Explore these avenues today and determine your future in the Navy.

Cuban American Friendship Day

event will take place

Jan. 25, 2008

Tickets are on sale at the NEX
Atrium every Sat. & Sun.

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

FMI Call Bev at 75490 or 74119

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Have you been naughty or nice? — *Forty one children took the time to write letters to Santa Claus and drop them off at the Navy Exchange. On Dec. 15, Santa returned the favor and handed out 30 gifts to children who showed up to see if their letters were drawn out of his sack. The presents were a gift from Naval Station Port Services Department to Santa Claus. BM2 Rachel Saspe collected donations from her department and with some help from the NEX, gave back to her community via Santa Claus. Port Services wishes everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.*

COACHES & ASSISTANTS

are needed for youth basketball ages 4-14
There will be a coach's meeting Jan. 15 at 6:30 p.m.
FMI contact Lori at 2113 or lori.wills@usnbgtdmo.navy.mil



I'm dreaming of a 'green' GTMO

Story, photos by MC1 Bob Lamb,

NAVSTA Public Affairs

Normally during this time of year trees are being cut down in order to celebrate Christmas, but not in Guantanamo Bay (GTMO).

Besides lacking the traditional Spruce, Afghan Pine or Douglas fir trees—at least without a trip to the NEX—GTMO residents are extremely sensitive and passionate about the environment.

Reflecting that, on Dec. 15 Naval Station Environmental Department spearheaded a project called 'GTMO ReLeaf'.

"With the help of a number of forces here on base, a section of sidewalk leading from the Navy Lodge area to the downtown Lyceum and Base Library has trees planted alongside it," said Meghan Byrne of the NAVSTA GTMO Environmental Department. "JTF engineering and NAVSTA public works helped in the planning process and NAVSTA Public Works Department (PWD) donated the trees.

"The GTMO Cub Scouts planted the trees and will maintain them in the future, and the GTMO Fire Department will be watering the trees for their first few



After digging, watering and labeling the spots where the trees were planted everyone involved posed for a group picture with the Naval Station Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Leary. The Cub Scouts version of the World Conservation Award can be earned by Wolf, Bear, or WEBLOS Scouts. This is considered a 'temporary patch' and should be displayed centered on the right pocket. It can be sewn on or displayed in a plastic patch holder hung from the pocket button.

months", she added.

Living trees are a precious commodity; they contribute oxygen to the air we breathe, shade in the



Two scouts carefully write their names on their particular plant. Each year the scouts do a tree planting project. Last year they planted papaya trees.

summer and provide shelter and nesting places for birds as well as absorbing carbon dioxide.

The trees are a native species called Yellow Poinciana.

"There's a similar species here that many people may have seen called the Red Flamboyant tree. However, the type planted has yellow flowers and keeps its foliage year round. It is an ideal shade tree used in urban areas," said Byrne.

Yellow Poinciana is an upright, semi-evergreen tree that has a rounded canopy and is capable of reaching 50 feet in height with a 35 to 50-foot crown. From May through September, the entire tree's canopy is smothered with a yellow blanket of flowers.

The two individuals instrumental in making this project happen were Army Lt. Col. Manuel

Medina, JTF Engineer, who came up with the idea and Amelia Smith, who runs the PWD Nursery.

"He [Medina] noticed families standing in the hot sun at Cooper Field watching their kids play sports. He suggested the idea to plant trees and I took it and ran with it. Amelia Smith has been wonderful and helped us pick out the ideal tree for the location. She not only donated her time but her expertise," said Byrne.

Naval Station Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Leary, thought the idea was fantastic.

"This project showed a genuine commitment from the Guantanamo community to protect and enhance the environment for future generations," Leary said.

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“Anyone who has spent the summer months in GTMO knows shade is a very valuable commodity in this corner of the Caribbean. The project has already been a success. We aren’t trying to reforest the whole base, but given that we live in a fairly arid desert ecosystem of Cuba, we’re just hoping to replant some native species in areas used often, creating shade and making the place more aesthetically pleasing, along with helping with erosion control,” Leary added.

During the ceremony the fire department was on hand to lend their support and their hoses

“We were asked to be there for the watering portion of the ceremony. We’re going to water the trees every few days for the first few weeks,” said Carl W. Davis, assistant fire chief.

This collaboration by many GTMO officials and numerous current residents is intended to make this Naval facility as clean and as environmentally friendly as possible.

Most people live here for only a few years and realize that what happens during their rotation is a reflection on them.

How residents leave this community is a direct reflection on how much they appreciate the environment and the future of this base.

“I had a chance with the assistance of Public Works and the GTMO Boy Scouts/WEBLOS/Cub Scouts to plant a tree and hopefully see it grow, at least a few inches in my remaining time here.

I hope that I will be able to pass my tree on to the future commanding officer and that the Boy Scouts will be able to pass their trees on to future generations of GTMO scouts,” Capt. Leary said.

The Cub Scouts have been particularly involved in maintenance of the trees planted by the older Boy Scouts, according to Cmdr. Eileen D’Andrea, Naval Station Public Works Department resident officer in charge of construction.

“Each year the [Boy] Scouts do a tree planting project. Last year we planted papaya trees. Our plan is to continue working with the environmental department in future tree planting projects. Thanks to their help and initiative, it made the activity much



The Fire Department carefully waters the saplings just moments after they were planted. The Fire Department will continue to water the trees every few days for the first few weeks.

more fun.”

The Cub Scouts will use this activity to help them earn their World Conservation Award. This award provides an opportunity for individual Cub Scouts to ‘think globally’ and ‘act locally’ to preserve and improve our environment.

This program is designed to make youth aware that all nations are closely related through natural resources and that we are interdependent with our world environment.

“This was a great way of providing the GTMO community with yet another way of working together for a common goal,” Byrne said.

“Planting is the easy part. We need to insure that the commitment is there for the long term to nurture these seedlings into actual trees.”

“I believe if we can demonstrate that commitment to our public areas, the desire to do more for our GTMO environment will also grow. I know that Family Housing residents already practice leaving their yards a better place than they found them and I am reminded of this regularly during Yard of the Quarters presentations. But it is time to move beyond housing to bring that same care to our common, high traffic areas where this effort can benefit the larger

Guantanamo community”, said Capt. Leary.

**In Memoriam
Vivian Jackson
(Boisey)**



Ratcliff Construction, Inc. is deeply saddened by the passing of employee Vivian Jackson (Boisey). Persons interested in giving a donation or attending his funeral may contact Nicole at 74181 or 79184. There will be a memorial service for Vivian Jackson (Boisey) Dec. 20, 6 p.m. at the Base Chapel. All residents are invited to attend. FMI call David at 74181 or 77580.

Food for thought

Story, photos by MC1 Bob Lamb,

NAVSTA Public Affairs

School lunch programs may be common in most U.S. schools, but in Guantanamo Bay (GTMO) the DoDEA W.T. Sampson Elementary/High School doesn't have one.

Students mainly go to the Gold Hill Galley, the Windjammer or stopped by one of the fast food restaurants to grab something for lunch before their next class starts. But since the beginning of this school year, things have changed a little.

Tucked behind the art class at the high school is a small kitchen area where 'mini' meals can be made, surrounded by an eating area just large enough for about 20 students to relax and enjoy their food while catching up on some schoolwork. The idea, approved by Principal Kathy Einhorn, was that of Kelly Garland, Sampson's Registrar. He volunteered to forego his lunch hour five days a week in order to organize a small lunch menu so students wouldn't have to leave the school grounds.

"This has been approved by medical and is a non-profit venture. All the money goes back into the school," said Garland. "The lunch menu has grown since the beginning of the school year. Some days, more than 40 people come in for lunch."

"It started out with only a few people coming in, now we have a lot of kids coming in, said Hali Hearn. "We even have deliveries. If a teacher sends a request, then we can deliver to the teacher's room. Students can pick up their

meals and take them to the school courtyard to eat. We have trash receptacles and the students keep the grounds around school very clean. We are actually very good at cleaning up around here," she added.

Some of the seniors started helping Garland in the beginning and then other students expressed an interest in helping their fellow students.

"At this point I just supervise; some kids come and stay a few minutes, while others volunteer their time every day," said Garland.

According to regular volunteer Joshua Blood, many students enjoy helping out.

"Everyone has a job, some serve, some cook and some just clean-up. We get pretty busy. We do pizza, sloppy joes, grilled cheese, what ever seems to work. It works out great for the kids. They can grab something to eat and have plenty of time to prepare for the next class. It gives them a little extra time to do homework or whatever they need to do."

After supplies and food are purchased, the rest of the money goes to the student government, senior and junior class and other groups within the school.

On Dec. 13, barbecue chicken and macaroni and cheese were chosen as the special meal in order to donate to the 'Odyssey of the Mind,' an international educational program in which W.T. Sampson participates every year. Teachers, students, the Naval Station Human Resources Office



Josh Blood (forward) and Hali Hearn (back) serve up barbecue chicken and macaroni & cheese during a special meal designed to raise money for the Odyssey of the Mind student program Dec. 13.

and the base chapel personnel all came by to support the students and the 'Odyssey of the Mind.'

The Odyssey program provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Kids apply their creativity to problems which might be resolved by building mechanical devices or presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competitions on

the local, state, and world level. Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and from about 25 other countries participate in the program. "We will participate in a competition in Baltimore this year and the profits will really help out with lodging and food", said Art Teacher Sonja-Lee Pollino.

On just this one day, the students raised \$310, which will all go to the 'Odyssey of the Mind' program.

NAVSTA Christmas Package Pickup

Christmas package slips will be available for pick up at the NAVSTA admin official mail room for personnel with **mail box numbers 1, 25, and 35 only**

Dec. 24, 9:30 a.m. - noon.

The NAVSTA admin official mail room is located in Bulkeley Hall (bldg 2144)/room 218.

The post office will be open from 9 a.m. - noon to pick up packages.

You will need your package slips in order to get your packages from the post office.

Creature Feature: Yellowfin Tuna

Story, photo provided by José B. Montalvo, Natural Resources Manager, Environmental Department

The yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacores*) is a large fish associated with open waters. It is a highly migratory species and is found worldwide in tropical and subtropical waters.

Yellowfin tend to school with same size fish and often school with other species of tuna.

Larger adult yellowfin in the eastern Pacific often school with various species of the marine mammal dolphin and this association in the past has resulted in the incidental by-catch (and death) of hundreds of thousands of dolphin by commercial fishing interests.

You may recall the controversy of the early to mid 80's that resulted in consumer boycotts of tuna and the eventual implementation of regulatory requirements on the commercial fishing industry



for 'dolphin friendly' tuna.

Yellowfins are also usually associated with some sort of shade and are frequently found under trash lines, weed lines, or other floating objects which provide shade and foraging habitat for bait fish.

Yellowfins have metallic greenish to black or blue backs with white bellies and sides.

There is a gold band running down the length of the fish and the fins are yellow, hence their common name.

Their bodies are spindle shaped tapering from the middle to the front and rear. They have two dorsal fins and the second dorsal fin, along with the anal fin, are very large in adults. No other tuna have

these extended dorsal and anal fins.

Yellowfins are predators at the upper end of the food chain. They are fast and efficient predators able to reach sustained speeds of over 2 feet per second with bursts of speed up to approximately 67 feet per second. They eat fish primarily but will also prey on squid, octopus, shrimp, lobster, crab, other crustaceans, and many other food items including smaller yellowfin tuna.

These fish are visual predators and generally feed at the surface during the day although they are known to occasionally feed at night.

They do fall prey to larger predatory species including sharks, other fish, and marine mammals.

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 Chief Craig Thomas at 4325, Monday — Friday, 7:30 a.m. — 4 p.m. or email thomascs@usnbgtno.navy.mil.

Reg. Number	Year	Make	Model	Color	VIN
C-8669		Plymouth	Herizon	Grey	1P3BL28BD227846
C-3814	1986	Buick	Regal	Black	1G4GJ47YXGP445762
UNK	1984	Buick	LeSabre	White	1G4AP3777EH93032
C-1951	1997	Oldsmobile	Aurora	Maroon	1G3GR62C3V4108918
C-8694	2001	Chevy	Tracker	White	2CNBJ78C416925852
C-4984	1978	Datsun	Pickup	Green	KHL620351621
C-0094	1979	Cadillac	Seville	White	6S69B99488328
C-4998	1982	Ford	Fairmont	Blue	9FABP21BK166428
UNK	1988	Dodge	Caravan	White	2B4FK21G6HR12315
C-3147	1985	Dodge	Ram	White/Red	1B7KD36WOF5608530
UNK	1992	Lincoln	Towncar	Blue	1LNLM81WXNY738783

Downtown Lyceum

Friday, Dec. 21

Alvin & The Chipmunks

7 p.m., PG, 88 min.

American Gangster

9 p.m., R, 157 min.

Saturday, Dec. 22

Martian Child

7 p.m., PG, 108 min.

The Golden Compass

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

Sunday, Dec. 23

Michael Clayton

7 p.m., R, 120 min.

Monday, Dec. 24

American Gangster

7 p.m., R, 157 min.

Tuesday, Dec. 25

Gone Baby Gone

7 p.m., R, 114 min.

Wednesday, Dec. 26

Alvin & The Chipmunks

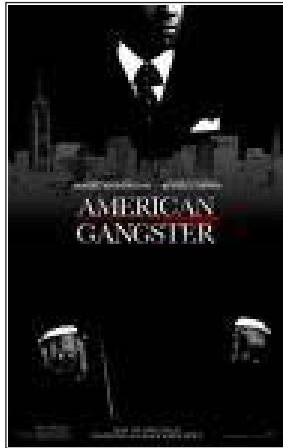
7 p.m., PG, 88 min.

Thursday, Dec. 27

The Golden Compass

7 p.m., PG-13, 110 min.

American Gangster



Comedy, Drama, thriller, crime/gangster and biopic. 157 min

Cast: Denzel Washington, Russell Crowe

Based on the life of drug-kingpin-turned-informant, Frank Lucas, who became a heroin kingpin by traveling to Asia's Golden Triangle to make connections, shipping heroin back to the US in the coffins of soldiers killed in Vietnam.

Alvin & The Chipmunks



Comedy, kids. 88 min.

Cast: Jason Lee

Three chipmunk brothers, Alvin, Simon, and Theodore are adopted by a man named Dave

MWR Happenings

REDNECK CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dec. 25

2 p.m. at Denich Gym

Free food, prizes and the very first ever

REDNECK OLYMPICS

FMI Call 2010/84780

LIBERTY DECEMBER EVENTS

Dec 21 Free Paintball 1900 at the Paintball Range

Dec 22 Liberty Pier Party 1300 Water Taxi from the Marina

Dec 26 Liberty at the Lanes 1800 at the Bowling Center

Dec 27 Last Buck Party 1900 All Liberty Centers

Dec 29 Wakeboarding/Skiing 1 p.m. at the Marina

Dec. 30 Day Fishing 8 a.m. at the Marina

FMI Call 2010

YOUTH BASKETBALL 2008

Sign up by Jan 11

Clinic will be held Jan 12

Sign up sheets available at the Base Gym

FMI Contact Karissa Sandstrom at sandstromka@usnbgmto.navy.mil or

karissa241974@yahoo.com

wk:77262, cel:84008 or Lori at 2113

A NIGHT IN PARIS FASHION SHOW

Jan. 12

7 - 9 p.m.

at the Youth Center

Adults \$10 - Children \$5

FMI Call 74658

GTMO Shopper

For Sale

(2) Ice machine for sale. 300lbs Cornelius. Fits under the counter, \$300. FMI call 77580/74181.

(2) Gazelle large BCD w/16lbs of weight; complete shorewood regulator set console w/compass; titanium dive knife w/leg sheath; dive light; 80 CFM tanks mares 100 pneumatic spear gun; mens large dive suit; split fins w/mask and carry case; BCD hanger and plastic holding case; misc. other items. Prefer to sell as set, \$1,200. FMI call 5021.

(2) 55 gallons saltwater tank with filtration system and stand, \$400; scuba tank 63cu, \$70; Minnkota Endura 30 electric trolling motor, \$90; Gazelle exercise machine, \$100; baby bouncer, \$25; baby swing set, \$50. All items are negotiable. FMI call 3661/77788.

(1) EDGE Model 426 Magnetic Recumbent Bike, LIKE NEW, with instruction booklet, \$100. FMI call 75816.

(1) GE Washer & Dryer for sale, very good condition \$ 150.00 for both. FMI 77123.

(1) SLR film Canon EOS Rebel K2 with lens, \$200. FMI 8153/77689.

(1) Nice hammock for sale. \$200, obo. FMI call 2198 or 75823.

(1) Washer/Dryer, \$100; microwave, \$35. FMI 77116.

(1) Professional DJ System for sale. To include (2) DN-S5000 Scratch CD Players, (1) Behringer DJX700 5-Channel Pro DJ Mixer with Digital Effects, Portable Carrying Case, Headphones and Stand. \$2,200 OBO. FMI call 84262.

(1) Recliners \$20, Seats \$10, Love seat \$40, Outdoor chairs \$2, Barbecue grill \$15, Cassette/CD players \$25, Pressure cooker \$15, Vacuum cleaner \$20, Blender \$10, Large plants \$15, Small plants \$5, Electronic organizer \$5, Magazines Maxim and P.B. \$1.50 each, DVD \$5 each, Dishes, Glasses, Plates, Kitchen Utensils, and more. FMI call 78456 or 3292.

(1) Dining room table-wooden butcher block w/five chairs \$100, set of lady's golf clubs almost new \$100, blender \$15, Bissell vacuum cleaner \$40, outdoor glass top table w/five chairs and two umbrellas \$100, glass top computer table \$30, microwave \$25, wrought iron torchere floor lamp \$40, rattan side tables and console \$100, New Fat Tire bike \$50 All items OBO FMI 77398 or 3632.

(1) Heavy Duty washer & dryer \$300; men's 18 speed mountain bike w/helmet \$75; Tae Kwon Do uniforms, men's

size M, \$15-20 ea; FMI 9794/77806.

(1) 8ft. surfboard no leash \$100.00. Body board \$10.00. call 2345/79448.

Employment

(2) Desk clerk for Navy Lodge, Flexible hours. FMI call 3103.

Vehicles/Boats

(2) 1995 Volkswagen Jetta, automatic transmission. Runs well, needs minor work, new tires. \$2000 OBO. FMI 72156, please leave message.

(2) 2001 Ford Taurus. V6, automatic, cold AC, runs very well, very good condition. \$8,000 OBO FMI 77082.

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(2) 2001 Ford Taurus, V6, automatic, cold AC, runs well, \$8,000 OBO. FMI call 77082.

(2) 1989 Chevy Celebrity, very reliable, \$800 OBO. FMI call 75546/77262.

(2) 14ft fiberglass boat w/2005 Mercury outboard engine. Great bay boat for inshore fishing and diving. \$3,400 OBO. FMI call 3661/77788.

(2) Fiberglass center console boat custom built for fishing, fully-loaded, tumkey w/2006 Yamaha 40hp OB. \$7,000 OBO. FMI call 84040.

(2) Yamaha Wave Runner III Jet Ski with Shorelander Trailer. Runs great and in very good condition. \$3,000.

FMI call 3661 or 77788.

(2) 2004 Toyota Camry, fully loaded, leather, sunroof, CD, etc. Excellent condition, 47K miles, comes with transferrable bumper to bumper 100K mile warranty. \$15K OBO. FMI call 78063.

(2) 1998 Ford Windstar van. Very good condition. FMI call 79561/2254.

(2) LT 1998 4WD, 4-door, power everything, green exterior, grey interior, \$4,200; clubcar with trailer, \$500. FMI call 77580/74181.

(1) Buick 1994 automatic, 117,000 miles, power windows and locks \$2,800 OBO. FMI call 78476 or 78465.

(1) 1993 Isuzu Amigo, new AC, CD player, clutch, brakes, battery and paint. Will offer discounted price in return for keeping the vehicle until the end of this month. \$4,000. FMI call 78456 or 3292
(1) 1997 GMC Sierra P/U, 101K Miles, V-6, 5-Speed, AC, PS, PB, AM/FM/CD, Great Shape, \$4,000 O.B.O. Call 77351.
(1) 12 ft v hull boat. 40hp. Runs good. \$1500.00 call Jaron 2345/79448

Wanted

(2) Looking for a fancy cake decorator. FMI call 74909.

(1) Pianoteacher wanted. Flexible hours required: student work schedule varies between days and nights. Call 78234 for Jerrod or email ionescorhino@yahoo.com.

Lost

(1) Lost: White pick up, Ford F250 (Platenumberc-0184, 2003 model) Last seen at Windjammer parking lot Nov. 21, 2007. Reward of \$200 will be given to anyone who could tell its whereabouts. FMI, call 2404 and ask for Paul Reed.

Yard Sales

Dec. 22, 7-10 a.m., 18B, Nob Hill.

Dec. 23, 8 a.m.-10 a.m., Caravella Point 20A.

Dec. 23, 8-9:30 a.m., Caribbean Circle 31B (girl's clothing infant to 2T only).

Dec. 30, 10 a.m., Granadillo Point 3A.

Editor's note:

The Gazette will not be published Dec. 28 and there will be a 'Year in Review Issue Jan. 4

Chief of Naval Operations to visit GTMO!

All Hands Call, December 22, 10:30 - 11:45, Windjammer Ballroom for all Navy personnel and DON government employees on board the Naval Station.

For military personnel with a Naval Station UIC, your attendance is mandatory.

Family Town Hall meeting, December 22, 2:30 - 3 p.m., Bulkeley Hall auditorium. This meeting is open to military and U.S. civilians base-wide families.

NOTE: For military members: Uniform of the Day is required for both events.

Family Town Hall Meeting

GTMO servicemembers and their spouses are strongly encouraged to attend this event!

This meeting is open to military and U.S. civilians base-wide families. For military members: Uniform of the day is required.

Winter wonderland Happenings



Crafty ideas — Martie Nunez's (right) table at the craft fair was surrounded by potential buyers of her amazing photographic artwork. She along with many other creative artists sold their handcrafted or unique gifts ideas to residents for the upcoming holiday season. Photographs, seashells, calendars and many other special gifts only found in Guantanamo Bay were snatched up just in time to deliver back to loved ones back home



Jolly Saint Nick — Santa Claus was probably one of the biggest hits at Winter wonderland Skating & Craft Fair when he arrived with a huge bag of Krispy Kreme doughnuts. The money raised will be going to the Navy Ball Committee..



Roller Derby Queen — Dallas Palmer enjoyed her time skating around the in-line skating rink as holiday music played in the background Dec.14. GTMO residents took in many events that Morale, Welfare and Recreation had to offer, such as the Go-cart track, Putt-Putt Golf and plenty of food and drinks.

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