



Each year, local Sailors enjoy the opportunity to participate in the annual boat parade in the Guantanamo Bay. Residents can decorate their boats, yachts or dinghies to reflect the holiday season. This year, 10 residents took to the waters to celebrate the aquatic parade.

GTMO mariners sail in parade of lights

Story, photos by MC2 Kim Williams,

NAVSTA Public Affairs

One of the best things about living in a warm, arid environment in December is that the weather is great for holding outdoor festivities. GTMO has taken advantage of the year-round, warm temperatures and calm seas annually by holding a boat

parade on the Guantanamo Bay.

Ten base residents, along with their families and friends, took to the seas in their festively

decorated boats.

Vessels donned everything from blinking red and green lights, commonly displayed during the holiday sea-

son, to Christmas trees adorned with blues lights, ornaments and the American Flag.

"The boat parade is a great opportu-

nity to enjoy the Christmas experience," said Jaron Chapman, MWR Marina manager.

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CNO Holiday Message to the Fleet

Special from the Chief of Naval Operations

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead has released the following holiday message to the fleet:

I wish all who are serving today - Sailors, Navy civilians and families - a joyous holiday season. The holidays provide a welcome opportunity to spend time with family, friends, and loved ones, and I urge each of you to take advantage of every opportunity.

This holiday finds us serving at sea with our partner sea services, the Marine Corps and Coast Guard; and standing shoulder to shoulder with them, the Army, and Air Force, supporting a joint fight that is critical to our nation's future. I am honored to serve as your Chief of Naval Operations during a time when our

Navy's reputation - your reputation - is absolutely incredible.

For those of us who are fortunate enough to celebrate the holidays at home with family and friends, let's keep in mind our shipmates who are serving forward. Thanks to them, we can enjoy this special time. For all who are deployed during this holiday season, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Remain diligent in your duty and look out for your shipmates. Know that your service is appreciated, and that you are making a difference.

Whether you are serving at home or abroad, take pride knowing you are providing for the safety, security, and prosperity of our nation.

From my family to yours, happy holidays.

TRI-CARE dental premiums to increase January 2008

The department of defense, office of assistant secretary of defense (health affairs), Tricare management activity (TMA) has made a change to the active duty Tricare dental plan (TDP).

The rates for dental premiums will change effective with the January 2008 premium deductions.

The cost for single premium rate will increase from \$11.05 to \$11.58 per month and the family premium rate will increase from \$27.63 to \$28.95.

Members submitting an enrollment application and initial payment to United Concordia Companies, Inc. (UCCI) in January 2008 for coverage beginning Feb. 1, 2008, will be en-

rolled at the new rates.

No action is necessary to affect the new rates for existing participants.

UCCI will send the new rates and DFAS will automatically adjust pay accounts to reflect the new premiums, which will appear on the January 2008 leave and earnings statement (LES).

To assist in announcing the TDP rate increase effective Jan. 1, 2008, the following LES remark will reflect on the December 2007 and January 2008 LES: "Tricare dental premium rate increases in January 2008.

For information go to www.tricaredentalprogram.com or contact UCCI customer service.

Sailor of The Week



" I was just doing my job. I am very thankful to have been selected as Sailor of the Week."

BUCN Tyler Wilmont, NAVFAC-SE

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BOAT...

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"This is an annual event that the base has hosted for many years. Participants come down [to the marina] early on the day of the event and decorate their boats. They did not have to have their own boats, just a boating license because MWR provided Pontoon boats for those without," said Chapman.

"It took about six to eight hours to decorate my boat," said Michael Weathers, skipper of the Gator Freighter. "We had 10 family and friends onboard this year. It is my family's fifth year participating in the parade," said Weathers.

Shortly after 6 p.m. Dec. 8, mariners navigated their vessels around Guantanamo Bay in a 'follow the leader' type formation to show off their decorations. The lead boat, which housed a large blinking star and red and yellow blinking lights, was among one of the favorites with residents who attended the event.

"The lead and trail boats look wonderful," said GTMO resident Eddie Benjamin who at-

tended the event with a group of friends. There was also a boat decorated with palm trees that looked great too. This parade definitely elevates the Christmas spirit," said Benjamin.

Some residents had the opportunity to see the parade for the first time, gaining insight to the holiday season-GTMO style.

"This is my first time seeing something like this," said Marcus Putrus. It's great weather and nice, calm seas and a very unique parade," Putrus added. I have been to many parades before, but this is my first boat parade and it is very nice. The boats and their lights look great out on the bay," said Putrus.

With the sounds of boaters singing 'Feliz Navidad,' and Christmas music in the air, the 10 boats made their way back into the MWR marina. Upon mooring their boats to the pier, Sailors from the parade smiled as they recalled why they participate in the GTMO tradition.

"It's always a fun event. The children get a big kick out of it

and it's great to see them enjoying themselves," said Weathers.

MWR Director Craig Basel along with Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Leary presented each of the parade's participants with a trophy for taking part in the event. Basel shared a little history about the event.

"The boat parade is another great way to celebrate the holidays here on base," said Basel. "It has been going on since the early 80's and used to be known as blessing the fleet. We [GTMO MWR] just added [the option of decorating the boats with] lights in 1996," Basel added.

To close out the evening's festivities, guests were treated to food and drinks and the listening pleasure of holiday tunes inside of the MWR Sailing center.

"It [the boat parade] is a great event and MWR loves hosting it every year. We hope to have more residents participate in the parade next year and the many years come," said Basel.

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)
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Country music recording artist, 'stampedes' GTMO

Story, photo by MC1 Bob Lamb,

NAVSTA Public Affairs

Country music singer-songwriter Todd Fritsch and his band Stampede played for a full house at each of his venues during his three nights in Guantanamo Bay (GTMO).

Todd and his band, who all hail from the big state of Texas, meet and spoke with many servicemembers, their families and Department of Defense employees during their week long singing engagement.

The event was sponsored by Armed Forces Entertainment.

The group also made time to head out on the water and try their hand at some of the best fishing in the Caribbean.

One of the band members hooked a Spanish mackerel which weighed 12 pounds.

According to the GTMO environmental department, the world record for a Spanish mackerel is 13 pounds.

During each event, Fritsch handed out sample CD's of his music and signed autographs.

Fritsch and his band also handed out Christmas cards, given to him before they left Texas by local children who found out about their trip to support servicemembers overseas.

"Local school children from my hometown wanted me to bring these bags of letters so servicemembers



Country music singer-songwriter Todd Fritsch and his band 'Stampede' serenaded GTMO audiences for four days during a music tour sponsored by Armed Forces Entertainment.

and their families would know that they and their families are thinking of them this holiday season, said Fritsch. "To the men and women of the United States Armed Forces: Thank you from the bottom of my heart for what you are doing to keep America safe and free. Performing for you is an honor and one of the high-

lights of my musical career. It truly has been a privilege for me to bring a little Real Country Music from Texas to you. Thanks again for your sacrifice and service to our country."

Fritsch and his band have departed GTMO enroute to Honduras, Curacao, Puerto Rico all before the holiday season ends.

W.T. Sampson Honor Roll

6th Grade All A's:

Ana Hernandez

Ashley Roblejo

Gian Colon

Jada Pegram

5th Grade:

Morgan Browning

Monica Camera

A/B Honor Roll (6th Grade)

Carlos Frisbee

Kazandra Johnson

Emmett Kemp

Jaylen Langham

Victoria Lee

Isis Mosqueda

Christina Motes

Selena Murcin

Briana Nagrone

Billee Williams

Robert Worrell

A/B Honor Roll (5th Grade)

Sarah Mowbray

Carson Kropushek

Zachary Anderson

Jose Polica

Eric D'Andrea

Daisy Johnston

Gregory DeGroff

Lennon LaBouliere

Tatiana Schwartz

Brian Monteleone

Hunter Vancil

Honor Roll (4th Grade)

Dylan D'Andrea

Darian Morey

Jasmine Pierce

Ayamani Proulx

Calloway Steele

Shyan Anderson

Alyssa Dula

Mateo Hernandez

Leah Moses

Raven Moses

James Swope

Caley Vancil

Dondre Wise

Paige Carlson

Holiday Decoration Safety Tips

Story provided by The GTMO Fire Department

As the holidays approach, your GTMO Fire Department is urging people to look for and eliminate potential dangers from holiday lights and decorations that could lead to fires and injuries.

In the U.S, each year, hospitals treat about 10,800 people for injuries, such as falls, cuts and shocks, related to holiday lights, decorations and Christmas trees. In addition, there are 11,000 candle-related fires each year, resulting in 150 deaths and 1,200 injuries. Christmas trees are involved in about 400 fires annually, resulting in 20 deaths, an average of more than \$15 million in property loss and damage.

Use the following safety tips to make your holiday a safe one.

Trees:

-When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "Fire Resistant." Although this label does not mean the tree won't catch fire, it does indicate the tree will resist burning and should extinguish quickly.

-When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. A fresh tree is

green, needles are hard to pull from branches and when bent between your fingers, needles do not break. The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin, and when tapped on the ground, the tree should not lose many needles.

- Be sure to keep the stand filled with water. Place the tree out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways.

-Place tree away from sources of heat. (decorative lights get extremely hot)

-Use only non-flammable decorations.

-When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly.

Holiday Entertaining

Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the U.S. When cooking for holiday visitors, remember to:

-Keep an eye on the range, never leaving a stove range unattended.

-Cigarette butts can smolder in the trash and cause a fire, so completely douse cigarette butts with water before discarding.

-After a party, always check on, between and under upholstery and cushions and inside trash cans for cigarette butts that may be smoldering.

Decorative Lights:

-Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections, and throw out damaged sets. Always replace burned-out bulbs promptly with the same wattage bulbs.

-Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord. Make sure the extension cord is rated for the intended use.

-Before using lights outdoors, check labels to be sure they have been certified for outdoor use. For added electric shock protection, plug outdoor electric lights and decorations into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs).

-Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house.

-The use of holiday lights, electric ornaments and extension cords

in corridors and over exit doors is prohibited.

-Light strings should not be attached to walls or molding with staples, tacks, nails or paper tape. Use electrical tape or string them with cup-type hooks.

Candles

-Few traditions are more beautiful than candle lighting ceremonies during the holidays, but burning candles should never be left unattended in the home. Keep candles, matches and lighters away from children. The use of candles, lanterns, oil lamps for ambiance or mood purposes is strictly prohibited in all barracks. We want to prevent wonderful traditions from becoming holiday tragedies.

This would be the ideal time to inspect your smoke detector and practice your emergency escape plan.

Your GTMO Bay Fire Department wishes you a happy and safe holiday.

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@usnbgtnavy.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	1B7KD36WOF S608530
UNK	1992	Lincoln	Towncar	Blue	1LNLMB1WXNY738783

Navy launches 'FitFactor' program to improve overall youth fitness



From Family Readiness Marketing, Commander, Navy Installations Command, Millington Detachment Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) — In a proactive effort to help Navy youth discover the benefits of healthy lifestyles and combat obesity, Navy Child and Youth Programs (CYP) in November launched FitFactor.

FitFactor is a Web-based health and fitness initiative that encourages physical activity and increases awareness of proper nutrition for family members ages 6-18.

To date, more than 1,700 Navy youth have enrolled in the program.

“The FitFactor program is designed to stimulate interest and awareness in physical activity, and encourages youth to get up, get out and get fit!” said Larrie Rodriguez, CYP training and

communications manager, Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC). “It’s a Web and incentive-based program with more than 200 activities that are geared toward individuals, league sports, instructional classes and school activities.”

FitFactor encourages youth to be physically active for at least 60 minutes each day and offers five levels for youth to complete as they participate in daily physical activity: energy, strength, agility, adventure and endurance.

Incentives such as T-shirts, dog tags and pedometers are awarded to participants as they log in points and accomplish each new level.

“The goal is to help our young people combat obesity in a fun and interesting way,” said Rodriguez. “FitFactor motivates them to make healthy eating and lifestyle choices, include friends and family in fun physical activities, limit their television and computer time, and

adopt healthy, lifelong, active routines.”

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 17 percent of U.S. youngsters are obese and millions more are overweight.

Obesity can lead to diabetes, high blood pressure and cholesterol, sleep problems and other disorders. Overweight adolescents often become obese adults.

“By becoming involved with the FitFactor program, youth who are not already physically active can set active goals for themselves, increase their self-esteem and get on a healthy lifestyle path that will hopefully be continued throughout their adult years,” said Rodriguez.

For more information on the FitFactor program, contact your local Youth Center, or visit www.navygetfit.com.

For more news from around the fleet, visit www.navy.mil.



'BEES' IN ACTION—
Seabees assigned to the “Fighting Forty” of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 40, repair a damaged section at the Leeward Airport. NMCB 40’s main body recently deployed to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait and shipped troops around the world in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom where they support Coalition Forces Land Component Command.

photo by Seaman Kenneth Johnson

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS



'The Bandits', winner of the GTMO African American Association (GAAA) basketball tournament Dec. 8, 2007, defeated 'The Warriors' to take home the title. GAAA sponsored a basketball tournament for base residents to raise funds for the organization's 2008 ball. The GAAA meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. at the Windjammer. FMI about GAAA, contact IT1 Carlos Barnes at 4855.



Chapel group seeks donations for Christmas giving

By Marianne Mabbitt, Catholic Chapel Advisory Council

Donate a phone card and make a family happy this holiday season! Volunteers from the Chapel are co-coordinating an effort, "Operation Goody Drop", to continue the annual GTMO cookie drive to enlisted servicemen and to foreign nationals on base. In years past, homemade and store-bought cookies

were distributed to Christmas day duty personnel. Recently the program has been extended to include the distribution of lunch bags filled with goodies and given to the contractors' foreign national employees too.

You can join in the holiday spirit of giving by donating a \$5 or \$10 pre-paid phone card which will make an en-

tire family happy. What better gift than a visit with loved ones if only by phone. Other welcome donations are: cookies, a greeting card, CD, luxury soaps, shampoos, combs, small toys, or treats that fit into a lunch sack. We hope to give out 2,500 goody bags this year with the community's support.

Donated items can be

dropped off at the Community Center Dec. 23 from noon to 4 p.m. Volunteers are also needed to distribute the bags on Christmas morning about 11 a.m. or noon.

For more information, contact Marianne Mabbitt at 74909 or Chaplain Aguilera at 2323.



Thank you for donating!

The Jamaican orphanage and Sr. Coleta want to express their appreciation to the following organizations for their generous donations of toys, books, clothing and hygiene items:

- * The GTMO Spouses Club
- * The Protestant Women of the Chapel
- * The Catholic CCD Classes

You all have kind and giving hearts. Thank you for making the children's Christmas bright!

Local student becomes 'Captain for a day'

Story, photo by MC1 Bob Lamb,

NAVSTA Public Affairs

Finding comparisons in Guantanamo Bay (GTMO) to the popular novel *'The Adventures of Tom Sawyer,'* is about as difficult as comparing the GTMO River to the Mississippi River; it generally doesn't work.

But fortunately every once in a while someone comes along and makes you think that Samuel Langhorne Clemens (Mark Twain) may have seen a little Tom Sawyer in us all.

Just recently a boy named Zach Anderson crossed paths with a GTMO ferryboat captain named Jack Tomlin.

The encounter started when Tomlin saw a poem published in the GTMO Gazette about the Guantanamo Ferry.

The poem, penned by Zach, a fifth grade student from W. T. Sampson Elementary School, is simply named 'The Ferry'.

After reading this poem, Jack Tomlin, got in touch with the boy through his teacher, Beverly Zwiebel, and his parents, Lt. Scott and Misty Anderson. Tomlin then invited the family to take a ride on Ferryboat.

The Anderson family made its way to the pier and to the bridge of Ferryboat #92 where a few line handlers and four ferryboat captains awaited their arrival.

Burns and Roe Waterfront Program Manager Dick Welch presented Zach with a captain's hat, a shirt embroidered with 'Capt. Zach' on the front and a shadow box.

Zach Anderson now officially became 'Captain Zach'



Zach Anderson sits at the controls of Ferryboat #92 during a visit Dec. 7, 2007. Anderson was invited to tour and navigate the ferry after Ferryboat Captain Jack Tomlin read a poem the youngster had written titled 'The Ferry.'

for the day.

The inscription on the shadowbox read:

"This flag was proudly flown over ferries #92 and #93 during operations at Guantanamo Bay, Naval Station, and is hereby presented with great pride to Captain Zachary Anderson, by the men and women of Burns and Roe Port Operations Services.

May the seas of your travels be calmed by guiding winds as the course of your life remains straight and true."

Moments later, 'Captain Zach' had the opportunity to take control of Ferry #92, calling Port Control to notify them that he, call sign Tango Six, was in command and ready to break away from the pier.

With guidance from Ferryboat Captain Jack Tomlin, Zach was soon underway and heading out to the middle of the bay.

"This is so much better than doing math," said Zach.

Zach was attentive and very curious about what to do as he manned the controls.

"I like that it's easy to control and turn", Zach said.

Once he commanded the ferry into the bay, a group of dolphins passed on his starboard side. Legend has it that dolphins are good luck for Sailors. Dolphins love the sea, just like so many Sailors have.

"I think he did wonderful," said Mrs. Anderson.

With a smile from ear to ear Jack Tomlin said that Zach did a great job driving the ferry and a great job on the poem.

"When I saw the poem in the paper, it really touched me and I called my boss [Jack Welch] and it touched him as well.

That story really meant a lot to all of us. So we all got to-

gether and came up with the idea to let him go out and drive the ferry."

When asked if anyone else had ever gotten the chance to drive the ferry Jack Tomlin replied, "never."

"This is a first, he did a great job," said Tomlin.

Just as the 1876 novel says, an imaginative boy played hooky from school on Friday... That may be where the similarities end with Tom Sawyer, and only time will tell if the writing ability of Zach Anderson compares to that of Mark Twain. He's off to a good start.

To read Zach Anderson's poem 'Ferry' go to the Gazette archives at www.cnic.navy.mil/Guantanamo/index.htm and look for the Nov. 16, issue, back page.

Creature Feature: Coral Reef

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

In GTMO, we are fortunate to have an extensive coral reef system. These reefs provide us with very high quality recreational diving, fishing, snorkeling, and other uses. Our reefs are also in relatively good condition compared to many other reef systems and this is due in large part to DOD jurisdiction. As our mission progresses and our population grows, it becomes imperative that each and every one of us act responsibly with respect to our coral reefs. This begins with recycling our waste, proper disposal of hazardous waste, obeying the fishing and boating regulations in COMNAV-BASEGTMOINST 1710.10H, and being careful when diving or anchoring a boat. One careless diver or one anchor in the coral can instantly damage what took decades to grow.

By now we have looked at the functions and values of coral reefs, their significant economic and ecological roles, how reefs are formed, their complex relationships with other communities including upland watersheds, and problems impacting coral either directly or indirectly by impacting associated communities. These problems are being addressed globally, regionally, and locally through the Coral Reef Task Force and other initiatives.

While prior efforts focused on the coral reef itself, conservation measures now focus on the entire ecosystem including sea grass beds, mangroves, and associated upland watersheds. These efforts recognize the importance of the larger system and use coastal zone and watershed concepts in developing comprehensive management plans. One example is the establishment of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary operating under a very broad conservation plan intended to sustain coral reefs of the Florida Keys. This plan manages the reefs as a part of a much larger and more complex watershed system utilizing the best available scientific information to guide conservation measures that reduce impacts throughout the entire ecosystem.

Other coral reef conservation measures



The DOD frequently uses Navy divers to “place” underwater cables and other submerged utilities in a manner that avoids coral reefs. Likewise, a joint effort between the Base and the Reef Raiders Dive Club placed mooring buoys around the Phillips Park Dive Pier.

extending beyond the reef itself include establishing vegetated buffer zones between agricultural/forestry areas and receiving waters; utilizing erosion and sedimentation control best management practices in construction, agriculture, forestry, and other land disturbing activities; constructing upland sedimentation basins to contain sediments and contaminants from urban runoff; restoring mangrove forests and other wetlands which have been lost due to natural or human induced impacts; and others.

Some conservation measures are used to avoid direct local impacts to the reef itself. The DOD frequently uses Navy divers to “place” underwater cables and other submerged utilities in a manner that avoids coral reefs. Likewise, a joint effort between the Base and the Reef Raiders Dive Club placed mooring buoys around the Phillips Park Dive Pier. Recreational vessels can tie up to these moor-

ings and avoid damaging coral reefs with anchors. The Reef Raiders Dive Club frequently sponsors “eco-dives” where divers remove debris which has washed up on coral reefs and sea grass beds.

GTMO’s coral reefs are a vital component of the marine ecosystem and contribute greatly to our quality of life. They provide us with an array of recreational opportunities which many people can only dream of.

It is imperative that each and every one of us take it upon ourselves to conserve these reefs directly through responsible use and indirectly at work and at home through erosion and sedimentation control during construction, recycling solid waste, properly disposing of hazardous waste, and adhering to fishing limits. Our combined efforts will insure GTMO’s coral reefs remain intact for future generations to benefit from as we are doing now.

Downtown Lyceum

Friday, Dec. 14

Enchanted

7 p.m., PG, 107 min.

Dan in Real Life

9 p.m., PG-13, 98 min.

Saturday, Dec. 15

The Comebacks

7 p.m., PG-13, 84 min.

Gone Baby Gone

9 p.m., R, 114 min.

Sunday, Dec. 16

30 Days of Night

7 p.m., R, 118 min.

Monday, Dec. 17

2007 Holiday Concert

Feat. Greg Pfaff and
State of Man

Tuesday, Dec. 18

Michael Clayton

7 p.m., R, 120 min.

Wednesday, Dec. 19

We Own The Night

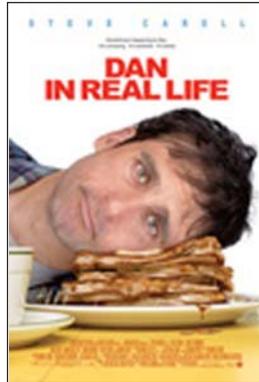
7 p.m., R, 117 min.

Thursday, Dec. 20

Rendition

7 p.m., R, 122 min.

Dan in Real Life



Comedy, Drama and Romance 98 min

Cast: Dane Cook, Steve Carell, Juliette Binoche and John Mahoney

A widower with three daughters, who writes a parenting column for his local newspaper has his strict rules for behavior tested when he falls for the girlfriend of his younger brother.

Gone Baby Gone



Drama, Crime/Gangster and Adaptation 114 min.

Cast: Casey Affleck, Michelle Monaghan, Morgan Freeman and Ed Harris

Two Boston private eyes risk everything to investigate a missing child in a territory of broken families, bitter cops and whacked out ex-cons..

MWR Happenings

WINTER WONDERLAND

SKATING & CRAFTFAIR

Dec. 14

6 p.m. at the Hockey Rink

Festive music, Go Carts, Putt Putt Golf, hot apple cider, sugar cookies for kids to decorate, Santa and giveaways!

Hotdogs, chips, water, soda, cotton candy, popcorn, adult beverages available for purchase.

CRAFTFAIR

Tables are \$10, Deadline for Sign Up Dec. 12, 8 p.m. Sign up at the Ceramic Shop

FMI call 75225

2007 HOLIDAY CONCERT

Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m. at

the Downtown Lyceum

Performances by:

Greg Pfaff and State of Man

LIBERTY DECEMBER EVENTS

Dec. 14 Night Fishing 7 p.m. at the Marina

Dec. 15 Wake Boarding/Skiing 10 a.m. at the Marina

Dec. 19 Guitar Hero Karaoke 9 p.m. at the Acey Ducey

Dec. 21 Free Paintball 7 p.m. at the Paintball Range

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 wk:77262, cel:84008 or Lori at 2113

GTMO Shopper

For Sale

- (2) Free Couch with slipcover, new fat tire bike \$50, heart rate monitor, never used \$35. FMI call 77398 or 3632.
- (2) New mountain bike w/ helmet \$75; Washer & Dryer excellent condition \$300. FMI call 77988 or 9798.
- (2) SCSI Phone, used 1 month, ready to be activated \$ 180, OBO; 13" Color TV, great for a child's room \$ 30 and Gary Fisher 26" Ladies Bike, 5 years old, seldom used, \$ 150 OBO. FMI call 75579.
- (2) 10 months old Gas lawnmower - \$80. FMI call 4519 or 78690.
- (2) Golf set, ball picker upper, \$12. FMI call 78471.
- (2) TaylorMade Driver, 540 series, bought for \$300, selling for \$155. hardly used. FMI call 78471.
- (2) Moving sale: Expandable TV/ Entertainment console w/glass doors and lighting. Roll Top desk, computer desk, upright storage cabinet, yard plants and gardening supplies/tools. Various potted plants and trees. Everything must go. FMI call 75626.
- (1) Ice machine for sale. 300lbs Cornelius. Fits under the counter, \$300. FMI call 77580/74181.
- (1) Love seat and couch (neutral color), \$150; Lazy Boy recliner, \$100; new bunk bed (neutral color), \$125; dining room table w/ leaf and chairs, \$50; girl's dresser, \$20, TV stand, \$40; microwave, \$20; toaster oven, \$20; FMI call 77788/74181.
- (1) Gazelle large BCD w/16 lbs 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 complete set, \$1,200. FMI call 5021.
- (1) 55 gallon 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.

Employment

- (1) Desk clerk for Navy Lodge,

Flexible hours. FMI cal 3103.

Vehicles/Boats

- (2) 2002 50cc Milan/Vespa Scooter in good condition with 2 helmets and gloves. \$450, OBO willing to negotiate. FMI call 77745 or 84184.
- (2) 2002 EZ-Go Golf Cart. Good condition, 4 new batteries, new seat covers, recently painted \$900. FMI call 4502.
- (2) 2004 Bajaj Cheetak Scooter, 150CC, manual transmission. Excellent running condition, comes with helmet, goggles, spare tire and tool kit. \$2000. FMI call 77911 or 5195.
- (2007 Motofino Scooter, very low mileage, electric start, 125 CC, spacious seat storage. FMI call 77129.
- (2) 1989 Chevy S10, reliable, work horse, great for GTMO, new tires, new paint, dive rack. FMI call 77129.
- (2) 1995 Toyota Sprinter LX, excellent condition, A/C, stereo, new tires, automatic, very good on gas. \$3300. FMI call 78471.
- (2) 1990 Acura Integra, CD Player, A/C, good condition. FMI call 77758 or 4222 or 4700 or 4577.
- (1) 1995 Volkswagon Jetta, automatic transmission. Runs well, needs minor work, new tires. \$2,000 OBO. FMI 72156.
- (1) 2001 Ford Taurus, V6, automatic, cold AC, runs well, \$8,000 OBO. FMI call 77082.

(1) 1989 Chevy Celebrity, very reliable, \$800 OBO. FMI call 75546/77262.

(1) 14ft fiberglass boat w/2005 Mercury outboard engine. Great bay boat for inshore fishing and diving. \$3,400 OBO. FMI call 3661/77788.

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

(1) Yamaha Wave Runner III Jet Ski with Shorelander Trailer. Runs great and in very good condition. \$3,000. FMI call 3661 or 77788.

(1) 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.

(1) 1998 Ford Windstar van. Very good condition. FMI call 79561/2254.

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

Announcements

(1) My grill was removed by an unknown person from the back porch of GP13C on Sunday 12-9-07. It was loaned to the resident. The unit was vacated and someone took my large charcoal grill before I was able to pick it back up. If you have any info

about this grill please call 77516 or return it to GP12C.

Wanted

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

(1) Looking for a part-time baby-sitter. Must be willing to work nights and weekends and be CPR certified. FMI call 75826.

Yard Sales

Dec. 14 — 4:30 - 7 p.m. & Dec. 20 — 7:30 - 9 a.m., Villimar 35B

Dec. 15 — Caribbean Circle 31B, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Dec. 15 — Nob Hill #18B, 7 - 11 a.m.

Editor's note:

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

Fire Warden Training Classes

Starting January 2008, Fire Warden training will be held the first Friday of every month.

Training lasts approximately two hours and will be held at Navy College, room 14.

Class sizes are limited to 25 people.

FMI call Steve Deida at 4179 or Tim Hargraves at 4178.

Chief of Naval Operations to visit GTMO!

December 22: An ALL HANDS CALL is scheduled at the 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.

December 22: A Family (Servicemember and Spouse) Town Hall meeting is scheduled at 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.

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HAPPENINGS



Photo by MC1 Robert Lamb

HAPPY FEET—GTMO Marathon female winner Melissa Bellman, who finished with a time of 3:58:00, smiles as she crosses the finish line Dec. 8. The individual male winner was Rafael Rivas with a time of 3:17:50.



Photo provided by Housing department

GREEN THUMB—NAVSTA Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Leary, NAVSTA CMDCM (SW/AW) Keith Carlson and Housing Director Rudy Sammons present Angela Motes of Caribbean Circle 5A with an award for Yard of the Quarter. Not pictured: Jeffrey Motes.



Photo by MC2 Kim Williams

SMOOTH SAILING—Four local children relax in a banana boat at the Windjammer kiddie pool Dec. 8. during the MWR Family Funday event. Guests enjoyed refreshments, inflatable boats and a floating rock wall, which were provided by MWR free of charge.

Caption

RETRACTION:

The photo titled 'Feliz Navidad' from the Dec. 7 issue cites La Posadas as a Mexican tradition in error when in fact La Posadas is a Latino tradition.