



NCTAMS names Sailor of the Year

By MC1 Robert Lamb, Public Affairs Office

CE1(SCW) Danny Buccat has been named the U.S. Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Guantanamo Bay Detachment 2006 Sailor of the Year. Buccat is the NCTAMS Base Communications Officer.

"Since reporting, Buccat has served many different roles, but he's currently our Base Communications Office Project Manager," said ICC Stephen Shallberg, NCTAMS LCPO.

The mission of NCTAMSDETGTMO is to provide classified and unclassified voice, messaging, data and video to ships, submarines, aircraft and ground forces operating worldwide in support of Naval and joint missions. Besides being NCTAMS Base Communications Officer, he has been a Project Manager, Option 81C Telephone Switch Technician, Supply Petty Officer, Command Fitness Leader, Command Managed Equal Opportunity Manager, Assistant Training Officer, Assistant Watch Bill Coordinator and Assistant DISA Coordinator.



Photo by MC1 Igo Wordu

Sailor of the Year; CE1(SCW) Danny Buccat, Communications Office Project Manager.

His off-duty education includes an Associates of Arts Degree in Business and Management and he is working towards a Bachelor of Science Degree in Information Networking and Telecommunications. He currently has over 7500 hours towards Station Installer and Repairer Apprenticeship certification, and is an Elec-

tronics Technician Association certified Fiber Optic Installer. Petty Officer Buccat is married to Angelica Buccat from Houston Texas and together have one child, Noah Daniel Buccat. Buccat has been in the Navy for the past 11 years and just recently applied for the Navy's Limited Duty Officer Program. The LDO and CWO communities offer Sailors and Chiefs a commissioning program that enables a career path to captain in the LDO community and CWO-5 in the CWO community. He'll be notified in February of 2007 if he's accepted.

"Having this recognition should help me achieve my goal of attaining LDO," said Buccat.

He will be traveling to Norfolk, Va. in February of 2007 to compete for NCTAMS LANT regional Sailor of the Year.

NAVSTA GTMO will their own senior Sailor of the Year, Junior Sailor of the Year and Blue Jacket of the Year at Command Quarters, Friday, Dec. 22.



Boat Parade of Lights — *Boats of all shapes and sizes participated in the Holiday Boat Parade on Saturday, Dec. 9. Special interests groups, GTMO Clubs and individuals decked out their water crafts and left the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marina and headed into the bay for a parade of lights. All the representatives that participated in the Boat Parade of Lights received trophies from MWR. Even Santa Claus took time out of his busy schedule to glide his sleigh of lights.*

Photo by Tracye Miller



From the desk of the NLSO SE

Predatory lending practices

By LT Stacey Leonard, Officer In Charge NLSO SE DET GTMO/JTF/GTMO Legal Assistance

Recently, there has been an increase in predatory lending activities involving servicemembers. Predatory lending is when a creditor charges illegal interest rates or uses unfair tactics to take advantage of people who have poor credit. In an effort to change these practices, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 established a new section in the U.S. Code (10 U.S.C. §987, found attached to this LAPA) which places limitations on consumer credit terms involving members of the armed forces and their dependents.

Under the new law, creditors are prohibited from charging any member greater than 36% A.P.R. as defined by the Truth in Lending Act (see Section 107 at 15 U.S.C. §1606). The term "interest" includes all cost elements associated with the extension of credit, including fees, service charges, renewal charges, credit insurance premiums, any ancillary product sold with any extension of credit to a servicemember or the servicemember's dependent, as applicable, and any other charge or premium with re-

spect to the extension of consumer credit.

This new law applies to members of the armed forces who are on active duty under a call or order that does not specify a period of 30 days or less and to members on active Guard or Reserve Duty. The law also provides protections to dependents who are defined as either a spouse, child, or person for whom the servicemember provides greater than 50% support.

Additionally, several "predatory lending" practices are also made illegal when the loan is to a servicemember. These include: Roll-over loans - A creditor cannot "roll-over" or refinance the same loan between the same creditor and borrower; Mandatory waivers of consumer protection laws - creditors cannot require borrowers to waive any State or Federal law, including provisions of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act; Mandatory arbitration provisions - creditors cannot require borrowers to submit to arbitration or other onerous legal notice provisions; Use of check or vehicle title as loan security - A creditor cannot require a borrower to is-



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sue a check as a means of access to the borrower's financial accounts or require a borrower to provide a vehicle title as loan security; Unreasonable notice requirements - A creditor cannot insert into credit agreements any unreasonable notice requirement as a prerequisite to borrowers right to bring legal action against the creditor; Mandatory allotments - A creditor cannot require a borrower to create a voluntary allotment for the benefit of the creditor as a loan prerequisite; Prepayment penalty - A creditor cannot charge a penalty for prepayment of a loan, in whole or in part.

Violation of this statute by a creditor is a misdemeanor as defined by Title 18. This statute does not preclude any remedy available to a servicemember through state or Federal law. Any contract that violates this section is void. Finally, arbitration is not enforceable against any servicemember regarding a contract that violates this statute. Should you have any issues with creditors trying to enforce any of the prohibited activities under the new Act, make an appointment with the legal office so we can assist you.

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Birth Announcement

MC2(AW) Honey Nixon announced the birth of her baby boy, Cade, on Dec. 6, 2006. The baby weighed in at 6 lb. 2 oz. Petty Officer Nixon will return to Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba sometime in January of 2007.

Photograph of Naval history before disaster

Story by MC1 Robert Lamb, NAVSTA Public Affairs

While conducting operations at Guantanamo Bay in early 1933, the USS Akron (ZRS-4) was photographed by a base resident. In the photograph, the airship was tied down at the end of McCalla Field.

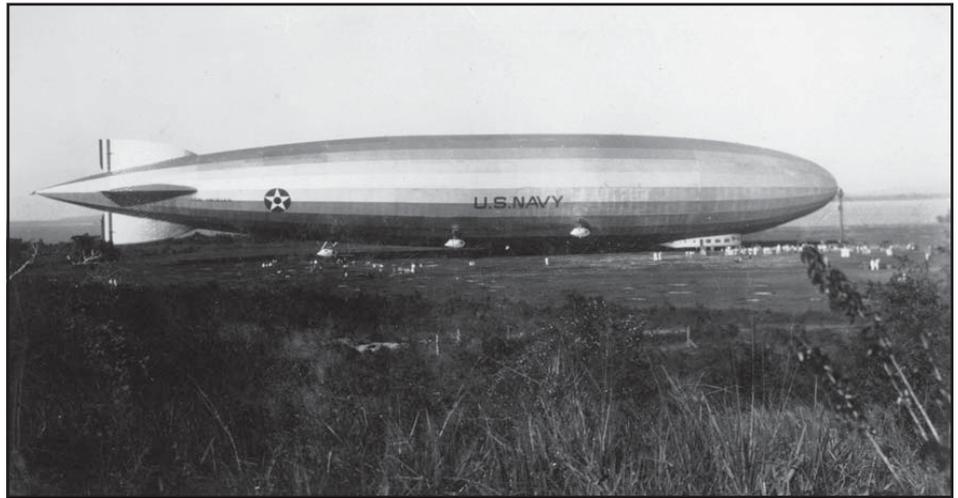
Commissioned in late October 1931, the Akron was the first of a class of two 6,500,000 cubic foot rigid airships, built for the purpose of exploring the potential of the rigid airship as a naval weapons system. During the latter half of 1932, the airship refined its airplane support and search capabilities. In January 1933, the airship operated briefly out of Guantanamo Bay to determine the feasibility of using the base as a landing site in the U.S. fleet's southern operating area.

This may be one of the last photos taken of the airship before it was lost in a deadly disaster.

Official reports state that on the evening of April 3, 1933, Akron cast off from her moorings in Lakehurst, N.J. to operate along the coast of New England, assisting in the calibration of radio direction finder stations, with Rear Adm. William A. Moffett embarked. Also on board were: Cmdr. Harry B. Cecil, the admiral's aide; Cmdr. Fred T. Berry, the commanding officer of Naval Air Station Lakehurst; and Lt. Col. Alfred F. Masury, USAR, a guest of the admiral, vice-president of the Mack Truck Co., and a strong proponent of the potential civilian uses of rigid airships.

As the airship proceeded on its way, Akron encountered severe weather which did not improve as she passed over Barnegat Light, N.J., at 10 p.m., April 3. Wind gusts of terrific force struck the airship unmercifully around 12:30 a.m., Apr. 4, and pushed her down toward the sea. She crashed tail first and then sank in the stormy Atlantic. Only three of 76 men on board survived the tragic accident.

The German motorship Phoebe in the vicinity saw lights descending toward the ocean at about 12:23 a.m., and altered course to starboard to investigate, thinking the ship's crew was witnessing a plane crash. At 12:55 a.m., Apr. 4, Phoebe picked up Lt. Cmdr. Herbert V. Wiley, Akron's executive officer, unconscious, while a ship's boat picked up three more men: Chief Radioman Robert W. Copeland,



The recent historical photos printed in the Gazette come courtesy of the GTMO Marine Corps Security Force. A woman with a real sense of history purchased many old photos of GTMO at a garage sale, soon after she sent them directly to MCSF where they have been preserved and archived.

Boatswain's Mate Second Class Richard E. Deal, and Aviation Metalsmith Second Class Moody E. Ervin. Despite desperate artificial respiration, Copeland never regained consciousness and died on board Phoebe.

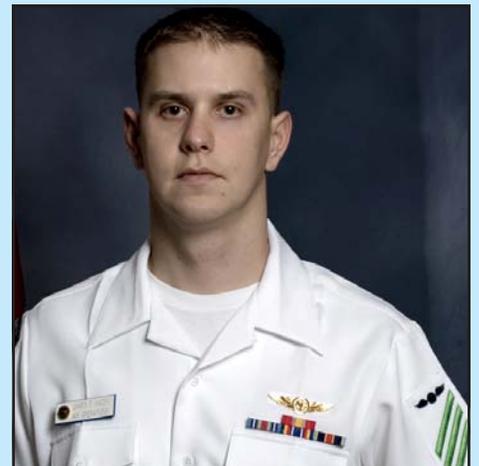
Although the German sailors spotted four or five other men in the stormy seas,

they did not know that their ship had chanced upon the crash of Akron until Lt. Cmdr. Wiley regained consciousness a half hour after being rescued. Phoebe combed the ocean with her boats for more than five hours in a dogged but fruitless search for more survivors of aviation's

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The results are in!

Here are the results from the E-4 - E6 September Exam Cycle for NAVSTA GTMO. Results are as followed: SH1 Juan Rivera, MA1 Robert Mueller, YN2 Tim Karr, MA2 Aaron Moore, MA2 Scott Ragsdale, MA2 Michelle Waldon, MA3 Patrick Holbert, MA3 Ken Ible, MA3 Tim Johnson, MA3 Edwina Kwiatkowski, MA3 Aaron Nickle, MA3 Jacqueline Prado, MA3 Jeannette Rodriguez, YN3 Jamar Thomas, AE3 James Vacek, MA3 Ken Aungst, MA3 Tim Beazley, MA3 Fuentes Calderon, BM2 Nicole Cirino, SW3 Ken Collier, YN3 Dominic Cottrell, MA2 Ali Davis, MA3 Steele Edwards, MA2 Edgar Figuera, MA3 Saul Garcia, MA3 Jason Gootee, MA3 Mario Gutierrez, MA3 Denise Hampton, MA3 Shane Hawari, MA3 Peter Hermiz and MA3 Caleb Yager.



AEAN James Vacek was recently named NAVSTA GTMO, 4th Quarter, Blue Jacket of the Quarter, also he was advanced to Petty Officer Third Class.

Worship Services

Catholic

Catholic Mass Mon. thru Fri. 6 p.m.
(Main Chapel)
Confession, Mon. thru Fri. 5:15 p.m.
(Main Chapel) Sat. 4:15 p.m., Sun.
8:15 a.m.
Vigil Mass, 5 p.m. (Main Chapel)
Sunday Mass, 9 a.m. (Main Chapel)
Eucharistic Adoration, daily 24 hrs.

Protestant

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

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

(Sanctuary A)
Monday, Family Home Evening, 7
p.m. (rm. 8)
Sunday Sacrament, 9 a.m.

Filipino Christian Fellowship

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

Iglesia Ni Cristo (Sanctuary B)

Bible Study, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Sunday Worship, 5:30 a.m.

Pentecostal Gospel Temple

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

Seventh Day Adventist (Sanctuary B)

Prayer Meeting, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Vesper Meeting, Friday, 7 p.m.
Sabbath School, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.
Divine Service, Saturday, 11 a.m.
Bible Study, Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Islamic Service (Sanctuary C)

Friday Worship, 1:15 p.m.

United Jamaican Fellowship

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

Shabbat Service

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

Editor's Note:

The Dec. 29th edition of the Gazette will be a 'Year in Review' edition. There will be no Gazette published on Jan. 5, 2007. Happy Holidays!

Safety committee promotes holiday hazard awareness

By Kim Sears, Special to American Forces Press Service

Increased alcohol consumption and dangerous road conditions are two of many holiday hazards on which a Defense Department safety committee is working to raise awareness among service members this season.

The Defense Safety Oversight Council is using a series of holiday messages from top DoD officials and Service Safety Center activities to promote awareness and the importance of safe and responsible behavior through the holidays.

The holidays account for an increased amount of safety mishaps DoD-wide, officials said. From drinking and driving to leaving holiday candles unattended, the potential for injury and loss goes up dramatically during this time.

The committee is putting particular emphasis on safe driving, using a series of leadership messages focused on

accountability by individuals and the chain of command, and the importance of defensive driving.

The council also is directing servicemembers to Service Safety Center Web sites, which have online tools to help local commanders and individuals reduce risks. Online resources include tips, presentations and articles on topics including fire-place safety, suicide prevention, and carbon monoxide poisoning, among others.

In a June 22 memorandum, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld reiterated his directive to reduce all safety mishaps within DoD by 75 percent by the end of fiscal 2008. The Defense Safety Oversight Council was created to find ways to meet that goal. David S.C. Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, is chairman of the council.



Photo by MA1 Anthony Thirumalai

Jolly Old Saint Nick — *Watch the faces of children and adults when Santa Claus walks into the party is always a treat. Santa Claus was surrounded by children at the Security Department Holiday party at Phillips Park on Thursday, Dec. 7.*



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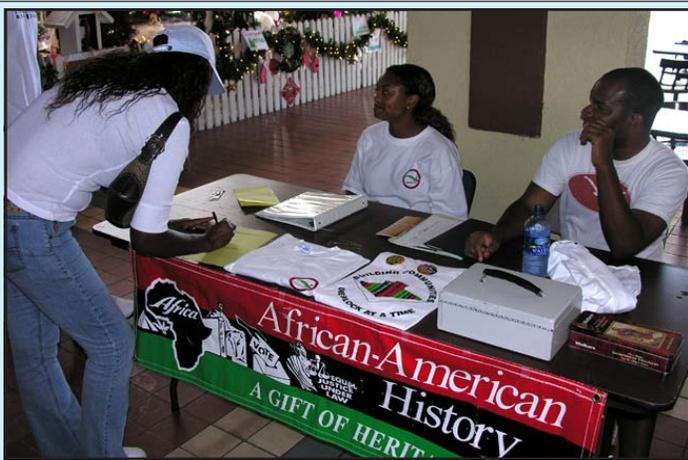


Photo by MC1 Igo Wordu

Membership Drive — *Shemika Barnes and LT Kevin Williams participate in African-American Cultural Organization (AACO) membership/fund drive. The organization is gearing up for upcoming events to commemorate African-American cultural celebration.*

Naval history...

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biggest single tragedy to that date. A non-rigid airship, J-3, sent out to join the search, also crashed, with the loss of two more men.

The U.S. Coast Guard cutter Tucker (CG-23), the first American vessel on the scene, arrived at 6 a.m., and took the Akron survivors and the body of Copeland on board, thus releasing the German vessel. Among the other ships which fruitlessly combed the area for more survivors were the heavy cruiser Portland (CA-33), the destroyer Cole (DD-155), Coast Guard cutter Mojave, and the Coast Guard destroyers McDougal and Hunt, as well as two Coast Guard planes.

Most, if not all of the casualties had been caused by drowning and hypothermia, as no one on the airship's crew had been issued life jackets, and there had not been time to deploy the craft's single life raft.

Soon after Akron's loss, Navy divers examined her wreckage, which was located about 100 feet below the ocean surface east of Atlantic City,

N.J. More recently, in June 2002, the research submarine NR-1 revisited the airship's crash site, where much of her collapsed framework remains visible on the Continental Shelf, nearly 70 years after the great dirigible went down.

Akron's loss spelled the beginning of the end for the rigid airship in the Navy, especially since one of its leading proponents, Rear Adm. Moffett perished with her, as did 72 other men. President Roosevelt commented afterward: "The loss of the *Akron* with its crew of gallant officers and men is a national disaster. I grieve with the Nation and especially with the wives and families of the men who were lost. Ships can be replaced, but the Nation can ill afford to lose such men as Rear Admiral William A. Moffett and his shipmates who died with him upholding to the end the finest traditions of the United States Navy."

To learn more about the USS Akron or many of the other airships that the Navy used back in the early 20th Century log on to www.history.navy.mil

Navy astronauts underway on Discovery mission

By Army Sgt. Sara Wood, American Forces Press Service

Three Navy astronauts are part of the crew of NASA's space shuttle Discovery that launched from Kennedy Space Center on Dec. 9.

Capt. Robert L. Curbeam Jr. and Cmdrs. William A. Oefelein and Sunita L. Williams were on Discovery when it launched toward the International Space Station, where the astronauts will continue construction on the station, rewiring the orbiting laboratory and adding a segment to its integrated truss structure.

The electrical repairs are the crew's main mission, but they also will be rotating a crew member out of the space station. Williams will take the place of astronaut Thomas Reiter, and Reiter will travel back with the shuttle crew. The ability to perform this part of the mission showcases the space shuttle's versatility, due to its large size, Oefelein said in an interview on NASA's Web site.

Oefelein received his commission from the Navy in 1988 and was designated a naval aviator in 1990. He was selected by NASA in June 1998 and reported to Johnson Space Center in August 1998. After completing two years of training and evaluation, he became qualified for space flight assignment as a pilot. He is assigned as a pilot on the Discovery mission.

Curbeam, a Baltimore native, has always been interested in spacecraft, he said in his interview on the Web site. While in test pilot school in the Navy, he visited Johnson Space Center and talked with an astronaut, and that conversation convinced him to pur-

sue a career with NASA, he said.

Curbeam graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1984 with a degree in aerospace engineering. He was selected by NASA in 1994 and after a year of training and evaluation, he was assigned to the computer support branch in the astronaut office. He is a veteran of two space flights and has logged more than 593 hours in space, including three spacewalks.

Williams, of Needham, Mass., worked in Moscow with the Russian Space Agency on the Russian contribution to the International Space Station and with the first expedition crew to the station. She is currently assigned to the crew of the 14th expedition to the station and will join that crew after traveling on Discovery.

This is Williams' first flight mission. In her interview on the Web site, she said she feels extremely lucky to be part of a mission that will be construction-intensive. She said she recognizes the dangers of flying in space, but she enjoys the inspiration it brings to others.

Williams received her commission from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1987. She was designated a naval aviator in July 1989 and went on several deployments as part of a helicopter squadron. She was selected by NASA in June 1998, and after her training, went to Moscow to work on the International Space Station. She will serve as a flight engineer at the station.

Navy astronauts are a major part of NASA's history, with the first manned space flight being piloted by Cmdr. Alan B. Shepard Jr. in 1961.

Downtown Lyceum

Friday, Dec. 15

Open Season

7 p.m., PG, 87 min.

School for Scoundrels

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

Saturday, Dec. 16

The Grudge 2

7 p.m., PG-13, 102 min.

Gridiron Gang

9 p.m., PG, 87 min.

Sunday, Dec. 17

Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band in Concert

Monday, Dec. 18

Jet Li's Fearless

7 p.m., PG-13, 103min.

Tuesday, Dec. 19

The Grudge 2

7 p.m., PG-13, 102 min.

Wednesday, Dec. 20

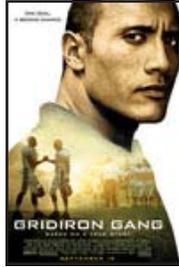
The Guardian

7 p.m., PG-13, 135 min.

Thursday, Dec. 21

Casino Royale

7 p.m., PG-13, 137 min.



Gridiron Gang

Genre: Drama, Adaptation, Sports and Teen

Cast: Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson, Kevin Dunn, Xzibit, Kevin Dunn, Leon Rippey

Storyline: The uplifting story of detention camp probation officer Sean Porter, who creates a high-school-level football team from a ragtag group of dangerous teenage inmates as a means to teach them self-respect and social responsibility. He is joined in this experiment by co-worker, Malcolm Moore.



The Guardian

Comedy and Remake

Cast: Kevin Costner, Ashton Kutcher, Neal McDonough, Melissa Sagemiller, Clancy Brown

Storyline: After losing his crew in a fatal crash, legendary Rescue Swimmer, Ben Randall, is sent to teach at "A" School, an elite training program for Coast Guard Rescue Swimmers. Wrestling with the loss of his crew members, he throws himself into teaching, turning the program upside down with his unorthodox training methods.

MWR

Happenings

Windjammer Dinner Theater

Monday, Dec. 18, at 5:30 p.m. Bring the family to the Windjammer Club to enjoy dinner and then watch family oriented G- or PG-rated movies. This Monday, "Princess Diaries 2," begins at 5:30 p.m., and the second movie, "Step Up," begins at 8 p.m.

Holiday Family Ice Skating

Dec. 15., 6 p.m. at the hockey rink outside the base gym.

Winter Wonderland Craft Fair

Dec. 15., 6 p.m. at the hockey rink outside the base gym. \$10 to reserve a table. FMI call 74795.

Gary Sinise and the LT Dan Band

Dec. 17, at the Downtown Lyceum. Showtime is 8 p.m.

New Year's Eve Concerts

Dec. 31., 9 p.m. Will Brock will be performing at the Bayview; Sean Paul and Shanna Crooks will perform at Cooper Field while Mary White Band will perform at the Goat Locker. FMI call 75225.

MWR taxi service

Coming soon. Drivers needed. FMI call 4363.

GTMO Xtreme Adventure Race

Saturday Feb. 3, at the Marina. FMI call 2345.

Holiday Door Decorations

Wish to get into the spirit of the holidays? Any BEQ or BOQ resident who wishes to decorate their front doors for the holidays can do so and will be judged by the Command Master Chief on Thursday, Dec. 21, 7 p.m. Appropriate holiday themes or messages only. FMI contact CMC at 4474.

GTMO Shopper

For Sale

(2) 27-in. Sharp TV w/remote, \$150; 34-in. Sony KV-34FS120 FD Trinitron WEGA Flat-screen CRT TV, \$350; complete Live Well, constructed on island from 1/2 55 gallon plastic blue container, \$70. FMI call 9815 or 79574.

(2) 2 Scuba tanks, \$75 ea. FMI call 78032.

(2) HP Pavillion DV 1000 laptop w/ Microsoft XP home edition, 5.1.2600 service pack 2, X86 based PC, TPM.512MB, TVM2GB, X86 family 6 model, \$700. FMI call 77175 or 75643.

(2) Miscellaneous indoor and outdoor House Plants for sale, please call after 4 p.m. 77985.

(1) Two radial tires, excellent shape, M+S P225/75R15, \$15 ea.; Ab-lounge, like new, \$90; Girl twin-size bed w/mattress, headboard and footboard, \$90. FMI call 75828.

(1) Vanity dresser w/two side tables; two coffee tables; large Entertainment Center/stand; lamp. FMI call 75397.

(1) 3-piece burgundy sectional couch w/2 massage recliners and a pull-out bed, excellent condition, \$800; living room table w/storage and lift top, \$60; 5-disc CD changer, \$40; VCR, \$25; dumbbells 50 lbs., \$5 ea. FMI call 75688.

(1) Mongoose mountain bike including helmet, lock, and tire pump, \$350. FMI 75548.

(1) Girls Scout 2007 wall calender, \$5 and pocket planners, \$2. FMI contact your local Girls Scout Leader or call 75789, and Kathy 74803.

(1) Flax seed, \$1.50 per lb; Leappad w/4 books and cartridges, \$15; Hooked on Phonics master reader, 2 - 6th grade CD-ROM and games, \$50. FMI call 2640.

Vehicles/Boats

(2) 2000 Ford Explorer, 118k miles, well maintained, \$8,500. FMI call 2033.

(2) 1984 Chevy Celebrity, convertible, runs well, \$750 OBO. FMI call 2351.

(2) 1997 Saturn Coupe, 2 dr., 106k mile, A/C, radio/cassette, great condition, \$4,200. FMI call 4503 or 77360.

(2) 1987 Volkswagen Cabriolet, convertible, A/C, AM/FM/CD, low mileage, \$4000 OBO. FMI call 77868.

(2) 2000 Buick Century, pwr breaks, window locks, A/C, automatic, asking \$8,500. FMI call 4063.

(2) 1992 Geo Tracker, available Dec. 5. FMI call 75749.

(2) 1984 Honda Shadow, 750 CC motorcycle, good shape, runs good, \$1,500. FMI call 4380 or 77716.

(2) 1987 Mazda 626, auto, good shape, runs good, available Dec. 23. \$1,800 OBO. FMI call 4043 or 77912.

(2) 2006 Harley Davidson Sportster 1200, custom, less than 600 miles, \$9,500 OBO. FMI call 78032.

(2) 2003 Motorbike, 50cc, \$1000; 2000 Motorbike, 50cc, \$1000 and 1992 Jetski, runs good, \$1700. FMI call after 4 p.m. 77985.

(1) 1999 Mitsubishi Eclipse, auto, 68k miles, sunroof, AM/FM/CD

player, AC, well maintained, \$10,000 OBO. FMI call 75800 AWH.

(1) 1985 Chevrolet K-30 Pickup truck, 1 ton, 6.2 ltr diesel engine, runs great, \$2,500. FMI call 77123
(1) 1984 Buick Lesabre, Limited, good condition. FMI call 79786.

Announcements

(2) The GEO Group Inc., Migrant Operations Center has the following position available: Housing Escort Officer. Qualification required: High school diploma or GED equivalent. One year FT experience in a public or private security or law enforcement-related field. Must be a U.S. citizen or a lawful resident. Bilingual is a plus: English-Spanish; English-Haitian Creole. FMI call 76149.

(1) The Human Resources Office has the following position available: Medical Record Technician, Announcement NO. 06-090; Medical Record Technician, Announcement NO. 06-087, Teller, Patient Account Technician; Supply Technician GS-2005/06/07, Transportation Assistant (OA). Closing date for all vacancies is Dec. 26. Practical Nurse, Secretary (OA), closing date is Dec. 28. Credential Technician, GS-0303-07, closes Dec. 29. FMI call 4441.

(1) The NEX has the following Full-Time positions available: Cashier, Sales Clerk, Cashier, and Supervisory Cashier. FMI call Kitty Case 75041.

Employment

(1) The African American Cultural Organization (AACO) meets every Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. at the Acey Duecy. All interested in joining the organization are invited to attend. FMI call 9769.

(1) Anyone interested in volunteering time or cookies for the Chapel Cookie Drive should contact the Chapel at 2323. Cookies can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall at the Chapel Complex. They will be packaged and delivered to individuals standing duty on Christmas Day. (1) Quilting and Craft Night will be held Dec. 19, from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Community Center. FMI call 77365.

(1) The Professional Nurses' Association (PNA) is sponsoring a photo opportunity with the Grinch, Saturday Dec. 16 at the NEX Atrium, and Dec. 23 at Tierra Kay parking lot. The price is \$5. They will be offering half price for individuals who prefer to bring their own camera. FMI call 72049.

(1) Odyssey of the Mind team will be having a Car Wash at the NEX from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Dec. 16. They'll also be having a bake sale at the atrium where they will sell calenders featuring pictures from around Guantanamo Bay. FMI call 2207 or 84024.

Yard Sales

Dec 16 — Caribbean Circle, #38A, 7-9 a.m.

Dec 16 — Windward Loop, #29B, 9 - noon.

Dec 16 — Marine Site, M132, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Dec 16 — Nob Hill, #2B, 7-10 a.m.

“Charlotte” visits GTMO

Story and Photo by Neata Wiley

The children's classic Charlotte's Web, by E. B. White, was adapted to a stage drama for the first production of the 2006-2007 W. T. Sampson High School Drama Club, Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Over 200 children and parents attended the show and were amazed at the animals and humans who worked together to save the young pig Wilbur's life. As the audience witnessed, friendship is sometimes the only answer to life's problems.

The cast included students Kelly Keuhner, Stephanie Wilson, Lisl Karony, Noemi Negrón, Courtney Davis, Phoenix Castilla, Briana Jackson, Cyera Smith. Special appearances by high school staff members Dawn Going, Mike Greer and pianist John Boswell. Student crew members were Audry LeVault and Patrick Phelan. The sponsor of the Drama Club, Neata Wiley, directed the production.



Wilbur, Charlotte, Fern Arable, Templeton, Mr. Zuckerman, Mr. Arable and Mrs. Arable all took a bow after their performance.

GTMO happenings



Photo by MC1 Igo Wordu

Here comes Santa Claus — *Lynn Winker* put on her very best smile as she sits on Santa Claus' lap during a photo opportunity at the Navy Exchange Saturday, Dec. 9. Santa will also be present at McDonalds on Saturday Dec. 16.



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Guess who else was in town — *The Grinch* made an appearance at the NEX Atrium on Saturday, Dec. 9, to add to the holiday spirit. Guantanamo Bay's Professional Nurses Association sponsored the event.

NEX and Fire Department play for Captain's Cup

Story and photo by MC1 Igo Wordu, Public Affairs Office

NEX and Fire Department soccer teams will lock horns on Friday Dec. 15 to decide the champions of this year's Captain's Cup soccer tournament. Both teams booked a place in the finals after two rounds of play-off, which started on Monday Dec. 11.

NEX made it through to the finals defeating 'Nu Weh' 2-0 in the first semi-final game played on Dec. 13 at Cooper Field. In the second game of the night, Fire Department beat GTMO United 3-1.

NEX's game seemed like a mere formality as they imposed their dominance early in their game against Nu Weh winning easily.

Even though many predicted an outright win by Fire Department over United, the game turned out to be an enterprising affair. United were intent on staking their claim for the Captain's Cup as they attacked

persistently throughout the game, but Fire Department was able to contain the pressure from United.

United should have taken the lead late in the first half after one of their players was brought down inside the penalty box. United converted the resulting penalty but amazingly, the referee reversed the call due to player encroachment into the penalty box when the kick was taken. Under the soccer rules, United have the right to retake the penalty kick. Instead, the referee disallowed the goal and gave possession to Fire Department much to the dismay of the fans who booed his decision.

"I think the referee did a poor job today," said Andre Simmons, one of the fans who came out to watch the game. "I think MWR has to do something about this particular referee. This is not the first time that I've seen him make bad judgment during im-



The Fire Department practices kicking into a goal before the match Wednesday, Dec. 13 at Cooper Field

portant games. This is an MWR event and referees should maintain high standards. I wouldn't say Fire Department didn't deserve the victory. They took their chances tonight and that's what counts."

Fire Department scored their first goal early in the second half with a sensational volley from the left flank. United scored an equalizer midway through the second half. United were then awarded another penalty with five min-

utes remaining in the game but they failed to score what would have been the game winner. Fire Department scored two quick goals from an offside position. Yet again, the referee didn't make the right call. In the end, Fire Department won the game. Both NEX and Fire Department are tied on head-to-head record with each team winning one game in their previous two encounters during regular season.