



Photo by MC1 Igo Wordu

Asst. Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), BJ Penn, cuts the ribbon, assisted by CAPT Mark Leary, NAVSTA Commanding Officer, at the grand opening of the newly renovated Gold Hill Towers 'Wing A' on Monday Feb. 12. VADM Robert Conway Jr., Commander Navy Installations Command (far right); and VADM Michael Loose, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics (far left), help hold the ribbon.

Gold Hill Towers 'Wing A' renovated

By MC1 Igo Wordu, Public Affairs Office

Asst. Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment, BJ Penn; VADM Robert T. Conway, Commander, Navy Installations Command; and VADM Michael K. Loose, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics, were on hand Monday to take part in a ribbon-cutting, officially opening the

newly refurbished Gold Hill Towers Wing A.

The renovation included a total mechanical, electrical, plumbing, civil and fire safety overhaul in the building.

According to Rudy Sammons, Housing Director, the renovation involved the repair or replacement of all utility systems

— electrical, plumbing, communications and fire protection — replacement of all windows and flooring, and renovation of all bathroom facilities. Room furniture has been entirely replaced.

“The total contract value for the first phase of the project, Gold Hill Towers “A”

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Budgeting today's readiness, tomorrow's Fleet

By MC2(SW/AW) Chad A. Bricks, Navy News Service

The Department of the Navy (DON) submitted to the president its recommendation of \$139.8 billion for fiscal year 2008, which became part of his budget request to Congress.

The Navy and Marine Corps also submitted two other requests to accompany FY08's baseline budget: \$20 billion to fund the global war on terror in FY08 and \$13.8 billion as an emergency supplemental to FY07's budget. The three separate budgets total nearly \$174 billion.

"The Budget is framed and built around the guidance that the Secretary of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations, and the Commandant of the Marine Corps establish," said Rear Admiral Stan Bozin, Director of the Budget. "With that foundation we build a budget that is supportable and defensible to Congress."

Bozin said Navy leadership built the budget on four central pillars: to fight and win the Long War, to sustain current readiness, to build the fleet of



Photo by Staff Sgt. D. Myles Cullen

Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Navy ADM Edmund Giambastiani, references the Quadrennial Defense Review with U.S. Rep. John Spratt, Jr., after a hearing with the House Budget Committee.

the future, and to develop our future leaders.

"Twenty-eight percent of our funding is going toward our military personnel accounts, 28 percent roughly to our procurement accounts and 28 percent to our operations and maintenance accounts," Bozin said.

Bozin said the remaining 16 percent of the budget goes to research and development and military construction.

According to Navy leaders, the FY08 budget is designed to ensure continued success of the all-volunteer force, support

joint capabilities and provide effective forces.

"I don't think there's any question about the strong support from Congress for our Sailors and Marines," Bozin said. "I think that's going to be reflected as the budget goes forward."

Sailors and Marines can also expect a 3 percent increase in basic pay and a basic allowance for housing (BAH).

"There's a strong commitment from the department to keep those out of pocket costs at zero," Bozin said.

Bozin also said this doesn't mean everyone will see the increase in BAH. The actual rate that Sailors and Marines can expect to see around the fleet will vary by the area in which they live.

The budget is also constructed to consider the Navy decreasing their forces by 9,200 in FY08 and the Marines to grow to an end strength of 202,000.

Seabee Ball Tickets

Seabee Ball tickets will be on sale at the NEX Atrium between 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., on Saturdays.

The ball will be held March 24.

FMI call ENS Jeremy Gerrard at 4503.

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NAVSTA Commanding Officer, CAPT Mark Leary, accompanied by Housing Manager, Donald Eldridge, present Marie Perkins with a Yard of the Quarter award. Marie lives with her husband at Villamar 45A.

Gravely was a pioneer and trail-blazer

By MC1 Igo Wordu, Public Affairs Office

This article is one of a continuation of stories highlighting significant military African-American achievements in history, especially in the United States Navy. Information obtained from archives of Arlington National Cemetery, and Naval Historical Center.

Samuel Lee Gravely, Jr.'s service in the United States Navy adds to many other great Americans whose personal achievements blazed the trail for others to follow.

He became the first African-American to command a Navy ship when he assumed command of the USS Theodore E. Chandler (DD-717) on Jan. 31, 1961. He was also the first African-American to command an American warship under combat conditions, the USS Taussig DDG-746. He later commanded the USS Jouett DLG/CG 29.

Significantly, Gravely became the first African-American to rise to the rank of Vice



U.S. Navy File Photo

Pictured here as a Navy captain, VADM Samuel Lee Gravely Jr. was the first African-American commissioned as an officer from the Naval Reserve Officer Training Course (NROTC).

Admiral on July 1, 1972, and was the first African-American to serve as a fleet commander, when he became Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet.

Gravely was a native of Richmond, Va. He was a mem-

ber of Alpha Phi Alpha at Virginia Union University, the first inter-collegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans.

Following his time in college, he enlisted in the Naval Reserves on Sept. 15, 1942, and was trained as a Fireman Apprentice. In 1943, he participated in the Navy V-12 program, which was designed to select and train Naval officers. As part of this training, he attended the University of California in Los Angeles, Pre-Midshipman School in New Jersey, and Midshipmen School at Columbia University. On Dec. 14, 1944, Gravely successfully completed midshipman training, becoming the first African-American commissioned as an officer from the Navy Reserve Officer Training Course.

As a newly commissioned Ensign, his first assignment was to Camp Robert Smalls, Great Lakes, Ill., as the Assistant Battalion Commander for new recruits. He began his seagoing career as a sailor aboard the USS PC-1264, a submarine chaser that was one of only two World War II ships with a largely African-Ameri-

can crew.

In April 1946, he was released from active duty, but he remained in the Naval Reserve.

Recalled to active duty in 1949, his initial assignment was as a Navy recruiter, recruiting African-Americans in the Washington, D.C., area.

He went on to build a Navy career that lasted 38 years and included many distinguished accomplishments. His last tour of duty before retiring in August 1980, was as Director of the Defense Communications Agency in Washington, overseeing the communications network linking Washington with American and allies bases worldwide.

Gravely was highly decorated, with decorations including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal and Navy Commendation Medal.

Gravely died on Oct. 22, 2004, after suffering a stroke. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

In his honor, the USS Gravely (DDG-107), and a street on the east side of Richmond, Va., are named after him.

W.T. Sampson High School School Second Quarter Honor Role

Principal's List (GPA 4.00 - 3.50)

Grades 7 - 12: Caitlyn Ocampo, Robert Armbruster, Hayden Kemp, Ira Wenze, Brittany Kimmins, Stephanie Tickner, Caroline Belleman, Nerilu Colon, Courtney Davis, Robert Handley, Katie Basel, Aiesha Dula, Morgan Keener, Audrey LeVault, Heather Brittle, Cory Frye, Patty Hammett, Felicia Motes, Gabriel Ramirez, Kaylee Williams and Nichole Lamb.

Honor Roll (GPA 3.49 - 3.00)

Grades 7 - 12: Mujahid Abdullah, Samantha Lonstad, Patrick McCarthy, Patrick Phelan, Aaron Hairston, Eryn Mccarthy, Tylere Robarge, Danny Philbert, Kevin Banks, George Beltran-Negron, Phoenix Castilla, Duston Donofrio, Amy Hairston, Christopher Johnson, Samuel LeVault, Renee Massa, Matthew Monteleone, Joshua Sloan, Tiffany Brewer, Ben Camera, Matthew Devine, Kelsey Garland, Chelce Hardin, Kelly Kuehner, Samantha Lowe, Stacey McGill, Noemi Negron and Davisha Tyson.

Gold Hill Towers ribbon-cutting ...

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wing, was \$6.2 million," said LT Jonathan Higdon, Asst. Resident Officer in Charge of Construction.

Although the ribbon-cutting was held this week, there are still some last minute items that need to be completed. Residents are expected to start moving into the renovated wing by the end of March.

Local contractor, Islands Mechanical, is completing the work required in the design-

bid-build project, which has taken nearly 13 months. It is only the first of several phases of what will eventually be an entire renovation of the Gold Hill Tower complex.

"The second phase, which is being performed on 'B' wing, commenced in January and is expected to be completed by February 2008," said Ronnie Chason, representing Islands Mechanical.

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.

**The African-
American Cultural
Organization
(AACO) will host
its Black History
Month Dinner-Dance,
Feb. 24, at 5:30 p.m.
Tickets are \$20.
FMI call 9769.**



Photo by MC1 Robert Lamb

Gold Hill Galley food service workers prepare a holiday meal for hungry customers. GTMO's food service has received a 5-star accreditation.

GTMO's food-service excellence recognized

Story by MC1 Robert Lamb, Public Affairs

Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Donald C. Winter recently announced the 2007 winners of the Captain Edward F. Ney Memorial Awards for Outstanding Food Service.

Finishing as the runner-up in the Overseas General Mess category was Navy Region Southeast's Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, second only to Navy Region Hawaii's Silver Dolphin Bistro.

"Attaining a 5-star accreditation was a great achievement by itself, but then competing for the Edward F. Ney award and receiving runner-up in the OCONUS ashore final selection category was an accomplishment that I'm very proud of," said CS1(SW) Greg Moreno, leading petty officer at Gold Hill Galley. "This accolade is a testament to all the hard work, long hours and superior level of cooperation that our Pentad employees share with our military and quality assurance Navy and Army inspector's, on a daily basis.

"It has been over 45 years since Naval Station Guan-

tanamo Bay, Cuba has received a 5-star accreditation and Edward F. Ney award recognition for food-service excellence," he added.

"The Captain Edward F. Ney Awards recognizes one of the top quality of life issues for our Sailors across the globe," said CAPT David M. Fitzgerald, deputy commander, Navy Family Support, Naval Supply Systems Command. "We're proud of our 2007 winners. Their outstanding creativity, combined with presentation skills and their ability to serve delicious, healthy foods every day, is a tremendous achievement."

The Ney Memorial awards program is co-sponsored by SECNAV and IFSEA. IFSEA is a nonprofit food-service association dedicated to enhancing the professional image and growth of persons serving the food-service industry.

The awards encourage excellence in Navy food-service programs, with the objective of improving the quality of life for Navy personnel.



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will be closed
Feb. 19, in
observance of
President's Day.
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2156 or 2369.**

GTMO prepares to lather up at new car wash

By MC1 Robert Lamb, Public Affairs Officer

Rumors have been flying about what is being built by the consistently steady construction crew at the south side of the Downtown Lyceum. It is not a new Taco Bell or even a new indoor movie theatre, but a car wash.

For the past few months, in a joint venture between Burns and Roe and Dick Corp, a construction crew has been building a four-bay manual car wash, slated to open early this summer. The car wash facility will encompass 2,000 sq. feet including a 360-sq.-foot wash bay at a cost of \$503, 000.

On-station organizations, which depend heavily on car-wash donations to raise funds for various projects, have been concerned that the new car-wash facility will be a huge blow to their weekly or monthly fund-raisers.

Not so! As soon as the command found out this concern, they were quick to respond.

"Once the new car wash is complete, it will be available to all base residents free of



Webelo Scouts, from Pack 3401, visit the site of the new NEX Car Wash on Feb. 3, as one of their requirements towards earning their Engineering Activity Badge. LT Jon Higdon, Asst. Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, talks over the construction plans.

Photo by LCDR Eileen D'Andrea

charge," said CDR Jeff Johnston, NAVSTA Public Works Officer. "It will also be the only place on the base authorized for car washing.

"We are still developing the operating procedures, and I have no doubt we'll have to tweak them once or twice once we're up and running, but the plan now is to allow organizations to reserve one of the wash bays to use for fund-raising car

washes."

Each bay will be equipped with a nozzle and many options found in manual car wash in the states. One of the unique features of GTMO's car wash is that it will recycle all water used.

"The energy efficiency concept for the car wash is to re-process (clean) and reuse water as well as collect rainwater to be cleaned and used for the

car wash," said LT Jon Higdon, Asst. Resident Officer in Charge of Construction. "In addition, energy efficient lighting will also be installed."

Base organizations, clubs and committees who have regularly scheduled car washes to raise money for their favorite activities no longer need to worry about losing their number one way to raise money, only the location has changed.

GTMO Fire Inspector promoted to Chief

Story and photo by Tracey Miller

You can call him Chief.

On Thursday, Feb. 1, Fire Inspector Andres Leal was promoted to the position of Training Chief for the Guantanamo Bay Fire Department.

Andy arrived in GTMO in June 2006, to fill the post of Fire Inspector, but he quickly realized the lack of a Training Officer was a source of concern within the Department. A Fire Training Officer coordinates and ensures all Firefighters are meeting monthly and annual training standards set by the Department of Defense.

Andy stepped up to the plate to fill the void, and in six short

months had certified 75 firefighters. That's a 45 percent increase over the certification of Firefighters in all of 2005!

Andy's initiative and hard work were recognized with the promotion to Training Chief. His promotion was celebrated with a pinning ceremony at the Windjammer.

In that ceremony, Chief John Mabbitt and Andy's wife Dalia pinned the rank insignia of three crossed bugles on the collar of Andy's shirt, symbolizing his ascent to Fire Officer. Andy has been married to Dalia for 12 years, they have three children.



GTMO's new Fire Training Chief, Andy Leal, is congratulated on his promotion by Fire Chief, John Mabbitt.

Downtown Lyceum

Friday, Feb. 16

Night at the Museum

7 p.m., PG, 108 min.

Black Christmas

9 p.m., R, 97 min.



Saturday, Feb. 17

Rocky Balboa

7 p.m., PG, 102 min.

Children of Men

9 p.m., R, 109 min.

Black Christmas

Genre: Suspense, Horror, and Remake
Michelle Trachtenberg, Oliver Hudson,
Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Katie
Cassidy, Lacey Chabert
*Storyline: Remake of the 1974
slasher classic about a psycho
terrorizing a sorority house during
the holiday season.*

Sunday, Feb. 18

The Good Shepherd

7 p.m., R, 168 min.

Monday, Feb. 19

Night at the Museum

7 p.m., PG, 108 min.



Tuesday, Feb. 20

Rocky Balboa

7 p.m., PG, 102 min.

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Children of Men

9 p.m., R, 109 min.

Thursday, Feb. 22

Black Christmas

7 p.m., R, 97 min.

Night of the Museum

Genre: Comedy
Cast: Ben Stiller, Carla Gugino, Kim
Raver, Mickey Rooney
*Storyline: Good-hearted dreamer
Larry Daley, despite being perpetu-
ally down on his luck, thinks he's
destined for something big. But even
he could never have imagined how
big, when he accepts what appears to
be a menial job as a graveyard-shift
security guard at a museum of
natural history.*

MWR Happenings

Windjammer Dinner Theater

Monday, Feb. 19, 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, "Shark Tale," begins at 5:30 p.m., and the second movie, "Just Married" begins at 8 p.m.

Liberty Events

— Feb. 21, 6 p.m., 6-on-6 Dodgeball.
— Feb. 22, 6 p.m., Black Jack Tournament at the Windjammer.
— Feb. 23, 7 p.m., Night Fishing, meet at Marina.
— Feb. 24, 2 p.m., Paintball Tournament at the Paintball Range.
— Feb. 26, 7 p.m., 9-Ball at Marine Hill.
— Feb. 27, 7 p.m., Gears of War Tournament at Deer Point.
— Feb. 28, 6 p.m., Liberty Bowling at Marblehead Lanes.

Irish Pub Band

Feb. 16, 9 a.m., at the Club Survivor. The "Shalalee Band" featuring Jed Johnson and Shaun Rieley will perform.

Dr. Seuss Birthday Bash

March 2, 3 - 6 p.m., at the Community Library. There will be story puppets, games, cake, bouncers, and a rock wall. This will also mark the completion of 'Read Across America' and the 'Million Dollar Read-a-thon.' FMI call 4700.

400-lbs. Club

Become a member of the 400-lbs. Club. Women's weight class starts at 125 lbs. and men's weight class starts at 250 lbs. Weight categories are 125, 150, 250, 300, 350 and 400 lbs. Call for an appointment or come by and gym staff will assist. FMI call base gym at 77262, Marine Hill Gym at 2285, and Camp Bulkeley Gym at 75866.

GTMO Shopper

For Sale

(2) JVC 27-in. TV, \$90 (available Feb.12); Goldstarmicrowave, \$30; FMI call 77912 AWH or 6354 DWH.

(2) JVC 25-in. TV/VCR combo, \$70. FMI call 78021.

(2) Complete set of snorkel gear w/net bag, like new, \$30. FMI call 2303.

(2) Black and silver evening dress, size 12, \$30; light blue rug, 12-ft.x 15-ft., \$100OBO; dive fins, two pairs, \$10 each; 6-ft. Christmas tree w/tree light sets and stand, \$30; white wicker table, \$10; upright storage cabinet, \$10. FMI call 4148.

(2) 65 Game cube games, \$10-\$20 each. FMI call 3782.

(2) Baby Trend double baby jogger, basketball hoop w/stand, Kelty baby backpack, Little Tykes sand/water table, Little Tykes Cozy Coop care, booster seat w/ tray, toddler bed w/crib size mattress. FMI call 2507.

(2) Computer desk, \$25; lawn mower, \$35; weed eater, \$45; 13-in. kid's TV, blue, \$20. FMI call 75688.

(1) Apple Ipod, 30GB, third generation, white, 6,000 songs, accessories, \$200; electrical grass trimmer/weed wacker, \$50. FMI call Ben at 7751.

(1) Light blue rug, 12x15 ft., \$100 OBO; one pair dive fins, \$10; 6-ft. Christmas Tree w/light sets and stand, \$30; white wicker table, \$10; upright storage cabinet, \$10. FMI call 4148 DWH or 75607 AWH.

(1) Dell laptop, Windows Vista Premium, 1G memory, 80G hard drive, wireless, \$900. FMI call Omar at 7689 or 8153.

(1) Bedroom vanity, solid wood, dresser w/two side tables, 2 coffee tables, large electronic cabinet w/glass shelves, 2 matching lamps, satellite dish, 10-speed bike w/helmet, bike w/helmet. FMI call 75397.

(1) Crib w/all pieces, oak-colored, \$100. FMI call 75687.

(1) Apple Powerbook G4, 1.5 GHZ, 512 MB, ilife 06, w/in case protective case, \$999. FMI call Angelica at 77000.

(1) FisherPrice Kick 'n' Play infant bouncer seat, like new, \$10. FMI call 77110.

(1) Twin jet fins, snorkel, mask, \$125; Men's XL Nautica jacket, red, \$30. FMI call 75641.

Vehicles/Boats

(2) 1988 Buick Century, 63K, new parts, runs great, \$1,200 OBO. FMI call Micah at 79710.

(2) 1988 Toyota Camry, fair condition, auto, power steering, AC, \$2,500 OBO. FMI call 78021.

(2) 1993 Toyota Camry V6, available March 6, CD, A/C, sunroof, good condition. FMI call 79453.

(2) 1980 Jeep CJ-5, fair condition, 4-speed manual, great driveline, \$3,350 OBO. FMI call 77350.

(2) 1989 Ford Probe, 5-speed, runs good, GTMO special, \$1,000. FMI call LT Jackson at 78659 AWH or 9981.

(1) 1994 Mitsubishi GT3000, yellow, yellow and black leather interior, CD, AC, power seats, 18-in. rims, \$10,000. FMI call 77075 AWH or 4165/4577 DWH.

(1) 1980 Dodge Ram, GTMO special, runs great; 1994 Tiger-shark Waverunner w/trailer, selling as a package, \$3,000. FMI call Shawn at 77344.

(1) 2005 Dodge Ram SRT-4, black, low miles, stage 2 upgrades; 1005 Raw Titanium Kawasaki ZX-6R Ninja, 2,200 mi., like new. FMI call 77925.

Employment

(1) Human Resources Office announces the following vacancies: Fire Fighter, PS-0081-03, closes Feb. 23; Internal Firefighter, PS-0081-03/04/05/06/07, closes March 3. Budget Technician, GS-0561-06, closes Dec. 28.

(1) Columbia College is seeking a part-time administrative assistant. A bachelor's degree is preferred, but not required. Hours are flexible. Pay starts at \$10/hour. Open to U.S. citizens, only. To apply, go to www.ccis.edu, select 'Employment,' then 'Employment Application.' Submit application along with a brief resume to Ellen Soucy at the Columbia College Office on Chapel Hill. FMI call 75555.

Announcements

(2) The Navy Ball Committee will meet Feb. 21, at noon, at the Acey

Ducey Club. Anyone interested in taking part in this year's committee should attend. Motivated individuals are needed for executive board positions and subcommittees. FMI call AT1 Matt Murcin at 74721.

(2) An 'Anger Management' class will be held Feb. 20, 6 - 7:30 p.m. at the Fleet and Family Support Center. There will also be a 'Successful Relationships' class on Feb. 21, 6-7:30 p.m. FMI call 4141.

(1) Treasures and Trivia would like to say thank-you for all the donations. We accept reusable clothing, appliances, etc. Please remember to donate items suitable for resale.

(1) The Youth Center Cotillion will be on Feb. 27, 7 p.m. at the Bayview. Tickets are now on sale at the Youth Center for \$10. FMI call Rachel Simpson or Petrona Christie at 74658.

(1) PTO Treasurer needed. Current treasurer will PCS soon. This a great way to volunteer time. No experience needed. FMI call 77067.

(1) Registration for Columbia College's Spring Session begins Feb. 12, for military and seniors only. Classes begin on March 19. The local course schedule is available at the office and online. Online course schedules are also available online. To consolidate prior coursework and military training, schedule an appointment with an academic advisor by calling 75555.

(1) The Fleet and Family Support Center is offering a 3-part class in 'Parenting,' Feb. 28, 6-7:30 pm., March 7, 6-7:30 p.m., and March 14, 6-7:30 p.m. An 'Anger

Management' class will also be held Feb. 20, 6-7:30 p.m. FMI call 4141.

(1) Come out for a Saturday Sail, Feb. 17, 2 p.m., at the Sailing Center. No experience needed. FMI call Zach at 77225.

(1) Million-Minute Madness will officially end its community wide record keeping with a celebration called the "Dr. Seuss Backyard Birthday Bash," to be held on March 2 behind the MWR library from 3-5:30 p.m. This event will be co-sponsored by the W.T. Sampson School Community Home Partnership Committee and MWR. There will be drawings for prizes, the bouncer, rock wall and entertainment provided by the high school drama group. FMI call Sonja-Lee Pollino at 3500.

(1) Free country line dance classes at the Windjammer, Thursdays, at 6:30 p.m. FMI call Lupe Beltran 4127.

Lost or Found

(2) Lost golf clubs w/set of Calloway irons at Villamar 43B around Feb. 1. FMI call Dave at 2315 DWH or 77326 AWH.

(2) Hand-held Marine radio lost at the Dock of the Bay, Feb. 3, on picnic table. Reward if returned. FMI 77487.

(2) Digital camera found at Sailing Center after Super Bowl party. Call with description to claim. FMI call 77087.

Yard Sales

Feb. 17 — West Bargo, #45A, 8 - 11 a.m.

Feb. 17 — Nob Hill, #1B, 7 a.m. - 1p.m.

Helpful reading tips for parents:

- Give your child the opportunity to choose his/her own books for reading. If your child chooses a book that is too long to hold his/her attention, read some and skip some, discussing the pictures and illustrations and how they relate to the story.
- Read stories again and again. Children, especially young children, enjoy repetition, and it helps them become familiar with the way stories are organized.

These reading tips are presented by the School/Home/Community Partnership Committee at W.T. Sampson Schools.

GTMO Happenings



5K run — *This group of GTMO runners prepare to participate in the MWR Valentine 5K run, Feb. 10.*



5K run — *Another colorful runner.*



Craft Fair — *Jorie Snyder looks at a variety of shell necklaces during MWR's Flea Market and Craft Fair, Feb. 10 at the Downtown Lyceum. Crafters offered one-of-a-kind crafts and local residents also sold 'second-time around' items .*



Craft Fair — *HM3 Paul Trusdell makes personalized "dog tags" for interested buyers.*



Comedy show — *Tess Drake returns to GTMO with the 'Funny Honeyz', Jan. 10 at the Windjammer.*



Craft Fair — *Handcrafted necklaces by local jeweler, Jen Amaio.*

Photos by MC1 Igo Wordu and MC2 (AW) Honey Nixon