

Jazz musicians serenade GTMO revelers



Michael Lington demonstrated his contemporary saxophone chops to the crowd during the 2007 GTMOJazzFest.

**Story, photos by MC2 Kim Williams
NAVSTA Public Affairs Office**

More than 2200 servicemembers, DoD employees and their families packed the U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (GTMO) Ferry Landing beach Sept. 2 for the 2007 GTMO Jazz Fest.

Guests were treated to six hours of smooth jazz melodies performed by Esteban, Michael Lington, Dot Wilder and Marc Stevenson.

The festival, sponsored by the base Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) department is an annual event which serves as the finale to a weekend of appearances, contests and fairs all celebrating Labor Day.

"Today's concert was great," said Navy Lt. Eric Hardy, Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay Emergency Room nurse. "This event is important because it brings diversity to music and the people who attend the festival – you have every group of people on base represented: enlisted and officers, Army to Navy – it doesn't matter and everyone is enjoying themselves. I really want to thank MWR for putting this great concert together," said Hardy.

Rendezvous Entertainment contemporary saxophonist Michael Lington, one of four musical acts at the concert says when he was asked to be part of the 2007 GTMO JazzFest, he jumped at the chance.

"I always wanted to be here [GTMO]. This concert is important because I believe in the job you are doing down here and it's really my pleasure to give back," said Michael Lington. I'm originally from Copenhagen and also in the process of obtaining my American citizenship and I so appreciate what America has done for me and it's really a pleasure for me to give back," Lington added. "About 12 or 13

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Polls reveal fleet opinions, influences leaders

Story by MCSN Ken Ingram, Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

The Navy is polling a select group of Sailors on short-term extensions as part of the Navy Quick Poll program used to hear Sailor's voices on personnel-related issues.

Sailors who have been identified for this poll have little time left as the poll closes Aug. 27.

"Quick polls were developed to provide a quick look into a hot topic," said Carol Newell, project director of Navy Personnel, Research, Studies, & Technology (NPRST).

Quick polling, managed by the NPRST Department of the Navy Personnel Command, is designed to target one specific subject with 10 to 15 questions and provide Navy leaders with results in 13 days. Sailors take the poll online at the Quick

Poll Web site at <http://quickpolling.nprst.navy.mil/index.htm>.

The polls provide reliable, credible, and representative data with less than 10 percent margin of error, and leadership uses the results of the polls to help make policy and program decisions.

One survey, focused on duty in remote locations, was used in setting Assignment Incentive Pay for that location and another helped influence changes to the enlisted education policy.

"Even though Sailors are pre-selected, it's completely voluntary," said Newell, "We don't keep track of which Sailors did not take the poll." The required login is for security and the survey Web site clearly states that responding is voluntary.

Another source leadership uses to gauge

Sailors' opinions is the upcoming annual Navy-wide Personnel Survey, a much larger survey designed to look at job satisfaction of Navy personnel in a variety of subjects. This fall, approximately 17,000 Sailors throughout the fleet will be randomly selected to participate in this survey.

"One of our Navy's greatest strengths is its willingness to listen to the Sailor on the deckplate," said Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (SW/FMF) Joe R. Campa, Jr. "Whether it's feedback on quality of life or any number of Navy policies, the voice of the Sailor is valued and listened to by our leadership."

For poll outcomes back to 2003, visit <http://quickpolling.nprst.navy.mil/results.htm>.

Tricare fuels option to 'Stay Navy' as a reservist

From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

Adding a major incentive to the smorgasbord of reserve benefits, Navy Selected Reservists (SelRes) will be able to enroll in an improved Tricare service beginning Oct. 1.

Under the new system, drilling reservists will pay \$81 a month for self-only coverage, or \$251 a month for self and family coverage. This replaces the complex qualification rules previously in place for Reservists receiving Tricare coverage. With the new rule, the only requirement is being in SelRes,

meaning the Sailor drills one week-end each month.

The new plan is designed to simplify the current Tricare Reserve Select benefit and make it available to more reserve-component members and their families, said Army Maj. Gen. Elder Granger, deputy director of the Tricare Management Activity.

Participation won't be automatic for 11,000-plus reserve Sailors currently enrolled in the Tricare Reserve Select program. They'll be

disenrolled when that program expires Sept. 30 and must sign up for the new plan to maintain coverage, Granger explained.

For those leaving active duty and affiliating with the drilling reserve, the Tricare Web site at www.tricare.mil, offers details and tells how to sign up. Go to the "My Benefit" link, then to the Guard and Reserve portal.

Incentives for joining the Navy Reserve team include a lot more than health benefits, said Navy Recruiting Command, Active-to-Reserve Transition Coordinator Randy Miller.

The Navy Reserve offers a two-year deferment from involuntary mobilization to Sailors who join the Reserve Component within six months of leaving active duty, said Miller. Those who join seven-to-12 months after leaving active duty are eligible for a one-year deferment. According to NAVADMIN 007/07, the deferment dates start the day the Sailor joins the Navy Reserve, regardless of previous active duty obligations or deployment sched-

ule.

One of the biggest attractions is extra income. Sailors can earn a potential affiliation bonus if they join in a critical rating. On drill week-ends, Sailors earn four days' pay for only two days work, and they get paid for two weeks of annual training in locations at home or abroad, Miller said. Sometimes reservists can do more than two weeks. Some other benefits include: low-cost life insurance up to \$400,000 through Serviceman's Group Life Insurance, Montgomery GI Bill, and points towards retirement pay with each drill.

"Add to that tax-free commissary and exchange privileges, access to a wide range of recreational opportunities, and eventually, a military retirement check, any way you look at it, fringe benefits like these are hard to find" in the civilian sector, Miller said.

FMI about Tricare, visit www.tricare.mil. For more information about the Navy Reserve, visit www.navyreserve.com.

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GTMO babies: Delivered in style

Story, photo by HM2 Travis B. Gann, USNH Public Affairs

On Aug. 29, the U.S. Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay (USNH) unveiled its newly constructed Labor and Delivery Room (LDR), marking the occasion with a ribbon and cake cutting ceremony. Capt. Bruce Meneley, USNH Commanding Officer, and Debbie Walker, USNH Quality Manager, presided over the official ribbon cutting. USNH staff delivers an average of 30 new born babies a year.

"The creation of this new enlarged delivery suite was in keeping with our goal to provide a Family-Centered environment in which our patients are nurtured and provided with the compassion and care that they deserve, and is our privilege to provide," said Lt. Manual Zambrano.

According to USNH officials, many USNH and Naval Station staff members were responsible for the renovations that have taken more than one year to complete.

"It is the sincere hope of the hospital staff that this will benefit our beneficiaries during such a happy life event," added Zambrano.

"The new Labor/Delivery/Recovery room here at the Naval Hospital is another step



USNH Commanding Officer Capt. Bruce Meneley and Debbie Walker, who recently gave birth, cut the ribbon of the newly renovated USNH Labor and Delivery Room Aug. 29..

forward toward achieving family centered and focus care," added Cheryl Crouse, RN, OB/GYN and Pediatrics Case Manager. "The room not

only allows the families more space for a new beginning, but allows the staff at the Naval Hospital to provide a great service with a new look."

Yatera Seca Golf Association Fall Classic Tournament

Sept. 22, 8 - 2:30 p.m. Non-members are encouraged to attend. Cost is \$25 for non-members and \$20 for members. Cash prizes, trophies, gift bags, free golf cart and a barbeque will follow. Sign up at the MWR Golf Course by Sept. 17.

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. 5:30 Filipino Christian Fellowship (Room A)
8 a.m. Pentecostal Gospel Temple (Room D)
9 a.m. LDS Service (Room A)
10 a.m. Liturgical Service (Room 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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Sept. 9-15 is Suicide Prevention Week

Story provided by Katherine Cruise, Communications Manager, Screening for Mental Health, Inc.

Screening for Mental Health, Inc., (SMH) first introduced the concept of large-scale mental health screenings with National Depression Screening Day in 1991. SMH programs now include both in-person and online programs for depression, bipolar disorder, generalized anxiety disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, eating disorders, alcohol problems, and suicide prevention.

If you have been watching the news lately, you probably know about the importance of suicide prevention. Recent studies have raised awareness of this major, preventable public health issue. Suicide is the third leading cause of death among Americans between ages 15-24 and the second leading cause of death among those between ages 25-34. It is often the result of untreated depression and other mental health disorders. Did you know that 90 percent of suicides in the U.S. are associated with

depression or another treatable mental illness or substance abuse disorder?

Suicide is preventable and recognizing a problem is the first step to getting help. As part of Suicide Prevention Week, Sept. 9 - 15, as well as throughout the entire year, the Department of Defense is offering service members and their families the opportunity to take anonymous online and telephone mental health self-assessments for depression and other related disorders. After you complete the self-assessment, you are provided with information on where to turn for a full evaluation, including services provided by the Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs.

Facts about suicide:

— 70 percent of people who die by suicide tell someone about it in advance, and most are not in treatment. — Those who have made serious attempts are at much higher risk for actually

taking their lives. Between 20 and 40 percent of people who die by suicide have previously attempted suicide. — Nearly 50 percent of suicide victims have a positive blood alcohol level. — Although most depressed people are not suicidal, most suicidal people are depressed.

Failure to recognize depression can have devastating consequences so it is important to identify depression early. The program, available 24/7, includes self-assessments for depression, alcohol problems, bipolar disorder, generalized anxiety disorder, and posttraumatic stress disorder. To access the anonymous self-assessments, visit www.MilitaryMentalHealth.org or call 877-877-3647.

People who are considering harming themselves may try to reach out – sometimes directly, sometimes indirectly. Be especially alert for warning signs, for example:

— Talking about suicide or death — Giving direct verbal cues, such as “I wish I were dead” and “I’m going to end it all” — Giving less direct verbal cues, such as “What’s the point of living?” and “You’d be better off without me” — Isolating him- or herself from friends and family — Expressing the belief that life is meaningless or hopeless — Giving away cherished possessions — Exhibiting a sudden and unexplained improvement in mood after being depressed or withdrawn — Neglecting his or her appearance and hygiene.

About the Mental Health Self-Assessment Program (MHSAP)

MHSAP is offered to more than 1.5 million military families affected by deployment in all branches, including the National

Guard and Reserve. It is designed to help families and service personnel identify their own symptoms and access assistance before a problem becomes serious. The tests available address depression, bipolar disorder, generalized anxiety disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder and alcohol use. After an individual completes a self-assessment, he is provided with referral information including services provided through the Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs. The program is part of the DoD continuum of care fully funded by Force Health Protection and Readiness, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs.

Programs are implemented by local clinicians at mental health facilities, hospitals, primary care offices, social service agencies, colleges/universities, workplaces, schools and the military. In 2006 alone, nearly 600,000 screenings were completed at some 12,000 facilities using SMH programs.

“Our military members display a courage and dedication that is unsurpassed and they and their families deserve our best efforts to provide them with support and links to treatment services. The Department of Defense continues to augment this program in order to provide tools that help busy families under stress. Help is no more than a click or phone call away.” said Col. Joyce Adkins, Ph.D, MPH, DoD, Office of Health Affairs.

Free, anonymous mental health self-assessment available for military service members and their families at www.MilitaryMentalHealth.org and 1-877-877-3647

Sailor of the Week

"Winning this award makes me feel like I am doing my job properly and lets me know that the little things that aren't necessarily in my job description aren't overlooked."

MASA David
McLaurin,
NAVSTA Security



Photo by MC2 Kim Williams

Changing of the Chaplains: Hale two 'former' teachers

Story and photo by Marianne Mabbitt

In late July 2007, Father Ron Kawchinski left for his next duty station in Bremerton, Wash. aboard the USS *Stennis*. After many fond farewells, in mid August 2007 Rev. James Goebel also departed to his next station in Virginia. But replacements have arrived!

Rev. Sal Aguilera, Navy Commander, CHC, or "Father Sal", as he prefers to be called landed here July 17, 2007 and enjoyed a week overlap of briefing before replacing his predecessor the Catholic Navy Chaplain. Rev. David Mowbray and his family have just recently arrived on base to take over as the Protestant Navy Chaplain.

Father Sal's last assignment was at the Army War College in Carlisle, Pa. where he worked for a year to achieve a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies. His tour of duty here is expected to be about eighteen months. Already he has settled in, making a few changes. He moved the main alter, "to be closer to the people" he said, and he welcomes all to join the choir, help at Iguana Crossing coffee house or any number of other volunteer positions.

Daily mass at the main Chapel on Chapel Hill has been changed to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Saturday mass is 5 p.m. and Sunday remains at 9 a.m. The JTF Troopers' Chapel mass will now be Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. The PPI Chapel mass is Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

Father Sal is the eldest of six children his parents raised in Texas. He graduated from Notre Dame University in Indiana in 1983 and was ordained a Priest in 1984. After seven years at the Cathedral in El Paso, Texas on the Bishop's staff and as Director of Seminarians and Vocations, he was contracted to help out at Fort Bliss, Texas. It was there that he decided to enlist and become a military Chaplain.

"I prayed for guidance for two years," said Father Sal. His first Navy assignment was with the 1st Marine Air Wing.

"I knew I wanted to be in the Navy because some of my uncles had been and in the Navy and Marine Corps even though my dad had been in the Army. "I feel that military servicemen and families have special needs," explained Aguilera.

Early in his career Father Sal taught High School English for two years. An assignment in Washington D.C. involved him in approxi-



Naval Station Guantanamo Bay welcomes Cmdr. Sal Aguilera and Lt. David Mowbray to the GTMO community.

mately 3,000 burials in Arlington National Cemetery.

"I would try to make each one unique by meeting with the family and learning about their deceased loved one before the funeral", he explained.

Rev. Dave Mowbray, Navy Lieutenant, recently arrived from a three-year tour aboard the USS *San Antonio* based out of Norfolk, Va. He began his military career with four years in the Marine Corps. It was then he met and married his wife Shelly. He then took a civilian job with a manufacturing company but continued to work as a volunteer staff full time with his church ministry. After an eleven year gap in military service, Mowbray decided to enlist in the Navy so that he could respond to his calling to minister to military personnel and families.

"I love to teach" said Mowbray, "I felt that the Lord led me to come back. I like military guys and military life. My family likes it too."

As with Father Sal, Mowbray also had an influential uncle. His dad's brother was in the Marine Corps based in GTMO in the early 1960s.

"It's a family tradition", he said with a smile.

In his two year tour here he plans to keep busy bringing the Lord to folks wherever he

is needed.

"The first two commandments are about loving God and one another and that's my philosophy too," he offered.

The Mowbray family includes three daughters: Rachel 14, Sarah 10, and Madelyn 8 years old.

The Chapel services are always in need of musicians, singers, and other helpers. Also needed are donations to the Iguana Crossing Coffee House on Chapel Hill and of people willing to hold it open. For more details, call the Chapel at 2323. Watch for an upcoming "Volunteer Fair" to inform people of the various committees and services which offer opportunities for you to help make a difference for yourself and others.



There will be a memorial Sept 11, 11:30 a.m. - noon, at the Base Chapel. All are invited to attend.

SIGHTS N SOUNDS OF THE 2007 GTMO JAZZ FEST

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years ago I did a USO tour in Korea so I knew how appreciative [the troops] are for musicians coming to entertain them.

As excited as Lington was to perform for the base residents, the residents were just as excited and appreciative of him.

"I've been here for three years and Michael Lington and his group were probably the best group I've heard since I have been here," said Hardy.

Other performers who took to the Bayside stage included world-renown guitarist Esteban who wowed the GTMO crowd with his new-age music, signature look consisting of all black attire topped off with a black 'Bolero' hat; Florida native Dot Wilder who wooed the crowd with her transcending, unique style of jazz vocals and Marc Stevenson, one of Jamaica's top violinists who graced the crowd of GTMO revelers with his presence for the second time this year.

"It was a beautiful night and one I will not soon forget. Good old GTMO was definitely this place to be Sunday night," said Yeoman 3rd Class Dominic Cottrell. "This concert will definitely be a hard act to follow."

Bottom right: Esteban, pictured here autographing one of his many fans' guitar, is easily recognizable by his signature bolero hat and sunglasses, and dark attire. Esteban whose performance closed out the 2007 GTMO JazzFest, recounts that he began playing guitar at the age of eight!

Photo by MC2 Kim Williams



Photo by MC2 Kim Williams



Above: Dot Wilder and her chelloist perform for the audience early in the day. Wilder stated on her official website, "Jazz is the one medium where I can be myself. I sing what's in my head, taking the standards and making them my own. I can be my most creative in this form."

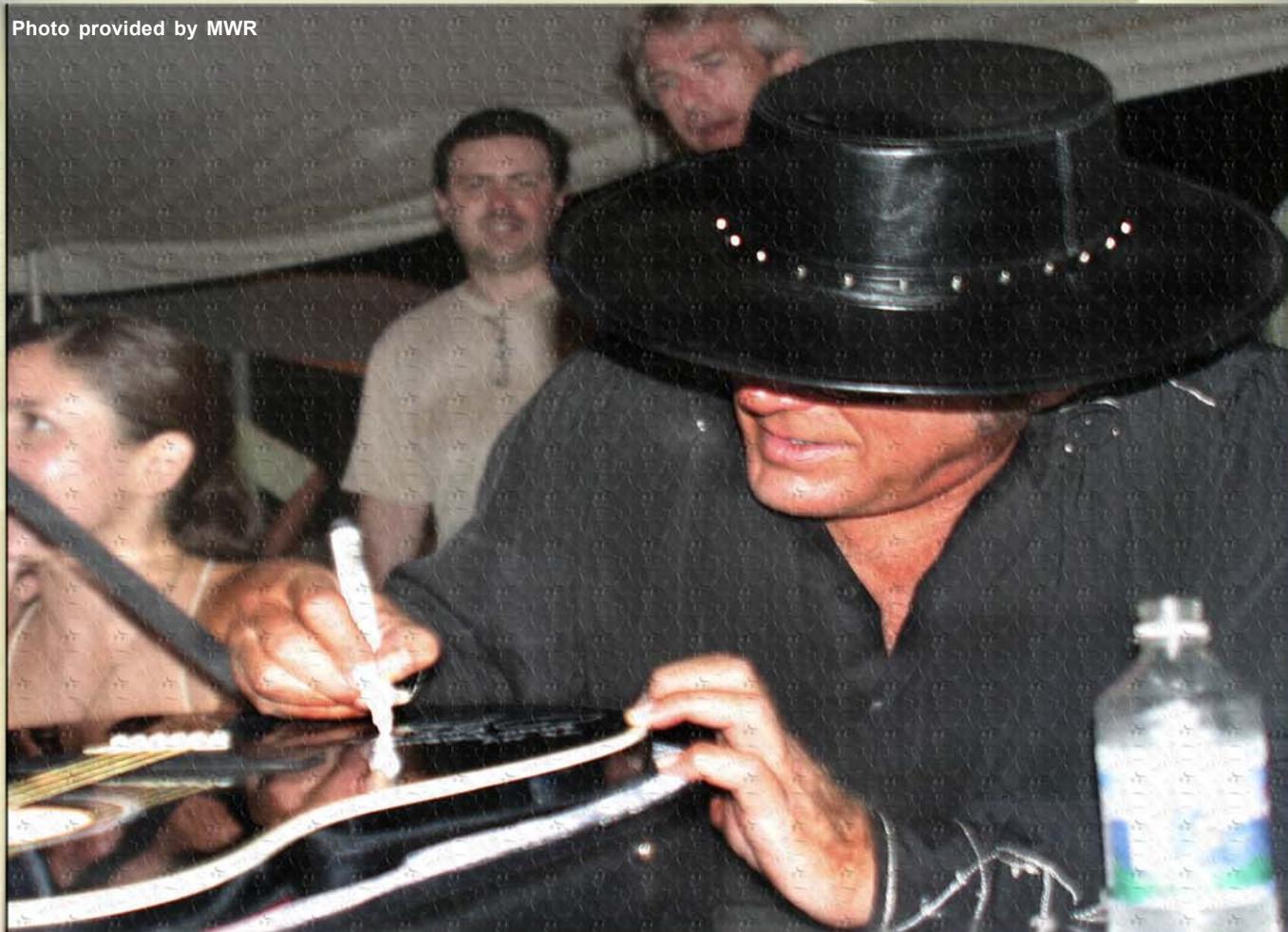
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Top right: One of Jamaica's top violinists, Marc Stevenson, recently performed at this year's Jamaican Independence Day Celebration. Stevenson plays classical and jazz, but he specializes in a style he has dubbed 'reggae violin'. Stevenson says he started playing the violin when he was younger because he wasn't good at sports.



Photo provided by MWR



“So far, so good” becomes too far and not good

Summary of Mishaps (a.k.a. *The Friday Funnies*)

Welcome to the latest edition of the Friday Funnies, another global examination of how “so far, so good” becomes too far and not good.

— This time, incredibly enough, our rocket scientist of the week is a marine sergeant who was actually trying to be a rocket scientist. He was, the report says, “experimenting with alcohol,”

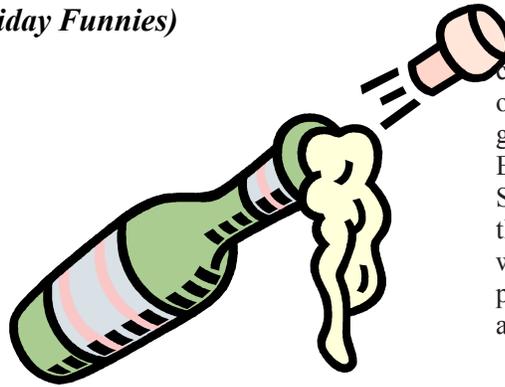
trying to make an “alcohol-assisted rocket” out of a plastic 16-ounce soda bottle and some isopropyl alcohol. He poked a hole in the lid and lit the alcohol that started leaking out.

FOON! His face was in the second-degree-burn part of the blast zone. Fifteen days of light duty for this guy.

Usually in mishap reports, experiments with alcohol involve people pouring too much of it down their gullets.

— One morning in the land of the rising sun, a heavy duty equipment mechanic had to do some sanding between two buildings. He set up a fan behind him to blow the dust out of his breathing zone.

So far so good, but the land of the rising sun was simultaneously the land of the rising wind. By lunchtime, it was gusting to 18 knots, strong enough to



topple the fan, which hit the worker in the back. He was off work for five days with a sprained hip.

For the record, once the wind gets strong enough to blow over a fan, you probably don’t need the fan any more.

— Do you believe in magic? I don’t either, but I’m having second thoughts after reading about an employee at a club in Japan. He was trying to put a pitcher onto a large saucer, the report says, when “all of a sudden like, the pitcher leaped from the employee’s hand and collided with the saucer.”

That’s a heckuva trick, although in this

case the saucer didn’t survive and a piece of it sliced into the employee’s hand, triggering a call to 9-1-1, a visit from the EMT’s, a trip to the hospital and three days SIQ. The shard must have been mad at the employee, but as we have seen, it wasn’t the employee’s fault, it was the pitcher. Sort of like when the dish ran away with the spoon.

Will wonders never cease.

— A staff sergeant reported that while attending retirement celebrations for a gunnery sergeant, the gunnery sergeant “accidentally stabbed” him in the abdomen with a (you guessed it) ka-bar knife. The staff sergeant said he had been “roughhousing” with the gunnery sergeant before the playful puncture occurred. They had consumed between two and four beers apiece. Talk about putting the “rough” in “rough-house.”

That’s all for this week, shipmates. Until next time, do not, repeat, do not make alcohol-assisted rockets out of your cars and motorcycles. This is not just a friendly suggestion. You don’t catch us being serious very often, but we’re serious about that.



Photo by MC2 Kimberly Williams

Command Quarters —
Six U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay (NAVSTA) personnel were given awards for their achievements here in Guantanamo Bay during the NAVSTA Awards Quarters Aug. 2. MAC Michael McClinton was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Comendation Medal; SH1(SW/AW) Juan Rivera, OS2(SW/AW) Victor Perry, BM2 Jamie Minton, Cpl. Jaime Sanchez, were awarded Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals and MA3 Saul Garcia was presented a Flag Letter of Commendation. Congratulations to all!

Khaki Ball

**Sept. 28
 5 p.m.,
 in the
 Windjammer
 Ballroom**



Creature Feature: The Nassau Grouper

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

The Nassau Grouper (*Epinephelus striatus*) is another large grouper and closely related to the Goliath Grouper. These fish have very characteristic markings making them easily identifiable. Their pale tan or gray bodies have four to five irregular dark stripes with black dots around the eyes and a large “tuning fork” pattern on their foreheads. Nassau’s are found throughout the islands of the western Atlantic including the Caribbean, southern Florida, and the coasts of Central and northern South America.

Nassau Grouper are predators at the top of the food chain. They grow to approximately three feet and weigh up to 55 pounds. Juveniles generally feed on crustaceans while adults feed mostly on fish. These fish can be found inshore near sea grass beds and coral reefs and offshore to depths of over 300 feet.

Nassau Grouper, like the related Goliath Grouper, are Candidate Level species for possible listing on the Federal List of Endangered Species for basically the same reasons. Nassau’s also display spawning aggregation behavior where a few dozen to thousands of them concentrate in small areas to spawn. Because Nassau’s are an important commercial and recreational fish, these high concentrations in relatively small areas make them easy targets for fishing interests which effectively remove the reproductive stock from the population, often before spawning occurs. Their vulnerability to overfishing is well defined in that entire regional stocks have been eliminated by intense fishing pressure over spawning aggregations. Because these fish are known to migrate more than 100 miles to spawning grounds and the reduction of numbers of fish on the spawning grounds, stocks may take several decades to recover. Other effects of overfishing such as a reduction in size of fish on the spawning grounds and a skewed male to female ratio further impede their recovery to historic numbers.

Because of the vulnerability to overfishing and the need to conserve breeding stock, there has been a moratorium on commercial and recreational fishing for Nassau Grouper since 1991. There are several efforts taking place to manage this species and conserve its habitats with the goal of establishing and main-



taining a future sustainable fishery. For now, we must do our part to ensure conservation measures are adhered to. COMNAVBASEGTMOINST 1710.10H prohibits taking Nassau Grouper by any means and divers will most likely encounter this fish while spearfishing. When caught on hook and line, these fish can usually be released unharmed however, they are not normally wary of divers so it is important to know

your target when spearfishing to avoid taking them. These fish are unmistakable with their characteristic markings and their conservation depends on you. If you see a violation, call 4105 or VHS Channel 12. Security will respond. Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement depends heavily on concerned citizens who report violations. If you see someone poaching, turn them in. They are stealing from you.

Welcome Home Cmdr. (sel) Pierce

Story by Ed Wright, CNIC Public Affairs

Former Naval Station Guantanamo Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, Cmdr. (Select) Jeff Pierce, recently returned to a warm welcome at his present command, Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC), after spending the last seven months in Afghanistan. According to Pierce, he has been home since Aug. 2, but immediately went on vacation to Myrtle Beach, S.C. and spent some much needed time with his family, he said. Pierce spoke highly of his time in Afghanistan.

“I had a great experience. Learned a lot and had everything I needed. We didn’t want for anything.” Pierce said he worked 18 hours a day seven days a week while deployed. “My billet was with NATO, the International Security Force, he added.

As part of the NATO unit Pierce worked on area schools and other projects to assist the people of Afghanistan. While Pierce was deployed he found out the news that he had been selected for Commander. He said he called home



Cmdr. (Sel.) Jeff Pierce

and his wife had to tell him that he had made it. He said he had heard rumors he made it but admitted you’re never sure you made it until you hear it from some one else.

Downtown Lyceum

Chuck and Larry

Friday, Sept. 7

Hairspray

8 p.m., PG, 107 min.

I Know Who Killed Me

10 p.m., R, 106 min.

Saturday, Sept. 8

Rush Hour 3

8 p.m., PG-13, 90 min.

I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry

10 p.m., PG-13, 115 min.

Sunday, Sept. 9

Sunshine

8 p.m., R, 107 min.

Monday, Sept. 10

License to Wed

8 p.m., PG13, 91min.

Tuesday, Sept. 11

I Know Who Killed Me

10 p.m., R, 106 min.

Wednesday, Sept. 12

Hairspray

8 p.m., PG, 107 min.

Thursday, Sept. 13

Ratatouille

8 p.m., G, 111 min.



Comedy PG-13 115 min

Cast: Adam Sandler, Kevin James and Cole Morgan.

Chuck Levine, Adam Sandler and Larry Valentine, Kevin James, are veteran New York firefighters. Chuck is a womanizer and a self-described whore while Larry is a single father trying to raise a daughter and an effeminate son Eric (Cole Morgan). Because of Larry's sadness and obsession over his wife's death, he ends up not changing the primary beneficiary of his pension from his wife to his children within the deadline. His only option is to marry someone but Larry admits that there is no woman he knows that he would trust with his children's future.

Rush Hour 3



Action/Comedy PG-13 90 min

Cast: Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker, Roman Polanski.

Academy Award-winning film director Roman Polanski co-stars as a French police official involved in (Chan and Tucker's characters) Lee and Carter's case. Tzi Ma reprises his role as Ambassador Han, Lee's boss and friend who appeared in the first installment. This film has received a PG-13 rating by the MPAA for sequences of action violence, some sexual content, nudity and language.

MWR Happenings

CRUISE ACROSS THE BAY ON THE GTMO QUEEN

Book a cruise with the MWR Marina and enjoy a relaxing cruise around the bay. Cost is \$50 per hour, you can go out anytime, please provide a 24 to 48 hour notice when scheduling your cruise. FMI Call 2345

BAYVIEW RESTAURANT

Our face lift is complete, our new menu is here. A specially priced prefix menu is also available, guest must be seated by 6:30pm. Catered meals are available on the GTMO Queen.

Sleep in late Sunday Brunch now open until 2 p.m. Bayview Hours of Operation 5:30-9 p.m.

Wed - Sat; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sunday Brunch.

ARMED FORCES ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS

CINDERROAD

Pedal to the Metal Rock

Sept 9 8 p.m. at Club Survivor

Sept 10 8 p.m. at the
Windjammer

POWER YOGA

Tuesday through Thursday 6 -
6:45 a.m.; Saturday 9 -10 a.m.

Classes begin Sept. 18

at Marine Hill Fitness Center

FMI call Audrey at 75576

GTMO Shopper

For Sale

- (2) 32" JVC i'art Flat screen TV. Minimal use. Great sound and Picture. \$300OBO. FMI call 77364.
- (2) Washer and Dryer, very good condition. FMI call 9794 or 77806.
- (1) Washer & Dryer \$200; Dial-up modem \$75; Massage bed \$80; jet ski engine oil TC-W3 \$10 a gal.; two sofa's \$100 each and one disk CD player with speakers \$75. FMI call 77151.
- (1) 14" Intel Dual-core Laptop. DVD/RW, Built-in Wireless, 1GB RAM, Vista Ready, Memory Card reader. Less than 2 months old. \$800 OBO. FMI 74906 or 79199.
- (1) Set of 4 chrome rims with tires (worn) \$150 OBO. FMI call 77455.
- (1) General Electric washer & drier. Good condition. FMI call 75879.
- (1) 3 Tier Cherry Entertainment Center. FMI call 77911.
- (1) Bicycle \$75; 15" TV+VCR Combo, \$60; 3 wheel golf push cart, \$95. FMI call 77977 or 2080.
- (1) Exercise equipment. Fluidity bar w/three workouts on DVD, ball, bands. This is full body toning with focus on hips and thighs. Used twice, sells for \$200 new, plus S/H. Selling for \$150. FMI call 2640.
- (1) "3 regular tanks for \$100 each, 1 shortie tank for \$80, two refrigerators for \$45 each (one available now and the other available on 2 Oct 07), children's soccer goal for \$10. FMI call 75566

Employment

- (2) Office Automation Technician, YB-0326-01, Announcement# 07-054, Opening date: 08-29-07. FMI please call Human Resources Office at ext. 4441
- (2) Industrial Health Technician, GS-0640-07/09, Announcement# 07-055, Opening date: 08-29-07, Closing date: 09-07-07 FMI please call Human Resources Office at ext. 4441
- (2) SUPV Material Handler, WS-6907-04, Announcement# 07-054, Opening date: 08-29-07, Closing date: 09-07-07 FMI please call Human Resources Office at ext. 4441
- (2) Clinical Nurse GS-0610-07/09, Announcement#07-053, Opening date:08-29-07, Closing date:09-07-07 FMI please call Human Resources Office at ext. 4441
- (2) W.T. Sampson School has the

following positions open continuous: Substitute Teacher 07-CUB-230; \$95 per one full day, \$48.00 less than one full day. Your official application can be picked up and submitted to the W.T. Sampson HS main office or you can log on to usajobs.opm.gov FMI call 3500.

- (2) Community Bank is looking for a motivated, energetic person to join our winning team here in GTMO. Teller Position available. To apply visit www.DOD-communitybank.com/careers or contact the local office at 75116 or email to bamerica@nsgtmo.com.
- (1) Cuban Community Assistance program Manager, Announcement Number#07-056, Opening date: 08-31-07, Closing date: 09-10-07 FMI please call Human Resources Office at ext. 4441.
- (1) Registered Nurse GS-0610-05/07/09/11, Announcement Number:, 07-057 Opening date:, 09-04-07 Closing date: 09-14-07. FMI please call Human Resources Office at ext. 4441

Announcements

- (2) Interested in playing in a Magic the Gathering Tournament? It will be held at the Windjammer on the Sept. 8. Tournament type will be a Kamigawa booster draft. Maximum of 16 people with no entry fee! Prizes for everyone! Don't know how to play, no worries. Show up early. FMI call 2010.
- (1) Hispanic -American heritage Association (HAHA) will hold its Annual Dinner-Dance Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Windjammer Ballroom. Sale of HAHA tickets, t-shirts, and coins will be at the NEX, on Saturdays, Sept. 8 and Sept. 22, 10a.m. 4p.m. FMI call Lupe at 4127.
- (1) Child and Youth Program has space for children in the Pre-Kindergarten Program. Children who are eligible for enrollment must be four years old or will be four years old by October 2007. FMI call Terrill or Nadine at 3664.

Vehicles/Boats

(1) Leaving soon and need to sale my 8' x 24' Sun Tracker Pontoon boat!! It comes with the original trailer. Both boat and trailer were refurbished within last 16 months. It has a brand new 60hp Evinrude E-TEC OB motor, as well as new throttling and steering systems

(combined costs were \$6,745, doesn't include S&H charges). Electronics include console mounted VHF marine band radio and a Piranha II fish finder, as well as a dual Marine Optimum battery system. It has a non-skid deck covering and Medium Density Polyethylene (MDPE) pontoons (rated for 20 years of use and are perfect for salt water because they won't rust or corrode.) (Pontoon costs were \$3,288 again, doesn't include S&H charges). You also get all new safety equipment, two extra anchors, ropes and chains, as well as various cleaning materials and equipment, all for \$11,000 OBO. FMI call 4874 or 77823.

(1) Golf cart, new paint, new seat covers, 4 new batteries. \$1200 OBO. FMI call 79599.

(1) Two-2006 Kawasaki 1200cc Jetskis + 2006 Venture custom made trailer, all accessories \$23,000 OBO, not sold separately. FMI call 77153.

(1) 1992 Geo Tracker, 5 speed, AM/FM CD player, AC. \$2,900 OBO. FMI call 2565 or 78068.

(1) 28 foot Bay liner Deck Boat, 175 horse Evinrude engine recently

overhauled by Glen, Party and Fishing Boat, Pole holders and Cup holders all around boat, Seats 14 people, cushioned seats, excellent condition, Newer radio-CD-Serous Hook Up, Cobra Marine Radio and Eagle depth Finder with last position finder and fish finder, all recently purchased, Excellent Buy at \$12,800 OBO. FMI call 77977 or 2080.

Wanted

- (1) Mature female available to provide pet-sitting or childcare. References available if requested. FMI call 77621.
- (1) The Vet clinic has kittens (no specified amount) available for adoption. FMI call 2212.
- (1) Must find a home for a two year old male cat. Great with kids. Litter box, carry case and bowl included. FMI call 77954.

Yard Sales

- Sept. 8, Caribbean Circle #10, 7 - noon.
- Sept. 8, Marina Point, #325 B, 8 - noon.
- (1) 28 foot Bay liner Deck Boat, 175 horse Evinrude engine recently

HISPANIC-AMERICAN HERITAGE ASSOCIATION (HAHA)

The Hispanic-American Heritage Association (HAHA) Annual Dinner-Dance is Sept. 29, at the Windjammer Ballroom. Sale of HAHA tickets, t-shirts, and coins will be sold at the NEX Sept. 8 and Sept. 22, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. FMI call Lupe at 4127.



Photo by MC1 Robert Lamb

NAVSTA GTMO Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Leary, accepts two tickets to the Hispanic -American Heritage Association (HAHA) Annual Dinner-Dance, from Lupe Beltran, HAHA president.

GTMO Labor Day Weekend Happenings



Photo by Nancy Edwards-Walker

Strr-iike! — A double elimination tournament took place at the Marblehead Lanes Sept. 1. First place went to Giovanni Rodriquez, second place was Ali Davis and third was Andrew Richardson. Prizes were donated by Budweiser Brewing Company.



Photo by MC2 Kim Williams

It's a family affair — This year's GTMO Car and Motorcycle Show awarded two winners from one household: this yellow 1990 Jeep Wrangler and a 2002 Harley Davidson Sportster owned by Shelby and Candice Rice. Accessories included on the Jeep are Custom Drive shaft, 8000# Mile Marker winch, Custom bumpers and the bike has 883cc motor reworked to 1200cc, Heritage Softtail handle bars and chrome lower fork legs.



Photo by MC1 Bob Lamb

Chili in the air — As you walked around Ferry Landing Beach Sept. 2, the smell of homemade chili couldn't have been mistaken. Marine 1stSgt. Christopher Cornell, seen here, started at the beginning of the line and worked his way around until he tested all 17 entries. The following personnel won for their respective categories: ET1(SW/AW) Jerry Ramm, Favorite Chili; CTIC Christine Cots, Most Original; Lt. Jerry Lee, People Choice and the Hottest went to MA1(SW) Thomas Krzykwa.



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Always wear a helmet — The third annual 'Urban Street Bike Warriors' motorcycle stunt team left their mark on Guantanamo once again this year. The street bikers from Worcester, Mass. wowed the large crowd at the Downtown Lyceum Sept. 1. After the show the bikers signed autographs and handed free CD's to spectators. They also reminded everyone in attendance that these demonstrations take years of practice to perform and should not be tried by amateurs.