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Autumn Fest '02

By JO1 Craig Coleman

Assistant Public Affairs Officer

Autumn Fest '02 kicks off today at noon in the NEX parking lot on NAS I. Like all major festivals sponsored by MWR, Autumn Fest provides the military community here a touch of Americana. "MWR's role is to bring a slice of America to Sicily," said Marnie Ackerman, MWR Marketing Director. "Autumn Fest is the only way you can celebrate Halloween here, because Italians don't celebrate it. We bring Halloween to the entire community in a festival atmosphere."

That atmosphere will include a spooky haunted house, designed to give even the bravest visitor the willies. One special thing about this haunted house is that, because of the continuing construction on NAS I, the haunted house is located in a building that is scheduled for demolition. "Public Works got to do anything they wanted to the old Adventures Unlimited building," said Kimberly Hasselbring, MWR Community Activities Director. "They've built fake walls and trap doors. There will be special times for kids that are less scary, but still exciting." For children up to four years old, the Child Development Center (CDC) is opening Tot Town at Shady Corner.

The haunted house opens for kids from 3 - 5 p.m. today and Saturday. For adults, it is open to-night and Saturday from 6 p.m. to midnight.

"This is a kids' festival," said Ackerman. "We have a costume contest for kids and adults and trunk-or-treat, she continued. During Trunk-or-Treat adults

will meet at the CDC parking lot and give candy to trick-or-treaters from the trunks of their cars. "Trunk-or-treat is fun for everybody involved," said Hasselbring. "Kids get to dress up and be in a long costume parade. They go all out and get so excited." Trunk-or-Treat starts tonight at 6 p.m. and ends at 8 p.m., followed by the costume contest for children. The adult costume contest, starting at 10 p.m., features \$150 first place prizes in two categories.

The entertainment on hand doesn't stop with Halloween themes. Five live bands will be on hand playing a variety of music featuring the blues and classic, hard and alternative rock. Catch Monty's Band playing classic rock from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Friday. Starting at 10:30 p.m. Friday Crystal Ball plays Rock and Roll. At 4 p.m. Saturday Stephen Decatur High School's own Public Nuisance plays hard rock. "We like to give the opportunity to perform publicly to a band made up of high school students," said Hasselbring. "They've been practicing and they already have their own fans." At 6:30 p.m. Friday you can hear the band that opened for B.B. King this summer when Blue and Blue takes the stage. The final band of Autumn Fest '02 will be Jansen and Her Sister, who have played their brand of alternative rock during several Sigonella festivals.

In another touch of home, Autumn Fest features a crafts bazaar opening at noon on both days. "There will be American vendors and Italians as well," Hasselbring said.

There's a lot more happening this weekend during Autumn Fest, including food booths by base organizations. Autumn Fest starts at noon and ends at midnight Friday and Saturday.



Photo by Marnie Ackerman



Photo by JO1 Craig Coleman



Photo by JO3 Jay Price

Protect yourself: SAVI

By SN Michelle Watkins

Staff writer

One of the most serious and fastest growing crimes in the United States is sexual assault. According to Navy Women's Study Group, sexual assault incidents are increasing in the Navy.

The Sexual Assault Victim Intervention (SAVI) program was implemented in 1994 to handle sexual assault cases. Sexual assault is the most severe form of sexual harassment. Types of sexual assault are rape, assault with intent to commit rape, indecent assault and forcible sodomy.

There are 700,000 forcible rapes per year or two per minute. "Males can be victims too," said Cindy Becker, SAVI Program Coordinator. 10 percent of victims nationwide are male.

Rape and sexual assault can be psychologically damaging. It can cause Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome or Rape Trauma Syndrome.

Sexual assault has both long and short term effects. Some short term effects are disbelief/denial, isolation, shock, guilt, shames and nightmares.

Long term effects include depression, inability to trust, low self-esteem, difficulty in close relationships and poor work performance.

If sexual assault occurs the victim must report the crime right away and seek medical attention. Victims should not shower, wash up, change cloths or douche or move anything where the attack occurred.

Once the request for a victim advocate is made, through the Victim advocacy program, advocates can be contacted after a report is made.

Victims can get support through SAVI representatives. Reporting and talking about the incident is the first step in recovery. "An important goal in the reporting process is that the victim recognizes that sexual assault is not his or her fault and are not to blame [themselves] for what has happened," said Becker.

SAVI assists victims with trained volunteer advocates 24-hours a day to provide information and emotional support. They also aide victims through medical, legal, and investigated processes upon request. FFSC counselors, Mental Health clinicians and pastoral counseling are available for all victims. On-call counseling services are also available on emergency basis.

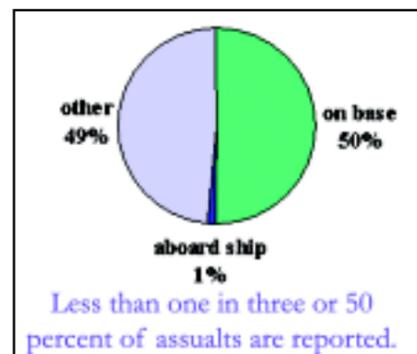
Some safety tips to help prevent sexual assault or rape is always have a buddy system, avoid secluded or isolated areas, watch your drinks and throw them away if left unattended, travel with people you trust and know that alcohol can play a role. Other precautions to take are always carry a cell phone with time on it, practice being assertive, and listen to gut feeling.

Also, "It is important to recognize the need for clear communication between both parties and how to avoid high risk situations," stated Becker.

The Navy has a zero policy on sexual assault. Through GMTs, CHOICES, and other programs, the Navy tries to eliminate these assaults through awareness and prevention education.

Security, Chaplains, hospital, FFSC, or the quarterdeck can be contacted in case of assault or rape or you can call the 24-hour SAVI hotline at 335-6248312.

For more information or if you would like to become a volunteer contact Cindy Becker at 624-4291.



This graph represents reported sexual assaults in the Navy based on a survey done by the Navy Women's Study Group Report.

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Italian phrase of the week...

Sono sposato e ho bambini.



(I am married and I have children)

SECURITY BLOTTER



Helping make the community aware

CRIME STOPPER'S HOTLINE 624-6389

Oct. 15 - Oct. 20

The following incidents were reported and categorized as follows:

- Traffic accidents without injuries - 7
- Traffic accident with injuries - 3
- Car break-ins - 9
- DUI - 2
- DUI's 2002 - 28
- DUI's 2001 - 33

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Direct Line

Capt. Tim Davison, NASSIG
Commanding Officer



15:45

That is the minimum time allotted for my age group to pass this Fall's physical readiness test. Now, I can run a lot faster than that but I wanted to share with you that we all have a basic standard that we must all maintain.

PRT standards have just changed with the OPNAV Instruction 6110.1G. This instruction, released on October 10, provides us with the newest standards about how we maintain our physical fitness. Physical fitness is a critical part of our mission performance that we must take an active role in every week.

The instruction calls us to PT at least three times a week. This means getting out and working out! We have fantastic fitness facilities on both bases. They offer numerous classes throughout the week that we can all take advantage of.

Your workout should consist of a moderate to moderately high physical conditioning program. Whether you walk, run, swim, or if your department plays soccer or volleyball each week, every Sailor at NAS Sigonella can find their own niche in the base's fitness programs offered. Tailor the program to meet your needs.

Remember that the Navy's physical fitness program is mainly for the service member, but our dependents can take advantage of the fitness facilities too. I see dads running with their daughters and sons riding bikes with their moms. Keeping in shape is a family affair. Each family that uses proper physical training, follows the nutrition guidelines and plays together, benefits from healthy lifestyle changes.

After we keep our bodies in shape, we must remember to keep our mind in shape too. When was the last time you read a book or a magazine? Did you read the latest Harry Potter or the newest edition of *Reader's Digest*? What about *The Signature*? By taking advantage of reading, you can put yourself right into the action of the book. Those of us that have access to the base LAN can read the *Early Bird*, the *New York Times* and the *Navy Newsstand* on the internal Infosig website. One can only imagine that some countries in this world prohibit books, censor television and do not let their citizens question its government. I believe we all have the resources here on base that will enable us to develop our minds to learn.

We've listed several books on the INFOSIG website that I find educational and even entertaining.

These include: *The Founding Fathers on Leadership: Classic Teamwork in Changing Times* by Donald T. Phillips, *101 Ways to Improve your Communication Skills Instantly* by Jo Condrill and Bennie Bough, *Making the Right Choices and Rules and Tools for Leaders*; both by Perry Smith. There's even a fun fictional thriller written by the ABC television Good Morning America aviation expert, John J. Nance called *Headwind*.

Please keep your body and mind in tuned with what is going on around us.

By utilizing our physical fitness program and reading, we can bring out the best of our body and mind. We can keep our bodies in shape at the gym and keep our minds sharp with a book.

Stay in shape. Keep it up...you're looking great!

The Pulse

Breast Cancer Awareness

Article courtesy of USNH, Sigonella

Breast cancer is the most common type of cancer in women, with approximately one in nine women developing the disease in her lifetime. Although breast cancer is known to affect women, it also can be equally devastating to men. Male breast cancer accounts for one percent of all diagnosed breast cancer.

Breast Cancer is a disease in which cancerous cells are found in the tissues of the breast. These cancerous cells continue to grow and eventually form into a lump known as a tumor.

What you can do. Maintain a well-balanced diet. Reduce fat and eat more nutritious, high fiber foods. Exercise on a regular basis. Learn how to examine your breasts and examine them monthly. Know your breasts well enough to notice a change and schedule annual mammograms.

The Komen Foundation offers a seven minute virtual self breast exam demonstration with live model. It shows the mamma care method of self breast exam. Visit: www.komen.org/bse/

Symptoms of Breast Cancer

- A recent change in the size of one breast
- A lump or mass in a breast, or skin puckering
- Enlarged lymph nodes in the armpit
- Changes in the nipple: bleeding or discharge, a retraction (pulled-in area) or elevation (raised area), or eczema (red, itchy, or oozing spot)
- Dimpling, redness, edema (swelling), or sores (ulcers) on the skin of the breast
- Changes in color or in the way the breast feels to the touch

Screening Guidelines

- Monthly breast self-examinations from age 20
- Clinical breast exam every one to three years from age 20 to 39
- Begin annual mammograms and clinical breast exams at age 40
- Try to schedule clinical breast exam at the time of regularly scheduled mammogram
- For women at increased risk of breast cancer, screening may begin earlier and/or may be required more frequently

For more information call your health care provider and be sure to stop by the Breast Cancer Awareness/Education booth at this year's October Fest on Nov. 21 from noon to 4 p.m. at NEX parking lot.

Chief worth 16 million

By AT1 Jose Riveradavid

AIMD PAO

On Oct. 15, ADCS (AW/AC) Hernandez received his CFM MOSO (CONFAIRMED maintenance officer/supply officer) Award at Naples, Italy. Hernandez has distinguished himself over the last year with his professionalism, and dedicated devotion to the Navy and the mission of the Navy in Europe and Mediterranean theater of operations. This award is given to those who are able to raise and sustain the standards within the aviation maintenance side of the Navy. Since his arrival at AIMD Sigonella, he has been recognized for his extremely high performance as the Power Plants Branch Chief Petty Officer, Power Plants Production Control Chief, Power Plants Leading Chief Petty Officer and, AIMD Main Production Control Chief Petty Officer.

Following are two extracts from the nomination submitted by his Maintenance/Material Control Officer, Lt. Montijo, and his Maintenance / Material Control Chief Petty Officer, AVCM(AW) Estep.

Selected as the Production Control Leading Chief Petty Officer from amongst an impressive group of peers, he aggressively directed the repair efforts of 380 Sailors processing more than 62,000 items while driving down the department's DIFM (due-in-from-maintenance) by 58 percent from 401 to 211 items. His Herculean efforts resulted in a 98 percent Effectiveness Ready-For-Issue rate, 33 percent decrease of components in Awaiting Parts status and a 65 percent reduction in the Level TWO backlog from 490 to 223 items. Additionally, he increased the Department's repair capabilities and improved customer support by reviewing and submitting over 120 ICRL changes with a potential cost saving greater than \$150,000 in Aviation Depot Level Repair (AVDLR) costs.

"He established several highly trained and extremely effective "Over-the-Wing", Reduction Gearbox teams that have been instrumental in eliminating unnecessary engine removals by troubleshooting and replacing the T56 series engine reduction gearboxes (RGB). This unique capability, deployable to anywhere in the world, has saved over 38 engines and deferred more than \$16.6M in engine replacement costs."

Highly respected by his peers and superiors for his continuous record of accomplishments, and for his views about leadership. One of his favorite phrases on this matter is, "Sailors can not do the right thing, unless they know the right thing to do."

During a brief interview with Senior Chief Hernandez before his departure for Naples, he expressed his gratitude to those that helped him achieve his goals, and the pride he feels when working with and for such a professional group of individuals. When asked what were his thoughts about this award he said, "I am very proud of receiving this award. I actually had no idea that my superiors had nominated me for it". He (Hernandez), also manifested that, "this award is the result of the combined effort of 360 plus people hard work here at AIMD". In other comments during the conversation in reference to, how he achieved to get to this point where he is now, he said, "I always tried to give 110 percent effort. Every place I went, I always looked for some exemplary person that I could follow and emulate."



Pink Salad

By Bea Cook

Contributing writer

- 1 large can Cool Whip
- 1 can Eagle Brand milk
- 1 can cherry pie filling
- 1 small can of crushed pineapples, drained
- 1 can mandarin oranges, drained
- 2 cups small marshmallows
- ½ cup coconut
- ½ cup chopped nuts

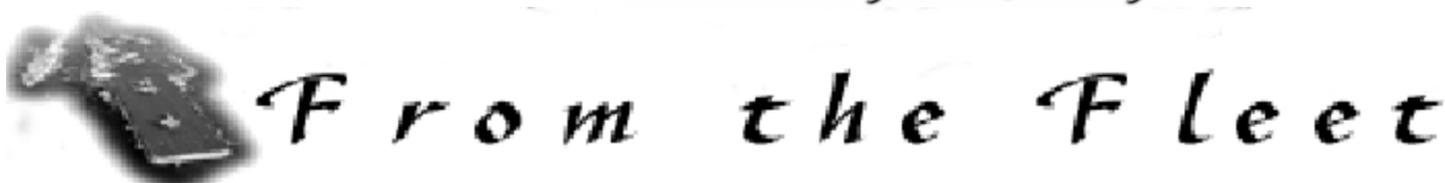
Mix Cool Whip with Eagle Brand milk. Fold in cherry pie filling. Add pineapples, oranges, marshmallows, coconut and nuts. Mix well. Chill before serving. Makes a large salad.

S.A.F.

Dogs: 2
Cats: 1
Puppies: 4
Kittens: 2



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From the Fleet

Naval Forces Participate in Exercise Destined Glory 2002

By Chief Journalist (SW) Jason Chudy
Navy Region Europe Public Affairs

NAPLES, Italy (NNS) — More than 5,000 crewmembers from USS George Washington (CVN 73), Carrier Air Wing 17 and four other Navy ships are currently taking part in NATO exercise Destined Glory 2002 off the western and southern coasts of Italy.

Destined Glory runs through Oct. 15 and includes Naval, air and land forces totaling 61 ships, 100 aircraft and more than 8,000 personnel from 12 nations. It is NATO's largest Mediterranean amphibious exercise.

"Any time U.S. forces have the opportunity to operate with our NATO allies in a multinational environment ... it not only enhances our own inherent capability but enhances our ability to work in a coalition," said Vice Adm. Scott Fry, who serves as the commander of NATO's Naval Striking and Support Forces Southern Europe and the U.S. Sixth Fleet. "The real benefit of NATO forces exercising together is the ability to rapidly bring these forces together when required to go to sea in real-world operations."

From Spanish landing ship Castilla's bridge on the day of the exercise's kickoff, French, British and Spanish warships were spread out through Naples Bay, including the aircraft carriers HMS Ark Royal and Spanish Principe de Asturias. The ships were in port for a pre-sail brief then headed back into the Tyrrhenian and Ionian seas at the end of the weekend.

The warships are operating in a number of different battle groups. One multinational amphibious task force is sailing to a landing site at Capo Teulada in southern Sardinia and another near Monte Romano north of Rome. Once ashore, the forces will conduct live fire exercises at nearby ranges.

Fry said that Destined Glory 2002 has been in the planning phase for about a year.

"I cannot over-emphasize the complexity of this exercise," he said during a press conference on Castilla. "Not only are we bringing together Navy, Air force and Army units to create a joint force, but we are doing this with 12 different nations."

Destined Glory is an annual exercise in its sixth year. Last year's exercise was cut short when some of the participating units were reassigned to the eastern Mediterranean in support of NATO's invoking its mutual defense article after the Sept. 11 attacks on the U.S.



Photo by JO1 Gregory S. Cleghorne.

Gaeta, Italy (Oct. 14, 2002) -- Admiral Vern Clark, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), smiles after a Sailor asks for permission to be CNO for a day. Clark was aboard USS La Salle (AGF 3) addressing Sailors assigned to Commander, Sixth Fleet, USS La Salle and the Naval Support Activity, Gaeta, at an All Hands call. The CNO spoke with the Sailors about the importance of their overseas service in and around the Mediterranean. "We have to have a Navy that's out and about," Clark told them.

served his country with pride for the better part of three decades.

Yet, retired Navy Chief Warrant Officer Bob Schultz still recalls being the very first USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) "plank owner" as one of the most memorable experiences of his life.

"It was all good," he said of his service aboard the now oldest active ship in the Navy. "In the 28 years I served, it was the best group of people I've ever worked with."

Schultz was a "thin stripe warrant," otherwise known as a newly commissioned warrant officer one, when he checked aboard pre-commissioning unit Kitty Hawk June 16, 1960 in Camden, N.J. He was 38.

As the first plank owner, he was the first Navy man to report as ship's company to the 1,069-foot aircraft carrier. In prior years, aboard ships built with teak decks, the Sailors who checked aboard ships not yet commissioned received planks of the dense tropical hardwood as souvenirs of their service bringing the ship into the Navy fleet.

Schultz gave Kitty Hawk's first captain his first tour of the ship. "Capt. (William F.) Bringle was a great captain," he said, "and Kitty Hawk was an amazing ship."

"Now she's the oldest ship in the Navy," Schultz says with pride. "Thirty years is an old age for a ship. For her to be 41 is amazing."

Schultz served as the ship's fire marshal and repair officer. As such, he oversaw the ship's wood shop. On June 6, 1963 President John F. Kennedy embarked the ship, remaining aboard for one night. Schultz's Sailors accommodated the president's request for an extra-stiff bed by cutting a piece of plywood to put beneath the mattress. Later, when Schultz departed the

ship in August 1963, he took with him a cruise box made out of that same piece of plywood.

"Not many Sailors have a cruise box made out of something the president slept on," Schultz joked.

In late May 1962, Bringle enlisted Schultz's 18-year old son, Bob Schultz, Jr., into the Navy. The younger Schultz was the first man enlisted aboard the warship. In September of that same year, the elder Schultz welcomed Seaman Apprentice Bob Schultz, Jr., aboard as a fellow

crewmember, following graduation from boot camp. The younger Schultz first served in both air and engineering departments before settling in the dental department.

"I told the dental officer, 'don't give him any special treatment,'" the elder Schultz recounted. "Treat him like you would any other Sailor."

Bob Schultz II served in the Navy for 31 years, retiring as a master chief dental technician.

While serving aboard Kitty Hawk, the elder Schultz completed a "round the horn" journey, transiting around South America en route from Norfolk to San Diego, and a deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean.

Being the fire marshal and repair officer aboard an 86,000-ton carrier with eight boilers pumping out 1,200 p.s.i. steam provided Schultz many challenges as fire marshal. He vividly recalls not being the most popular officer in the eyes of young firemen, remembering numerous occasions in which he had to assert discipline in his efforts to train them and keep them on their toes and safe during long hours of watch and service aboard the ship.

Schultz recollected one gutsy Sailor who approached him at a bar during a port visit overseas. "You know, you're one son-of-a-..." the Sailor exclaimed about Schultz's strict leadership style.

"I bought him a drink," Schultz said with a smile. "I told him, 'if you're telling me that, then I'm doing my job - I'm keeping you alive.'"

Sailor Rescued After 7 hours in Pacific Ocean

By the Navy News Service

USS CONSTELLATION, At Sea (NNS) — A U.S. Navy Sailor attached to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 151, was recovered off the coast of Southern California after spending more than seven hours in the Pacific Ocean.

The Sailor was blown overboard by jet blast at five minutes past midnight, Saturday, Oct. 19 as he walked behind an EA-6B "Prowler" on the flight deck of USS Constellation (CV 64).

The Sailor was performing routine duties during normal night flight operations at the time of the incident. Because fellow shipmates saw him go over the side, rescue efforts began immediately. The ship conducted a 180-degree turn to position itself in the vicinity of the Sailor. Helicopters and Rigid Hull Inflatable Boats (RHIBs) from Constellation, USS Valley Forge (CG 50), USS Bunker Hill (CG 52), and USS Kinkaid (DD 965) assisted.

At approximately 7:20 a.m., Bunker Hill's helicopter detachment spotted the Sailor in the water. Constellation's helicopter squadron recovered the Sailor and returned him to the ship where where is in stable condition following medical treatment.

The Constellation battle group is underway for Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX), a final battle group exercise, prior to their upcoming deployment.



Photo by PH1 Shane T. McCoy

Chief Warrant Officer (Ret.) Bob Schultz, a USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) plank owner, reflects on his time aboard the aircraft carrier, having reported to the pre-commissioning unit Kitty Hawk in June of 1960. The ship was commissioned on Apr. 29, 1961. It was all good, he said of his service aboard the now oldest active ship in the Navy. In the 28 years I served, it was the best group of people I've ever worked with. Cmdr. Klas Santa Ohman, as he trained to fly a replica of the 1902 Wright glider as part of the commemorative event Return to Kitty Hawk marking the 100th anniversary of controlled flight. USS Kitty Hawk is the U.S. Navy's only permanently forward deployed aircraft carrier, operating out of Yokosuka, Japan.

Oldest Navy Ship's First Plank Owner Recalls Service With Pride

From USS Kitty Hawk Public Affairs

KITTY HAWK, N.C. (NNS) — If wealth is defined by experience, Bob Schultz is a rich man.

He's reached the age of 80. He's been married to his wife Nancy for 60 years. He has watched his child accomplish his dreams, and



Haunted House

Public Works is having a Haunted House at NAS I in the old Adventures Unlimited Bldg, on Friday Oct. 25 and Saturday Oct. 26. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, soda, and beer on site. Children ages seven and below are welcome from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. for \$1.50. All are welcome from 6 p.m. to midnight for \$3. Donations go toward the command's the upcoming Seabee Ball.

Command Financial Specialist course

Learn the real deal about finances from your Command Financial Specialist. Topics include TSP, budgeting, investments, how to survive debt and more. Classes are from Nov. 4 to 8, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at building 701. No cost TAD orders or approved request chit is mandatory. The class is limited to 20 seats. For more information contact AEC (AW) Wynn at 624-2363 or FFSC at 624-4291 to sign up for the course.

DEFY Meeting

The DEFY Phase II October Gathering will meet Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Stephen Decatur cafeteria. Lunch will be served during the meeting and there will be a variety of activities for everyone. For more information please contact UTC Bender at 624-6880 or HM2 Powers at 624-4844.

AI-Anon Meeting

On Nov. 4 at 7 p.m., there will be an AI-Anon meeting for family and friends of alcoholics. Held in building 447, or the Command DAPA Office lounge, the meeting will express positive ways to vent and release. The meeting is open to all military, dependents and civilians. Call the DAPA Office at 624-6921 for details.

TSP Open Season

The open season dates for Federal civilian employees are October 15, 2002 - December 31, 2002. During this time, all FERS and CSRS employees may enroll in the TSP, and current participants may change the amount they contribute to the Plan. FERS employees can now request to contribute up to 13 percent, and CSRS employees can request to contribute up to 8 percent of their basic pay. To enroll or change your contribution amount to TSP, employee needs to access the Employee Benefits Information System (EBIS) through the Department of Navy Civilian Human Resources homepage at www.donhr.navy.mil. For further information about the TSP program can be found on the TSP website at: www.tsp.gov. For questions regarding TSP, please call the Human Resources Office at 624-6681.

CFC Car Wash

Today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the AIMD parking lot, there will be a car wash and burger/hotdog sale in support of the Combined Federal Campaign. All CFC representatives are asked to participate but outside volunteers are encouraged.



NAS Sigonella Worship Opportunities

Catholic Mass

Saturday 5 p.m. Chapel (NAS II)
Sunday 9 a.m. Chapel (NAS I)
Sunday 9 a.m. in Italian 41st Stormo Chapel (NAS II)
Sunday 11 a.m. Community Center (Mineo)

Protestant Worship

Sunday 9 a.m. Community Center (Mineo)
Sunday 11 a.m. Chapel (NAS I)
Sunday 6 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Latter Day Saints

Sunday 1 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Church of Christ

Sunday 3:30 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Weekdays

Daily Catholic Mass 11:30 a.m. (NAS I & II Chapels)
Wednesday Protestant Bible Study 4:45 p.m. (NAS II Chapel)
For more details, call 624-4295 or 624-2947.

By Alberto Lunetta
Deputy PAO

Italian News

SICILIAN CULTURE AND LIFESTYLE

Steak Festival in Aci S. Antonio

Plan to attend the *Sagra della Bistecca* (Steak Festival) in Aci S. Antonio on Oct. 26 and 27, a mouthwatering food event that promises good food (cakes, pizzas, high quality meat and more), arts and crafts, hot music and a spectacular Harley Davidson parade. The festival will kick off on Oct. 26 and will be held at the *Villa Comunale* (Public gardens).

On Oct 26, a bike parade will begin at 5 p.m. from the public gardens and will precede through the streets of the historic center and three surroundings. If you want to join the parade just show up at *Villa Comunale* at 5 p.m. to enroll. For more information call *Etna Chapter* at 347-2103233.

There will be other diversions besides steaks, as a rock festival will be held on both days at 9 p.m.

Sant Alfio hosts Fall Festival

From Nov. 2 through 11, a festival featuring arts and crafts and food will be held in Sant'Alfio, a beautiful town on the eastern side of Mt. Etna. Festival kicks off on Nov. 2 at 5:30 p.m.

Starting at 9 a.m., booths will be open all day long in piazza Duomo on Nov. 3 and 10. On Nov. 9 stands will open at 5 p.m. Excursions to the famous and majestic *Hundred Horses Chestnut Tree* and to the local wineries will also be available. For more information and detailed schedules call Sant'Alfio City Hall at 095-7824206.

Pottery exhibition in Gela provides a glimpse of Ancient Greece

If you are fascinated by Ancient Greece you should visit an amazing exhibition celebrating the acquisition of a new collection of stolen vases and other artifacts that have been recovered by the Ital-

ian police since the 1970s.

The artifacts on view are inspired by myth and literature, which provide views of nearly every aspect of life in ancient Gela, a Greek colony founded in 689 B.C. The *mostra* (exhibition) will run through Nov. 18 at the *Museo Archeologico* (Archeological Museum) in Gela. Inside, the exhibition presents around 80 objects, including ceramic vases, amphorae, bowls and cups, which point to a highly developed culture.

The Gela's Museo houses a permanent collection of 4,000 objects mainly spanning a time frame from the late sixth century B.C. to the end of the 3rd century B.C.. Works on display include Athenian and Greek characteristic deep orange and black-colored vases, bottles, pots, urns, clay theatrical masks, coins, jewelry, statues, and sculptures from the interior decoration of houses.

The exhibition and the permanent collection are open daily from 9 to 1:30 p.m. and from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Closed on the last Monday of every month until 2 p.m. The cost of a ticket is three Euro and includes admission to both exhibition and some archaeological areas located nearby the museum.

Free admission for kids up to 18 and seniors 65 and over. For more information call the Museum at 0933-912626.

Rock Concert in Catania

On Oct. 28, a concert featuring *Nightfall Symphony* and *Mastif Metal & Hard Rock* will be performed at 9: 30 p.m. at the *Internet Cafè* that is located in viale Ionio n. 71. Admission is free.

Sicily celebrates All Souls Day

Armi santi, armi santi, io sugnu unu e vuatri siti tanti. Mentri sugnu 'ntra stu munnu di guai, cosi di morti mittiminni assai (Saint Souls, Saint Souls, I

am only one but there are many of you. Bring me lots of presents while I live in this troubled world). As this Sicilian child's prayer goes, the *Jornu di li morti* (Day of the Dead or All Souls Day) on Nov. 2 is a special day for children. According to anthropologist Giuseppe Pitre, parents tell their children that their dead relatives would visit the house the night before leaving them presents such as sweets and toys just as Santa Claus does it.

Tradition also says dead relatives turn themselves into ants so they could enter easily into the homes to fill the baskets and the socks prepared by the kids with gifts.

Giacinto Farina, a last century priest, tells that in the past Sicilian children used to leave their shoes on the windowsills in the hope that their dead relatives would place gifts for them.

Although this Halloween-like tradition might seem spooky, it is actually presented to children as a way to remember their dearly departed ones.

"Despite these pagan traditions, *All Souls Day* is first of all a day of religious observance to remember those who have gone on before us to meet with Jesus," said Father Giovanni Salvia, Italian 41st Stormo Command Chaplain. In Catholic tradition, it is a day on which believers gather with their family members to make a pilgrimage to all the cemeteries where their relatives lie waiting for the Day of Resurrection.

"On Nov. 2, we set aside for prayers and Masses for the dead. As the Scriptures teach us, a splendid reward is laid up for those who fall asleep in godliness (II Maccabees 12:45)," added Salvia.

Special cakes made into symbolic shapes are prepared for the *Day of Dead* such as *Martorana fruits*, a confection of almond paste made into the shape of different fruits, *Ossa di morti*, skulls and tibias shapes made by a white dough that contrasts with the dark base where the sugar darkened close to

the pan during baking and Pupi, puppets shaped cakes made with boiled sugar.

A traditional *Fiera dei Morti* (All souls Day's Fair) will be set up along Corso Martiri Della Libertà (near the Catania train station) from Oct. 29 through Nov. 3 and will be open from 9 a.m. until midnight on pre-festive days and holidays and from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. The fair features a variety of items such as rugs, furniture, shoes, clothing, arts and crafts, antiques, food and more. Traffic will be restricted in the fair area. Parking spaces will be set up in the adjoining streets and will be limited. So if you can, preferably share a vehicle or park far from the festival area.



Photo by Giambattista Scivoletto - www.sicily-photos.com

The *Frutta Martorana* is one of the traditional sweets that is prepared for the celebration of the *Jornu di li morti* (All Souls Day), a day of religious observance to remember loved ones which is commemorated in Sicily on Nov. 2. A confection of almond paste made into the shape of different fruits, *Frutta Martorana* is perfectly painted to resemble the original fruits. According to tradition, this sweet used to be cooked by the nuns of the Martorana convent in Palermo.

Operation Enduring Freedom



Cheerleaders of America is an all-star squad of former NFL cheerleaders who came together to support America's Team, our US military personnel here in our homeland and deployed countries around the world.

Whether it be a visit, an autograph and photograph session, or a fully-staged 90 minute variety show, the objective of the cheerleaders is to lift the spirits of the airmen, soldiers, sailors and marines by bringing them a "Touch of Home".

"If we can help these brave individuals kick back, have some [relaxing] free time, and let them know they are not forgotten by those at home, our goal has been accomplished", said Vicki Pfeiffer, director of Cheerleaders of America.

When not on tour, Cheerleaders of America, with headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona, supports local charities and corporate events in the US.

They will be here Thursday, Oct. 31 at 8 p.m. at Live Wire. The show is free to the public. For more details about the program, call 624-5604.

Full TA for a price

By Judy Hill

Academic Advisor, Navy College

Tuition Assistance is now 100 percent. According to NAVADMIN message, sailors will ONLY be approved to use the 100 percent TA for 12 semester hours per fiscal year. After they have used the 100 percent, any remaining courses will not be subsidized by TA. Sailors will either pay for those courses out of pocket or by using "Top Up".

Any sailors who have already processed their TA for the next term will be eligible for the 25 percent reimbursement. At some point this week, Navy College should receive TA voucher forms. Those forms will be completed by the student and given to the individual institutions for reimbursement.

Third, the Navy College database will automatically change all TA's processed after Oct. 1 to 100 percent. Sailors will NOT be able to use 75 percent for this term. They must contact their institution for the 25 percent reimbursement.

"It is no expense to the Sailor who hasn't but over more than 12 hours, for those who want to put in more, unfortunately they will have to find other ways to do so," said Jeff Fishman, Navy College Director.



| | Friday, Oct. 25 | Saturday, Oct. 26 | Sunday, Oct. 27 | Monday, Oct. 28 | Tuesday, Oct. 29 | Wednesday, Oct. 30 | Thursday, Oct. 31 |
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| Week at a glance | <p>Autumn Fest until Oct. 26 from noon to midnight. <i>Enter to win a free Julia Roberts DVD at Take 5.</i></p> <p>Acireale city and shopping. Tour the city known for its churches and Greek legends with ITT. The name Reale means royal. After touring the city, you are free to shop. <i>Start saving up for Garmish ski trip and New Year's in Paris extended trips.</i></p> <p>Stop by the theatre for afternoon matinees at 1 p.m. <i>Rent-a-lane night at Tenpins from 6 to 9:30 p.m.</i></p> | <p>Base-to-base fun run. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Race begins at 8:30 a.m. T-shirts and awards are available. <i>Rent-a-lane night at Tenpins from 6 to 9:30 p.m.</i></p> <p>Autumn Fest from noon to midnight. <i>Bivere and Maulazzo Lakes with Photo Safari. Take pictures of the royal eagle, fox and much more at Miraglia Wood. See "Sanfratello" the world's famous horse. Hike down the valley surrounded with blooming plants and flowers.</i></p> | <p>Ceramic tour, wine tasting and Ottobrata in Zafferana. Discover handmade pottery and visit a local winery. The trip includes a tour of a ceramic workshop where you can see artists work at progress. Then go to Zafferana for the Ottobrata festival where you can taste delicious food and buy Sicilian handicrafts.</p> | <p>Stop by the theatre for afternoon matinees at 1 p.m. <i>Kempo Jitsu Martial Art class for kids from 6 to 7 p.m. Adult class starts at 7 p.m.</i></p> <p>Start saving up for Garmish ski trip and New Year's in Paris extended trips. <i>Reading club for preteens from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.</i></p> <p>Italian conversational class from 10:45 to 12:45 p.m. or from 6:45 to 8:45. Cost is \$85.</p> | <p>Written exam and practical for group exercise instructor workshop from 5 to 9 p.m. <i>Chinese food dine out with Liberty. Let Liberty pay for 10 Euro of your bill. Minimum of four to go, max of 14.</i></p> <p>Torch club from 4 to 5 p.m. in the preteen conference room. Ages 10 to 12. Join the Boy's and Girl's Club of America. <i>Italian conversational class from 10:45 to 12:45 p.m. or from 6:45 to 8:45. Cost is \$85.</i></p> | <p>Kempo Jitsu Martial Art class for kids from 6 to 7 p.m. Adult class starts at 7 p.m. <i>Catania shoe fair with ITT.</i></p> <p>Italian conversational class from 10:45 to 12:45 p.m. or from 6:45 to 8:45. Cost is \$85. <i>Start saving up for Garmish ski trip and New Year's in Paris extended trips.</i></p> <p>Teen Supreme meeting at 11 a.m. <i>Teen cooking class from 3 to 5 p.m.</i></p> | <p>Recreational Boxing class from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Activity Zone on NAS I. Participants must be 18 years or older. <i>Catania shoe fair II with ITT. Cost is \$5.</i></p> <p>Happy Halloween</p>  |

For information on community events call MWR at 624-5271.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES: Travel and social activity will bring about interesting talks, not to mention contacts. Confusion at an emotional level will cause you to make wrong decisions concerning your personal life. Take care of chores that have been hanging over your head. You should be in business for yourself.

TAURUS: Turn your present relationship around or start a new one. Things may not be as they sound. You can have a working relationship with children if you exercise patience and understanding of the dilemmas they face. Your suggestions for fund raising events will be well received.

GEMINI: Make changes that will enhance your appearance and entice potential partners. Unpredictable events will disrupt your routine. Sports, physical fitness programs, exercise in general will make you feel better and show some pretty quick results. Travel should be on your agenda.

CANCER: Your partner could make you angry if they steal your thunder or embarrass you in front of others. You need more time to think this whole situation through. Business partnerships should turn out to be quite lucrative. Changes regarding family members will set you off.

LEO: Think twice before you pursue an unrealistic endeavor. You have your own family to consider as well. Go after your professional goals. Pleasure trips will turn out to be better than anticipated. Your honesty will not only win you points but also respect.

VIRGO: Your charm will attract someone special. Don't count on your friends to be loyal when it comes to doing things. Travel and educational pursuits may help alleviate the stress you have been feeling. Go with the flow and don't let the unsettled atmosphere get on your nerves.

LIBRA: Kick your shoes off and relax. Look into family outings or projects. Be discreet and don't present your ideas until you're certain that they're foolproof. You may exaggerate your emotional situation.

SCORPIO: You can make excellent purchases this week. Romantic encounters are evident through travel or educational pursuits. You might just as well let others do their own thing. Your interests could lead you down avenues you never realized existed.

SAGITTARIUS: A romantic dinner, followed by a quiet evening with the one who is enticing you, should be most satisfying. Pleasure trips will be most enjoyable if you take them with that special person in your life. Set a limit on the amount you're willing to spend, and be sure to stick to it. You could find yourself left with someone's dirty laundry.

CAPRICORN: Romantic encounters are evident through travel or educational pursuits. Calm down and take a step back. Control your anger. Think twice before you speak.

AQUARIUS: If they're really interested, they'll wait. Make sure to arrange in advance to spend quality time together. You can make amends by taking them somewhere special. Some relatives will be extremely perplexing.

PISCES: Don't tell others of your plans. Sooner or later your partner will have had enough of the latest argument and make up. You can come into money that you don't necessarily work for. Unpredictable events will disrupt your routine.



THE MOVIE CONNECTION



Theater Schedule

Friday, Oct. 25

5:30 p.m.: XXX (PG-13)
8 p.m.: Blue Crush (PG-13)**
10 p.m.: Blood Work (R)

Saturday, Oct. 26

11 a.m.: Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams (PG)
2 p.m.: The Adventures of Pluto Nash (PG-13)
4:30 p.m.: Blue Crush (PG-13)
7 p.m.: Serving Sara (PG-13)
9:30 p.m.: Signs (PG-13)

Sunday, Oct. 27

1 p.m.: Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams (PG)
3:30 p.m.: The Master of Disguise (PG)
6 p.m.: Simone (PG-13)**

Monday, Oct. 28

5:30 p.m.: The Master of Disguise (PG)
8 p.m.: XXX

Tuesday, Oct. 29

5:30 p.m.: Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13)*
8 p.m.: Blue Crush (PG-13)

Wednesday, Oct. 30

5:30 p.m.: The Adventures of Pluto Nash (PG-13)*
8 p.m.: Serving Sara (PG-13)

Thursday, Oct. 31

5:30 p.m.: Signs (PG-13)*
8 p.m.: Blood Work (R)*

Friday, Nov. 1

1 p.m.: Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams (PG)
5:30 p.m.: The Ring (PG-13)**
8 p.m.: Simone (PG-13)
10 p.m.: City by the Sea (R)**

Saturday, Nov. 2

11 a.m.: The Master of Disguise (PG)
2 p.m.: Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams (PG)
4:30 p.m.: Simone (PG-13)
7 p.m.: Swim Fan (PG-13)**

Sunday, Nov. 3

1 p.m.: Blue Crush (PG-13)
3:30 p.m.: Serving Sara (PG-13)
6 p.m.: The Ring (PG-13)

*** Future Re-release **Sneak Preview *Last Showing, (PNO- no children admitted)
(All times and movies are subject to change. For more information on the schedule, call the movie hotline at 624-4248).

The Ring (Rated PG-13)

It sounded like just another urban legend, a videotape filled with nightmarish images, leading to a phone call foretelling the viewer's death in exactly seven days. As a newspaper reporter, Rachel Keller was naturally skeptical of the story, until four teenagers all met with mysterious deaths exactly one week after watching just such a tape. Allowing her investigative curiosity to get the better of her, Rachel tracks down the video and watches it. Now she has just seven days to unravel the mystery of the "Ring." Cast: Naomi Watts, Chris Cooper, Brian Cox.

City by the Sea (Rated R)

New York City homicide detective Vincent LaMarca has forged a long and distinguished career in law enforcement, making a name for himself as a man intensely committed to his work. But on his latest case, the stakes are higher, the suspect he's investigating is his own son, Joey. In the course of the investigation, he discovers that his own unresolved pain and failures as a father have deeply influenced Joey's life, and now his 18-month-old grandson may be fated to follow their self-destructive paths. Cast: Robert De Niro, Eliza Dushku, Frances McDormand.

TRIVIA

Why do American football players paint black marks across their cheeks?
Who said, "rebellion keeps the government healthy?"
Why are the officials in American football known as zebras?
How did the White House get it's name?
Who established the postal system?

(Answers on page 9)

Best Sellers-- Men's Watches



Men's Lorus Multidail
Timex Expedition Chronograph
Huger AT200 Sports Altimeter
Casio GPS Satellite Navigation
Timex GPS Ironman



They did what? Splatter-proof!

A prisoner in the new Allegheny County Jail in Pittsburgh attempted to evade his punishment by engineering an escape from his confinement. Jerome constructed a hundred-foot rope of bedsheets, broke through a supposedly shatter-proof cell window, began to climb to freedom down his makeshift ladder.

It is not known whether his plan took into account the curiosity of drivers on the busy street and Liberty Bridge below. It certainly did not take into account the sharp edges of the glass, the worn nature of the bedsheets, nor the great distance to the pavement. The bottom of the knotted bedsheets was 86 feet short of the ground. But our hero did not reach the end of the rope. The window pane sliced through the weak cloth and dropped him to his untidy demise 150 feet below.

Off the Rack!

Dances with Wolves

The career of Kevin Costner has certainly had its ups (*Bull Durham*, 1988) and its lows (*The Postman*, 1997), but the undisputed high point must be *Dances with Wolves* (1990). Lt. Dunbar, a disillusioned Army officer during the Civil War, after a failed suicide attempt is mistakenly named a war hero and given his choice of reassignment. He chooses the post farthest away from the Army and the war - a cavalry fort in the Dakota territories.

Dunbar arrives at his new post only to find it deserted. For a long time his only companion is a wolf, who apparently is as lonely as Dunbar. He is soon discovered by scouts from the neighboring Lakota Sioux tribe and his life changes forever.

When this movie arrived in theaters Costner was hailed as the next genius of cinema. He won the best actor and best director academy awards that year, which put him on the same level as Hollywood royalty Orson Wells and Charlie Chaplain.

The film struck a cord with the moviegoers with its portrayal of Native Americans. No movie before *Dances with Wolves* portrayed the wanderers of the Great Plains as three-dimensional people with a structured society, high moral values and a rich culture.

The Sioux adopt this lone white man living in an abandoned fort and he quickly become first a trusted neighbor, then a member of the family. But the U.S. Army of the 1860s did not look kindly upon the Sioux and as soon as white Americans finished killing each other in the Civil War they turned their attention to the Sioux - and Lt. Dunbar.

The best thing about this long movie is the way it draws the viewer into the Lakota society at the same time the Sioux are drawing in Dunbar. By the end of the movie you'll understand what the Sioux are saying even without the subtitles.

By JO1 Craig Coleman

Domestic Violence awareness

By SN Michelle Watkins

Staff writer

As the numbers of domestic violence cases increase, more laws are made every day. Domestic violence affects many people at home and in the workplace. Due to that fact it is important to know and understand domestic violence, to be aware of the signs, and to put it to an end. One way to do that is to educate people and set aside certain times, such as October as Domestic Violence Awareness month.

Domestic violence can have numerous affects on family and in the work place.

- Children who grow up in violent homes have low self-esteem, nightmares and are more likely to become violent themselves.

- The abuse that an employee receives at home can lead to lost productivity, higher stress, increased absenteeism, higher health cost and medical needs.

- Abuse can lead the victim to have thought or commit suicide.

- Child abuse is 15 times more likely to occur in families where domestic violence is present.

- Men who have witnessed parent's domestic violence at home are three times more likely to abuse their own wives and are 1000 percent more likely to become wife beaters.

In an abusive relationship, the abuser may use a number of tactics other than physical violence to maintain power and control over

their partner. The tactics include emotional/verbal abuse, isolation, and threats or intimidation.

Emotional/verbal abuse includes but is not limited to put-downs, public humiliation, name-calling, mind games and manipulation.

Isolation occurs when the abuser becomes jealous, and insists that their partner not see friends and or family members.

Threats of violence, suicide or taking away of children is another common tactic of abusers.

According to the Victim Services Research Department, the existence of emotional and verbal abuse, attempts to isolate and threats and intimidation may be an indication that physical abuse is to follow.

Communities can help victims by becoming more aware of domestic violence, and by intervening. Neighbors can contact the police or security if they hear violent fights. By reporting them, some violence can be intervened.

Supervisors who notice certain changes in coworkers can report them at Security, Fleet and Family Service Center (FFSC), or even the Chaplains office, and can always be available if coworkers need to talk.

Domestic violence can also be intervened by watching out and be concerned for people's welfare.

By supporting victims, and being informed, domestic violence can be easier to

Stars and Stripes 60th car give-away



Photo by SN Michelle Watkins

Lt. Col. Norm Schaefer, Commander of Stars and Stripes, hands the keys Connie Manix, proud owner of the 2002 Volvo. Manix won the Volvo through Stars and Stripes 60th anniversary giveaway. His winning entry was one 50,000 submitted.

notice and prevent.

There are numerous programs for victims of domestic assault. Programs include support groups through Chaplains, FFSC, and churches.

Sigonella is helping to raise awareness of domestic violence. FFSC has planned a community involved program called "Empower-

ing the Military Family." The video rental on NAS I has a section dedicated to raising awareness, available at lower costs. Books are also available at the library. If you need to talk to someone for more information, contact FFSC at 624-4291 or you can call the 24-hour, toll-free domestic violence hotline at 1-800-787-3224.

EDITORIAL:

Effort is required

By Margaretta Rower

SDS Assistant Principal

It appears that national hypocrisy is alive and well in the continual bashing of schools and new reforms for schools. Though new reforms are well meaning (No Child Left Behind, etc.), we conveniently skip the topic of student effort as if it did not exist.

Quite frankly, a main reason why students do not do as well as they might is that they do not work very hard. Learning and growth require real effort. It is not sufficient to declare new standards, wider curricular choices, new teaching methods, more teachers, more technology and new "catch phrases." Learning requires hard work.

No matter what programs are in place, schools cannot compensate for students who do not work hard. Often students believe that doing a small amount of homework or just sitting in the classroom is sufficient.

As the first quarter draws to a close at Stephen Decatur, parents will have the opportunity to conference with teachers to gain a greater insight into the strengths and needs of their children.

Parents often demand high grades for their children. Parents want to be told that their children are doing well and often educators do precisely this for fear of offending their

major constituency.

Thus, we may lower some standards so that students do passably well and hold in abeyance any verbal attacks on our system. Our American system has generally adopted a plan of automatic promotion with grade inflation. These practices have also spread to the colleges. "By rewarding mediocrity, we discourage excellence," said Howard Cole, a Harvard teaching assistant.

A Nation at Risk has been a buzzword for some time along with programs of national standards and national tests. Has this encouraged our students to take learning more seriously by putting in more effort and our educators to raise the bar?

We can do better. Tougher standards count only if they affect students directly. DoDDS is doing just that.

What we need to instill in our students is that learning is exciting, that learning takes lots of effort, that thinking burns calories and that fair rewards are received for honest work. Teachers cannot teach students who do not take this job of schooling in their life seriously.

We, as parents and educators, need to discuss at our conferences the standards we are setting and the expectations we have for our students.

Are learning opportunities in place at

Safe Tricking and Treating

By Steven Vitek

Contributing writer

Halloween is just around the corner. Some safety tips you should consider are listed below for your children's benefit.

- Watch for children darting between parked cars.
- Escort your children if they are 12 or under.
- Tell your children not to enter a stranger's house.
- Only use fire rated materials for costumes.
- Instruct your children not to eat any candy until they return home.
- Masks often obscure a child's vision, use facial make-up instead.
- Stay on sidewalks, children often trip over objects in the yard.
- Use candles with extreme caution, especially when in pumpkins by doorstep or in windows.
- Avoid having children carry swords or similar sharp or pointed objects.

home as well as at school? Are our expectations really high? Are we demanding excellence over mediocrity? Is learning or a grade most important?

Schools cannot perform miracles alone, we must continue the positive partnership between parents and educators in promoting excellence in our school.

Burnt the Brownies?



Photo by SN Michelle Watkins

In correspondence to Fire Prevention Week, Girl Scout Brownie Troop 29 learned fire tips, made fire escape plans and visited the NAS I Fire Station where they met Sparky the Fire Dog. Above, one of the brownie scou's is helped out of a fire truck after she had the chance to sit in the inside of the fire truck and honk the horn.

Marinai's opening

By Lt. Darren Hale

Contributing writer

Where can you find Italy's largest construction project? You don't have to look far... it is right across the bridge from NAS II. After years of planning and coordination and 18 months of construction on Oct. 23 the first residents moved into Residenze di Marinai (The homes of the Sailors). In all, 80 three-bedroom homes and eight four-bedroom homes will be turned over to Housing by developer JV Impregilo-Impresa Pizzarotti. Not only will we have new homes, but we will get new athletic facilities. Residents will enjoy 2 tennis courts, 2 basketball courts, a roller hockey rink and a playground. The rest of the construction is on schedule and the Resident Officer in Charge of Construction (ROICC) is anticipating accepting the second of five phases which will provide an additional 100 Sigonellan families with homes in February 2003. The housing development will eventually contain 526 units and will be completed in July of 2005. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled in the early spring to coincide with the acceptance of the second phase of units.

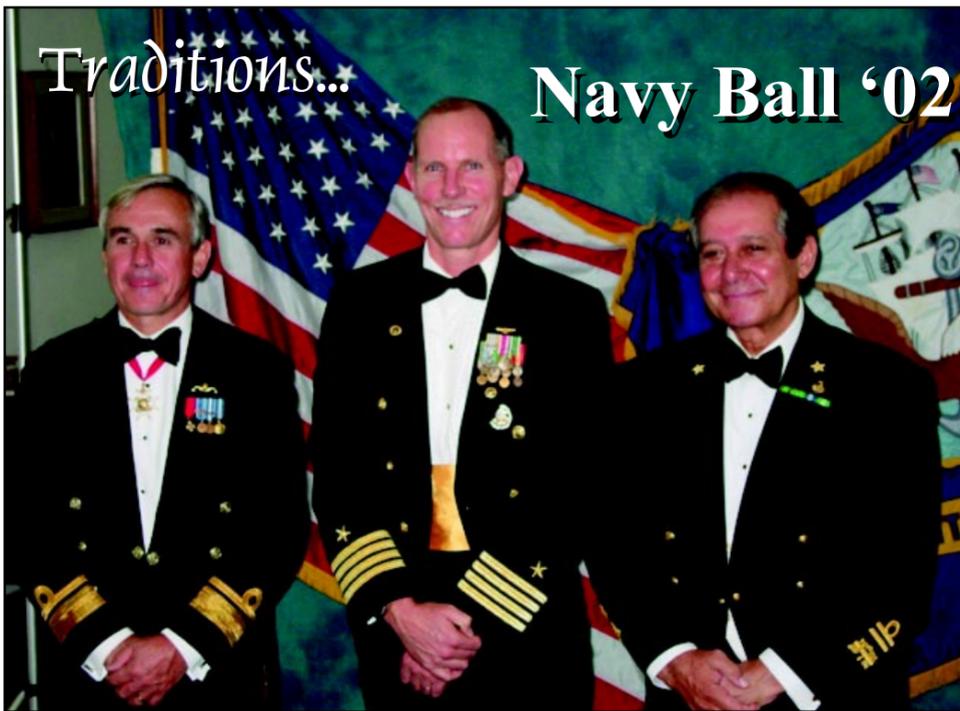


Photo by JO3 Jay Price

With close to 400 military, civilian, DoD, and host nationals in attendance, this year's Navy Ball was packed with many different origins and faces. The presentation of Colors started this evenings events, it soon rolled into a night of many naval traditions, such as the honoring the Sailors Missing in Action, the cutting of the cake with the oldest and youngest Sailor, and of course, the feast.

The guest of honor, Radm. Robert Stevens, Chief of Staff of Allied Naval Forces Southern Europe, spoke a lot about pride through his very humorous jokes and anicdotes, bringing to those at attendance a new way at looking at the bigger picture.



Photo by JO3 Jay Price



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Do you have a Web site you would like to share with the community?
E-mail us at colemac@nassig.sicily.navy.mil



By SN Michelle Watkins

Fall Fun

www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/fall/index.html

How about entertaining kids with fun and activities that have seasonal themes. This site has crafts for every season, contests, and places to share stories. Kids can write their own commercials, or test their brains with mazes, puzzles and fun activities to enhance their math skills. Parents can take advantage of the free downloads, fall clipart, and icons.

Gardening at home

www.gardens-at-home.com

From beginner to serious gardeners, this is the place to visit if you want to learn more. It has tips for organic and creative gardening. Learn how to recognize garden pests and diseases and what to do. Read about history of gardening; find recipes or contact gardeners at home.

Lollipop History

www.lollies.com

Learn the history of lollipops, and how people in ancient's times had candy similar to lollipops. Try your hand at lollipop trivia and games. Read headlines in the news all about candy and lollipops. So before you unwrap your next lollipop, check this website out.



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The Money.

Khaki for sale

By JO3 Jay Price

Editor

Once each year, the Senior Enlisted and Officers go up for bidding as the Seabee Ball Committee aim to raise money for their upcoming ball.

On Oct. 17, instead of the regularly held quarters, individual Seabees reached into their pockets to buy the rights to one of PW's seniors. Once purchased, that Sailor could make their "worker" do any job that was mission related. The only catch, was that during the auction the senior person may choose to double the purchase price, and buy themselves out of the work.

Hundred's of dollars were spent on each person up for auction, and according to CE2 Samuel Montes, the Vice President in charge of the Seabee Ball and recreation committee, the auction made well over what they had last year. "We made a grand total of \$3,132, beating last year's \$2,000 and some."

The Khaki's were not the only things up for sale this day, so were their parking spots. Some for only a week at a time, and one for the full month.

PWD will be hosting a haunted house this weekend and will later be hosting a BBQ, both will help raise funds for their Seabee Ball.



Photo by JO3 Jay Price

The Cattle.



Photo by JO3 Jay Price

Going once, twice, Sold!

Trivia Answer

(1) It helps against the sun's glare (2) Thomas Jefferson (3) They wear striped shirts (4) It was painted white after it was burned in 1812 (5) Benjamin Franklin

Check this out!



Web Extra!

Children's safety zone

www.sosnet.com/safety/safety1.html

Because the safety of your child is so important, this is the site for you. Learn holiday safety tips, Halloween tips for trick or treaters and homeowners. Browse over the babysitting guide and read the safety bulletins and current stories. Check out the child transportation safety tips and car seat recalls along with pool tips. It even has U.S. Customs product recall list and high-risk profiles. For more information you can also call the toll free number that provides extra health related information.

NATO tournament held in Sig

By JO1 Craig Coleman

Assistant Public Affairs Officer

On Oct. 18, a beautiful Indian summer day, eight North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) ships from seven countries were docked in the Catania harbor.

Sailors from Greece, Turkey, Spain, Great Britain, the Netherlands, Germany and the U.S. boarded buses bound for Sigonella and played a one-day sports tournament in the gyms and on the fields of NAS I and II.

The crews, part of the Standing Naval Forces, Mediterranean, recently completed a cruise. "The force has been doing patrols the last three months," said BMC Nigel Haybittle of the British Royal Navy and the minehunter HMS Pembroke. "This is our first time together since then. We wanted all the crews together for integration in a sports day."

And integrated they were. Approximately 300 athletes competed in volleyball, soccer, basketball and a tug-o-war competition throughout the day. The NAS I Gym was the volleyball site while the basketball games were played in the NAS II Gym. Soccer teams met at Stephen Decatur School athletics field and at the sports field on NAS II.

Doug Hasselbring, MWR Athletics Director was pleased with the level of activity. "To see people enjoying our fields and gyms - that's why I'm in this business," he said. "The

facilities here are in good condition. With new fields in a couple of years and the land annex in a couple of months, we'll be in good shape for intramurals and high school sports."

The tournament opened with a basketball match up between U.S.A. and Spain.

This was not the Olympics, but you would never know it by the enthusiasm of the players. "We got a chance to show our skills on an international level," said FC2 Robert Medley OF USS Arthur W. Radford (DD 968). "It was a great game. This was my first time playing against another country."

Medley may have enjoyed the competition, but he also had a clear understanding of why he is in Europe. "We're a part of NATO. In the Navy we get to visit different countries and protect the U.S. at the same time.

The USA beat Spain 29 - 17, a victory that came as no surprise to Rated Sailor Javier Aldaz of the Spanish Navy minehunter Sella. "It's brilliant to play against Americans, but we are way behind," he said. "They are much stronger and more physical." But Aldaz, who lived in America three years, sees a reason for playing deeper than competition.

"My best American friend died in the (World Trade Center) towers. Many of us around the world are with you. Keep up the good work," he added.

In the end, the American team, like Team



Photo by JO1 Craig Coleman

Holland, in red, beat Germany, in yellow, 1-0 in the first round of the NATO Sports Day tournament. Great Britain won overall in the soccer tournament, with Greece winning in basketball and volleyball. Spain earned the win in the final event, Tug-o-War.

USA in this summer's World Basketball Championship, failed to bring home the gold. They lost in the finals to Greece. But Aldaz had a philosophy that had little to do with

the final score or medal counts.

"It's all about fair play - this tournament is about friendship," he said. "Everyone who played today won."

SIG SPORTS

Preseason Intrumural Basketball starts

On Dec. 2, the preseason starts for the Captain's Cup Intrumural Basketball leagues. There will be a coaches meeting on Nov. 18 at 4 p.m. The meeting will be held in Jox and is when all rosters are due. Call Ron at 624-5243.

Autumn Fest Base to Base Fun Run

Join in on the 7.3 mile run from NAS II to NAS I. There will be t-shirts, fruit and beverages, along with awards to the winners of the different categories. The fun run will be held on Oct. 26 starting at the NAS II gym, register by 8 a.m. There is a small fee attached. Call the NAS II Gym at 624-5243.

Golf Tournament

The two-person scramble golf tournament will happen Nov. 2. Before then, a meeting will be held Oct. 31 at 4 p.m. Each person wishing to compete in the tournament must be in attendance at this meeting. There will be free transportation to the course on Nov. 2. Call Ron for more details at 624-5243.

Circuit Training

From now until Nov. 22, both fitness centers

Football Standings

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| Security | 6 in 1 |
| COMSTA | 6 in 2 |
| Ops | 6 in 2 |
| VP-16e | 5 in 3 |
| PWD | 5 in 3 |
| PSD | 5 in 3 |
| Hospital | 4 in 3 |
| HC-4 | 3 in 5 |
| VP-16o | 3 in 5 |
| AIMD | 2 in 4 |
| FLC | 1 in 7 |
| NMCB-5 | 0 in 6 |

are holding four circuit training programs for individual enrichment. By staying active and logging how much time a person participates in one or all programs, it will lead to rewards at the end of the program. To get details on the circuit training programs or how to sign up, call Ron at 624-5243.

Flag Football Results

| Date | Matchup | Score |
|---------|---------------------|------------|
| Oct. 15 | COMSTA vs. Ops | 31 - 20 |
| | FLC vs. PWD | 8 - 14 |
| | VP-16o vs. PSD | VP forfeit |
| Oct. 17 | VP-16e vs. AIMD | 28 - 8 |
| | Security vs. HC-4 | 6 - 0 |
| | Hospital vs. NMCB-5 | 30 - 0 |
| Oct. 18 | OPS vs. PWD | 24 - 8 |
| | FLC vs. VP-16o | 15 - 6 |
| | VP-16e vs. COMSTA | 18 - 0 |
| Oct. 21 | PSD s. HC-4 | 22 - 14 |
| | Security vs. HC 4 | 6 - 0 |
| | Hospital vs. NMCB 5 | 30 - 0 |

Jaguar Booster Club

The Jaguar Booster Club is a non-profit organization which supports the sports program of Stephen Decatur Department of Defense School. The Club assists in purchasing team uniforms, award memorabilia, and some athletic equipment. It also finances sports award banquets and contributes to annual scholarship funds. Membership is open to all adult members of the Sigonella community. Volunteers are needed for:

October Fest Cake-Walk, Oct. 26: Donations are needed of cakes, brownies, cookies, and other

sweets. Also, there is a need for volunteers to set up and work the booth. Please drop off your baked goods by noon at the Jaguar Booster Club table. Please call Lt. Hiram Lamb at 624-6952.

Sports Banquet, Nov. 6: Volunteers needed to decorate, help set-up/clean-up and assist with the dinner. Please call Lt. Hiram Lamb at 624-6952.

The Jaguar Booster Club meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Stephen Decatur DoDD School Library at 4:30 p.m.. The next meeting will be Nov. 5.