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Former Navy Sailor, college football hall of fame inductee visits NASSIG

By AN Michelle Watkins
Signature Staff

Imagine your wildest dreams coming true. Then picture yourself eagerly awaiting the excitement of your job, every day, come rain or shine. For Napoleon McCallum, his dreams became reality in 1986. Little did he know that he would one day earn the title of 2002 College Football Hall of Fame Inductee.

A former Naval Academy football player and Los Angeles Raider, McCallum has always loved football, even at a young age. "Watching football and all the excitement of the wide receivers as they jumped up and caught the ball in the air, made me want to play." Before he was old enough to engage in football, he started his football career as a water boy.

He pursued his passion further by playing college football, attending the Naval Academy from 1981 to 1985, while studying with the goal of becoming a naval aviator. During that time he earned consensus All-American first team honors as running back in 1983, and was the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division I-A Co-Player of the Year. He was well known for his performances on the field. McCallum ranked high among the best in NCAA history. It was not only the rushing yardage he accumulated, but also the number of returned punts and kick-offs as well as his performances as a pass receiver. His 7,172 all-purpose yards now ranks second in NCAA history, and he has 26 school records to his credit.

McCallum was drafted by his favorite team, the Raiders, in 1986. He served five years in the Navy directly after college before joining the Raiders full time. "My first year I had to work part time with the Raiders. I got to play in the games; I just came to practice real late. I was really blessed that they had a lot of faith in me," exclaimed McCallum.

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Blue and gold are the colors of fun

Cub Scout Pack 53 celebrates
By JO1 Craig Coleman
Signature Staff

The 60 scouts of Cub Scout Pack 53 are hungry. The boys and their parents form a line that stretches halfway around the Stephen Decatur cafeteria. On Feb. 8 the scouts celebrated the birthday of cub scouting at the Blue and Gold Banquet. After dinner, the boys received awards from their den leaders and performed skits for their friends and families.

The goal of Cub Scouting, according to James Rhodes, Pack 53 Cubmaster, is the creation of leaders. "They learn leadership, outdoor sports, safety and religious programs," Rhodes said. "(Cub Scouting) develops young leaders, teaches them virtues and how to make choices"

Tiger Scouts have completed first grade or are seven-
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Hometown Weather

LN1 Donna Robinson and sons
Frank & Donte Harris, SJA
St. Louis, Mo.



High 50°F - Low 35°F
Light Rain

Tax Center takes the pain out of taxes

By JOSN Stephen Weaver
Signature Staff

It's that time of the year again. The dreaded tax season.

Luckily, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Center on NAS II can help Sigonellans turn filing taxes into a painless experience. The office reopened its doors on Feb. 5 when Capt. Ken Bitar, Naval Air



VITA workers assists service members with filing their 2002 taxes.

Station Sigonella's Executive Officer, cut the ribbon in a grand opening ceremony.

Customers were lining up to have their taxes done even before the ribbon was cut. ABH3(AW) Edward Montesino, who was first in line, said he came back this year because the program is free and provides great service.

By making use of the VITA program, servicemembers, DOD employees, and anybody entitled to Navy legal assistance, can have their tax returns prepared and electronically filed at no cost.

The program started Navy-wide in 1996 to enable electronic filing of federal tax returns and is funded by the Internal Revenue Service and the Navy.

Fewer errors occur when returns are filed electronically, and taxpayers can expect a refund sooner. "It takes about two weeks to get your refund back once it's electronically filed and there are no rejections," said LN1 Ignacio Tercero, tax officer in charge of the VITA program at NASSIG.

The office also does state tax returns for taxpayers. "We prepare their state return and print it out, and have them mail it to the appropriate state," Tercero said.

The program is saving servicemembers money. "They added up the value of the services we provided last year, and it was in the hundreds of thousands of dollars when you add up each servicemember and what they would have paid," said Lt. Cmdr. Jennifer Eichenmuller, officer in charge of the Navy Legal Service Office Detachment Sigonella.

The VITA Tax Office also saves headaches and time. Eichenmuller said Sailors filing with the 1040EZ can walk in during their lunchtime to do a quick return. "It lets Sailors get their taxes done, and gets them back to work." The more complex returns are prepared by appointment only.

Tercero said there are some items to remember to bring in order to make the process of filing returns go smoothly. If filing jointly, make sure to have both social security cards on hand. "One of the major rejections is when we don't have an accurate social security number for a dependent," said Tercero. Another item to bring is the previous year's tax return. "That will give us an idea of what course they need to take this year." Also bring items such as receipts to verify deductions, DOD I.D. cards, deposit slips or photocopies of account cards, W-2 forms, and any documentation showing income for 2002.

Tercero said anyone can volunteer to help at the Tax Center. The Internal

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New housing being built to keep Sigonella feral cat society living humanely

By JO2 Jay Price
Signature Staff

The Stray Animal Facility (SAF), Sigonella's Animal Welfare Society (SAWS) and Base Housing are finding new ways to keep the stray cats out of the garbage cans, streets and buildings. Kitty Condos are being built around the base that will provide shelter for cats along with food.

SAF affiliates are using volunteers to go to these strategically placed condos to feed the animals daily, which is a means of keeping the animals in one area and keeping them from destroying government property.

NAS I is the testing ground for this new experiment, learning if they can get the stray cats from around the base will stay in the condo areas. If the theory works and the cats stay next to the condo areas, the condos will be added to NAS II, Marani and 205 Housing.

A main condo facility will be constructed on NAS I, away from Sigonellans that will have an enclosed 150 sq. ft. area for the strays. "There is nothing in the area that the

cats can affect," said IT3 David Lewis, Stray Animal Facilitator. The enclosed facility rests one foot above ground so the cats can enter and exit without trouble, but will keep children and adults out.

"Only the designated volunteers should feed the cats because they will feed them at even intervals. If residents begin feeding the cats it will cause problems and the cats won't be around when the volunteers come around," said Lewis, "if the cats feeding patterns change, they could spread out again." This could lead to a failure in the project.

The Spay and Neuter Program is also in place for the Kitty Condo project, facilitators will catch strays and release them into the colony.

Residents of NAS I, Marani and 205 are reminded that pets that are not chipped will be considered strays and if caught they could be found in these colonies.

SAF and SAWS are looking for volunteers that would like to help feed these colonies of cats. Stop by NAS I Security or call 624-3936 for more details.



Members look over the feeding log to determine how many cats are in the area and their health. The log is kept by SAF volunteers.

What do you want to say to your Valentine? Photos by JO2 Jay Price



Happy Valentine's Day
Christopher, Taylor and
Hailey. I love you.

Happy Valentine's Day to my
wife, best friend and soul mate! I
love you!

Jon, I love you with all my heart
and soul. Happy Valentines Day.

Kimberly, I will always love you,
my little cabbage.



Direct Line

Capt. Tim Davison
NASSIG
Commanding Officer

Future readiness is another one of the CNO's Top Five Priorities. We must plan for tomorrow today. Through proper planning and training, we achieve greater mission accomplishment that allows us to be the best Navy in the world. Each Tenant Command and NASSIG department must plan today to make future transformations that will solidify our purpose...forward deployed.

Adm. Clark has said, "The power to compete in the future has everything to do with being credible today. The world is dangerous and unpredictable. Our Navy routinely operates in tough places, and that's as it should be. We work and operate in an atmosphere of risk and we should not shy away from it. We should be credible and we should be ready. We must constantly challenge the assumptions that we face on a daily basis and adapt to an ever-changing world."

"As we look to the future, exciting new capabilities will accelerate our Navy's transformation toward a truly Network Centric Force, including the DD(X) destroyer prototype, SSGN strike submarine, Joint Strike Fighter, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, Tactical Tomahawk, Advanced Gun System, and Cooperative Engagement Capability, among others. These systems, in turn, will be employed in innovative ways via concepts validated in the Fleet Battle Experiment series coordinated by the Navy Warfare Development Command in Newport. We must procure these platforms and capabilities in sufficient numbers to accomplish our mission. Quantity has a quality all its own. Numbers count in ensuring our Navy is prepared and positioned to carry out the National Security Strategy. Forward deployed, combat credible forces are far more effective in deterring and countering aggression than forces that show up weeks later. Thus a Navy smaller than today's is an invitation to greater operational risk and decreased international stability."

We at NAS Sigonella are part of that forward-deployed force. We might not be the ones on the front lines in Afghanistan or standing guard on the DMZ in Korea, but we are right there behind them, backing them up with logistics and operational support. We will continue to do everything we can to make sure those Sailors and Marines are well-equipped, properly supported and that their morale is high.

Microsoft Chairman and Chief Design Engineer Bill Gates once said, "In the future, how we gather, manage and use information will determine whether we succeed or fail."

We will not fail. We have over 225 years of naval experience, state-of-the-art training and a steadfast commitment to excellence. By doing what we are trained to do, we support our Shipmates who travel in harm's way. The United States and the U.S. Navy must foster stability around the world, today and tomorrow. Our future readiness depends on it.

Are you ready for tomorrow?

The Pulse

HealthWatch: Early Dental Care Can Mean A Lifetime of Healthy Smiles

By Lt. Shayesteh Shafie, 1st Dental Battalion Naval Dental Center, Camp Pendleton, Calif. and Aveline V. Allen, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON—Brush your teeth in the morning, after every meal and at bedtime. Sound familiar? February is National Children's Dental Health Month, and parents can be thankful that preventive dental care has greatly improved the oral health of American children.

While brushing is key to maintaining good oral health, there are additional things you can do to ensure your children maintain their smiles for a lifetime.

"Providing nutritious foods and limiting sweets are two things most parents see as important in protecting their child's teeth, but few stop to consider the benefits of mouth guards," said Capt. Mathew Ausmus, Dental Corps, Navy Medicine's pediatric dentistry specialty leader.

He explained that with skateboards, inline skates and scooters being so popular

in today's society, there has been a significant increase in the cases of dental trauma seen by dentists.

"Mouth guards prevent serious injury to the teeth during these activities," said Ausmus.

The 1st Dental Battalion, Naval Dental Center Camp Pendleton is doing its part this month to help parents and caregivers maintain their children's dental health. Some of the tips they offer include taking your child to see the dentist regularly beginning by the child's first birthday, put only water in a child's naptime or bedtime bottle to prevent baby bottle tooth decay, start brushing the child's teeth with water as soon as the first tooth appears, and start flossing when two of the child's teeth begin to touch.

NJP Results

An E-5 was awarded reduction in rate (suspended six months), restriction for 45 days, extra duties for 45 days, and forfeiture of \$912 pay per month for two months for violating Article 111—Drunken or reckless operation of a vehicle.

An E-4 was awarded reduction in rate, restriction for 45 days, extra duties for 45 days, and forfeiture of \$721 pay per month for two months for violating Article 92—Failure to obey lawful order, Article 108—Military property of the United States, Damage, Destruction, or wrongful disposition.

An E-3 was awarded restriction for 45 days, extra duties for 45 days, forfeiture of \$678 pay per month for two months (suspended six months), and recommendation for advancement withdrawn for violating Article 111—drunken or reckless operation of a vehicle.

An E-3 was awarded reduction in rate, restriction for 60 days, and forfeiture of \$645 pay per month for two months for violating Article 92—Failure to obey lawful order, Article 95—Resistance, flight, breach of arrest and escape, Article 128—Assault, Article 134—Indecent language, and Article 134—Disorderly conduct, drunkenness.

U.S. Central Command buildup continues

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (NNS)—The U.S. military buildup in the U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) area of operation is continuing, with more than 100,000 troops now serving in the region, DoD officials said recently.

The CENTCOM region sprawls from Kazakhstan to Kenya. The troop total includes some 9,000 personnel involved in operations in Afghanistan and thousands of others deployed to countries around that theater of operations, the officials said.

The largest Army unit to deploy to the area is the 3rd Infantry Division out of Forts Stewart and Benning in Georgia. That unit is in Kuwait. Other Army units, most notably the 4th Infantry Division from Fort Hood, Texas, have received deployment orders.

There are 35,000 Marines in the area of operations. The 1st Marine Expeditionary Force has 15,000 Marines in Kuwait. Roughly 7,200 Marines are aboard

Amphibious Task Force East, and 5,000 others are aboard the Amphibious Task Force West. Thousands of Sailors man the ships carrying the Marines.

The Navy has deployed the USS Constellation (CV 64) and USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) carrier battle groups to the Central Command area of operations. They are currently in the Arabian Sea area and are part of Central Command's 5th Fleet. Each group has 8,500 to 10,000 Sailors aboard. The USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) carrier battle group is in the Mediterranean Sea as part of the 6th Fleet in the U.S. European Command area of operations.

The USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) has finished training in the Caribbean and is transiting in support of the global war on terrorism, Navy officials said.

The Air Force has deployed 17,850 Airmen to the region. Of those, 1,725 are Air National Guardsmen and 625 are Air Force Reserve members.

For related news, go to the Navy NewsStand Web site at www.news.navy.mil.

Navy identifies Sailor in Ecuador liberty death

From U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command Public Affairs

Manta, ECUADOR (NNS)—A USS John L. Hall (FFG 32) Sailor died at Rodriguez Zambrano General Hospital in Manta, Ecuador, of injuries suffered while on liberty.

Dead is Seaman Ariel Morataya, 21, a Los Angeles native who was an operations specialist aboard the ship. Morataya was the son of Erio and Gregoria Morataya, also of Los Angeles.

Morataya was pronounced dead the morning of Feb. 4 at the hospital where he was transported by the local authorities after they found him unconscious and without identification in the outskirts of Manta.

An investigation is underway into the circumstances surrounding the death.

For related news, visit the Commander U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command Navy NewsStand page at www.news.navy.mil/local/cusns.

Aviation Maintenance Officer School opens at Naval Air Station Whiting Field

By Jerry Hennessy, Naval Air Station Whiting Field Public Affairs

NAVAL AIR STATION WHITING FIELD, Fla. (NNS)—With the unveiling of the sign, the Naval Air Maintenance Training Group Milton Detachment (NAMTRAGRUDET Milton) Aviation Maintenance Officer (AMO) School officially opened on Naval Air Station Whiting Field Feb. 6.

The unveiling was attended by Rear Adm. John W. Townes III, Vice Chief of Naval Education and Training; Capt. Frank Smith, commanding officer of Naval Aviation Maintenance Training Group; Retired Capt. Bruce Hawk; Santa Rosa County Commissioners Don Salter, Bob Cole and Buck Lee; Bill Cooper from U.S. Congressman Jeff Miller's office; and Sailors and Marines from the school.

The school was relocated in December 2002 from Naval Aviation Schools Command at Naval Air Station Pensacola.

The relocation puts the school under the charge of NAMTRAGRUDET

Milton. It is staffed by five Navy and two Marine Corps officer instructors, five Navy and one Marine Corps enlisted instructors and one enlisted technical publications librarian.

The AMO School offers two courses of instruction. The indoctrination course is 70 days and is designed for newly-commissioned Navy and Marine Corps officers with little or no prior maintenance experience, selected Naval Air Systems Command-sponsored civilian interns and international military officers.

During the year, there will be five indoctrination classes that will provide students with the tools required to perform in an entry-level aircraft maintenance position. Students will also be taught managerial responsibilities and administrative duties associated with aviation maintenance.

The manager's course is a 25-day course geared towards Navy and Marine Corps limited duty officers, chief warrant officers and senior enlisted maintenance specialists who have acquired consider-

able maintenance experience. This course provides instruction on the duties and responsibilities required to direct an aviation maintenance activity.

All instructors are limited duty officers, chief warrant officers, aviation maintenance duty officers or senior Navy and Marine Corps enlisted. They are well qualified and experienced in the field of aviation maintenance.

"We will instruct five indoctrination and seven management courses this year," said Lt. Cmdr. Mark Wassil, director of the AMO School. "This is the only AMO School in the Navy, and we expect to graduate about 250 students a year from both courses."

The first class includes five civilians who are Civil Service interns from various Naval Air Systems Command facilities. They are being trained to work in the logistics and supply areas of the Navy's aviation maintenance activities.

For related news, visit the Naval Air Station Whiting Field Navy NewsStand page at www.news.navy.mil/local/naswf.

Happy Valentine's Day

By Chaplain Phil Creider
Command Chaplain

Do you remember sending and receiving "Valentines" at school? "Roses are red, violets are blue..." You could finish it off however you wanted. How about the small heart shaped sugar candies with Valentine Day sayings on them: "I love you," or "You're cute?"

I liked the cards, the candies, and the flirting that usually happened on that day. I gave my first kiss to my girlfriend in third grade during a school Valentine's Day Party. I'm older now, but I still like the cards and candies.

Valentine, the person whom we remember today, was a Christian Bishop, living north of Rome in the second century. When he was caught being a Christian, he chose to give up his life rather than give up his faith. The Imperial authorities cut his head off. Talk about guts.

The custom of sending "Valentine's Day" cards today stems from the legend that Valentine used to encourage and take care of people who were having troubles... either by gifts, letters, or just kind words. He was a tough man, yet a kind man.

Valentine has something to offer us today even though he lived so long ago.

If he was around here today talking to us, he'd say, "Be tough in doing the right things and standing up for the right things. Don't let people intimidate you into giving in. Right is

right. Period. Stand up for what you believe, and let it be known that you are a person of honor and honesty."

The great people in history aren't the ones who cave in and go under. The great people are the ones who make their mark on life because they're consistently true, consistently honest, no matter what. Let people learn to count on you when the chips are down. Your reputation will soar.

The other thing Valentine would say is, "Be good to each other and take care of each other." Those are good words for the barracks, for work, and for in your home.

Don't ignore the person next to you. Help other people who are having trouble. Be known as the kind of person who will go out of your way for somebody else. When you do that, you will find that you will have friends who will stick by you when you're in trouble.

If you're married, be the best and kindest wife or husband that you can be. Leave the problems of work at work. Don't inflict them on your family. When you're home, be your normal, wonderful self: a good husband or wife, mom or dad. The love you receive in return will more than match the love that you have given. Everyone will come out ahead.

Be good to those around you. Be the best to those who are the closest to you. Make it your way of life every day. You'll find that you will feel good about yourself, too.

Take the example of St. Valentine and live

by it. Valentine's Day cards, candies, flowers, good deeds, and kisses are great, but they're just the beginning. Just think how great our lives would be if we lived by his example during the rest of the year.

NASSIG Worship Opportunities

Catholic Mass

Sat. 5 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)
Sun. 9 a.m. Chapel (NAS I)
Sun. 9 a.m. Italian Chapel (NAS II)
Sun. 11 a.m. Com Center (Mineo)

Protestant Worship

Sun. 9 a.m. Com Center (Mineo)
Sun. 9 a.m. Liturgical (NAS II)
Sun. 11 a.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Latter Day Saints

Sun. 1 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Church of Christ

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

Weekdays

Catholic Mass 11:30 a.m. (NAS I & II)
Wed. Protestant Bible Study
4:45 p.m. (NAS II)
For details, call 624-4295/2947.

SECURITY BLOTTER



CRIME STOPPER'S HOTLINE

624-6389

Feb. 3 - Feb. 9

The following incidents were reported and categorized as follows:

Traffic accidents without injuries - 15
Traffic accident with injuries - 2
Car break-ins - 6
DUI - 2
DUI's 2003 - 8
DUI's 2002 - 35

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NAVY NEWS

NAVAIR's Hairy Buffalo provides network for sea strike

By Amy Behrman
Naval Air Systems Command PAO

PATUXENT RIVER, Md. (NNS) — The Hairy Buffalo, the Naval Air System Command's (NAVAIR's) Time Critical Targeting test bed, demonstrated the power of forward-based decision making during a recent Navy experiment in the Bahamas.

Sponsored by Naval Sea Command, Commander, Naval Submarine Forces, OPNAV N61F (FORCENet requirements office) and NAVAIR's Network Centric Warfare (NCW) office, the Giant Shadow Limited Objective Experiment assessed emerging NCW tactics and technology requirements in the areas of networks, data fusion, command and control, situational awareness tools and platform/sensor architectures.

The "Giant Shadow" experiment was the first in a series of nuclear-powered guided-missile submarine (SSGN) transformational payloads and sensors experiments, as well as the first FORCENet Limited Objective Experiment (LOE) under the Chief of Naval Operation's Sea Trial initiative.

"The Hairy Buffalo demonstrated significant capabilities in linking warfighters to enable a massing of effects rather than a massing of forces," said Cmdr. Ron Carvalho, Hairy Buffalo project manager.

According to Carvalho, the aircraft served as a persistent intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance platform, conducting initial preparation of battlefield data and providing "eyes in the sky" for embarked Navy Sea, Air, and Land (SEAL) team. "The Buffalo provided common communications interfaces that allowed ground, surface and undersea elements to operate together, seamlessly in sea strike operations," added Carvalho.

The Giant Shadow Experiment was designed to explore how a network of forces consisting of a stealthy platform (SSGN), Special Operations Forces, unmanned aerial and underwater vehicles (UAVs and UUVs), and sensors (underwater, overhead, and ground) could be used to clarify ambiguous intelligence.

Supporting objectives included demonstrating time-critical cueing and fusion of manned, unmanned and unattended sensor information; determining whether an orbiting UAV with a commercial off-

the-shelf communications network repeater could reduce reliance on overburdened satellite channels; and testing how this network of forces might enable Special Operations Forces/SSGN to transition from reactive to preemptive operations.

Final results of Giant Shadow are currently being evaluated. New capabilities and tactics developed via Hairy Buffalo experimentation will ultimately be transferred to the Navy's P-3 Aircraft Improvement Program, Maritime Strike Targeting and Multi-Mission Maritime Aircraft programs.

"The Giant Shadow experiment confirmed that Hairy Buffalo is a superb vehicle for demonstrating the art of the possible," said Capt. Alan Easterling, special programs director, NAVAIR Network Centric Warfare office. "Hairy Buffalo is an essential apparatus in the Navy's transformation laboratory."

Additional military units taking part in Giant Shadow included USS Florida (SSGN 728); elements of Naval Special Warfare Group 4; Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command's USNS Mary Sears (T-AGS 65); and Naval Oceanographic Office's UUV, the "Sea Horse." The experiment was conducted at the Atlantic Undersea Test and Evaluation Center in the Bahamas.

For related news, visit the NAVAIR - Naval Air Systems Command Navy NewsStand page at www.news.navy.mil/local/navair.



Hairy Buffalo in use from USS Florida. Hairy Buffalo is an essential apparatus in the Navy's transformation laboratory.

Recap CORNER



The Supply Department Fuel Division will soon be moving into a new operations building. The building will contain offices and locker rooms for the staff as well as a new laboratory. The building is located on the east side of NAS II across from the Liquid Oxygen plant adjacent to the flight line. This is the first portion of the new fuel farm to be accepted from the contractor. Next summer a new bulk storage facility will be completed in the annexed land north of the runway. The new fuel farm will contain two large bulk storage tanks, refueler truck parking, and new pumps and filters for flight line refueling operations. The existing MOGAS station will also be replaced with a new station located on the south frontage road next to the existing DRMO facility.

Upon acceptance of the new fuel farm the existing fuel farm will be demolished to make way for new Public Works facilities, Transportation Compound, and a new Seabee Compound.

How SIG 2.3 Affects You: Construction on Halsey Road (the road in front of the commissary/exchange at NAS I) will continue until the end of February, which creates areas of one lane traffic from the Fire Station to just east of the commissary parking lot entrance. Please continue to enter the commissary parking lot from the exchange entrance for the next few weeks.

If you have any questions about the SIG 2.3 construction, contact Lt Darren Hale at haled@nassig.sicily.navy.mil or mailto:haled@nassig.sicily.navy.mil.

News Briefs

Administrative Employee of the Year

M. Cristina Lauria, a management analyst for the Resident Officer in Charge of Construction Sigonella, was named the Administrative Employee of the Year (GS-7 & above) for the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Atlantic Division in Norfolk, Va. The announcement was made Feb. 6 by Rear Adml Michael K. Loose, CEC, USN, Atlantic Division Commander.

She was recognized for implementing an electronic submission process for contractor correspondence, which eliminated the need for redistributing the correspondence within the office. She also resolved many difficult issues involving base access for contractors due to increased security requirements following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The Atlantic Division, one of four engineering field divisions of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, plans, designs, and constructs shore facilities for the Navy, Marine Corps, and Department of Defense along the East Coast of the U.S. and throughout the Atlantic, Caribbean, and Mediterranean.

Anger Management

Learn how to manage your anger and change your life for the better with FFSC. They offer free classes every Thursday, from 5 to 6 p.m. in Hospital Room 2A-111. For more information contact Mr. Smith at 624-4291.

Seabee Fundraiser

There will be a Seabee Ball Fundraiser on Fri. 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Public Works Pavillion. Support the Seabees while munching down on fried rice and lumpia.

DEFY Meeting

DEFY will be having its monthly meeting Feb. 22. Lunch and DEFY activities will be provided. Contact UTC Bender at 624-6880/4844.

College exam

Navy Campus is sponsoring the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Thursday, Feb. 13 at 7:45 a.m. The SAT is designed to measure intelligence. It attempts, in three hours, to use a battery of questions in the broad categories of math and English to predict a student's probability of success in college.

The verbal section tests students in sentence completion, analogies and reading comprehension. The math section evaluates students knowledge with multiple choice, quantitative comparisons and grid-ins.

To register for the SAT see a Navy Campus guidance counselor. For an appointment call 624-

FY 2004 Department of Defense Budget Released

Special release from the Department of Defense

WASHINGTON (NNS) — President George W. Bush recently released details of his fiscal year (FY) 2004 Department of Defense (DoD) budget. The budget requests \$379.9 billion in discretionary budget authority - \$15.3 billion above FY 2003.

The FY 2004 DoD budget is the first to fully reflect the Bush administration's new defense strategy, which calls for a focus on the capabilities needed to counter 21st century threats such as terrorism, rather than on specific regional dangers or requirements.

The central theme of the new budget is "Meeting today's threats while preparing for tomorrow's challenges." The budget establishes a balance between near-term and longer-term demands - in FY 2004 as well as over the 6 years covered by the FY 2004-2009 Future Years Defense Program (FYDP). The budget funds strong support for:

- Winning the global war on terrorism
- Sustaining high quality people and forces
- Transforming the U.S. military and defense establishment

The budget reflects Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's insistence on realistic funding for all DoD programs. By making tough, strategy-driven decisions, the department has established a program that can be executed with the funding projected in the President's budget.

In the FY 2004 budget, the department continues to acquire capabilities critical to the war on terrorism. FY 2004 initiatives for force protection and combating terrorism include intrusion detection systems, blast mitigation measures, chemical and biological detection equipment, personal protection gear, waterside security enhancements, harbor patrol boats, regional command systems, mass notification systems and initiatives to restrict access to DoD installations.

The FY 2004 budget continues the President's commitment to take good care of military personnel, which is critical to U.S.

security - both near-term and long-term. The budget will:

- Fund a range of military pay increases from 2 percent up to 6.25 percent, targeted by rank and years of service.

- Reduce out-of-pocket housing costs from 7.5 percent to 3.5 percent for personnel living in private housing. These costs are scheduled to drop to zero in FY 2005.

- Keep the department on track to eliminate inadequate family housing by 2007 - except for four state-side Air Force installations (complete in 2008) and overseas Air Force installations (complete in 2009).

- Provide \$15.3 billion for the Defense Health Program, \$0.5 billion above FY 2003.

The budget reflects ongoing major changes to the department's combatant commands - aimed at strengthening warfighting preparation and execution. Improvements include:

- Establishing the Northern Command to consolidate homeland defense missions

- Creating a strategic plan for transforming DoD training to meet combatant commander requirements, linking readiness reporting to create a joint national training capability

- Enhancing roles for the Joint Forces Command to improve joint operations and training

- The Merger of Space Command and U.S. Strategic Command

In DoD budgets, military transformation is reflected primarily in investment programs. Through such funding, new military systems are being developed and fielded, achieving a new portfolio of military capabilities to decisively combat the full spectrum of threats to U.S. security. A key objective for this new portfolio of capabilities is to provide alternative means for meeting near-term needs and encourage competition for fulfilling

to make decisions, take orders, and to never quit even when the times get rough."

"Sometimes you can't think about what you are doing, you just have to trust people. You don't ask why. In the game you get the ball and you have a split second to make a decision and react to your coaches directions," said McCallum.

Looking back on his football career with the Raiders, he recalls his most memorable games. "The Denver games were the best. Somewhere in my career, my teammates really talked me up and got me feeling like you just had to beat the Denver Broncos. It was like all of the Navy-Army games. We had to beat them every time. And so anytime I got an opportunity it just seemed like I always had a great game."

McCallum played in the NFL for six years as running back, until he was forced to retire after suffering a serious knee injury in the 1994 game against the San Francisco 49ers.

"When I got hurt, I tried to find something else to do with my life. I wanted to run a business, so I picked something I was interested in and could do well in," said McCallum. Now



President Bush with members of the cabinet addressing the nation. Recently Bush announced the DoD's Fiscal Year 2004 budget, which is \$15.3 billion higher than Fiscal Year 2003.

future missions.

New 21st century threats and realities demand new ways of thinking and operating for the Department of Defense. The department made significant progress doing this the past two years, but problems persist.

Some actions can and will be taken by the Department itself - such as further changes to internal processes and management. But other needed actions require congressional approval.

To that end, the Bush administration is considering DoD proposals to achieve greater flexibility in adapting civilian and military personnel management systems to mission needs, in managing its budget, overhauling acquisition processes and other initiatives.

For related news, go to the Navy NewsStand Web site at www.news.navy.mil

Football from front

The core values that he had learned in the Naval Academy were put into play on and off the field. "They teach you



College Football Hall of Famer former Sailor, Napoleon McCallum helped serve lunch to NASSIG Sailors Friday. McCallum is on a goodwill tour of all Navy bases in the Mediterranean.

McCallum and his wife own and operate a printing and laminating company out of a 1,900-square-foot suite, along with a staff of eight. His work can be seen on buses, bus top shelters, at several famous businesses, theme parks, and casinos.

McCallum was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame, Dec. 10, 2002; at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York.

"What a great honor this is. I feel so blessed to have teammates that supported me enough to make this happen. I did not do this myself. This honor is a reflection of my teammates, they made it all happen for me."

While McCallum visited Sigonella and other Naval Bases in the Mediterranean area, he wanted to express his appreciation to Sailors and their family.

"I wanted to show support for what everyone is doing out here. A lot of the freedoms that we have are because of what you do. The country appreciates everything that you represent," stated McCallum.

McCallum also offered advice to those pursuing a football career.

"It will be hard. Never quit, put all your effort in to it. Have alternative if it doesn't work out. Shoot for the moon, if you miss you still be amongst the stars."



By Alberto Lunetta
Signature Staff

Italian News

Sicilian culture and lifestyle

Sciaccia's Carnival, a hundred years of fun

As the Sicilian proverb goes: *Cannalivari tutti li festi fa turnari* (carnival brings back all holidays), a month after Christmas and the Epiphany, it's again holiday and fun time in Italy as many colorful and happy carnival celebrations are held throughout February. If you want to have a joyful and lighthearted good time (*A Carnevale ogni scherzo vale* or At Carnival time, every prank is fair, Italians say), plan a visit to Sciaccia's Carnival and join Sicilians in the *fešta* or feast for two weeks of pure merrymaking during which people disguise themselves, put on crazy masks and have a blast. There are many Carnival celebrations in Sicily, but the Carnival in Sciaccia, is one of the best. Sciaccia is a beautiful town located on the famous archeological road between Selinunte and Agrigento.

According to historians, the word *Carnevale* (Carnival) derives from the Medieval Latin word *Carne Levare* or Cessation of Meat. The term refers to the period preceding the beginning of Lent, a 40-day period of deprivations during which Roman Catholics abstained from eating meat, which was celebrated with balls, masquerades, bonfires and all kinds of excesses in food and fun.

Carnival origins may be rooted in the ancient *Saturnalia* festivities that Romans celebrated to honor the god Saturn in the hope of procuring plentiful harvests. Celebrations included feasting, gift giving, drunkenness, big meals and pranks. Masked parades of merrymaking young men and girls on board allegorical floats were also held through the streets of the cities. It was a time when masters and slaves exchanged roles. According to tradition, on the last night of the festival, Romans used to burn the effigy of the "King of the Saturnalia." It was a grotesque puppet that embodied the feast and after a time of glory was publicly burnt. Today, this practice is still performed in many coun-

tries. In Sciaccia, a puppet named *Peppi 'Nnappa* is burnt on the night of Mardi Gras. Sicilian clergyman Mario Ciaccio was the first historian to describe the Carnival of Sciaccia in 1890. But indeed the carnival has been celebrated since the 17th century.

At the beginning, Sciaccia's Carnival was mainly a celebration of country life with food and wine. Peasants, fishermen and herdsmen with painted faces and funny hats, played pranks and exchanged insults, played role reversals and made political satire. This was called *lu gabbu* (the mockery). Nobody was offended because that was what carnival was all about.

The grand finale for the celebrations was the burning of *lu Nannu*, (today named *Peppi 'Nnappa*) a straw dummy who represented the manifested spirit of carnival. Doing so, bad luck and sins were burned away, leaving the town pure and filled with hope for good things to come.

Today, the allegorical *carri* or floats are the actual features of the celebrations. Associations including amateur musicians, ceramists, costume designers, poets, craftsmen and decorators begin working on these majestic parading papier-mâché floats after the summer. At the end of every working day around midnight, everyone who is involved in building a float gathers for the *schiticchio* (to eat dinner together). This is an important social moment as it enhances group cohesion.

The *carri allegorici* (allegorical floats) depict political and social satire. Ballets and performances are held during the parades.

Float parades schedule

Here are some of the must-see Carnival events. Amazing parades of dazzling illuminated floats will leave from via dei Cappuccini located on the eastern side of the town on March 1 at 3 p.m.



From Feb. 21 through March 4, Sciaccia, a beautiful town in the Agrigento province, will host dazzling carnival celebrations. Spectacular floats, dances and performances and all kinds of revelry will entertain thousands of parade-goers mostly dressed in accurate costumes. Carnival is a joyful *fešta* or feast that you must see, hear, taste and live.

Other float parades will leave from via della Vittoria with the following schedule: March 2 at noon, and March 3 and 4 at 3 p.m.

Celebrations will come to a spectacular symbolic end on March 5 around 2 a.m. with the burning of the *Peppi 'Nnappa* puppet in piazza Scandaliato.

As this schedule is subject to last minute changes, call the following numbers to make sure the event would be held: Sciaccia City Hall 0925-

20477/8 or 0925-86219 and Sciaccia Tourist Office 0925-22744 or 0925-84121.

How to get there

Sciaccia is about two hours and half from Catania. It is fairly easy to reach. Exit Caltanissetta on the Catania-Palermo highway. Take the Agrigento-Caltanissetta national road. Once you get to Agrigento.

Take the Agrigento-Sciaccia.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
COMMUNITY CALENDAR					February	14 TSC Change of Charge 10 a.m. NAS II Gym Mineo Bee Bar Opens	15 Piano Battaglia Ski Trip 7:30 to 6 p.m. Adventures Unlimited 624-4271/3718
16 Horseback Riding 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. depart Take 5 624-5602	17 Washington's Birthday	18 Alcoholics Anonymous Every Tuesday 7 p.m. Community Building room 203	19 San Corrado Festival Call ITT 624-43	20 Indoc 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Indoc class room	21 African American History Month Knowledge Bowl Noon to 4 p.m. Jox 624-2913	22 DEFY Meeting 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Community Building 624-6880/4844	
23	24 CONSEP until Feb. 27 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Barracks Conference room 545B 624-4291	25 Resource Room Orientation 1:15 to 2 p.m. 624-4291	26 African American History Month Com- mand Observance 1-4 p.m. Golden Anchor 624-5924	27 Acireale City and Carnevale Call ITT 624-4396	28 Application Deadline For NavHosp Sigonella registered nurse 624-5723/3792	1 March Palazzolo Acride Call ITT 624-4396	
2 Acireale Carnevale Call ITT 624-4396	3 Intermural Soccer 5-on-5 Call 624-2710	4 Bellini Opera Tickets on sale Call ITT 624-4291	5 Tax Center Now Open Mon., Wed., Fri. 9 to 10:30 a.m. 1 to 4:30 p.m. 624-5884	6 E-6 Exam 6:45 a.m. Nas II Gym	7 No School	8	
9	10 Navy College New Hours Mon-Thur 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Fri 8:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.	11 Bike Maintance Shop Hours Mon-Fri 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	12 Rainbow Play Group 10 to 11 a.m. 205 Housing	13 E-5 Exam 6:45 a.m. NAS II Gym	14 Base ICR 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. ICR class room	15	

Scouts from front

years old or older; Wolf Cubs have completed second grade or are eight-years old; Bear Cubs have completed third grade or are nine-years old and Webelos have completed fourth grade or are 10-years old.

Cub Scouts participate in outdoor, creative, fitness, global and caring challenges. They also complete projects, earning badges and group awards.

Peter Guarno, a 10-year old Webelos 2, enjoys scouting "because of fun activities like sports and merit badges." Guarno said that boys who aren't in scouting are missing a good time. "We do fun stuff like skiing on Mt. Etna."

The next big event for the Cub Scouts of Pack 53 is the Pinewood Derby in March. "The boys have a wooden race car kit they whittle into their derby car, then they race," said Rhodes.

Pack 53 has an active recruiting program. "We need leadership," said Rhodes. The Cub Scouts are looking for a new cubmaster, a secretary and a Webelos den leader. Any adult



Webelo Max Passen of Cub Scout Pack 53 lights the "Courage" candle in the Seven Virtues of Life ceremony during the Blue and Gold Banquet Feb. 8. Signonella Cub Scouts celebrated the birthday of scouting with dinner, skits and awards.

Photo by JOI Craig Coleman

who wants to help is welcome. "You don't have to have experience because we'll teach you," said Rhodes. "We'll bring in volunteers at any level"

To find out more about Cub Scout Pack 53 or to volunteer call 624-0223.



Audience members applaud one of the skits during Cub Scout Pack 53's Blue and Gold Banquet Feb. 8. The evening also included dinner and an award presentations to the pack's 60 members.

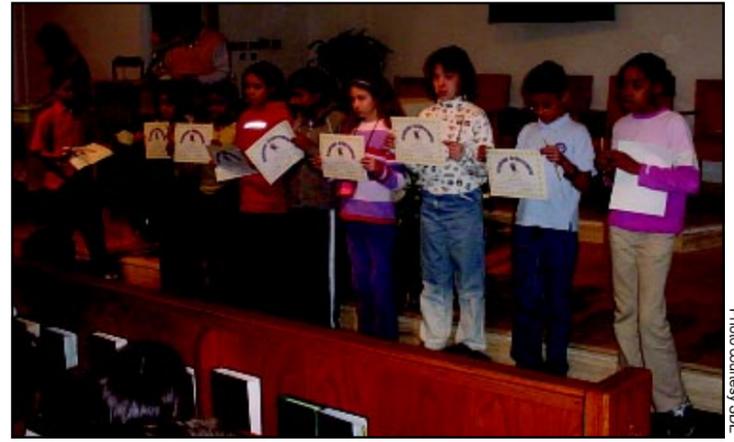
Photo by JOI Craig Coleman

SDE Honor Rolls recognize 4th and 5th graders

Stephen Decatur Elementary Honor Roll students in grades fourth and fifth were honored February 6. These 138 students were joined by their classmates, teachers, parents, principal and school counselor in celebrating their accomplishment of earning first semester Honor Roll by maintaining a 3.0 average. The event was held in the base chapel.

The secondary school's ROTC presented the national colors under the instruction of Anel Montero. Dr. Austin, Principal, shared a message of encouragement for the students and gratitude to parents for providing support. Ms. Evans, School Counselor, read a poem with the theme of overcoming life's challenges. Teachers Francie Hammond, Marie Burns, Maria Nania, Susan McCarthy, Robert Brickley, Joyce Brickley,

Barb Sallee and Joe Zyskowski shared words of thanks to the children and presented them with Honor Roll certificates. Dr. Austin and Ms. Evans presented the children with Honor Roll coins and pencils. The coins were purchased through the generosity of the PTSA.



Stephen Decatur Elementary fourth and fifth grade honor roll students hold up their certificates at their recent celebration of their accomplishments.

Photo courtesy SDE

Calling all talent!

The All Officers' Spouses Club is sponsoring a Spring Talent Showcase to benefit the Stephen Decatur Scholarship Fund. Auditions, which are open to all members of the Signonella community over the age of 16, are scheduled for the last weekend of February and the performance is slated for Saturday April 19. We are looking for a variety of acts including but not limited to comedy acts, musicians, dancers, and singers. Individual performers as well as group acts are needed. If you are interested in participating in this unique showcase please prepare an audition piece no more than 5 to 8 minutes long. Auditions will be held on the following dates: Friday Feb. 28, from 1800-2100 in room 202 of the NAS I community building; Saturday March 1, from 1000-1300 in room 202 of the NAS I community building and from 1400-1700 in Mineo (location to be announced); and Sunday March 2, from 1300-1600 in the ACC waiting room of the Hospital. If you have questions or would like to schedule a specific audition time please contact Karen Iverson at 095-307-067 or at kandkiverson@hotmail.com. Walk-ins also welcome.

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Shout

DoDDs students talk about what's happening in the community

Homework tips for parents

The new semester is now underway and kids should be back into the swing of their "job" – School, Learning, and Homework. Below are some ideas that may make homework time easier for your child...and you.

A Place to Work

Find the right place. In some families, having a central location, where all children in the family do their homework works best. This may be the dining room or kitchen table. In other families, each child has her own study place, usually at a desk in the bedroom. What works best depends on you, your child, and your home. Some kids do better under the watchful eye of a parent; others who are able to focus and are more self-motivated may work better in their bedrooms. Some kids like to work with the music playing (and this helps them focus), while others are distracted by this kind of background noise. Think about possible distractions (a nearby television, the telephone, etc.) when planning your child's workspace. You may conduct "experiments" with your child to determine what setting works best under what circumstances. Try several options for a week each and see how your child does (rate the quality of the homework completed, the time it took to finish, and the child's behaviors).

Gather necessary materials

A plastic bin or container could be used to "dump" school things in as soon as a child gets home. This will help avoid last minute frantic searches for permission slips, library books, messages from the principal, notices of meetings, etc.

Children can waste a lot of time tracking down things like pencils, paper, rulers, etc. when beginning their homework. To avoid this, stock your child's study area or a certain drawer in the kitchen with these materials and other useful items, such as a dictionary, highlighters, pens, scissors, glue, tape, colored pencils, stapler and staples, etc.

It may also be helpful to have subject folders to keep track of necessary papers, such as long-term assignment directions, tests and homework that have been passed back (to help in studying for the next test), etc. But don't use these folders for storing homework, since your child may forget to take it to school. Completed homework should always be placed in the child's backpack as soon as it is finished to ensure it gets to school.

Organizing Homework/Setting Priorities

Every year supply your child with his own calendar. Let him pick it out based on his interests. Once a week (Sunday or Monday afternoon may be good), sit down with him and fill out (or review) his weekly homework/activity calendar. List and prioritize assignments including long-term assignments or tests later in the week. Estimate how much time that it will take to complete the work. Include other activities and appointments that your child must consider, such as sport events, doctors' appointments, chores, family events, etc.

Getting Started

A homework session should begin by reviewing assignments. It's usually best to begin and end with assignments a child considers "easy", sandwiching more difficult assignments in between. For many kids, just getting started on homework is daunting. Some suggestions for handling this problem are:

Talk with your child about her assignments before beginning. This is particularly important for written language assignments or more open-ended tasks. Children often need to be "primed" or activated for their best efforts to come out. This is particularly true for youngsters who may have difficulties with verbal fluency or word retrieval. Orient your child to her assignment; walk her through the first one or two problems or items to make sure she understands what she's supposed to do.

Have the child specify exactly when she will begin her homework and then reward her for getting to work within five minutes of the time she has specified.

Sit with your child for the first five or ten minutes to make sure she gets off to a good start.

Build in a short break relatively quickly, if getting started is a problem. Also keep in mind that it's usually better to plan for a longer homework session with frequent breaks than to try to cram homework into a 45 minute non-stop session. You can use a kitchen timer to keep breaks to a reasonable length (e.g., 5-10 minutes). Breaks might be used to get a snack, play a few minutes of a computer game, or to shoot baskets or do some other form of exercise. Breaks should be scheduled when tasks get accomplished rather than after a set period of time.



Fri., Feb. 14

Happy Valentine's Day from the PAO Staff

Stop by **Take 5** and join in with the **Love Scavenger Hunt**. Be there at noon for some fun, games and prizes. Or create **candy heart messages** for your sweetheart from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Let ITT provide transportation to a **romantic restaurant** for your dinner with your valentine.

Catania shopping by night with ITT

Sat., Feb. 15

Go with AU on a **ski trip** to Piano Battaglia. Visit **Palermo**, Sicily's capital, and their famous catacombs, with ITT. Don't forget to bring your camera.

Explore **Paradise Valley** where almond trees have grown for centuries. Then visit the **medieval town of Naro** with ITT, where you can shop for some typical Sicilian cookies or enjoy a multi-course lunch at a restaurant.

Sun., Feb. 16

Go with AU on a **ski trip** to Piano Battaglia. Enjoy an afternoon of **horseback riding on Mt. Etna**. Pack a lunch and dress warm, just don't forget to pay Liberty first!

Shop for Olive oil while touring the **Olive Oil Museum** and town nestled between the **Iblei Mountains**. Stop by ITT for more information.

Mon., Feb. 17

Washington's Birthday
Go with AU on a **ski trip** to Piano Battaglia.

Check out the city of **Carrubo** and **taste wine** with ITT in the Torrevecchia Winery. After wine tasting relax and eat lunch at an agrituristic farm.

Tues., Feb. 18

Take the **Presidential Trivia challenge** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Take 5.

There will be **arts and crafts** at Blast from 3 to 4 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 19

Admire the **baroque architecture** of **San Corrado** and watch the festival for the town's patron saint. Call ITT.

Thurs., Feb. 5

Photo Safari meeting at the Golden Anchor from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Prepare for photo excursions with Photo Safari.

Teens not forget to there will be fun and crafts at the Teen Center from 3 to 6 p.m.

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

TRIVIA

Name the only person to win third place while competing in a look alike contest of himself.

Who was the first Star Search spokes model?

Napoleon III suffered from ailurophobia, what was he afraid of?

What is the longest one syllable word in the English language?

Sesame Street's Bert and Ernie were named from two characters of what film?

(Answers on page 8)

Movie Connection

MWR's Theater Schedule

Friday, Feb. 14

5:30 p.m.

Two Weeks Notice (PG-13) **

8 p.m.

Maid in Manhattan (PG-13)

10 p.m.

Star Trek: Nemesis (PG-13)

Saturday, Feb. 15

11 a.m.

Wild Thornberrys (PG) **

2 p.m.

The Hot Chick (PG-13)

4:30 p.m.

Star Trek: Nemesis (PG-13)

7 p.m.

The Recruit (PG-13) **

9:30 p.m.

Empire (R)

Sunday, Feb. 16

1 p.m.

Wild Thornberrys (PG)

3:30 p.m.

Maid in Manhattan (PG-13)

6 p.m.

Drumline (PG-13)

Monday, Feb. 17

3:30 p.m.

Star Trek: Nemesis (PG-13)

6 p.m.

The Recruit (PG-13)

Tuesday, Feb. 18

5:30 p.m.

The Hot Chick (PG-13)

8 p.m.

Analyze That (R) *

Wednesday, Feb. 19

5:30 p.m.

Empire (R) *

8 p.m.

Die Another Day (PG-13)

Thursday, Feb. 20

5:30 p.m.

8 Crazy Nights (PG-13) *

8 p.m.

Star Trek: Nemesis (PG-13)

Friday, Feb. 21

1 p.m.

Lord of the Rings: Two Towers (PG-13)

5:30 p.m.

Drumline (PG-13)

8 p.m.

Shanghai Knights (PG-13) **

This Week on...

Sun. Feb 16- NASCAR: Daytona 500

AFN Atlantic 6:00 PM

Mon. Feb 17- Houston Medical (Series Premiere)

AFN Atlantic 9:30 PM

Tue. Feb 18- Moma Flora's Family (Part I)

AFN Atlantic 8:00 PM

Wed. Feb 19- Moma Flora's Family (Part II)

AFN Atlantic 8:00 PM

Thu. Feb 20- Men's Coll. Bball Duke vs. UMD

AFN Sports 3:00 PM

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AFNer of the Quarter

By JO2 Denise Alford

Behind the scenes at AFN Sigonella there is more to TV news and Radio DJ-ing than the public may be aware of. The hard work of the AFN Journalists is not unnoticed by everyone, particularly for JO2(SW) Patrick Reilly who was recently selected as AFNer of the Quarter.

Reilly reported to AFN Sigonella in February 2002 and has filled a number of shoes in his year at the detachment. On a daily basis he is responsible for managing a database of nearly 40,000 songs. He also schedules six hours of radio program on a daily basis, among a variety of collateral duties such as feature stories, and LAN administration duties.

"I like doing my job and it's nice to be recognized for it but I don't think about awards when it comes to working," said Reilly.

Reilly was selected from a pool of Journalists and Broadcasters throughout the AFN South Theater that includes Naples, La Maddalena, Livorno and Vicenza. LTC Derik W. Crotts, AFN South Commander, presented



JO2(SW) Patrick Reilly, AFNer of the Quarter does a live radio show from the commissary.

Reilly with the award during a recent visit to Sigonella.

"His efforts in radio have enabled us to accomplish projects that we were not previously able to," said Journalist Senior Chief (SW/AW) Tom Updike, AFN Sigonella Officer in Charge.

AFN Journalists also compete for AFNer of the year awards on junior and senior levels. LTC Crotts and Journalist Master Chief (SW/AW) George Markfelder, Senior Enlisted Advisor AFN South select award winners.

Tax Center from front



CE2 Fredrick Simpson, a volunteer at the tax center helps ABH3(AW) Edward and Evelyn Montesino file their taxes.

Revenue Service trains volunteers in a weeklong course. "The IRS is very supportive of the program and committed to training people," said Eichenmuller. She added, "This is the best turnout of volunteers we've ever had, and I expect that we're probably going to file more returns this year than we ever have."

Now in its seventh year as part of the Navy, the VITA program is catching on more and more. "It's a pretty popular program in the military community," said Tercero. He said before the center opened this year, clients were already inquiring about returns and opening

times for the office.

The VITA office is here to serve Sailors. "I encourage sailors to utilize the system, it's here for them," said Bitar. "Don't pass up this opportunity to take care of your taxes."

The deadline for filing taxes while overseas is June 15 due to an automatic extension. However, don't wait until the deadline to find out if your getting a refund or if you have to pay because the deadline for paying taxes is Apr. 15.

Visit www.irs.ustreas.gov/index.html for information on filing your federal taxes.

The Tax Center is located in Building 471, behind the Staff Judge Advocates Office. Satellite sites are available, check with your tenant command or department for locations. Call 624-5884 for appointments and more information. The office is open for appointments Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday appointment hours are 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Walk-in hours to file the 1040EZ are Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

New C.A.T. scanner offers a closer look

By JO1 Craig Coleman
Signature Staff

The old saying goes, "It's what's inside that counts." Radiologists and x-ray technologists at Naval Hospital Sigonella have a new way to view what's inside their patients — a new C.T. scan. The new C.T. scan, sometimes called a C.A.T. (Computerized Axial Tomography) scan, cost nearly \$750,000.

The technology will allow Sigonella doctors to diagnose injuries or other problems that cannot be seen by other x-ray technologies. Head scans are used because conventional x-rays cant show brain structures, but a C.T. scan can search for tumors, blood clots, enlarged ventricles and other disorders. Because C.T. scans can distinguish between bones and different types of tissues, fat and gas, they can be used to scan the body for disorder including enlarged lymph nodes, pancreatic disease, back problems and lung cancer. "With a C.T. scan you can see each blood vessel in the lungs," said Lt. Cmdr. Timothy Gormley, Naval Hospital Sigonella Radiologist. "If there is any infection, we'll see it."

A.C.T. scan generates images by using a rotating e-ray tube that spins around the body part being scanned, producing a cross section view in a receptor. A computer analyzes the image and calculates which parts are bone, fat or tissue. "With (Sigonella's C.T. scan) you can see each blood vessel with the same fidelity as we can see with our eyes.," said Gormley.



Hospital staff stand in front of the new C.T. scanner at the grand opening.

"Many private hospitals would be jealous of our scanner.

According to Gormley, The hospital's physicians asked for the replacement of the previous scanner. "The request for the new scanner was (health care) provider-driven," he said. "We had an old scanner that didn't give us the imaging we needed." The new C.T. scan is integrated into the radiology department's digital system and, if needed, images may be sent to specialists throughout the Navy and beyond, according to Gormley. The hospital's Medical Logistics Department was credited with acquiring this piece of high-tech technology. Lt. Cmdr. Hyung Jackson helped get the scanner to Sigonella and

installed on time and under budget.

Six x-ray technologists operate the equipment, acting as consultants to physicians who need to take a closer look at different parts of the body. According to Gormley, the services of these technologists are so in demand that they are on-call more often than some physicians.

Capt. Denny Garner U.S. Naval Hospital Sigonella Commanding Officer, was present when the new system was unveiled. "This is a big day us," said Capt. Garner. "It is an installment of the continuous improvement and upgrade of our facility." The hospital also plans upgrades in the pathology department and digital radiology this year.

Take a chance, win a Harley

By Gerri Young, DeCA Europe
Public Affairs Officer

The Frito Lay Company, in conjunction with Defense Commissary Agency, Europe, is sponsoring a Single Soldier Salute during the month of February by offering customers in Europe a chance to win one of five Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

While the giveaway cannot be limited

to just single soldiers, the Frito Lay folks are hoping to attract single soldiers into the commissary in their effort to win one of the 883 Sportsters now on display in commissaries at Hanau, Ramstein, Vogelweh, Würzburg and Heidelberg through Feb. 28.

The 883 Sportsters are black, 2003 "100th Anniversary" editions valued at \$8,000 each. Second place offering in the

drawings are 10 Harley-Davidson leather jackets.

Separate drawings will be held in the five DeCA Europe zones: Ramstein, Bamberg, Wiesbaden, United Kingdom and Mediterranean.

One motorcycle and two leather jackets will be awarded in each zone, drawn from the entry blanks submitted within that zone.

SPORTS

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Jaguars come out on top in battle of the big cats

By JOSN Stephen Weaver
Signature Staff

Stephen Decatur's Jaguars men's high school basketball team defeated the Naples Wildcats 76-59 Saturday to win the American Schools Italy League Mediterranean Championship held in the city gym of Aviano.

The win gave the Jaguars their first-ever ASIL championship, bringing their record to 17-1 this season.

The Wildcats jumped out to an 8-2 lead early in the first quarter. The Jaguars clawed their way back quickly to tie the game at 10 later in the quarter. After tying the game, the Jags took the lead and never looked back. The game ended with the Jaguars largest lead of the game.

Leading the way for the Jaguars was forward Roderick Perkins with 35 points and 20 rebounds. Forward Terrance Young added 18 points and 10 rebounds. Defensively, guard Jose Peralta pick-pocketed the Wildcats for 8 steals. Mike Sawyer led all Wildcats scorers with 20 points.

The win brought satisfaction to the team, whose record was blemished by a controversial loss to the same Wildcats team in Naples earlier in the season. "Actually, we didn't lose the game. The referees cost us the game," said MS2 Rico A. Robinson, coach of the Jaguars for the past three years. He said some of the Naples fans shared the same sentiment. "Half of their fans came to us and apologized for how the refs called the game."

The players turned the frustration of losing that game



into motivation to beat Naples later in the season. "The tournament would be their stage to showcase what would have happened if the referees would have called the game fair," Robinson said.

The game stuck in the player's minds and spurred them on through the season. "They said whenever we meet those guys on a neutral court, they'd show them what the score could have, and should have been," said Robinson.

Naples gave the team a little extra incentive by doing a bit of boasting before the game. "The night we flew in, they made it personal by coming to our room to explain how they were going to beat us. All my guys did was close the door," Robinson said.

They also closed the door on a great season. The Jaguars' 17 wins were all by a margin of 25 points or more. The teams

from Incirlik and Milan fell to the Jags by 40 points. One of the highlights of the season for the team was finally defeating the team from Aviano. "Beating Aviano for the first time was a highlight, and was one of our many goals," Robinson said. They not only beat the defending champions from Aviano once, but three times.

Robinson had no doubts the team would perform and come out on top this year. "This year coming in, I knew we could do the job. We were actually shooting for an undefeated season."

It doesn't end here for the team. They will soon move on to compete in the 10-team European Championships, scheduled to take place from Feb. 20 to Feb. 22. The tournament, comprising DODDS teams from all over Europe, will be held in Baumholder, Germany.

The coach expects the team to perform well in the upcoming tournament. "These guys are well disciplined. If we can go out there with the same intensity as we went out with last weekend, we should fair well," said Robinson.

Though Robinson is transferring in March, and will not coach next season, he is confident they can do well next season. He gave the team a blueprint of how they need to progress during the summer. "I think if they follow that, then they can repeat next year," he said.

"I'm really proud of them, and to have done this for three years and actually have a title on my way out," Robinson said.

Members of the NFL Experience the Navy

By JO2 Lily Tuinei,
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NAVAL STATION SAN DIEGO, Calif. (NNS) — Switching from their green playing fields to the haze gray decks of a Navy amphibious assault ship, 11 National Football League (NFL) players toured USS Peleliu (LHA 5) recently at Naval Station San Diego.

The players received detailed briefings of the

ship's damage control equipment, crash and salvage equipment, medical department and loading dock.

"It was interesting giving an NFL player, someone so prestigious, an explanation of our equipment," said Damage Controlman 3rd Class Brandon Brandt.

The feelings of interest between players and crew were mutual.

"I have brothers in the

Marines and the Air Force, and I've only seen pictures of the things they do," said Kevin Barry, an offensive tackle for the Green Bay Packers. "This is my first time being on a ship and seeing what it's like."

The players took the opportunity to ask Sailors additional questions about their jobs and the effects the military has on their lives.

"Last week, I saw

seven ships leave from San Diego for Iraq. It was sad to see all the families crying," said Will Demps, a safety for the Baltimore Ravens. "Being here and seeing everything firsthand makes me appreciate what the military does."

The tour finished with an autograph signing at the crew's mess deck.

"I've played football since I was four years old. It's exciting to see the NFL players," said Navy

Counselor 1st Class (SW) Benny Juarez.

The players, visiting San Diego in support of Super Bowl XXXVII, share the similarities of teamwork and dedication with the Sailors.

"I have total respect for what the military does," said Earl Little, a free safety for the Cleveland Browns. "The war I play on Sundays is nothing compared to the life and death situations the

military goes through every day."

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The Lane Intramural 5-0n-5 Soccer

Coaches meeting on Feb. 24 at 4 p.m. at the NAS II Gym. Rosters are due at the meeting. The season begins Monday March 3. Awards for regular and post season. Captain's Cup event.

First Sigonella half marathon

Start training for Sigonella's 1st half marathon. For information contact the fitness centers.

African American Month 5k Fun Run

Come out and celebrate African American History Month Feb. 22, running from TSC to Comsta and back. Registration begins at 8 a.m. across from TSC on NAS II. The Run will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Shake Your Shamrock Invitational Softball Tournament

March 14 - March 16. Support your men and women's varsity team as they take on challengers from all over Europe! \$200 entry fee for all other teams. Enjoy the festival and watch some competitive softball over St. Patrick's Day Weekend.

Q & A

Who was the first Major League Baseball manager to win four World Series?

Walter Alston, managed the Dodgers from 1954-1972 led his team to the title in 1954, 1955, 1959 and 1963 to become the first manager to win four World Series.

Trivia Answers

- 1) Charlie Chaplin
- 2) Sharon Stone 3) Cats
- 4) Screached
- 5) It's a Wonderful Life