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The majority of today's new Sailors join the Navy for two things: money for college and the chance to do things they've never done. The latter tends to be an area where the maturity, integrity and professionalism of young Sailors are tested as they are exposed to increased responsibilities and new freedoms.

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Helping NASSIG compute

Computer help desk people keeps computers up and running



The N6 Help Desk, located in the Base Communication Office (BCO), helps Naval Air Station Sigonella with problems relating to computers and other issues.

Story and photos by JO3 Steve Weaver
Staff Writer

Your working on your computer here at Naval Air Station Sigonella and everything is going well. This is until your mouse stops mousing, your hard drive becomes like a soft drink and your network connection isn't networking anywhere. Who are you going to call? Ghostbusters?

The problems aren't due to a slimy green ghost who eat everything in sight, hopefully, so you're going to call one of the professionals in Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station's (NAVCOMTELSTA) N6 division.

When you've gathered your bearings to call 115, you tell the person on the other line the problems possessing your computer. "When you dial, it has a menu of options you can choose from," said IT2 (SW) John Couillard, BCO supervisor. "When anybody calls, they're going to reach here eventually and when they do the people at the help desk are

responsible for then placing the trouble call, getting all the information and knowing where it needs to go."

Your trouble call will be entered into a system called Help Desk Advance (HDA), which generates trouble call number and enters in the problems. The new system has information on most of the personnel on base and can keep track of the status of the problems. "It's very new, we got it online about three months ago," said IT1 Miguel Briseno, N6 leading petty officer.

The system can update the customer about the status of the trouble call if so required. "We can send the person who places the trouble call an email saying the trouble call got placed," said Briseno, "and if there's any updates to that trouble call it will automatically send them something."

The help desk can also try to resolve problems via a virtual network connection

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Change is underway in Navy Region Europe

From CNRE Public Affairs

The Navy is changing the way it does business ashore.

Think leaner. Think thin. The Navy is trimming excess wherever it can.

For installations within Commander, Navy Region Europe (CNRE), that means changes in services, both visible and behind the scenes, and changes in the workforce down the road, all with the goal of providing the most effective and efficient organization in support of the Navy's mission.

Rear Adm. Christopher Weaver, Commander, Navy Installations (CNI) Command, recently said, "Anything more than you actually need to directly support mission output, to me, represents money tied up that could be used for something else - the recapitalization of the fleet, parts, improved services, and so forth...It's all about intelligent

consumption."

All regions worldwide, including CNRE, are currently prioritizing and shaping resources to best serve the customer - in this case, the fleet.

"We're always going to be looking for ways to do things better and if we're doing our jobs right, we're getting rid of redundancy, streamlining our processes, and adopting a smarter, better way of conducting business," said Capt. Brendan Gray, Deputy Commander, CNRE.

The Navy's goal ashore is to operate more like a business, with many factors influencing the decisions that need to be made regarding changes in services and how the CNRE workforce of the future should be structured.

Factors include cost of labor, cost of goods and services, contracts and currency exchange

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Base budget requires belt tightening

By JO1 Craig Coleman
Staff Writer

"We only have a finite amount of base operating funds and our funding is getting tighter with each passing week," said NAS Sigonella Commanding Officer T.L. Davison.

Davison made the comment in response to a caller's question on Feedback, the American Forces Network (AFN) bi-weekly call-in show May 5.

The caller asked if shuttle bus service to and from Mineo housing could be reestablished. Davison said that a study conducted by Public Works revealed that the cost of the shuttle service from the various housing areas was prohibitive. For instance, the cost over one year for a rider from Mineo was nearly \$10,000.

"We could almost buy all of those riders a car with the money spent on bus service," Davison said. He recommended carpooling as an effective alternative to the housing-to-base buses. "We are exploring the possibility of HOV (High Occupancy Vehicle) parking spots for vehicles with four or more passengers."



Base to base shuttle continues, though housing routes ended.

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Direct Line

Capt. T.L. Davison
NASSIG
Commanding Officer

Last week on the AFN's Feedback talk show, I answered a question about the Government Home-to-Work bus program. The program was stopped last year for extremely low service-member ridership and costs. For example, a bus rider from Mineo costs the base about \$10,640, from Gravina it costs \$6,930, and from Paterno it costs \$8,150 per rider per year. That's per rider per year...which all adds up. From the Mineo Housing area, we had on average 3.9 military/16.0 dependents riding both in the morning and evening hours. Which in my opinion was extremely low for the program. So, I made the decision to save the base money and eliminate the program.

Saving money and resources is paramount these days. With the establishment of Chief of Navy Installations (CNI) Command, the Navy now has one single command that provides consistent effective and efficient shore installation services and support, and the Commander, Navy Region Europe is one element of this organization through which our funding now comes. Through the Capability Based Budgeting process, our departments will get their money based on the services they provide. It is all resource and service dependent.

The Navy's goal ashore is to operate more like a business, with many factors influencing the decisions that need to be made regarding changes in services and how the CNRE workforce of the future should be structured. Factors include cost of labor; cost of goods and services, contracts and currency exchange rates, along with investing for future readiness and the Navy-wide need to support the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) in recapitalizing the Navy.

With the goal of becoming more efficient and effective, the Navy in Europe intends to reduce U.S. military billets, U.S. civilian billets, and local national civilian billets that are found to be no longer necessary as we refine how we do business. We intend to do this in a way as to minimize any adverse impact on our workforce. However, in the next several years, military and civilian employment opportunities across Navy Europe will decrease as the workforce is reshaped. In some cases, U.S. military and civilians will not be extended on their tours in Europe, and it is possible that some will not be offered continued service with the Department of Defense. Some of our Italian civilian positions will be eliminated.

Change is not easy. We must all do our part in saving money and resources and ensuring that every penny is spent wisely. We have to change in order to meet the needs of the Fleet. It's important for you to know that the quality of services for our people and their families is very important to our leaders, and myself and we will do our best to ensure that we are focusing our efforts and resources in sustaining those areas that have the greatest impact on you.

We are all part of the NAS Sigonella team...thank you for your help.

HEALTHWATCH

Sports and activities physical exam day

It's time for the annual sports physical and activities exam day, brought to you by the Naval Hospital Sigonella and DODDS. This exam day is for the next school year requirements and will be held in the Stephen Decatur School multipurpose room on Friday, May 21 from 8 a.m. to noon.

In addition, there will be a Mini Health Fair, sponsored by Health Promotions, in conjunction with the Sports Physical Day so the times will be the same, 8 a.m. to noon on the May 21 in the MPR of Stephen Decatur School. There will be two tables with one dedicated to high school students and the other to middle school students. There will be a table dedicated to nutrition education at the Mini Health Fair. Health Promotions will also be participating in the school carnival on the same day from 4 to 6 p.m. pending approval from the PTO.

Who needs a physical?
Any high school student who plans on playing a sport anytime during the school year needs a sports physical. Students need a new physical every year.

An individual who belongs to an organization that requires a physical exam prior to the participation of activities is required to complete a Sports and Physical Activities Exam.

Sports teams not affiliated with the Stephen Decatur School such as Boys Scouts, Girl Scouts, Swimming, Soccer, Softball, etc...

Individuals needing physicals for Italian schools and College admission.

Why do I need a physical?
Physical examination is an important screening tool. They help health care providers identify students with health problems that may put them at risk for injuries or illness. They help students gain an awareness of important health issues for athletes. Also, students may not participate in sports (even in practice) or any physical activity without having a physical examination.

What do I need to do?
Please pick up a form and fill out as completely and honestly as possible before coming to sports physical and activities exam day. It is important that parents assist students with the questions about past medical and family history. This helps us identify students who may need further evaluation before participating in sports or other physical activities.

Forms will be available at the Acute Care (ACC) Front Desk, Pediatric Clinic, Teen Center, and High School Office. Do not forget to bring the completed forms to the MPR Room on Sports Physical and Activities Exam Day. Please bring special forms required by the school or organization on this day.

What should I wear?
All students should wear shorts and comfortable shoes. Females should wear a sports bra. This is to make the exams easier and more comfortable for you!

Entitlements
Immunizations, Health Promotions, and Sports / Health Nutrition Guidance
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SECURITY ALERT

CRIMESTOPPER'S HOTLINE
624-6389
May 3 — May 9

The following incidents were reported and categorized as follows:

- Traffic accidents without injuries - 12
- Traffic accident with injuries - 3
- Car break-ins - 9
- DUJ - 0
- DUJ's 2004 - 8
- DUJ's 2003 - 58

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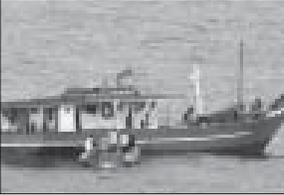
NJP Results

E4: Violation of the UCMJ, Art. 134 (Drunkenness, disorderly conduct.)
Awarded restriction to the limits of U.S. Naval Air Station Sigonella (NAS II) for 45 days (suspended 30 days for 6 months); extra duties for 45 days (suspended 30 days for 6 months); forfeiture of \$819.00 pay per month for 2 months (suspended for 6 months); reduction to next inferior pay grade (suspended for 6 months).

E3: Violation of the UCMJ, Art. 86 (Unauthorized Absence) and Art. 92 (Failure to obey a lawful order.)
Awarded restriction to the limits of U.S. Naval Air Station Sigonella (NAS II) for 45 days and reduction to next inferior pay grade (suspended for 6 months).

E1: Violation of the UCMJ, Art. 86 (Unauthorized absence) and Art. 134 (Drunkenness—incapacitation for performance of duties through prior wrongful indulgence in intoxicating liquor.)
Restriction to the limits of U.S. Naval Air Station Sigonella (NAS II) for 30 days (suspend 15 days for 6 months); extra duties for 30 days (suspend 15 days for 6 months); reduction to next inferior pay grade (suspended for 6 months).

USS Chancellorsville assists stranded fishermen



Crewmembers from USS Chancellorsville (CG 62) approach the stranded Indonesian fishing vessel Adem Laut to provide humanitarian assistance.

From USS Chancellorsville Public Affairs

ABOARD USS CHANCELLORSVILLE (NNS)—USS Chancellorsville (CG 62) provided humanitarian assistance to an Indonesian fishing vessel May 4 in the Molucca Sea. Chancellorsville received a call over bridge-to-bridge radio from the motor vessel (MV) Stanley on behalf of an Indonesian fishing vessel, Adem Laut, that was in need of assistance. MV Stanley was unable to assist. Chancellorsville quickly arrived on scene, and provided supplies and repair assistance to the Indonesian fishing vessel.

Chancellorsville's Officer of the Deck, Lt. Dave Grattan, ordered the ship's rigid hull inflatable boat (RHIB) lowered to the water and dispatched. The boat crew circled Adem Laut and investigated the situation. The vessel had been adrift for a week but still had stocks of food and fresh water. The 14 crew members were all in good health. Chancellorsville provided rice, rice and sugar to the crew.

Chancellorsville dispatched engineers to repair the engine on the fishing boat. Two engineers, Chief Machinery Repairman (SW) Zoilo DeArce and Engineman 1st Class (SW) Arnold Olea, attempted to repair Adem Laut's engine, but the damage was so extensive that repairs could not be completed at sea.

Chancellorsville contacted the U.S. Defense Attaché Office in Jakarta, Indonesia, to provide the details of the situation and request Indonesian naval support. The Indonesian navy would be able to provide assistance the following day, but Chancellorsville would have to

tow the vessel until additional help arrived. Boatswain's mates, under the direction of Ensign Shichito Riodique, swiftly rigged a towing hawser on Chancellorsville's fantail. Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class (SW) Ronnie McKennon quickly secured the towing hawser on the bow of the fishing vessel so it could be towed safely. The next morning, the Indonesian naval patrol boat, Kri Batola, arrived to provide further assistance. Chancellorsville transferred responsibility for the disabled vessel to the Indonesian navy and immediately returned to the USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) Strike Group, operating in the vicinity.

"This is an example of the goodwill and professionalism of the USS Chancellorsville team," commented Ensign Shane M. Fox. "We did our part to ensure the safety of these fishermen, and we are proud of our crew for the timely and highly professional manner in which they dealt with this call for assistance."

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 41*
- Stormo Chapel (NAS II)
- Sunday 11 a.m. Community Center (Mineo)

Protestant Traditional Service
Sunday 11 a.m. Fellowship Hall (NAS I)

Protestant Worship
Sunday 9 a.m. Community Center (Mineo)
Sunday 10:45 a.m. Chapel (NAS I)

United Pentecostal Church, International
Sunday Noon Chapel, (NAS II)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Sunday 1 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

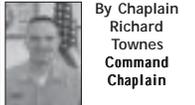
Church of Christ
Sunday 3:30 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Jewish Shabbat Service
Last Friday of the month 5 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Muslim Jumuah
Friday 12:30 p.m. Chapel (NAS I) Classroom

Weekdays
Catholic Mass 4:30 p.m. Monday & Tuesday 11:30 a.m. Thursday & Friday (NAS I)
Monday thru Thursday at 11:30 a.m. (NAS II)
Wednesday Protestant Bible Study 4:45 p.m. (NAS II Chapel) 5 p.m. (NAS I Chapel)
For more details, call 624-4295 or 624-9049.

Flames of Passion



By Chaplain Richard Townes Command Chaplain

I've recently been given the opportunity to conduct the NAS Sigonella Marriage Preparation class. I'm really excited about the challenge of helping young people get their marriages off on a good note. However, they can help themselves before setting foot in my class by avoiding casual sex and preserving their purity. To that end, I firmly believe that single people should resolve to strengthen themselves against lust and sexual passions by reading and meditating upon a psalm or some other portion of God's Word.

When the flames of passion come knocking and sexual arousal reaches unmanageable proportions you don't have to give in. Instead, go to a psalm or any other chapter or two in the Scriptures and read. After the flames die down, devote yourself to serious prayer. If your sexual appetite continually tempts you, be patient. Resist them as long as necessary, even if it takes a long time, but above all keep praying! If you feel that you can't stand it any longer, ask God to give you a devout spouse with whom you can live in harmony and true love.

I've known many people who, because of their crude and shameful fantasies, indulged their passions with unrestrained lusts. As a result of their insatiable desires, they abandoned self-

control and lapsed into terrible immorality. In the end, they had to endure dreadful consequences. Blinded to the realities of married life, some of them took unsuitable mates and ended up in incompatible relationships with unlimited heartache.

You must pray diligently and strive to resist the kind of desires that will cause you much grief, but don't think you're alone in the battle. Ask God to give you a good and faithful spouse such as Rebekah or Isaac rather than a Delilah or Samson, - or someone even worse. Finding a devoted and loyal wife or husband isn't a matter of good luck, nor is it the result of good judgment. Finding a devout spouse is a true gift from God.

Twenty-five years ago, God gave me such a gift, and though there have been many peaks and valleys along the way, I have to say that each year our marriage is better than the previous. Why? Because my dear, sweat bride and I keep our Lord at the very center of our marriage and we were patient before we got married. Looking back on those romantic times prior to our wedding day we see that self-control pays huge dividends now in terms of trust and fidelity.

My desire is that all married couples will have as happy of a life as my wife and I, but that long enduring happiness started the day we began to date. Make purity your priority and see if, twenty-five years from now, you don't agree with me. I'll be waiting to hear from you.

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Coalition maritime forces revise Iraqi oil terminal protection procedures

From Commander, Joint Forces Maritime Component Commander/Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander, U.S. 5th Fleet Public Affairs



A U.S. Marine stands security watch on the deck of the Al Basrah Oil Terminal (ABOT). U.S. Marines from the 1st Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team (FAST) Battalion, of Norfolk, Va., are providing extra security along with the Iraqi security teams after an attempted suicide attack on Iraqi oil terminals on April 25th.

MANAMA, Bahrain (NNS) — Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, U.S. 5th Fleet is taking further steps to increase security in and around the North Arabian Gulf oil terminals attacked April 24 by terrorists attempting to damage Iraqi infrastructure.

Two U.S. Navy Sailors and one Coast Guardsman were killed during the coordinated attacks against the Khawr Al Amaya (KAAOT) and Al Basrah (ABOT) oil terminals, located roughly 19 miles from Iraq's main port of Basrah. Thanks to their efforts, as well as the efforts of the Iraqi security forces stationed on the terminals, the terrorist attacks failed.

Despite the insurgents' failure, Navy and coalition officials decided it was in the best interest of all personnel to strengthen the security posture associated with protecting the terminals. Results of that review include modifying the zones around the terminals, revising procedures associated with maritime security operations and reinforcing security teams on the terminals.

Prior to the attacks, each terminal was surrounded by a two nautical mile (approximately 3,700 meters) security zone. Now, both terminals have two zones extending from the outer edge of the terminal structures — the 3,000-meter warning zone and the 2,000-meter exclusion zone. The new zones permit coalition vessels to protect and enforce security around the terminals, but at the same time allow ample time to warn and redirect legitimate traffic. If vessels ignore warnings, coalition forces will destroy suspect vessels before they are able to threaten the terminals. The new zones establish a reasonable security structure that can work in harmony with legitimate commerce inside Iraqi territorial waters, and still allow access to the vital ports in Southern Iraq.

"The zones around the terminals allow our coalition personnel to concentrate their efforts," said Capt. Kurt Tidd, commander of the coalition maritime security forces operating in the North Arabian Gulf, "but still give us enough time to communicate with, and if necessary, destroy hostile vessels before they can threaten the terminals."

The 3,000 meter warning zone allows vessels to traverse the zone en route to another destination without having to change course, or to proceed to the terminal, as in the case of a scheduled oil tanker. The 2,000 meter exclusion zone is for authorized vessels proceeding to the terminals only. All vessels in the area are required to contact coalition maritime forces in the area in order to identify themselves, state their intentions, and if necessary, request permission to enter the zones. If a vessel has not checked in, coalition maritime forces will actively seek to contact the unidentified vessel through all means available. If the vessel then enters the warning and/or exclusion zone without having made contact, coalition vessels will exercise a continuum of different responses that include disabling or even destroying the suspect vessel.

"Our goal is still the same - to protect the terminals at all costs given their vital importance to the future of the Iraqi people," Tidd said. We are continuing to train and work with the Iraqi security forces on the terminals; our aim is to protect the lives of the coalition and Iraqi people conducting maritime security operations in the area," Tidd added.

The Iraqi security forces on the terminals provide the last, vital layer of defense in protecting the terminals in case hostile vessels do manage to get past coalition maritime forces. Given the importance of the terminals to the future livelihood of the Iraqi people, they remain top targets for terrorists looking to discredit U.S. and coalition efforts to help the Iraqis. More importantly, destroying or even damaging the terminals could result in catastrophic environmental damage to Iraq's neighbors, especially Kuwait, Iran and Saudi Arabia. Therefore, the decision was made to enhance Iraqi security forces by deploying a reaction platoon of Marines from the Interim Marine Corps Security Force (IMCSF) company.

"The Marines of the IMCSF are working hand-in-hand with Iraqi security forces on the terminals to enhance the Iraqi forces already on board," said Marine Maj. Mike Thomas, IMCSF commanding officer. "They're specially trained in providing expeditionary force protection and security to vital naval assets, so they're well prepared to assist the Iraqis in protection of the terminals."

Both oil terminals - originally named Khor Al Abdullah and Mina Al Bakr - were secured by U.S. Navy SEALs (Sea, Air, Land) and Polish Special Forces during the opening hours of Operation Iraqi Freedom, March 2003. ABOT then reopened for business July 2003, and KAAOT opened February 28 of this year, and have since pumped more than 385 million barrels of oil to more than 235 tankers, resulting in more than U.S. \$10 billion in revenue for the Iraqi people.

First Iraqi Coastal Defense Forces Ships Delivered

By J02 Wes Eplon, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander, U.S. 5th Fleet Public Affairs

MANAMA, Bahrain (NNS) — Two patrol craft departed Bahrain April 30 en route to Umm Qasr, Iraq, where coalition forces will begin training the newly created Iraqi Coastal Defense Force (ICDF).

Patrol Craft 102 and 103 are two of five patrol crafts provided by the United States, and will be the first vessels belonging to the ICDF. The 27-meter long Chinese-made crafts were originally to be acquired by the Saddam Hussein regime in 2002 under the oil-for-food program, but were not allowed to enter the country due to their military capabilities.

The United States purchased the boats from the Chinese ship-builder, said Cmdr. Neil Hanson, maritime interception operations officer for Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/U.S. 5th Fleet. The purchase included an agreement to compensate the German company shipping the boats so that no one, including Iraq, incurred any financial damage, he added.

After spending nearly two years dry-docked in Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates, the boats finally sailed to Iraq. They were manned by Emirati-led coalition forces commanded by Royal Navy Capt. John Murphie, director of ICDF training.

A commanding officer, chief marine engineer, deputy marine engineer, coxswain and eight-man deck crew of British, American and Australian Sailors man each craft and will immediately begin at-sea training with their Iraqi counterparts upon arrival.

ICDF training officially began in January of this year with 214 volunteers attending a three-month boot camp. After completing boot camp and a brief period of leave, the ICDF sailors were transported to the newly constructed base in Umm Qasr, where they began technical training April 21.

"The aim of it all is to equip them and train them, so they can conduct policing operations in their watersways and out to their 12-mile limit, and conduct defense of their shoreline," said Royal Navy Lt. Des Hiron, spokesman for the ICDF training team.

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The Energy Block

Myth: Turning lights off for short periods of time costs more than leaving them on.
 The Myth was that turning on lights actually consumes more power from the start up than leaving them on for the 15 minutes or so that one is stepping away from the room. 20 years ago it was advised, because the ballasts at that time, not to turn them off. It was considered counter productive. With today's technologies, ballasts are using less electricity than before. Turning off no longer deteriorates the life of the ballast and tube.
 Myth: Securing my computer at the end of the day, rather than leaving it on, decreases the life expectancy of my computer.
 Again this was once believed, among many electronic technicians in the computer industry. It was considered by many to decrease the life of the power supply. In theory, when metal heats it expands and in expanding it eventually erodes the electrical connections of the components. Once again with advancements of technologies, and the improved power sources it is actually much more efficient and cost savings to turn systems off versus leaving on. With less expensive electronics and higher electrical rates, the pros certainly outweigh the cons.

Let's use, not abuse

Sexual Assault Victim Intervention

SAVI offers a Sexual Assault Hotline staffed with trained Advocates who man the SAVI Hotlines 24/7. The number is 335-642-8312 or 335-606-6146.

Navy SEAL Selected to Join the Stars

From Naval Special Warfare Group 2 Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va (NNS) — The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announced May 6 that Lt. Cmdr. Chris Cassidy, a Navy SEAL (Sea, Air, and Land) assigned to a locally based SEAL Team, was selected for NASA's Astronaut Program.

The announcement was made during a Space Day ceremony hosted at the National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Va.

Cassidy will join a diverse group of pilots, engineers and educators as "The Next Generation of Explorers." NASA's 2004 Astronaut Candidate Class. Cassidy has been selected to begin astronaut training this summer as a mission specialist at NASA's Johnson Space Center (JSC) in Houston.

"I always had an interest in astronauts," Cassidy said but it wasn't until he heard about another astronaut — Capt. Bill Shepherd, a Navy SEAL himself, that his imagination was stirred and realized that he too had the possibility of going into space.

"I followed Capt. Shepherd's career and was inspired by him to be an astronaut," Cassidy said. Shepherd, like Cassidy, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and served with Virginia Beach-based SEAL Teams and Special Boat Team 20. Shepherd was the commander of the first Space Station expedition.

Cassidy received the news of his selection to the astronaut program in late April, just days after returning from his second deployment in support of the global war on terrorism.

He was awarded the Bronze Star after his first deployment for his efforts in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom, as his platoon was sent forward shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and at the Pentagon.

As he begins making preparations to start a new career, Cassidy said he feels honored to have had the opportunity to serve as a SEAL and alongside some of the best warriors in the world. "I am going to miss the camaraderie that exists within the SEAL community. I will miss serving with these guys," he said.

Moving from an elite Special Forces group, he now looks forward to joining an elite group dedicated to the exploration of space.

"This will be a whole new adventure — a whole new unknown. I am excited about the chance to travel in space," Cassidy commented about joining NASA.

He will report for training to the JSC June 14. Other astronaut candidates, like Cassidy, who do not have previous flight experience in high performance aircraft, will report to JSC and then travel to Florida for water survival training and flight training at Naval Air Station, Pensacola.



Lt. Cmdr. Chris Cassidy, center, answers questions during NASA's Webcast at its headquarters in Washington, D.C., alongside fellow astronaut candidates, Mission Specialist Shannon Walker and Pilot Jim Dutton. Cassidy, a member of the U.S. Navy's Sea, Air and Land (SEAL) Team 10 located in Virginia Beach, Va., was selected for NASA's Astronaut Program as a Mission Specialist.

E-4 to E-6 advancement remains steady

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Sailors taking the March exams for advancement to petty officer 1st class, 2nd class and 3rd class will find the overall advancement opportunity holding steady with previous advancement cycles.

The Navy will promote more than 23,000 Sailors who passed the March advancement exams, representing a decrease of only 0.16 percent from the September cycle.

"I am very pleased that advancement opportunity stayed relatively steady in the face of this great retention we continue to enjoy," said Vice Adm. Gerry Hoewing, Chief of Naval Personnel. "It truly demonstrates the Navy's commitment to career growth and development, as well as the benefit of healthy competition."

Advancement opportunity to E-4 came in at 35.82 percent, an increase of almost two percentage points compared to the September cycle. Advancement opportunity to E-5 was 18.06 percent, an increase of 0.65 percent from the last cycle, while the advancement opportunity to E-6 dropped to 15.43 percent, a decrease of 4.34 percent from last cycle.

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News Briefs

Freedom Fest Meeting

Tuesday May 18 at 9 a.m. at Take-5 Festival dates: Friday July 2nd - Saturday July 3rd Freedom Fest is just around the corner! This is a great way to money for your commands/departments private organization. The meeting is mandatory for all groups interested in participating in this years Freedom Fest. The cleaning contract winner will be chosen by lottery. Procedures for festival registration will be reviewed. For more festival information, contact Lana Morano at X5271.

Petty Officer Indoctrination

For those commands or tenet commands not able to provide the Petty Officer indoctrination course for their newly selected Petty Officer's, the Base Education and Training Department will be offering this course to those who require it. All interested commands please call the BETD at 624-9408 and provide us with the number of seats you require and names of individuals. We will then provide you with classroom assignments. All newly selected Petty Officer's will need to muster in the base Chapel on Wednesday May 12 at 7 a.m. for initial welcoming remarks from CMCDCM Evangelista. Petty Officer indoctrination course will then follow. On Friday May 14 at 3 p.m. after the conclusion of Petty Officer indoctrination, all individuals will then muster back into the Chapel for closing remarks from the Executive Officer Captain Bitar.

Asian Pacific Heritage Month Celebration

May 22, 2004 at 5 p.m. at the Stephen Decatur School Multi-Purpose room. Sponsored by the Fil-Am Association of Sigonella. Call Margie Castro at 624-5702/1426 for more information.

Note from the Safety Office

Traffic Safety and enforcement is the responsibility of everyone. Security is stepping up the enforcement side of traffic violations but they need your help as well. If you see someone committing an offense (i.e. reckless driving, cell phone usage, unsafe passing, no seatbelts, etc), please contact the Security Department at 624-5225 so they can begin the ticketing process.

Remember, drive slow, pay attention and stay safe.

POW Remembrance Run

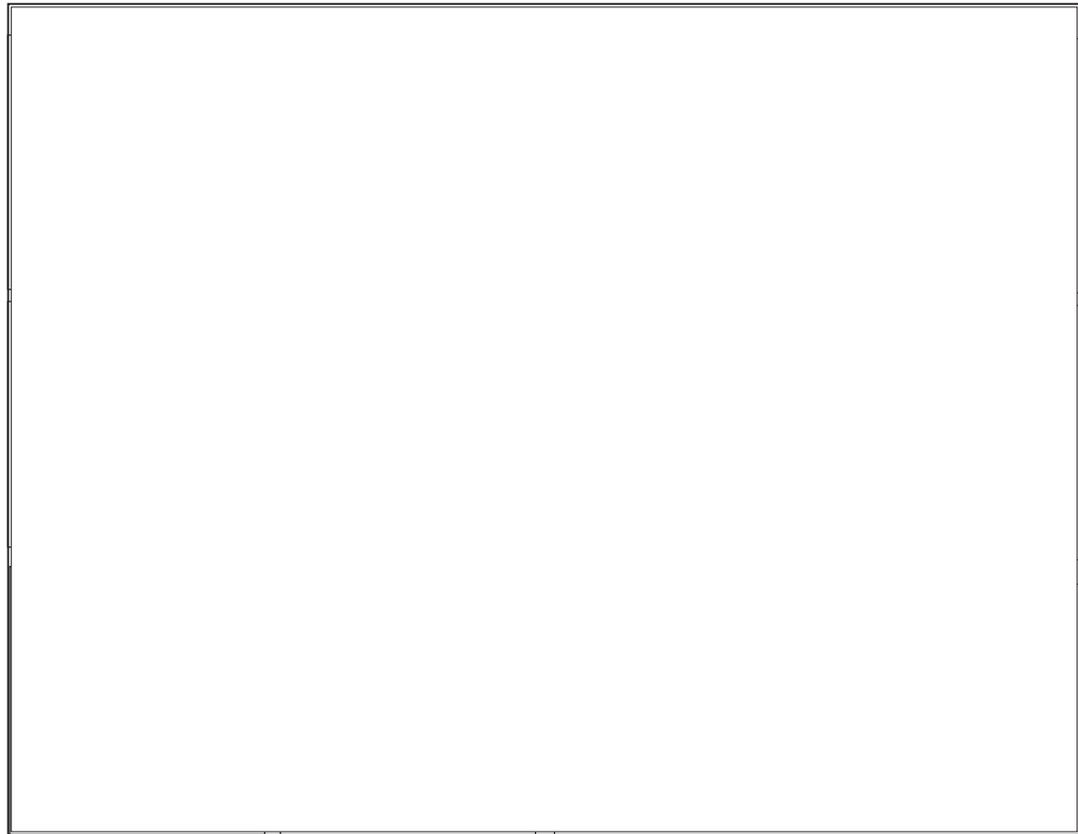
Friday, May 14. Let's honor those who have honored us! Meet at 8 a.m. in front of the NAS H gym. Free t-shirt to the first 150 participants. Call MWR at 624-5271 for more information.

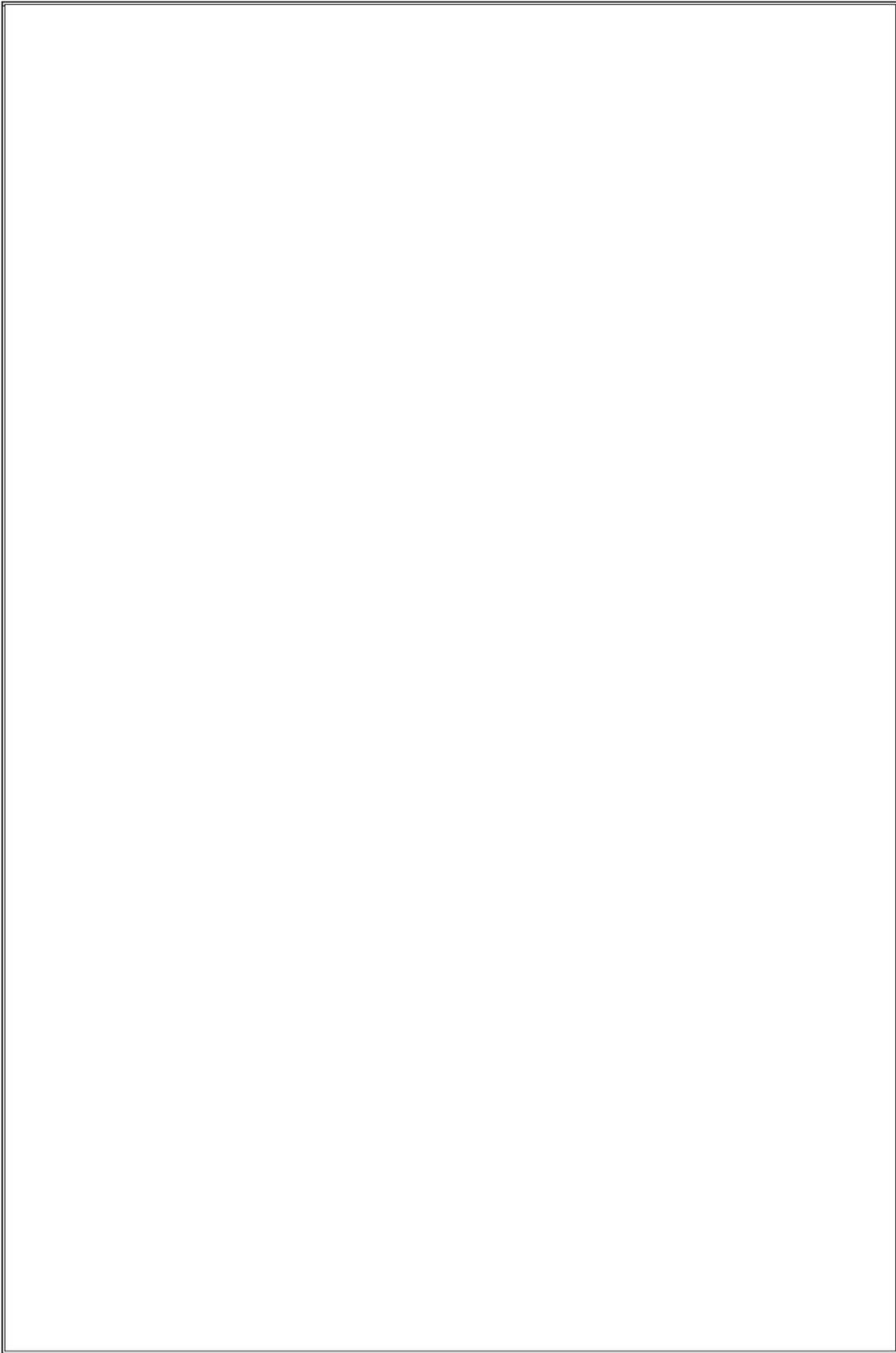
SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

						14 May	15 Armed Forces Day Celebration noon to 9 p.m. NAS II ball field Sign up at Take 5 Call 624-4396	15 Armed Forces Day Signonella Idol Jox 7 p.m.
16 Ficuzza & Corleone Winery ITT Call 624-4396	17 Teen Summer Employment Mandatory Meeting 3:15 p.m. location TBD Call 624-4018	18 UNO Contest 3 to 5 p.m. NAS I Teen Center	19 Cooking Class 4 to 5 p.m. Mineo Rec Center	20 Photo Safari Meeting 4:30 to 5:30 The Works Call 624-4488	21 Asian-Pacific Heritage Month Celebration Free at 5 p.m. at SDS multi-purpose room Call 624-5702	22 Teen Center Palermo Trip 9:30 a.m. Teen Center		
23 Military Spouse Appreciation Day Free movies and bowling. Call 624-5271 for more info.	24 Dominos Tournament and pizza Night Take 5 at 5:45 Call 624-5602	25 Red Cross Volunteer Orientation 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Call 624-5446/5921	26 Karaoke Jox Sports Bar 8 p.m.	27 Ping Pong Tournament Take 5 at 5:45 Call 624-5602	28 Catania History II ITT Call 624-4396	29 Tropea Camping Trip, Mainland Italy AU Call 624-4271		
30 Mt. Etna South & Wine Tasting ITT Call 624-4396	31 BINGO The Crater Pub Cards on sale at 5:30 p.m. Games start at 6:30 p.m.	1 June	2	3 Healthy Pregnancy, Healthy Baby Instructor Course Red Cross Call 624-5446	4 Healthy Pregnancy, Healthy Baby Instructor Course Red Cross Call 624-5446	5 Taormina, Giardini Naxos & Limoncello Factory ITT Call 624-4396		

	Sat., May 15	Sun., May 16	Mon., May 17	Wed., May 18	Thurs., May 19
Community Call Fri., May 14 Ladies Night at The Crater Pub from 6 - 8 p.m. Latino and Salsa night starting at 8 p.m. 9-ball Pool Tournament at 7 p.m.	Join ITT for a trek to Siracusa, the oldest town in Sicily. Visit the Castello Eurialo and Museum Paolo Orsi, one of the most important museums in Europe. Then enjoy wine at a winery. Call ITT at 624-4396 for more information.	Go to the Noto Infiorata festival with ITT. Start off the day at a winery, then you're off to the festival, which celebrates the arrival of spring by featuring the display of fresh flower mosaics designed around a common theme. Call ITT at 624-4396 for more information.	Grab the controller at Take 5 and play in their Xbox Soul Caliber Tourney. The fun starts at 6 p.m., sign up starts at 5:45 p.m. Prizes for the winners.	Head on over to Jox Sports Bar for their Live music. Jox has live DJs playing all your requests and the latest music to hit Sigonella.	Head on over to The Crater Pub for their Karaoke Night at 7 p.m. Take center stage and choose from over 10,000 songs. Come early to be the first in line to sing.







By Alberto Lunetta
Signature Staff

Italian News

Sicilian culture and lifestyle

Religious festival and historic reenactment in Scicli

As legend holds, a prodigious event occurred in 1091 during a furious battle between Christians and Muslims in Donnalucata near Scicli, a small picturesque Baroque town located on a valley in the province of Ragusa. Tradition tells that the Christians won a decisive victory despite being outnumbered by the Muslims thanks to the Virgin Mary's intervention. The *Madonna delle Milizie* or Virgin Mary of the Armies, as townspeople renamed her after the miracle, appeared in the battlefield on a white horse wielding a flaming sword. Encouraged by the apparition, the Christians bravely defeated the Muslim army and drove them out from Sicily. Since then, Scicli's townspeople have increased their fervent devotion to the Virgin Mary. A few years after the battle, a sanctuary was erected on the site of the fight to celebrate the legend of the intervention of the *Madonna* who saved the city from the invaders. The sanctuary was enlarged in 1391 and then restructured in 1721 after a terrible earthquake that destroyed the town in 1693.

Today, the prodigious events occurred during the battle are brought back to life through a spectacular historic reenactment that is presented on May 29. The performance, which is worth to be watched because of the accurate reconstruction of medieval costumes and background setting, begins at 7 p.m. in piazza Italia, the main square. The appearance of a precious 19th century paper-mâché statue representing the Virgin Mary on a horseback (a rather unique representation of the Sorrowful

Mother) is the highlight of the show. The statue, which is permanently kept in Scicli's cathedral, was recently restored. The show also features the landing of the Saracen pirate ship named *Stambul* and spectacular battle scenes.

As Sicilian anthropologist Giuseppe Pitrè wrote, in the past, this festival was celebrated on the Saturday preceding the Palm Sunday. At that time, the statue used to be taken up to the sanctuary in Donnalucata.

On May 28, the actual religious festival begins in the morning with holy masses. Later on, a procession, during which the statue of the Virgin Mary is carried through out the city, leaves from the cathedral at 5 p.m.

Scicli can be easily reached by taking the Catania-Ragusa. Once in Ragusa follow directions for Modica and then Scicli. For more information and detailed schedule call Scicli Tourist office at 0932-839111.

Elton John concert in Palermo

Legendary music pop star Elton John will be performing live at the "Paolo Borsellino" Velodrome in Palermo at 9 p.m.

John was born in 1947 in England. He's been playing the piano since the age of four. In the late 1960s, he met up with lyricist Bernie Taupin and quickly they became a successful song-writing team. In the years that followed, he earned a worldwide popularity charting a Top 40 single every year from 1970 to 1996. Today, John is still a remarkably popular artist and many of his songs including "Your Song," "Rocket Man," "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road," and "Don't Let the Sun Go Down On Me" are now contemporary pop standards.

For more information and tickets check <http://www.ticketone.it> or call the concert info line at 899-600097.

Art exhibition in Catania

The glory of Venetian Baroque will capture the attention of Sigonella's art lovers willing to visit "Gods and Heroes," an amazing *mostra* (exhibition) featuring nearly 30 paintings from the 16th through the 18th centuries, including works by such masters as Padovanino, Luca Giordano and Sebastiano Ricci.

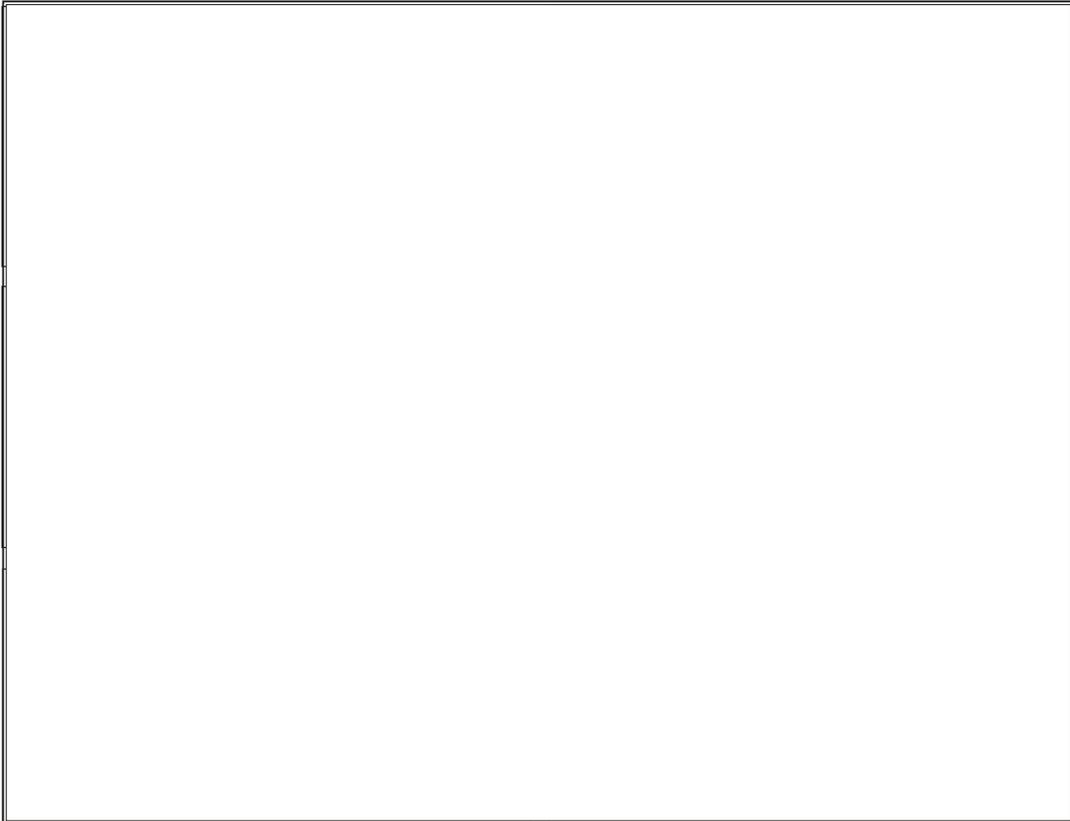
This exhibition, whose paintings come from the "Querini Stampalia Foundation" of Venice, reveals the extraordinary expressiveness of seventeenth century's Venice, an era which marked the city's inexorable decline as maritime power. At that time, the city's decadent aristocracy sought refuge in the arts and began commissioning paintings featuring ancient myths and fables celebrating Venice as the "ideal republic."

The recently restored Ursino Castle hosts the exhibition that runs through June 6. The cost of a ticket is €4,00.

Opening hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Closed on Mondays. For more information call 095-345830.

This amazing fresco by Italian painter Sebastiano Ricci, a master of the Venetian Rococo style, who specialized in painting light and colorful religious, historical and mythological subjects, is one of the works on display through June 6 at a Baroque paintings' exhibition set up at the Ursino Castle in Catania.





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SCHOOL NEWS

SDS Graduation set

By Senior Heather MacNeil

Stephen Decatur's Senior Class will be graduating at June 5 at 6 p.m. in the new courtyard between the administrative buildings across from the school. Dr. Joe Tafaya, the director of all DOD schools, will be the guest speaker.

Parents of the graduates will be seated in front, while the school band will be sitting on the right of the stage and the faculty will be to the left.

The official party and faculty will march in to start the ceremony. The audience will then stand as the school band plays Pomp and Circumstance and the graduates march in pairs down the red carpet up to the stage where they will be seated. Once everyone is in position, the Navy JROTC color guard will present the colors and an Italian guest will sing the Italian national anthem. Juniors April Coutino and Destiny Campbell will sing the American National Anthem.

After the anthems the class salutorian will make a welcome speech. Senior Class president Mike Maury will speak about the seniors and the past year. The valedictorian will deliver the traditional student graduation address, prior to Tafaya's speech. Valedictorian and salutorian cannot be named until later in May.

The high school counselor, Dr. Paula Peterson, will introduce the graduates while mentioning their plans. Seniors will receive their diplomas one by one from Lewallen, assisted by assistant principal Dr. Eldridge Grooms and Tafaya. Maury will then lead the graduates in the moving of the tassels to signify their new status as graduates.

Some seniors are scheduled to perform at the ceremony. Robert Weaver will sing a song accompanied by Lou Limon on guitar. Kathleen Mendoza will play a piano solo and Adriana Zyskowski and Courtney Wrinkles will perform a dance.

To conclude the ceremony, Lewallen will say a few final words and the new graduates will leave through an arch of swords, provided by the Navy JROTC sword team. Just before they go to their futures the graduates will throw their caps up in front of the school.

There will be a small reception at the Chapel Hall for all graduates and their guests after the ceremony. "A great deal of work has already gone into planning this graduation. There are many individuals on the graduation committee who are working very hard, including Mike Maury and father Mr. Roger Maury, Ms. Maria Guillerme, Mrs. Diane Johnson, supply officer Mark Robins, Chief David Naab, Captain Fred Wilmut, counselor Dr. Paula Peterson and SDSS Principal Ms. Marjorie Lewallen," says Mr. Les Bryan, senior class sponsor.

SDS students excel in after school activities

By Junior Neva Austin

Students at SDSS excel in extracurricular activities such as mock-government and drama productions.

During the week of April 27-April 30 Senior Lou Limon and Junior Neva Austin joined students from 24 different schools from all over Europe to participate in Model United States Senate (MUSS) 2004. Tonight and tomorrow night the SDSS Drama Club is presenting four one-act plays and a portion of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

For the first time, MUSS was held in Patrick Henry Village Pavilion, at Heidelberg Army Post, Germany. Limon's role while at MUSS was that of Senator Joseph Biden (D-DE). He wrote two bills, one of which was about embryonic stem cell research. He was unable to present his bills during Plenary due to the fact that they did not pass Committee vote. Austin was a Press Correspondent and Assistant Editor to the paper *Capital Press*. Austin was in charge of writing stories, formatting pages, and coming up with article ideas for the next issue. Over the course of three days, the students produced three newspapers.

The four one-act plays are from a collection called *All in the Timing*. They are comic plays designed to make anyone laugh because the humor ranges from slapstick to intellectual. The portions of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* are those scenes where a group of working class people put together



Junior Jeff Harig as Bottom the Weaver tries to teach a slow Snug the Joiner, played by Christian Crowe, how to act at a rehearsal for "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

a play in order to make some money. The result is hilarious with students portraying everything from walls to the moon to a very, "scary" lion. Junior Christian Crowe plays Snug the joiner who plays a lion stated, "The character I play isn't really not that bright. She feels nervous on stage and doesn't know how to play the lion, so she's really clumsy."

TRIVIA

- Which of the following has the smallest leaf: Catalpa, Lombardy Poplar, Sycamore or Ailanthus?
- In which hemisphere do penguins live, northern or southern?
- Where was Napoleon born?
- What did the stripes on the old-fashioned barbershop poles stand for?
- The Police in London are called bobbies, what are their cars called?

(Answers on page 16)

Movie Connection

1971's *The Godfather*

<p>Friday, May 14</p> <p>6 p.m. <i>Never Die Alone</i> (R)**</p> <p>8:30 p.m. <i>The Ladykillers</i> (R)**</p> <p>Saturday, May 15</p> <p>1 p.m. <i>Scooby Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed</i> (PG)</p> <p>3:30 p.m. <i>Secret Window</i> (PG-13)</p> <p>6 p.m. <i>Twisted</i> (R)</p> <p>Sunday, May 16</p> <p>1 p.m. <i>Agent Cody Banks 2</i> (PG)</p> <p>3:30 p.m. <i>The Ladykillers</i> (R)</p> <p>6 p.m. <i>Never Die Alone</i> (R)</p>	<p>Monday, May 17</p> <p>6 p.m. <i>Hidalgo</i> (PG-13)**</p> <p>8:30 p.m. <i>Dawn of the Dead</i> (R)</p> <p>Theater Closed Tuesdays</p> <p>Wednesday, May 19</p> <p>6 p.m. <i>Twisted</i> (R)**</p> <p>8 p.m. <i>Man on Fire</i> (R)</p> <p>Thursday, May 20</p> <p>6 p.m. <i>Secret Window</i> (PG-13)</p> <p>8:30 p.m. <i>Never Die Alone</i> (R)</p> <p>Friday, May 21</p> <p>6 p.m. <i>The Prince and Me</i> (PG)**</p> <p>8 p.m. <i>Van Helsing</i> (PG-13)**</p>
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** Future Re-release ** Sneak Preview ** Last Showing
 (All times and movies are subject to change. For more information on the schedule, call the movie hotline at x4248)

I am

By Lindsay Hoopingarner

I am a girl who likes monkeys.
 I wonder if monkeys can talk.
 I hear a crackling noise.
 I see a rain forest of monkeys.
 I want a family of monkeys.
 I am a girl who likes monkeys.

I pretend like I am a monkey.
 I feel like the world is ruled by monkeys.
 I touch their fur and it is soft.
 I worry that monkeys are extinct.
 I cry like monkeys are dying.
 I am a girl who likes monkeys.

I understand monkeys are cool.
 I say I am a monkey, and that is final.
 I dream I live in a jungle.
 I try to fit in.
 I hope to learn their language.
 I am a girl who likes monkeys.

I am

By Clara Morris

I am a helpful girl who loves monkeys.
 I wonder if I will get a puppy one day.
 I hear them bark almost everyday.
 I see the puppies walking around.
 I want a puppy for a pet.
 I am a helpful girl who loves monkeys.

I pretend I am floating in the sky.
 I feel the wing rushing by.
 I touch the green grass so low.
 I worry about how my life is going to be.
 I cry because, I got stung by a bee.
 I am a helpful girl who loves monkeys.

I understand how life can be hard.
 I say what I say because it is true.
 I dream about what I can do.
 I try my best on everything.
 I hope I have a puppy someday.
 I am a helpful girl who loves monkeys.

I am

By September Johnson

I am a girl who likes the color blue.
 I wonder how people go up to space in a space suit so heavy.
 I hear silence in my room.
 I see people on the beach.
 I want a room full of toys.
 I am a girl who likes the color blue.

I pretend I am the teacher of the room.
 I feel very happy.
 I touch the sand and water from the beach.
 I worry I won't have friends when I get to Florida.
 I cry for no reason.
 I am a girl who likes the color blue.

I understand that I have lots of friends and family.
 I say I love you, to my family.
 I dream that I would have a nice family when I grow up.
 I try to keep my tears in when I start to cry.
 I hope to be a basketball player when I grow up.
 I am a girl who likes the color blue.



N6 Division from page 1

(VTC), which allows the technician to virtually take over (or possess) your computer to install software and fix problems without leaving their workstation. "It's a very good tool because it eliminates a lot of man-hours," said Briseno. "We'll get out to the person's computer, we'll load up the software and we're done in five minutes to ten minutes. It saves us a lot of time and a lot of headaches."

"There's times where our technicians in Micro Computer Division (MICROS) have to actually go out and fix a computer where the VNC is not able to help us out," said Briseno. "[There recently] was a perfect case where Capt. Davison's computer was down. So they actually had to go down there."

"We do more than just the trouble calls," said Couillard. "We're a monitoring station for the computer network." In short, they maintain and keep the computer servers on the base running smoothly. They also handle tech issues with things such as the Defense Messaging System (DMS) and the Secret Internet Protocol Router Network (SIPRNET) on base. Right now N6 is also doing something called lifecycle management, which is replacing the older computers with shiny new ones.

The department also handles the video teleconferencing (VTC) needs of the base. "These

days all the offices want to do that," said Couillard.

"We're the POC for VTC system, so if anybody needs a VTC done they would contact me at x1827 and I would set it up." There are currently six sites on NASSIG for teleconferencing with two more to come in the next six months. Members of Supply departments in the region recently came to Sigonella to participate in a teleconference with leaders in London. "When you can get a group of people like that together and be able to discuss something like that across the world, it's a pretty big deal."

The department is up to the hectic challenge of keeping the computers up and running. "The phones constantly ringing," said Briseno. "We have close to over 7,000 customers who we service."

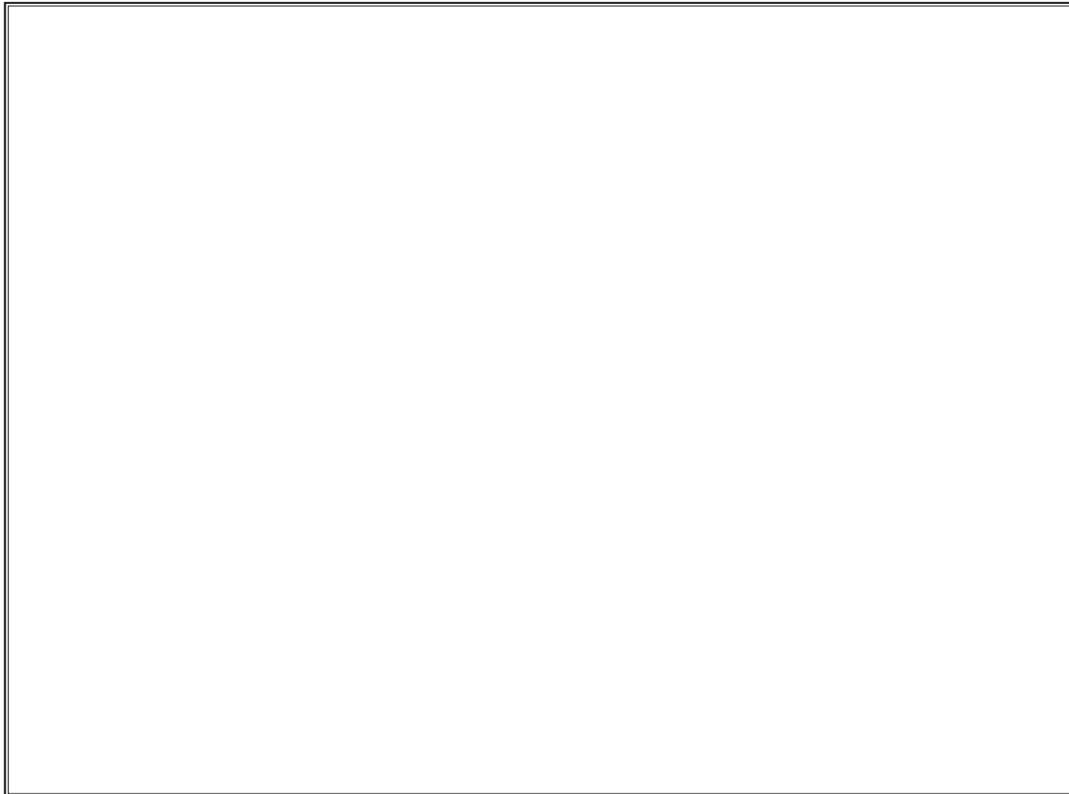
There is something important to remember when reporting a problem with your possessed computer. "When somebody gives them a trouble call number, make sure they do not lose that number," said Couillard. "It takes a lot of time to try to find the trouble call sometimes."

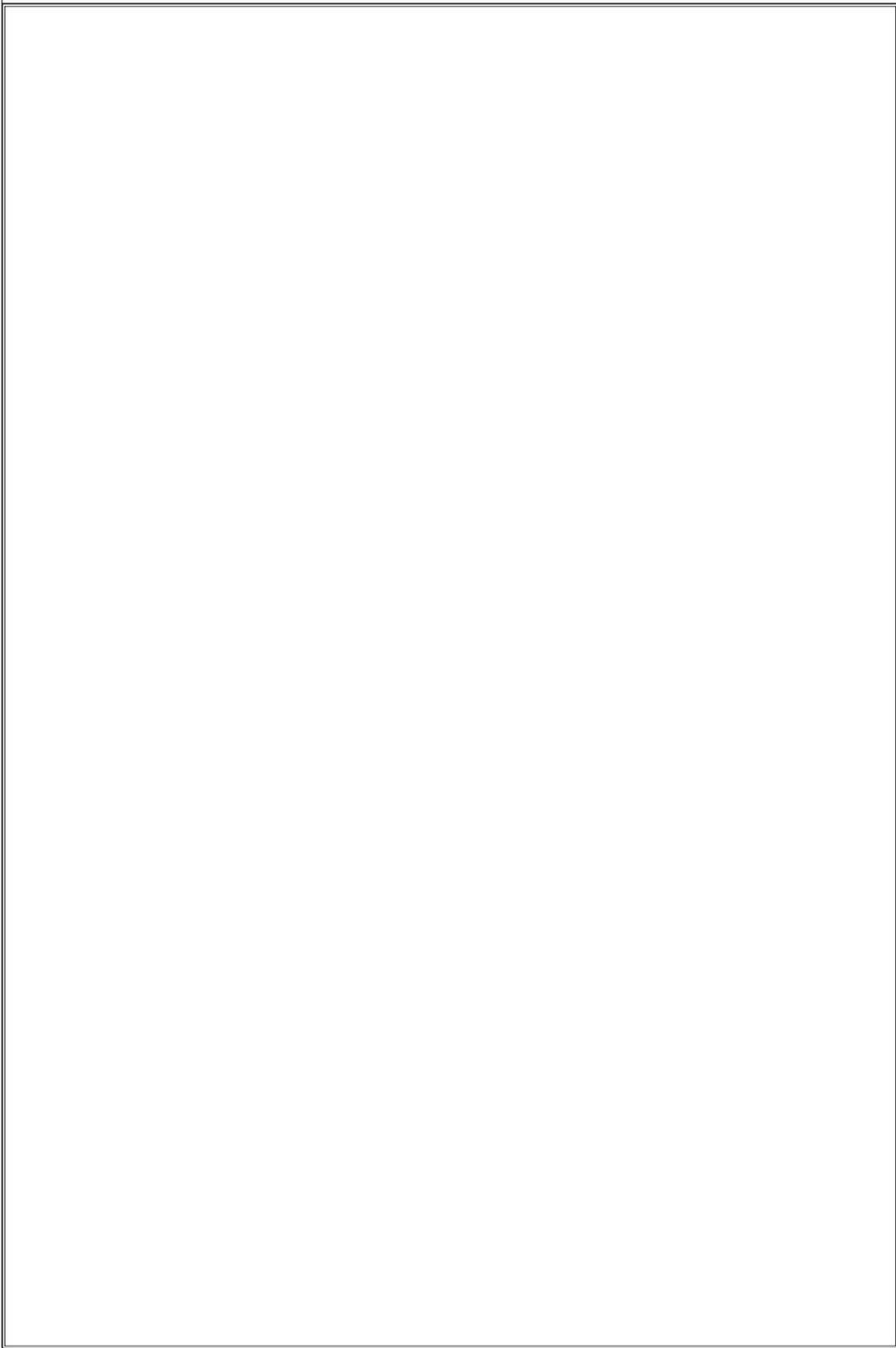
"If anyone has a suggestion or if somebody did a good job or didn't do a good job, we want to know," said Briseno. "For any complaints or suggestions, whether it's positive or negative, they can go into the infosisg webpage." Go to <http://infosisg.sicily.navy.mil> and click on "Sound Off," then ITD feedback.



Above: IT2 Jonathan Bryant (left), a member of N6, and IT1 Donald Martin, a reservist from NRC Detroit, work on a network server computer in the BCO.

Right: IT2 (SW) John Couillard, BCO LNOSC supervisor, works on one of the computers in the N6 help desk area.







World famous instruments handmade in Sicily

Story and photos by Alexis James
Staff writer

In the heart of an island that many people claim to be boring, lies a factory whose hand-crafted products are known around the world. It's not a typical factory—no big warehouse or machines—but rather various work stations in a converted basement of a house that has been passed down from generation to generation.

In this house, Dr. Alfio Leone carefully crafts hand-made guitars—and 143 other types of stringed instruments. Ukuleles, banjos, mandolins, dulcimers, all hewn from the finest woods, aged for months (sometimes years), hand carved, hand painted, and always beautiful when finished.

The majority of the process takes place in one big room. Each instrument is cut out of a specific type of wood—rosewood, maple, mahogany, walnut, and various others. Then the decoration process begins. Slivers of different types of wood, alternating, often adorn the back. Each sliver must be applied to the rounded back of the instrument separately, then stained and dried before another one can be added.

Some are carved out in various places; from the fret board to the opening under the strings, ornate designs adorn these instruments.

Before any further beautification, they are taken to a large room with towering shelves and narrow aisles, and allowed to age for a second time—now as the beginnings of a fine instrument.

Later, they can be hand painted as well, some with colorful flowers, others with animals or designs.

When these processes are complete, the instruments go into another separate room—the varnish room. A complex apparatus cycles the air through the room rapidly, allowing the varnishing to take place without endangering lives!

The final touches are put on the instruments before they go upstairs to be stored, sold or shipped.

Leone's business serves many countries including the United States, Great Britain, France and Mexico.

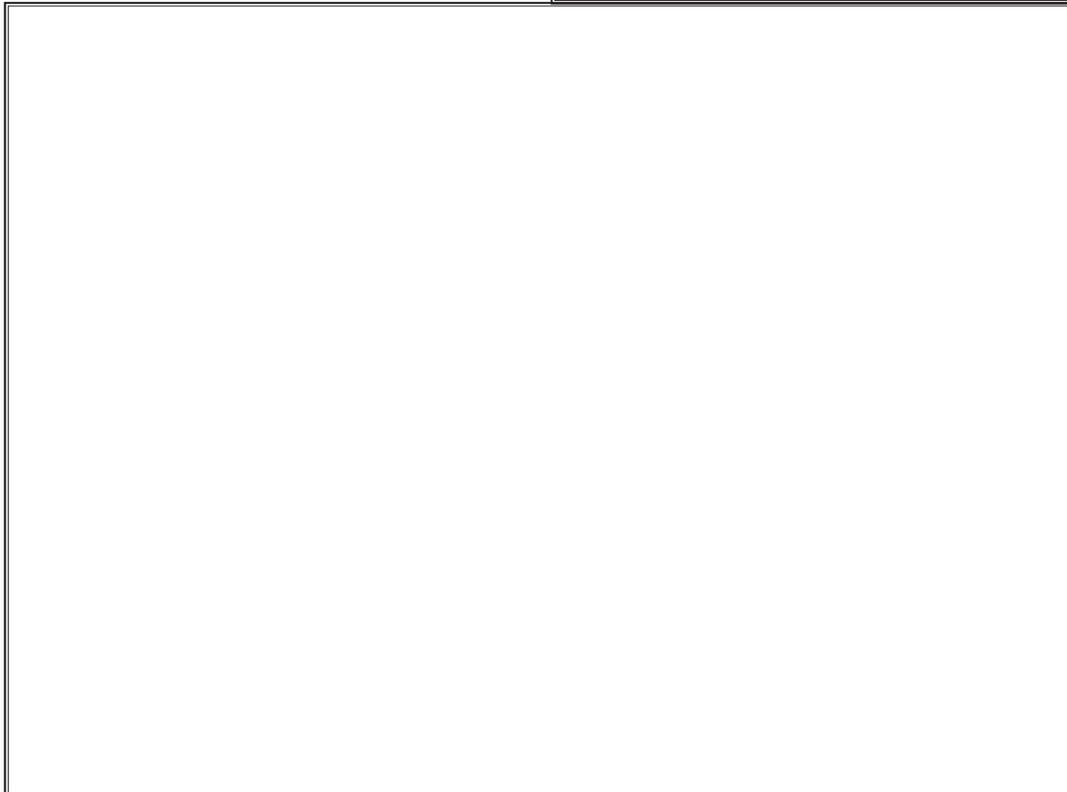
It's easy to get caught up in base life and think that's all there is, but if you do a little searching you might be pleasantly surprised to find out what Sicily has to offer.



Above: Dr. Alfio Leone explains the processes involved in making a mandolin.



At left: A stack of mandolin neck blanks wait to be carefully shaped into instruments.





Top left: A stack of finished mandolins wait to hit the showroom floor.

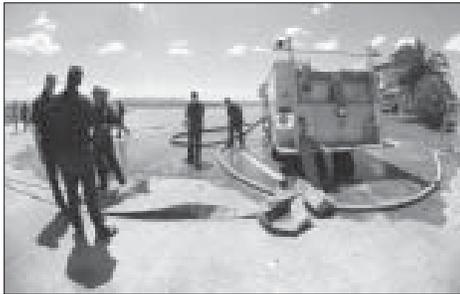
Bottom left: Guitars, mandolins, ukeleles and many other stringed instruments displayed on the showroom floor.

Above: A rack of guitars wait for a coat of varnish in the varnishing room.



A day with NASSIG FD

Photos by PH3(SW) Betsi Currence
Staff photographer



Top: Naval Air Station Sigonella (NAS II) Fire Department, Structural Response Engine Company, tests 5-inch diameter hoses to insure they are in proper working order and for training.

Above: Crew members from the Structural Response Team charge a 100 foot section of hose. Each truck carries 1,000 feet of hose.

Middleleft: ABH2 Leonard Starr and ABH2(AW) Sheilan Washington of the crash crew extend hose off of Crash Truck #25 to conduct hose training.

Right: Ignazio Ponte removes a 5-inch diameter hose to conduct hose training.



Top left: The Structural Response Team removes the excess water from a hose to properly store it.

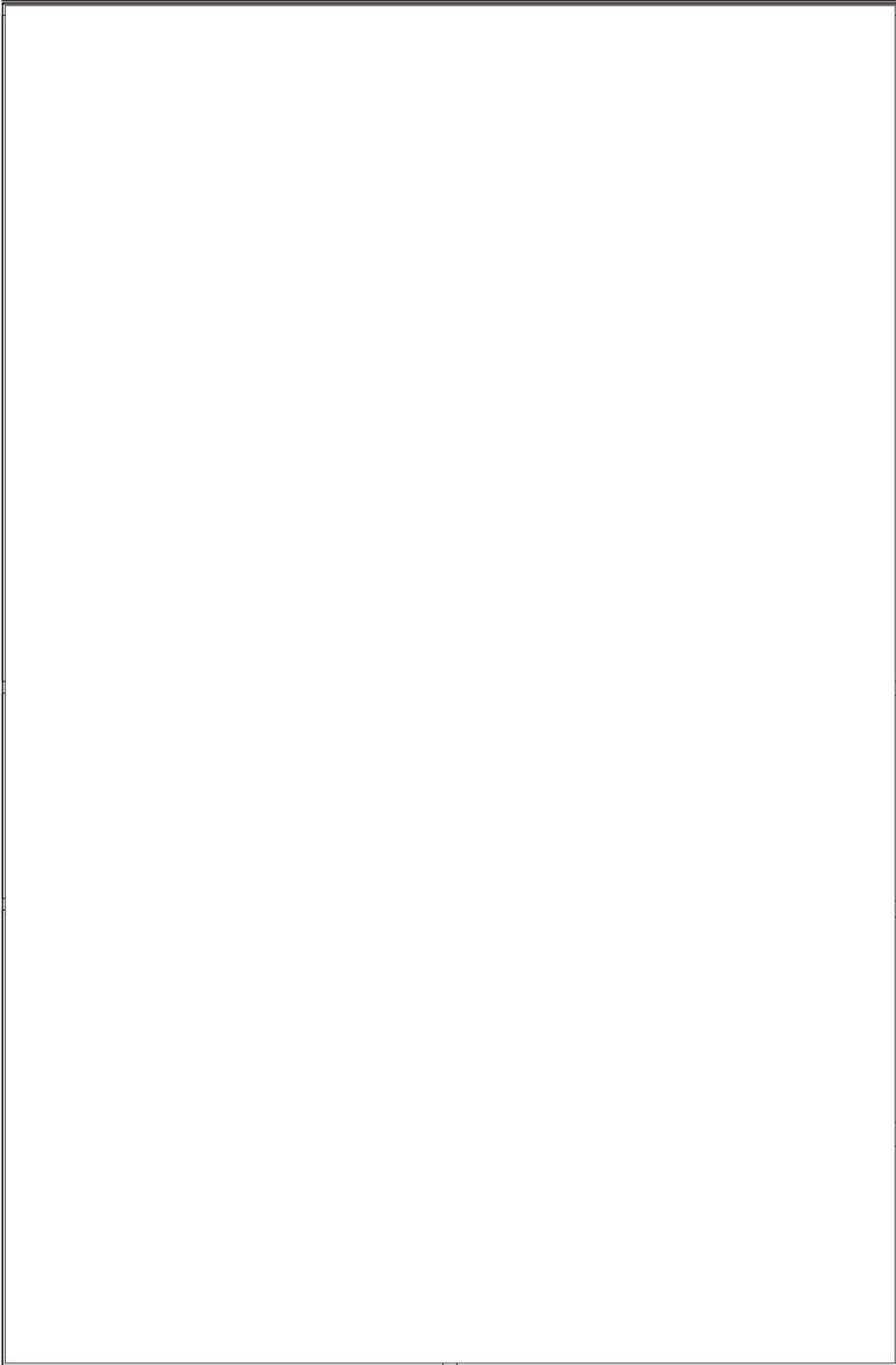
Middle left: Santo Pappalardo, NASSIG Fire Department lead dispatcher keeps an eye on the flight line from the crash crew tower. Dispatchers work eight hour shifts.

Bottom left: A look at "Randy," who weighs 200 pounds, and is used to simulate victims in training exercises.

Top right: ABH2 Leonard Starr and ABH2(AW) Sheilan Washington practice their hose handling abilities during training.

Middle right: Carmelo Tomarchio and Gene Tatum from the Structural Response Team insure the hoses are ready to store on the truck.

Bottom right: ABH2 Leonard Starr and ABH2(AW) Sheilan Washington aim their hose at the target area (cones), attempting to knock them over as part of hose handling training.



Are you legally prepared for emergencies

From Naval Legal Service Office
EURSWA Det Sigonella

It's a fact of military life that servicemembers can deploy or change duty stations on very short notice. They may only get a day or two of notice before deploying. For this reason servicemembers should always be "legally ready" to go. Legal readiness refers to having your personal legal affairs in order.

The following are a few suggestions to become legally ready.

Practical preparations: You should make sure that your dependents have adequate and continuous financial support while you are deployed. Everyone has direct deposit but you can consider having joint checking and/or savings accounts or at least make sure your spouse can cash checks at PSD. Renew ID Cards before expiration so family members will not be dropped from DEERS. Ensure your Page 2 and SGLI beneficiaries are up-to-date at PSD.

Powers of attorney: Consider executing powers of attorney to authorize people you trust to act on your behalf. Powers of Attorney are useful documents for both married and single servicemembers. A power of attorney enables someone to pay your bills, register your car, pay your taxes, ship your household goods, and do a multitude of other things. It is generally advisable to give a special/specific power of attorney over a general power of attorney. A Special/Specific Power of Attorney gives the designated person the right to act for you for a specific time only in specifically authorized transactions, such as selling your car after you deploy. A General Power of Attorney is much broader, giving the designated person the right to act for you in all instances. Be careful with this because it allows the designated individual to do anything they want with all your belongings. It is also advisable

to only give a power of attorney for the least amount of time needed.

Wills: If you do not have a will, you should get one. If you have a will you may need to update it. Wills are legal documents that assure that your property and assets go to the people you designate. It is particularly helpful to have a will if you are married and have children, or own real property. It is strongly advisable for a person married to anyone who is not the biological parent of any of his/her children to have a will. Otherwise, it is easy to inadvertently disinherit one's own children. If you pass away without a will, the law of your home state will determine who receives your valuables, money, and property. Life insurance proceeds do NOT pass through your will. They pass by contract law. Your life insurance policy is a contract between you, the insured party, and the life insurance company, and you may only change the beneficiary by using the contractually agreed upon procedure. For SGLI go to PSD.

You do not need to update your will if only your addresses and phone numbers have changed. Some reasons to have your will updated are: your marital status has changed, you have additional children who are not mentioned in an existing will, there has been a substantial change in your assets, or if the persons you appointed in your will as your personal representative or guardians are no longer viable or logical choices. While in the military, you can have a will done for free. If you have one drafted by a civilian attorney, it can be quite expensive.

You should also consider advance medical directives Living Wills and Durable Power of Attorney.

Leases: Check your lease to see when it expires and determine what to do if it expires during deployment. If you are living in an apartment with friends, consider taking your name off the lease. If

the apartment is damaged and your name is on the lease, you may be responsible for the damages. Negotiate a military clause into your rental lease so you are able to get out of your lease without paying a penalty if you are under orders. In some states, such as California and Nevada, military clauses are NOT automatic and must be negotiated into the lease. Do not waive the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act in lease. This Act stops anyone from taking you to court while you are deployed.

Auto and renters insurance: Check the structural condition (windows, locks, lights, etc.) of your home and have repairs done if necessary. Check your appliances as well. Consider Renters insurance, this will cover all of your household/personal items located in your rental property. Most policies cover fire, flood, natural disasters, theft, and vandalism. Make an inventory list and keep it in a safe place. Have your car in good repair. If you must store your car, check with your insurance company for specific information about keeping your car in storage including storage insurance and other insurance you must have. Also, let the insurance company know where your car will be stored.

Finally, ensure all your important documents are in one safe place and that you let your family or someone you know where they can be found.

Legal assistance appointments

If you would like to make an appointment for a will, please contact Naval Legal Service Office at 624-5258. No appointment is necessary for powers of attorney, they are done on a walk-in basis and only take a few minutes. Walk-in legal assistance is available Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday from 8 a.m. to noon, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Naval Legal Service Office is located on NAS II, building 564, next to the galley.

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The housing-to-base shuttle buses are put to good use. In the current climate expenses that were once taken for granted, like the base utility bill, take on greater importance, requiring conservation. The challenge to the CO and everyone on base is to absorb the budget cuts without degrading mission capabilities or services.

"We have a \$700,000 utility bill we can't pay right now," said Davison. "We're trying to find a way to pay that right now. It's important to me that we maintain mission accomplishment and quality of service. Those must-pay bills like utilities are really undercutting additional things we'd like to do. I feel it's important we don't lose any more quality of life."

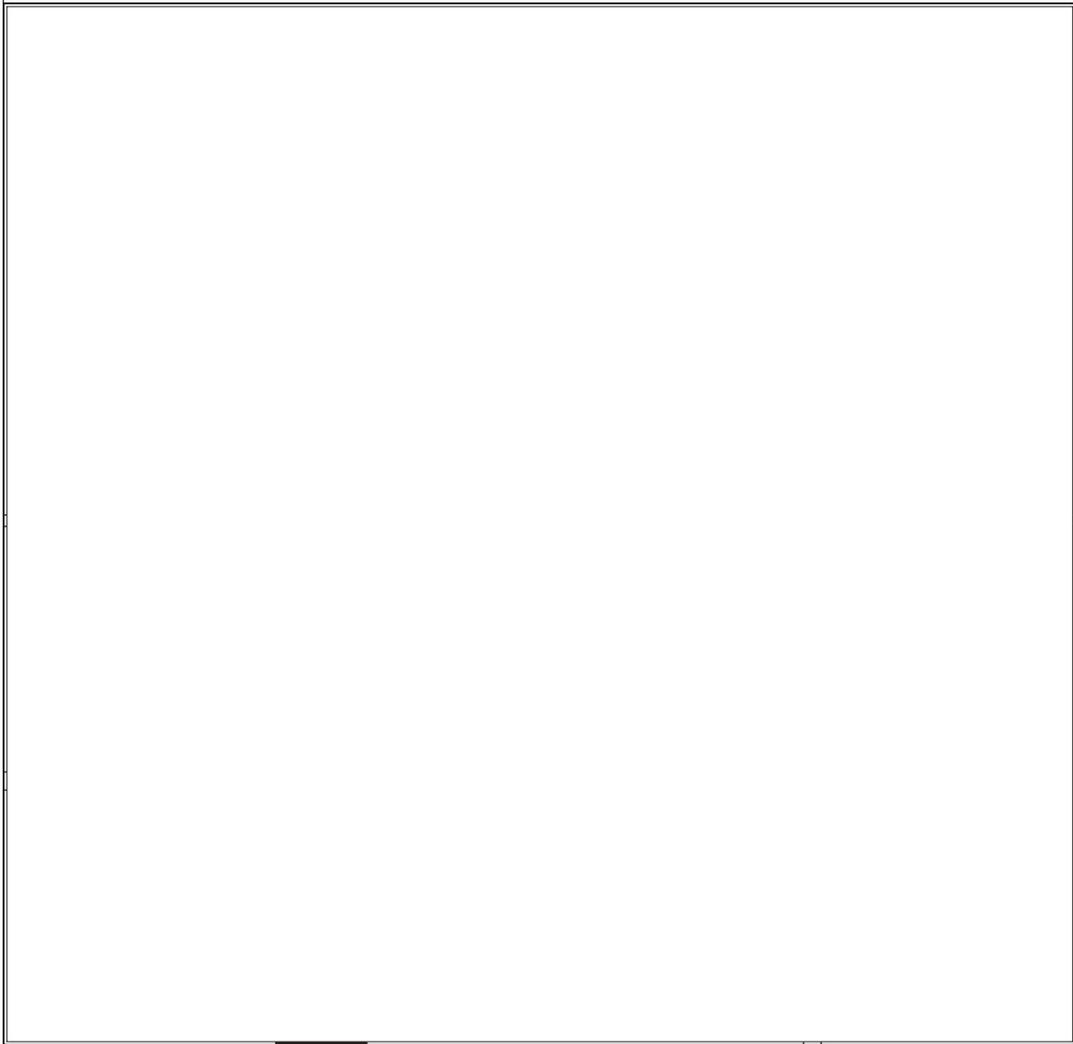
Guest host Lt. Steve Curry, Public Affairs Officer, reported that a Safety Steering Committee reported more than 40 traffic violations during a recent two-day study, including cell phone usage and driving without safety belts.

"There's absolutely no reason not to wear seat belts," Davison said. "Studies proved that you are 10-times safer wearing seat belts in your vehicle."

Davison also noted that although not perfect, the base driving under the influence (DUI) rates are improving.

"We averaged about five DUIs a-month last year, absolutely out of control," Davison said. "Up until last weekend we had six total for the entire year, which is really fabulous. Unfortunately we had two over the weekend, so we're creeping back up." Davison said that although drunk driving is wrong anywhere, it is especially dangerous in Sicily. "We've got narrow roads, slick roads and a different driving culture between Italians and Americans." He said those factors combined to make insurance rates here the highest in Europe, with insurance premiums a third higher for most drivers than in the United States.

In answer to a caller's question, Davison said that anyone may report a reckless driver. "If you see somebody driving recklessly pull over and, if you have a cell phone, call [Security Dispatch]. They will stop that person at the front gate and issue them a ticket."



Tridents wash up for MWR

By PHZ(AW/SW) Catherine R. Douthit
VP-26 Public Affairs



Cmdr. F.W. Doris washes one of the VP-26 Tridents planes to raise money for MWR.

Anyone who has ever been involved with an organization that depends on fundraisers knows the drill when it comes to making money. Bake sales, cookouts, and raffles are always on the list of functions, but one of the most popular events is the car wash. The low cost of supplies and lack of long preparations make car washing an ideal way to raise money. The only problem is that after holding a few dozen, the appeal among the participants begins to fade. With this in mind, AD3 Kristina Larson, a member of the Moral, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) Committee for Patrol Squadron Twenty-Six (VP-26), came up with a new twist on an old idea.

Instead of having the committee wash cars, Larson proposed the idea of voting for people to wash planes. The benefit of this event would be two-fold; first, because planes have to be washed every 28 days, the supplies for the event would be free, and second it would give the plane wash crew a nice break. "As I was walking out to a car wash after an MWR committee meeting, I was trying to think of something different we could do to raise money," said Larson.

"I saw people washing the plane and I was struck by the idea that it would be really fun to vote for a crew to do the washing, sort of like picking people for a dunk tank."

So, after verifying that everyone was willing to participate, the plan was hatched. Votes were cast at 25 cents per vote and the 10 people with the highest votes after 30 days would make up the crew for the next plane wash. At the end of the month, the wash crew consisted of VP-26's Commanding Officer, Cmdr. F. W. Doris, CDMDC Aaron Shipley, Lt. Cmdr. John Hensel, Lt. Cmdr. Jonathan Anderson, Lt. Stephanie Gay, Lt. j.g. Laura Metz, Lt. j.g. Matthew Flynn and ATC John Speicher and MWR had raised \$550. Also voted in were AZCS Vincent Hottam and AEC Norman LeBlanc who were unable to attend the plane wash.

With the votes cast and the crew chosen, all that remained was to wash the plane and on a sunny morning at the end of April, they did just that. The crew dressed up in rain gear, listened to a safety brief and got down to business. "I was pleasantly surprised at the group's willingness to get dirty and follow directions while still having fun," said AM2 Christopher Payne who is responsible for inspecting the planes after being washed. "They did an outstanding job. In fact, it was one of the best plane washes I have ever seen, which is amazing for a crew made up mostly of people who had never done a plane wash."

All the participants agreed that while washing planes was harder than they thought it would be it was also a lot of fun. The MWR Committee and the rest of Team Trident, especially the regular plane wash crew, would like to thank the crew for their hard work and sportsmanship for volunteering for the event.

Change from page 1

rates, along with investing for future readiness and the Navy-wide need to support the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) in recapitalizing the Navy.

"In order to buy new ships, submarines, aircraft and weapons, the Navy has to find ways to conduct business with a leaner budget, within the resources and budget targets needed to get the mission done," said Gray.

Some changes in services in Europe will be more visible, such as when Morale, Welfare and Recreation eliminates underused or costly services. Other changes, such as within individual departments at the base level, won't be as noticeable. A few changes have already happened at local levels, while more are expected to be announced and then implemented as they are approved.

In cases where it is decided to restructure the workforce, some civilian employees will have changes in the workplace and in their scope of responsibilities. For others, it may mean that their job is no longer needed, resulting in a reduction in force. Additionally, all military billets are being validated, and if they are not needed, they will be eliminated.

"We're still working out the details. Reduction-in-force actions are very hard decisions to make, considering we have very dedicated employees who have served the Navy well. We're already making plans to assist those who will be affected through the transition process," Gray said.

In operating like a business, the aim is to ensure that processes are streamlined and nothing gets duplicated. The bottom line: The Navy and its people get the most for their money.

So what is the engine that's driving these changes? In a word, regionalization.

While some regions stateside have been around for years, CNRE officially stood up in November 2002. At the direction of the CNO, CNRE was established October 2003 to streamline how business is conducted ashore and to create a single responsible office for Navy shore installations and the services they provide.

Nine installations from NAS Keflavik, Iceland to NSA Souda Bay, Crete, Greece and the naval hospitals, Naval Dental Center Europe, and naval support elements report to CNRE.

As part of the regionalization process, CNRE is evolving toward what is called 'program management alignment.'

In the past, regions developed policy and provided guidance and advice to the installations. Each installation developed its own requirements and budgets, which ultimately led to 'haves' and 'have nots,' as well as redundancies in services.

Nor was there a set standard for doing business. Each installation had its own style, or way of doing things.

With regionalization, subject matter experts such as the comptroller, supply, housing, facilities, Fleet and Family Support, and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation, are now called program managers at the regional level.

These program managers use their regional perspective to make recommendations to installation commanding officers on putting together budgets and proposing changes that make better business sense across the board.

They work closely with their counterparts at the base level to ensure that the base's requirements are identified and taken into consideration as business plans and budgets are defined at a regional level.

Currently, program managers are conducting business studies and making proposals to commanding officers on areas where the Navy in Europe can be more efficient and effective.

The outcome of these studies will determine future changes in services and the military and civilian workforce structure.

Another aspect of regionalization is regionalized budgets.

CNI has identified four capability levels, ranging from an ideal, top-funded situation, known as Capability Level One, to a bare bones operation, known as Capability Level Four. Currently, most programs across the Navy will be funded at Capability Level Three.

Program managers are responsible for ensuring that budgets, starting with the next fiscal year, are built to reflect how much money is needed to perform at the Navy-wide definitions of services at Capability Level Three.

"Some may look at this as a reduction, but in today's budget environment, it means the Navy is taking very seriously the idea that we spend our money wisely," Gray said. "With this budget system, there is no need, for example, for end-of-year spending, where people spend for spending's sake. We ensure that there is no wasteful spending in one area, when the money could be better used elsewhere."

Appropriate planning throughout the year will ensure the services required to meet the mission get funded and budget targets are properly managed.

"Change is not easy. These are hard decisions to make," said Gray. "But they're smart decisions and ultimately they'll mean a better Navy, one that's well equipped to meet today's challenges, and a better prepared region in Europe to support the Navy's goals."

Common sense required overseas and at home

By JOSN Talley Reeve, Sixth Fleet Public Affairs

The majority of today's new Sailors join the Navy for two things: money for college and the chance to do things they've never done. The latter tends to be an area where the maturity, integrity and professionalism of young Sailors are tested as they are exposed to increased responsibilities and new freedoms.

Europe, for example, leans toward a liberal lifestyle compared to the United States. Things considered R-rated back home may be posted on a billboard in Europe. 14-year-olds are allowed to drive mini-cars without licenses. The drinking age in Europe is generally years lower than it is back in the States. Sometimes, such a tolerant spirit leads Sailors down the wrong path.

"The Italian lifestyle is the opposite of America's," said Ship's Serviceman Second Class Petty Officer Jason D. Chapman, — of La Salle's S-3 supply department. "It's a lot slower paced; some of the things we are used to doing back home aren't available here. A lot of times, we get off work late and there isn't much to do in town except drink. Some Sailors abuse the privilege of being able to drink because it's their first time out of Mom and Dad's house."

They abuse this privilege and become poor examples of the Navy.

"There are consequences for every action and a lot of Sailors just haven't learned that yet," said Hospital Corpsman First Class Petty Officer (Surface Warfare) Joseph M. Sank, — of the La Salle medical department.

Everybody has to learn their limits and common sense is authorized. Common sense and knowing the difference between right and wrong are both ideals called ethics. Merriam-Webster defines ethics as, "discipline dealing with what is good and bad and with moral duty and obligation."

Obligation... Sailors are obligated to represent their shipmates, their ship and their country in a positive manner. Does this mean Sailors can't have fun? No. But it does mean they must know when enough is enough. Sailors must use good judgment in all decisions made on shore and on board.

Webster continues defining ethics by stating that, "ethics are also a set of moral principles, or values."

America portrays itself as a country with strong values and its military service members are expected to do the same.

"I was once working the night shift in Medical," said Sank, "and a Sailor came in carrying a drunken shipmate. The Sailor was new to the command, he didn't know anybody... he had only been here for a few days but when he saw one of his shipmates drunk and passed out, he decided to help him. He carried him onto the ship and brought him to me for advice on what to do. I told him his shipmate needed to be watched all night to make sure he would be okay and that's what he did. He kept a watch on his shipmate all night long; now that's a good Sailor."

Sailors are taught at basic training to do what that Sailor did; help out shipmates in times of need. This principle goes along with the image that America portrays, a country that will help people in need.

A wise man once said, "It is better to be quiet and appear one way, than to open your mouth and remove all doubt." Some, though, don't see the wisdom in such words.

One night, a young Sailor was stopped by a police officer for drunken behavior. Instead of quietly talking to the police officer and accepting his punishment, the Sailor chose to argue. He made his situation worse and was promptly taken into custody and charged with resisting arrest. If he had not argued, he simply would have been fined and sent somewhere to get sober. But because he argued, he became a poor representative of the Navy and ended up going to Captain's Mast, and was dishonorably discharged from the Navy.

This punishment, or worse, can happen to any service member that ignores common sense and becomes a poor representative. Not only will this mark follow him for the rest of his life, but it will also affect everyone involved in his case. It will affect his family, his wife, his children, and his future job opportunities. Every person involved in his case, from the police officers to his former chain of command, will look at service members differently.

The Navy is better than that. Sailors are better than that. A line in the Sailor's Creed reads, "We represent the fighting spirit of the Navy." It is a sentence every Sailor has to say during basic training. Now is the time to deliver because, "we represent the... Navy."

Iraqi ships from page 3

The patrol craft crews will be trained to perform anti-smuggling operations, harbor and coastline defense, search and rescue operations, and various other operations inside the 12-mile international water boundary.

"Any nation that owns coastal waters has an obligation to police and protect those waters," said Hanson. "It's a national responsibility to be able to do these kinds of things."

Many of the ICDF volunteers have previous military or civilian maritime experience, said Hiron. So a core skill level already exists among the trainees.

"They are very keen and very willing to learn," he added. "They are keen to get the boats, and they want to get out and show how good they are. And they are very, very receptive to training. They are like sponges, they just want to absorb as much information out of us as possible."



Iraqi Coastal Defense Force (ICDF) Patrol Craft 102 prepares to moor in Manama, Bahrain after its 36-hour journey from Dubai, UAE. P102 is the first of five patrol vessels for the new Iraqi ICDF.

Trivia Answers

- 1) Lombardy Poplar
- 2) Southern
- 3) Corsica
- 4) Blood, Barbers bleed people to cure diseases. White stripes are bandages.
- 5) Pandas

Traffic wrecks leading killer, most are preventable

From Naval Safety Center

National statistics show that car wrecks kill more people than AIDS, drugs, or gun violence. Navy data is equally disturbing. From FY2000 through FY2003, 251 Sailors and 212 Marines died in automobile crashes—more than half of all accidental deaths during the period, and more than one and a half times the number killed in all operational mishaps. According to traffic-safety experts at the Naval Safety Center, nearly all of these traffic mishaps are preventable.

"Reining in traffic mishaps, the number one killer of our Sailors and Marines, is a matter of changing the culture," said Capt. Bruce Crisler, director of the Naval Safety Center's Shore Safety Programs Directorate. "We simply can't keep doing things the same way if we're going to meet the Secretary of Defense's challenge to reduce mishaps by 50 percent by 2005. It's going to take some new intervention strategies and leadership from the top down."

But traffic crashes happen with such regularity that people grow numb to the overall consequences and costs. People describe the aftermath of the attack on USS Cole, which killed 17 Sailors and injured 39, as "devastating" and a "tragedy." Yet when the Navy lost five times that many Sailors to traffic wrecks in FY03, the news reports usually treat the events as almost routine.

When it comes to changing the behaviors that cause traffic deaths, one of the biggest challenges is a culture of widespread acceptance of the inevitability of traffic accidents. Crashes are not inevitable—they're preventable, often with the application of some common-

sense risk management. A typical recent mishap involved a first-class petty officer driving an SUV with three shipmates as passengers. A Ford Supercab F-250 suddenly changed lanes and hit the SUV's right front fender, causing the Sailor at the wheel to lose control. His SUV rolled four times and was totaled. However, all four Sailors walked away. Why? Because they were wearing seat belts, which kept them in the vehicle.

Seat belts reduce the chances that a front-seat passenger will be injured or killed in a car crash by 45 percent. Every Sailor must learn to think of the seatbelt as the best free "life insurance" available. Research shows that once people develop the 2-to-3-second habit of buckling their seat belts, they usually keep it for life. Nevertheless, between FY01 and FY03, 42 percent of the Sailors and Marines who died in traffic crashes weren't wearing seat belts.

Numerous service-wide and local initiatives are underway to prevent traffic wrecks. The Navy and Marine Corps Safety Council's Shore working group has traffic safety as a primary target, focusing on those factors most often reported as causes in automobile crashes: not wearing seatbelts, driving while fatigued or after drinking alcohol, speeding and losing control. Impaired driving and underage drinking are under special scrutiny. Current rules mandate that Navy personnel found guilty of DUI lose their base-driving privileges for a year, but cooperation between local police and military police sometimes has gaps. The working group is studying the question of standardized enforcement by local commands, and is working to make sure that every Sailor understands the

consequences of a DUI.

About the Naval Safety Center: Established in 1951, the Naval Safety Center is the Navy's leading organization that conducts safety investigations, analyzes mishaps, and provides safety information to the Fleet. The Center serves communities in aviation, afloat, shore and recreation/traffic, ground operations, and occupational safety and health. Commander, Naval Safety Center reports directly to the Chief of Naval Operations, provides assistance to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Safety, and supports over 4,200 Marine and Navy commands worldwide to promote safety and safety processes and to preserve the lives of our service members. Our web site is at <http://safetycenter.navy.mil>

About the 50 percent Mishap-Reduction Campaign: On May 19, 2003, the Secretary of Defense challenged DoD to achieve a 50-percent, across-the-board mishap reduction by the end of FY05. In fiscal year 2003, mishaps killed 106 Sailors, and cost the Navy \$737 million in equipment damage and lost resources. Of the mishap cost, \$694 million was in aviation mishaps. Sixty-six of the deaths were on the highway. The mishap-reduction challenge aims at 10 targets. Four involve Class A mishaps (which cause \$1 million or more in damage, destroy an aircraft, kill someone, or leave someone totally disabled): total operational, aviation (which alone accounts for 94 percent of the costs), afloat and ashore. Four other targets involve fatalities: traffic (which accounts for more than half the total deaths), off-duty, afloat and aviation. The other two are the number of destroyed aircraft and civilian lost-time injuries.

ADVOCATES for Highway and Auto Safety Fact Sheet

From www.saferoads.org

In the United States, an average of six children 0-14 years old were killed and 732 were injured every day in motor vehicle crashes during 2001. (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, or NHTSA, 2002)

49 percent of the children under five years of age that were killed in traffic crashes in 2001 were completely unrestrained. (NHTSA, 2002)

30 percent of infants are incorrectly turned forward facing in their car seats before reaching one year of age. (PCPS, 2001)

According to PCPS, 29 percent of 3-year-olds are inappropriately graduated from car seats to booster seats, and 16 percent of three-year-olds are inappropriately moved from car seats to adult safety belts. (PCPS, 2001)

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death and injury for American children. According to NHTSA, among those killed in crashes in 2002 were 2,542 children 15 years old and younger. Approximately 1,925 of the children killed and 264,000 of those who were injured were vehicle occupants. (The others were pedestrians or bicyclists.)

When children are properly restrained in a child safety seat, booster seat or safety belt, as appropriate for their age and size, their chance of being killed or seriously injured when in a car crash is greatly reduced.

Child safety seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71 percent for infants under one year and by 54 percent for toddlers age one to four. (NHTSA, 2002)

From 1975 through 2001, an estimated 5,085 lives were saved by the use of child restraints (child safety seats or adult belts). In 2001, an estimated 269 children under Age 5 were saved as a result of child restraint use. (NHTSA, 2002)

Children who ride in the back seat suffer a third fewer fatalities than those in the front seat. (Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, or IIHS, 1999)

The best way to protect children age 12 and under from risks posed by air bags is to place them in the back seat, properly restrained by the appropriate child safety seat, booster seat or safety belt.

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Western hemisphere naval leaders gather for Inter-American Naval Conference

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SAN DIEGO (NNS) — Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark and naval leaders from 19 Western Hemisphere countries and their delegates participated in the 21st biennial Inter-American Naval Conference (IANC) here May 3.

Naval leaders from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Chile, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, the United States and Venezuela attended the conference, to discuss and address various issues affecting the Western Hemisphere.

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The number of Sailors passing the exams dropped by only one percent to 108,226, and the total number of quotas available decreased by 1.5 percent from September.

Thirty-six ratings increased or maintained advancement opportunity at the E-6 level when compared to the September exam cycle. Forty-two ratings declined in opportunity, but 11 of those still had advancement opportunity above the E-6 average.

At the E-5 level, 41 ratings showed an increase in advancement opportunity while 35 declined compared to last cycle.

Among the E-4 results, 55 ratings increased or maintained advancement opportunity level when compared to the September exam cycle, with 20 showing a decline. Six of those still showed an above-average advancement opportunity, however. Thirty ratings showed 100 percent advancement to E-4.

A full list of advancement quotas from the March 2004 advancement exam (cycle 183) will soon be available at <http://www.bupers.navy.mil>. Once on the site, click the link for Advancements to view the list.

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1992 Alfa Romeo 33. Red, 4 door, five speed. Reliable second car. Asking \$1,500 OBO. Comes with rack. Call (H)624-0104 (WE) 624-3152 or (Cell) 348-528-0564.

2000 Jeep Wrangler Sport. 4.0 Liter engine, CD, ABS brakes, AC and heat. Only 30,000 miles, AFI cover plated, automatic, white/tan, soft top, and lots of Jeep extras. Asking \$15,000 OBO. Call 335-768-3760 or 624-1247.

1990 BMW 735i Metallic gray, fully loaded, automatic transmission, AM/FM radio plus CD player and leather seats. Asking \$4,900 Call 335-766-4243.

1997 Minivan for sale. Automatic, 4 cylinder, AC, AM/FM stereo. Asking \$4,000. Call 339-624-3428 or 333-254-8916.

Aprilia Gulliver scooter 50 cc, very good on gas for downtown, very comfortable, only \$1,800.00 OBO, kept in garage, perfect condition, only 2,000 miles, call Frank 333-2288597.

1993 BMW 730i full optional, a/c, 4pw, p/s, abs in really great conditions. Top of the class. FMI call Rob @ 3386170392.

2000 Volkswagen Jetta GL 4dr, A/C, power window, power locks, power steering. Dual airbags w/child window locks. Internal alarm system. Perfect family car. Car is silver and is U.S. specs. In perfect running condition, with only 52,000 miles. Kelly Blue Book is \$11,200. Asking \$9,900. Call 095-56-4732 or 3490519287.

1993 Renault 19 Chamade, 1.4 - 4 Cyl. New tune up, tires and breaks, cold A/C. 120,000 KM, runs excellent. Very clean car. Asking \$3,800. Call 624-3627 or 3405937725.

1988 BMW 325iX Sport Wagon, Power Windows, Air Conditioning, \$2000.00 OBO. Please call Tom at 3357864250 or x0217

1987 Suzuki Santana(samurai) sky blue 4x4, 1.0hr with 5 speed trans and 99,000kms. Very reliable transportation with new tires. Asking \$2100 obo. For more info call Adrian at 624-5284 or 095-30-7811 after 5pm.

1991 Honda Civic Si Hatchback. American Spec, 5 speed with power moonroof and ice cold AC. This car has new wheels and tires, springs and shocks, filters, muffler, brakes(front and back)and battery. Only 40,000mi on Factory bought new motor.This car is in perfect mechanical condition. Asking \$3400 obo. For more info call Adrian at 624-5284 or 095-30-7811 after 5pm

1968 Autobianchi 500 Giardinetta. Beautifully preserved, totally original vintage 500 Belvedere Stationwagon! Suicide doors and convertible top. Runs and drives great! Must see to believe condition for this rare example of an unusual and fun car. \$3,500 o.b.o. Call Aldo @ x4599 or 338-4898796.

1991 Rover 416 GSI. Only second owner. All original parts in excellent condition inside and out. Maintained regularly with no problems. Power windows and locks. AC and heater. 5 speed. Radio and CD stereo. Must see! \$2800 O.B.O. Call Gina at 67425110, 3405637139 (cell).

1992 Mercedes 190E. Look good, runs great, P/W, Air. \$2600.00 Call Susan at 624-2721 or Shane at 340-292-5085.

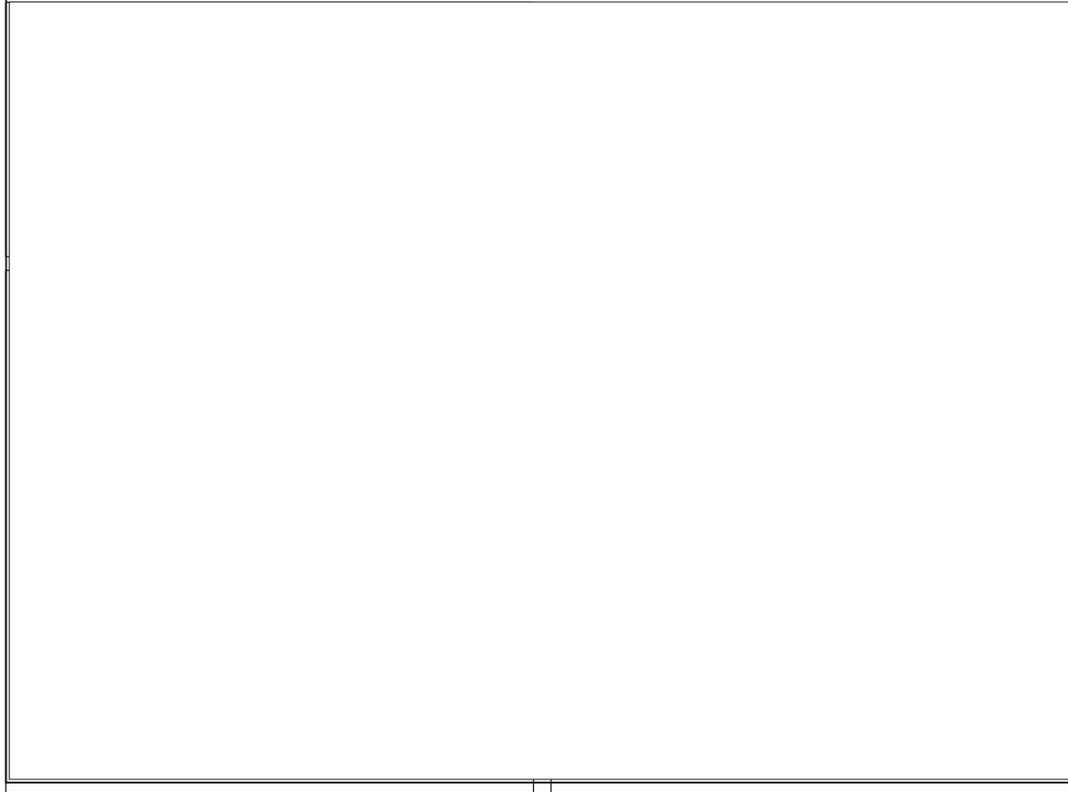
1989 VW Golf GL 4 door. Available end of May. Asking \$850. Call Daphne at 340-574-3960 cell, 095-754-6473 evenings, or ext 6904 0800-1530.

1992 Mercedes Benz 200 E, color black metallic, air condition, new tires, sun roof, maintenance up to date, excellent conditions, garage kept, ask Euro 3,500 OBO call Giuseppe x6895.

2001 OPEL ASTRA power windows, remote locks, cd player w/4 disc holder. Great heat and A/C runs great, good around the island car. Bhe book 9000 Euro asking \$8000-negotiable. Must Sell PCSing soon. Call Tony at x6615 (work) or x3573 (home).

1991 Lancia, 4 door, AFI plated with power windows and doors, heat and air conditioning. Car will be ready May 10. Asking \$2700.00. Call Peters at X3512, x5114 or 339-859-2150.

1992 Mitsubishi Diamante Bought car new. Has all options.



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Runs great. Draws 400 liters. Asking \$3500. DSN 624-3222 Civ 09556-3222 Cell 3203133601.

1994 Alfa Romeo 155 1.7lr, 81000km. Black, A/C, Alloy Wheels, Rear Spoiler, Alarm System. Power everything. Looks and handles Great. Asking 3900 euros. Call 340 600 3960.

1990 Lancia Thema, 5 speed, 4 door, Ac, AM/FM/CAS, power windows, locks, mirrors, cover plates, good condition, must sell. Asking \$2500. Call Ed at home 624-3704 or work 624-9242.

1986 Ford Sierra Cosworth- Pearl White 3dr. new timing belt, water pump, and brakes, p/w, p/s sport brakes, T4 turbo, intercooled, full sparcio interior, very rare and fast!!! Must sell. Asking \$4800 but negotiable. Call Salem at 624-3572 or 338-637-6414.

1998 Alfa Romeo 156 2.4 JTD, 85000 Km, GREAT GAS MILEAGE !!! (over 1000 miles with 100 Liters of DIESEL), manual transmission, auto A/C, Dual Air Bags, ABS, stereo, silver, Check Control Panel, GREAT CONDITIONS (Any TEST)!! Euro 11,500, Call Rick 08:00-16:30 @ 624-4690 or after 17:00 @ 3385326171 / 0957513717.

1994 Eagle Talon AFI Plated, Automatic, 4 cyl, 1.8 ltr, 110,000 miles, Air Conditioning, front wheel drive, power steering, tilt wheel, flip up roof, AM/FM cassette, Dk Green, good condition. Available 11 June. \$2,000. Call 624-3587 or 624-5577.

1993 Pontiac Sunbird LE, 91k miles, auto, A/C, tires, exhaust and battery all new; inspection current \$2500 or best offer. Must SELL! Call x3502.

1971 Mini Minor color red. Motor good condition. Body good condition. All original. \$3,800.

1991 Mercedes Benz E190, 5 speed, 4 door, A/C, power windows/doors, CD/FM player, AFI plated, \$2,700. Call Felix at 624-2975/3692 or 335-569-8006.

1987 BMW 318i One owner the last four plus years. A/C, 5 Speed, 4 cyl., \$2,000 OBO. Call 335-606-5838 or 339 84 89 863.

1990 Plymouth Laser 2 dr, power windows, american spec, great Sigonella car. Must sell by May 24th. \$1,000 firm. Call x2321 or 333-147-0510

1987 BMW 320i Red Convertible low mileage, new paint, great maintenance, 12 disc CD/Cassette player w/ detachable face. To many extras to list. Perfect for Sigonella summer. \$4,000 or best offer. Call x2321 or 333-147-0510

Pets

Must place family dog, child has allergies. House broken,

loves to go running, loves people. Free to good home, will pay adopting family. Comes with kennel, toys, yard tie-up, grooming equipment. Has all shots, spayed and chipped. Call x1279.

Four-month-old Boxer mix. Must have a lot of patience and know how to train a puppy. Puppy is extremely smart and loves children. If interested in giving a puppy a good home, please call Susan at 348-730-1171.

3 year old Pitbull: Jesse is a family dog not a fighter. Jesse is brindle, fixed, house trained and very obedient. He loves to play fetch and is NOT dog aggressive. If interested please call Melissa @ 095861575 between 9 am and 9 pm.

We have a litter of kittens who desperately need to be adopted. They are only three weeks old and were being weaned until their mother became ill. If anyone would like to offer plenty of love, food and shelter please call 347-7802963 or 624-2560.

Free to good home. One-year-old female black and white lab mix. Well-behaved, mellow, loose-kennel trained. Great with other dogs. Comes with kennel and other accessories. Healthy and all shots up-to-date. Call x0632 or email greendeer20@yahoo.com for more information.

Free to good home. Two six-month-old Males Boxer/Lab mix, all shots are up to date and house broken. Very loving and active. Good with kids and other animals. Unable to take care of them both due to our work schedule. Call Salem or Michelle at 624-3572 or 338-637-6414.

For Sale

New ASUS A7NRX-X motherboard, 8X AGP, AMD Socket A, 400/333/266/200 Hz FSB, NVIDIA nForce 2 chipset, 4 USB 2.0, 5 pci, LAN, \$6000 firm Call 340-9296907, or 624-4341 and ask for Mickey, or email wt@wtncwilliams.com

SONY 5 Megapixel Digital Camera DSC-F717 (\$689) + SONY 2X Telefoto Zoom Lens (S299) + SONY External Flash (S199) + 288MB of Memory Sticks (S138). All original accessories and box included. I want to upgrade. \$1325 value, I will sell all for \$800.00 firm. Call 340-9296907 or 624-4341 and ask for Mickey.

Heater fan for sale, \$40.00. Also, bombola heater with bombola. Cell phone with chip, \$10.00. Couch and love seat, \$330.00. Call Syd at x0140 or 339-859-2150.

Brand new, never been used full size dark wood bedroom set. Includes head & foot board, rails, large dresser, large mirror & Black entertainment center still in box. Bought for \$900 total. Will sell for \$700. Available MAY 11th. E-mail Danielle at danigirl_7@yahoo.com for digital pictures of this furniture or call 3331177224.

Power Wheels Jeep for kids! Designed for ages 1 1/2 - 4 years of age and maximum weight 50 lbs. Lots of fun! Will sell for \$50. Please call x1396.

Sports cards for sale. I am getting rid of my collection. Singles, autographs, jersey cards, favorite players. Some packs for sale which include football, baseball, and basketball. If interested - email silkysull_2000@yahoo.com or geechill@msn.com.

Camouflage Netting - huge piece \$35.00, refrigerator/freezer 220V - frost free, \$225, cabinet pieces (2) Walnut \$30.00, Dog Kennel M/L on wheels \$25.00 Call 095-52-0298.

Blue evenflow baby swing, \$30.00; pack n' play playpen, \$40.00; Oak TV Stand, \$50.00. Call Claire at 095-39-9539.

PCS SALE 2-4 drawer Dressers \$300/ea., 2 Carpets (tan) approx 9'x12 (perfect for child room) \$30/ea., 2 End tables \$25 ea./2-\$40.00, Jenny Lind changing table \$40, Evenflo Discovery Infant carseat with base \$25, Fisher Price Travel Bassinet with carrying case (adjust to sitting position) \$25, Stepl chalk board \$10, Fisher Price rocking chair that vibrates \$5, call Ramona x-0148 or email punit72@hotmail.com subj. ad in paper. Can email with pics of any item.

Excellent portable Air Conditioner for sale. Only used one season Last year. Cools great, 4000 BTU. Paid 450 Euro new, will sell for \$300. 624-5714, 095306442.

CARPETS FOR SALE: 1 fawn-beige Berber carpet, size 12' x 14' 9" (not bound) \$40. 1 gray-sculptured carpet, size 12' x 10' 5" (not bound) \$40 1 tan-sculptured carpet (like new & bound), size 8' x10' \$60. All fit nicely in Mineo housing. Please call Mary Lou or Tom at x0217.

1985 21' Marathon Boat with dual axle trailer, \$9500.00. Both in excellent condition. Fully outfitted with stove, sink, V-bunk cushions, stereo, extra trailer tires etc... Call 095 89 6320 or 338 655 7334.

PCS Sale. 2 Cell phones motorola, one with chip, headset and case, very small \$70. The other newer edition Web access capable, muly tones, case and chip also small \$100. Both for \$160. Call Victor at 3476870667 or ext. 0268

Window air-conditioner units, four 220 volt air conds. Two smaller units for bedrooms, one for a medium size room like a kitchen or den, and one for a larger room like a living room. We used them in Motta but have moved into housing so we don't need them. \$100 each, 624-1526.

Graco crib for life, brand new with crib mattress. Converts from crib, to toddler bed, to day bed, to full size bed \$100. Hoover floor mate. Only 6 months old. Vacuums, wet cleans, dry vacuums hard floors \$100. Powerhouse Olympic universal weight bench with Olympic bar, curl bar, weights and weight stand \$250. Call Kelly or Josh at 624-0695.

XT-400 WeedEater and Edger in good condition, \$100 OBO. Contact Neil or Amanda x0254

Queen size bed—headboard, frame, mattress, boxspring \$300

O.B. O. Hockey street gear—full set with stick, youth size \$30.00. Maternity clothes- summer tops \$1.50-\$2, dresses \$4. Boy baby clothes 6-18 months bag \$6. 624-1274
Still looking for that prom dress: white silk size 5 dress w/ gloves. Blue silk size 5 dress. Black/Grayfish corset style two piece dress, size 34 w/gloves. Really must see. Call Jennifer @ x0273 for more info.

AFN Decoder for sale. \$325. 624-0633.

Cal king size box / mattress / steel frame \$150.00, 5000 HP A/C 220v, bought for \$350, selling for \$100. Call Felix at 624-2975/3692 or 335-569-8006.

Wanted

Math tutor needed for my fifth grader. I am looking for someone with a background in education. I am willing to take my child to the tutor. Assistance is needed immediately. Please call Amber at 624-0613 or 095-86-0613.

Wanted: Child's car booster seat, contact Suzanne at X3258, 335-141-5641 (cell) or 095-754-5336

Calling all knitters! Local knitting club starting up. All levels of experience welcome. If you are interested in joining us, please email Deb at sicilyknitter@yahoo.com or call 624-0154 for more info.

I am looking for someone to sew curtains for my home, the measurements have already been taken the fabric has been cut. I will pay whomever a reasonable price. I will bring to your home and pick up so that it is no inconvenience to you. If interested please call Christina @ 3393517681.

Wanted Automatic transmission car for my daughter. Will pay the right price for the right car in good condition. AFI plated is a plus! Air conditioning is a plus too but not required. Call 624-1526.

Looking for jogging stroller, single or double. Also looking for children's outside play equipment. Call Ashley @ 624-0633(home).

Yard Sale

PCSing back to the states. Have lots of what we need to get rid of, clothes, some furniture, some small appliances and many misc. items. Friday and Saturday, May 21 and 22 8:00 a.m. till 7:00 p.m. 322 A or you can call 624-3627 if you have any questions.

Lost and Found

Lost: pair of boys prescription glasses in case. Left on running shoe shelf area of NEX 4/21. If found please call Mike at X0189. Please call, my parents are very... upset.

