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Miguel Acosta, 5, sits on the Easter Bunny's (Keith Lushinsky) lap during the Armed Services YMCA 'Little Kids Easter Party' on Tuesday. Story, more pictures, Page 8.



New skipper due at SWOS

The Surface Warfare Officers School Command schedules change of command ceremonies next Friday.

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MWR welcomes new manager

The new Morale, Welfare and Recreation storefront manager arrives from Iceland, hits the ground running.

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NUWC assists in volleyball

Naval Undersea Warfare Center supplies volunteers for the Special Olympics Rhode Island Volleyball Tournament.

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NAVY HISTORY LESSON—Cmdr. Dave Burnes, Director for Public Works, Naval Station Newport, talks about a portrait of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry to Boys State and Girls State delegates from Aquidneck Island at Perry Hall this week. Front row, from left, are Kate Durham and Kim Chrostowski of Portsmouth High School; and back row, Jonathan Abbassi, Mark Dela Volpe and Tim Neuenfeldt of Rogers High School.

Rep. Kennedy to address Boy and Girls State today

By **BOB KREKORIAN**

NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

U.S. Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., is one of several state and federal political figures invited to address the combined Rhode Island Boys State and Girls State program at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport this week.



Kennedy

Other speakers during the week included R.I. General Treasurer Paul Tavares; and R.I. Attorney General Patrick Lynch. Kennedy was scheduled to speak today.

Graduation ceremonies will be tonight at 7 in Captain Howard N. Kay Hall.

The program is co-sponsored annually by The American Legion, Rhode Island, and the American Legion's Auxiliary. The program has many important objectives that includes developing civic leadership and pride in American citizenship, stimulating a keen interest in the study of American government, developing an understanding of traditions distinctly American, and arousing in young citizens a determination to maintain our form of government.

The participants attended classes and seminars, and covered topics such as federal, state
BOYS STATE, Page 13

Attorney General accents experience

By **JOY CHRISTMAS**

NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

Rhode Island Atty. Gen. Patrick Lynch, one of three speakers last Wednesday morning for the annual Boys State and Girls State program, said he always knew he wanted to be a prosecutor, and prides his experience.

"My competitor was much older than I was, but he had no experience," said Lynch, a native of Pawtucket and Brown University graduate. "I am a prosecutor at the core, served in the trenches and came up through the office."

With more than 30,000 criminal cases in Rhode Island each year, the office of attorney general can't be learned on the job. "It's not fair to the victims or the families of the victims," he said.

Lynch has primary jurisdiction over any crime in the state. His most visible case since taking office is The Station nightclub fire in West Warwick.

"I have seen murder scenes and autopsies, but it was the worse thing
LYNCH, Page 13

Security perimeter requested around Coasters' Harbor I.

By **JOY CHRISTMAS**

NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

Because of increased security measures, the Navy has requested from the Army Corps of Engineers permission to further restrict access to Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport shore facilities.

Last November, the Navy was granted permission by the corps to restrict access by civilian mariners, pleasure boaters and other non-military vessels to Coddington Cove. That zone extends from Stillwater Basin to Coddington Point behind Building 1112.

The new request, by Navy Region Northeast, proposes to augment existing restrictions with a more distinct and measurable separation between NAVSTA and public navigation traffic. It would include a "C"-shaped barrier encompassing Coasters' Harbor Island, the entire shoreline of NAVSTA from Coddington Point south to the Naval Ambulatory Care Center (NACC) Newport compound.

The proposed rule was implemented on a temporary basis as of April 15.

The barrier is outlined by a

series of danger area marker buoys. Navy, Coast Guard and other military and law enforcement vessels will be granted access to these areas. Commercial fishing vessels, and environmental and wildlife craft, will be granted access to the restricted area only through written permission by the Commanding Officer, NAVSTA, or via a memorandum of understanding.

The NAVSTA Marina and Sailing Center will continue to operate as in past boating seasons. It will be open to normal business, except when national security measures dictate otherwise.

Public Comment of this proposal is welcome and encouraged. Comments must be in writing and received by May 15, 2003. Send comments to:

Michael J. Elliott
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

New England District
696 Virginia Road
Concord, Mass. 01742-2751
Please refer to File Number:
2003-00571

For further information, contact Michael Elliott at (978) 318-8131, or toll free, (800)343-4789.

14 more reservists activated for duty

As part of the mobilization authorized by President Bush in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, an additional 14

naval reservists have been activated from Naval Reserve Centers in Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York since April 2.

Navalog

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M&Ms APLENTY — Lee Wilt, the network engineer at the Naval Academy Prep School, stands in his work space display of M&M candy memorabilia and collectibles. The subject of a *Newport Navalog* article in April 1999 when he had 125 items, Wilt now has 1,100 in his office and another 800 pieces at home.

Job Fair welcomes all hands

Job Fair 2003, co-hosted by the Fleet and Family Support Center and Newport County Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for Monday, April 21, from 2 to 6 p.m., at the Newport Marriott.

The Job Fair is open to everyone, including students seeking summer or part-time employment. Participants in the Job Fair are encouraged to bring at least 20 copies of their resumes, and should dress in attire suitable for a job interview.

Job Fair 2003 will feature employers from several different fields, including health care, manufacturing, office services, technical, professional, financial services, and hospitality industries.

There is no cost to participate in Job Fair 2003 for employers or for those seeking employment. For more information, contact the Fleet and Family Support Center at (401) 841-2283.

SWOS to change command

By **RICHARD ALEXANDER**
Navalog editor

Capt. Mark H. Buzby will relieve Capt. Ronald W. Brinkley as Commanding Officer, Surface Warfare Officers School Command (SWOSCOLCOM) in change of command ceremonies on April 25 at 10 a.m. in Weakley Hall auditorium.

Rear Adm. J. Kevin Moran, Commander, Naval Personnel Development Command, will be guest speaker.

Lt. Cmdr. Larry D. Kalsow, Naval Chaplain School, will give the invocation and the benediction. Navy Band Northeast's Ceremonial Band will provide appropriate music.

Capt. Buzby comes to SWOSCOLCOM as the Sea Combat Commander for aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln Battle Group in support of Operations Southern Watch

and Operation Enduring Freedom, before being relieved in December 2002.

He is a 1975 graduate of Admiral Farragut Academy and a 1979 graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y.



Capt. Buzby

He graduated from the Naval War College in 1991 where he received a master of arts degree in strategic studies and international affairs. He also holds a master of arts degree in International Relations from Salve Regina University.

He is also a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College.

Sea duty has included the cruisers USS Yorktown and

USS Shiloh, and the guided missile destroyer USS Carney.

His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (five awards), and various other unit and campaign awards.

A native of Atlantic City, N.J., he is married to the former Gina E. Warren.

Capt. Brinkley will report to Naval Warfare Development Center Detachment, Norfolk, Va., in June 2003.

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OIS to graduate 62 today

BY JOY CHRISTMAS
NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

Graduation ceremonies will be held today for Officer Indoctrination School (OIS) Class 03030, at Capt. Howard N. Kay Hall at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport. A traditional pass in review will precede graduation beginning at 9 a.m.

Rear Adm. Joseph P. Van-Landingham, Deputy Chief, Medical Operations Support; Director of Homeland Security for the Bureau of Medicine; and Director of the Medical Service Corps, will serve as reviewing officer and guest speaker.

The ceremonies culminate six weeks of intense naval indoctrination for the 62 newly

commissioned officers of the Medical Corps (MC), Medical Service Corps (MSC), Nurse Corps (NC), Judge Advocate General Corps (JAGC), Dental Corps (DC) and nuclear power field. The curriculum included military law, personnel administration, Navy policies, personal excellence and naval leadership.

GRADUATION, Page 13



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NEW MASTER CHIEF — Mrs. Michelle Hernandez, with help from her son, Charlie, 9, pins collar devices on husband, Master Chief Dental Technician (SCW/FMF) R.M. Hernandez, the new Command Master Chief of Naval Dental Center Northeast, during ceremonies recently at the quarterdeck.

PSD names '02 Sailor of the Year

By PN1(SW) R. ANDREWS
Personnel Support Detachment PAO

Personnelman Second Class (Surface Warfare) Margaret J. Bertolino of New Bedford, Mass., has been selected as the 2002 Sailor of the Year at the Personnel Support Activity



Detachment, (PERSUPPDET) Newport. **SAILOR, Page 13**

Navy-Marine Corps Achievement

FC1(SW) Mark Medeiros, Naval Station Newport Security Department, from Commanding Officer, USS Higgins (DDG 76), April 9, 2003
HTCS James Manning, Naval Station Newport Security Department, from Commanding Officer, Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center, Providence, R.I., April 9, 2003

MA1 Tony Sanchez, Naval Station Newport Security Department, from Commanding Officer, Naval Weapons Station, Earle, N.J., April 9, 2003

Good Conduct Medal

GSM1(SW) Thomas Earnest, Naval Station Newport Command Support Department, (fourth award), April 9, 2003

Civilian of the Quarter

Michele Imbriglio, Naval Station Newport Environmental Department, (Senior Civilian), April 9, 2003;
Leonard Coleman, Naval Station Newport Security Department, (Junior Civilian), April 9, 2003

Regional recognition

HM1 Luchino D. Caparas, Command Career counselor, selected as Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Newport's entry in Naval Health Care New England Senior Sailor of the Quarter contest, April 14, 2003.

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Learn how to attain your financial goals by transforming your checkbook into a personal financial planning tool.

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Hear how you can reduce your checking account fees, avoid bouncing checks, better manage your cash flow, and safeguard yourself and your money.

For information and to register, call 841-2283.

Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) — An informational class on TSP will be held on April 22 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Fleet and Family Support Center. A lunchtime session also will be held on April 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. TSP open season begins April 15 and ends June 30, 2003. Come to either session to learn the basics of this defined contribution plan. Spouses are welcome.

Registration is required. Call 841-2283.

Homebuyers' Workshop —

NACC staffer approved for leave donation

Cassandra (Casey) Parson of the Fiscal Department at Naval Ambulatory Care Center (NACC) Newport has been approved for leave donations due to a medical emergency.

Any employee who has been affected by a medical emergency may submit a written application to become a leave recipient under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program.

A donor may not donate more than a total of one half of the amount of leave accrued during the leave year in which the donation is made.

Employees who wish to assist Ms. Parson should complete OPM Form 630-A (OPM Form 630-B for donors outside the NACC command) and forward it to Chris Ware, Fiscal Department, Building 44 NACC Newport. For more information, call 841-7599.

Purchasing a home is a complex task. There are many questions that need to be answered before you take that big step. Come to the Fleet and Family Support Center on Thursday, April 24, 7 to 9 p.m.

and learn about your options and decipher real estate lingo. You will meet with a representative from the Navy Federal Credit Union to hear firsthand about qualifications for mortgages and other financial

options. Home-buying information for all areas of the United States will be available at this workshop.

Call 841-2283 to register.

The Credit Process — A representative from the Navy Fed-

eral Credit Union will be conducting a program on **Establishing Credit** on April 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and learn how to read, understand, and correct your credit report. Call 841-2283.

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- Donna Broadhead
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What's going on

Kids' fun for Easter

Children, ages 2 to 8, of active duty military members are invited to participate in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation/Armed Services YMCA Easter Faire tomorrow, April 19, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Officers' Club.

This free, fun-filled family event will feature activities, games, crafts, prizes, face painting, a balloon artist and a special visit from the Easter Bunny!

Refreshments will be available as well. Mark your calendar today so you don't miss this terrific family event! Adult volunteers are needed. Call Amy Burnes at 841-4038 for more information.

TODAY, April 18

- Lunchtime BINGO, at the Recreation Center, Building 656. Noon to 1 p.m. Also Thursdays.
- Fitness Equipment Orientation, FITNESS Plus, Building 355, 8, 9 and 10 a.m. Also, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Call 841-1474.
- Soup kitchen at Martin Luther King Center, Marcus Wheatley Boulevard, welcomes military volunteers, 8:30 a.m.
- R.I. Blood Center donor coach, Navy Exchange parking lot, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., 841-1399.
- Conservation Week, Roger Williams Park Zoo, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 785-3510.
- Good Friday Protestant Service, Chapel of Hope, noon, 841-2234.
- Good Friday Reading of the Passion, Chapel of Hope, 3 p.m., 841-2234.

- Narragansett Baystation Kids' Days, 2 to 3 p.m., 1-800-627-7229.
- April Vacation Camp, Norman Bird Sanctuary, Third Beach Road, Middletown, 846-2577.
- Soup kitchen at Salvation Army, Memorial Boulevard, welcomes military volunteers, 5 to 5:45 p.m.
- Recreation Center Movie Night, at 6 p.m., *Maid in Manhattan* (PG-13); at 8 p.m., *Empire* (R).
- Ballroom Dancing, Portuguese American Club, 8 to 11:30 p.m., 943-4692.

SATURDAY, April 19

- Officers' Club Easter Faire, 10 a.m. to noon, 841-4038.
- Easter Egg Hunt at Rosecliff Mansion, 10 a.m., 847-1000.
- Earth Day at Roger Williams Park Zoo, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 785-3510.
- Spring Tours of Inns and Bed and Breakfasts, 1 to 3 p.m., 847-7081.
- Narragansett Baystation Kids' Days, 2 to 3 p.m., 1-800-627-7229.
- Holy Saturday, Catholic Mass Easter Vigil, Chapel of Hope, 7 p.m., 841-2234.
- Gospel Gathering, Newport Marriott, 7 p.m., 848-2400.

SUNDAY, April 20

- Chapel of Hope Easter Sunday worship services:
 - Protestant Service, 8 and 10:30 a.m.
 - Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. and noon.
- Sunday Bowling, Seaview Bowling Lanes, Building 656, \$7 per person, two-person minimum per lane.
- Graduation Ceremonies for Boys and Girls State, Captain Howard N. Kay Hall, 7 p.m., 841-3538.

MONDAY, April 21

- Fitness Walk and Tone, 8 to 9 a.m., Gym 109.
- Intermediate Weight Training for Women, 9 to 10:30 a.m., \$10 per person.
- Soup kitchen, Martin Luther King Center Center, welcomes military volunteers, 8:30 a.m.
- Soup kitchen, St. Joseph's

Church, welcomes military volunteers, 11:30 a.m.

- Job Fair 2003, Newport Marriott, 2 to 6 p.m., 841-2283.
- Soup Kitchen, Channing Church, welcomes military volunteers, 5 p.m.
- Lecture, Newport Colony House: Our Legacy of Liberty, Newport Colony House, 7:30 p.m., 846-0813.

TUESDAY, April 22

- Fitness Walk and Tone, 8 to 9 a.m., Gym 109. \$5 for five weeks! Call 841-3154.
- Intermediate Weight Training for Women, 9 to 10:30 a.m., Gym 109. \$10 per person. Call 841-3154.
- Soup kitchen, Martin Luther King Center, welcomes military volunteers, 8:30 a.m.
- Checkbook Balancing, Fleet and Family Support Center, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 841-2283.
- Officers' Club Movie Night, at 6 p.m., *Drumline* (PG-13); at 8 p.m., *Extreme Ops* (PG-13).
- Pawtucket Red Sox vs. Syracuse SkyChiefs, McCoy Stadium, 7:24-7300.
- South America, Newport Public Library, 7 to 9 p.m., 847-8720.

WEDNESDAY, April 23

- Ghost Tour, Belcourt Castle, 5 p.m., 846-0669.
- Africa, Newport Art Museum, 7 to 9 p.m., 848-8200.
- Pawtucket Red Sox vs. Syracuse SkyChiefs, McCoy Stadium, 7:24-7300.

THURSDAY, April 24

- Spring Basewide Cleanup, volunteers meet at Building 47, 8 to 11:30 a.m., 841-1790.
- Soup kitchen, Martin Luther King Center, welcomes military volunteers, 8:30 a.m.
- Soup kitchen, St. Paul's Church, welcomes military volunteers, 5 p.m.
- Best of Newport Celebrity Servers Dinner, The Newport Regatta Club, 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., 943-8888.

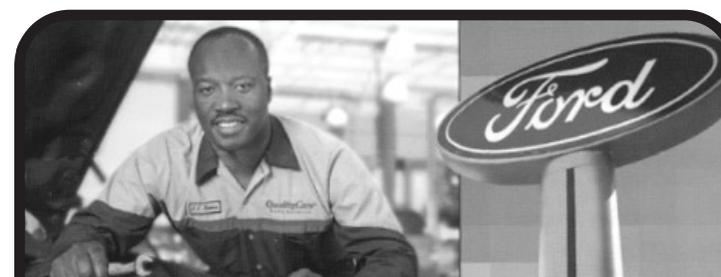
Newport SNA to host Sailor of Year social

The Newport Chapter of the Surface Navy Association (SNA) will host a Sailor of the Year Recognition Social on April 23 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Officers' Club to recognize the outstanding achievements of Sailors assigned to Naval Station Newport.

The SNA will be providing hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. For planning purposes, command representatives should notify the event coordinator, Master Chief Operations Specialist (SW/AW) Jeff Bell, at 841-4962 or e-mail

Jeffery.A.Bell@swos.navy.mil no later than today with the approximate number of personnel from each command that will attend.

This event is open to all hands. Do not miss this opportunity to come out and meet Naval Station Newport's finest.



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Navy College launches needs assessment survey

Every three years the Navy College Office surveys personnel at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport to help identify desires and requirements regarding educational programs here.

Questions will deal with program preferences, program barriers, as well as measure the satisfaction with current services. The data collected with this survey will be used to plan the on-base education program for the next three years.

Any personal computer with Internet access can be utilized to take the survey. The survey takes only 5 to 10 minutes to complete.

The survey will guide the future of the education program at NAVSTA for the next three years, so all input is strongly encouraged. Participants will need to know their UIC (Unit Identification Code) for each command, and this

Special events

NEX blood drive

The Navy Exchange will host a blood drive by the Aquidneck Island Donor Center, R.I. Blood Center, today from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All active duty, reserve and Department of Defense civilians are welcome to stop by the donor coach.

NAVSTA readies Base Cleanup

Naval Station Newport (NAVSTA) will hold its annual Spring Basewide Cleanup, on Thursday, April 24, from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

All hands from NAVSTA and its tenant commands are invited and encouraged to participate.

Sponsored by the NAVSTA Environmental Department, the event will coincide with the 33rd observance of Earth Day (April 22). This year's celebration will also encompass, Arbor Day, traditionally celebrated the last Friday in April (April 25), with the planting of trees at various locations throughout the Naval Station.

Participants are asked to assemble at Building 47 for a safety briefing, supplies and team and area assignments.

An in-door picnic will be held for all participants immediately following the cleanup.

will be the user name.

The survey dates will be April 23 through May 16. The password will be sgnport (everyone will use the same password). The Internet site will be announced in the May

22 NAVSTA POD. Navy Campus does not want anyone to connect until April 23; please do not try to sign in ahead of time.

A final analysis of the data will be published as an execu-

tive summary for the Commanding Officer, NAVSTA. This data will make up the education plan for NAVSTA for the next three years. The plan will detail program recommendations and changes to

meet the needs of the population served.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this important endeavor. Call 841-3030 with any questions.



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Easter Bunny creates some 'egg-citement'

By **ENS. JENNIFER BERG**
NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

MIDDLETOWN — "Hippity-hoppity; hippity-hoppity."

Is that the sound of bunny feet? The children at the Armed Services YMCA can assure you that it is.

Last Tuesday morning, the ASYMCA hosted its "Little Kids Easter Party." Approximately 22 children and several adults attended the festivities, which



William Mardon, 10 months, shows his displeasure in an encounter with the Easter Bunny.

began with several Easter crafts.

The children gathered in the playroom to make two Easter cards, which they decorated with a variety of stickers. Parents gathered around the table to help them fold the cards and oversee the decorating.

The next craft was a bunny picture frame. Mothers and fathers alike bent over the tables helping young ones with the glue as they pieced the frame together. The children squealed in delight as the funny bunnies began to take shape.

While the children worked on their crafts, who should arrive on the playground, but the Easter Bunny himself.

Grabbing their Easter baskets and jackets the children lined up by the gate to the playground. When all were

ready it was time for the egg hunt to begin.

The playground was littered with brightly colored plastic eggs. They were everywhere. Children darted left and right to be the first to pick up the choicest egg.

Even the very young toddlers supported in their mothers' hands had enough time to pick up eggs on their own without being helped. Of course, others seemed more interested in the playground itself than the eggs, but then young ones have many fancies.

When the eggs were all found, the children were hustled inside to pick through the candy that was inside the plastic eggs and eat the pizza donated by Domino's.

They were surprised to find the Easter Bunny inside, and he invited the boys and girls to pose for pictures.

The Easter Bunny, played by Keith Lushinsky, rewarded each with a little gift for being brave enough to step forward.

The children had a whole range of reactions: most of the younger ones cried, some refused to go near him at all, and others ran from the room in fright.

But some went and sat on his lap and smiled for the camera.

At the end of the party an Easter basket that was donated by Walmart was raffled off.

Program Manager Sally Huff said of the party, "It was a great success. The kids got eggs and candy, and had fun."

The Easter Bunny is still in town. He will be at the Officers' Club Easter Faire on Saturday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to noon.



Katie Poland, 2, gestures to her mother, Paige Poland, while they make Easter cards at the Armed Services YMCA's Little Kids Easter Party last Tuesday.



Shelly Jersey, 3, spreads glue on her Easter Bunny picture frame creation in the playroom.



ONE FOR ME...Kate Mardon, 2, drops another egg into her basket.



Chapel of Hope posts its Easter schedule

Chapel of Hope worship schedule for Holy Week and Easter follows:

Today, April 18 (Good Friday)

Noon, Protestant service

3 p.m., Reading of the Passion of Our Lord

Saturday, April 19 (Holy Saturday)

7 p.m., Catholic mass (Easter vigil)

Sunday, April 20 (Easter Sunday)

8 a.m., Protestant service

9 a.m. Catholic mass

10:30 a.m., Protestant service

noon, Catholic mass

Ticket Connection

Six Flags seasonal tickets

Six Flags New England seasonal passes are available at the Ticket Connection in Building 656, but only until June 1. The passes cost \$57 each and provided unlimited admission at any Six Flags park across the country for the entire 2003 season once you have been issued your photo ID pass from the Six Flags Park in Agawam, Mass.

The passes at the park will cost \$64.99. Call 841-3116 for more information.

Ticket vouchers to PawSox

The Ticket Connection in Building 656 has discounted box seat and general admission vouchers available for Pawtucket Red Sox home games. Box seat vouchers are priced at \$7. General admission vouchers are priced at \$4.25.

For more information call 841-3116.

Visit the Big Apple for a day

There's nothing like New York City in the springtime, and the MWR Ticket Connection will take you there on a special one-day bus trip on Saturday, May 17. The trip price is \$43 per person and the bus will depart from outside of Gate 4 at 7 a.m.

Return to NAVSTA Newport will be at approximately 11 p.m. Visit the Met, shop at Bloomingdale's, Macy's or Saks, catch a matinee or just enjoy the sights and sounds of the city — the choice is yours and the possibilities are endless! Reservations can be made at the Ticket Connection, Building 656. Hurry in to reserve your seat before they're gone. For further information, call 841-3116.



Ron Fontaine/U.S. Navy photo

DEE RICHARDS, the new storefront manager of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department, confers with Secretary Erin Nesby, right, in Building 1121, Naval Station Newport.

New MWR manager arrives straight from NAS Keflavik

By **AMY COURVILLE**

Morale, Welfare & Recreation publicist

Mrs. Dee A. Richards, the new Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department storefront manager may have only arrived in Newport a few weeks ago, but she is ready to hit the ground running.

"I have high aspirations and standards," Richards said. "We have a lot of projects to move out on, which will insure that MWR Newport continues to provide our customers with a very high level of service."

Richards is looking forward to working in the United States after spending much of her 24-year MWR career overseas. Her most recent duty station was Naval Air Station Keflavik (Iceland) where, after beginning as the Enlisted Club manager in January 1993, she moved through the ranks to become the MWR director, the position she left to come to Newport.

While she certainly enjoyed traveling and experiencing different countries and cultures during her 16 years overseas, Richards felt it was "time to come home."

"I've spent a lot of years overseas and my son has never

lived in the U.S.," she said.

"Additionally, I was looking for more challenges, professionally. There are lots of differences between working overseas and working in the U.S. Not that one is necessarily better or worse than the other, they are just different."

Her choice to come to New-

'We have a lot of projects to move on, which will insure that MWR Newport continues to provide its customers with a very high level of service.'

— **Dee Richards**
MWR Storefront Manager

port was based on her desire to live on the East Coast. "I wasn't that familiar with the (Navy in) the Northeast and I've always wanted to live on the East Coast. A lot of our American heritage is here and there is a lot to see, do and experience here."

So far, Richards has really enjoyed the hospitality of the people in Newport. "Everyone I've met, both on and off base,

have been very hospitable." The other thing that she is enjoying about Newport so far is—trees.

"There are really no trees to speak of in Iceland," Richards said.

The hardest part about leaving Iceland was leaving her friends, coworkers and family behind.

"They were a good bunch of people," Richards said. "My husband (John) and son (Jonathan) will be here June 1."

Richards actually met her husband, a retired Navy helicopter pilot, in Antarctica while working for Operation Deep Freeze, a deploying unit which spent six months a year at McMurdo Station. She managed four clubs, a package store and dabbled in Special Services (predecessor to MWR) and says, "It was a real fun job."

After three years, Richards moved to Scotland and then, took four years off from her career to finish school and be a mother.

Richards has a bachelor's degree in Recreation and Leisure Services Management from San Jose State, Calif., and a master's degree in human relations from the University of Oklahoma.

Naval Station Newport Dining

Officers' Club

(Building 95, Phone 841-4821, 846-7987 or 849-3693)

Today: Lunch, 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., first deck, buffet-style selections.

Tonight: Kick off the week-end right with complimentary hors d'oeuvres in the Pub in the Constellation Room, every Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. As always, you can order your favorite beverages or something from the pub menu, available until one hour before closing.

Saturday: The Pub in the Constellation Room, (first deck) opens at 4 p.m. Full pub menu available until one hour before closing.

Sunday: Make reservations today for our fabulous, all-hands Sunday Brunch.

This all-inclusive brunch (except gratuity) is free for kids 3 and under, only \$3 for kids ages 4 to 12 and just \$11.95 for adults. Reservations and confirmation numbers are required; please call 846-7987.

Upcoming Events:

Advance tickets may be required for the following events. Gratuity is included in all tickets prices and there is no charge for children age 3 and under at special events. Tickets are available at the Officers' Club Gift Shop during normal hours of operation or by phone using Visa or MasterCard. To purchase tickets or for more information, call 846-5111 or 841-4821.

EASTER BUFFET: All hands are invited to an Officers' Club tradition, the Easter Sunday Buffet, on Sunday, April 20, beginning at 11 a.m.!

Purchase your tickets early and the entire family will enjoy this classic buffet featuring dozens of appetizer and salad bar items, a variety of breads, several main dish selections and more dessert choices than you can imagine.

Bring a camera and take pictures of your children with the Easter Bunny! Tickets are on sale now at the Officers' Club Gift Shop. Cost is \$24.10 for adults, \$11.45 for children 4 to 12, and free for children 3 and under.

Ticket prices include gratuity and all tickets must be purchased in advance. Seating times are available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and must be

confirmed at time of ticket purchase.

ALASKAN KING CRAB BUFFET: This dinner event features every delicious crab dish you can imagine; so don't miss this fabulous all-you-can-eat Alaskan king crab buffet on Friday, April 25 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Ticket cost is \$31.95 for adults, \$11.45 for children 4-12, and free for children 3 and under. Seating will be by tickets and reserved time (requested at time of ticket purchase) only.

Enlisted Lounges

(Recreation Center, Building 656, phone 841-3054)

New hours of operation:

The EM Club is open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday to Saturday and from noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday. The CPO Lounge is open 4 to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 4 to 11 p.m. on Friday and by request* on the weekend.

* *The CPO Lounge will be open on the weekend, by request only for a minimum of 20 people or with a sales guarantee of at least \$200. The Lounge may also be reserved for catered events. Requests to open must be submitted by Monday for the following weekend.*

Today: Lunch served from 11 a.m. featuring sandwiches, burgers, soups and salads and creamy white New England-style clam chowder. Lunch is open to all hands and Department of Defense civilians are always welcome. Call for advance order take-out. No home delivery.

Also, enjoy complimentary unlimited use of the pool tables from 1 to 5 p.m.

Tonight: Unwind after work at the Recreation Center with a complimentary hors d'oeuvres buffet from 5 to 7. Or, enjoy a delicious fish and chips dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. for just \$4.75. Fish and chips are available for take out; no home delivery.

So, tell your friends and get ready to kick off the weekend at the Recreation Center. For more information, call 841-3054.

Saturday: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Pub menu available from 1 to 9 p.m.

Sunday: Noon to 8 p.m., Pub menu available until one hour before closing.

Keeping the Faith

As we celebrate Easter, remember agonies of war

By **LT. CLINT PICKETT**

Command Chaplain, OTC-N

The painting on the wall of the Naval Chaplains school at Brett Hall is striking in itself. The story behind it makes it all the more compelling.

The painting was done for Easter Sunday services by Sgt. Reeks, one of the Marines on Iwo Jima, at the request of a chaplain.

Easter 1945 was celebrated just a few days after the fierce fighting for the island had ended. It was the first time a full-scale open-air service was permitted on the island because of the constant possibility of a surprise attack.

The painting vividly portrays the artist's imagination of Christ rising amidst the debris and devastation of battle on the sands of Iwo Jima. As he rises, there is a look of pain on his face, as though he was mourning the great loss of life suffered there.

In 36 days of fighting, there were over 25,000 casualties, including almost 7,000 killed. Chaplain John Hayward, who donated the painting to the Navy, recalls the brilliant sun, the gentle weather, and the strange stillness of that Easter day.

On this Easter, 58 years after that Easter on Iwo Jima, we have men and women serving in harm's way in far away places. Over the past weeks, we have had the constant images of destruction and battle.

Thankfully, we do not have the number of casualties of previous wars. But the pain of those who have lost loved ones in this war, or who anxiously wait for news of those missing, is starkly shown each day on our TV screens. And there will be Easter services this year celebrated in a tent or on the tailgate of a Humvee, or in the shadow of an M1 Abrams tank.

The image of Christ rising on



Ron Fontaine/U.S. Navy photo

CHAPLAIN (Lt.) Clint Pickett, Command Chaplain, Officer Training Command-Newport, admires a black oil paint image of Christ on display at the Naval Chaplains School that was drawn after the Marines took Iwo Jima in 1945.

the sands of Iwo Jima becomes strangely fitting. If ever a situation looked completely hopeless, it had to be when Jesus was crucified. When Jesus was laid in the tomb, whatever hopes and dreams the disciples had were laid there with him. And yet, Christians believe that with the resurrection of Jesus, even the devastation of death does not have the last word. From shattered dreams and expectations comes new life.

And as the painting so eloquently portrays, Jesus, who had gone through death, values life. His resurrection is a powerful symbol of the new life and light that can come out

of even the darkest moments.

Whether it is in the violence of war, or during our own personal trials, God can and does bring the light of hope. This hope is much more than simple wishful thinking. In faith, we can know the power of the resurrection story.

The writer of Hebrews said spoke of this faith when he said; "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Assurance. Conviction. As we celebrate Easter, the heart of the Christian year, let us remember all those who suffer as a result of this war.

May they, and we ourselves, know the new life and hope of Easter!

Leisure

Bowling

(Building 656, 841-4293)

Seaview Lanes spring hours of operation follow:

Monday, 5 to 9 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, 5 to 10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 7 p.m. Every other Saturday night, 8 to 11 p.m. for Rock 'n Bowl.

Specials:

—**Super Tuesday Special:** Visit Seaview Bowling Lanes, Building 656, every Tuesday from 5 to 10 p.m. through May 27 and you may bowl for just \$1 per game! Shoe rental costs just \$1, as well, making it even more affordable to get out and have some fun.

Food and beverage service is available from the Recreation Center kitchen, so you can come over after work, grab a bite to eat and bowl a few frames! For more information, call the Bowling Center at 841-4293.

—**Rock and Bowl:** Every other Saturday night beginning at 8 p.m. Cost is just \$7 per person. Bowl a strike when the head pin is red and you will win a prize! It's rocking, it's

rolling, it's bowling and it's a blast! The next Rock and Bowl night is tomorrow night, April 19.

Gymnasium

(Gym 109, 841-3154 or FITNESS Plus, Building 355, 841-1474)

—**Fitness Walk 'n Tone**, designed for patrons age 50 and up. Stretching and muscle toning exercises as well as 20-plus minutes of fitness walking around the gymnasium. Classes are held Monday and Thursday 8 to 9 a.m. in Gym 109. Call for space availability. Fee is \$5 for six weeks.

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Aerobics exercise

(FITNESS Plus, Building 355, 841-1474)

Current hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 5 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; closed weekends and holidays.

The schedule of group fit-

ness classes is now in effect and includes new classes such as Pilates, incorporating exercises for core muscles and lengthening stretches; Yoga, trekking and cardio-kickboxing.

The schedule still contains a good variety of cardiovascular, toning and circuit training classes which are offered throughout the day. There are even special, Fitness Enhancement Programs geared toward the military. Classes are free to active duty, dependents and active reservists. No need to pre-register.

DoD may participate for just \$1 to walk-in or purchase a punch card good for 30 classes for just \$25. Call or stop by for current schedule.

—**Yoga:** Register today for the next session of Vinyasa Yoga at Fitness Plus, Building 355. This class will take participants through a series of poses with particular emphasis on using breath to guide movement. Students will learn the Ujjayi breathing technique and proper posture alignment



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LAST RUN — Customer John Burkhardt, left, of the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport, and Gear Rental manager Frank DiSarro fit snowboard bindings to a pair of boots recently. Burkhardt plans one more fling at spring snowboarding up north.

while enjoying a vigorous cardiovascular workout. Special attention will be directed towards postures that aid in athletic activities.

Kristin Wilkes, a certified Yoga instructor and a licensed dietician at the Naval Ambula-

tory Care Center, will teach. The six-week session costs \$60 and classes are held from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. in the Aerobics Room at Fitness Plus.

For more information, or to pre-register, call Fitness Plus at 841-1474.

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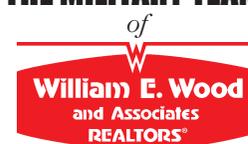


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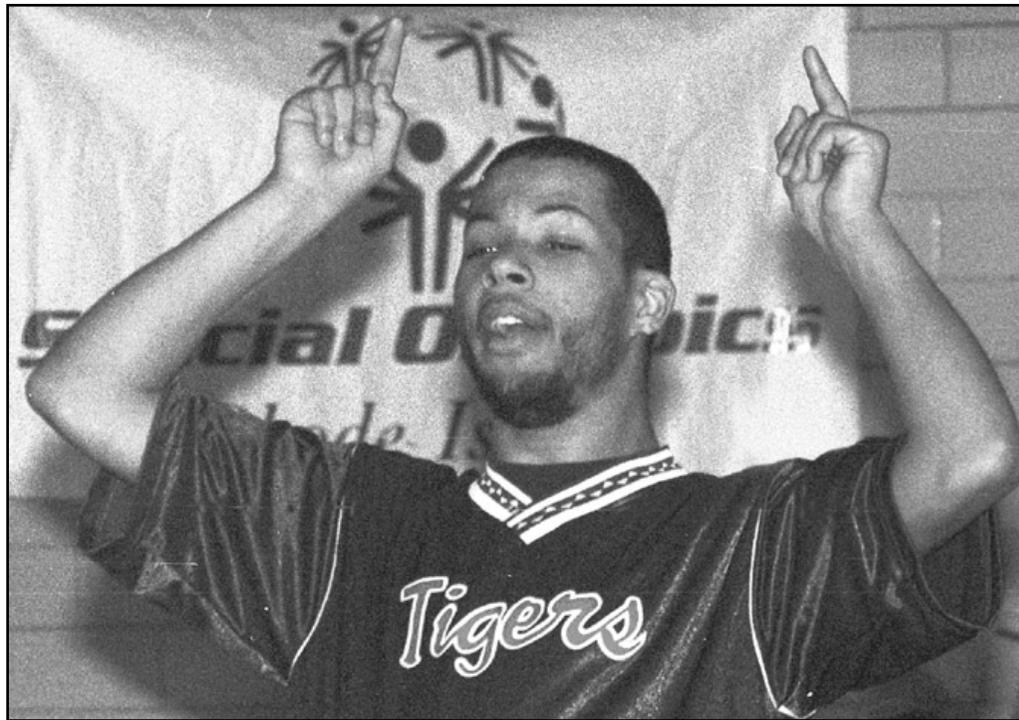


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Sports



Special competition
TOP: A player with the Tigers of the Trudeau Center of Warwick, R.I., celebrates after his team wins a point during the Special Olympics Rhode Island Unified Volleyball Tournament last Saturday at Building 80, Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) Division, Newport.
LEFT: Mike Williams, left, and Mike Duarte, volunteers and employees of NUWC, register players for the next game.

Richard Alexander/U.S. Navy photos

NUWC assists Special Olympics

By **RICHARD ALEXANDER**
 Navallog editor

Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport, employees volunteered to help run the annual Special Olympics Rhode Island Volleyball Tournament last Saturday at Building 80.

Michelle Burgess, coordinator, said opening ceremonies included the Olympic torch arrival, the singing of *The National Anthem*, and a recitation of the Special Olympics Oath. Closing ceremonies featured gold, silver and bronze medal presentations.

Gary Cimaglia, NUWC employee and unified sports and training coordinator, said five teams competed in round robin play. They were the LaPlante Center of Wakefield; the Burrillville, R.I., Broncos; the Fogarty

Center in North Providence; the Cranston, R.I., Cougars; and the Trudeau Center of Warwick.

Seven members of the Bryant College women's volleyball team volunteered as net and line judges.

Burgess said NUWC sponsors the competition every year, providing nets and volleyballs. "It was a little tough this year with the war going on, but it finally came together," she said.

The final standings:

1. LaPlante Center
2. Burrillville Broncos
3. Trudeau Tigers
4. Fogarty Center
5. Cranston Cougars

NAPS trackers show heels to Military Prep

By **C. KENDRICK-HOLMES**
 NAPS Athletic Staff

MONMOUTH, N.J. — The Naval Academy Prep School (NAPS) women's track and field team put in a solid performance on April 12, defeating the Military Academy Prep School (MAPS) squad here, 137-116.

Midshipman Candidate Lauren McCabe paced the team, winning the 100-meter dash in 13.3 seconds and the 400-meter run in 1:04.6.; and placed second in the 200-meter dash in 28.2.

Midshipman Candidate Kaitlin Kempe also placed first in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 12:52.

Other athletes with outstanding performances were Cadet Candidate Chelsea Smith who placed third in the 800-meter run in 2:37.5; and third in the 400-meter run in 1:08.8.

Midshipman Candidates Ebony Plummer placed second in the 1,500-meter run in 5:17; and Ebony Miller placed second in the 100-meter hurdles in 17.2; second in the triple jump of 30-feet; second in the long jump at 14-7; and third in the high jump at 4-6.

Teammates Jennifer Villareal finished second in the discuss at 68-2, and third in the Javelin at 75 feet; Anthonie Hoffman placed third in the shotput at 32-10 and the discuss at 58-7.

Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training program's Officer Candidate Shawnda McNeil placed fifth in the discuss at 53-7.

The NAPS 1600-meter relay team of Miller, Plummer and McCabe; and Cadet Candidate Chelsea Smith finished the day on top, winning the event in 4:41.

Men's team outmatched

The 12 members of the NAPS men's track team fell to the 28 members from MAPS, but put in outstanding performances. Midshipman Candidate Trey Hines won the 100-meter dash in 10.8.

Cadet Candidate Lee Crusius placed second in the shotput at 39-5 and javelin at 154-11; and third in the discuss at 110-11, beating Army in all three events.

Other athletes with scoring performances were Midshipman Candidate Michael Thompson who finished fourth in the 200-meter dash in 23.1, and second in the 400-meter run in 51.2.

Cadet Candidate Matt Saldivar finished second in the 800-meter run in 2:11 and fourth in the 1500-meter run in 4:19.

Teammates Rob O'Donnell finished third in the 800-meter in 2:11.1, and Stanley Gray finished second in the triple jump at 34-1.

The NAPS 400-meter relay team of Dujan Price, Thompson, Justin Norman, and Hines finished second with a time of 44.3.

The 1600-meter relay team of Cadet Candidate Rob O'Donnell, and Midshipman Candidates Michael Thompson, Hunter Reddick and Michael Levinson finished the day with a second place finish.

Intramural volleyball

The Naval Station Newport Intramural Volleyball League results as of April 11 follow:

April 7
 SWO Daddies def. NACC Newport, 15-1, 15-2
 Wildcats def. NWC-A, 16-14, 9-15, 25-16

April 8
 Wildcats def. NACC Newport, 15-6, 15-3

Captain's Crew def. REDCOM Mobilizers, 15-12, 15-12

Standings

Wildcats.....	4-0
NWC-A.....	2-1
Captain's Crew.....	2-1
SWO Daddies.....	2-1
NACC Newport.....	0-4
REDCOM Mobilizers.....	0-1
Bombers.....	0-2

Sailor

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Lauded for superior execution of her duties, Petty Officer Bertolino, was recognized at a recent command awards ceremony, where she was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (gold star in lieu of third award) by Lt. Cmdr. Timothy Wadley, Officer-in-Charge, Personnel Support Activity Detachment, Newport.

Arriving to PERSUPDET in August 2001 she was assigned as

the staff section transfer clerk, Bertolino processed over 1,300 transfers, demobilization of over 300 reservists, and numerous pay and personnel documents on a daily bases.

In November 2002, Bertolino was selected to become the Leading Petty Officer for the staff side, increasing her responsibility and leadership role within the detachment.

Bertolino entered the Navy in

November 1997, and completed tours of duty at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill., Naval Technical Training Center, Meridian, Miss., and the dock landing ship USS Gunston Hall.

Also active in the civilian community, Bertolino volunteers numerous off-duty hours to the Greater New Bedford Women's Center as a shelter and medical advocate for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Graduation

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The graduates and their ultimate assignments are as follow:

Ensign Loribet Aponte, Naval Medical Center, San Diego, Calif.

Ensign Jason Ayeroff, Naval Justice School, Newport, R.I.

Lt. Gisela Bahr, Naval Aerospace Medical Institute, Pensacola, Fla.

Ensign Cindy Beltejar, Naval Medical Center, San Diego, Calif.

Lt. j.g. David Bentley, Naval Dental Center, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Ensign James Birkla, Naval Medical Center, San Diego, Calif.

Ensign Mark Brown, Naval Hospital, Pensacola, Fla.

Ensign James Buchanan, Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla.

Ensign James Carr, Branch Medical Clinic, Honshu Atsugi, Japan

Ensign Jeremy Clark, Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, Charleston, S.C.

Ensign Walter Davis, Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, Va.

Ensign Amanda de Martin, Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, Va.

Ensign Jeffrey Delzer, Jeffrey, Trident Training Facility, Kings Bay, Ga.

Ensign Matthew Denney, Naval School of Health Science, San Diego Detachment, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

Ensign Laarni Domagas, Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, Va.

Ensign Rachel Eisenstatt, Naval Justice School, Newport, R.I.

Ensign Carol Ellsworth, Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Ensign Brookes Englebert, Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, Va.

Ensign Carlos Evans, Naval Medical Center, San Diego, Calif.

Ensign Martin Fajardo, Naval Hospital, Charleston, S.C.

Ensign Trent Freeman, Naval Medical

Center, San Diego, Calif.

Ensign Christine Gagnon, Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, Charleston, S.C.

Ensign Lacy Gee, Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, Va.

Lt. j.g. Antonino Germana, Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute, Bethesda, Md.

Ensign Heather Hoeh, Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, Charleston, S.C.

Ensign Patricia Horn, Naval Hospital, Pensacola, Fla.

Lt. j.g. Janine Icaza, Naval Hospital, Lemoore, Calif.

Ensign Robert Johns, Naval Medical Center, San Diego, Calif.

Ensign Melissa Johnson, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.

Ensign James Kirby, Naval Justice School, Newport, R.I.

Ensign David Lincoln, Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, Charleston, S.C.

Lt. Cmdr. George Linville, Fleet Surgical Team Nine, San Diego, Calif.

Ensign John Litchfield, Naval Hospital, Bremerton, Wash.

Ensign Dorothy Louis, Naval Justice School, Newport, R.I.

Ensign Karen Lovechio, Naval Medical Center, San Diego, Calif.

Ensign Nicole Marquez, 1st FSSG FMFPAC, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Ensign Leslie Mathews, Naval Medical Center, San Diego, Calif.

Lt. Anne McKeague, Naval Medical Research Center, Bethesda, Md.

Ensign Eric Miller, Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, Va.

Ensign Markece Murriel, Naval Hospital, Agana, Guam

Ensign Erin Ocker, Naval Medical Center, San Diego, Calif.

Ensign Chad Prescott, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.

Ensign Robin Provencher, Naval Medical Center, San Diego, Calif.

Ensign Brandy Quick, Naval Hospital, Okinawa, Japan

Ensign Donald Roberts, Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, Charleston, S.C.

Ensign James Roudeski, Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, Charleston, S.C.

Ensign Richard Scarmack, Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, Charleston, S.C.

Ensign Kristin Schaeffer, Naval Medical Center, San Diego, Calif.

Ensign Peter Schenke, Naval Medical Center, San Diego, Calif.

Ensign Sonia Scott, Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla.

Ensign Kenneth Shaw, 2D FSSG FMF LANT, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Ensign Chad Springer, Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, Va.

Ensign Amy Stone, Naval Hospital, Agana, Guam

Ensign Randolph Stone, Naval Justice School, Newport, R.I.

Ensign Betty Ulmer, Naval Hospital, Naples, Italy

Ensign Anna Underbakke, Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va.

Ensign Abraham Viernes, Naval Medical Center, San Diego, Calif.

Lt. j.g. Andrew Westrum, Naval School of Health Sciences, Bethesda, Md.

Lt. Michael Williams, USS BRIDGE, Bremerton, Wash.

Ensign, Darcy Wright, Naval Medical Center, San Diego, Calif.

Lt. Adam Wyatt, Naval Dental Center, Norfolk, Va.

Lt. Jeanne Yakin, Branch Medical Clinic, Sasebo, Japan

Boys State

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and local government workers, and government services provided to individuals.

This year's program included 25 boys and 17 girls, ages 16 to 17, from high schools throughout the state.

Alexander Vinkavich, a Portsmouth junior, is the son of Lt. Cmdr Michael and Laurie Vinkavich. He is an instruc-

tor at the Surface Warfare Officers School Command.

Dela Volpe, a Rogers junior, is the son of Col. David and Rita Della Volpe of Newport. The senior Della Volpe is officer-in-charge of the ROTC unit at Boston University.

Cmdr. David Burnes, Public Works director, opened the program last Monday.

Lynch

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I've ever seen in my life."

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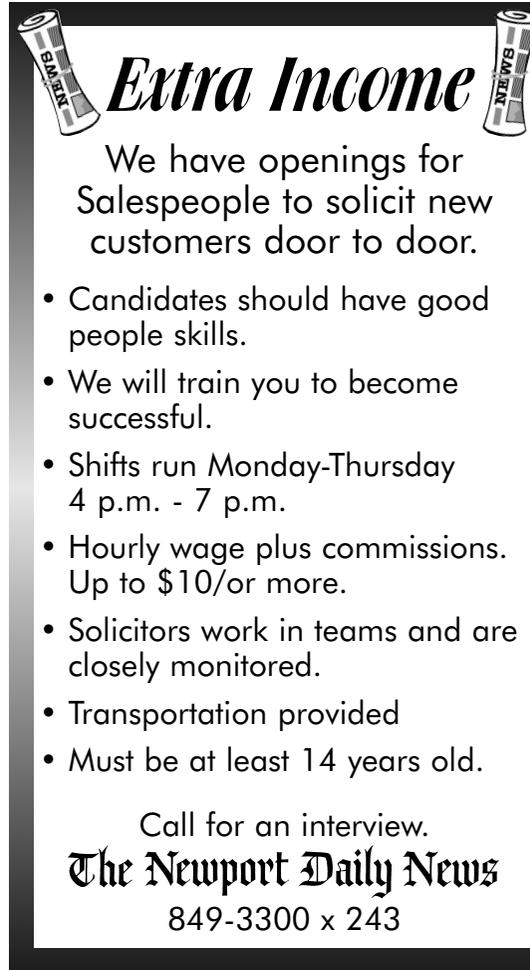
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Navy-wide news

health of Navy military members and their families.

Dental technicians support Navy Medicine both ashore and in the field.

"We have approximately 208 dental technicians in support of Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle," said Master Chief Dental Technician Barbara L. Moody, dental technician career planner at the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

While these dental technicians serve abroad in support of our country, those at home are working on ways to improve Navy Medicine dental health.

Many dental technicians serve in different specialty areas such as administration, dental laboratory technician-basic, dental laboratory technician-advanced, surgical technologist, maxillofacial technician, dental equipment repair, field medical service and dental hygienist.

Dental Technicians are assigned to shore-based facilities around the globe, aboard ships, and with the Marines and Seabees.

Warships barred from Hong Kong

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Department of Defense (DoD) personnel may make only mission-essential trips to China and Hong Kong because of the threat of severe acute respiratory syndrome, U.S. Pacific Command officials said April 4.

"All Hong Kong port visits by U.S. Navy ships will be deferred until the restriction has been lifted," Pacific Command Spokeswoman, Lt. Cmdr. Jensin Sommer said.

The restriction is consistent with recommendations made by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention. The U.S. State Department has also issued a travel advisory

citing the disease. The travel advisory includes China, Hong Kong, Singapore and Hanoi, Vietnam.

SARS, as it is known, is an infection that seems to spread from close contact. The syndrome was first diagnosed in China and spread to Hong Kong. Scientists still don't

know what sort of virus or bacteria causes the illness, CDC officials said.

There have been more than 2,300 SARS cases reported in 19 countries worldwide. The vast majority of these cases are in Asia with 734 in Hong Kong, 1,190 in China and 59 in Vietnam.

The largest outbreak outside Asia is 178 cases in Canada. There were 85 reported cases in the United States. A total of 79 people have died from the syndrome worldwide.

According to CDC, the main symptoms of SARS are high fever - over 100 degrees, dry cough and shortness of breath

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