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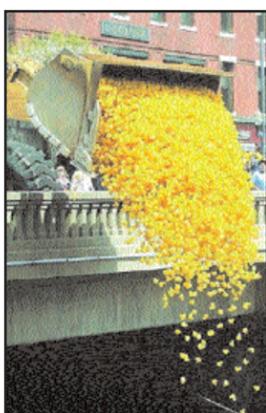
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STEPPING LIVELY — Capt. Bobby Balanon, with his daughter, Hazel, and sons, Hans, 19, and Hubert, 17, demonstrate the traditional tinikling bamboo pole dance as performed in the Philippines during the International Show of Dress, sponsored by the Naval Command College, at the Officers' Club last week. More than 50 countries were represented. Mrs. Teresita Balanon, is at far left. Story, more pictures, Pages 10-11.

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Ducks race for charities

Naval Station Newport personnel use a rubber duck river race to practice oil spill containment.

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Kids spend day at NUWC

NUWC Division Newport hosts 'Bring A Child To Work Day' which is a breeze, left, for some.

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SWOS skipper tapped for O-7

The commanding officer of the Surface Warfare Officers School Command is selected for rear admiral, lower half.

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WHERE THE BUOYS ARE -- Coast Guard Seaman Juan Reyes of Providence repairs the Narragansett/Buzzards Bay Approach "A" Buoy aboard the cutter Juniper 22 miles south of Newport early last week. The buoy was one of several large offshore buoys with its light and solar panels torn off by the recent nor'easter. Juniper, homeported at Naval Station Newport's Pier 2 also found two buoys adrift 100 miles from their assigned locations.

Navy-wide news

CNIC Operation Prepare now available online

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Individuals and families can now go online to get simple, ready-to-use fact sheets, checklists, and forms on how to prepare for a variety of natural and man-made disasters — part of Operation Prepare.

Operation Prepare is a public awareness program initiated by Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) for community members of Navy ashore installations.

"Staying informed, developing a plan, and making an emergency kit is the theme of this initiative so that every member of the Navy community can learn to prepare and respond in the event of an emergency," said CNIC Emergency Management Program Director Owen McIntyre.

While Sailors, their families and base personnel may still contact their local emergency manager or ombudsman, they can now go online to <http://www.cnic.navy.mil> and click on the "Operation Prepare" link to get vital emergency preparedness information.

Nearly 40 separate fact sheets are available on a variety of hazards and emergency preparedness tips. The information has been derived from several reputable sources such as the Department of Homeland Security and the Centers for Disease Control and has been tailored especially for the Navy community. Topic areas cover disease outbreak, natural and man-made hazards, and terrorism.

McIntyre said that preparedness is the indi-

vidual's responsibility and accessing CNIC's Web site is a great way for personnel to be ready for any situation.

Naval Academy hosts annual Special Olympics

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (NNS) — The U.S. Naval Academy, in coordination with the Annapolis Junior Chamber of Commerce, hosted the 39th annual Special Olympics on April 21 and 22.

The event drew more than 175 athletes from Anne Arundel, Calvert, and Howard counties in Maryland. More than 300 volunteers, including midshipmen, active-duty service members and local high school students volunteered to support the event as athlete escorts and event staff.

"They are all amazing people and to be able to spend a day with and getting to know them is a very rewarding experience," said Midshipman 2nd Class Jenna Schutz, an athlete escort. "You know it's going to be a good day with the start of a new friendship."

School breaks ground, honors black admiral

HAYMARKET, Va. (NNS) — A pioneering naval officer was honored April 23 when family members and officials gathered in Haymarket, Va., to break ground for a school which will be named for him.

The Adm. Samuel L. Gravely Jr. Elementary School will carry the name of the U.S. Navy's first black flag officer, vice admiral and fleet commander.

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