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Gunnery Sgt. Mark Oliva

**Operation Mesopotamia II:** A Marine walks alongside a rolling M-1A1 Main Battle Tank during a search north of Fallujah as part of Operation Mesopotamia II. A platoon of tanks and a reinforced infantry squad conducted a series of weapon searches and snap vehicle checkpoints near Dra Digla to disrupt insurgent activity in the Northern Regimental Security Area recently.

## Tank-infantry team denies insurgency near Fallujah

Gunnery Sgt. Mark Oliva  
1st Marine Division

**DRA DIGLA, Iraq** — Insurgents no longer have free reign in the rural farmlands north of Fallujah.

A platoon of Marines from Company D, 2nd Tank Battalion, joined with a reinforced squad from Company E, 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment to scour the area north of Fallujah for insurgent activity in Operation Mesopotamia II. The operation took place in the Northern Regimental Security Area and disrupted insurgent activity, keeping terrorists from using the sparsely populated region as a staging area to launch attacks in Fallujah.

The combined tank-infantry team is serving in Iraq with Regimental Combat Team 5.

"We came out here to interdict anti-Iraqi forces and provide a secure environment for

the Iraqi people," said 2nd Lt. Jim A. Neville, a 32-year-old tank platoon commander from West Newfield, Maine. "It's not a permanently occupied area for us, so there's always something new for us."

Marines conducted a series of cache sweeps, cordon-and-knocks and snap vehicle checkpoints, searching for hidden weapons and insurgents on wanted lists. Marines searched abandoned chemical factories, squatters' huts, farms and roadside stores. At least two were detained for matching descriptions of wanted individuals and several weapons were confiscated.

The operation marked just one smaller operation in a string of efforts north of Fallujah. While most Marines work in the more densely populated areas of Fallujah, Saqlawiyah and Ameriyah, the

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Gunnery Sgt. Mark Oliva

**Operation Mesopotamia II:** An M-1A1 Main Battle Tank crew from Company D, 2nd Tank Battalion follows in trace of a seven-ton truck filled with Marines from Company E, 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment during Operation Mesopotamia II.

## Marine-led Task Force trains Republic of Georgia soldiers

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Moor  
American Forces Press Service

**KRTSANISI, Georgia** — A U.S. Marine-led task force marked the completion of training for two Georgian logistics battalions in a ceremony March 24.

"I know personally many of the U.S. task force members feel this was the most rewarding thing they have done since they joined the U.S. military," said Lt. Col. William McGowan, commander of the Georgia Sustainment and Stability Operations Program task force. "They believe that helping Georgia, a country that not long ago was a stranger to the United States,

is the right thing to do."

The U.S. European Command program assists and enhances Georgia's military capability to sustain its contribution to peacekeeping efforts in Iraq. In this round, the Marines trained logistics soldiers with the Republic of Georgia's 1st and 2nd brigades.

"Georgia is also helping the U.S. in many, many ways with the Global War on Terrorism. Both the United States and Georgia view one another as true friends today and for the future," McGowan said.

When deployed, the Georgian soldiers will be part of the international coalition providing stability

operations in Iraq.

The Georgian soldiers started their training in January with squad-level tactics and battalion staff-level operations. The squad-level training included patrolling, weapons handling, convoy operations, military operations in urban terrain, and first aid, Staff Sgt. Roy Brady explained.

The staff training will help the Georgian staff handle command and control of their battalion, Capt. Jason Richter, the training program's operations officer, said.

The language barrier was a challenge during the training, Brady mentioned. Few people speak Georgian outside the Caucasus region. The training had to be conducted entirely through a team of interpreters, which presented difficulties when communicating complicated military terms and concepts.

A primary effect of the program is that the Georgian army, along with U.S.-trained Georgian law enforcement officers, is more capable of securing Georgia's borders, U.S. officials said. They added this keeps the Caucasus region off the ever-shrinking list of potential safe havens for terrorists.

With relatively little funding and few U.S. troops acting only in a training capacity, the U.S. is helping its Georgian ally in



Staff Sgt. Jonathan Moor

**Krtsanisi, Georgia:** Sgt. Michael Szeman evaluates Republic of Georgia soldiers on weapons marksmanship at a range in Krtsanisi.

## Commanding General of MARSOC speaks at Marine Corps Association luncheon

Cpl. Ken Melton  
MARSOC

Brig. Gen. Dennis J. Hejlik, Commander, United States Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command, spoke about the new unit to members of the Marine Corps Association during a luncheon at Paradise Point Officer's Club March 22.

Hejlik took the opportunity to answer questions and clear up some common misconceptions about MARSOC.

MARSOC remains under administrative control of the Marine Corps, but U.S. Special Operations Command will maintain operational control of the organization. According to Hejlik, this means Marines with MARSOC will be required to maintain Marine Corps training standards and attend required schools in order to remain competitive for promotion, but MARSOC's missions will

be assigned by SOCOM.

One member of the audience expressed concern regarding how Marine Force Reconnaissance battalions will be leveraged by MARSOC.

"The assets of their skills and experience will be used to help form the bodies of the Marine Special Operations Companies for the two MSOBs [Marine Special Operations Battalion]," Hejlik said.

MARSOC will also draw on Marines and sailors throughout the Corps to help fill its ranks to 2,600 and meet its goal of full operational capability by October 2007.

Questions were also raised about tour dates posted and deployments for Marines assigned to MARSOC.

Hejlik explained that while the MARSOC headquarters is non-deployable, it will remain battle-ready and Marines from

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## DoD working to prevent sexual assaults

Rudi Williams  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON** — Sexual assault is one of the most underreported crimes in the military and in society as a whole, a top defense personnel and readiness official said.

"Some studies indicate that only five percent of sexual assaults are reported," Air Force Brig. Gen. K.C. McClain, who heads DoD's Joint Task Force for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, said during the DoD Women's History Month observance at the women's memorial here March 21. "The highest number we've ever seen is [approximately] 35 percent. We don't know where DoD fits in that range, but we're in there somewhere."

McClain is the single point of accountability for DoD sexual assault policy matters. The task force, stood up in October 2004, develops policy and programs to improve prevention efforts, enhance victim support, and increase offender accountability.

A DoD directive on the issue was published a year later. A DoD instruction that expands on the directive is expected to be published shortly.

One task force goal was to remove barriers that prevent victims from reporting sexual assault, McClain said. "Immediately following a sexual assault, there is an overwhelming sense of loss of control and a sense of powerlessness," she noted. "For many, the thought of participating in

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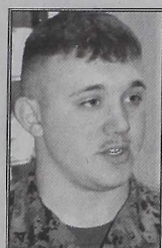
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# Man on the street

*If you saw a Marine who was inappropriately dressed in civilian attire, would you correct them? If so, how?*

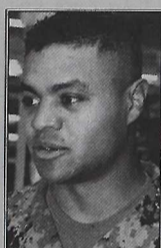
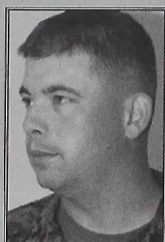


*"The Marine Corps is a well established organization. Simply for our reputation out in town, I would let the Marine know what he needed to adjust in order to look presentable."*

**Lance Cpl. Bryant M. Myers**  
Small Arms Technician  
Headquarters and Service Co.  
2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment  
Watkins Glen, N.Y.

*"I would definitely pull him aside and inform the Marine of his deficiencies."*

**Sgt. Chris W. Smith**  
Machinegunner  
Headquarters Co.  
6th Marine Regiment  
2nd MarDiv  
St. Mary's City, Md.



*"I would tactfully inform the Marine in a way that wouldn't embarrass him. If it were me getting corrected, I wouldn't want the entire 7-day store watching someone give me a [butt] chewing in isle 10."*

**Cpl. Ramon Pinto**  
Infantryman  
Foreign Military Training Unit  
MARSOB  
New Britain, Conn.

*"I have no problem with embarrassing Marines if the situation calls for it. I would tell the Marine to fix himself and ask what command he is with."*

**1st Lt. Nathan A. Smith**  
Weapons Platoon Commander  
Company K, 3/2  
2nd MarDiv  
Cumberland, Maine



*"If a Marine isn't in proper civilian attire, I would correct them right there on the spot."*

**Staff Sgt. Anita B. Angell**  
Postal  
Headquarters and Service Bn.  
2nd MLG  
Pelham, N.C.

## Pursuing a College Education while active duty; you can't afford not

Guest Commentary  
Master Gunnery Sgt.  
Billy D. Stewart Jr.

If someone offered you annually \$3,500 while serving on active duty, would you accept and use it? Of course you would. The Marine Corps offers this amount of money to any Marine that desires to attend college while on active duty utilizing the Tuition Assistance program. While most Marines plan to attend college following their Marine Corps careers using the G.I. Bill, many find out that they will come up short financially. Unless you have funds saved for room and board, meal plans, or generous parents, plan on working your way through college or taking out student loans.

The G.I. Bill provides approximately \$1,034 per month while you are actually sitting in class. The bill does not provide any payment during college breaks. Often times the tuition/books is not what causes a student to go into debt. It is the living expenses. Rent is expensive in any college town and most former service members have no interest in living in the dorms. They have had their fair share of barracks life. The average student pays about \$5000-\$7000 per year living out in town. In addition, if dorm life appeals to a student, the going rate is close to \$6000 with a meal plan included. Be advised that these dorms are only available while classes are in session. However, be encouraged because there is hope.

The military offers the best "work your way through college" program. Where else can you find a meal plan, dorm room and 75 percent paid tuition while receiving a full salary. I tell Marines daily of my college adventures and end the discussion with the phrase "if I can do it, anyone can." I truly believe this statement and after you read this column, you will too.

Like many of you, I tried my hand at the college entrance tests (ACT/SAT) when I was 18 years old. I hated school and sported a blazing "C"

average. I tried to find every excuse not to excel. I was much more interested in the three "Ms": Making Money, Misbehaving, and My Girlfriend. My ACT scores came back and proved that the only part of a college that I could be accepted into was the bathroom. After that day I knew that college was not for me and I would forever remain a blue-collar worker. I was off to the Marine Corps to find my fame and fortune.

Following my first tour on the Drill Field, my company First Sgt influenced me to take some college courses. I was used to working 18-hour days anyway, so I decided to bide my time in the evenings with night classes. Little did I know after only seven years of college I would earn my Bachelor of Science Degree in Aviation Management and a Master of Science Degree in Administration. My BS cost around \$18,000-\$25,000 for tuition and books alone. I paid approximately \$7,000. My MSA totaled close to \$10,000, while I paid a little more than \$3,000. These estimates are both extremely conservative. So, I am sure some of you are saying "big deal, so what, why should I waste my time now? Before you close the page of this paper, note some additional hard facts concerning a college education while serving on active duty.

Virtually every military base has a college, university or trade school on base or within close proximity. The majority of these colleges are Service Member Opportunity Colleges that understand the military and provide appropriate educational programs, courses and services to their students. These colleges also offer credit for non-traditional learning, military training and flexible opportunities that are not always available to the civilian world. This prevents Marines from repeating courses and starting over every time they transfer to a new duty station. Many of the degree programs are much more flexible and user friendly. There are also the same colleges that offer distant learning programs through the internet, correspondence, or on the weekend. In fact, many service members complete their entire

degrees on line or without stepping foot on a campus. I another great service opportunity education offices is the ability to utilize College Examination Program. The [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) CLEP as the most widely credit-by-examination program in the United States today. It helps all ages earn college degrees obtaining credit for what they know. By receiving a score, a student can earn college credits toward a college for each CLEP taken dependent exam subject. These tests are active duty service members. Civilians pay \$50-\$75 for the

Besides the obvious cost of a college degree, a Bachelor's today equals what a high school diploma was 20 years ago. A college will enhance your organizational skills, as well as your oral and written communication ability. A degree proves to an employer that you can complete something and you have a sense of responsibility. A college education will develop the ability to operate under stress and pressure. More importantly, you are a better educated Marine. Your personal value will increase.

This article was certainly written to steal the thunder of the office or to brag about making it through college while on active duty but only to pass on that opportunity and challenges await you when you get home. Time goes by quickly and diminish before we hang up the phone. Many times the benefits of college are not fully appreciated until you are in the service. Attending college while on active duty is a reality that is more than most Marines know. It is a challenge, but not easy. It requires dedication. Do yourself a favor and visit the education office on your base. Success to attend college while serving is 99 percent chance and one percent inspiration. Have just read your one percent chance, now get hot. Sempertoons more information call the Education Center at 451-309

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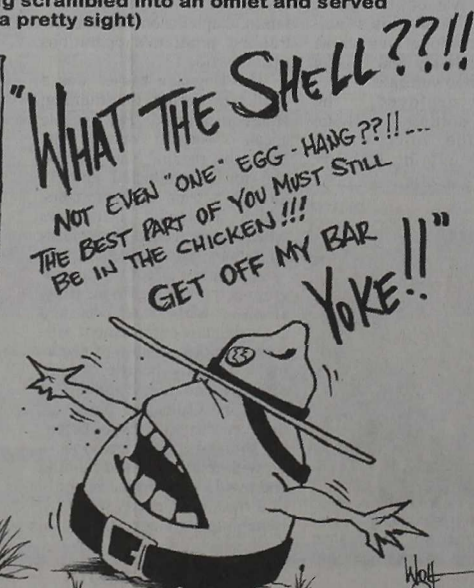
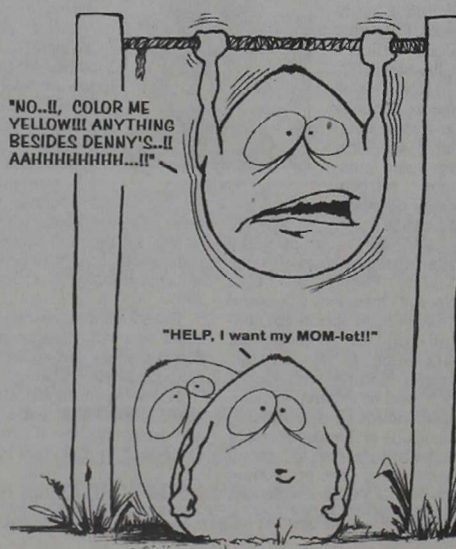
The Retention Assistance Visit Team is scheduled to be at Camp Lejeune April 3-5. The first-term Marine will be at the Marston Pavilion 7:30 p.m. For more information about boat space availability, contact your Career Retention Specialist.

## Sempertoons by Staff Sgt. Wolf

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**Appropriate attire not just for service members**

**Lance Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen**  
Marine Corps Base

Marines are recognized as Marines in and out of uniform and are expected to uphold the high standards of the Corps and the tradition of excellence they were founded on.

Marines are responsible for this and many other things; they are also responsible for the way their family members and guests dress while aboard the base, according to base order 1020.8W.

Civilians are expected to wear appropriate clothing and follow the same base orders and regulations as Marines.

Marines, sailors and civilian supervisors are responsible for making sure civilians understand the rules of the base.

Dressing appropriately is no different than any other rules of the base. It's just like using a hands free device for a cell phone when driving a car, according to Sgt. Maj. Michael A. Brown, the Marine Corps Base sergeant major.

The order states family members, retirees, guests and government service employees will be required to conform to the proper dress standards. Appropriate civilian attire is considered to be clothing that meets the common sense standards of safety, decency and cleanliness.

Clothing that is considered to be inappropriate is clothing that is ripped, torn, ragged, excessively dirty, revealing or displays drug-related images, racist groups or other illegal activities.

No physical fitness clothing can be worn in stores or shops and headgear, such as hats and visors, must be removed indoors, including gyms. Other clothing items, which are not specifically designed to be normally worn as headgear such as bandannas or do rags, are prohibited anywhere on base.

Anyone who is not following the base regulation should be told of the base order and be told to correct themselves, according to Brown.

"There would be nothing wrong with telling a Marine or his dependent that they are out of regulation," Brown said.

There are consequences to breaking the rules of the base and they are determined on a case-by-case basis, according to Brown.

Military personnel are accountable for the actions of their family members and for the civilian attire worn by their family members aboard Camp Lejeune.

"Every family member should follow the rules aboard the base and fall under the regulations," Brown said. "It is our responsibility that our dependents know the rules. We take full responsibility of our dependents." ■

Marines can be instantly identified in and out of uniform and are held to a high standard by other Marines and civilians in the community. Marines and their family members must always maintain a presentable appearance and follow base regulations, while on Camp Lejeune.

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## News from Iraq

## Marines assist in search for Army Sergeant



Fallujah: British Lance Cpl. David Berry motions to Cpl. Iain Hammond as they drag a ground-penetrating radar during a search for the remains of Army Sgt. Keith M. Maupin south of Fallujah. Marines, U.S. and British soldiers acted on a tip that Maupin was buried in a desert grave.

Gunnery Sgt. Mark Oliva  
1st Marine Division

**CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq** — It was an honorable mission.

Marines from 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, assisted recently in the search for Army Sgt. Keith M. Maupin's remains. The recovery team consisted of U.S. Army and British soldiers.

Test results confirmed that several partial sets of remains that were recovered were not American. Still, Marines and soldiers were proud to take part in the search to recover Maupin.

"It is the noblest of missions," said Gunnery Sgt. Brett A. Turek, a 37-year-old Mobile Assault Platoon commander from Hinsdale, Ill. "Fifty years from now, when we're bouncing our grand kids on our knees and they ask what we did in the Marine Corps, we'll be able to say this is what we did to make a difference."

Marines searched several possible grave sites south of Fallujah. Maupin was taken captive by insurgents April 9, 2004, when his convoy was attacked near Abu Ghraib, south of Baghdad. He was shown on insurgent propaganda films and insurgents later claimed to have executed him, although the video was never authenticated.

"We exploit every single one as if it's the one," said Army Sgt. 1st Class James Haftmann, a 37-year-old from Charleston, S.C., assigned to Multi-National Corps Iraq's Personnel Recovery Detachment. "But we don't stop searching."

The recovery team was comprised of Marines from 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Logistics Group, as well as soldiers from MNCI's Personnel Recovery Detachment and British soldiers from the Joint Forces (United Kingdom) Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group, 32 Engineer Regiment.

Maupin is the only U.S. service member listed as missing in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Navy Capt. Michael Scott Speicher is still listed as missing from Operation Desert Storm.

Efforts to find Maupin have been ongoing since June 2004, shortly after his capture. A total of 72 grave sites were excavated, unearthing remains. Still, the search for Maupin continues.

Haftmann said the dig here to recover Maupin's remains came from a "reliable source."

"He's been reliable in the past," he explained. "He has some credibility with us. He knew there was a Caucasian buried here. He said it was American."

Haftmann said although the source was inexact as to Maupin's identity, each tip was treated as if it was completely accurate. He spoke of the mission as Marines operating heavy construction equipment began scraping the loose desert sand, just inches at a time.

"One source could be wrong, but it could be right," Haftmann explained. "We don't want to rule anything out."

Haftmann said hundreds of service members behind the scenes have been dedicated to recovering Maupin. Intelligence gatherers and analysts down to infantrymen and engineers poured over multiple sites, hoping each hole would yield the answers for which they searched.



Fallujah: Marines drive engineer equipment up to an excavation site during a search for Army Sgt. Keith M. Maupin south of Fallujah.



Fallujah: The team of Marines, MNCI's Personnel Recovery Detachment and British soldiers posed for a group photo after the mission to search for Army Sgt. Keith M. Maupin's remains.

members behind the scenes have been dedicated to recovering Maupin. Intelligence gatherers and analysts down to infantrymen and engineers poured over multiple sites, hoping each hole would yield the answers for which they searched.

Marines seized the suspected burial site, pushing forces out to maintain security. On a small hilltop, they found four crude graves marked with simple weather-worn stones. A fifth empty grave was just feet away, half-filled with wind-blown sand.

British engineers; 1st Lt. Chris Elworthy, Cpl. Iain Hammond and Lance Cpl. David Berry dragged a ground-penetrating radar over the protruding mounds of sand and confirmed that anomalies — disturbances — lay beneath the sand. This was the proof they sought that remains might actually lay beneath the ground.

Marine engineers were called in and began digging, scraping away the sand and shards of limestone. Marines and soldiers searched each bucket for signs of remains.

"It gets very personal," Haftmann explained. "Not just because he's an Army guy. Anybody in the service is a priority. My motivating factor is if I had a son, the last thing I'd want is nobody looking for him. The toughest part is not knowing ... finding something like we did today and wait."

Nearly an hour into the digging, the first bones

were unearthed. Marines and soldiers, carefully combing through sand, found the diesel engines from the construct nearly drowned out the Marines they bent closer, examining nearly every inch.

Army Master Sgt. Roy D. Lee, from Picayune, Miss., assigned to MNCI, said he had a connection to finding Maupin serving in Baquba when Maupin was captured.

"You get to know a guy when you're in the same unit," Lee said. "You know him as well as someone you've never met."

The team photographed and marked the remains. They placed the bones gingerly into bags. Each time a fragment of bone was found, the team stopped and Haftmann jumped in digging by hand.

"These are moments in time that you don't want to lose," Turek said. "You start to become more than just a name on a list."

Turek said he didn't inform his family of the exact nature of the mission until months after they mounted their vehicles to leave.

"Once they got the mission statement, they understood," he explained.

"You treat it as any other mission, but it's very personal for me," Turek added. "It's a son and a daughter and if this happened to them, that someone would make this effort."

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# ts demonstrate that patient, persistent presence is key in Iraq

**Nathan Braden**  
Marine Division

**FALLUJAH, Iraq** — Not "jackpot day" in Iraq, proves that a patient and roach to counter-insurgents can be very effective.

Marines turn up huge. Hundreds of mortars of small-arms rounds y pulled from buried ys, though, yield much d hitting a "dry hole." om Scout Platoon, 1st n, currently assigned to 2nd Assault Amphibian perience this recently s of company operations ajah. The Marines from are on duty in Iraq with ombat Team 5. ts are a good platoon. e right approach to what ing here," said Capt. bbons, Jr., 32, Company ding officer from Toms

ay of the operation start- the platoon left the com- bly area, shortly after dusty column of armored

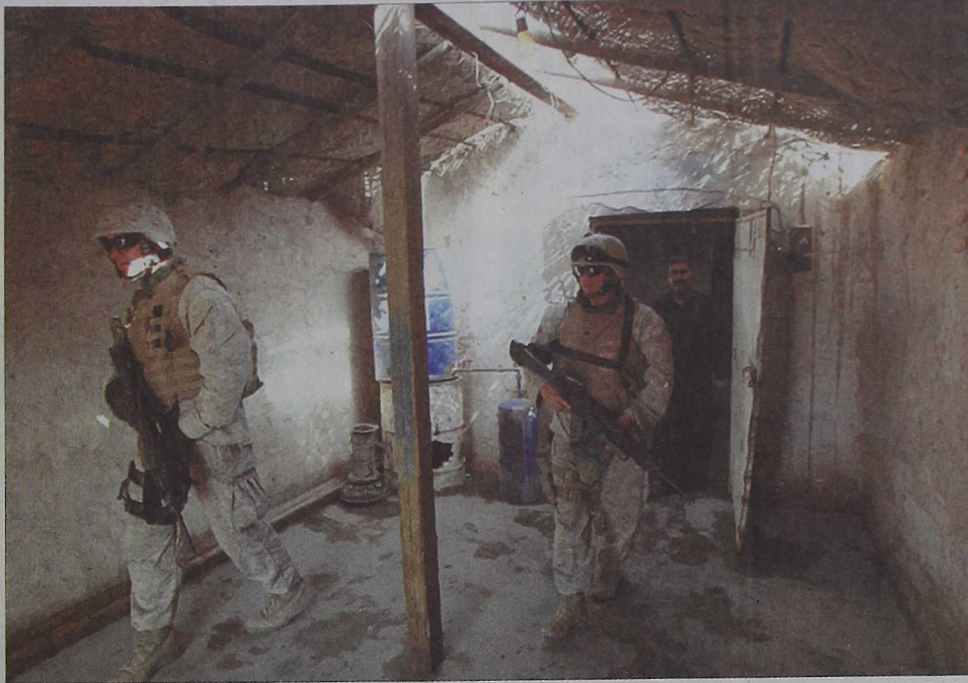
mission called for them rural area suspected of ivity. They bounced over etated fields and around itches for a couple of the first of a series of dry Marines discovered noth- us and headed for their 'e.

to catch people red hand- Lt. Troy M. Sayler, the Scout Platoon command- ey, Neb.

rk can be frustrating. ded into the mission with cting the intelligence to t sometimes, it doesn't t was a pattern that fol- hout the day.

n an informant suggested station may have been insurgent activity.

some intel from a guy we nd Lt. Sayler decided to t," said Cpl. Andrew Yu, N gunner from Orange lif. on his third deploy- aq. "It's a good idea to all the tips because you 'what you might get."



1st Lt. Nathan Braden

**Fallujah:** Cpl. William J. Nelson (left), 22, from Herrick, S.D. and Cpl. Michael O. Muhlenbruch (center), 21, from Galena, Mo. search a man's workshop while looking for weapons and evidence of insurgent activity north of Fallujah. Both Marines are TOW gunners with Scout Platoon, Company A, 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion.



1st Lt. Nathan Braden

**Fallujah:** Cpl. Jon J. Rynes, 21, from Memphis, Tenn. and a section leader with Scout Platoon, Company A, 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, opens a crate suspected of holding stolen goods at a gas station north of Fallujah.

The platoon rolled directly up to the gas station compound and encircled it, preventing anyone from leaving or entering while they prepared to search the area. Half of the Marines manned the perimeter while the others entered the compound.

"The gas station was suspected of being frequented by a high value individual and also being used as storage for stolen goods by commercial high-jackers," Sayler explained.

The Marines discovered several industrial-size generators suspected of being stolen goods, but did not have enough evidence to detain anyone or seize the property.

While Marines searched inside the compound, Marines on the cordon stayed busy outside.

"We had to ensure the trucks were in the proper place to cover our sectors," said Lance Cpl. Matthew D. Partridge, 19, a TOW gunner from

Charlotte, N.C., who was one of the Marines on the cordon.

"We controlled traffic on the road, but at the same time we were looking for certain vehicles we were told about," he added. "We stopped a few trucks and searched them and the people, as the interpreter interviewed them."

"The op went well, we quickly gained control of the site, searched all the buildings, questioned the five individuals inside and got some information," Sayler said after their search was complete.

Still, nothing turned up they could act on. Dry hole number two.

The platoon mounted back on their vehicles and continued to search the area before stopping at a local restaurant to talk to locals and ask about insurgent activity in the area.

Their diligence paid off this time. They collected several tips when

the Marines used one of their more rewarding tactics, treating people with respect.

"People open up and just tell them stuff," Gibbons said. "That leads to them develop- ing a trust and

confidence with the people at the same time getting bad guys off the street.

"They reserve the heavy hand for those guys who really need it," he added. "Lt. Sayler knows how to butter people up. His section leaders are the same way."

Although the platoon did not detain any suspected insurgents or locate any improvised explosive devices this day, they made several significant contributions during their deployment.

"We've probably done at least 50 cordon and searches," Sayler said. "But, where the platoon has really shined is finding IEDs. We've found close to 30 of them here."

The Marines know that dry holes are part of the job in Iraq. They understand that not every tip leads to a weapons cache. Still, they leave nothing to chance.

"The hardest thing for a Marine to do is sit and wait for something to happen," Partridge said. "It's not in the Marine nature to sit around and wait."

The one tip they don't act upon, might be the one that gets hundred of roadside bombs off the street or catches the insurgent making them.

"It's a good feeling when we catch a guy because I know it helps out our fellow Marines out here, plus it helps the civilians," Yu said. "Sometimes

civilians are scared to give us information and it feels good when we take someone off the street who's scaring that guy."

Sayler said he understood the frustrations of days like these, when things don't turn out like they planned. Still, he said these are successes, and his platoon continues to push ahead because of strong leadership among his noncommissioned officers.

"I'm very lucky to have a platoon with intelligent and professional Marines and strong NCOs," Sayler said. "The vast majority of the missions are lead by the section leaders, a sergeant and a senior corporal. Both have led over 100 patrols."

The Marines has developed their tactics into methods that work for them.

"We did good today, we've defiantly developed since we've been out here," said Sgt. Christopher J. Fortin, 22, 1st section leader from Lakeland, Fla. "We are at our peak performance after six months of refining our operations out here. We are as good as we are going to get without becoming supernatural."

Scout Platoon is comprised of TOW gunners, Marines trained to fire wire-guided anti-tank missile systems. The platoons are typically assigned to tank battalions and employed as forward and flank protection for tank formations. ■

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# Iraqi soldiers graduate Humvee course, receive two dozen of the vehicles

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Regimental Combat Team 7

CAMP AL ASAD, Iraq — Iraqi soldiers from the 2nd Brigade, 7th Iraqi Army Division received 24 High Mobility, Multi-wheeled Vehicles March 20, after graduating from a three-week Humvee licensing and preventive maintenance course.

More than 20 enlisted soldiers were recognized in a formal graduation ceremony, where they received certificates of completion from the commanding general of the 2nd Brigade and the commanding officer of Regimental Combat Team 7, Col. W. Blake Crowe.

The ceremony marked another milestone in the 2nd Brigade's progress toward relieving Coalition Forces in western Al Anbar province of all security operations.

The new Humvees will offer added protection for the soldiers on Iraq's dangerous roads — a step up from the small, unarmored pick-up trucks they were using.

"We get new vehicles to help us fight terrorism," said one Iraqi Army officer following the graduation. "Now, we can help our battalions with convoys and use these vehicles to help support our battalions. There are future bad days for the insurgents."

Following the ceremony, the Iraqi soldiers loaded up their new Humvees and drove them to Camp Yasser, the 2nd Brigade's camp.

To graduate from the course, the Iraqi soldiers were required to obtain 250 driving miles in the vehicles under four different conditions — day, night, off-road and "black out" driving, which required them to drive in the darkness.

Furthermore, they were required to pass a written test, road test and various performance tests used to maneuver the vehicles on specific courses.

"I was particularly impressed with how [well] they grasped the knowledge for the written test," said Master Sgt. John F. Greene, RCT-7's motor transportation chief. "They hung in very well with the long and arduous hours we put in. I had no idea they would average 90-



Staff Sgt. Jim Goodwin  
Al Asad, Iraq: An Iraqi soldier from 2nd Brigade, 7th Iraqi Army Division walks to receive his certificate from 2nd Brigade's commanding general during a graduation ceremony for completing a Humvee licensing and preventive maintenance course.

percent grade average."

Greene and a handful of his Marines worked "day and night" with the Iraqi soldiers to complete the training, which was taught entirely in English through the use of an interpreter, who had to translate everything into Arabic for the soldiers.

"I found that by learning, a little Arabic goes a long way because they don't have (interpreters) or they couldn't tell me conversion words for things like 'bear' when they have to bear left or right in traffic," said Greene, of Washington. He added that overcoming the Iraqis' cultural driving habits and the language barrier presented a unique challenge when teaching the course.

Regardless of any barriers — language-related or on the roadways — the Marines were impressed with the Iraqis' ability to quickly learn the required material and their eagerness to demonstrate their knowledge.

"They're like little kids at the first day of school—their curiosity is unreal," said Lance Cpl. Ian Eichel, a 23-year-old from Canton, Mich., who spent the past three weeks showing the Iraqis the mechanics of the Humvees. "It's amazing."

Lance Cpl. Jonathan B. Vest, a 20-year-old mechanic from

Claremore, Okla., also spent countless hours under the hoods of the vehicles with the Iraqi soldiers, and says he was impressed by their eagerness to learn.

"They're fast learners," said Vest. "Most of them were in one of the Humvees the whole time. It shows that progress is being made and that they are improving."

Furthermore, Vest has developed a new respect for the soldiers, and says he trusts them with his life.

"I know they would watch my back and I would watch theirs," he said. "This country is going to be better because what we're doing for it."

Now that they are licensed to operate the vehicles, the Iraqi soldiers are also qualified to teach and qualify other Iraqi soldiers to work on and drive the Humvees.

"The fact that you can train yourselves will show the whole



Staff Sgt. Jim Goodwin  
Al Asad, Iraq: An Iraqi soldier from 2nd Brigade, 7th Iraqi Army Division, clambered over the hood of a Humvee for a better view of the vehicle's engine at the start of a week basic operator and maintenance course taught by Regimental Combat Team 7 at Al Asad, Iraq.

nation that you will very soon lead this fight," said Crowe during the ceremony.

In addition to obtaining their new wheels, the 2nd Brigade — one of two Iraqi Army brigades in western Al Anbar province — have spent months now partnered with Coalition forces learning the various military skills they'll need to function as a military headquarters element to the three Iraqi infantry battalions which will eventually be under their charge.

Partnered with a Military Transition Team — groups of Multi-national Forces service members assigned to track and guide each Iraqi military unit's transition to full control — the Iraqi soldiers are learning the skills required to operate as a command staff, such as administration, logistical procurement, command and staff relations and tactical decision making.

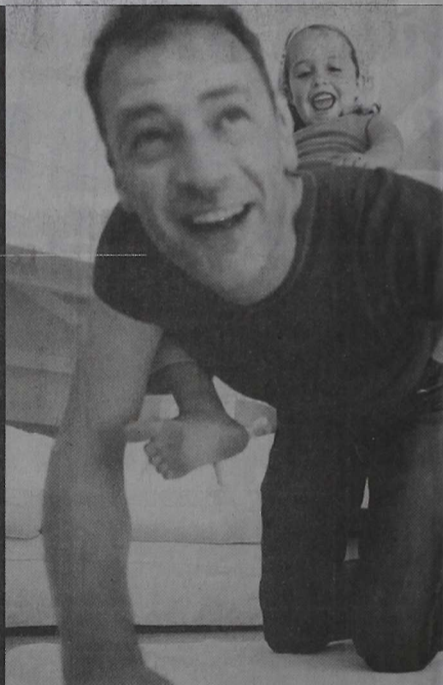
Marines from RCT-7, who arrived in Iraq two months ago,

have spent the past weeks evaluating, training and evaluating the Iraqi soldier.

While waiting to the new Humvees or following the graduation, one Iraqi soldier driver's door and answer a quick question did you learn during weeks behind the Humvee?

His response was a smile to Greene's face. "Safety, safety."

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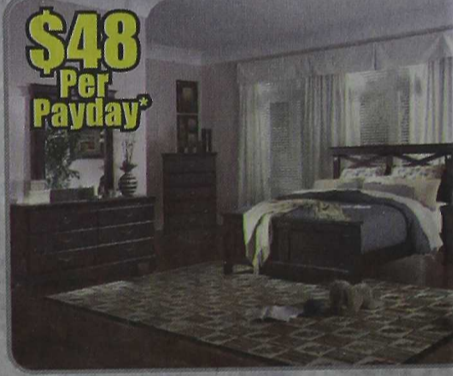
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**h, Iraq:** Army Lt. Col. Frank M. Sajer, a 43-year-old from Camp Hill, Pa., speaks to an Iraqi soldier while in Fallujah. Sajer is part of a Military Transition Team of U.S. Army soldiers tasked with assisting 1st and 2nd Brigades, 1st Iraqi Army Division to increase capabilities and combat effectiveness.

**LUJAH, Iraq** — The small number of military advisors working hand-to-hand with Iraqi soldiers are doing nothing is as they expected in the Iraqi Army. It's better. The advisors assigned as the Military Liaison Team liaisons partnered with the 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5. They had their work cut out for them when they deployed. They've found that Iraqi soldiers are eager, motivated and ready for the challenge of the war on the insurgency in Iraq. The mission from the outset, the U.S. Army's goal was to help the Iraqi Army become a more professional fighting force.

"My guys are all drill sergeants who thought they would be coming over to train Iraqis," said Army Lt. Col. Frank. M. Sajer, the MiTT leader for 1st Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 1st Iraqi Army Division. "Our job is to advise the Iraqis, not fight for them. We carry weapons for our own personal protection, but that's it."

Army Staff Sgt. Donald J. Luther, a 39-year-old from Williamsburg, Va., said he was astounded when he first saw the Iraqi soldiers in action, when their bravery takes over and their fear evaporates.

"You would have to be here to understand how much it means just to drive along behind them in a

When the team arrived in Iraq they had only a slight idea of what would be expected of them. They soon learned Iraqi soldiers were exceeding expectations.

The trust and respect that developed between the two groups of soldiers is a result of shared experiences.

"There was a car coming down the street — accelerating towards me," said Luther. "I began to go through my

"I was so absorbed with the car that I never noticed it until I turned around and saw that one of the Iraqi soldiers had the kid in a headlock and had stopped him from hitting me. I felt like if they didn't care they would have just let the kid hit me in the head."

The morale of the Iraqis is high, Luther added. They work hard because they know that they are the ones determining their nation's future.

"A lot of these guys are getting a second chance [in] life," he added. "Under Saddam they were tortured, locked up in jail. Now they can actually account to something." ■



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**CAMP AL ASAD, Iraq** — Marines operating in western Iraq provided a security escort today for several buses of travelers making a religious pilgrimage across the Middle East to the holy city of Najaf, Iraq.

he pilgrims traveled from Saudi Arabia Bahrain to the point-of-entry crossing at oil, Iraq, along the Iraqi-Jordanian border southwestern Al Anbar province.

Marines from 3rd Light Armored  
Battalion, based out of  
Palm Springs, Calif., were asked by the  
oil facility's director to "please do this favor  
for me by escorting these pilgrims to Nukhayb  
they can get to Najaf from there."

Furthermore, the pilgrims were concerned at their safety while traveling through western Al Anbar province. Najaf, a holy city of about 500,000 people,

is located in An Najaf province, about 370 miles east of Trebil.

"In the interest of maintaining good relations, we said we would help," said Maj. Matt Good, the battalion's operations officer. "We sent an element to pick them up at [Port of Entry] Trebil and escorted them to Nukhyab — an eight-hour drive."

After arrangements were made, the Marines escorted the pilgrims without incident. The escort allowed the pilgrims to avoid traveling through more dangerous parts of western Al Anbar province, and encountering any potential run-ins with insurgents.

"Any time we can extend the olive branch, we do," said Good. "The only better course of action would be to have Iraqi Security Forces do the escort, but that will happen soon enough."

The Marines will continue to work closely with the Iraqi military and border patrols here to provide security and stability throughout the area. ■

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# Marines teach Iraqis humvee maintenance

Cpl. William Skelton  
1st Marine Division

**CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq** — Marines are making knuckle-busting, wrench-turners out of Iraqi soldiers.

Marines from 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment working with Regimental Combat Team 5, are teaching Iraqis the ins and outs of humvee maintenance.

Mechanics from the battalion's Headquarters and Support Company are training Iraqi Army soldiers on maintenance and operations for humvees. The Iraqi soldiers received their new humvees less than a week ago.

"We are teaching the Iraqis the basics," said Sgt. Laurice Kelly, a 36-year-old motor transport operations chief from Copper Cove, Texas. "We are teaching basic maintenance and functions of the humvee."

Marines designed a down-and-dirty two-week course, including evasive driving techniques. It is a grease-under-the-fingernails, oil-stained session to get the Iraqi soldiers prepared to take out their new humvees.

"I took them out [on] a mile-and-a-half course here on Camp Fallujah and taught them how to drive in sand and on the hardball," Kelly said. "Most of the Iraqis are

very good drivers and picked it up quickly."

Kelly and his fellow instructors tied-in the training with realistic scenarios, including hard braking during emergency stops.

"Once they had the concepts of the driving techniques, I showed them how to stop using both the brakes and the gears to slow down," Kelly explained.

Iraqi soldiers already came with some of their own experience, all of them had time turning wrenches before they crawled under the vehicles.

"The men chosen for the course already had some mechanical experience," said Iraqi 2nd Lt. Raad Marda Idan, a 34-year-old transportation platoon commander with the 1st Battalion, 4th Brigade, 1st Iraqi Army Division. "But the skills they are learning in this course are very important."

The second week of training covered the major things Iraqis need to know in order to keep the humvees running, according to Kelly.

"We cover in a little more depth, the fluids that need to be changed and other maintenance issues that should be checked on a regular basis," he said.

One of the toughest challenges the Marines encountered during the course was the language barrier. Two Iraqi officers aided in bridging the gap, but instructions were short and concise, making it easy to understand.

"Not speaking their language and them not speaking ours, is definitely the hardest obstacle we have in the class," said Cpl. Nicholas R. Campbell, a 23-year-old maintenance chief from Allen, S.D.

Another obstacle was the conversion from English measurements to metric, of which the Iraqis are accustomed.

"Converting quarts and gallons to liters is the main



Camp Fallujah, Iraq: Iraqi 2nd Lt. Raad Marda Idan asks Sgt. Cesar O. Sanchez concerning the humvee's air filter.

issue we hit today," said Cpl. Christopher L. Gaytan, a 21-year-old mechanic from Garland, Texas. "We want to make sure that they understand the right levels to put in the humvees so that they can properly maintain them."

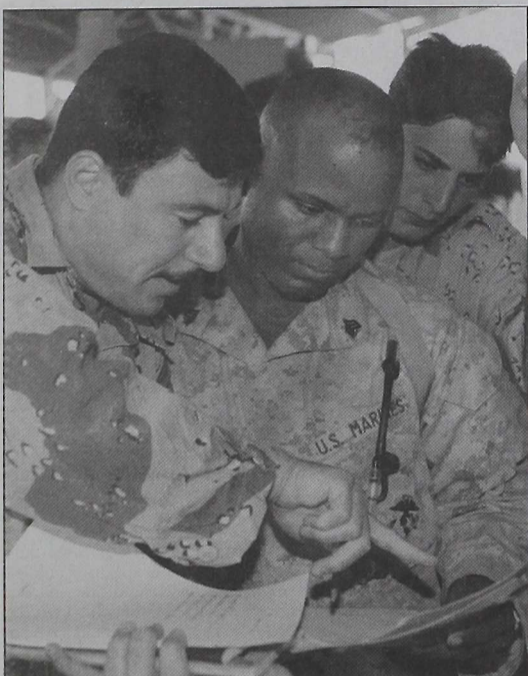
Marines knew the effort they put in teaching the Iraqi

soldiers brought them one step closer to being self-sufficient.

"We are teaching them to replace us," Kelly said. "This is just one of the many steps necessary in order for the Iraqi people to gain control of their country again."

The Iraqi service members were anxious to learn as

much as possible from the Marines. With progress in place, the Iraqis will have more opportunity to become an independent military force. "This is very good thing," Raad said. "It's our mechanics to keep the humvees running."



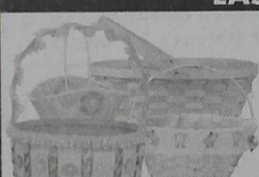
Camp Fallujah, Iraq: 2nd Lt. Raad Marda Idan and Sgt. Laurice Kelly go over English measurements and the metric conversion system. Kelly and other Marines with 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment's motor pool are teaching the Iraqi service members a two-week humvee maintenance course.

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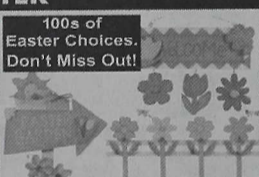
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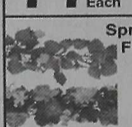
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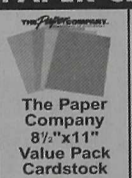


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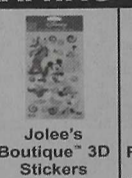
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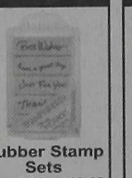
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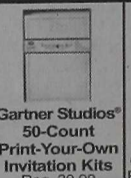
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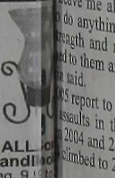
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what to expect while working  
with 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine  
Regiment — the infantry unit  
assigned to provide security in  
the Triad region of Haqlaniyah,  
Haditha and Barwanah.

"Without the combat engi-  
neers around, we would never  
find as many caches as we do,"  
said 2nd Lt. Charlie Loya Jr., a  
Lamirada, Calif., native and a  
platoon commander for the bat-  
talion's Company I. "They real-  
ly know how to use the metal  
detectors."

Historically, combat engi-  
neers are called upon to per-  
form a number of tasks, such as  
constructing buildings, demoli-  
tion, emplacing barriers, beef-  
ing up installation security  
measures, sweeping for mines  
and hidden weapons cache.

The platoon's 40 Marines  
did it all.

As the engineers rid the area  
of enemy bomb-making materi-  
al, they also helped to save  
Marines' lives by constructing  
hardened shelters, such as those  
found at the various firm bases  
and entry control points  
throughout the region. They  
built more than 40 hardened  
structures, which provide shel-  
ter from enemy attacks.

Each post was built for a  
specific purpose, to serve a spe-  
cific mission for a specific unit.

The engineers say no two  
structures are exactly alike.

"When I build something I  
always think of the people that

will be using it," said Cpl. Kurt  
Gellert, a combat engineer from  
Atlantic City, N.J., "They are  
the ones out there and I need to  
make sure that what I built will  
protect them in any circum-  
stance."

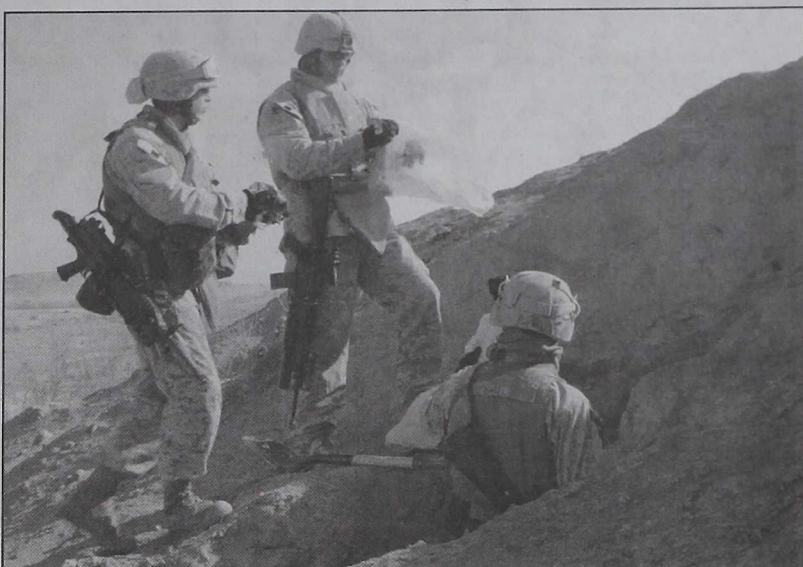
Although new to the Triad  
region when they arrived last  
year, most of the platoon's  
engineers were not new to  
deployments in Iraq. The pla-  
toon heavily relied on their  
Iraqi Freedom veterans to pro-  
vide expertise when searching  
for caches in Iraq's volatile Al  
Anbar province.

"Some of the Marines were  
experienced operators and were  
able to provide good knowl-  
edge to the newer Marines,"  
said Troughton, a Torrington,  
Conn., native. "They knew  
finding caches was one of the  
things we do, but no one  
expected us to find as many as  
we did."

Though metal detectors  
are a "very useful tool" to  
discover hidden munitions,  
the platoon's success came  
from the Marines' experience  
and a keen eye, according to  
Troughton, 33.

Some of the engineers say  
they had to "put themselves in  
the enemy's shoes and think  
like an insurgent" when comb-  
ing Iraq's roadways, towns and  
open desert.

"You kind of get an eye for  
it," said Pfc. Grant B. Jewell, a  
combat engineer and Denver



**Haditha Dam, Iraq:** A combat engineer with Company C, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion opens burlap bags containing weapons and ammunitions found buried near Lake Qadisiyah, Iraq, during Operation Brand Iron, a counterinsurgency operation.

return to their base at Camp  
Pendleton, Calif.

They can do so knowing  
they've made a difference, and  
have saved lives.

Their next mission: to pass  
on what they've learned and  
experienced here to the next  
wave of combat engineers who

will rotate into Iraq.

"This deployment has been  
nothing but a positive experi-  
ence and victory in the [area of  
operation]," said Troughton.  
"The Marines rose to every  
occasion and gained many  
experiences that will help them  
in the future." ■

## URGENCY FROM IA

ed infantry-armor teams made the  
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rations lasted sometimes for hours,  
questioned the men for informa-  
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missions had engineers sweeping  
weapons caches, hidden in the dirt.  
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cars that matched the description of cars sus-  
pected of being used by insurgents.

Neville estimated Marine questioned and  
searched more than 350 military-aged men in  
less than three days, creating a disruption of  
insurgent activity. Rolling the 70-ton tanks  
through the small towns sent the signal  
Marines were there for business, denying  
insurgents free use of the area.

"The intimidation factor is there when you  
use tanks," added Staff Sgt. Zachary Dona,  
a 29-year-old platoon sergeant for the reinforced  
infantry squad. "Tanks integrated with infantry  
shows good presence and a lot of force."

The presence of repeated missions to  
the area by tanks, infantry and crews of amphib-  
ious assault vehicles recently has paid off,  
Neville explained. Engineers swept miles of  
berms, farmland and enormous gaping wells  
scraped from the desert floor, known areas for  
hidden weapons. They turned up little, a sign  
Neville took as encouraging.

"It shows the efforts of the tanks and AAVs  
is paying off," he said. "Six months ago, you  
could throw a stick and find a cache."

For the infantry, the chance to work along-  
side tanks was a boost in confidence. They  
relied on tankers with their heavy armor and

weapons to provide protection while they fin-  
ished their searches and questioning.

"I was confident they knew their job," said  
Cpl. Joshua J. Frazier, a 22-year-old fire team  
leader from Destin, Fla. "They intimidated  
anybody who wanted to mess with us."

Frazier worked with tanks in the past for  
training, but this was his first chance to oper-  
ate alongside them in a combat operation. He  
was impressed by the effect they had on his  
Marines to complete the mission and the local  
population.

"They helped us to remain focused," he  
explained. "We don't worry so much about  
outside security. The reaction of the people  
was more calm. They knew we were there for  
business."

Neville said despite not maintaining a per-  
manent presence, Marines were having a last-  
ing effect in the area. Insurgents didn't have  
free movement through the villages and the  
villagers themselves grew more trusting of the  
Marines' intent.

"We know they have to adjust to our  
efforts," he said. "We're creating a time for the  
people to get established and the insurgents  
have to adjust around that because we have a  
good idea of what they're doing." ■

"Of those 2,374 reports, 435 were restrictive reporting,"  
McClain noted. "So in a six-month period, in a brand new  
program that was still being implemented, we still had 435 people  
who were willing to come forward."

Of those who chose restrictive reports initially, a quarter  
later changed their minds and allowed investigations to pro-  
ceed.

"Although we hate that we have any sexual assaults, we do  
think that these numbers indicate that our programs are work-  
ing," McClain said. "We're still in the implementation stage,  
so we're not claiming victory, because we know we still have  
a long ways to go."

Sexual assault prevention training begins in initial training  
and continues throughout members' careers. It's also incorpo-  
rated into commanders' training. "Commanders are the key to  
sexual assault prevention and response," McClain said.

Individuals preparing to deploy also receive refresher train-  
ing on what constitutes sexual assault, how to prevent it, and  
how to report it while deployed. McClain noted that the inci-  
dence rate of sexual assault in Iraq and Afghanistan is lower  
than it is across the rest of DoD.

"We don't know for a fact what to attribute that to, but my  
supposition would be that in the area of operation you're  
focused on the mission — quite frankly, staying alive," she  
said. "You're in a tighter group, a tighter environment with a  
sense of you're all in this together. We're all family, and we're  
all working toward the same mission."

McClain noted that the DoD theme for Sexual Assault  
Awareness Month, which is April, is "Sexual Assault  
Prevention Begins with You." She emphasized that sexual  
assault will not be tolerated in DoD.

"Everyone from our most junior member to our most senior  
member has a role in prevention and response," she said. "It's  
not a commander's program; it's everyone's responsibility." ■

## LUNCHEON CONTINUED FROM 1A

the headquarters are eligible for  
deployment in support of  
SOCOM missions.

Marines in operating units will  
serve three to five years and then  
return to the Fleet Marine Forces,  
Hejlik added. As for unit deploy-  
ments, two Foreign Military  
Training Unit teams will deploy  
this spring for 30 to 90 days and  
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the 26th Marine Expeditionary  
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will strengthen our military,  
increase our capabilities, and  
help assure our victory.

"The other commands have  
greeted us and welcomed us into  
their family just as the Marine  
Corps supported us for becom-  
ing part of SOCOM," Hejlik  
concluded. "This command will  
be a great thing for all of our  
families, our country and the  
Corps."

People with more questions  
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route between Europe and the  
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means one less road for ter-  
rorists to travel, officials said.

In his closing remarks to  
the Georgian soldiers,  
McGowan said, "On behalf of  
the entire Task Force, I wish  
you Godspeed, fair winds and  
following seas. Semper  
Fidelis."

## MENT FROM 1A

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in said sexual assault turns the victim's world upside  
d the trauma of being assaulted is a shock from which  
ims never fully recover. "And the thought that you're  
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id some barriers that prevent victims from reporting  
ault include embarrassment, shame, and not wanting  
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o overcome these barriers to reporting, DoD in 2005  
d a "restrictive reporting" option to victims of sexual  
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eneral said sometimes victims' initial reaction is:  
ave me alone! I don't want to see anybody! I don't  
do anything!" However, after having time to gather  
ngth and resources, many victims think about what  
t to them and decide to participate in an investigation,  
said.

5 report to Congress stated that the number of reported  
aults in the military increased by almost 40 percent  
2004 and 2005, McClain said. The 1,700 cases reported  
limbed to 2,374 in 2005, an increase of 674 cases.

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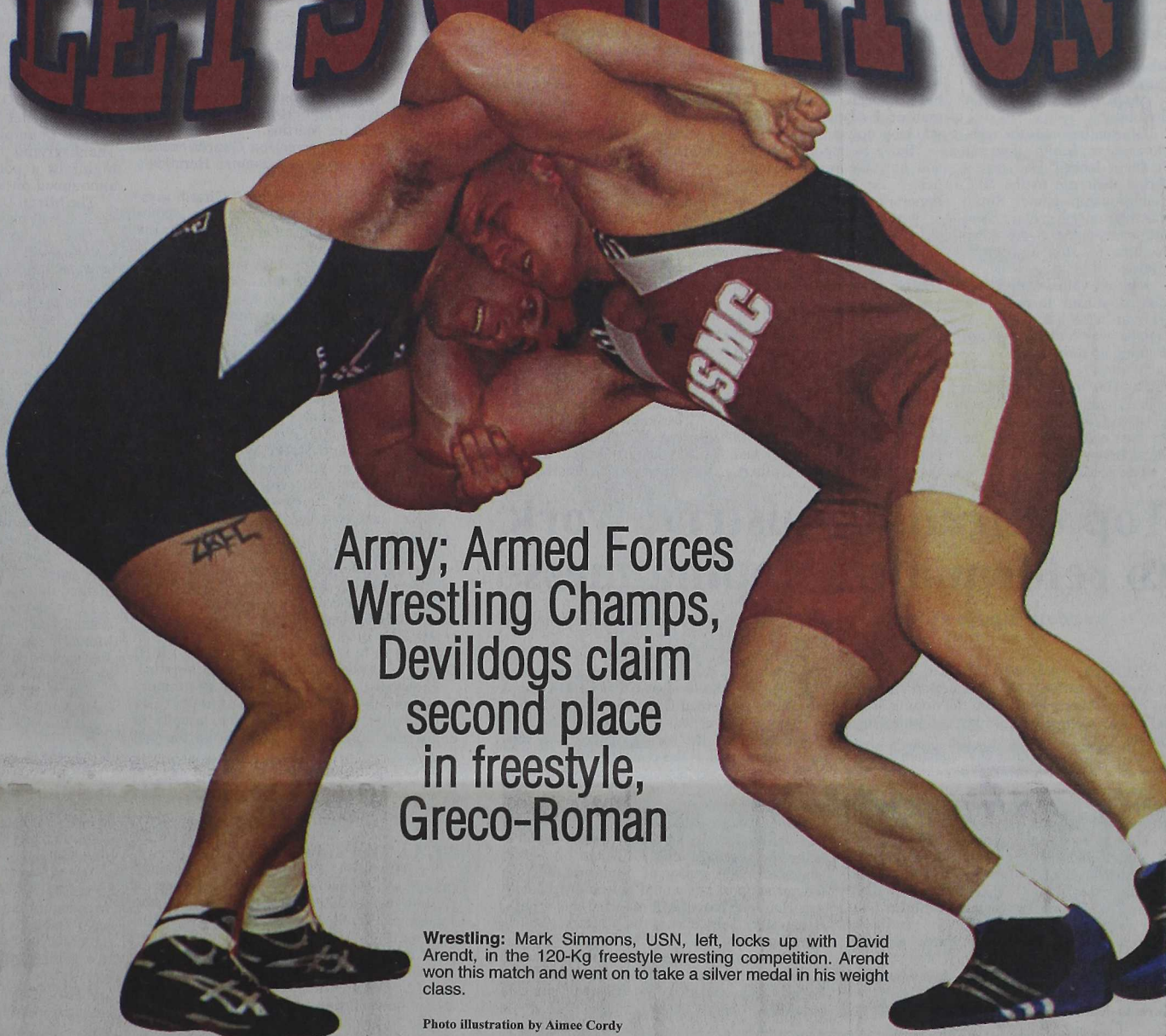
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## Army; Armed Forces Wrestling Champs, Devildogs claim second place in freestyle, Greco-Roman

**Wrestling:** Mark Simmons, USN, left, locks up with David Arendt, in the 120-Kg freestyle wrestling competition. Arendt won this match and went on to take a silver medal in his weight class.

Photo illustration by Aimee Cordy

Story and photos by **Jamie Cameron**  
Assistant managing editor

Wrestlers from the U.S. Army team overcame the Marine Corps' home field advantage aboard Camp Lejeune to win both the Greco-Roman and freestyle disciplines in the 2006 Armed Forces Wrestling Championship.

Army won its fifth-straight Armed Forces wrestling title by holding off a hard-charging Marine Corps squad that was anxious to put forth a strong showing at the station it will become its home base starting next spring. The

home team enjoyed a boisterous cheering section from fellow Marines and a gold medal performance in the 96-kilogram freestyle final from Sgt. Jacob Clark who is stationed in Okinawa, Japan.

U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy wrestlers finished third and fourth respectively.

Retired Marine Maj. Ken Berger has served as the master of ceremonies at the Armed Forces Wrestling Championship for several years and played a vital role in keeping the enthusiastic crowd well-informed of the action on the mats and the impressive wrestling pedigrees many of the warrior-

athletes brought with them.

"This is such a competitive thing for these guys," he said. "They work together in unison on the battlefield, but when they get on the mat, they want to beat each other's brains in. It's just like you were when you competed against your best friends — you wanted to beat them more than anything."

Berger ought to know what he is talking about. The broad-shouldered emcee wrestled for three years on the All-Marine Corps wrestling team during the early 1970s at 125 pounds.

"It's one of those sports that gets in your blood," he said.

"My role is for those fans who walk in and see a Greco-Roman match going on with two guys pushing each other around. They have no idea what's going on, but I can tell them from the perspective of someone who knows what the wrestlers are doing and how they are feeling."

No one knows Greco-Roman wrestling, the oldest recognized version of the ancient sport, better than the Army team that won six gold medals out of the seven weight class competitions and no Army athlete comes with bigger credentials than Army's Dremiel Byers, duty stationed at Fort Carson,

Colo. Byers won the Greco-Roman 120-Kg weight class by going undefeated in the March 23 competition — an all too familiar result for the man who some consider as Armed Forces wrestling royalty.

Byers was the 1993 high school state champion in his home state of North Carolina, a five-time national champion and was crowned world champion in his class in 2002. The nearly immovable big man has set his sights on a medal in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, China.

"I will never say that I have reached my pinnacle," Byers

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# KINSTON Indians

## Minor league team is proud to support Marine Corps

Indians offer Military Appreciation Wednesdays, service member discounts

**Jamie Cameron**  
Assistant managing editor

Sports fans who find themselves languishing in eastern North Carolina without easy access to professional teams need not feel sorry for themselves. There is big league baseball being played in "them there hills," just a modest car-ride away in the historic city of Kinston.

After hosting an exhibition game April 4 against the Class AAA Buffalo Bisons, the Kinston Indians will have their 2006 Carolina League season home-opener April 10. The Kinston squad is a Class A affiliate of the Cleveland Indians, with a star-studded list of alumni players that includes Albert Belle, Bartolo Colon, Manny Ramirez and Jim Thome.

Minor league baseball has a

long history in Kinston. Different professional and semi-professional clubs have called the city home on an almost continuous basis since the 1920s. The Indians moved there in 1978 and have played under various ownerships and major league affiliations ever since. The current team has been a farm club for Cleveland since 1987 and has enjoyed an increasing fan base ever since.

Grainger Stadium, where the Indians play all of their home games, was renovated in 2004 to provide optimal amenities for 4,100 spectators.

With an emphasis on high-caliber baseball at an affordable price for the fans, the Indian's front office has made it a point this home season to be especially welcoming towards military personnel and their families. Reserved seat tickets for service

members and the families that support them are \$3 each as long as they are available. The cost represents half the regular price of reserved seat tickets. In addition, each Wednesday home game is designated as a Military Appreciation Night and all service members and their families get into Grainger

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# Panthers sign 'Me-shawn' to four-year deal as compliment to All-Pro receiver Smith

Paul Nowell  
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Carolina receiver Steve Smith might have been the biggest influence in persuading Keyshawn Johnson to sign with the Panthers.

"He threatened me a couple of times to make this decision," Johnson quipped Friday after signing a four-year contract to play for the Panthers.

Johnson, who negotiated the contract himself while his agent serves a one-year suspension, got a \$19 million deal that includes a \$5 million signing bonus.

"Was I unreasonable?" he asked general manager Marty Hurney.

"Apparently not!" Hurney fired back.

Johnson becomes the complement to Smith that the Panthers lacked last season during their run to the NFC championship game. Smith was their only big playmaker, and teams could clamp down on him to stop Carolina's offense.

Johnson called Smith "the most dominant force in the NFL at wide receiver" and said he was looking forward to lining up next to him.

"I didn't come here to catch 100 balls," Johnson said. "I came here because I feel Carolina is the team with the best chance to get to the Super Bowl."

Released last week by the

Dallas Cowboys, Johnson rejected a bid from the New York Giants and also planned to meet with the Seahawks. But after coming to Charlotte on Thursday, he never made it to Seattle because the Panthers convinced him to stay.

"We have a wide receiver and a football player who is going to have a huge effect on this football team the next four years," Hurney said before handing Johnson his new No. 19 Panthers jersey.

Johnson said it doesn't bother him if quarterback Jake Delhomme considers Smith his No. 1 target.

"The only people who get caught up in No. 1 or No. 2 are the ones playing fantasy football," he said. "The only number that means anything is the number of (Super Bowl) rings you have on your finger."

"Steve is important to me and he's the reason I came here," he said. "And I'm important to him."

With Johnson on the field, defenses can't zero in on Smith because they'll know the Panthers have at least a second option. Carolina lacked that for most of the year because its running game took months to develop, and No. 2 receiver Keary Colbert had a big dropoff from his outstanding rookie season.

Now Johnson takes over that No. 2 role, where he can also be used as a blocker to open up DeShaun Foster and the running game. Colbert,

who had offseason ankle surgery to correct a problem that apparently bothered him most of last year, won't have as much pressure on him.

But the signing of Johnson is out of character for the Panthers, who have made a public effort to run a problem-free program since John Fox became head coach in 2002. After a series of off-the-field problems, including former wide receiver Rae Carruth's conviction in a murder-for-hire plot on his pregnant girlfriend, the team has avoided signing players with bad reputations.

Johnson left the New York Jets and Tampa Bay on bad terms. But his last two years with the Cowboys have been trouble-free under disciplinary Bill Parcells. Still, he couldn't avoid the questions about his character.

"How come everyone keeps signing me if I'm such a problem?" Johnson said. "I know I wouldn't sign Keyshawn for all this money if I'm a problem."

But he also said he has an image that's hard to shake.

"I'm Me-Shawn," he said, smiling at the nickname he inherited over the last 10 years in the league. "I'm fine with that."

Panthers officials talked to some of Johnson's former clubs and got positive reports.

"We knew we had a good player," Hurney said. "Everyone we talked to had something very good to say."

## roundup

### Major League Baseball

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — Only Jeremy Hermida knows what it feels like to step to the plate as a pinch-hitter for your first major-league at-bat and hit a grand slam.

The Florida Marlins rookie did it last Aug. 31 in Miami against St. Louis Cardinals reliever Al Reyes.

"To start off that way was something I couldn't even dream about," Hermida says. "It was like I was floating around the bases."

The Marlins are confident the 22-year-old right fielder is no one-hit wonder. Next week, he'll be one of at least five rookies in the Florida lineup on opening day, and perhaps the best of the bunch.

A first-round draft pick in 2002, Hermida was touted last season as the organization's top prospect. He batted .290 with 18 home runs and 63 RBIs for Double-A Carolina, then hit .293 with four homers in 41 at-bats during his month with the Marlins.

New Florida manager Joe Girardi needed little time this spring to recognize Hermida's potential.

"He knows what he's doing," Girardi says. "He's not fazed by anything, and he's comfortable in this atmosphere. He knows he belongs in the big leagues."

Hermida was groomed for the majors from childhood. A natural right-hander, he hits lefty because his dad taught him to at a young age. He started using a wood bat at 13 because he wanted to avoid developing bad habits with aluminum.

Hermida grew up in the Atlanta area, where he competed in high school against Jeff Francoeur. Now he will try to replicate Francoeur's fine rookie season last year for the Braves.

The scouts and stats say Hermida hits for both power and average with discipline uncommon for someone so young. He walked 111 times in 118 games for Carolina last year, lifting his on-base percentage to .455.

And he possesses a flair for the dramatic. He homered in the ninth inning to help the Marlins win their season finale. And his first homer with Florida came six hours after he arrived at the stadium for his first big-league game.

The only other player to hit a grand slam in his first at-bat was William "Frosty" Bill Duggleby in 1898 - and he wasn't pinch-hitting.

Frosty Bill, a pitcher, hit only seven more home runs in his career. Hermida hopes to do much better, but regardless, he intends to enjoy the opportunity to play in the big leagues.

"Putting on this uniform is a special thing," he says. "It's something I don't take for granted. I'll work hard to keep it on."

— Associated Press

### NCAA Men's Basketball

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The Orlando Magic on Monday extended the contracts of second-year standouts Dwight Howard and Jameer Nelson through the 2007-08 season.

The Magic will miss the playoffs for the third straight year, but the team is building around Howard. He has averaged 15 points and 12 rebounds this season and has started all but one game since joining the NBA.

The 20-year-old top draft pick in 2004 also averaged a double-double his rookie year, along with Emeka Okafor the first rookies to accomplish that feat since 1992-93.

Earlier this year, Howard, then 19, became the youngest player in history to get 20 points

and 20 rebounds in a game with 21 against Charlotte. He was also one of 25 players named to the USA Mens Senior Team program, providing a chance to the 2008 Beijing Olympic team.

"Dwight and Jameer are having sophomore seasons and they are only getting better," Assistant General Manager Smith said in a statement.

Nelson, picked 20th overall in the draft by Denver and dealt the same day to Orlando, is averaging nearly 11 points, four assists in 23 minutes per game. The consensus college basketball player of the year excelled at times while Steve struggled before being dealt to New York, shooting a team-best 42 percent from range.

The club did not disclose terms of the contract.

Nelson's agent Steve Mountain did not discuss terms, but said the 6-foot-6 was happy to stay in Orlando.

"They've treated Jameer great. We're there's something being built here and a part of it," Mountain said.

Howard's agent, Aaron Goodwin, immediately return a telephone message his office seeking comment.

— Travis Reed, Associated Press

### NFL Football

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A Thanksgiving Day game at Kansas City featuring Miami at Pittsburgh, the first of three NFL games on Monday, will highlight a portion of the NFL season announced on Monday.

The Miami Dolphins, who finished the season, will play at the Steelers on Sept. 11. The game will be the first featured matchup will be a brotherly quarterback battle between the Mannings as Peyton brings Indianapolis Colts to the Meadowlands and Eli and the New York Giants.

The league scheduled a doubleheader Sept. 11, when Minnesota will play Washington, followed by San Diego at Oakland in an odd coupling.

While Washington sells out every game and has led the NFL in attendance straight years, Oakland rarely has a full stadium. That raises the potential for a blackout in the Bay Area for the game the Chargers.

The Thanksgiving Day lineup on Monday features the Dolphins at Detroit, followed by Tampa Bay at Dallas, and the Denver Broncos visiting the Kansas City Chiefs.

The Chiefs used to host a Thanksgiving game when it was in the AFL before merged into the NFL in the mid-1960s. "I've thought all those games should be rotated," Chiefs owner Lamar Hunt said Monday. "We have a history in the NFL always hosted them before the merger we've wanted to do it again."

The entire schedule will be released early April.

— Barry Wilner, Associated Press

### NHL Hockey

RALEIGH (AP) — Dynamic defenseman Ovechkin scored his 47th goal, Matt Murray added a short-handed score and the Washington Capitals snapped an eight-game losing streak with a victory over the Carolina Hurricanes Saturday night.

It was Pettinger's fifth with his team, tying him for the best in the NHL. Washington won for the first time since losing Pittsburgh 2-1 1/2 weeks ago. Yet the eight losses since were by one goal or two going to a shootout and another in overtime.

"They work so hard every night, and eight games without a win is difficult," coach Glen Hanlon said of his players. "They came out and to play that hard that well is a testament to the character of the team."

— Associated Press

## Top official to Austria; work to reform after doping mess

Newsfinder  
Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — The president of Austria's national Olympic committee said his country must learn from the doping scandal it was embroiled in at last month's Turin Games.

Italian police raided the quarters of the Austrian biathlon and cross-country ski teams in search of doping substances and equipment, while Olympic doping control officers sprang surprise tests on 10 athletes.

The raids were triggered by the presence of coach Walter Mayer, who had been banned from the Olympics following a blood doping case at the 2002 Salt Lake City Games. While the 10 Austrian athletes tested negative, Italian police and the International Olympic Committee are still investigating.

"I didn't want any of this and what happened was completely unnecessary. Now we have to learn a lesson from it," Leo Wallner

said in an interview published Saturday in daily newspaper Kurier.

Wallner said Austria must accept that Mayer's appearance at the Games was seen as a provocation but stressed that he could not have been prevented from traveling to Turin.

"Walter Mayer was a free man," he said. Wallner said the image of Austria's athletes rests on what the country does now.

"No one can say how far this is going to go. Let's put it this way, I hope there won't be a ban [from the next Olympics]," Wallner said.

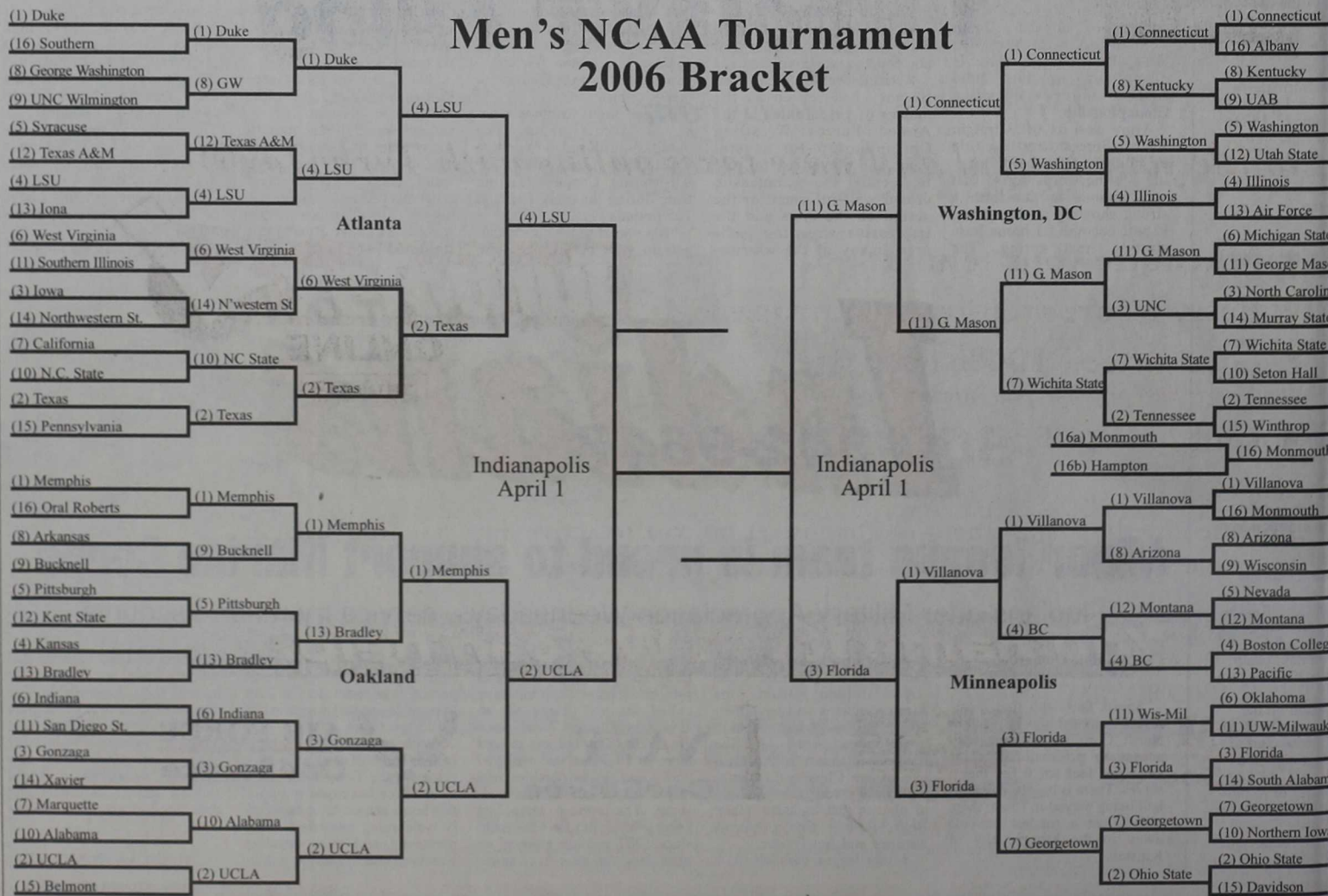
Austria's government is developing an anti-doping law. Under the proposal, which is being drafted and could be voted on within weeks, athletes guilty of doping could lose federal support but would not be prosecuted, Austrian television ORF reported this month, citing Karl Schweitzer, the country's sports state secretary.

"Athletes should not be criminalized," Schweitzer said at the time, adding that he hoped the proposal would be made law this year.

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## Men's NCAA Tournament 2006 Bracket



# Gymnastics phenom paying her dues at an early age

## Jessica Bryant follows in older sister's footsteps with strength and determination

Jamie Cameron  
Assistant managing editor

Across the nation, thousands of young girls toil in out-of-the-way gymnasiums with their eyes on one goal — to become the next Mary-Lou Retton. The vast majority of them will never see an Olympic medal podium unless it is on television, but in spite of the odds, these tiny athletes dedicate a large portion of their early lives in an effort to achieve the dream.

Jessica Bryant, 11-year-old daughter of Kim Bryant and Maj. Greg Bryant, Marine Medium Tilt Rotor Training Squadron 204 maintenance officer at New River Air Station, is just such a girl except for the fact that she packs rare combination of strength and grace onto her waif-like frame — enough to at least allow the unspoken dream to flicker a little brighter than most.

At the recent North Raleigh Gymnastics meet, Jessica cap-

tured first overall in her age group of the Level 8 competition. At the state meet, Jessica finished seventh overall; good enough to easily qualify her for the regional Level 8 squad, which will compete in Huntsville, Ala. next week.

Her success in the statewide competition came as no surprise to her longtime coach, April Wiles of Cedar Point Gymnastics in Cedar Point. In fact, a case of nerves probably kept Jessica from placing even higher. Wiles is quite used to watching her wiry little protégé take top all-around honors in most of the local and regional gymnastics competitions she enters.

"Her strength is unbelievable," said Wiles of Jessica. "She's tough and she has moments of brilliance. She really wants to make me, her teammates and her mom happy."

Gymnasts perform at levels of competition based upon their abilities to hit certain maneuvers and reach scoring bench-

marks. Wiles explained that the levels go from 1-10, with Level 10 the equivalent of collegiate competitors, to the Elite level gymnasts — those with the skills and real potential to compete at the Olympic level. With her recent results, Jessica will start competing at Level 9 after the regional competition.

A self-professed gym rat, Jessica got her start in the sport as a spectator of her older sister, 13-year-old Danielle. However, by the time she was 2-1/2, Jessica wanted to take to the floor herself.

"I got tired of just watching," she said. "I like gymnastics because you don't just focus on one thing all of the time. There are a lot of things to work on and if you're having a bad day in one area you can still have a good day in another."

Jessica has an excellent role model in Danielle, who three years ago was competing at Level 9 until a high ankle break during competition forced her to take a three-year hiatus from

the sport to heal properly. Danielle recently returned to competition and has quickly moved up the ranks back to qualify for Level 9 again in just one year.

The commitment to compete with the best comes at a price. Jessica and her older sister spend 12-16 hours a week at the gym where their mother is also a coach.

"It's a full-time commitment for the whole family," said Kim as she watched her talented daughters go through their routines. "They don't get a lot of free time like other kids because they spend so many hours in training."

It is a sacrifice the Bryant family is willing to make, with a list of pros that outweigh the cons.

"(Gymnastics) keeps them out of trouble and it teaches them discipline, self-confidence and self-motivation," said the proud mother and coach. "I love this sport just as much as they do." ■



Jamie Cameron

Even-year-old Jessica Bryant possesses amaz- and talent for such a young athlete. She has ng at Cedar Point Gymnastics in Cedar Point e NFL 2-1/2 years old.



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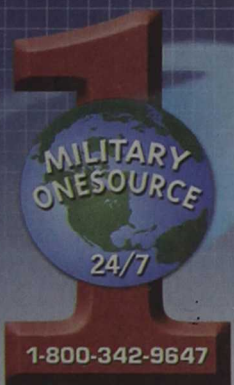
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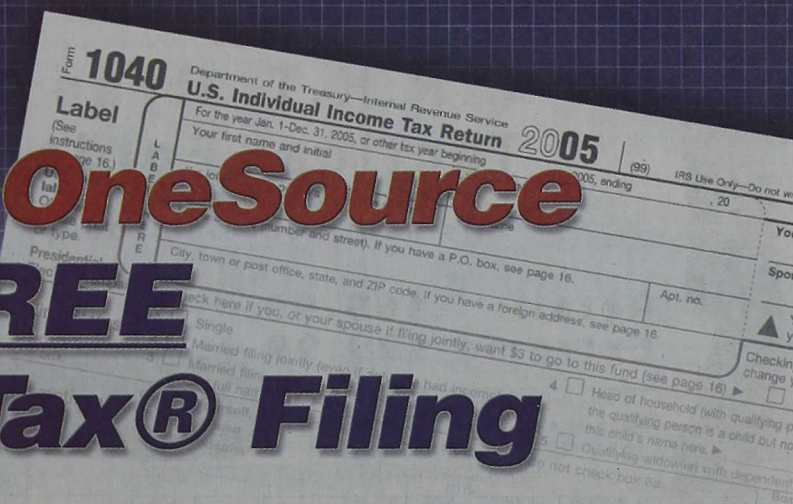
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## WRESTLING

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id. "I promised my grand-  
father that I'd get that gold  
medal. He passed away last  
year and so that's my goal.  
It's a beautiful Olympic  
event - it's an obsession  
and I won't rest until I get  
it."

In spite of coming up a lit-  
tle short against the powerful  
Army team, Dan Hicks, head  
coach of the Marine Corps  
team, was pleased with the  
team's performance and got  
from his grasp.

"I couldn't be more  
proud with my guys," said  
Hicks. "We wrestled tough  
and a couple of tight  
matches. All of my guys  
did well."

Hicks was obviously happy  
with the prospect of bringing  
the team to Camp Lejeune for  
next spring, especially  
since he looked up into the  
stands at Goettge Memorial  
Arena and saw the ded-  
icated Marine Corps cheering  
in spite of the two-  
day competition taking place  
in the early hours.

"We can't wait to move to  
Camp Lejeune," he said. "We  
can't wait to be here. This is our  
home now."

The steady support helped  
Steven Forrest, MCB Camp  
Lejeune, achieve a silver  
medal at 74-Kg in the  
freestyle competition Friday.  
He has a lot of friends  
and that keeps the  
team level up," said the  
Marine Corps team  
manager. "It's a great experi-  
ence to be here, especially  
just got back from  
Iraq. Nothing is like the  
feeling you get  
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Silver medal

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Gold medal

Silver medal

Aaron Holker, USA, Fort Carson, Colo.  
Ryan Montanez, USAF, Pope AFB, N.C.

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Gold medal

Silver medal

Phillip Simpson, USA, Fort Carson, Colo.  
Steven Forrest, USMC, Camp Lejeune

## 84-Kg:

Gold medal

Silver medal

Kevin Ahearn, USA, Fort Carson, Colo.  
Ryan Cunningham, USMC, Quantico, Va.

## 96-Kg:

Gold medal

Silver medal

Jacob Clark, USMC, Okinawa, Japan.  
Anton Talamantes, USA, Fort Lewis, Wash.

## 120-Kg:

Gold medal

Silver medal

Timothy Taylor, USA, Fort Carson, Colo.  
David Arendt, USMC, Marine Barracks 8 & 1, D.C.

## Team freestyle results

USA.....6

USMC.....4

USAF.....2

USN.....0

## Greco-Roman competition

## 55-Kg:

Gold medal

Silver medal

Jermaine Hodge, USA, Fort Carson, Colo.  
Jared Moreland, USAF, Cannon AFB, N.M.

## 60-Kg:

Gold medal

Silver medal

James Johnston, USA, Fort Carson, Colo.  
Jeremy McLean, USMC, Quantico, Va.

## 66-Kg:

Gold medal

Silver medal

Glenn Garrison, USA, Fort Carson, Colo.  
James Shillow, USMC, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

## 74-Kg:

Gold medal

Silver medal

Grant Whitmer, USN, Mobile Security Squad 3.  
Brandon McNab, USA, Fort Carson, Colo.

## 84-Kg:

Gold medal

Silver medal

Aaron Sieracki, USA, Fort Carson, Colo.  
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## 96-Kg:

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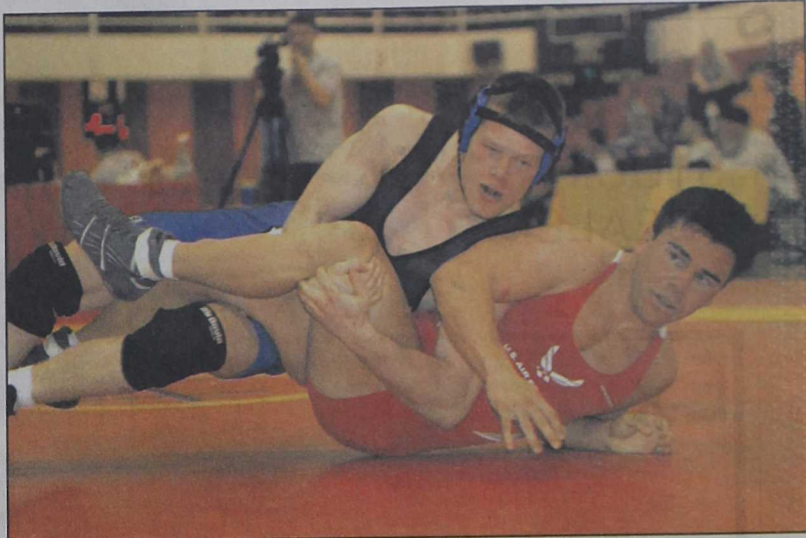
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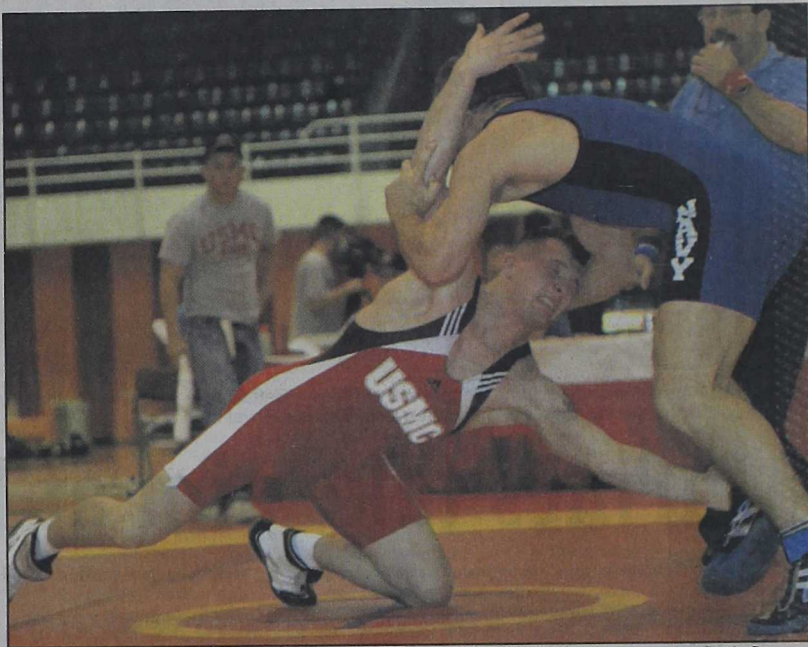
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Jamie Cameron

**Wrestling:** Aaron Holker, top, works a winning combination against Ryan Montanez in the freestyle 66-Kg final. Holker won the match to take a gold medal for the Army team that dominated much of the action during the two-day event.



Jamie Cameron

**Wrestling:** Steven Forrest, left, goes in fearlessly for the ankle of his Navy opponent, Grant Whitmer. Forrest won this match and later took a silver medal for the Marine Corps team in the freestyle 74-Kg. competition. Grant also wrestled in the weight class in the Greco-Roman competition where he won the Navy team's only medal of the tournament - a gold.

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**Match shooting:** Cpl. Luke Farley, Weapons and Training Battalion, is a picture of steady concentration as he takes aim at the firing line along with other competitors. Farley was on not only his fellow Marines, but marksmen from Britain's Royal Marines.

# Marines take aim at Eastern Division title

Story and photos by  
**Jennifer Moore**  
Carolina Living editor

Marines from all over the Eastern Division have converged on Stone Bay to shoot for team glory and a spot on the Eastern Division team.

Eastern Division Matches preliminaries begin today and competition starts Monday. However, the nearly 120 participants have been at Stone Bay since March 13, brushing up on the basics and practicing their skills.

The top finishers in the Eastern Division Matches will go on to the Marine Corps Matches April 10-20.

Besides the bragging rights that go with a win at the Eastern Division Matches, the rifle and pistol competitions give Marines a chance to hone their skills.

Shooting in the competition is the best way to learn how to deal with pressure, other than combat, according to Chief Warrant Officer Billy Williamson, the commandant's representative.

"It's a strict application of the fundamentals," he said. "This is a good tool to teach them how to enhance the fundamentals."

The matches put competitors in a different mindset and show them that only two things matter — sight alignment and trigger control.

Plus, Williamson said, it is "doing something every Marine likes to do — shooting."

But U.S. Marines are not the only participants in the matches. A group of Royal Marines also are shooting in the competition.

Using iron sights — as opposed to the optic sights the British Marines use at home — will help the competitors build confidence in their abilities, according to Mike Ball.

"When I go back, I will be smashing the target up," he said. "It's excellent for us, it builds that marksmanship base. To build up to a good state, you need a strong foundation."

Cpl. James White, a Royal Marine sniper, agreed with Ball.

"I can't overstate it," he

said. "I'm just soaking up the information ... I'm genuinely grateful to be able to do that."

The first three days of the matches are nothing but classroom instruction, according to Chief Warrant Officer Dave Dutton, chief range officer for Stone Bay.

Then, competitors practice what they will do in competition, with help from instructors.

All competitors participate in both the rifle and pistol competitions. The rifle competition includes slow and rapid fire rounds; sitting, standing and prone positions and multiple distances. The pistol competition includes slow, timed and rapid fire.

Unlike regular rifle qualification, Marines in the competition wear special shooting jackets and use weapons specifically designed for competition. The targets also are smaller.

To field a team, a command must have a shooting officer; a tyro, or first-time competitor; a sergeant or below and another competitor.

The top 10 percent of finish-



**Match shooting:** Sgt. Maj. Dave O'Conner, front, and Cpl. James White of the Marines act as spotters for their teammates at the line.

ers in the Eastern Division matches will go to the Marine Corps Matches, where they will compete against the top 10 percent from the Far East Division, the Pacific Division and the Western Division.

For some of the participants, the competition is a "whole new way of shooting, a different level," Williamson said.

And after the training, practice and competition, a partici-

pant will be able to articulate the skills to his or her unit.

"He'll be able to go any type of environment, know that only two things matter — sight alignment and trigger control."

## INDIANS

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Stadium for free.

"We are very excited about our partnerships with Camp Lejeune this year," said Jessie Hays, media manager for the team. "We hope that we can reach as

many military members and families as possible through these offers this season. We really want our attendance numbers to increase, especially among the military because that is a huge and important part of the population in this area."

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appreciation opportunities, the Indians management offers weekly promotion games every Thursday that offer something for every attending fan, Pepsi Family Fun Days every Sunday, with families of four in for just \$5 with two Pepsi proofs of purchase and Thirsty Thursdays, with \$1

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For further information, including the Kinston Indians' home schedule and ticket availability, call the Indians' front office at (252) 527-9111 or go to the site at [www.kinstonindians.com](http://www.kinstonindians.com).

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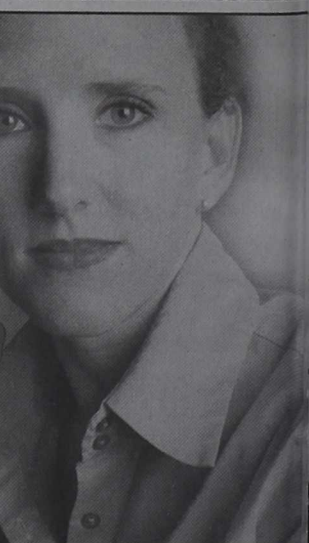
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## es pleased after free agency

Crawczynski  
Associated Press

RAIRIE, Minn. — A tremendously busy free agent is winding to a Minnesota Vikings. Wilf couldn't be how his newly bosses pulled it

a lot of different ... It's a big said in a recent h *The Associated* exciting because it's g to feel like our said, "Before, it else's team. Now "

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after the Vikings 9-7 season and playoffs, Wilf completely new he top. He hired Brad Childress to of a so-called "tri-

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appy to see that the s going the way it said. "Now I think

we have to move on and concentrate on the draft. That's certainly the avenue that we will build our team for the future."

The Vikings also signed safety Tank Williams, defensive end DeQuincy Scott, backup quarterback Mike McMahon, fullback Tony Richardson, guard Jason Whittle and fullback Joey Goodspeed.

"Part of the plan from the beginning was to take pressure off the draft," Foley said. "The plan is coming together."

They also parted ways with disenchanted quarterback Daunte Culpepper, sending him to Miami for a second-round pick, and re-signed receiver Koren Robinson.

When Wilf first unveiled the triangle of authority, it wasn't exactly clear how the three would work together. But it became evident that Childress is the lead dog, with significant input coming from Foley and Brzezinski.

"A new coaching staff has to learn to work with each other. And three of us, Rob and Fran and the coach, have to understand what the coaches' needs are," Wilf said. "And so far I have to say that what we've done in free agency, I'm very, very positive. I think we did great in free agency."

And Wilf hasn't just been an innocent bystander, sitting back and signing the checks that those three tell him to sign. In the middle of last season, he pledged to be more hands-on in the football business.

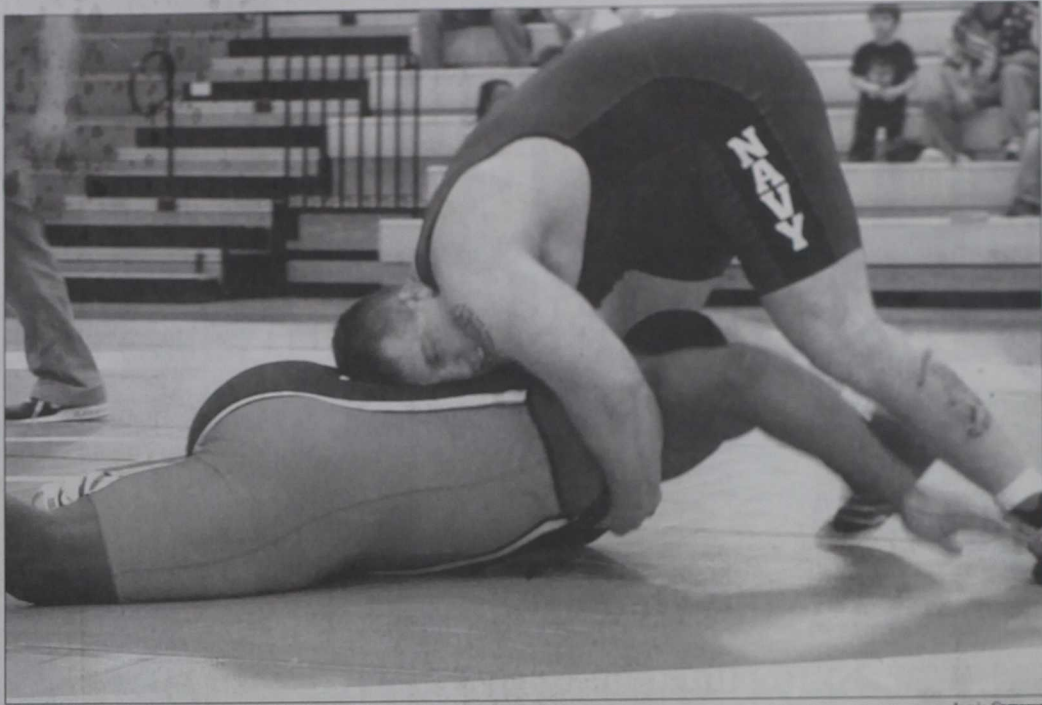
He admitted this week that the bulk of his time is spent with the Vikings now, with the rest of his trusted family doing the heavy lifting with his real estate development business back in New Jersey.

Wilf said Friday that he doesn't necessarily want to be a "hands-on" owner, but a "head-on" owner, meaning he chooses the people to run the show, then lets them do their jobs and directs the traffic when he needs to.

So far, he likes what he sees.

"We spent our money wisely and we were focused and I think we've grown the nucleus of our team to I think greater heights," Wilf said. "Then again, the next couple seasons will tell the story. We're looking long-term here. ... It takes time for a team, both the players and the coaching staff to really meld together, and that's something as a new owner I don't really know how long it will take."

## Greco-Roman heavyweights do battle



Jamie Cameron

Camp Lejeune: For just a moment, DCFN Mark Simmonds, top, of the USS John F. Kennedy had his opponent right where he wanted him. It did not take long for Staff Sgt Dremiel Byers, USA, Fort Carson, Colo., to turn the tables and win the match. Byers was the 2002 world champion at 120-Kg, and plans to be on the medal podium in Beijing, China when the Olympics are there in 2008.

## George Mason headlines unlikely cast at Final Four

Howard Fendrich  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - As anyone who's ever participated in an NCAA pool at the office knows full well, there always are upsets at the men's college basketball tournament.

Still, it's been quite awhile since there were this many stunning results and so few favorites headed to the Final Four. The biggest surprise of all is George Mason, a commuter school in suburban Virginia that never had even won a single game in the event until this year.

Apparently, there was more than one pair of glass slippers lying around. This is the first time since the tournament expanded to 64 teams in 1985 that none of the four teams seeded No. 1 reached the Final Four.

The main culprit is George Mason, but joining it next weekend in Indianapolis will be two other schools seeking a first national title, LSU and Florida.

George Mason is the first team since 1986 and only the second in history to be seeded 11th and make it all the way to the Final Four. And it's the biggest outsider - no basketball tradition to speak of, not a member of a major conference, no superstar player - since Ivy League school Penn made it in 1979.

George Mason now faces third-seeded Florida, which knocked off No. 1 seed Villanova 75-62 in the Minneapolis Regional final.

In next Saturday's other Final Four game, No. 4 seed LSU will play second-seeded UCLA. Led by gregarious and 310-pound Glen "Big Baby" Davis, LSU won the Oakland Regional final by beating No. 2 seed Texas 70-60 in overtime Saturday. UCLA defeated yet another No. 1 seed, Memphis, 50-45 at the Atlanta Regional.

"Nobody could have predicted what we've seen - not just this afternoon, but this whole tournament," NCAA selection committee chairman Craig Littlepage said after watching George Mason cut the nets down to celebrate. "It's affirmation that this is a great game."

The Final Four has been dominated by college basketball's big boys for more than a quarter of a century, with powerful teams and tournament-tested conferences gathering at the end of the season to sort out the champion.

Now, for the first time since 1980, neither the Big East nor the Atlantic Coast Conference will be represented at the Final Four; those high-profile leagues combined to produce the past five national champions, including the ACC's North Carolina last year, and the Big East's Connecticut in 2004.

George Mason eliminated both of those schools, along with 2005 Final Four team Michigan State, despite having relatively small players not thought of as NBA prospects.

"They don't measure heart by inches, they don't measure courage, they don't

measure basketball instinct and intelligence," Calhoun said.

The Patriots, he added, "are not on a magic carpet ride because there's any myth there. They are good. They are really, really good."

Perhaps, but George Mason's basketball program is certainly unheralded: The team never has been ranked in *The Associated Press* poll, and it lost two of its last four games before the NCAA tournament.

Its players are unheralded. Asked this weekend to list some of the colleges that recruited him out of high school, Skinn joked: "George Mason, George Mason, George Mason. I'm glad I chose George Mason."

Its conference is unheralded, too. It had been 20 years since the Colonial Athletic Association received two invitations to the NCAA tournament, and some Connecticut players weren't able to name which league the Patriots play in.

All of the above are among the reasons that some questioned whether George Mason deserved to go to the tournament at all.

When Lamar Butler hit a 3-pointer to give George Mason only its second lead of the game, at 52-51 about halfway through the second half, Connecticut called a timeout. While Patriots coach Jim Larranaga stood with his arms crossed, smiling, Butler and a couple of teammates looked up at the scoreboard, mouths open.

Perhaps they were wondering, "Can this really be happening?"

It sure was. ■

## Corrections

THE GLOBE regrets there were two errors in the March 28 section.

Page 1B, the caption under a photo of Lejeune High School's Edwin Roman throwing the shot put incorrectly stated that Roman won that event. In fact, Roman's teammate, Joel Miller, had the furthest toss in the competition.

Page 3B, the Lejeune High School varsity baseball team pictured is Alexander Seifert, not Tony Coia as he was incorrectly identified.

THE GLOBE apologizes for these mistakes and any confusion they may have caused.

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## Field day: A custom Marines love to loathe



**Camp Lejeune:** Lance Cpl. Marco Martinez, Pfc. Craig Mittendorf and Lance Cpl. Bernard Simmons, three legal service specialists with Company A, Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, were the first Marines ever to be awarded Mr. Ducky.

**Lance Cpl. Adam Johnston**  
Marine Corps Base

Since its inception more than 230 years ago, the Marine Corps has prided itself on a rich heritage of customs and traditions. During a birthday ball, it's customary for the oldest Marine present to receive the first piece of cake and pass it on to the youngest Marine present, signifying the transfer of experience and knowledge from the old to the young of the Corps. During the playing of the Marines' Hymn, it's customary for Marines to stand at attention and render honors to the oldest official song in the U.S. military.

As for Marines living in the barracks, they participate in one of the most important, and quite possibly the most unpopular, traditions in the history of the Corps. Though it is carried out neither in a field nor during the day, field day is the one night out of each week that Marines drop whatever it is they are doing and focus on cleaning their rooms.

"Throughout the history of the Marine Corps, more men and women have fallen to disease and sickness in combat than actual bullets," said 1st Sgt. Michael Kagle, the first sergeant for Company A, Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base. "It's my responsibility to make sure these Marines are living in as close to a disease and germ free environment as humanly possible."

Kagle, who has been the Company A first sergeant since Feb. 10, stepped on the yellow footprints at Parris Island Nov. 22, 1983. In his more than 22 years as a Marine, Kagle has learned one or two things about the importance of field day.

"From what I've found through talking to health officials, mold and mildew, which primarily build up in showers and air vents, is the number one cause of sickness in the barracks," said Kagle. "field day

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## After seven months of battling insurgents, restoring security, local Marines near end of tour in Iraq

**Sgt. Jerad W. Alexander**  
1st Marine Division

**CAMP AL QA'IM, Iraq** — After spending seven months of routing out insurgents and stabilizing the Al Qa'im region in western Al Anbar province, Marines from 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment say they're leaving the region in better shape than when they arrived last year.

The Twenty-nine Palms, Calif., based 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment will replace the Camp Lejeune-based unit, commonly referred to as "three, six," in the region as part of a regularly scheduled rotation of U.S. forces in Al Anbar province.

Known as the "Teufelhunden Battalion," 3rd Bn., 6th Marines have spent more than half a year providing stability to the people of western Iraq by training Iraqi Army soldiers and ridding the region of anti-Iraqi forces,

thanks to an aggressive counterinsurgency campaign.

The Marines' battle space here encompasses the Al Qa'im region — a once insurgent stronghold in the north-west region of Al Anbar. The region buttresses the Syrian Border at the Euphrates River, starting with the city of Husaybah and moving east to encompass Karabilah, Sa'dah and Ubaydi among other smaller towns.

The key to the Marines' success in the region has been counterinsurgency operations and an increased presence of Coalition Forces, according to 35-year-old Maj. Christopher P. O'Connor, operations officer.

"We needed to go after the enemy; we needed to take back the terrain," said O'Connor, a native of Johnstown, Pa.

The results: a severe

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**Camp Lejeune:** A Marine with 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment is greeted by loved ones after returning from a seven-month deployment to Al Qa'im, Al Anbar province, Iraq.

**Lance Cpl. Lucian Friel**

## Ladies of Lejeune say, 'Flock cancer'

**Lance Cpl. Ryan M. Blaich**  
II Marine Expeditionary Force

Stealing through the night, nine highly-trained individuals slipped into the front yards of unsuspecting families. In the early morning light, the evidence of their mission was clear, as Camp Lejeune families poured into their yards and spied ... pink flamingos?

Okay, so it wasn't a covert military operation. Members of the Officers' Wives' Club Relay 4 Life team spent hours planting pink flamingos in front yards, while collecting donations for the American Cancer Society March 23. The tradition that started more years ago by wives of generals, continues this month, raising thousands of dollars to help find a cure and build awareness for cancer.

Two teams of masked women piled into mini-vans and headed out for, what seemed to be, a night of mayhem. Their mission... to "flock" someone's yard.



**Camp Lejeune:** Officers' Wives' Club Relay 4 Life team, "Give Cancer the Boot," participate in a "flocking" March 23.

Armed with donation slips, "thank you" cards and more than 20 pink flamingos, teams separated and infiltrated communities of Camp Lejeune. Their goal is to generate as much money and awareness as possible for ACS and have a good time.

Placing flamingos in a yard gives the house's owner a chance to donate to the charity and nominate some-

one else to get "flocked." While part of the team placed as many pink birds in the front yard as possible, one brave soul sneaked up to the front door and taped a note stating the nature of the occurrence. The letter explained the project, how to make a donation and offered the recipient the chance to

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## Focus on driving, minimizing risks

**Trafford Taylor**

Traffic Safety Technician MCB

Cell phone usage is on the rise. Unfortunately, the instances of drivers using a cell phone without a hands-free device is also on the rise. The National Highway Safety Administration estimates that cell phones contribute in 25 percent of all crashes involving some kind of driver distraction.

To prevent these types of mishaps, the Naval Safety Center recommends the following tips while driving:

- For cell phone conversations, pull over to the side of the road or wait until you reach your destination. The safest time to use a cell phone is when parked.

- Never answer or dial a cell phone in hazardous conditions like heavy traffic, higher speeds or bad weather.

The cell phone prohibition on base began during the summer of 2004, according to officials at Base Traffic Court. This restriction follows a Department of Defense regulation banning

the use of non-hands-free cell phones on military installations unless the vehicle is safely parked.

Armed forces traffic tickets are given to those pulled over for using their cell phone. A maximum of four points and 30 days suspension of base driving privileges could be added to a motorist's driving record if cited for using a cell phone while driving.

Anything that can keep a driver from being distracted can prevent accidents and save lives, and the safety of our Marines and sailors is important.

One of the greatest privileges of our membership in a free society is driving, but with that privilege comes responsibility. Here are some tips to think about:

- Know the local rules about wireless phones and driving. View Base Order P5560.2L.

- Use a hands-free device.
- Keep your wireless phone where you can easily reach it, so that you can get it without

See RISKS page 2C

Cpl. Matthew K. Hacker  
2nd Marine Logistics Group

During the brief, Officer Robert E.

1st Lt. Stan Pezzat, the logistician with Headquarters and Ser-  
talion's S-4. "Hopefully that's  
a Marine from killing a mo-  
kids or from killing them-  
that's what's important." ■

**Dave Huffman**  
MCR Safety Officer

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the edge," said Mittendorf. "You never know what's going to make the difference between just passing or winning."

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## Iron Fist

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Iron Fist, which began in 2005, was the clear-cut west, of the cities of Eastern Karabilah, K, and L worked each other, moving through the cities, enemy from them. The operation resulted in 51 insurgents

some indirect and resistance initially," said Cpl. Hanenkratt, an anti-airman for Company K, Ohio native.

Hanenkratt was one of the Marines who led the through the region. To his Hanenkratt said the led up finding more

houses, though, is said. "You never is around each cor-

Operation Iron Fist Operation Steel Curtain her of the Marines' lives to disrupt insurgent along the Syrian bor-

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ing stays anonymous," co-captain of the "Give Boot" team. "That's part

served as the battalion's foundation for future security operations.

## The Emerald Wadi

Following the completion of Operation Iron Fist, the battalion positioned itself along the "Emerald Wadi," which is about 1,400 meters long and 600 meters wide. The Wadi became, in sorts, a "no-man's land" reminiscent of World War I, where U.S. Marines were positioned on one side and insurgents on the other, with an open area in between.

Nearly daily, Insurgents fired upon the Marines, who responded with the combined arms of tanks, amphibious assault vehicles, snipers, dismounted infantry and firepower to eliminate scores of enemy.

Sgt. Scott M. Royal, one of the battalion's scout-snipers, recalled the daily exchange of sniper fire between coalition and insurgent forces across the Wadi.

"It seemed like every morning the insurgents would start off their attacks across the wadi with rockets, then snipers would shoot at us off-and-on all day whenever they saw movement," said Royal, a native of Rochester, N.Y.

## Operation Steel Curtain

Due to the Marines' consistent presence across the Wadi, insurgent forces reinforced their position along the Wadi. The move was a feint by the Marines—they wanted the insurgents to believe they would simply move across the Wadi and into the enemy's path.

"We made them think we were coming across the wadi. Instead we moved through the desert, coming in behind them without them knowing it all," said O'Connor.

On Nov. 5, 2005, with more than 150 insurgents dead as a result of their first major offensive, the battalion launched Operation Steel Curtain—perhaps the Marines' largest offensive to date in the region. The Marines cleared the cities of Husaybah and Karabilah during the 18-day operation, working with several other Marine and U.S. Army units to

sweep the cities clear of anti-Iraqi forces. Approximately 2,500 Marines, sailors, soldiers and Iraqi Army soldiers swept into the city, fighting insurgents house-to-house.

"[Steel Curtain] was the coolest thing I ever did," said Hanenkratt. "It was like a tidal wave," he added, referring to the numbers of Coalition personnel who overwhelmed insurgent forces.

"We saw a lot of sniper and [rocket propelled grenade] fire, especially on the first day," said Chardon, Ohio, native Lance Cpl. Shane M. Cocchi, a 20-year-old rifleman with Company I, 3rd Bn., 6th Marines. "It was fast, intense ... we kicked down a lot of doors. It was just awesome."

The operation saw an additional 250 suspected enemy dead and provided the Iraqi populous in the region an insurgent-free place to live and work, according to the Marines.

"We're able to progress now with getting consistent [electrical] power, free and clean running water for all the villages up there, as well as starting to rebuild the hospitals and the school houses that have suffered over the last three years," said Col. Stephen W. Davis, who commanded all Marine forces in western Al Anbar province for the past year, during a Pentagon press briefing last month.

## Bringing in the Security, Reconstruction

Upon clearing the major cities in the Al Qa'im region and Ubaydi—a town about 15 miles east of the Syrian Border—last spring by the Camp Pendleton, Calif.-based 2nd Bn., 1st Marines, the Marines and sailors of 3/6, along with their Iraqi Army counterparts, were able to integrate themselves into the towns, to interact with the local populous in order to keep insurgents from reentering the region, according to O'Connor.

With the enemy removed from the cities in the region, key democracy-building events occurred, namely two elections that occurred in mid-October and

again in mid-December.

The local elections contributed 500 votes in the first election and a larger 23,000 votes in the second, something that was not possible in the past. In addition to a democratic voting process, introductory humanitarian assistance and government infrastructure rebuilding has been possible with the help of the 6th Civil Affairs Group.

The 6th Civil Affairs Group was able, as a result of the towns being cleared, to come into the cities here and begin reconstruction efforts—buildings damaged during fighting were repaired, basic utilities such as water and power were restored, and key government municipal buildings built. Schools were opened after nearly a year of inactivity.

## Afghanistan experience paid off in Iraq

The battalion's senior enlisted member, Sgt. Maj. Scott L. Theakston, summarized the Marines' and Iraqi soldiers' success in this region in one word: "Professionalism."

"Everything we've done over here we've prepared for," said Theakston, a 40-year-old Pittsburgh native. "We trained for what we wanted to accomplish."

The Marines' success in this western Al Anbar province region stems from the lessons they learned during combat operations in Afghanistan, said O'Connor. Many of the unit's serving in Iraq deployed in 2004 during Operation Enduring Freedom. The battalion spent roughly seven months in Afghanistan, where they conducted operations against Taliban and Al Qaida forces, which gave the Marines an understanding of operating in a combat environment.

"Our [noncommissioned officers] are smart and mature. They've seen operations in Afghanistan, they understood coming in overly aggressive [here would] have a detriment on success," said O'Connor.

Nearly half of the battalion's Marines—about 500—are Enduring Freedom veterans.



Sgt. Jerad W. Alexander

**Al Anbar province:** Marines and sailors from 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, unload sea bags from the back of a CH-53 Super Stallion helicopter upon arriving to Camp Al Qa'im in western Al Anbar province, Iraq.

"The insurgents in Afghanistan were tougher fighters than those here," said Hanenkratt, a veteran of Afghanistan combat operations. "Out here it's all [Military Operations in Urban Terrain] whereas in Afghanistan it wasn't. Out here, you have to beat the IED."

As the Marines prepare to redeploy to Camp Lejeune, they're beginning to look back on their tour in Iraq and are realizing the impact they made here.

"I feel a lot better about myself," said Cocchi, who is

looking forward to visiting with family in Ohio after he returns to Camp Lejeune. "I feel I've done something important. I have a lot more pride in my country and in myself since coming here. But am I glad to be heading home soon? Oh yeah!"

The battalion's redeployment to the U.S. is part of a regularly scheduled rotation of forces in Al Anbar province. More than 25,000 Marine and sailors from the Camp Pendleton, Calif.-based I Marine Expeditionary Force are replacing the Camp Lejeune-based II MEF.

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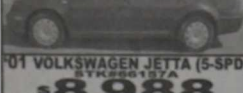
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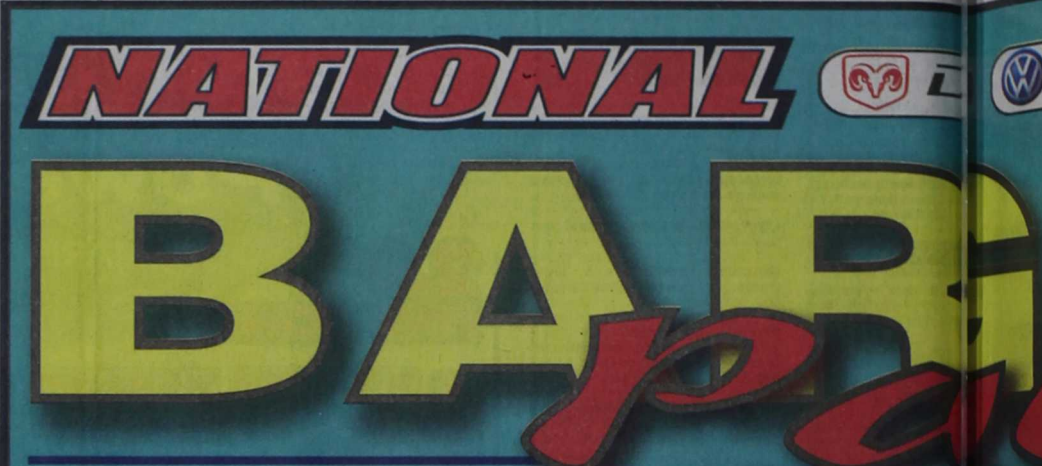
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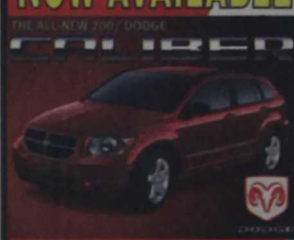
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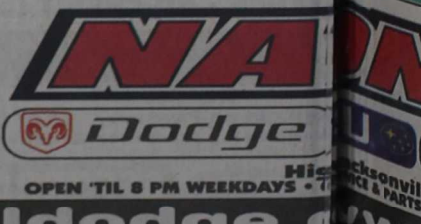
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## Motorcycles

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CHURCH YARD SALE-March 31 & April 1. 910 Pine Valley Rd., Pine Valley Methodist Church. Something for everyone.

GARAGE SALE-Apr. 1 8-12pm. 502 Raintree Rd. off Gum Branch Rd. Items incl. clothing, household items, fish tank, electronics, USMC uniforms, etc.

MOVING SALE-Open house every weekend through May. Still have dining set, entertainment center & bedroom furniture. 346-6146.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE-Sat, April 1st! 7 am-7:30 500 Sunnyside Way, Foxlair Area across from Foxtrace in Hubert. Electronics, furniture, clothes, tools, etc.

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE-April 1st. 5526 Virginia St. Camp Lejeune. 8am-7:30. No early birds please.

NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE-Hall's Creek in Swansboro. April 1 at 8AM. Follow signs from route 24, look for balloons on mailboxes.

YARD SALE: Sat. 1st. 3335 Tulaji Pl. TT2 off of Hagaru Dr. Lots of baby strollers, high chair, clothes, toys, adult clothing, etc.

## Yard Sale

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- Individual forms must be filled out for each "category" of items (automobiles, pets, etc.) and written legibly.
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Your ad by dropping it off at the Public Affairs Office or visit [www.militarynews.com/globe](http://www.militarynews.com/globe).

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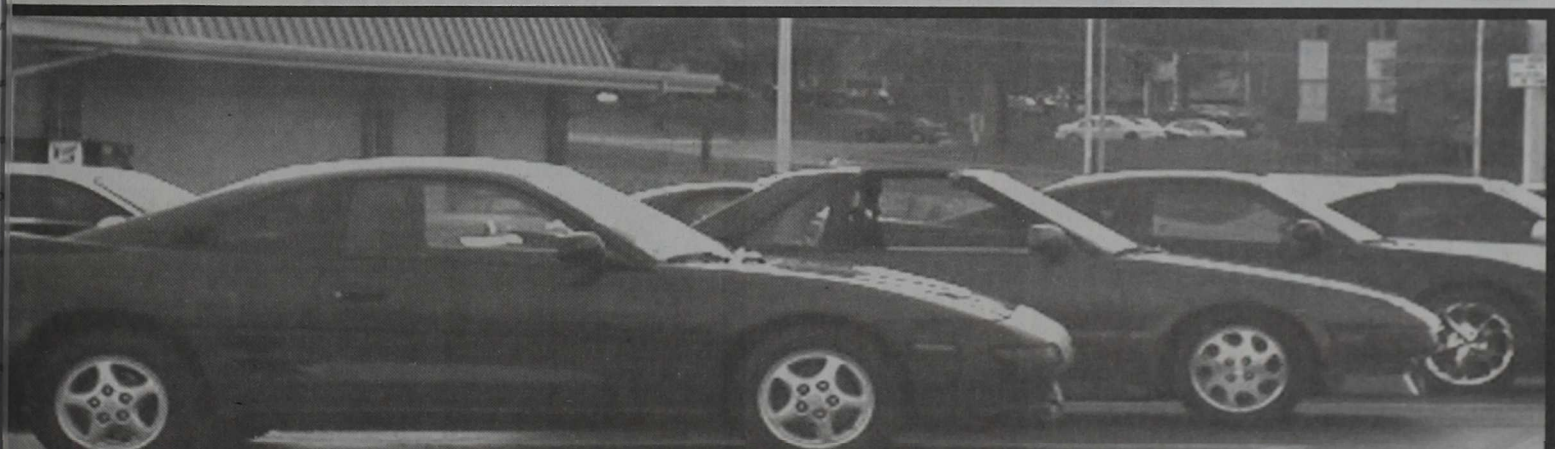
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## Lejeune Openings

**Craft Fair**  
Decor and more at the Talents Spring Festival Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pavilion. For more information, call Hidden 451-2658.

**g class**  
Make healthy and meals from Shawn Sous Chef of the Lejeune Country Club. The instructor at Community College. The class is Tuesday at the Onslow Public Library in Lejeune. McPeak will teach additional classes in June. The classes are open to the public. Registration is required. For more information, call 455-7350, ext. 242.

**of**  
**embrance**  
The 2nd Annual Remembrance at 7 p.m. at the Lejeune Commons area. The event is for anyone wishing to remember a loved one. The Lejeune Commons area is available for \$5. All proceeds go to the Foundation for the Lejeune Commons. For more information, call 989-2682.

**r**  
Lejeune will host a job fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Koettge Memorial Center and Marston. The job fair is open to active-duty and retired members, their families, and Lejeune Community College students. Businesses will be able to interview and talk to job seekers. The event is free. For more information, call 3212, ext. 213.

**ing class**  
The Marine Corps Community Services Vogue Singing Class is now open to children 5 and older. The orientation is April 1. Classes begin May 1. For more information, call the Terrace Community Center at 450-1687.

**t & Gold**  
**g show series**  
The T & Gold Riding Series will host a gaming series the last Saturday of each month through May. The events begin at 10 a.m. Activities include bar, payback classes, singing shows will be at the Lejeune stables. Lejeune passes are available for the trailers. Call two weeks in advance to reserve a space. The event is free. For more information, call 265-3961 or visit [www.scarletandgoldclub.com](http://www.scarletandgoldclub.com).

**ship offered**  
The Lejeune Community Services offers an annual scholarship to the children of active-duty personnel stationed at Camp Lejeune or Marine Corps Air Station New River. Seven scholarships are available for students who have been accepted to a college or university in North Carolina. The scholarship application is available in the guidance department of high schools, at Coastal Community College, and at the Personal Services and Community Support branch of Marine Corps Community Services. The application deadline is April 1. For more information, call 451-12 or e-mail [kenan@usmc.mil](mailto:kenan@usmc.mil).

**g Marines boot**  
The Marine Corps Community Services will host the Marines Spring Boot Camp on April 19 at 3 p.m. at the Area 4 Gym. For more information, call Stenberg at 577-1777.



**Onslow Beach:** A mixed flock of terns takes in the sun and wind as waves crash nearby. The beach is open 365 days a year.

## Onslow Beach heats up

Story and photos by  
**Jennifer Moore**  
Carolina Living editor

As the weather warms up, the smell of salt air begins to beckon. The beach offers a way to escape from the daily grind, to lounge in the sun with only the crash of the surf as background music.

But there is no need to drive to the Outer Banks or fly to a tropical island to find a tranquil shore. Onslow Beach offers all the comforts of more popular beaches, at a fraction of the cost.

Hurricane Ophelia caused substantial damage to Riseley Fishing Pier and other beach areas, but officials and contractors have been hard at work all year to get Onslow Beach ready for summer. They paved the dirt basketball courts, re-stained the rentable lodges, upgraded the power capacity for 27 of the 43 available RV camp sites, pushed more sand up to start rebuilding dunes and completely renovated the "sea shells," rentable covered picnic areas.

The sea shells got new hot water heaters, showers and picnic tables and will receive new coats of Caribbean-inspired paint to replace the institutional green of the past.

Workers also spent time cleaning up discarded cigarette butts, and officials hope new cigarette butt cans will mean a cleaner beach.

"There's a lot of changes. It's going to be a fun summer," said Staff Sgt. Jose Maldonado, staff non-commissioned officer in charge for the beach detachment.

There are three beach areas — one each for enlisted personnel, staff non-commissioned officers and officers. Each has a pavilion with bathroom and shower facilities, vending machines, picnic areas and parking. The officer and staff NCO areas also include rentable activity rooms.

In addition, the beach has a number of recreation areas, including playgrounds,

basketball courts, beach volleyball courts, horseshoes and a mini-golf course.

"It's a great place to have family picnics or beach outings," said Sam O'Leary, general manager of Onslow Beach. "It's a very natural beach with some recreation areas."

Since O'Leary arrived in 1989, the water quality has "dramatically improved," he said.

"There is a ton of sea life," including dolphins, otters and all manner of birds.

For those who want to stay more than a day, the beach offers a variety of rental options for all levels of active-duty and retired military.

Rental options include two- and three-bedroom trailers, beach-front cabanas and lodges. Packages are available for three-, four- or seven-night stays. Pricing is based on rank.

All lodging units are fully furnished and include linens and kitchenware; however, the beach staff can recommend some items to bring that are not included, such as dish detergent and bath soap.

No pets are allowed in the rental units or on the recreational beaches and smoking is prohibited in all Marine Corps Community Services facilities.

Patrons with pets can use the beach south of the Staff NCO beach.

Campground sites are available for \$15 per day.

Active-duty military assigned to Camp Lejeune, Marine Corps Air Station New River or Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point may reserve lodging facilities and campsites at Onslow Beach 20 weeks in advance.

Retired military, active-duty military, or reservists from any duty station of any Armed Forces and authorized Department of Defense civilian employees may reserve eight weeks in advance.

Onslow Beach is open 365 days a year, and lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. from May 27 to Sept. 4.

For more information, call 450-7502. ■



**Onslow Beach:** The enlisted, staff NCO and officer lodges have been re-stained to ready them for summer. Lodges packages are available starting at \$81 for three nights for E1-E5 and \$108 for three nights for E6-O6. Four-night and seven-night packages also are available.



**Onslow Beach:** The seashells have been completely renovated and will be painted in bright colors for summer rentals.



**Onslow Beach:** A gull spends a moment alone.



**Onslow Beach:** A family takes a peaceful beach stroll on a recent sunny day.



**Onslow Beach:** Two little girls and their dog make a mad dash for the water on a sunny but windy Monday.

## Entertainment



**Eight Below:** In this action-adventure movie, a team of sled dogs must fend for themselves after scientists are forced to abandon them due to extreme weather conditions.



**Eight Below:** Paul Walker stars as Jerry Shepard, an outdoorsman and guide who forms a strong bond with his sled dogs, in this inspired-by-a-true-story tale.

# Eight Below inspires with tale of survival, friendship in Antarctica

Reinhild Moldenhauer Huneycutt  
From the Front Row

## EIGHT BELOW (PG)

*Eight Below* is inspired by a true story and is an action adventure about loyalty and the bonds of friendship, set in the extreme wilderness of Antarctica.

The film tells the story of three members of a scientific expedition who are forced to leave their team of beloved sled dogs behind in Antarctica for six months due to a sudden accident and perilous weather conditions.

Paul Walker (*Into the Blue*, *2 Fast 2 Furious*, *Timeline*) stars as Jerry Shepard, an outdoorsman and guide whose bond with his canines is remarkable.

Shepard and his team of sled dogs are assigned to help a scientist, a rugged geologist played by Bruce Greenwood (*Racing Stripes*, *I Robot*, *The Core*), in his research of meteorites.

Jason Biggs (*Jersey Girl*, *American Wedding*, *American Pie*), as the funny cartographer and Moon Bloodgood (*Win a Date with Tad Hamilton*) as Shepard's ex-girlfriend and pilot make up the rest of the members of the Antarctic expedition.

When a huge winter storm approaches, the group is forced to temporarily abandon the team of eight sled dogs, who must then fend for themselves in the frozen landscape.

Director and longtime producer Frank Marshall (*Snow Falling on Cedars*, *Congo*, *Milk Money*, *Alive*) based this survival story on an article that appeared in *National Geographic* magazine.

This exciting and inspiring story of survival and hardship is beautiful — filmed in the breathtaking icy wonderland of Antarctica.

*Eight Below* is an endearing and entertaining true-to-life tale of the endurance and nobility of man's best friend.

Now playing at Camp Lejeune.

## RUNNING SCARED (R)

*Running Scared* is a tough and gory crime thriller.

Paul Walker (*Eight Below*, *Into the Blue*, *2 Fast 2 Furious*) stars as Joey Gazelle, a low-level mob "cleaner" who is in charge of dumping hot guns used for mob killings.

For more than a decade, Joey has successfully juggled his conflicting roles as loving family man and employee of the Italian Perello mob in Grimley, N.J.

However, when Joey ignores the mob's explicit instructions to dispose of a gun used in the fatal shooting of a corrupt cop during a bungled drug buy, he unwittingly puts his entire family in immediate danger.

The chase is on when the used gun gets back out on the street.

His son's friend steals the gun used in the cop's shooting, and Joey must track it down before the police or the Russian mafia do.

Vera Farmiga (*The Manchurian Candidate*, *Down to the Bone*) plays Joey's wife, Teresa, and Alex Neuberger plays Nicky, their son.

Chazz Palminteri (*Analyze This*) costars as Detective Rydell; along with Cameron Bright (*Godsend*, *The Butterfly Effect*) as Oleg Yugorsky; Karel Roden (*Hellboy*, *Bulletproof Monk*) as Anzor "Duke" Yugorsky and Johnny

Messner (*Hostage*, *Spartan*) as Tommy Perello.

Wayne Kramer (*The Cooler*) wrote and directed this intelligent, ultra violent, in-your-face crime drama.

*Running Scared* is a gritty gangster film full of brutal violence and language.

Now playing at Camp Lejeune.

## V FOR VENDETTA (R)

*V for Vendetta* is a science-fiction adventure and political thriller set against the futuristic landscape of totalitarian Britain.

The movie tells the story of a freedom fighter, known only as V, who begins a violent guerilla campaign to destroy those who have succumbed to totalitarianism, and who recruits a young woman he has rescued from the secret police to join him.

Hugo Weaving (*The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, *The Matrix* trilogy) stars as the masked mystery man known as V, a freedom fighter with a tortured past who plots a revolution.

V is incomparably charismatic and deceptively skilled in the art of combat and deception. He urges fellow citizens to rise up against tyranny and oppression.

In his quest to free the people of England from the corruption and cruelty that have poisoned their government, V condemns the tyrannical nature of their appointed leaders and invites his fellow citizens to join him in the shadows of Parliament on Nov. 5, Guy Fawkes Day.

Natalie Portman (*Star Wars Episodes I, II and III*, *Closer*, *Cold Mountain*) costars as Evey Hammond, a mild-mannered young woman who is rescued from a life-and-death situation by V, the masked vigilante, and joins his battle.

V sweeps young Evey into his plot to overturn the futuristic totalitarian regime in Britain. As Evey uncovers the truth about V's myste-

rious background, she also discovers the culmination of his plot to bring freedom and justice back to a society fraught with corruption.

The impressive ensemble cast also includes Stephen Rea (*FearDotCom*) as Chief Inspector Finch who is tracking V; Rupert Penry Jones (*Extreme Ops*) as Dominic, Finch's lie and junior partner in the investigation; Hurt (*The Skeleton Key*) as Chancellor Sutler; Stephen Fry (*Le Divorce*) as the host Gordon Deitrich; and Sinead Cusack (*Capture the Castle*) as coroner Dr. Surridge.

James McTeigue, a veteran assistant director, takes the helm for the first time and offers a visually striking and provocative thriller.

The talented Wachowski brothers (*Matrix*) re-teamed with *Matrix* producer Silver, and adapted this story from the graphic novel by Alan Moore and illustrator David Lloyd.

*V for Vendetta* is a stylistic sci-fi action that falls in the same category as the *Matrix* trilogy.

The movie is full of special effects, for the extreme haircut star Natalie Portman to endure.

Portman found the experience very interesting. She said, "It's been really nice to step from vanity a little bit." And of course, she looks just as beautiful without hair.

*V for Vendetta* is a very dark and disturbing movie with political undertones that thought to our place and time.

Now playing in Jacksonville.

Ms. Huneycutt is the Public Assistant at the Base Public Affairs Office.

## Movie gossip, rumors & more

### Lohan dreams of Wonder Woman

Well, it worked for one child actress. Still, can the man who turned young soap star Sarah Michelle Gellar into Buffy the Vampire Slayer have the same luck with spindly tabloid favorite Lindsay Lohan? Lohan, next appearing in the romantic comedy *Just My Luck* and Robert Altman's *A Prairie Home Companion*, says she'd like to wear the crown in Joss Whedon's big-screen *Wonder Woman*. "Wonder Woman would be cool. I'm trying to find roles right now that are different to anything I've done to show my abilities," Lohan said. Meanwhile, R&B diva Mary J. Blige is following her own dream — she wants to play Nina Simone in an upcoming biopic of the late jazz legend. OK, that one we can see.

### Ahnuld: Bahk for T4?

He's been there, done that with the political thang, so with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's chances of a second term as California governor looking iffy, buzz is that he's eyeing a return to the big screen. The role? Yup, *Terminator 4*. The movie's producer, Mario Kassar, says he's

just waiting for an open spot in Schwarzenegger's schedule to get things rolling. "T4 does have a script, and all we need is Arnie to finish his term and step in front of the camera," Kassar says. Meanwhile, Schwarzenegger isn't the only Terminator star who's set to be back in action. *Moviehole.net* reports that Michael Biehn has snagged a plum role in *Grind House*, the highly anticipated joint project from Quentin Tarantino and Robert Rodriguez. Biehn is part of a cast that reportedly already includes *Charmed*'s Rose McGowan and Michael Keaton.

### Oldman's Sirius Black's Back

Rumors have swirled since production began earlier this year that Gary Oldman might not return as wizard Sirius Black in 2007's *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*. But the actor's manager confirmed this week that he will indeed reprise his role as Potter's older and more experienced magical pal. But it's not the happiest of reunions. Oldman's rep, Doug Urbanski, sounded a tad peeved to report the news, complaining that producers had taken their sweet time and almost lost

him. "Since they had no option for Gary on this film, he was a free agent. Last week, we told them that Gary had another movie, and it was just a question of doing a deal," Urbanski said. "I can't put my mind in the place of the producers, but I would've thought that when they read the book, a call to us would've been very high on their list." Oldman's Sirius is a key part of the action in the fifth Potter film, as readers of J.K. Rowling's book know.

### Smith back to 60s TV

You'd think that after 1999's woeful *Wild Wild West*, Will Smith would've been so not into another TV-to-big-screen remake. But here he goes again. The Fresh Prince has agreed to put a modern spin on the mostly forgotten (which may be a good thing) 1968-70 Robert Wagner series *It Takes a Thief*, playing a suave crook blackmailed into working on behalf of the CIA. For some reason, this is the second attempt at getting the series developed as a movie; it was aborted nearly a decade ago, with Michael Douglas as the would-be star.

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SUNDAY
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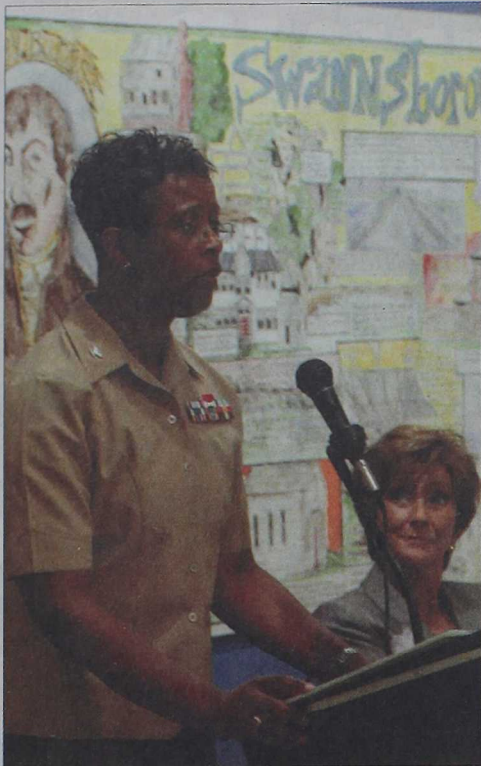
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## Luncheon celebrates Women's history

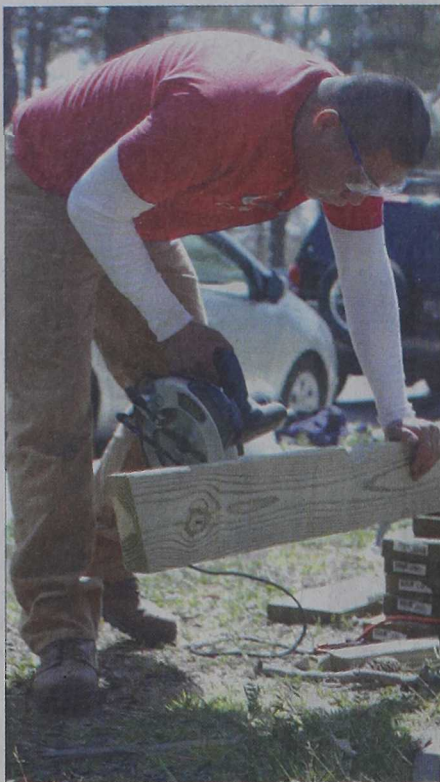


Jennifer Moore

**Onslow County Museum:** Col. Gail Jennings, commanding officer of Headquarters and Support Battalion, speaks about the history of women in the military as Jacksonville Mayor Jan Bean Slagle, right, looks on.

Jennings was the keynote speaker at the inaugural Women's History Luncheon hosted by the Onslow County Council for Women and the Onslow County Museum. She said that while there was a "long list of 'no-can-dos'" for women when she first entered the military, that list has gotten much shorter. Approximately 41,000 women served in the Gulf War, and their performance opened the door for women in combat, according to Jennings.

"Times have certainly changed, haven't they," she said. "Every Marine is truly a rifleman." The Onslow County Council for Women is an organization dedicated to the needs of women in the county. The group has hosted distinguished women's luncheons in the past, but decided to team up with the museum this year to host a luncheon in honor of Women's History Month.



**Habitat for Humanity:** Lance Cpl. Owen Manygoats eyes a notch he made in a support beam for the roof of a house the Marines were helping renovate.



**Habitat for Humanity:** Cpl. Jeff Radke nails a sheet of wood onto support beams on the roof of a house on DeWitt Street in Jacksonville.

## Marines lend helping hand

Story and photos by  
**Jennifer Moore**  
Carolina Living editor

A Jacksonville family is one step closer to owning their own home, thanks to the efforts of 16 Marines from 8th Engineer Support Battalion.

The work was part of Jacksonville-Onslow Habitat for Humanity's efforts to renovate a 1950s-era house on DeWitt Street in Jacksonville for Laurie Reed and her son Christopher, who were chosen through a search and selection process.

When Habitat for Humanity needed volunteers to remove and replace the house's roof, the Marines of 8th Engineer Support Battalion were more than willing to help.

"It gets us doing something we were trained [to do] and love to do," said Lt. Adorjan Ferenczy, officer in charge.

"It's a good thing. It's a good cause," said Sgt. Chris Wilbanks. "There's people out there that need more help than we do."

The roof replacement is one of the first steps in renovating the house — and it turned out to be slightly more work than the volunteers had anticipated. When the Marines pulled the old roof off, they found a number of rotten support beams that needed replacing.

Once the roof is finished, the family will redo the siding. By the time the family moves in, nearly every part of the house will have been renovated from the roof to the wiring.

Blankenship asked for volunteers and found the 8th Engineer Support Battalion ready to help.

"They have a construction background, so it is good for them to have a roof," as opposed to using volunteers, Blankenship said.

The three-bedroom house was donated to Jacksonville-Onslow Habitat for Humanity by a private citizen. Volunteers hope the house will be ready for the Reed family before school starts in August.

Habitat for Humanity is a national non-profit organization dedicated to building and renovating homes for families in need. Families must meet a number of requirements and the construction of their home.

The houses are not free, but the family pays a no-interest mortgage for building the house.

For more information about Jacksonville-Onslow Habitat for Humanity, call 347-9400 or [johfh@earthlink.net](mailto:johfh@earthlink.net).



**Habitat for Humanity:** Marines from 8th Engineer Support Battalion volunteered to replace the ailing roof on a house for Jacksonville-Onslow Habitat for Humanity.

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**Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce Service Members of the Month:** Left: Sheila Pierce, Marine Affairs Committee vice chairwoman and Bob Dupuis, committee chairman, stand with Sgt. Albert Davenport Jr., who was named the March Service Member of the Month. Davenport joined the Marine Corps in 1997 and is currently attached to 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, as the motor transport platoon sergeant and truck master. Above: Petty Officer 3rd Class Earl Thomas was named February Service Member of the Month. The corpsman is assigned to 2nd Supply Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, and was named 2nd Supply Battalion Sailor of the Year for 2005.

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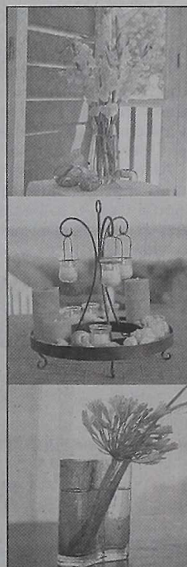
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# Don't get taken for a ride when buying, financing a new car

1st Lt. Kevin Lear

Consolidated Legal Assistance Office

An automobile is the first major purchase many young Marines and sailors make.

Unfortunately, many will pay far too much for the vehicle and too much to finance it.

There are many means by which car dealers attempt to rip off consumers: selling used junk cars "as is," selling cars with salvaged titles or flood damage and failing to keep promises to make repairs, to name a few.

But there are some common-sense steps Marines and sailors can take to ensure they are not overcharged on that first big-ticket purchase.

## Clean up your credit

Very few people can walk into a dealership and pay for the car on the spot; most will need to borrow money. You should review and clean up your credit in order to pay less for that loan.

You can and should obtain a free credit report online every year. You can do this at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com).

If you find that you have adverse information in your credit report, clean it up before applying for a loan.

There are steps you can take under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 USC 1681) to dispute and remove inaccurate information from your credit report.

If the adverse information in your credit report is accurate, you can lessen its effect by paying off those delinquent bills.

If you can't afford to pay off your delinquent bills, you should probably forego buying a new car. Wait until you dig out from that financial

hole before incurring new debt.

Not only should you obtain a copy of your credit history, you should also obtain a copy of your credit score, also known as your FICO (Fair, Isaac and Company) score. Lenders use this score to determine how risky it is to lend you money, and consequently, whether to give you a loan. It also determines what interest rate you will get.

Although your FICO score may not be listed in your credit report, you can obtain it online, for a fee, at [www.myfico.com](http://www.myfico.com).

Lack of any credit history increases the difficulty of obtaining a loan with a good interest rate. You can begin to build a good credit history by obtaining a secured credit card, with a low limit, from a reputable financial institution. Keep it paid off, and in a couple of months you will have a better credit score.

## Get your financing in order

You can also save money by shopping around for a loan, just as you shop around for the car. The dealership is not the only place where you can get new car financing.

Banks, credit unions and other financial institutions lend money for such purchases and they are likely to give you better terms than the car dealer.

Don't get lazy! Shop around; go to several different lenders to get the best rate. Let each one know what other offers you have and force them to match or beat it. Make them compete for your business.

Also, consult your bank or credit union and consider other options. Capital One Auto Finance advertises rates as low as 5.99 percent and will provide loans to consumers with

FICO credit scores as low as 540 (depending on other factors).

Other options are E loan and Auto Credit Finders, who specialize in finding credit for people with low credit scores or no credit history.

## Determine a fair price

Prior to negotiations, you need to determine a fair, reasonable price for the vehicle.

Find out the invoice price — what the dealer paid for the car. Fighting Chance sells a package for \$35 that includes the invoice pricing data as well as other valuable information. Edmunds also has invoice pricing available for free, but it may not be as accurate as Fighting Chance.

People who have used both sites have reported that Edmunds may be as much as \$500 off when compared to Fighting Chance, but it is free.

In the case of a used car or truck, consult the Kelley Blue Book and the National Auto Dealers Association pricing guides to help you determine what the car is worth.

## Negotiate your car purchase

Now that you've determined the invoice price (new cars) or the Kelley Blue Book value (used cars), and obtained pre-approval for your financing, it's time for the negotiations to begin.

Don't begin the negotiation with what is printed on the dealer's sticker. Start from the invoice price. You should never pay more than 3 percent more than this amount.

The key to getting an accurate picture of the dealer's offer is to request that they give you the out-the-door cash price, excluding rebates, incentives or trade-ins. The price should include all dealer-added fees. At the beginning, don't let

them use your trade-in or financing as part of the negotiation.

Now is the time to negotiate your trade-in value (unless you decided to sell it on your own).

If the dealer doesn't offer you something close to the Kelley Blue Book price, threaten to walk. Once you have agreed on a fair trade-in value or you have decided to sell your old car yourself, you are ready to negotiate your financing.

Never negotiate based on monthly payment. Only negotiate based on the interest rate of the loan.

There are many "games" the dealer can play with loan term and down-payment amount.

For example, they may decrease the monthly payment by making the term of the loan longer.

Doing so is likely to increase the total amount you pay for the vehicle. They could also ask that you put more money down. Tell the dealer what rate other financial institutions have offered and ask if they can beat it. There is a good chance the dealer will say, "We can't beat the rate, but if you finance with us you can get a \$1,500 rebate." Be very careful here.

Sometimes it is better to take the lower rate instead of the higher rate with the rebate. You need to look at

the final cost of the vehicle over the term of the loan to decide.

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## Shop around

Don't take the first offer. Go to another dealer.

Be wary of a dealer who tells you that you must buy today or a great deal will be gone. What is really telling is that if you wait out the door, think about the offer, or compare others about you will come to your senses and realize you shouldn't take the dealer's offer.

Ask the dealer to beat your offer you just given. You can repeat this many times.

you like until you feel you have gotten the best offer.

Beware of dealer add-ons and fees. Check over all the paperwork and make sure the vehicle price, terms and trade-in values that were verbally offered are actually written into the paperwork.

Also, make sure that you don't get tricked into taking extras like "environmental prep," "rust proofing," or "VIN etching."

Finally, consider taking a more experienced buyer with you to the dealer, such as an NCO or SNCO.

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# Exceptional Family Member Program helps minimize stress for military families

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it really like to have an family member in a household? What is out there to with this situation? I have no personal experience having an exceptional member myself, I have had pleasure of being a neighbor with an exceptional member. The past three years, I have seen the daily joys and peacefulness this child brings to the household. A sudden great can come without the household's priority is about what they are going to get the medical needs of an exceptional member met.

rowing close to my neighbor, I asked her this question. Her response was nothing what you would expect an outstanding, yet humble, spouse and mother:

explained that no one expects her to his or her family, but happens, as a military spouse, you have some extra "fighting power" is the Exceptional Family Member Program. She said though the Marine Corps put additional stress on a family, the EFMP helps minimize the stress as much as possible.

atefully accepts the assistance to her child and family, and she is grateful for the support. The EFMP is a program that helps military families with exceptional members by providing them with the resources and support they need to manage the challenges of having a family member with a physical or mental health condition.

in order to maintain 100 percent military family readiness and make sure her child has sufficient care at all times.

This program is elite. It has many facets that intertwine to help execute the maze that exceptional family members are challenged with.

Once you start to look at the program as a whole, you quickly see that this program is like a tight web that stretches into health care, housing, childcare, schooling, and many other functions, benefits, and resources to best accommodate an exceptional military family, both professionally and personally.

To enroll in the program, you can ask for the paperwork from your exceptional family member coordinator, primary care manager or get it online.

There are two Web sites that offer a significant amount of information about the program.

The first is the site that pertains to the Marine Corps as a whole [this program is mandated through all service branches] and has all the forms to download: [www.usmc-mccs.org/efmp/coordinators.cfm](http://www.usmc-mccs.org/efmp/coordinators.cfm). The second site is Camp Lejeune's local site: [www.mccslejeune.com](http://www.mccslejeune.com).

Once you arrive at the site, click on "Marine and Family Services," then "Marine Corps Family Team Building" and finally EFMP.

This site lists the local functions, support groups, benefits and resources available. The enrollment form consists of two parts — medical and educational.

The medical includes a health assessment and the educational is for childhood intervention programs. Once the enrollment application is completed, give it to the EFMP coordinator.

The Camp Lejeune EFMP coordinator is Kathryn Smith. She is located in Bldg. 84, behind Subway. Her phone number is 451-9372. Her office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

At New River, the EFMP coordinator is Thomas Gonsalves. His contact number is 449-5251.

Once the enrollment form is received, the coordinator will ensure it is processed at the Portsmouth Medical Center where they will assign your exceptional family member a category.

These categories are the basis of the program. The category that your family member receives will depend on the condition and medical attention required to keep their quality of life as positive as possible.

The services you are eligible for depend on this category.

**Category 1:** Needs do not generally limit assignments.

**Category 2:** Pinpoint assignments INCONUS (Continental U.S.) or OCONUS (overseas).

**Category 3:** No overseas assignment for your family member is authorized unless appropriate medical and/or educational services are available. This does not mean EFM sponsors cannot receive an unaccompanied assignment overseas.

**Category 4:** Major medical areas INCONUS only. However, this does not mean EFM sponsors cannot receive unaccompanied assignments overseas. Category 4 families are given priority-housing assignment, which is the first available house that meets the needs of the Category 4 Exceptional Family Member.

**Category P:** Exceptional Family Members who have submitted their application and are awaiting a category. This information is entered into the EFMP registry at the local level and is changed by the EFMP Manager at Headquarters when the category is assigned.

**Category T:** The sponsor currently has no assignment restrictions. An EFM sponsor who has joint custody of the EFM, but does not have physical custody of the EFM, will be placed in this category.

There is a Category 5 for Navy sponsors only.

As you can see, these categories simply define the level of care needed for the exceptional family member, they do not limit the active-duty member in any way from any type of career move, orders, or promotion.

This is a serious misconception of the program. All billets and opportunities are available to the active-duty member while a sponsor participates in this program.

In fact, priority is given to the active-duty member and family when orders are due, to ensure that sufficient care is accessible in the new area.

If you are in the program and are anticipating orders, it is a good idea to inform your coordinator six to nine months prior to moving.

He or she will need to research what specialists are appropriate and accepting of your EFM health needs and insurance, housing (if applicable), functions and support groups, and finally, what resources will be available to you at the new duty station.

If you have been in the program for some time, remember to re-enroll every two years. This is required because oftentimes a need may change over time, which means the category may change.

At Camp Lejeune, EFMP has several resources that help to address my original question on what it is like to have an exceptional family member in a military household.

The support groups for the family members to attend are ongoing and often provide guest speakers, special training and presentations. Currently, a Down syndrome and autism group are very active.

Also, something unique to Camp Lejeune is Camp Special Time. This is a camp designed to give the parents a well-deserved overnight break and the children get to enjoy a comprehensive overnight experience!

It welcomes all four categories, from birth to 18 years old. An immense amount of skilled and educated personnel participate in the design and execution of the program, three times a year.

The camps are in February, April, and October. There is an application process and campers are chosen on a first come, first served basis, so apply early!

The next Camp Special Time is April 22 and 23 at Stone Street Youth Pavilion. The theme is "Color Me Spring."

You can download the forms on the local Web site mentioned previously.

Although this camp is designed for children, please note that the EFM program is open to all ages, including adults.

I have only scratched the surface in writing about what this program has to offer.

If you have a friend, a neighbor, a relative in another military branch, or you have an exceptional family member in your household, please pass on this information or take a look at the Web sites.

The old saying "What we don't know won't hurt us" is not true in this case.

This program is crucial for an EFM household to thrive in a military environment.

As for my neighbor and all other spouses who gracefully manage an EFM household and life, you inspire me every day!

Kelley is a mentor for Marine Corps Community Service's L.I.N.K.S., which was designed to educate Marine wives about the Marine Corps in a fun, interactive, non-rank environment. E-mail her and other L.I.N.K.S. mentors at [mccslejeune@usmc-mccs.org](mailto:mccslejeune@usmc-mccs.org) with questions about military life.



## Remembering Iwo Jima, 61 years later

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The early morning of February 19, 1945, more than 70,000 Marines rushed onto the sand beaches of Iwo Jima. The battle had no front lines, and there was nowhere for the Marines to dig foxholes in the volcanic rock.

The Japanese, hidden from view in below-ground strongholds, could easily see their men on the Marines on the beach. But the Marines rarely saw a live enemy soldier.

More than 500 Americans died and more than 1,700 more were wounded in the first day of the battle.

The battle continued, inch by inch, until, by March 26, all Japanese resistance ceased.

Iwo was the one of the deadliest battles in history with nearly 7,000 Americans killed and more than 18,000 wounded.

More than 23,000 of the casualties were Marines, with a third of all Marines killed in the battle.

The battle had the highest number of casualties in Marine Corps history, and more Marines earned the Medal of Honor there than in any other campaign in U.S. history.

Early on, all of the 22,000 Japanese garrisoned on the island were killed.

Berry Kenneth Lewis, a former Marine who was in Iwo Jima, remembers some of the details of the bloody battle.

Lewis, an Oklahoma native, joined the Marine Corps in 1940 after a friend told him to "and I didn't have nothing else to do," he said.

Lewis went through recruit training at Marine Recruit Depot San Diego, and said that

"They was a-shelling and bombing and shooting at us, and they hit our ammunition dump and set it on fire."

Berry K. Lewis

Iwo Jima veteran and Silver Star recipient

after the war, "I was glad we had all that training."

He served in numerous battles in the Pacific, starting in the Marshall Islands and also fighting in Saipan as part of the 4th Division, 20th Marines.

On the beach in Iwo Jima, "they was a-shelling and bombing and shooting at us, and they hit our ammunition dump and set it on fire," Lewis remembers.

He got on a bulldozer and pushed sand over the fire to put it out. It exploded, but he was not injured.

Afterwards, he was standing next to the bulldozer when the Japanese started shelling again. Shrapnel hit his left hip and hand and "knocked [him] out" of the battle.

After he recovered from his wounds, Lewis returned to duty for a short time before leaving the Marine Corps as a gunnery sergeant. He lived in the Jacksonville area for awhile and now resides in Apex, near Raleigh.

Lewis is one of less than 500,000 living World War II veterans, and like most, he is humble about his service.

He earned a Silver Star for his actions at Iwo Jima, but mentions this almost as an afterthought.

"I was kinda surprised that I got it," he said. "I just did what I was supposed to do."

## Semper Fit seeks resumes for All-Marine Chess team

Press Release

Marine Corps Community Services

MCB QUANTICO, Va.

— Do you have what it takes to go head-to-head with the best minds in America's armed forces?

Semper Fit is seeking resumes for the All-Marine Chess Team to represent the Corps at the Inter-Service Chess Championship June 11-17 at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla. and at the NATO Chess Championship August 19-26 at Wellington College, England.

Marines interested in being considered for selection to the All-Marine team must submit their resumes no later than April 21.

Resumes must include the player's United States Chess Federation membership card identification number, state

of registration, USCF rating, date of rating and record of significant chess activity during the past two years — including date, place, event and standing.

All resume packages must contain a command endorsement stating that the Marine will be made available to attend all events if selected, and resume should be sent through the local Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit athletic director for coordination.

Marines stationed at locations without a local MCCS may submit their resumes directly to the commandant of the Marine Corps (MRS) along with their command endorsement.

The All-Marine Team will consist of six players selected from submitted resumes.

The U.S. National Team

will consist of six players and a team captain formed from the top finishers from each service and the top remaining finishers overall.

Resume forms are available on the MCCS Web site at [www.usmc-mccs.org/chess/](http://www.usmc-mccs.org/chess/), or forms can be picked up from your local MCCS Semper Fit athletic director.

Completed resumes should be sent to: Commandant of the Marine Corps (MRS), ATTN: Donna Seabrease, 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, VA 22134, or via fax to (703) 784-9822 or DSN: 278-9822.

For more information call your local MCCS Semper Fit athletic director or Donna Seabrease, HQMC, Semper Fit at (703) 784-9542, DSN 278-9542, or e-mail [donna.seabrease@usmc.mil](mailto:donna.seabrease@usmc.mil).

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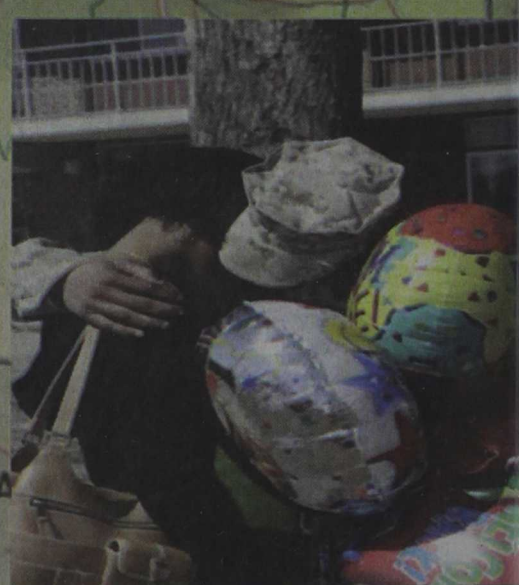
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