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Camp Lejeune's rugby team, which is 5-0 on the season and looking to make a splash in the upcoming U.S.A. by National Championship. The team is at home Saturday. For more information, see 1B.

**Marine Expeditionary Force Motorcycle club**  
There is a rising appeal for motorcycles among Marines. The II MEF has established a motorcycle club to help promote safety and reduce the number of motorcycles on the roads for Camp Lejeune Marines. Turn to 1C to learn more about this club.

**Midsummer Night's Dream**  
Camp Lejeune High School's Spanish Society will present William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on April 20, 21 and 22. Turn to 1D to learn more about this magical comedy.

## News Watch

**Cases of ID Theft Involving Pay System**  
Cases of computer scamming or identity theft involving the Defense Department's computerized services system have been reported, a Defense Finance and Accounting Service spokeswoman said Wednesday.

There has not been any identity theft and/or 'phishing' scams with the 'myPay' site," DFAS spokeswoman Carol Garcia said in a phone interview with American Forces Press Service from her office in Denver. DFAS provides services to members of the military and DoD civilians.

Phishing is sending e-mails falsely claiming to be a legitimate enterprise as part of a scam. Information obtained this way is often used in identity-theft crimes.

**U.S. Military Commissions to Resume**

Proceedings will resume in the cases of Ali Hamza Ahmad Sulayman al Bahlul, a Yemeni man accused of trafficking terrorist propaganda, and Canadian teen Omar Ahmad Khadr, who officials say killed a U.S. service member while fighting for Al-Qaida in Afghanistan. Proceedings will begin against Abdul Zahir, an Afghan man accused of working as a translator and accountant for Al-Qaida and planning explosives attacks against U.S. forces, and Binayam Ahmed Muhammad, an Ethiopian man accused of conspiring to build and use an improvised "dirty" bomb with Jose Padilla, a terror suspect facing criminal charges in Miami.

Military documents summing up the charges against Bahlul allege that Osama bin Laden commissioned him to make a propaganda video glorifying the attack on the USS Cole in 2000 in Yemen, which killed 17 U.S. sailors, and to collect news feeds showing the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the United States. In his first appearance before the military commission, in August 2004, Bahlul admitted being a member of Al-Qaida.

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# DoD fights sexual assault

1st Lt. Clark D. Carpenter  
Marine Corps Base

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center has stepped up its campaign against sexual violence, marking today as the "day to end sexual violence" and focusing on sexual assault education during the month of April, Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

The Department of Defense has joined NSVRC's efforts through the creation of an extensive sexual assault prevention Web site maintained by the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office and through an information campaign of its own. The Web site,

www.sapr.mil, offers many resources for training and educating others on preventing sexual violence, and offers concise guidance on the steps a person should take to report sexual assault, whether the person is a victim or a witness.

The NSVRC has been pleased with the efforts taken by the DoD to enact change and reach out to victims of sexual assault.

"We want to promote the notion that sexual violence is preventable," said Eboni Braxton, sexual assault prevention coordinator for NSVRC. "With regard to Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we are looking to increase the number of

communities that participate in sexual assault awareness and prevention activities."

According to a Feb. 23 memorandum from David S.C. Chu, the under secretary of defense for personnel readiness, the Department of Defense has enacted "sweeping evaluations" on sexual violence, enhancing training and education from the entry levels "through professional military education."

Sexual assaults are a challenge to which the military is not immune. In 2004, there were 1,700 reported sexual assaults within the military, according to the SAPR information packet. Sexual assaults

are also detrimental to mission readiness and conflict with the core values of each military service.

Sexual assault is not tolerated in the military, according to the DoD policy. The DoD's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program incorporates new policy that represents fundamental change for the military services.

Confidentiality and restricted reporting are examples of the strong steps forward that have been taken to address sexual assault.

The goals of the SAPR Program are threefold:

1. To prevent sexual assaults through education and training.

2. To ensure that active duty service members who are sexually assaulted are protected, treated with dignity and respect and receive appropriate and responsive care.

3. To hold perpetrators of assaults accountable.

"Everyone has a role to play in sexual violence prevention," Braxton said. "That role is to speak out against sexual violence whether it's in your home, community or work place."

For more information on sexual assault prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month, visit the SAPR program Web site at [www.sapr.mil](http://www.sapr.mil), or visit the NSVRC Web site at [www.nsvrc.org](http://www.nsvrc.org).



Baghdad, Iraq: Condoleezza Rice, U.S. secretary of state, waves to Airmen at Sather Air Base, Iraq, April 3 after she and Jack Straw, U.K. foreign secretary, attended meetings with Iraq government officials in Baghdad. She is accompanied by Col. Dennis Ployer, 447th Expeditionary Group commander, and Dr. Zalmay Khalilzad, U.S. ambassador to Iraq.

## Bush: Time for Iraqi leaders to 'Stand up, do their job'

Kathleen T. Rhem  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush sent Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to Iraq to tell elected leaders there it's time "to stand up and do their job," the President said at the White House Wednesday.

Rice met with Iraqi leaders and visited U.S. troops in Iraq Sunday and Monday.

Bush said Tuesday that he looks forward to working with the Iraqis to build "a unity government — a government that will reject the sectarian violence, will reject the militias, reject [terrorist leader Abu Musab al-] Zarqawi and the terror-

ists that are trying to create enough chaos so that America loses nerve."

He said he won't lose his nerve as president, because the United States is doing the right thing by establishing democracy in Iraq.

"By establishing a democracy, we're laying the foundation for peace," he said.

Bush recalled that 12 million Iraqis voted in a democratic election just over three months ago, despite threats from insurgents and terrorists.

"The one way to help bring confidence to the Iraqi people that those few will not be able to determine the future of that country is for there to be a unity government that steps up and says, 'I'm

willing to lead,'" he said.

Americans want peace and to be able to raise their children without the looming threat of violence originating in the Middle East, Bush said. The best way to defeat tyranny and the type of anger that led people to murder nearly 3,000 innocent civilians on Sept. 11, 2001, is "with the light and hope of democracy," he said.

"You bet it's tough in Iraq, and it's tough because people are trying to stop the advance of democracy," he said. "And I'm convinced we're making progress there. But I do urge the folks on the ground to get that unity government in place, so that the Iraqi people have confidence in their future." ■

# America pays tribute to 'Cap' Weinberger

# 17 people recovering after surviving C-5 crash

Tech. Sgt. Melissa Phillips  
American Forces Press Service

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. — Seventeen people are in various stages of recovery after surviving a C-5 aircraft crash less than a mile from Dover Air Force Base's southern perimeter Monday.

"Our crew did a spectacular job of landing the airplane in its location," said Air Force Col. Chad T. Manske, 436th Airlift Wing vice commander and current acting commander of the wing. "Thankfully, there were no fatalities or injuries, and by the grace of God the aircraft didn't explode."

The C-5B Galaxy broke apart into three major pieces at 6:42 a.m. in a grassy area surrounding the base's fenced perimeter. The land is classified as proprietary to the base and was purchased years ago to provide a cushion of airspace to protect the civilian population from extremely rare and unlikely incidents such as this, Manske said.

At approximately 6:21 a.m., the transport plane took off headed for Ramstein Air Base, Germany, carrying supplies destined for people serving in the Global War on Terrorism. Officials will release further details after Air Force offi-

cers analyze information collected from accident and safety investigation boards.

In incidents like this, the crew is trained to declare an in-flight emergency and would have checked to ensure the plane was still under control. At that point, the crew would assess the cause of the emergency, process their aircraft checklists, determine a location to safely land to mitigate risks and prevent loss of life and communicate their course of action to everyone aboard the plane, Manske said.

The gigantic plane, can transport six Greyhound buses end-to-end and looms above the flightline at the height of a six-story building. Air Force and local first responders, including medical professionals, firefighters, security forces and civil engineer personnel, immediately responded to the scene.

Officials don't know why the aircraft, fully laden with fuel for a long trip over the Atlantic Ocean, didn't blow up on impact.

Base officials won't speculate on the cause of the accident, but they say they are thankful, whatever the reason.

"Our crews are thoroughly and stringently trained on a continued basis to handle events in the air-

craft," said Air Force Col. Ronald A. Rutland, commander of the 512th Airlift Wing, the Reserve wing located at Dover. "At this time we are not sure of everything that occurred during this flight; it's currently under investigation."

"I consider our crews here at Dover, the 512th and 436th Airlift Wings, as consummate professionals," Rutland said. "It is with great relief that we had no loss of life in this incident."

The crew included 709th and 326th Airlift Squadron members from the 512th AW and personnel from the 436th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, from the 436th AW.

This particular aircraft recently underwent an avionics modernization program upgrade to convert the cockpit from 1960s instrument technology to one similar to that used by modern civilian airliners.

Introduced in 1998, the modernization program enhances aircraft reliability and maintainability, and helps maintain structural and system integrity, while reducing operating costs, officials said. "The (modernized) cockpits are needed to operate aircraft in the saturate

## Marine's body recovered following vehicle accident

Staff Reports  
American Forces Press Service

CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq — The body of a Marine was recovered Tuesday in the search for three service members missing after a Sunday vehicle rollover near Asad, Iraq, bringing the total number of dead in the accident to six.

The deaths were not a result of enemy action, U.S. officials said.

The Marine's official cause of death is listed as drowning. The Marine was assigned to Regimental Combat Team 7.

The search effort is ongoing for the remaining missing Marine and sailor, both assigned to 1st Marine Logistics Group.

"We have suffered a loss, but we are thankful to have recovered one of our missing Marines today. We continue to use all the resources available to find our two remaining service members. Our thoughts are with all the families touched by this incident," Marine spokesman Lt. Col. Bryan Salas said.

The U.S. Marine Corps seven-ton truck was on a combat logistics convoy in Anbar province with eight Marines and one Navy corpsman on board when it rolled over in a flash flood. One Marine was injured as a result of the accident. He was transported to a medical care facility for observation and was returned to duty Monday.

The names of the deceased and missing are being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

From a Multinational Force Iraq news release. ■

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# Man on the street

Would you ever spend your money on a lottery ticket? Why or why not?



"No, I just don't. I think it's just a waste of money. I have bad luck anyway."

**Pfc. Ashley Batchelder**  
Ammo technician  
Supply Battalion  
2nd Marine Logistics Group  
Fort Ann, N.Y.

"No I'm not. I'm a Christian person and it changes your attitude. You stop respecting God and you just want money. You get greedy."



**Sgt. Carlos A. Ramirez**  
Bulk Fueler  
8th Engineer Support Battalion  
2nd Marine Logistics Group  
Tampa, Fla.



"I play it now and then depending on whether I feel lucky."

**Lance Cpl. Jason Akker**  
Military Policeman  
Headquarters and Headquarters Support Squadron  
Marine Corps Air Station New River  
Morrison, Ill.

"I do plan on playing the lottery. I'll buy one ticket each time they have it. Someone is going to win it why not me?"



**Lewis McCloud**  
Retired Navy Chief Petty Officer  
Hubert, N.C.



"Sure why not try your luck once or twice."

**Staff Sgt. Dan Staffell**  
Maintenance staff noncommissioned officer in charge  
Marine Wing Support Squadron-273  
Modford, Wis.

# Targeting the phenomenon known as 24

Guest Commentary  
Cpl. Matthew K. Hacker

Imagine being called into work one night and being told of an ingenious assassination plot against an American presidential candidate and that one of your co-workers might be involved.

What if you were being coerced to carry out the evil plans of terrorists who are holding your wife and daughter hostage, forcing you to break every protocol in the book? What if your organization and the Secret Service were chasing you down trying to target you as the primary threat? Could you leave your orders and morals at the door to complete your mission? These are just a few of the questions millions of viewers ask themselves every Monday night, when Counter Terrorist Unit's very own Agent Jack Bauer defies the law and relies on his instincts to thwart terrorist attacks during the weekly adrenaline rush known as Fox's smash hit show, 24.

Personally, I believe this show is the best thing to grace the television in my 22 years on earth. It has virtually become my obsession. I like to say that television was invented to showcase the truly perfect art form known as 24. I mean come on; I even named my dog Bauer. Each Monday night at 8:59 p.m. I put my dog in the other room so there are no distractions, flop down on the couch and crank up the volume, so I can hear the abnormally low voice repeat the words I have been waiting to hear for the past 167 hours of the week — "Due to graphic violence, viewer discretion is advised." Every die hard fan knows exactly what I'm talking about, because immediately following the rat-

ing disclaimer is the two-minute montage of clips from the previous episodes. This montage is the perfect thing to raise your adrenaline and prepare you for this week's phenomenon.

So what makes more than nine million viewers tune in each week to watch? That's something I asked a few Marines I came across. Most fans I talk to enjoy the edge-of-your-seat thrills that make the show what it is. I have probably watched a few thousand movies in my time and I have never been as captivated or as engulfed as when I watch this show. And I know I'm not the only one.

But let's be honest, even though I like to believe it is the most realistic show out there, all that stuff happening within 24 hours is a little far-fetched. Of course, I do give the show the benefit of the doubt and tend to allow a moderate degree of reality-stretching, but I have come to realize the show's realism is not the primary factor for its success.

Fans also agree the events occurring in real-time on the show single-handedly make the show head and shoulders above the rest. I totally agree with this comment. The fact that you are on the same page as every character on the show almost lets you experience multiple shows at once. It lets you dive into several storylines and see how they meld together and affect one another.

But the show wouldn't have quite as much success as it does today if the main character, Jack Bauer, played by Kiefer Sutherland, wasn't as fun to watch as he is. What people love about Jack is that he always sees the bigger picture, even when his colleagues and superiors do not. He doesn't allow himself to get caught up in any bureaucratic red tape. When people's lives are

on the line, he doesn't have time to mess around with rules and government policy, because in his book, the end result always justifies the means.

Another aspect fans enjoy, many say is the reason they continue watching the show, is the cliffhanger at the end of each episode, making it extremely painful to wait until the week's new installment. Even if you only plan to watch one episode, the second cliffhanger will almost surely leave you hungry for more. Viewers believe this show surpasses most others with its ability to grab their attention. Each episode is structured in the same fashion. The first 58 minutes of the show set the stage for the final 16. It almost never fails. And if your attention isn't grabbed by minutes 59-60, then you don't deserve to experience the pleasure that is 24.

The show is currently in its fourth season, but as far as choosing a favorite, most fans say they can't. But to true fans, that's the way it should be. Each season, whether the first or the 10th, should be equally as fulfilling as the one before and after it. Consistency is definitely key. Fox's hit television series has grabbed attention spans of millions of people, including Marines and sailors who serve our nation selflessly. I know for a fact when each season hits the star whether it's on Camp Lejeune or in Iraq, the copies disappear quickly it's like they were never there. I had to reserve my copy of season five to make sure I got it the day it came out. I have heard others were not as lucky.

Overall, if you are in the mood for 24 hours of action, suspense, and lots of interrogating that will show you motions of intensity you never knew you had. ■

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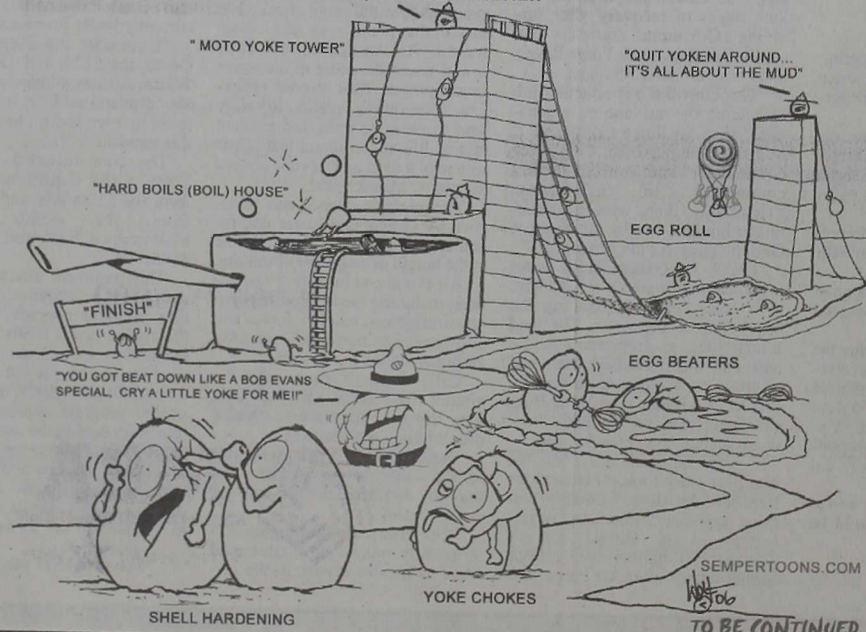
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by Staff Sgt. Wolf

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Gunnery Sgt. Mark Oliva



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gla, Iraq - Meals on the dusty desert ground surrounded by tents has been part of the daily routine for Sgt. John T. Matter 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5.

Dradigla, Iraq: The back of a seven-ton armored truck has been home for much of the deployment for Cpl. Jeffrey M. Roberts. Roberts, along with the rest of his Marines from 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, finished their last planned operation recently after nearly seven months in Fallujah, Iraq. They will be replaced by Marines from 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment and soon redeploy to Camp Lejeune.

# It long last, Marines wrap up final mission

Gunnery Sgt. Mark Oliva  
Regimental Combat Team 5

DRADIGLA, Iraq — Cpl. Jeffrey M. Roberts scratched his head with a dirty, crusted helmet. He couldn't help but smile. He just finished his last mission before he heads home to Camp Lejeune. "It's glorious," Roberts said. "I can't wait to get home and see my wife."

Roberts was basking in the warm sun in the wide expanse of desert north of Fallujah. He just finished a six-month mission, called Operation Enduring Freedom II. The 22-year-old Destin, Fla., is assigned to Company E, 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment serving with Regimental Combat Team 5 in

a couple weeks, Iraq will be in memory. He plans to try to make up for lost time with his wife, Krisse.

Roberts owes it to her, he said. He stood by her through four deployments, including Iraq and Afghanistan.

He can't wait to hug my wife and touch the ground," Roberts said. "It'll be good to take this weight off my shoulders and know that I'm safe."

It hasn't been an easy tour for Roberts in his Regimental Combat Team 5. He served in the heart of Fallujah, walking patrols daily in crowded streets. They've seen with improvised explosive devices, insurgent snipers, and grenades being thrown over the top and sporadic small-arms mortar fire.

Roberts had concerns as the end of his tour drew near, too. He wasn't nervous or scared outside the wire — Marine

jargon for leaving the safety of the forward operating bases. It was more for his Marines.

"Safety has probably been my biggest concern," he explained. "I've got one married Marine who needs to get home to his wife. They've never been scared, but I've got to keep them moving, even when it doesn't seem to make sense."

Lance Cpl. Bradley R. Windham is a 20-year-old from De Ville, La., in the same unit with Roberts. He said it "feels good" knowing he's headed home within a couple weeks.

He's got a reason to feel good too. He left his wife Rebecca in Georgia with his two children, three-year-old Jacob and eight-month-old Raelyn.

"I got to see her born," he said of his young daughter. "I left a week later."

He's also done tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. Now, he wants to spend a little more time getting to know his growing family.

"There's a lot of time lost," Windham explained. "My wife ... she's the meat and potatoes. If I didn't have her, I'd be in a lot of trouble."

Windham knows the tours in combat zones have changed him. He's more appreciative of the smaller things in life and takes heart in simple pleasures he'll soon enjoy again.

"It's made me appreciative of exactly what I have," he said. "I see how hard the Iraqis struggle. I've got it pretty good."

Lance Cpl. John S. Hayes is in a different situation than his fellow Marines. He's single. But instead of thinking about summer beach parties or drinking a cold beer, the 22-year-old from New Tripoli, Pa., wants to get

back to his girlfriend, Erica. She's waiting for him back in Pennsylvania.

He plans on spending his entire post-deployment leave with her.

"I feel better because it's done," Hayes said. "We're one step closer to going home."

But the closer he got to going home, Hayes said it's been a bit tougher.

"You have to work to not get complacent," he said. "But if you're alive now, you've been doing something right all along."

Roberts said it was not always that way with his unit. They went through a cycle of learning in the seven months they were deployed to Iraq. They started out asking why they were in Iraq. Later, he said,

they understood the mission more clearly and toward the end, they've yearned to do things better than ever.

Roberts said he counted success in that he and his Marines didn't treat all Iraqis with disdain. They figured out that most Iraqis were living in fear of insurgents and want peace and security. They wanted a school for their kids and clean drinking water. They wanted a better future.

"We were not here to kill everybody," he said. "We were here to separate the good from the bad. We did that."

But it has not been easy. They've suffered their share of wounded Marines. And killed. They've grown tighter together than they ever thought they could and know that a little

piece of them will remain here in Iraq.

"Losing Marines has been the toughest," Windham said. "It did bring us closer."

The losses did not slow them down either.

"A lot of the Marines wanted to get out of the wire more often," Roberts said. "My Marines wanted to get out and get something done."

Now that the prospect of returning home is changing from a distant idea to a reality, the Marines can't help but smile.

"Three months home with my wife... man, that's going to be a vacation," Windham said.

Hayes said he doubts the Marines will stay apart long though. They have blurred the lines of just being friends to warriors who share a kindred spirit.

"We all talk about going home," Hayes explained. "We realize, though, after a week, we'll all be bored. We'll be calling each other up."

But there's big changes down the road. Roberts is getting out of the Corps soon after he returns. So is Windham. He will have six months left on his contract. It is a new chapter in life he is looking forward to.

"I'm going to go buy a house," he said. "My wife and I are going to pick it out together."

And they are not sure to tell others what this tour meant to them. For those who have not walked the streets, dodged the gunfire, wept at a memorial for a fellow Marine killed, there is not much to say.

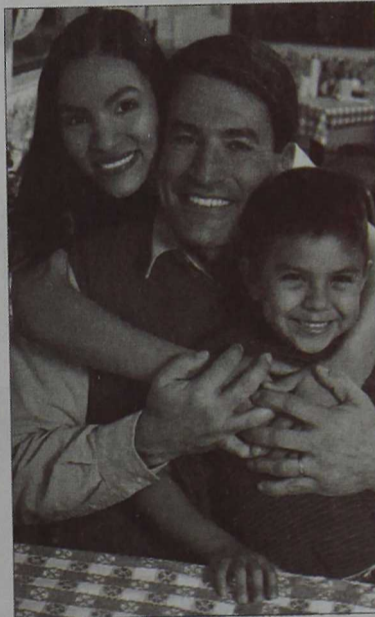
"I survived," Hayes said. "That's all I can say." ■

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# Airport security

## MEF's top officer demands compliance at airport security checkpoints

Staff Sgt. A.C. Mink  
II Marine Expeditionary Force

Standing in yet another line at the airport, it seems as if you are not just standing still, but possibly even moving backward. Tired and cranky from traveling, all you want to do is get through security, board your plane and fall into the blissful oblivion of your favorite brand of motion sickness pill. Up ahead is a disturbance as a Marine in uniform objects to being searched, and utters the words, "I'm just gonna blow up the airplane."

This is just what occurred recently at Albert J. Ellis International Airport, in Jacksonville. Far from being an isolated instance of a Marine just blowing off some steam, it illustrates a growing problem with which airport authorities have had to deal — a problem II Marine Expeditionary Force commanding general says must stop.

"The Marines and sailors returning from deployment seem to think they have some type of blanket exemption from searches and Transportation Security Administration regulations," said Jerry Vickers, retired lieutenant colonel and Ellis' airport director.

In cases like the one mentioned, he said that the Marines took exception to going through security, became more irritated and then made the threat. Vickers explained that when a threat is made, airport authorities are bound by federal law which requires them to detain the individual and contact federal authorities, including the FBI.

"Marines comprise a large percentage of our traffic," he said. "But once someone says 'I'm gonna blow up the plane' it flies out of our hands."

Not on their own, airport authorities have the full support of Lt. Gen. James F. Amos, commanding general of II Marine Expeditionary Force.

"These will not be treated lightly," said Amos. "If you were on that airplane, and someone, anyone, including a U.S. Marine, posed a threat, you would want action taken, because if any turned out to be a valid threat, then just one is too many."

Typically involving junior Marines, other recent incidents include authorities finding a live smoke grenade in the bushes outside the facility, dummy rounds and spoons off of grenades in checked luggage and weapons such as Ka-Bars and bayonets in carry-on luggage.

"We want Marines to use the airport. We'd like to be their portal home and everywhere else, but we have to have cooperation," he added.

According to Vickers, it seems to be a growing problem among service members returning from the deployment.

"Marines and sailors have been deploying so much and are an integral part of the solution in the war on terrorism," said Amos. "Focus has been on war fighting and deployment. I think we are forgetting the events that took place post 9-11... what we learned when hijackers boarded those planes."

The MEF's top officer said, "We seem to have forgotten that these procedures are set in place to ensure the safety and security of travel. We need to go back to why regulations are so tight and not be offended by that. Not just federal law, it is our duty as Marines... pure and simple."

As a conservative estimate, more than 40,000 Marines and sailors fly in and out of Ellis each year on orders, according to Vickers. That number does not include family members and leave travel. Of those 40,000, Vickers said that airport authorities usually deal with seven to eight threats per year. However, in 2006, they have already dealt with five of note.

A man whose job keeps him in and out of airports on a regular basis, Amos understands the irritation, but not the actions of the individuals mentioned above.

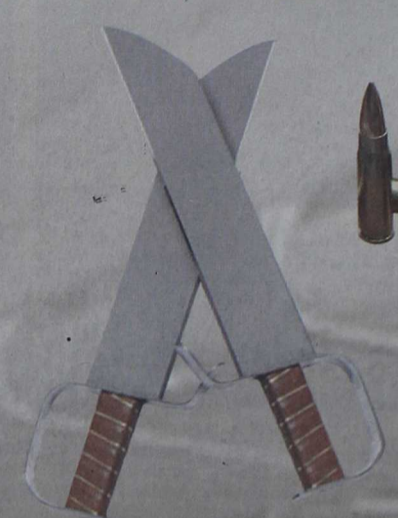
"I travel nationally and internationally, go through multiple inspections and have to wait in countless lines. It would be so easy to become indignant and say 'but we're the ones fighting for your freedom,'" said Amos. "I always remember how we got here — the terror of 9-11, the aftermath. I never want my family — my children and grandchildren — to have to go through that."

Amos took a strong approach, with clear commander's intent stating, "Even one is too many, especially for a Marine."

He has charged senior Marines and sailors within the MEF and major subordinate commands to take responsibility for solving this problem.

"I need and expect leadership to discuss this and take action," he said. "Every commander and sergeant major must ensure that Marines and sailors in their command are reminded often of why these rules are in effect. This must terminate immediately."

Visit TSA's Web site: [www.tsa.gov/public/display?theme=175](http://www.tsa.gov/public/display?theme=175) for air travel tips and more information on prohibited items before you travel to the airport.



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# Seven-ton truck helps Marine survive IED attack

**Cpl. Mark Sixbey**  
Regimental Combat Team 5

**CAMP MERCURY, Iraq** – Lance Cpl. Jason Willis has a new look on life after recovering from injuries he incurred last over a month ago.

While driving a seven-ton truck on a late-night re-supply mission recently, the heavy equipment operator attached to headquarters and Support company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, was struck by an improvised explosive device.

"I remember it quite well," said the 23-year-old from Lakeland, Fla. "It went off right next to my door and blew it in three spots, through the window, gun port and through the doorboard."

At first he didn't know he was injured, thinking only of what he had to do next to keep his Marines alive.

"We stopped the vehicle before it could roll off the pad," he said. "The first thing that came to my mind was to try to push out, but the seven-ton was dead."

Willis started working the radio to report that his vehicle had been disabled. Reality set in when his assistant driver, Lance Cpl. Ryan North, turned on the cab light and saw Willis had blood on his uniform. He realized he couldn't move his left leg or grip his rifle. He remembered most, though, seeing his own blood.

"My left leg was completely covered, my left arm was covered and I had some streaming off my face a little bit," he said. "I got back on the radio and said, 'Yeah, we got a wounded in the truck.'"

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Richie James Secody, the company's senior line corpsman, was riding in the vehicle behind Willis when the bomb exploded. He saw the bright flash followed by flames through his night vision goggles.

"I knew right then the seven-ton was hit," said the 31-year-old Navajo from Tuba City, Ariz. "We kept calling to see if they were okay. When we didn't hear anything, we pulled up beside them."

Secody, who has spent seven years with Marine units, has treated Marines and civilians in several IED incidents. "We're trained a lot, so you just snap into the mode and get right into it," he said.

He rushed to the disabled truck and saw North, who told him his driver had been hit.

For Willis, the next two minutes came as a blur.

"In that movie, *Saving Private Ryan*, when they hit the beach and Tom Hanks is looking around, and everything is in slow motion and you just hear muffled sounds and see flash frames – that's what it was like for me."

A firefight broke out to the left of the downed vehicle as soon as Secody climbed in to assess the situation. The Marines in the convoy reacted immediately, shooting back with their rifles until the enemy retreated.

"Doc was helping me out in the truck, keeping me low because we had holes in the floor and we didn't want to take rounds," Willis said.

"I put Willis in my lap and covered him with my body until the contact was done, then pulled him out of the truck," Secody said. "I was thinking 'We need to leave, we need to get out of here.'"

The shooting stopped and Secody dragged Willis to the safety of the high-back humvee. He treated his wounds, pulling out whatever shrapnel he could see and applied pressure dressings to stop the bleeding.

"He had shrapnel to his left leg, left arm and a little to his face. He also had a gash to his right leg and some minor burns," Secody said. "He was saying he was hurt."

"By then, the pain started setting in and it was hurting pretty bad," Willis said.

Still dazed, Willis noticed his left hand beginning to swell and removed his wedding ring so the doctors wouldn't have to cut it off. The convoy rushed him to Camp Fallujah's surgical ward within 45 minutes of the initial blast.

"I thought it was pretty

quick considering the roads we were on," he said. "It was good driving."

The Marines of Company K captured nine suspected insurgents that night, five who tested positive for gunpowder residue on their skin.

"I definitely think we got some of those guys from that night," Willis said.

He credited the truck's newly armored door and his body armor in part for saving his life. The door, though penetrated in three places, took the brunt of the explosion and the side armor plates and throat protector on his flak jacket stopped several pieces of shrapnel.

"Considering the size of the blast it held up extremely well," he said. "The armor definitely did what it was supposed to do. I'm really thankful."

Willis was taken to a hand specialist in Balad, who determined there was no permanent damage to his left hand. Soon, he was back on Camp Mercury on the road to recovery.

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Cpl. Mark Sixbey

**Camp Mercury, Iraq:** Lance Cpl. Jason Willis, a 23-year-old heavy equipment operator from Lakeland, Fla., and 31-year-old Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Richie Secody, of Tuba City, Ariz., a senior line corpsman with Company K, 3rd Battalion 5th Marine Regiment, laugh while sitting atop a stack of sandbags at Camp Mercury, Iraq. Secody pulled Willis from his vehicle and treated his wounds after a roadside bomb disabled his seven-ton truck during a re-supply convoy near Fallujah in late February.

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# Civil affairs mission continues along Euphrates

Cpl. Mark Sixbey  
Regimental Combat Team 5

**CAMP MERCURY, Iraq** — Marines with 3rd Civil Affairs Group joined with Marines here carrying a few items not normally seen in a Marine's gear bag. Take for example, cute, cuddly, soft stuffed animals.

The Marines are not lacking discipline, though. They're taking their mission to the kids in Fallujah, the first project since they arrived.

The 3rd Civil Affairs Group, Detachment 2, Team 3, hit the ground running when they attached to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment by delivering school supplies and toys to the Al Ahid School in the town of Zawia recently.

"It's nice to get out and see the school and the kids excited to see us," said Lt. Col. Dan Tripp, a 39-year-old 3rd CAG governance officer from Milwaukee. "It's very rewarding work, not like the stuff you see on the news."

The team assumed responsibility for several projects started by the last CAG team, as well as planning new contracts for various water, road, medical and school projects in the area. The mission today, however, was delivering support from American benefactors to children in one of Fallujah's poorest neighborhoods.

"I feel it was a huge success," said Cpl. Erik Deleon, a civil affairs non-commissioned officer. "It's good helping out the kids who are less fortunate."

Scott Clark, a teacher at Gibraltar High School in Fish Creek, Wis., coordinated the drive to collect school supplies from the community to send to children in Iraq.

"It started out as a class project, then the whole community got involved," said Maj. Julie Schaeffer, the departing director of the Fallujah Civil Military Operations Center and resident of Sister Bay, Wis. "It's awesome, the support we get from back home to win the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people."

Altogether, Fish Creek residents filled 55 boxes with new clothes, bean-



Iraq: Maj. Julie Schaeffer, of Sister Bay, Wis., shakes hands with an Iraqi girl during a visit to the Al Ahid School in the town of Zawia, near Fallujah, Iraq. The 3rd Civil Affairs Group, Detachment 2, Team 3, now attached to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment delivered 55 boxes of school supplies, toys and clothing donated by students from Gibraltar High School and community members from Fish Creek, Wis., to help the less fortunate in Iraq.

bag stuffed animals, jump ropes, candy, notebooks, pencils, markers, safety scissors, paper, folders, tape, glue and staplers mailed them to Iraq. A short while later the Iraqi children were lined up to receive their gifts. Each one of them wore a smile in anticipation.

The now-departed 6th Civil Affairs Group, Detachment 4, Team 3

visited the Al Ahid School several times during their months with Darkhorse, contracting nearly \$30,000 to refurbish the school's wiring, exterior and windows. They later contracted a 10,000-gallon water tank to give the students fresh drinking water.

Capt. J.R. Rinaldi, the battalion's civil affairs team leader said the unit

"has a long and glorious history as one of the premiere battalions in the Marine Corps. I feel proud to be a part of the mission, to contribute to the fight any way I can."

Deleon volunteered for his second tour in Iraq to join the civil affairs mission, like many of the Marines of 3rd CAG.

"I felt in my first deployment I

didn't contribute enough," said the 25-year-old from Blue Springs, Mo. "When I found out what 3rd CAG was about, how it's a different kind of mission, I thought it was great. I'm definitely glad to be here."

"It's rewarding to us as Marines to see we can make a difference in the lives of children," added Rinaldi, from Vancouver, Wash. ■

# Hundreds of Iraqis turn out for recruiting drive

1st Lt. Nathan Braden  
1st Marine Division

**FALLUJAH, Iraq** — More than 800 Iraqi men enlisted in the Iraqi Army during a three-day recruiting drive by a Mobile Recruiting Team from the Ministry of Defense.

The 813 recruits were part of a larger recruiting effort to enlist 1,000 Iraqi men from the Al Anbar province into the Iraqi Army.

"The overall goal is to enlist 5,000 recruits from Al Anbar province by the end of October, but they are getting recruited in groups of 1,000," said Capt. Selden B. Hale, a recruiting advisor traveling with the MRT and assigned to the Headquarters Transition Team under Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq.

One thousand recruits is the maximum capacity of the Basic Combat Training course, the first stop for the new recruits. The recruits will learn basic infantry skills during the five-week training package before being assigned to an army unit.

Soldiers from the 2nd Brigade, 1st Iraqi Army Division, facilitated the recruiting effort by providing personnel to work at the recruiting site. Soldiers provided food and water to the recruits as they moved them through the recruiting process.

Fallujah police officers assisted in the recruiting effort by providing a security escort for recruits from downtown Fallujah to the recruiting station near the city's edge.

"The IAs and IPs did a phenomenal job," said Maj. Brian D. Wirtz, an operations advisor with the Military Transition Team assigned to 2nd Brigade, 1st Iraqi Army Division.

"Their success demonstrates the great coopera-

tion between the city government officials and the Iraqi security forces," added Wirtz, a 32-year-old from Carlsbad, Calif.

The recruiting effort took place without incident, despite a national trend of insurgent attacks on security force recruiting sites.

"In the past, recruiting sites have been lucrative targets for insurgents," Hale said. "The Iraqis have made tremendous efforts in force protection. They did all the things they needed to make the recruiting centers safe and secure."

The recruits will most likely be assigned to either the 1st or 7th Iraqi Army Division, both of which are stationed in the Al Anbar province. Most of the soldiers will remain in the infantry ranks. Others will be sent to follow-on schools to learn an applicable trade, such as humvee mechanic or cook.

"We're looking forward to them coming," said Army Capt. John W. Lee, 32, from Falls Church, Va., serving as an advisor with the Military Transition Team assigned to 4th Brigade, 1st Iraqi Army Division.

The 4th Brigade currently has one battalion operating in the city of Fallujah and two battalions operating in nearby cities.

"They will be great at intelligence gathering because it will be easier for them to blend in with the local populace," Lee said.

The majority of soldiers currently assigned to the 4th Brigade come from areas outside the Al Anbar province.

"Also, the Fallujah people will feel more confident and see them as defenders of the people, not occupiers," he added. "Iraq is a very 'clannish' society. They view anyone from outside their region as outsiders."

The MRT made recruiting visits to Al Qaim, Ar



Fallujah: An Iraqi Army recruit undergoes a Biometric Automated Tool Set screening, while processing into the Iraqi Army during the first day of a three-day recruiting drive in Fallujah. The BATS system uses a database to screen recruits for possible past insurgent involvement.

Ramadi, and Haditha before stopping in Fallujah. "We tried to visit most major cities within Al Anbar," said Hale, a 31-year-old artillery officer from Amarillo, Texas.

The use of mobile recruiting teams allowed Iraqis, who don't live close to a permanent recruiting station, an opportunity to enlist in the army.

The MRT is comprised of five members who screen and process the potential future soldiers before accepting them as recruits. One of the members, a medical doctor, screens the recruits to ensure they are fit for military duty.

"I screen for mental, physical and psychological fitness," said the Iraqi doctor assigned to the MRT working in Fallujah.

"We need fresh blood in this army," added the doctor. "To have a strong army, we need strong soldiers."

Another benefit of the mobile recruiting teams is that it provides the Iraqi Army a pool of enlisted men from across the country. Soldiers recruited into the ranks provide the army units with a variety of backgrounds and previous experiences.

"Of all the functions of the MOD, recruiting is probably one of the most heavily sustained by the Iraqis," Hale added. "They operate their own recruiting stations and send out MRTs on their own. The Coalition has very minimal involvement."

Recruits must be between the ages of 18 and 37, pass a literacy test and be physically fit for military duty to enlist. ■

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# Base safety announces changes to motorcycle PPE

David E. Huffman  
MCB Safety Office

There have been a few major changes to Base Order P5560.2L, concerning personal protective equipment.

The following PPE is mandatory for everyone operating or riding a motorcycle on Marine Corps installations, and for all military personnel operating or riding on a motorcycle off installations, on-and-off road, in uniform or civilian clothing:

- DOT, SNELL or ANSI approved helmet properly fastened under chin.

- Impact or shatter resistant goggles or full-face shield attached to helmet.

- Reflective Vest - International orange, bright yellow, lime green in color, with two 1-1/2 to 2-inch reflective stripes either vertical or horizontal, must be worn at all times as the outer garment, vests can not be covered by items such as a pack.

- Properly worn long-sleeved shirt or jacket and long-legged trousers.

- Service Members wearing the summer uniform (short sleeve "C" shirt or the camouflage utility uniform with the sleeves rolled up) will wear protective motorcycle safety jackets (may include impact-resistant shoulder and elbow pads). The jacket and vest must be removed as soon as the service member dismounts the motorcycle.

- Hard sole boots or shoes.
- Full-fingered gloves or mittens.
- Black Vests are no longer authorized.

- Long sleeves are mandatory at all times while riding.

Military Police will be enforcing these requirements. Ensure you are in compliance with Base Order P5560.2L. For additional information call David E. Huffman, Traffic Safety Program Manager at 451-9668. ■

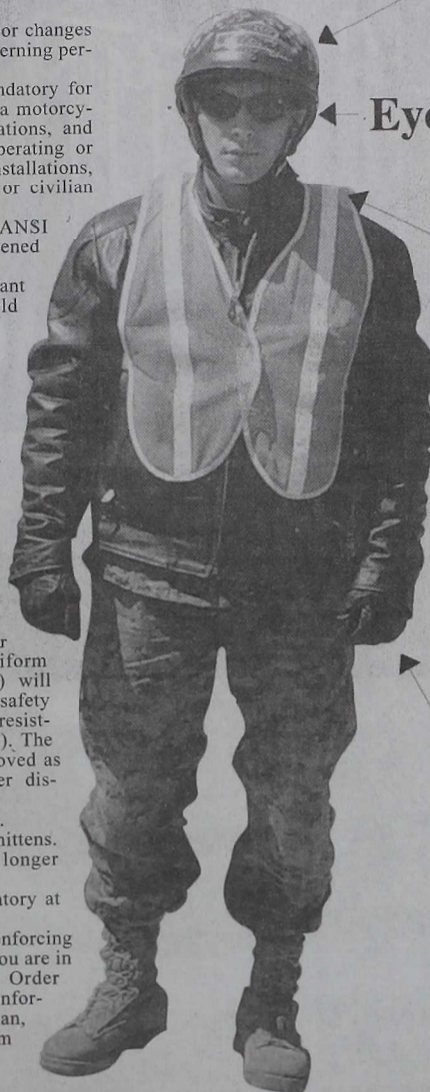


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## CRASH CONTINUED FROM 1A

airspace over the North Atlantic Ocean and Europe," Manske said. "It also allows us to interface with other military and civilian airplanes more precisely than before."

Only five C-5 aircraft have been lost since the plane's inception in 1969. Until now, no Dover planes have been destroyed. "The safety of the aircraft is paramount to our crews or they wouldn't have flown it that morning," Manske said. "It's a great aircraft. It sustained a massive force against its hull during the crash, yet it still protected our crews."

A board of Air Force officers has convened and is investigating the cause of the accident. In order to protect the integrity of the investigation process, none of the crewmembers will be able to discuss the crash, officials said. The unclassified findings will be released to the public as soon as the board results are released. Officials noted such accident and safety investigations typically take about four months to complete.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the survivors, family members and coworkers impacted by the crash," Manske said. "We wish all of them a speedy recovery."

The crewmembers were listed in the following conditions as of mid-afternoon Tuesday:

- Capt. Brian Lafreda, 326th AS, fair,

at the Christiana Hospital, Christiana, Del.;

- Lt. Col. Robert Mooman, 326th AS, fair, Christiana;

- Lt. Col. Harlan Nelson, 326th AS, fair, Kent General Hospital-Bay Health Medical Center, Dover, Del.;

- Master Sgt. Timothy Feiring, 709th AS, released;

- Master Sgt. Michael Benford, 709th AS, released;

- Tech. Sgt. Vincent Dvorak, 709th AS, fair, Christiana;

- Master Sgt. Brenda Kremer, 709th AS, released;

- Chief Master Sgt. David Burke, 326th AS, released;

- Chief Master Sgt. George Mosley, 709th AS, released;

- Tech. Sgt. Henry Fortney, 326th AS, released;

- Senior Airman Scott Schaffner, 89th AS, stationed at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, released;

- Tammy Lucas, Lockheed Martin employee, fair, Kent General;

- Staff Sgt. David Abrams, 436th AMXS, released;

- Senior Airman Nicholas Vather, 436th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, fair, Kent General;

- Retired Navy Chief Petty Officer Paul Kath, released;

- Hannelore Kath, released;

- Retired Tech. Sgt. Raul Salamanca, released.

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Melissa Phillips is assigned to the 436th Airlift Wing. ■

## TRIBUTE CONTINUED FROM 1A

Rumsfeld called Weinberger "Reagan's champion" who stood with people he didn't even know. At the time, the world was dominated by superpower rivalry between the United States and the Soviet Union. "Millions were pleading in silence for freedom from behind that Iron Curtain," Rumsfeld said.

Reagan and Weinberger were determined to rebuild America's military following the "hollow force" debacle of the late 1970s, when the military suffered from inadequate troops, training and equipment. It was a time when many questioned what the United States stood for, Rumsfeld said. "Cap understood that America was not what was wrong with the world," the secretary said. "He understood that we should be proud of our values and history. Together with President Reagan, our troops and the American people, he made changes that helped restore pride in our country's uniform and helped win the Cold War."

Former defense secretaries James Schlesinger and Frank Carlucci and Vice President Dick Cheney, also a former defense secretary, attended the ceremony, as well as Weinberger's good friend and Cold War ally former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Rumsfeld said the world should remember Weinberger as a peacemaker. "His goal was an era of hope and peace," the secretary said, "one in which the people of Eastern Europe lived in freedom, one in which the Berlin Wall no longer divided families, but instead existed only in memory or its shards sold as souvenirs of a discredited era."

"Today, we live in that world," Rumsfeld continued, "a world made safer and freer by Cold Warriors like Cap Weinberger." ■

## ROADSIDE CONTINUED FROM 5A

"I saw him again four days or his hand got looked at," body said. "He thanked me, thanks me just about every I see him. He's a good"

"It was really amazing, his ck response," Willis said of body. "He calmed me down t. I was hurting, scared, and got me through that."

Willis and his command eed it would be good for morale and his own well ng if he spent his recovery e with his fellow Marines Camp Mercury. He volunteered for office duties and ne center watch to pass the

time and help the battalion any way he could until he healed enough to get back behind the wheel.

"I kept wanting to get back out," he said. "I was a bit scared, but I wanted to be with my platoon and since I'm in this for the long haul, I'll keep pushing myself. Now that I'm clear to go again, I've been back on the road several times."

Willis was born in Tennessee, and lived in Florida until he joined the Marine Corps in December 2003. He was assigned a heavy equipment operator for 11th Marine Regiment in 2004, and volunteered to deploy with the Darkhorse battalion as a motor transport operator.

Tonya Willis, his wife of

two years, is attending nursing school in Florida, where they have a one-year-old son named Tyler. After the Marine Corps, Willis plans to return to Florida to raise his son and finish his bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

His wedding ring now rests on his right hand, until the swelling in his left hand goes down. He said for now, he's glad to be back at work, having gained a new appreciation for the value of life.

"I'm back in full swing, doing what I'm supposed to do and that's what I'm trying to concentrate on right now," he said. "It's made me realize what I have back at home, and how lucky I am to be able to call home today." ■

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**13th annual Lejeune Dash 5K**  
Women from U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Diligence will sponsor the 13th annual Lejeune Dash 5K race Fun Walk April 22 on Wilmington waterfront. The scenic 3.1-mile course winds through downtown Wilmington, with the start/finish line at the Coast Guard Mooring adjacent to Hilton Hotel. Registration before April 7 is \$20 and \$25 after that. The day registration runs from 7-8 a.m. at USCGC Diligence and the first 250 sign up will receive a T-shirt. Medals will be given to the male and female finishers overall and in nine age groups. Proceeds go to benefit Domestic Violence Shelter Wilmington, Cape Fear Council Boy Scouts, Crystal Coast Chief Petty Officers' Association. For more information, call Lt Jewczyn at 815-4528.

**Senior League Lejeune Festival 5K and Fun Run**  
Runners and walkers of all ages levels are invited to participate in the second annual Senior League Lejeune Festival 5K Race and Fun Run Sunday. Registration and race-day registration are at Alderman Elementary School on Independence Blvd. from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The race starts at 1 p.m. You can also register online by going to [www.wilmingtonroadrunners.org](http://www.wilmingtonroadrunners.org). Registration is \$20 for the 5K and \$15 for the Fun Run. Race-day registration is \$25 for the 5K and \$20 for the Fun Run. For more information, call Meredith Carroll at 233-3377.

**Free Kinston Indians game**  
The Single Marine Program is sponsoring a free trip to a Kinston Indians baseball game. Transportation and admission to the April 22 game is free to the first 100 Marines, sailors and Coast Guard who sign up. The buses will leave the Main Exchange parking lot at 5 p.m. To sign up, go to any recreation center. For more information, call 311-4642.

**Run for the Warriors**  
The Wounded Warrior Race Committee has issued a Spirit Challenge to every military unit and business that participates in the May 20 Run for the Warriors event. Races will be awarded to the unit and business that shows the most support by participating in the race and offers much-needed volunteer support. The Wounded Warrior Dash starts at 8 a.m., followed by the 8:15 a.m. wheelchair start and the 9:20 a.m. 10K/5K Fun Run. For more information on how to volunteer and where to pick up race forms, call Shannon Maxwell at 347-4450.

**Walk for Diabetes**  
The fourth annual Walk for Diabetes is May 27. The walk takes place from 9:30 a.m. until noon at the Jacksonville City Hall on New Bridge Street. Judges, walkers, riders, sponsors and volunteers are needed for this charitable effort to help college students with diabetes pay for tuition, books and school supplies. For information, call 577-302.



**Rugby:** In the photo above, William Krummes goes up high to receive an inbound pass with a little help from his teammates in a legal rugby tactic. In the photo at top, members of the Misfits hook up to simulate a scrum.

## Rugby team on a roll

The Misfits are 5-0 on the season

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

The fact that Marines here have been playing rugby at a high level for nearly two decades may come as a surprise to some - the fact that the Misfits is the hottest team aboard Camp Lejeune is definitely not a surprise to the coaches and players who are the proud owners of a 5-0 record in the early going of the Division III rugby season.

These are the days of milk and honey for head coach Walter "Scotty" Bew and his 25 athletes who make up the Misfits. A lucky break in the deployment rotation has left the team flush with players who are able to put in the practice time that is required to truly gel as a unit. The Misfits are firing on all cylinders with a balanced blend of veteran players and enthusiastic newcomers.

"A lot of talented athletes just got back from Iraq and we've been able to keep pretty much the same guys on the pitch since January and February," said Bew. "Marine Corps teams usually have some of the best athletes in the country and this team is no exception. They are really playing the game the way it's supposed to be played."

Forget anything you may have heard about rugby being just like playing American football without pads. "It's a lot different than that," said Dave Strathman, a native of Winnebago, Ill., who just joined the Misfits two weeks ago and played his first game last weekend. "A guy in my platoon over in Iraq kept talking about rugby and how I should join, so I thought I'd give it a try. It's a blast."

For teammate Edelen Parker, playing rugby has been in the family for a couple of generations.

"My father played and he encouraged me to play," said Parker. "I played soccer growing up [in Clinton, Md.] and I started playing rugby in college."

"Like any sport, dedication is important, but on the rugby pitch, it's especially important," he said. "This is a very fluid and fast-paced game. It's a dynamic environment and your teammates have to be there for you."

Though rugby is indeed played without pads, Bew explained that serious injuries are very uncommon.

"There are bumps and bruises and even some lacerations in every game, but there are some of us who consider those as badges of honor," he said. "But, rugby players are very fit athletes who are smart enough to remember they are not wearing a helmet or pads. There are ways of tackling an opponent and being tackled yourself that are both aggressive and safe."

"Most of our new recruits have never played rugby before, but they have the typical Marine interest in sports with violent hitting if they so choose," said Bew. "The older guys teach them how to be under control and stay healthy. If my players are sitting on the bench with injuries, they're no good to me."

In a game, 15 players on a side take the field and try to move the ball across an end line to score points. Each time the ball is brought across the line and put on the ground, a "try" is awarded equaling five points. After the try, the team that scored is allowed a conversion kick towards the goal posts that is worth two points if it goes through. Teams can also score at any time with a drop goal, in which the ball is kicked through the uprights from any point on the field during live play or following an infraction. Like soccer, two 40-minute halves are played with no stoppage of time. Forward passes are not allowed, which puts a premium on ball carriers to rely on teammates to continue progressing up the field after a tackle is made.

Bew has high hopes for this Misfits squad. The team has already qualified, based on its record, for the U.S.A. Rugby National Championship play-offs. The first-round game will be played in Atlanta, Ga. If the team wins its way through to the Division III Final Four, it will have to travel all the way to San Diego, Calif., for the big dance.

"With the talent that I have right now, I see no reason why we can't take this all the way," boasted Bew. "We are Marines and we understand that the mission of the Marine Corps comes before rugby, but if we get command support and international support [no world crises] we can be there in the Final Four."

The team's next game is Saturday against the rival squad from Cherry Point. The action starts at around 1 p.m. at the new rugby pitch next to Liversedge Field.

The Misfits are continuously seeking new players to fill the roster. If interested, call Bew at 546-0743. ■

## Collegiate golfers challenge Paradise Point Club for top tournament honors

Jamie Cameron  
Assistant managing editor

Groundskeepers at Paradise Point Golf Club were working hard over the weekend as Camp Lejeune played host to the 35th annual Marine Federal Credit Union Intercollegiate Golf Tournament, Friday through Sunday.

Joe Green, a senior from Oglethorpe University captured top individual honors with rounds of 68-64-73 for a three-day total of 205. He beat Ricky Manning of Greensboro College by two strokes. Among the 30 schools represented at the tournament, the members of the Johnson & Whales University squad were victorious in the team competition by getting around Paradise Point's Gold Course with four-player combined totals of 259-292-305 for an 11-stroke lead over second-place finisher Oglethorpe.

Depauw University junior

Josh Abrams had an experience similar to much of the field. Abrams shot a satisfying 68 on the Gold Course during perfect weather conditions Friday, but watched his scores climb to 78 on Saturday and 83 on Sunday as high winds and dry conditions dominated over the weekend.

"This is the best event we play in all year. It's fun because we get to play with the Marines, so it's really laid back."

Josh Abrams, Depauw University junior golfer.

"The pins were set very fair," he said after his opening round. "Good shots were rewarded. The fairways were a little dry, but you could get away with it. It's just been gor-

geous weather all day."

This was Abrams' second time competing aboard Camp Lejeune. The team finished 12th two years ago when he played as a freshman. Though Depauw did not return in 2005, Abrams was more than happy to be back this year.

"This is the best event we play all year," he said. "It's our spring break so this is probably the best weather we'll see. It's fun because we get to play with the Marines, so it's really laid back."

Charles Sloan, head coach of the Louisburg College team that finished first overall among smaller schools playing on the Scarlet Course, said that the Intercollegiate Golf Tournament was a first-class event that offers an opportunity for junior college players like his a chance to be seen by top coaches.



**Golf tournament:** Frank Van Es, a junior at the Savannah College of Art and Design watches his shot off the tee on the par three, second hole at Paradise Point Golf Club.

See GOLF page 5B



# USC displays offensive talent for NFL coaches

John Nadel  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Matt Leinart rolled to his left, and then back to his right before unleashing a perfectly thrown pass to Reggie Bush, who caught it some 30 yards downfield just inside the right sideline.

Then, it was on to the next play at USC's Pro Day Sunday, where 19 former Southern California players worked out for more than 100 NFL representatives including head coaches John Fox of Carolina, Jeff Fisher of Tennessee and Gary Kubiak of Houston.

Most of the 19 are sure to be drafted later this month, including anywhere from three to six in the first round.

Thus, the large turnout and those on hand were properly impressed. "This is like a mini-combine, from an NFL standpoint," Fox said.

The majority of prospects take part in the NFL Combine at Indianapolis every February, but several schools hold their own Pro Days.

"It's like a who's who, and it's just one university," said Baltimore Ravens Assistant John Fassel, the son of former

Giants Coach Jim Fassel. "This is the greatest aggregation of offensive firepower ever assembled on one pro scouting day from one school," said Leigh Steinberg, who represents Leinart and offensive tackle Winston Justice.

"Pete Carroll has really outdone himself," Steinberg said of the USC coach. "Pete has put the primacy on USC football on display for the whole nation to see."

Carroll, who has guided the Trojans to a 48-4 record over the past four seasons, combined Junior Day, an annual event where several prospective high school recruits tour the campus, with Pro Day.

"This is what we were dreaming it would be - just like this," he said.

With about 1,000 fans and recruits in the stands at Cromwell Field, the players took part in several drills including the vertical jump, 40-yard dash, standing long jump, weight lifting and different cone drills.

Bush and Leinart, the last two Heisman Trophy winners who many experts believe will go 1-2 in the draft, were generally satisfied with how they did. And they were glad the

day was over. "Oh, yeah," Bush said with a smile. "I'm going to take a vacation."

Bush outdid his former teammates in three areas, clocking 4.33 seconds in the 40, recording a 40-1/2-inch vertical jump, and going 10 feet, 8 1/2 inches in the standing broad jump. He had 24 repetitions bench-pressing 225 pounds.

"I would have liked to have run a little faster - I thought I could push a 4.29 out there, a 4.3 flat," he said. "This part of it is just trying to separate yourselves from the pack."

Bush, a runaway winner of the Heisman last season, has already done that.

"There's a lot of guys who are fast," said Baltimore Ravens Assistant Mark Carrier, a defensive back at USC from 1986-89. "What makes him special is what he does when he has the ball in his hands. The guy up the street might run 4.2. But there aren't many guys who can do what he can do with the football."

It's been anticipated for months that Bush will go No. 1 in the April 29-30 draft to the Houston Texans. He said he met Saturday night with representatives of the Texans. ■



## NASCAR

MARTINSVILLE, Va., (AP) - Tony Stewart and Jimmie Johnson weren't involved in the beating and banging at Bristol that left several NASCAR drivers nearly enraged.

On Sunday, they put on a clinic in short-track racing with Stewart banging on Johnson's bumper for four laps, then finally beating him out of the second turn on his way to a surprisingly anticlimactic victory at tiny, testy Martinsville Speedway. "I knew as soon as I went by him that if he could get back to me, he was going to do the very same thing," Stewart said after his second Martinsville victory. "I wasn't going to have a problem with it."

Johnson jabbed at Stewart for finding nothing wrong with his tactics because they worked for him, but also allowed that his car wasn't good enough to win anyway. "I was fading so I don't really have any complaints" he said.

What a difference a week makes. Last Sunday, Jeff Gordon was so upset with Matt Kenseth for on-track contact that he shoved him on pit road, drawing a \$10,000 fine and probation. Kenseth was upset with Kurt Busch for banging him out of the way for the victory with four laps to go.

But there was none of that vitriol Sunday. "To have guys that don't whine, carry on and complain and go on and on and on definitely makes racing here more fun" Stewart said. "But trust me, there aren't a lot of guys like Jimmie. Jimmie is a class act and that's why I like racing with him so much."

He also likes racing on the smallest track in the Nextel Cup circuit, even though he once got so frustrated with Martinsville he suggested turning it into a bass pond.

Improvements to the track - and Stewart's success here - changed that. "The racing here has been awesome since they've done everything," he said, speaking of resurfacing and other improvements. "They could still fill it up once a year with water, we could put dirt on it once a year. Just let us still run two Cup races."

— Hank Kurz, Associated Press

## Olympics

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - Taiwan is considering rival China's offer to join the 2008 Beijing Olympic torch relay, as long as the island is part of the torch's international route.

Taiwan Olympic officials outlined conditions for the island's participation in the relay during two meetings with their Chinese counterparts since December, Steven Chen, secretary-general of the Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee, said in an interview Friday.

Above all, Chen said, Taiwan will only take part in the international leg of the relay, not China's domestic portion.

"Our position is that we're willing to be included as a third country," said Chen. "Being part of the domestic leg is impossible."

Like China's offer of two pandas, which Taiwan outright rejected Friday, the torch relay has become a political football between the communist-run mainland and the democratically ruled island. Each side is wary the other will wrest political advantage from even minor issues.

The Olympic torch, an embodiment of the Olympic movement's ideals, is freighted with symbolism. Beijing has grandiose plans for the relay, hoping to see the torch carried

through Tibet - a restive area under Chinese control since 1950 - and through Taiwan, which China claims but doesn't control.

China is unlikely to find Taiwan's torrid relay conditions palatable - it doesn't want to undermine its claims to the island by conferring legitimacy on Taiwan's independent status.

Likewise, Taiwan doesn't want to strengthen the China's claims to the island by accepting a subordinate role.

"Anything that ruins our sovereignty is off the question," David Lee, a spokesman for Taiwanese President Chen Shui-bian, said in a separate interview.

Ideally, said Chen, the Taiwan Olympic official, the torch could pass from Japan to South Korea and then to Taiwan, before heading on to Chinese-ruled Hong Kong and the mainland. "The question now is how much time on the international portion of the relay will they give Taiwan," Chen said.

Beijing Olympic organizers are expected to discuss the issue with the Taiwan Olympic committee later this year, Chen said. The International Olympic Committee has said it hopes to approve a final torch route late this year.

— Charles Hutzer, Associated Press

## NBA Basketball

SEATTLE (AP) - SuperSonics forward Rashard Lewis missed Sunday night's game against Portland, still bothered by a sprained right ankle.

Lewis was injured in the fourth quarter of Seattle's win in Memphis on Tuesday when he landed on teammate Johan Petro's foot. He sat out Wednesday against Houston, but played Friday night at home against the Los Angeles Lakers.

Lewis struggled against the Lakers, making five of 16 shots and scoring 11 points, his lowest scoring total since scoring eight against Memphis on March 8.

Lewis is second on the Sonics, averaging 20.5 points.

"I think he felt a responsibility to play against the Lakers and I think he felt good enough to go," Seattle coach Bob Hill said. "He feels like he needs to take tonight off."

Hill is hopeful Lewis can play either Tuesday night against Houston or Friday in Portland.

— Associated Press

## PGA Golf

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) - Phil Mickelson's first stop in Georgia this season went even better than he could have expected.

Now comes the hard part. Mickelson went wire-to-wire to win the BellSouth Classic, making a 24-foot eagle putt on No. 18 to finish with a final-round 65 Sunday. His 28-under 260 total was a tournament record, a personal best and good enough for a 13-stroke victory.

Mickelson, who won the BellSouth in 2000 and 2005 in playoffs, now heads to the Masters in Augusta coming off his first win this season. He said he's not concerned about peaking before the first major of the year.

"It was a great week, don't get me wrong, but I didn't feel like it couldn't be repeated," he said.

"I don't feel like I don't have more made putts or more iron shots in me or more drives in the fairway. I feel like I'm starting to play well... I expect to do the same, or I hope to do the same, at least."

Added Mickelson: "But I can promise you, the scores will not be anywhere near."

Mickelson made the most of his last chance to use the BellSouth Classic as a warm-up for the Masters. He faced no challenge in pulling away from the field.

Mickelson matched the course record with an opening 63 Thursday and was five under on better every day.

"He pretty much set the pace the first two days, and it was hard to catch him," said Jose Maria Olazabal, who tied for second at 273.

— Charlie Odum, Associated Press

# McCants getting more play with Minnesota's T'wolves

Dave Campbell  
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. - Rashad McCants has looked lost at times, and uninterested at others, during an up-and-down rookie season that has done little to change the perception that he's moody and enigmatic.

But with Minnesota well out of playoff contention and starter Trenton Hassell out for the past 10 days with injuries, McCants has seen his minutes and production increase. Better yet, his coaches and teammates have expressed satisfaction with his development.

"He has matured so fast," star Kevin Garnett said earlier this week. "Probably because he's had no choice, given the position that he's in. He had to succeed. He had to be aggressive. It's been learn-as-you-go. He's handled it. He's maturing beautifully, and it's working out. So far, so good."

The reputation that was created in college at North Carolina has continued with the Asheville native to the Timberwolves. They used their 14th overall draft pick on this guard with a dangerous first step to the basket and a sweet shooting touch - aggressive attributes the team needed badly without Latrell Sprewell or Fred Hoiberg returning to this season's team.

As coach Dwane Casey tried to sort out his rotation and instill a defensive-minded approach in his players, McCants found himself on the bench for long stretches and never really found a rhythm. But he's reached double-digit points in 12 of the last 18 games, and in Friday's defeat at Denver he pleased Casey with his defense against standout Carmelo Anthony.

"I think he's giving us what we need,"

Casey said after Saturday's practice. "It's going to help him down the road."

Hassell, who had a sprained ankle and knee, is expected to return in Sunday's game against Golden State. But Casey said he didn't know yet who would start, and that McCants would continue to get his minutes over the season's final 2-1/2 weeks.

"I'm happy with his progress," the coach said.

McCants was unavailable for comment after practice, but earlier in the week he talked a little bit with reporters about his first year in the league.

"One thing Kevin Garnett told me was, 'Be yourself. Do what got you here,'" McCants said. "And definitely, being a nice guy didn't get me here. It was going out and being an animal and playing with a chip on my shoulder."

Never short on confidence, McCants said on the eve of training camp that he wanted to average 10 assists per game. Well, he has 45 for the season, which is not going to help him get to that goal.

And really, the Wolves need him to produce points a lot more than pretty passes. Once he reaches a level on defense where they can rely on him, McCants should get the time he needs to become one of the leading offensive options.

For now, though, he's trying not to think about that type of role.

"It's kind of scary to think or believe that I'll get 20 shots one day," he said. "That's just scary to me, because I believe I can put up points any kind of way."

"I just try to work hard so I can get to that point."

[Associated Press Sports Writer Jon Krawczynski contributed to this report.] ■

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Prime turkey habitat on Camp Lejeune.

Jamie Cameron

# Doing the turkey trot opening day is Saturday

Jamie Cameron  
Assistant managing editor

*Just a half-hour left before dawn breaks and you have found your way in the dark to the spot where the trio of big toms was feeding along the edge of a field less than a week ago.*

*The excitement of the first day of turkey hunting season has your heart pumping and your senses of perception working in overdrive. You stop to lean against an old oak tree to let the adrenaline surging in your blood ebb and to listen to the surrounding landscape as the forest starts to wake up. Songbirds of every description twitter and chirp as the eastern sky grows pink and off in the distance, an owl hoots a final farewell to the night.*

*The first gobbler shatters the still morning air as one of the toms you seek rousts himself from his roost in a tall pine tree. He is closer than you thought he would be and there is little time or reason to search for a better ambush site. You simply let your back slide down the tree trunk until you are seated on the ground and delicately remove the box call from your fanny pack.*

*With a few deft hand movements, the box call emits a sequence of soft yelps intended to trick the male turkey that a female is nearby. Your heart rises to your throat as the bird in the tree immediately answers your imitation with another loud gobble, followed by the hollow sound of heavy wing beats. In a moment, he is on the ground and coming toward you.*

*You stroke the call a few more times and then put it down. The big gobbler's footsteps are easy to hear as they fall against the dry leaves that fell last autumn. Now you bring the shotgun up to your shoulder and steady the long barrel on top of your knee. Though his approach is blocked by the thick base of another nearby oak, you know that the next few steps will bring your quarry into range. The turkey pauses, unseen behind the oak and unleashes another gobble so loud that it nearly shocks you out of your crouch.*

*Your heart is pounding in your ears and it is hard to breathe. He will either walk out from behind that tree and offer you a shot or sense that something is not right and turn around and beat it out of there as fast as a world-class sprinter. Another footfall and the big tom emerges less than 20 yards from where you sit. He struts out into the open, feathers fluffed out and tail fully fanned. His naked red head almost glows against the dark background of his body. You click off the safety ...*

Wild turkey hunting aboard Camp Lejeune has improved steadily over the years as the species increased its range up and down the East Coast with help from state-sponsored restocking efforts.

For hunters, pursuit of these large, wily game birds is a welcomed distraction each spring — helping to bridge the gap to the fall seasons for small game, waterfowl and deer. But, though many spring sportsmen and women also hunt for a variety of game in the fall, the eastern wild turkey holds a special place in their hearts.

Carmen Lombardo, wildlife biologist with the base Environmental Conservation Branch, said the turkey flock aboard Camp Lejeune is thriving after a tough nesting season back in 2004. A self-described turkey aficionado, Lombardo said the base offers a good opportunity for hunters who do their homework to harvest a bird.

"This year we think our male turkey population is dominated by 2- and 3-year-old birds," he said. "Our projection is a harvest of around 20 birds ... which would be slightly above the five year average."

Last year, Camp Lejeune hunters bagged 27 gobblers — the second highest harvest ever recorded here.

Pre-season scouting is one of the keys to success and having several locations identified as holding turkeys is important on Camp Lejeune.

"It's tough because you have competition from other hunters and a constantly changing environment here," said Lombardo. "There's never a guarantee that the area you were scouting will be open. Your favorite spot may have changed, so it's very important to have multiple sites to fall back on."

"The birds have a patchy distribution across the base. They can be found in every major training sector; [especially] S, H, I, Lima and the north and south Sandy Run areas."

Turkeys are very wary and have excellent eye-sight. There is no such thing as wearing too much camouflage. Once an

area with a tom is located, Lombardo advises hunters to stick with it long after the sun has come up.

"Some of our best hunting occurs between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m., when the males are searching for females to breed," he said. That also happens to be the time window when most hunters leave the woods.

Plenty of practice with a variety of calls and an intimate knowledge of your weapon and its effective range are also very important. More than a few turkeys have lived to gobble another day thanks to over-anxious gunners who underestimate the range to their target.

North Carolina allows turkeys to be hunted with shotgun and bow and arrow.

Hunters must have a valid North Carolina hunting license and a \$15 Camp Lejeune hunting/fishing permit to pursue turkeys on base. You must take a hunting safety test before you can qualify for a base permit. The test and permits are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Base Game Warden office in Building PT3 (the log cabin) on Parachute Tower Road. For more information, call 451-5226.

You can fill out the application form and save time by going to [www.lejeune.usmc.mil/gwarden](http://www.lejeune.usmc.mil/gwarden).

Hunters must

abide by all North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission bag limits and regulations, which allow two bearded turkeys per season with a one-a-day bag limit.

John Waters, who serves as base game warden, said that range control determines what areas are opened and what areas are closed on a daily basis.

"Hunters must check in here at the game warden office each day before they go out and check out when they are done," he said.

Waters also reminded turkey hunters that the base regulates the size of shot to No.s 4-6 for turkeys. "We want our hunters taking good clean shots," he said.

Turkey season runs until May 6. ■



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# Officials reveal Dumars, Auriemma elected to Basketball Hall of Fame

Induction ceremony takes place Sept. 9

Larry Lage  
Associated Press

**DETROIT (AP)** - Joe Dumars, a steady presence on two NBA championship teams during a 14-year career with the Detroit Pistons, has been elected to the Basketball Hall of Fame, a basketball official told *The Associated Press* on Saturday.

Connecticut women's coach Geno Auriemma also was elected to the hall in his first year of eligibility, according to a basketball official with firsthand knowledge of the voting process. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported that former Hawks star Dominique Wilkins will also be inducted. Dumars, elected in his second year of eligibility, won two NBA championships as a shooting guard with the Pistons, and another title in 2004 as their president of basketball operations. He was MVP of the 1989 NBA Finals, and helped Detroit repeat the following season.

Dumars averaged 16.1 points and 4.5 assists and was an All-Star six times during an eight-year stretch in the 1990s. He was first-team all-defense four times. In 1996, he won the NBA's first sportsmanship award and its trophy was later named for him.

The 18th pick overall out of McNeese State came to the

Pistons as skinny, unknown shooting guard in 1985, and became a humble star known as "Joe D."

Dumars became Detroit's vice president of player personnel in 1999 and took over as president of basketball operations a year later.

He started to build a championship-caliber team by trading Grant Hill, who wanted to leave, to Orlando for Ben Wallace and Chucky Atkins. He later traded for Rasheed Wallace and Richard Hamilton, signed Chauncey Billups, drafted Tayshaun Prince and put them together with Wallace to create perhaps the league's best starting lineup.

The Pistons are an NBA-best 58-14, their fifth straight year with 50-plus victories, and they will break the franchise record for wins if they are better than .500 over the final 10 games. Detroit has advanced to the finals the past two seasons and the Eastern Conference finals the previous three years.

Since arriving 21 years ago, Auriemma has turned Connecticut from a small regional program into a national powerhouse led the Huskies to five NCAA titles. Their five straight trips to the Final Four from 2000-04 is a record.

It's just one more big honor for Auriemma this year. He will be inducted into the women's Hall of Fame in Knoxville,

Tenn., later this month.

Auriemma's September induction in Springfield marks the second consecutive honor for the school. Men's coach Jim Calhoun, winner of two NCAA titles, was enshrined in 2005.

Other finalists were: Charles Barkley, selected in 1996 as one of the NBA's 50 greatest players; Adrian Dantley, whose 23,177 career points rank 18th in NBA history; three-time national college player of the year Ralph Sampson; Big East founder Dave Gavitt; former Purdue coach Gene Keady; college basketball TV analyst Dick Vitale; seven-time NBA all-star Chet Walker; Dallas GM and coach Don Nelson, a former player who is under consideration as a coach; Van Chancellor, who coached the Houston Comets to four straight WNBA titles; former Spanish coach Pedro Ferrandiz; Sandro Gamba, a former Italian star player and coach; John Isaacs, who played for the first all-black National Basketball League team in 1949; and the late Ben Kerner, who owned the St. Louis Hawks.

This year's Hall of Fame class will be enshrined Sept. 9 in Springfield, Mass.

*Associated Press* writer Donna Tommelleo in Boston contributed to this report. ■

# Panthers reward Fox with five years

Associated Press

**ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)** - The Carolina Panthers have given coach John Fox a five-year contract extension as a reward for taking them deep into the playoffs in two of the last three seasons.

Fox, who had two years left on his current contract, received a deal that runs through 2010 and will pay him close to \$5 million a season.

"We are very pleased to sign John to a five-year contract," team president Mark Richardson said. "He has been a great asset to our team as well as our community in taking us to two NFC championship games and a Super Bowl in the last three seasons. It's a relationship that has worked and we look forward to the future."

Fox had been defensive coordinator for the New York Giants when Carolina hired him to replace George Seifert after the Panthers' humiliating 1-15 season in 2001. He went to work immediately on

improving the team's toughness and changing the makeup from Seifert's West Coast offense to a run-first, defensive-minded philosophy.

"He's been a tremendous fit for us from the day he first came in to interview with us," general manager Marty Hurney said. "He's a tremendous person for us. He's fun to work with and he has a great feel for the game, the players and our current system."

Carolina went 7-9 his first season, and Fox took the Panthers to their first Super Bowl the next year. He brought the Panthers back to the NFC championship last season, where they lost to the Seattle Seahawks.

Many consider Fox's finest season to be 2004, the year after the Super Bowl season. He lost more than a dozen players to season-ending injuries during a 1-7 start. But Fox coaxed a patchwork group of replacements into six wins in their final seven games and a 7-9 finish. ■

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"It's a great event. Except for the national championship, it's the highlight of our season," he said. "They really treat us right and it's something the kids look forward to all year."

"It really helps us when we compete against the major colleges and universities to prepare for the national tournament."

Grant Beck, Paradise Point assistant golf pro and assistant manager, said this year's event was among the best he has ever been associated with.

"In terms of the level of competition, the condition of the golf course and, of course, the beautiful weather we had this weekend, I'd rate it as one of the top three or four tournaments in the 16 years that I've been here."

Players, coaches and sponsors are undoubtedly looking forward to many more chances to hit the links at Paradise Point in coming years. ■



Jamie Cameron

**Golf tournament:** Joe Orsino, a Shenandoah University freshman, eyes a putt on the first green. Orsino was the top-finisher on his team.

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# Webb breaks streak with playoff victory at Nabisco Championship

## Beats Ochoa to end two-year winless drought

Doug Ferguson  
Associated Press

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) - Karrie Webb kept putting in the work on the practice range without ever seeing results on the golf course, desperate to rediscover the joy of winning a major.

She once ruled women's golf, winning the career Grand Slam quicker than anyone, even Tiger Woods.

The only thing that felt uncomfortable was the fame.

"I didn't really, really enjoy winning and what comes with that," she said. "And that's why I was probably trying so hard. I wanted to feel this again, and enjoy it and really appreciate it."

Her seventh major came when she least expected it Sunday in the Kraft Nabisco Championship.

And it was an experience like no other.

Webb emerged an unlikely winner after a whirlwind finish at Mission Hills when she made a 7-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole in a playoff to beat Lorena Ochoa, ending a two-year drought without winning.

It began with one of the most dramatic shots ever struck in a major, when Webb's pitching wedge from 116 yards on the par-5 closing hole to an island green covered the flag, trickled into the cup for eagle and gave her a 7-under 65.

"My heart just about jumped out of my chest," she said.

It pounded even more when she was finished regulation at 9-under 279.

Webb was one shot ahead of 16-year-old Michelle Wie and 23-year-old Natalie Gulbis, with Lorena Ochoa seemingly out of the picture after a back-nine collapse in the rough.

Here's how the final hole unfolded:

- Gulbis laid up short of the green and hit wedge to 18 feet, giving her a good chance at her fourth birdie in the final six holes to force a playoff.

- Ochoa needed eagle, so she went after the flag with a 5-wood. It cleared the water and began rolling toward the cup, the cheers rising until the ball stopped 6

feet away.

- Wie hit her best drive under the most intense pressure she felt all day, leaving her 200 yards away. She smoked a 5-iron that hit the green, but instead of rolling down a ridge toward the hole, went over the green and curled toward the water until settling 25 feet away in the first cut for eagle.

She took wedge, not putter, and had the pin removed. Wie wanted the win.

"Obviously, I was thinking I could make it," Wie said.

Instead, her chip came out hot and rolled 10 feet by the cup, a putt she needed for birdie to force a playoff.

Gulbis' birdie putt never had much of a chance, and she had to settle for a 68.

Back to Wie, who hit what she thought was the perfect putt. It ran slow and true toward the left edge of the cup, but instead of diving into the hole, caught the left lip and spun a way. Wie crouched in disbelief, holding the hands over her head as she came up one shot short of a playoff. She shot 70.

That left it to Ochoa, who had gone from a three-shot lead at the start of a sunny afternoon to a two-shot deficit, another chapter in her growing legacy of being unable to finish the deal.

Not this time. She made the eagle putt for 72 and headed for a playoff.

"I thought, 'I can't believe I have to play a hole after doing that,'" Webb said of her eagle on the 72nd hole. "It took me 15 minutes to calm down."

And it took her only a little longer to earn the privilege of jumping into the pond, a tradition at this tournament.

Webb went over the green with a 3-wood and flopped a nice pitch to 7 feet. After Ochoa ran her chip some 15 feet by the cup and missed, Webb holed her birdie putt on the first extra hole.

How to explain it all?

"Destiny, definitely," she said.

Defending champion Annika Sorenstam never got to first base in her annual pursuit of the Grand Slam. She closed with a 70 to tie for sixth, one shot behind Juli Inkster (68).

Sorenstam and Webb to go head-to-head six years ago, with the 31-year-old Australian winning most of the major battles. Webb retooled her swing with Ian Triggs, and didn't have much to show for it.

She had not won a major since the 2002 Women's British Open at Turnberry. She had not won on the LPGA Tour since the Kellogg-Keebler Classic in 2004, a tournament that no longer exists.

Webb said she only needed to put together a few good rounds, or maybe a few good tournaments, to regain her confidence, the only element lacking in her game.

It was a slow, steady climb back to her Hall of Fame standards. One shot sent her into warp speed.

"I knew I needed a birdie," she said of the 18th hole in regulation.

Her wedge looked good all the way, and her reaction matched the moment.

"Yeeessss!" she screamed, running toward caddie Mike Paterson, leaping into his arms. "Woooo-hooooo!" And then she gave a roundhouse fist pump, tapping her heart to calm herself.

"When you hit a shot at the flag on the last hole, thinking you need a birdie at least, when it goes in the hole there's always an element of luck there," she said. "So I feel pretty fortunate. A lot of work paid off. I'm just really enjoying the moment."

If destiny was involved, Wie caught the wrong end of it.

She had a one-shot lead with five holes to play, and after slipping into a three-way tie, showed a will to win that might have been lacking in recent years. Her wedge came within a foot of going in on the 16th for a tap-in birdie, and she fearlessly went after the green on the 18th.

Then came a poor chip, and perhaps the wrong club, and a putt that refused to fall.

Destiny?

"Karric holing it out, Lorena making eagle on the last hole, me not making birdie... it must not be meant to be," Wie said. "I tried my hardest." ■

## Youth hoopsters claim league title

Jennifer Moore  
Carolina Living editor

The Bucks took the Camp Lejeune Minor league regular season with a perfect record of 6-0, then continued their streak in the playoffs with a championship record of 3-0.

The secret to this very accomplished youth basketball team's success? Teamwork and a lot of hard work at practice, according to Coach Anthony Taylor.

"We ran a fast-paced game and practiced the fast break all season long, and it paid off really well," Taylor said.

"The competition was great and we played a lot of great teams," he said. "I told

my players that if we cut out running we will always stay ahead, and we did. The players gave 100 percent and I'm proud of all of them."

The Bucks beat Raptors 28-20 in thrilling fashion at the regular season championship game to take home the coveted title.

"The Raptors gave us a good run, but that's what we practiced for all season long," Taylor said. "Anthony could say about that is the best team came out with the victory."

The Bucks can sit back now and take pride in an exceptional season and work ethic that made it so

## Indians launch new revamped Web site

Jessie Hayes  
Kinston Indians

KINSTON - The Kinston Indians recently announced the launch of their redesigned more user friendly Web site at [www.kinstonindians.com](http://www.kinstonindians.com).

The Web site contains more content, easier navigational tools, and has the K-Tribe cyber-home looking better than ever.

"We think this design is easier to use and will give our fans some great opportunities to buy merchandise, tickets and get a lot of information about the team," Kinston Indians General Manager Shari Massengill said.

Some of the updates include a new merchandise shopping cart, that allows fans to buy Kinston Indians merchandise online.

Also, fans can use the new message board format to discuss a

number of topics surrounding K-Tribe. Other updates include a new game schedule in an effort to follow calendar format news ticker that shows all latest K-Tribe news.

The redesigned site still allows users to purchase their individual game tickets on-line, listen to radio broadcast of all 140 In games, and keep track of the latest K-Tribe statistics.

The K-Tribe opened season on the road with series against Winston-Salem and return to Kinston for home opener Monday. Tickets on sale at [www.kinstonindians.com](http://www.kinstonindians.com) or call 527-9111 to reserve your seats and picnics.

The weather is turning beautiful and it is a perfect time of year to come out to ball park. See you there.

## 2nd MLG Marines tee off

Cpl. Matthew K. Hacker  
2nd Marine Logistics Group

PARADISE POINT - Thirty-four, four-man teams competed in the 2nd Marine Logistics Group Golf Tournament at Paradise Point Golf Course March 28.

The commanding general of 2nd MLG, Brig. Gen. John E. Wissler, wanted to put together a tournament for a day of relaxation after working so hard in Iraq, according to Rodger S. Frears, a native of Buffalo, N.Y., and a Marine Corps Community Services representative. He said Wissler wanted everyone to get out and have some fun.

"The reason everyone is out here is to have a good time," explained Wissler. "It's a good deal when everyone gets a chance to play on this course."

The day began with a brief from a member of the golf course staff. "Most of you have done your time in the sandbox, and now we're let-

ting you come out here and have a good time in this green grass," said Grant C. Beck, assistant manager and golf professional for the course.

From there, each team drove their carts to their respective starting holes and began playing.

Even though the tournament was just for fun, certain holes had extra incentives for the golfers to play their best. Players would win door prizes for the closest ball to the pin on the second hole and for the longest drive on the 18th.

Aaron A. Hargraves with Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion received the longest drive award with a 290-yard bomb, while Steven J. Kubik won the closest to the pin competition.

Door prizes ranged from items from the golf course gift store to donated golf club bags.

After the tournament concluded, players returned to

the club house to feast on food donated by Smithfield's restaurants. The famous southern pork barbecue sandwiches and coleslaw were just what the competitors needed after a long day of playing golf, according to several participants in the tournament.

First and second place trophies were also awarded. First place went to MLG's G-6 team consisting of Kubik, Ricky A. Osborn, Jason W. Beaupre and Keith A. Fields. David B. Blann, Shaun J. Adams, Tyler G. Black and Anthony M. Miller on Second Supply Battalion's team placed second.

Overall, the Marines and sailors with 2nd MLG who participated in the tournament enjoyed a relaxing day of golf with their colleagues, which had been long-awaited during their deployment in Iraq, according to Ricky Hill, area coordinator and program manager of French Creek MCCS. ■

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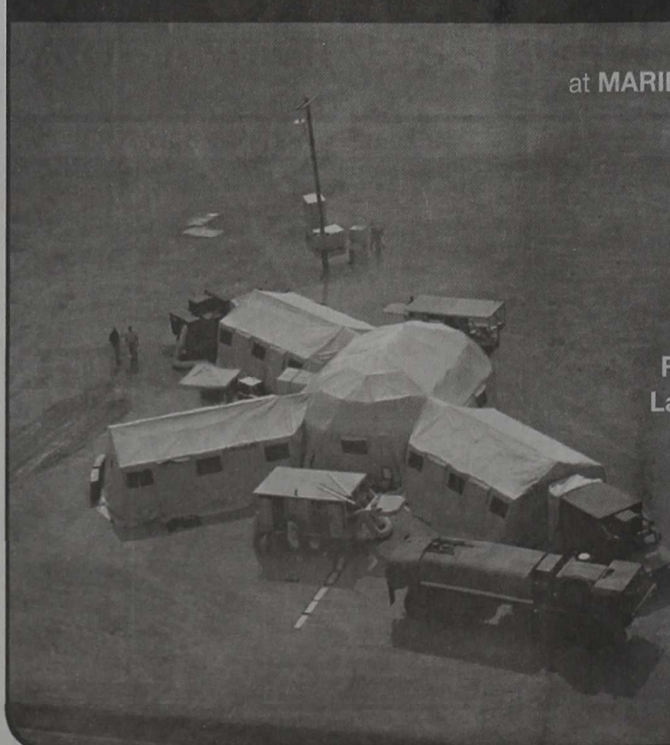
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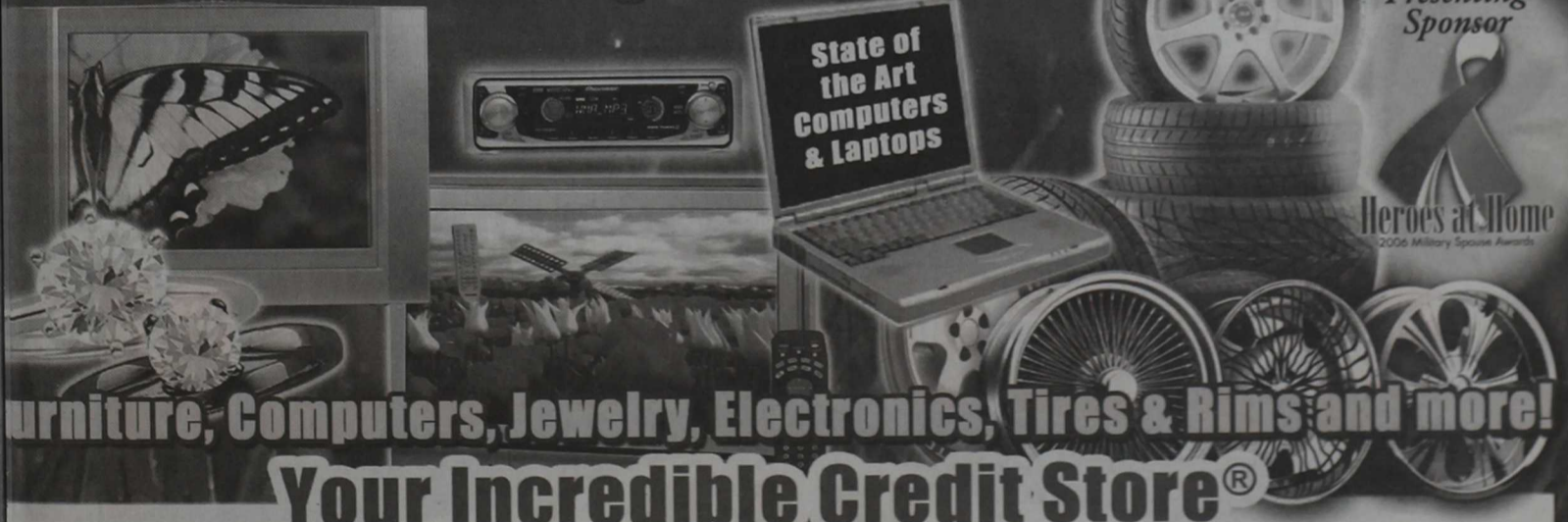
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## Quick

**Motorcycle Safety**  
The Corps Air Station River and Camp are sponsoring a motorcycle Safety Rodeo at the air station April 21. The event will begin at 8 a.m. in the station theater for rider registration and some aboard. Most of the day will be spent on the course and consist of approximately 20 skill and safety stations as directed by the motorcycle Safety Rodeo. The course is organized and each rider will be supervised by SF rider-coach instructors. For more information, call 449-

**Up Lejeune Naval Hospital meeting**  
Capt. Richard C. ... commanding officer of the Camp Lejeune Hospital, is hosting a quarterly military health care town meeting April 27 at 2 in classrooms A and the naval hospital. ... will be able to ask questions and express concerns about health care. ... Call the hospital Affairs Office at 463 for more information.

**Come home MEF concert**  
Your calendars now say 6 scheduled ... Support You - II ... concert on Camp Lejeune. Keep checking GLOBE for talent and other information.

**Wounded Warrior Spouses' Support**  
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## II MEF motorcycle club promotes safe riding, builds camaraderie

Cpl. Rose A. Müth  
II Marine Expeditionary Force

For more than 100 years, motorcycles have been around and have been a fun pastime for riding enthusiasts. With the rising costs in gas prices and Marines coming back from deployments with money to spend, motorcycles are becoming more appealing to riders — even to those with no riding experience at all.

In accordance with the II Marine Expeditionary Force Policy Letter 03-06, the mission is to establish, operate and maintain a motorcycle club program to enhance motorcycle safety throughout the MEF.

"I intend to immediately capitalize on our seasoned and experienced motorcycle riders, in every command, down to the battalion and squadron level," said Lt. Gen. James F. Amos, commanding general, II MEF, in his policy letter. "Command motorcycle clubs will be designed to promote enjoyable, responsible and mature driving behavior, for all II MEF motorcycle riders, in order to drastically reduce the number of motorcycle mishaps."

Some units aboard the base were well ahead of the April 14 deadline, as several motorcycle clubs have already been formed and have been in operation for several months.

"When the message came out, we did a data call around the unit to see who rode motorcycles and

put together a roster. Master Sgt. (Robert D.) Bell and Master Sgt. (Clint E.) Schultz and I designed the program to instill safety and proper riding techniques," said Capt. Robert L. Corl, Logistics Officer, 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion. "It took us a month to get the program up and running, and our first ride was in January. We now do it once a month."

However, before a rider can participate in the club, the required "Basic Rider Course" must be completed. The course is a minimum training requirement for all Marines and sailors owning and operating motorcycles.

"We did the data call for vehicles, we found out who had licenses and took the safety course and who didn't," Corl said. "If not, we enrolled them in the required courses to make sure that they were legally riding their bike on base also."

Hollywood has traditionally characterized motorcycle clubs as causing trouble and being notorious for their run-ins with law enforcement. Far from that image, these new bike clubs plan to work to promote a safe riding environment for the junior Marines, riders new and old and build unit camaraderie.

"I have been riding my bike for a year and I rode dirt bikes before I bought my new motorcycle. I think this helps teach young riders like me more responsibility

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Motorcycle club: Marines from 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion ride down the street during one of the motorcycle club's rides. A new policy has been implemented by II Marine Expeditionary Force to establish, operate and maintain a motorcycle club program.

## Coordinators course teaches Marines to lead PT

Lance Cpl. Drew W. Barker  
Marine Corps Base

Nearly 30 active-duty service members attended the Semper Fit Physical Training Coordinators Course recently.

The week-long course is designed for existing and future PT leaders and addresses the fitness principles related to designing and conducting effective conditioning programs for groups.

"We try and educate people on how to manage group workouts effectively," said Tanya Hewitt, a workshop coordinator with Semper Fit, which is part of the Health and Fitness Division of Marine Corps Community Services. "Hopefully they can take the information they gain here and apply it to their group's workouts."

The trainees gather for five days to take part in in-class lectures and power point presentations as well as sessions of practical application. By the end of the week students are equipped with the knowledge and training needed to design safe and effective PT programs on both unit and individual levels.

"It's an outstanding course," said Sgt. Jered Kraszewski, one of the coordinators in training. "It has been both physically challenging and mentally stimulating."

Highly trained and qualified subject matter experts, including dietitians, athletic trainers and fitness directors, lead each discussion and exercise throughout the course, according to Hewitt.

"The instructors are far more helpful and professional than any other program I've seen in the Marine Corps," said Kraszewski.

Topics covered during the PTCC include human anatomy, injury prevention and treatment, nutrition, circuit training, running and swimming routines, fundamentals of stretching, safe weight training techniques and progress assessment, according to the PTCC handbook. The course also discusses Marine Corps orders that relate to PT.

"We cover all the basics, and then a lot more," said Hewitt. "It's important that our service members get out here and take this course. There is no PT coordinator

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## Wildlife technicians help ensure a healthy forest

Lance Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen  
Marine Corps Base

A small group of people help protect the wildlife, training areas and the base. They do this with one of the first and oldest tools still used today — fire.

The Forestry Section of the Marine Corps Base Environmental Management Branch conducts prescribed burning throughout the training area to cut back on

vegetation, which can cause fire hazards in the summer, according to Wayne Gray, a forestry technician with the branch.

"When we cut down on [dried brush and grass] we increase the safety of troops training in the field by removing fire hazards," said Gray.

Most of the trees that make up the timber in North Carolina need fire occasionally to create and maintain the proper environment for them to

flourish. Pine trees have thick bark that is very fire-resistant, so prescribed fire is an extremely effective tool in pine forest management, according to the North Carolina Forestry Association.

The burns also help the red cocked woodpecker and native species of plants, because they like recently burned areas and cleared spaces, according to Gray.

Different areas of the base are burned by specific schedules, according to Gray. Some areas are burned every three years but others are burned more regularly such as the impact areas, which are more at risk to catching on fire.

The burns also cut down on different unwanted insects such as ticks, chiggers and the southern pine beetle, according to Gray. The southern pine beetle is especially harmful to trees because they eat away the living part of a tree until the bark until it dies.

There are many things that are taken into account when a control fire is lit. Technicians must know different aspects of the weather such as wind direction and speed, humidity and temperature.

"The nice thing about the ranges on the base is they allow us to keep the smoke on the base and not blowing out



Prescribed burning: Kevin Whaley looks at some of his handy work during a prescribed burn recently. Whaley is a wildlife technician with the Environmental Management Branch, Marine Corps Base.

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## Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year receives Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for outstanding service, leadership

Lance Cpl. Wayne Edmiston  
2nd Marine Logistics Group

Marines are often referred to as the few and the proud, but for one non-commissioned officer with Ordnance Maintenance Company, 2nd Maintenance Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, being the proudest of the few made him stand out as the best NCO of 2nd MLG.

Cpl. Charles T. Hinson, the missile/tank repair section head for the company was awarded Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year for both 2nd MLG and his battalion along with the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for his outstand-

ing service and leadership during two combat deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Fort Worth, Texas, native stood out to his staff non-commissioned officers as having a large amount of pride in his workmanship.

"He has a complete work ethic," said Staff Sgt. Dennis A. Humberger, the floor chief for Hinson's platoon. "What makes him stick out so much is the pride in what he does and his Marines under



Hinson

him." His pride and desire to join the Corps first sparked after disaster struck on Sept. 11, 2001, giving up his job as a computer systems administrator at a physical therapy clinic in order to enlist.

"I felt like I had something to give to the Marine Corps," Hinson said. "I definitely thought it was for me."

Hinson is responsible for supervising the repair of Tube-launched Optically-tracked Wire-

guided Missiles and night-vision goggles. His interest in electronics made him a shoe-in for the job field.

He believes it was the continuous influence from his staff NCOs and fellow NCOs that got him to where he is today.

"The Marine Corps is all what you make of it," Hinson said. "Every morning when you wake up you make decisions and those decisions determine how your day turns out."

According to Hinson, his family has always been a pillar of support for him during his career in the Marine Corps.

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# Metha-cilla-what?

## Super Bug still hanging around Lejeune

Staff Sgt. A. C. Mink  
II Marine Expeditionary Force

*Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus* sounds like the name of a deadly bug in some 1960's Sci-Fi thriller. It may not be a 16-foot cockroach from outer space, but it is deadly, and Marines and sailors are at risk if steps aren't taken to prevent its spread, you could be the cause.

Called a "Super Bug" by worldwide media, MRSA — also known as a "staph" infection — is resistant to most antibiotics and causes serious, often fatal, infections.

"Drug-resistant staphylococcus bacteria which once threatened mainly the sick and elderly in hospital and nursing homes have spread beyond institutional walls. They're now striking young, healthy people at a growing rate," said Lt. Cmdr. Gene Garland, Community Health Services, Naval Medical Center Lejeune, prior to his deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism. "The infection is spread by contact with infected skin or simply by sharing gear, towels, clothing, or other personal items."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, MRSA infections have historically developed in hospital patients. Recently, however, rates have increased in otherwise healthy persons, particularly affecting athletes, the physically active and children.

Donnie Neil, Disease Intervention Specialist for the naval hospital, pointed out that military members are at a slightly higher risk for exposure, due to close-quarter living arrangements, as it can be spread by direct and indirect contact.

He stressed that this makes field hygiene paramount, and the importance of frequent disinfection by hand washing to avoid contamination. Liberal use of waterless alcohol-based hand rubs can also help prevent the spread of most types of infections.

"Do not share towels, clothes or gear. Wipe down gym equipment with sanitizer after use. PT in PT Gear, continuing

### These simple steps can prevent the spread of MRSA:

- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and warm water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer routinely.
- Encourage immediate showering following activity.
- Avoid whirlpools or common tubs.
- Avoid sharing towels and razors.
- Properly wash athletic gear and towels after use.
- Maintain clean facilities and equipment.
- Administer or seek proper first aid if you develop sores or lesions. If you have active skin lesions or sores that do not respond to treatment, seek health care assistance immediately and encourage health care personnel to seek bacterial cultures to establish a diagnosis.

to wear a sweaty uniform may increase your risk of skin infection," added Garland. "Seek medical attention promptly for boils or skin infections that worsen or are accompanied by fever."

Quick diagnosis and treatment, as well as closely-monitored recovery are essential, because this type of infection is resistant to normal medication, according to Neil.

Infections are initiated when a breach in the skin — most commonly by injury, burn, surgery, or an insect bite — allows bacteria access to tissues or the bloodstream, according to Neil.

This Super Bug is resistant to normal medications, which is why quick diagnosis and treatment, as well as closely-monitored recovery are essential, according to Neil.

Symptoms of MRSA include joint pain, high fever and a rash that can develop into open sores or boils on the affected skin area. Infected persons may notice what appears to be blood "streaking" under the skin, which can appear within three to five days after infection.

Since 2003, when the naval hospital began actively tracking this disease, they have treated 2,417 cases of MRSA.

"What is encouraging is the decline seen from last year. Last season we saw a monthly average of 71 cases and currently we only see 50 cases per month," said Lt. J.G. Thomas G. Cooper, Environmental Health Officer, NHCL. "This reduction of 21 monthly cases translates into recouping 1,764 lost training days per year."

Education and tracking continue to be an integral part of the success here at Camp Lejeune, according to Cooper.

According to the experts, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

"Basic field hygiene can prevent the spread," said Neil.

For more information, visit Navy Environmental Health Center's Web site: [www.nehc.med.navy.mil/DOWNLOADS/prevmed/MRSA\\_fact\\_sheet\\_final.pdf](http://www.nehc.med.navy.mil/DOWNLOADS/prevmed/MRSA_fact_sheet_final.pdf), CDC's Web site: [www.cdc.gov/nceid/aip/research/mrsa.html](http://www.cdc.gov/nceid/aip/research/mrsa.html), or contact your primary care manager. ■

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into to town," said Gray.

Technicians light the brush and dried grass with drip torches, which drip flammable liquid from a flame. The technicians walk in line lighting brush about 10 feet from each other. The fire grows from that spot and meets other flames till it grows into a larger ring. A backfire is also lit, which creates a boundary for the fire. The backfire burns all the fuel in the area behind the head fire so that it

can't grow past a certain point.

The technicians use a modified blowtorch for the backfire. The torch can shoot flames 50 feet, according to Gray.

The Forestry section sometimes burns 500-1,000 acres of single burn, according to Gray. A single year, the section can burn 20,000 - 25,000 acres per year with only 25-30 different burns.

North Carolina has more than 19 million acres of forested timberlands. About 80 percent of the state's forests and timberlands are owned by individual timber companies. ■



Lance Cpl. Drew W.

Coordinators Course: Sgt. Dustin Hanson, a student in Physical Training coordinators course, demonstrates proper weight lifting techniques for his fellow trainees.

## COURSE

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Military Occupational Specialty, so most don't usually get this training."

Many times in the military, career advancement may depend on an individual's ability to perform physically. It is, in part, the responsibility of unit PT leaders to ensure their fellow service members are adhering to an appropriate workout regimen.

"They have a responsibility to those placed in their charge and we have a responsibility to them," said Hewitt. "We're going to make sure we train them prop-

erly so they can do the same."

Beginning in May, the course will commence a partnership with the Marine Corps Institute and students who are Marine Corps will be given the opportunity to take the MCI's Basic Fitness course test following completion of the classes.

"We're really excited about joining up with MCI," said Hewitt. "This is a great opportunity to prepare for that test and make it easy for Marine to knock that one out."

The course is open to active-duty service members and is offered quarterly. To register for the next available class, contact Hewitt at 451-7002.

# 2nd MLG dental officer overcomes obstacles

Lance Cpl. Wayne  
Edmiston  
2nd Marine Logistics Group

Many reservists volunteer to join the military knowing that at anytime they can be activated. No matter what, they are trained and ready to join the fight at a moment's notice.

For one dentist with 2nd Dental Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, joining the fight meant giving up his private dental practice, but serving a nation he felt indebted to was more important to him.

Lieutenant Cmdr. Chat Pongsugree, born in Bangkok, Thailand, came to America in 1980 in search of a better future.

"This country is the greatest country in the world," Pongsugree said. "In this country, anyone can be anything with enough hard work."

After arriving in the land

of opportunity, Pongsugree seized upon America's wealth of educational opportunities.

During college in 1987, Pongsugree became a United States citizen and two years later earned his Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry.

"I worked as a chemist in the civilian sector at first but I wanted something more," he said. "My sister was in the dental field and always spoke highly of it."

Soon there after Pongsugree attended West Virginia University and became a dentist. With the sense of duty he says his father, a veteran of the Thai Army, instilled in him, Pongsugree opted to serve his new home by joining the U.S. Navy.

Pongsugree first served alongside Marines at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, and has stayed on the "green side" ever since.

"Marines are the first to fight," Pongsugree added.

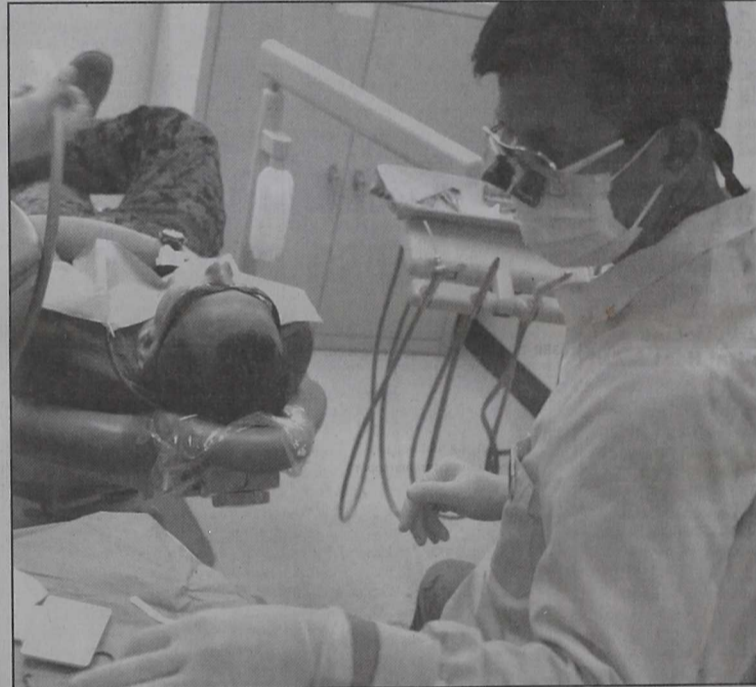
"Marines are able to do things [most] people couldn't even dream of doing."

He later joined a Naval Reserve dental unit out of Bethesda, Md., where he began building his own dental practice from the ground up.

"I had my own civilian practice for about four years in Lansdowne, Va., until being activated this past year," Pongsugree said.

Once activated, Pongsugree sold his practice and said goodbye to his wife, Linda, and two sons, Brandon and Aaron, in order to once again serve the nation he had come to love.

"We Americans don't realize how fast things can change," Pongsugree said. "I had a lot of friends in Thailand who were Vietnam refugees and saw what they went through. Our freedom is something many take for granted, but it is our responsibility to preserve it." ■



Lance Cpl. Wayne Edmiston

Dental Practice: Lieutenant Cmdr. Chat Pongsugree cares for a patient. For Pongsugree, joining the fight meant giving up his private dental practice, but service to a nation he felt indebted to was more important to him. Pongsugree is a dentist with 2nd Dental Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group.

## MOTORCYCLE

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and self control," said Cpl. Anthony Lee, motor transport operator, 2nd CEB. "In a large group there's pressure to go fast or do something that might even get you killed. I think it's a great idea to start implementing the clubs and it helps the unit Marines to get to know each other better and build up esprit de corps."

Along with promoting a safe riding environment, 2nd CEB's motorcycle club incorporates a little bit of history into the trip.

"We try to keep the [period of military education] sites tied with military history, so for the first two rides we went to Civil War sites and learned about different events that happened," Corl said. "The rides have gone well so far, and our ultimate goal is to do an overnight trip and sponsor a ride for charity. We want to get the Marine Corps name out there and help people."

As motorcycle clubs are forming, a II MEF "steering committee" has been put together to

continue the development of bike clubs and to coordinate different types of courses, training opportunities and prepare "tool kits" for commands.

For example, Marine Corps Air Station New River is sponsoring a Motorcycle Rodeo, April 21.

"My desired end-state is that all required II MEF commands will have well led and effective motorcycle club programs, with all riding Marines and sailors fully participating in the same; whereby, all our motorcyclists ride their bikes in the safest possible manner," Amos explained in his policy letter.

The MEF commanding general, who has taken a hard line on safety, mentioned his support of activities like the rodeo and the motorcycle clubs, promoting safe enjoyment while keeping our Marines and sailors safe and "ready to return to the fight."

For more information on motorcycle clubs, contact unit bike club representatives. For more information on May 21's motorcycle rodeo, contact New River's air station safety officer, Maj. Mel Love at 449-5436. ■

Pageland, S.C., native and quality control inspector in Hinson's platoon, believes his drive to be the best, at whatever he does, is what made him stand out.

"He has a lot of self pride and always wants the best for himself and his fellow Marines."

Hinson looks at a career in the Marine Corps as his

future option and wants to continue to influence and lead Marines with his up and coming meritorious promotion to sergeant.

"The camaraderie and experience of leading Marines who respect you is what I love about the Corps," Hinson said. "I love Marines who don't question you because they think so highly of you." ■

## Courts-Martial

Sgt. Dekoras D. Caffie, Headquarters and Support Battalion, School of Infantry, was convicted at a general court-martial of one count of disobeying a lawful order, one count of maltreatment, one count of false official statement, two counts of adultery, two counts of indecent acts and two counts of indecent language. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 18 months and reduction to private.

Lance Cpl. Martin A. McClung, 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, was convicted at a special court-martial of one count of hazing and one count of communicating a threat. He was sentenced to confinement for 60 days, reduction to private first class and a letter of reprimand.

Lance Cpl. Marlon W. McMillan, Marine Aircraft Group 29, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station New River, was convicted at a special court-martial of one count of false official statement and two counts of larceny. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for six months, forfeiture of \$4,800 and reduction to private.

Hospitalman Joseph F. Kaye, 2nd Military Police Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, was convicted at a general court-martial of one count of violating a lawful general order, one count of carnal knowledge, one count of sodomy, two counts of production of child pornography, two counts of transporting child pornography, one count of traveling with intent to commit sex act. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, confinement for 25 years, forfeiture of pay and allowances and reduction to seaman recruit.

Pfc. Raniel F. Mangahas, Headquarters and Support Battalion, School of Infantry, was convicted at a special court-martial of two counts of unauthorized absence. He was sentenced to confinement for 120 days, forfeiture of \$2,547 and reduction to private.

Pfc. Nicholas L. Rabbitt, Marine Corps Engineer School, Training Command, Camp Lejeune, was convicted at a special court-martial of two counts of unauthorized absence. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 60 days and reduction to private.

Pvt. Trace T. Render, Headquarters and Support Battalion, School of Infantry, was convicted at a special court-martial of two counts of unauthorized absence and two counts of wrongful use of marijuana. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 150 days and forfeiture of \$5,094.

Pvt. Randall J. Sederdahl, Headquarters and Support Battalion, School of Infantry, was convicted at a special court-martial of one count of unauthorized absence, one count of wrongful use of marijuana, one count of wrongful use of amphetamine and one count of wrongful use of cocaine. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for six months and forfeiture of \$4,800.

Pvt. Michael T. Aliff, Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, was convicted at a special court-martial of one count of unauthorized absence and one count of disrespect towards a staff noncommissioned officer. He was sentenced to confinement for 45 days and forfeitures of \$1,698.

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<p><b>2005 Chevrolet Cavalier LS Sport</b> Anti-Lock Brakes, AC, FWD, Power Brakes, Power Steering, Power Windows, Tilt Steering Wheel <b>\$13,250</b></p>	<p><b>2005 Chrysler Sebring GTC</b> AC, AT, FWD, Power Brakes, Power Steering, Power Windows, Tilt Steering Wheel <b>\$16,729</b></p>	<p><b>2005 Chrysler Town &amp; Country LX</b> AC, AT, Power Brakes, Power Steering, Power Windows, Tilt Steering Wheel <b>\$18,729</b></p>	<p><b>2005 Dodge Caravan SE</b> AC, Power Brakes, Power Steering, Power Windows, <b>\$14,868</b></p>	<p><b>2005 Dodge Grand Caravan SE</b> AC, AT, Power Brakes, Power Steering, Power Windows, Tilt Steering Wheel <b>\$15,729</b></p>	<p><b>2005 Dodge Grand Caravan SE</b> AC, AT, Power Brakes, Power Steering, Power Windows, Tilt Steering Wheel <b>\$15,768</b></p>	<p><b>2005 Chrysler Sebring</b> AC, AT, FWD, Power Brakes, Power Steering, Power Windows, Tilt Steering Wheel <b>\$11,950</b></p>	<p><b>2005 Chrysler Sebring</b> AC, AT, FWD, Power Brakes, Power Steering, Power Windows, Tilt Steering Wheel <b>\$14,962</b></p>	<p><b>2005 Chrysler Sebring Touring</b> AC, AT, FWD, Power Brakes, Power Steering, Power Windows, Tilt Steering Wheel <b>\$16,329</b></p>	<p><b>2005 Chrysler Sebring Touring</b> AC, AT, FWD, Power Brakes, Power Steering, Power Windows, Tilt Steering Wheel <b>\$16,935</b></p>	<p><b>2005 Chrysler Town &amp; Country LX</b> AC, AT, Power Brakes, Power Steering, Power Windows, Tilt Steering Wheel <b>\$17,349</b></p>	<p><b>2005 Dodge Grand Caravan SE</b> AC, AT, Power Brakes, Power Steering, Power Windows, Tilt Steering Wheel <b>\$17,139</b></p>	<p><b>2002 GMC Sonoma SLS</b> AC, Security Features, AT, Power Brakes, Power Steering <b>\$8,689</b></p>	<p><b>2004 Dodge Caravan Grand</b> AC, AT, Power Brakes, Power Steering, Power Windows, Tilt Steering Wheel <b>\$14,365</b></p>
<p><b>2005 Chrysler PT Cruiser Touring</b> 5 Spd, Transmission, AC, AM/FM Radio, Alloy Wheels, CD Player, Cruise Control <b>\$17,239</b></p>	<p><b>2005 Chrysler Sebring Limited</b> AC, AT, FWD, Power Brakes, Power Steering, Power Windows, Tilt Steering Wheel <b>\$16,455</b></p>	<p><b>2005 Dodge Caravan SE</b> AC, Power Brakes, Power Steering, Power Windows, <b>\$14,868</b></p>	<p><b>2005 Dodge Caravan SE</b> AC, Power Brakes, Power Steering, Power Windows, <b>\$14,868</b></p>	<p><b>2005 Dodge Grand Caravan SE</b> AC, AT, Power Brakes, Power Steering, Power Windows, Tilt Steering Wheel <b>\$15,729</b></p>	<p><b>2005 Dodge Grand Caravan SE</b> AC, AT, Power Brakes, Power Steering, Power Windows, Tilt Steering Wheel <b>\$15,768</b></p>	<p><b>2005 Chrysler Sebring</b> AC, AT, FWD, Power Brakes, Power Steering, Power Windows, Tilt Steering Wheel <b>\$11,950</b></p>	<p><b>2005 Chrysler Sebring</b> AC, AT, FWD, Power Brakes, Power Steering, Power Windows, Tilt Steering Wheel <b>\$14,962</b></p>	<p><b>2005 Chrysler Sebring Touring</b> AC, AT, FWD, Power Brakes, Power Steering, Power Windows, Tilt Steering Wheel <b>\$16,329</b></p>	<p><b>2005 Chrysler Sebring Touring</b> AC, AT, FWD, Power Brakes, Power Steering, Power Windows, Tilt Steering Wheel <b>\$16,935</b></p>	<p><b>2005 Chrysler Town &amp; Country LX</b> AC, AT, Power Brakes, Power Steering, Power Windows, Tilt Steering Wheel <b>\$17,349</b></p>	<p><b>2005 Dodge Grand Caravan SE</b> AC, AT, Power Brakes, Power Steering, Power Windows, Tilt Steering Wheel <b>\$17,139</b></p>	<p><b>2002 GMC Sonoma SLS</b> AC, Security Features, AT, Power Brakes, Power Steering <b>\$8,689</b></p>	<p><b>2004 Dodge Caravan Grand</b> AC, AT, Power Brakes, Power Steering, Power Windows, Tilt Steering Wheel <b>\$14,365</b></p>
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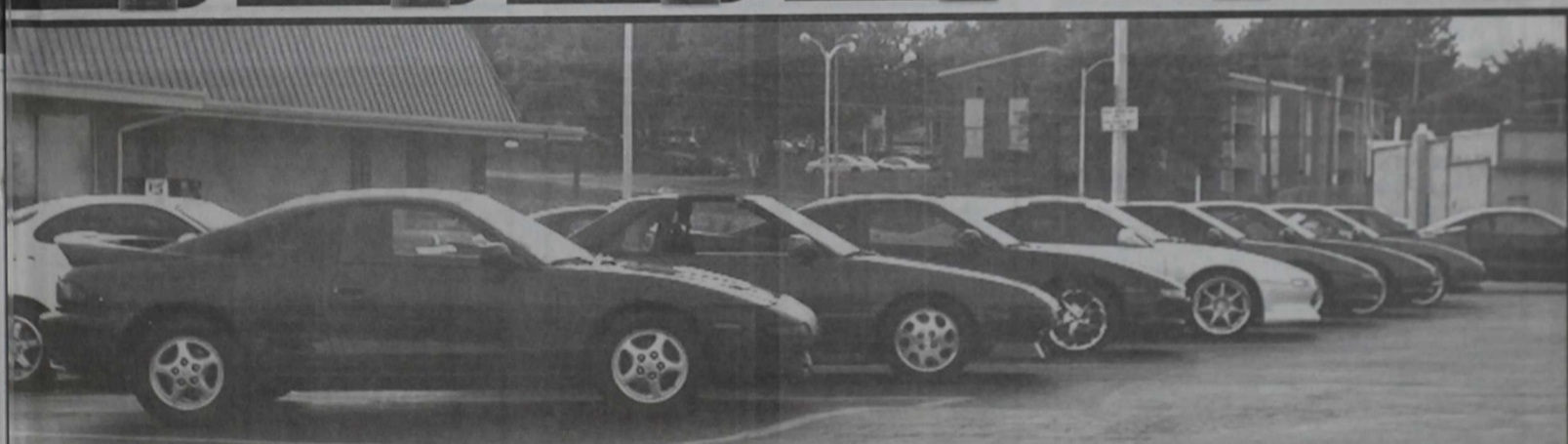
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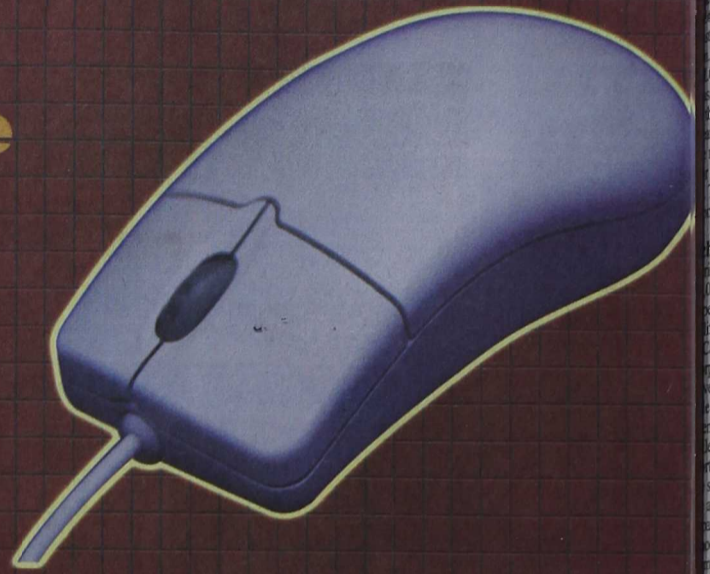
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## Lejeune happenings

**Rise service**  
Marine Corps Base Estant Chapel will host a sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. on April 16 at the 2nd Amphitheater, the area behind Bldg. 2. In case of inclement weather, the service will be in main protestant chapel. For more information, call Horton at 449-0361 or Bradshaw at 451-8905.

**Scholarship offered**  
The school offers an annual \$1,000 scholarship to students of active-duty military personnel stationed at Camp Lejeune or Marine Air Station New River. The scholarships are available for students who have been accepted to four-year colleges or universities in North Carolina. Details and scholarship application available in the guidance department of area high schools, at Coastal Carolina Community College and at Personal Readiness and Community Support branch Marine Corps Community Centers. Application deadline is April 14. For information, call 451-3212 or e-mail se.kenan@usmc.mil.

**Marines boot camp**  
The 2006 Marine Corps Boot Camp will be April 19 at 7 p.m. at the Area 4 Gym. For more information, call Stenberg at 577-1777.

**Modeling class**  
Marine Corps Community Services Vogue Modeling Class is now open. Classes are open to adults and children 5 and older. Registration is April 22 and classes begin May 6. Register by calling the Terrace Community Center at 450-1687.

**Walk to Remember**  
The 3rd annual Walk to Remember is Saturday at 9 a.m. at Sonville Commons Elementary School. Registration begins at 9 a.m. The event aims to "stomp out" child abuse and animal cruelty. Pets can participate in the event. Proceeds benefit the victims of First Responders. For more information, call 455-6057 or visit angelsvoices.com.

**Lifeline Canines**  
Lifeline Canines, a service organization, will host a volunteer orientation on April 13 at 5:15 p.m. in the Wansboro Library meeting room. Lifeline Canines uses dogs that help people with mobility impairment. Many of the dogs are placed in the hands of people confined to a wheelchair. Call 326-1926 for more information.

**Breakfast of the Child**  
Onslow County Partnership for Children, the RFS Family Development Center and the Community Child Protection Center will host the 5th annual Breakfast of the Child. This year's theme is "We Grow Brighter Together." The breakfast is from 8 to 9 a.m. A donation is requested. Call 938-7537 for more information or to RSVP.

**Scarlet & Gold Riding show series**  
The Scarlet & Gold Riding Club will host a gaming series the last Saturday of each month through October. The events begin at 7 p.m. Activities include band payback classes. The gaming shows will be at the Lejeune stables. Gate passes are available for trailers. Call two weeks in advance to reserve a pre-arranged trailer. The event is free to all. For more information, call 265-3961 or visit scarletandgoldriding.com.



Ashley Mundy as Puck

Ye Olde Lejeune High School Thespian Society presenteth...

## A Midsummer Night's Dream

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

For many, the name Shakespeare conjures memories of trudging through *MacBeth* or *Romeo and Juliet* in high school English class, wondering why the Bard had to use so many thees, thines and thous.

*A Midsummer Night's Dream* has its share of thees and thous, but this is no heavy tragedy. The light comedy has many of the same ingredients as a Farrelly Brothers movie — slapstick, mischief, innuendo and, of course, a man dressed as a woman.

The Lejeune High School Thespian Society will present William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* April 19, 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the school's auditorium. This is the first time the troupe has taken on a work by Shakespeare, and the performers say the audience — the Bard-phobic included — is in for a treat.

Watching Shakespeare "is a heck of a lot different than reading it," said Cody Jackson, a senior who plays Egeus. "It's not hard to understand."

"We are trying to get across that Shakespeare is fun," said Daniel Shanks, a senior who plays Lysander.

Shanks wasn't gung-ho from the beginning. When the students first heard they would be performing *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Shanks said the girls were excited, but the boys were not quite as thrilled.

That attitude changed once they began to delve into the play.

"I know Shakespeare scares off some people, but this is really funny," said Elaine Bixiones, Lejeune High School's drama teacher and the play's director.

One of the oft-noted funny scenes includes sophomore Karl Tesch, as Flute, dressed in a lacy dress, while another actor dons a lion costume and

yet another briefly wears a donkey head.

"My comedy is mostly physical comedy," Tesch said. "The purpose [of Flute and the other workmen] is to be funny."

"Even if you don't understand what they're saying, it is still funny," Shanks said.

Puck, played by sophomore Ashley Mundy, also lends some humor to the show.

"He's a lot of fun," she said of her character. "He's crazy."

One of the biggest challenges the students faced was not making sense of the play, but memorizing the lines. Bixiones auditioned the students early, to give them more time to work on lines, and a few things in the script were reworded.

Still, Mundy said it is a little scary to think about what will happen if someone forgets a word or phrase, because it is not as easy to recover as in

modern-day plays.

"You can't really improv Shakespeare," Shanks said.

The play provided an additional challenge to the thespians — creating an elaborate set and period costumes.

The multi-level tree — climbed upon by Mundy and Oberon, played by Greg Day — will have hanging branches and netting, as well as leaves, vines and flowers decorated by Brewster Middle School art students.

In all, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* will be "a good night of theater," Bixiones said.

"It's going to be good," she said. "You'll laugh with the play."

Plus, it is a great opportunity to see Shakespeare performed live, according to senior Amanda Rodriguez, who plays a fairy.

"Everybody has heard of him, you've seen his head," but "seeing it in motion" is an entirely different experience, she said. ■



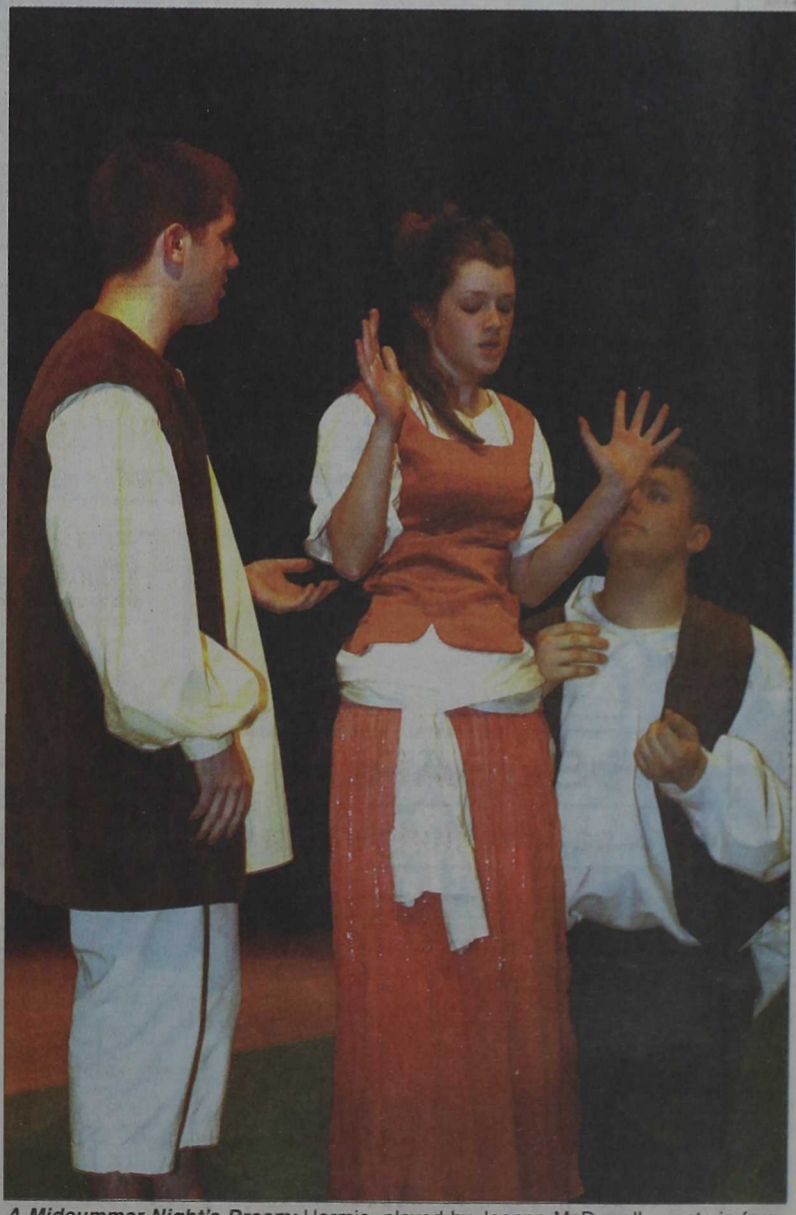
*A Midsummer Night's Dream*: Flute, played by Karl Tesch, does his best imitation of a woman during the play within the play.



*A Midsummer Night's Dream*: Hermia, played by Mandy Heller, talks to her suddenly uninterested love, Lysander, played by Daniel Shanks.



*A Midsummer Night's Dream*: Hippolyta, played by Katherine Marshall, casts a loving gaze on Theseus, played by Will Aiken.



*A Midsummer Night's Dream*: Hermia, played by Joanne McDowell, reacts in frustration to the antics of Lysander, left, played by Daniel Shanks, and Demetrius, right, played by Chris Herndon.

### Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

**When:** April 20, 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Lejeune High School auditorium

**How much:** \$5 for adults, \$3 for students



Entertainment

# Mermaid makes a splash in *Aquamarine*, Denzel thrills in unpredictable *Inside Man*

Reinhild Moldenhauer  
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From the front row

**AQUAMARINE (PG)**  
*Aquamarine* is a fish-out-of-water comedy and teen fantasy movie.

Two teenage girls discover a mermaid in the pool of their neighborhood beach club. When the mermaid develops a crush on a boy who works at the club, she enlists the girls' help to win his heart.

This is the story of Claire, played by Emma Roberts (*Blow, Grand Champion*) and Hailey, played by pop singer Joanna "JoJo" Levesque. They are two 13-year-old girls and best friends who embark on the adventure of their lives, when they discover a mermaid in the beach club's swimming pool.



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Sara Paxton (*Sleepover, Liar Liar*) is *Aquamarine*, the mermaid who becomes friends with Hailey and Claire. *Aquamarine* has washed ashore after a big storm hits the small Florida town. She takes refuge in the swimming pool at the local beach club.

*Aquamarine* has set her sights on the club's hunky lifeguard, Raymond Calder, played by Jake McDorman (*Echoes of Innocence*) and she asks the girls to help her reel Raymond in by promising to grant them a wish of their choice.

Now Claire and Hailey are

trying to prep *Aquamarine* in the finer points of attracting a man. The girls only have a little time in which to accomplish this deed.

They hope that as long as the mermaid can keep her land legs and avoid sprouting her long tail, everyone will see their wishes come true.

They also learn some important lessons about the power of friendship, the true magic of love, and the importance of standing on your own two feet.

Arielle Kebbel (*TV's Gilmore Girls, Be Cool*) appears as Cecilia, another lifeguard and one conniving queen bee, who wants Raymond for herself.

Elizabeth Allen (*Eyeball Eddie*) directed this quirky fairy tale, based on a book by Alice Hoffman (*Practical*

*Magic*). If you enjoyed *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*, this movie will appeal to you.

Now playing at Camp Lejeune.

**INSIDE MAN (R)**

*Inside Man* is a smart, adult crime drama about an unorthodox bank heist.

The story centers on a tough cop who matches wits with a clever bank robber as a dangerous cat-and-mouse game unfolds.

Denzel Washington (*Man on Fire, The Manchurian*

*Candidate, Out of Time, John Q*) stars as New York City Police Department detective Keith Frazier who is negotiating with an out-of-the-ordinary bank robber who takes hostages.

Clive Owen (*Derailed, Closer, Sin City, King Arthur*) plays the villain, the arrogant master criminal and ringleader Dalton Russell. Holed up in a Wall Street bank with his crew of accomplices, he holds the bank's employees and customers hostage.

Jodie Foster (*Flightplan, Anna and the King, Panic Room*) costars as Madeline White, a mysterious power broker with a hidden agenda, who unexpectedly emerges to inject even more instability into an already volatile situation.

Christopher Plummer (*The New World, Syriana*) plays Arthur Case, the chairman of the bank, who uses Madeline as negotiator with the NYPD for his own devious purpose.

Also part of this superb acting ensemble are Willem Dafoe (*Spider-Man 2, Control*) as Captain John Darius, chief of the Emergency Services Unit; and Chiwetel Ejiofor (*Four Brothers, Serenity*) as Bill Mitchell, Frazier's partner.

Director Spike Lee (*Malcolm X, Bamboozled, Jungle Fever, 25th Hour*) assembled a powerful cast in this cat-and-mouse game and achieves a tremendous nail-biter movie.

He fuses racial and social issues with unsettling humor in a nice balance and brings us a smart, skillful caper with



*Aquamarine*: Sara Paxton stars as a magical mermaid in this teen comedy.

strong performances.

The script by first-timer Russell Gewirtz keeps us fascinated and interested with constant sizzling and crackling surprises.

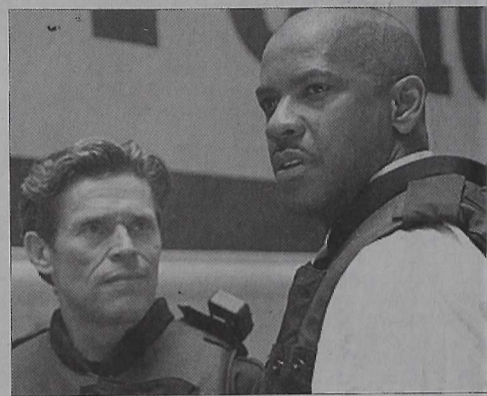
The talented Lee orchestrates the action with classic movie making.

*Inside Man* is an unpredictable, tense and very clever and complicated thriller in line with the old classic *Dog Day Afternoon*.

Note: Lee and Washington teamed up previously in *Mo' Better Blues*, *Malcolm X*, and *He Got Game*.

Now playing in Jacksonville.

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



*Inside Man*: Willem Dafoe, left, and Denzel Washington star in this smart thriller about an unorthodox bank heist.

## Paula Abdul renews *American Idol* contract

### Gentlest judge signs three-year extension

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Paula Abdul, who shares judging duties on Fox's hit talent show *American Idol*, has signed a deal to remain for another three years, the network announced March 29.

She and judge Simon Cowell are

known for their bickering on the program, which is drawing bigger audiences than ever in its fifth edition.

While Cowell often slams contestants, Abdul takes a gentler approach in her comments.

The contestants "truly inspire and amaze me each week," Abdul said in a statement. "Of course, I also look forward to putting Simon in his place for years to come."

Cowell and Fox reached a deal in November that will keep the British

record executive and TV producer on the show for at least five more seasons.

Abdul is a singer and a movie and stage choreographer who worked with Janet Jackson, George Michael and Prince.

*American Idol* is paring the contestants down to the winner, who will be announced on the May 24 finale.

March 29, 16-year-old Lisa Stansbury was voted off the show. The field was reduced again Wednesday with the latest round of voting. ■

## Movie gossip, rumors & more

### Williams, Moore say 'I Do'

Robin Williams is marrying Mandy Moore in the upcoming romantic comedy *License to Wed*. No ... he's not getting married to her; that would be just gross. He's playing the minister who will only agree to hitch Moore and her fiancé if they pass a two-week premarital instruction course. *The Office* star John Krasinski is in talks to play the would-be groom, who fails the marriage class and has to win back his peeved girlfriend.

### Superman returns ... in 3D!

The Man of Steel won't be the only guy wearing red and blue when *Superman Returns* debuts June 30. Fanboys for whom a regular screen isn't big enough also will be able to watch Brandon Routh leap tall buildings and fly, well, right above their heads, in six-stories-tall IMAX — and 3D. Or at least 20 minutes of it. The "super" version of Superman will be loaded with visual cues to guide audiences when to don those cumbersome special glasses. "The test scenes that have been converted into IMAX 3D look, sound and feel absolutely amazing," said director Bryan Singer. "The magic of IMAX 3D will envelop audi-

ences in this story, enabling them to feel the emotion, drama and suspense in a completely new and unique way." Okay, the new versions of those 3D glasses are gray, not red and blue, but you get the idea.

### Banderas tomcats solo

Not only is *Shrek 3* in the works, but star Antonio Banderas says there will also be a *Shrek 4* and a spinoff movie featuring his smooth-talking Puss in Boots character, titled *Puss in Boots: The Story of an Ogre Killer*. The movies would follow *Shrek 3*, currently scheduled for a May 2007 release. Banderas also plays a double role in *Shrek 4*. "I'm going to play Puss and his badass brother, so I will have to invent another voice for him," Banderas said.

### Mariah to join *Ocean's 13*?

Apparently, no one involved with *Ocean's 13* has seen *Glitter*. *Moviehole.net* reports that Mariah Carey's name is being banded about in connection with the upcoming sequel. With Julia Roberts and Catherine Zeta-Jones MIA for the third movie, and Ellen Barkin set to play Matt Damon's love interest, the buzz is that Carey

might be signed up as a love match for Brad Pitt or recent Oscar winner George Clooney. Meanwhile, in less-freaky casting-rumor news, *Moviehole.net* also reports that *A-Team* director Chris Columbus will sign *Rent* star Taye Diggs for the B. Baracus role originated by Mr. T.

### LaBeouf *Transformer-ed*?

Shia LaBeouf's got a little robot jones going. The former teen TV star (*Even Stevens*), who was the best part of the otherwise forgettable *Project Greenlight 2* and who co-starred opposite Will Smith in *I, Robot*, is allegedly the front-runner to star in director Michael Bay's live-action remake of *The Transformers*. The IGN Film Force crew says it's confirmed that the 17-year-old LaBeouf is in talks to portray Sam, a heroic, "somewhat nerdy" teen who leads the human response with the *Transformers*, alien robots that can take the shapes of various vehicles, pop up on Earth. The long-anticipated film is being executive-produced by Steven Spielberg for a July 4, 2007, release.

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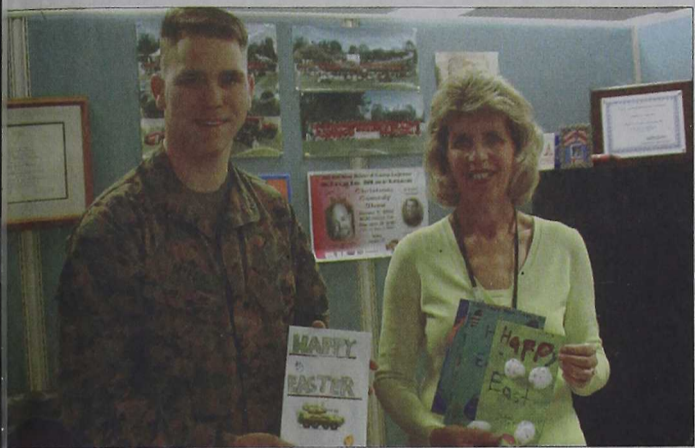


### Send a little sunshine



**Marine Corps Air Station New River:** The New River Single Marine Program and Onslow County teamed up to "send a little sunshine" to Marines serving overseas. Children from throughout the county made Easter cards (left) to send to units in Iraq. Below: Lance Cpl. Jonathan Myers, president of the New River SMP, and Carol Trott, assistant recreation supervisor for the Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department, display cards created by Onslow County children. Though the SMP sends out toiletries and other items for deployed Marines, Myers said handmade cards and letters are much more meaningful. "It really brightens the day out there," he said. This is the second time this year the SMP and Onslow County have teamed up for such an effort — they also sent hundreds of cards for Valentine's Day.

Photos by Jennifer Moore



## Here comes Peter Cotton Tail, hopping aboard Camp Lejeune

Cpl. Kristina Ross  
Marine Corps Community Services

The famous Easter Bunny, Peter Cotton Tail, will make a special appearance at the Stone Street Youth Pavilion Saturday from noon until 3 p.m.

Parents will receive a framed photo of their child with Peter Cotton Tail. Photos will take place inside the Stone Street Youth Pavilion from noon until 2 p.m.

"D.J. Finesse will keep us hopping while the children participate in a variety of outdoor activities, to include the wacky shack, inline skating, the bunny hop, crafts, games, hotdogs, potato chips, drinks and much more", said Nancy Grabowski, manager of Tarawa Terrace Youth Pavilion.

Following pictures, the base library will present "Story Time with Peter Cotton Tail." Story time will be broken down into age groups: 2 to 4 years old, 5 to 8 years old and 9 to 12 years old.

"The Peter Cotton Tail visit grand finale will be a scavenger hunt for each age group and be based on the stories presented by the base library. Groups must remain together. One grand prize per group will be awarded," said Cedric McDonald, Child Development Program assistant.

Admission is one canned good. The food collected will be distributed to communities by the Armed Services YMCA, according to Barbara Lewter, manager of Stone Street Youth Pavilion.

Canned goods will be collected at the front door of the youth pavilion.

Children ranging from toddlers to 12 years old are encouraged to join in the fun.

For more information regarding this event call the Stone Street Youth Pavilion at 450-8674, or the Tarawa Terrace Youth Pavilion at 451-1422.

In the case of inclement weather, the event will be held inside Stone Street Youth Pavilion. ■



### Paws for applause

Paws for Applause, a pet walk to benefit the Onslow County Animal Shelter, is April 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Riverwalk Park in downtown Jacksonville.

The walk is \$15 for up to two pets, which includes a T-shirt, certificate of completion and a ribbon.

The event also includes a pet contest with medals for the winners, plus

dog demonstrations, a raffle and fun for the whole family.

County middle school students can help raise awareness for the event by participating in the responsible pet ownership poster contest. Entry deadline is April 14. The entries will be displayed at the walk, and winning posters will be permanently displayed at the animal shelter. ■

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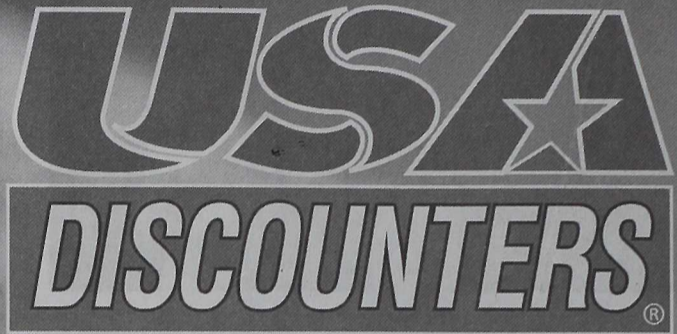


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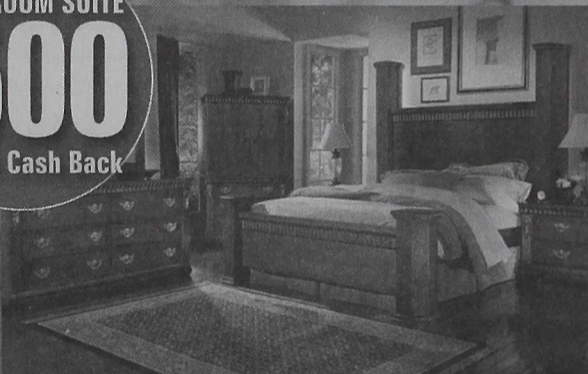
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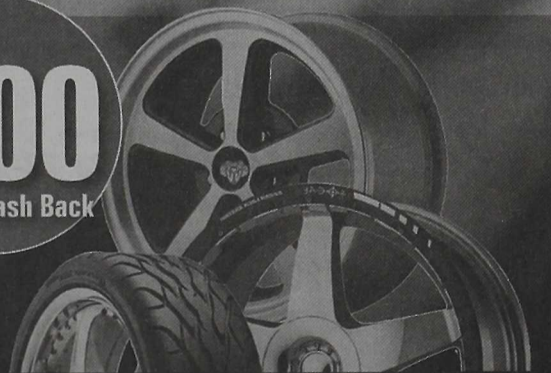
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# Liberty Bike roars aboard Camp Lejeune

Press Release  
DHS Systems

Leading shelter system company DHS Systems will display the famous Liberty Bike at the DRASH booth during the Marine South Expo. The bike, which is entirely clad with copper preserved in the Statue of Liberty National Monument, will be available for photos today from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visitors to the booth in the exhibit will get the chance to ride with Liberty Bike original Richard Stocks and get photos taken on the bike. The Liberty Bike was commissioned by Stocks, founder of Leaf Corporation, to be designed by Orange County Choppers "as a work of art that would spread the message of freedom and liberty throughout the United States and the world." The bike took six weeks to complete and is covered in copper preserved from Lady Liberty's renovation. The bike's hand shift lever, on the left side of the motor, is constructed from a section of cable that previously carried the electricity to the statue's torch. The bike is 10 feet long,

weighs just less than 1,000 pounds and features a right-side drive and a DaVinci carburetor fashioned in the shape of Liberty's torch that lights up when the engine is started. Engravings on the engine include phrases such as "Let Freedom Ring," "Land of the Free" and "Home of the Brave."

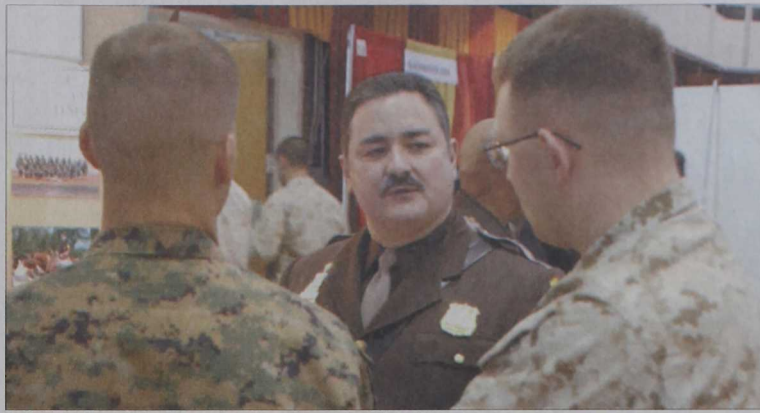
The famous bike made its national television debut in 2004 on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* and has since traveled the country, on tour with country music artist Tim McGraw and to schools throughout the United States.

"It is a great project with a great message," Stocks said.

DHS Systems is the maker of the Deployable Rapid Assembly Shelter, or DRASH, which has been used extensively by the military as tactical operations centers, medical facilities, aircraft maintenance facilities and forward operating bases.

There are more than 8,800 shelters and 1,200 powered trailers in service around the globe, including in combat areas such as Iraq and Afghanistan. For more information about the Liberty Bike or DHS Systems, e-mail Naeran Rubio at [nrubio@drash.com](mailto:nrubio@drash.com).

## Job Fair



Camp Lejeune: Sgt. Ruben Martinez of the New Castle County Police Department, explains the opportunities available in the police force to these two interested Marines during the 2006 Camp Lejeune Job Fair at Geotge Memorial Field House March 30. Thousands of Marines, sailors, retirees, family members, DoD civilian employees and students from Coastal Carolina Community College attended the fair, which featured representatives from more than 100 employers, including members of the local, regional and international work force.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Drew W. Barker

## Weight Wise: Tipping the scale in your favor

Jim Askins, MA, CHPD  
Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune

Have you decided to start eating healthier and become more physically active? Have you realized that healthy choices have a positive impact on you and those around you? Then the Weight Wise program may be right for you!

The Weight Wise program is designed to provide participants with basic nutrition, behavior modification and exercise techniques to become healthier. It consists of four one-hour weekly sessions, each conducted by a program facilitator or a subject matter expert.

If your goal is to lose weight or maintain your current healthy weight, here are some tips from the Weight Wise program to help you achieve that goal.

Remember, to maintain weight, you must balance calories with the energy you burn through physical activity. If you eat more than you expend, you gain weight. If you eat less than you expend, you lose weight!

Make healthy choices a habit to create a healthy lifestyle. Make a commitment to eat well, move more and get support from family and friends. Even better, start eating healthier and being active together.

Be realistic about your goals. If you try to reduce the calories, fat, saturated fat, and sugar in your diet and promise to make a drastic change in your physical activity level, you may be setting yourself up for failure. Instead of trying to make many changes at once, set smaller, more realistic goals for yourself and add a new challenge each week.

Conduct an inventory of your meal, snack

and physical activity patterns. Keep a food and activity journal. Write down not only what you ate, but where, when and what you were feeling at the time. This will help you see what triggers your hunger and what satisfies your appetite.

Eat at least five servings of vegetables and fruits per day. Check out the Centers for Disease Control "5 A Day" Web site at [www.5aday.gov](http://www.5aday.gov) for great information on the 5 A Day nutrition program, suggestions on how to incorporate more fruits and vegetables into your diet and healthy recipes.

Eat foods that are high in fiber to help you feel full. Whole grain cereals; legumes such as lentils and beans; vegetables and fruits are good sources of fiber.

Prepare and eat meals and snacks at home. This is a great way to save money, eat healthy and spend more time with your family. When preparing meals, choose low-fat or low-calorie versions of your favorite ingredients and learn how easy it is to substitute.

For example: switch to 1 percent or nonfat milk and low-fat cheeses.

Use a cooking spray instead of oil or butter to decrease the amount of fat when you cook.

Prepare baked potatoes with low-fat blue cheese dressing or low-fat plain yogurt instead of butter or sour cream.

Start by using a scale and measuring cup to serve your food. Read food labels to determine serving sizes. One bowl of cereal may actually be two 3/4-cup servings.

A small frozen pizza may contain up to three servings. This could add up to more calories than you think you're getting. Being aware of serving sizes makes it easier to avoid

those extra calories.

Choose snacks that are nutritious and filling. Fresh fruit, cut raw vegetables or containers of low-fat yogurt are excellent [and portable] choices to tide you over until meal-times. Take these snacks with you for a healthy alternative to chips, cookies or candy.

Take your time! Eat only when you are hungry and enjoy the taste, texture and smell of your meal as you eat it. Remember, it takes approximately 15 minutes for your stomach to signal your brain that you are full.

If you choose to eat out, remember to watch your portions. Portion sizes at restaurants are usually more than one serving, which can result in overeating. Choose smaller portion sizes, order an appetizer and a leafy green salad with low-fat dressing, share an entree with a friend or get a "doggy bag" and save half for another meal.

Forgive yourself. If you occasionally make mistakes, don't give up! Eat an extra-healthy lunch and dinner if you had a high-calorie, high-fat breakfast. Add more physical activity to your day.

Check with your physician first, then start with a few minutes of activity a day and gradually increase, working your way up to 30 minutes. If you already get 30 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity a day, you can gain even more health benefits by increasing the amount of time that you are physically active or by taking part in more vigorous-intensity activities.

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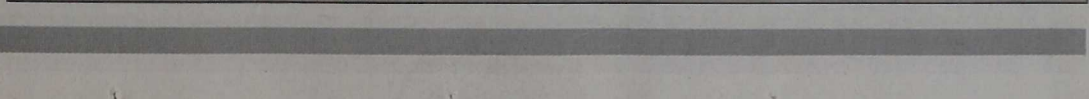
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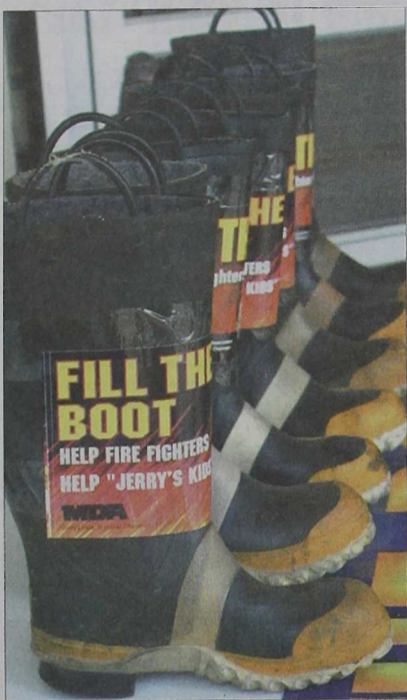
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## Fill the boot



**Jacksonville:** The Jacksonville Professional Firefighters' Association worked Friday, Saturday and Sunday to fill their boots with donations to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The Jacksonville group hoped to raise at least \$5,000 to support area families impacted by the disease. Above: Shelton Kinsey, a platoon training officer for the City of Jacksonville Fire Department, collects money in the Sam's Club parking lot. Below: A Sam's Club patron helps 6-year-old Olivia Barone fill her boot with donations for MDA. Barone is the daughter of firefighter Michael Barone, who also worked to collect donations.

Photos by Jennifer Moore



## Spring ahead, fall back on organization

**Lauren Kitz**  
Organizational Flair

Ahhh! Spring is here! Can you smell it in the air? Spring is a time for new growth. Do you have any room to grow? Or are you surrounded by too much clutter?

Do you try to "spring ahead" with spring cleaning and organization but inevitably "fall back" into the same rut? Let's face it: life is stressful, and being disorganized leads to more stress, whether it's about finding your keys, missing or being late for appointments, tripping over laundry on your way to bed or not being able to clean because there is too much clutter.

We can all use some help, so here are some simple tips to help you get started on your spring cleaning and organization:

Everyone loves to do laundry, right? Well, maybe not. But here are a few tips to make your life easier: Don't try to do 20 loads of laundry at once, or even four.

Wouldn't it be better to complete one or two loads of laundry — including washing, drying, folding and putting away — than having four or five laundry baskets of clean clothes staring at you, dusty and forgotten?

Try to avoid having your clothes sit in a crumpled state. This creates more work, as they are harder to fold and require more ironing.

Don't start to wash another load of laundry until one is done, or set a limit of two loads of laundry at a time. Whatever guidelines work for you, just set some.

Sometimes preparing to wash the laundry can take longer than actually doing it. Sorting a couple of items at a time is a lot less time consuming than doing it all at once, especially for multiple loads of laundry.

Try finding a location in your home to set up two or three hampers (or whatever type of container fits in the area you have) to facilitate the sorting process according to your criteria. For example, towels, lights and darks.

Place them together in the same location and label them if you have to. Enlist the help of your family so whenever an item is dirty, it gets placed in the appropriate bin right away.

Then, when it comes time to do the laundry you can measure the detergent, pour it in the machine and pull the clothing from the correct bin — no sorting necessary!

Folding laundry can be less of a chore, too. Try to apply the same strategy to folding as you do to sorting. Pile like items and each individual's clothing together in one area. This makes the distribution and process of putting clothes away much more efficient.

Try to multitask. You can be productive and watch television at the same time. Make it a family event if you sit down to watch TV in the evening — this way no one person bears the burden and it creates good habits for your children.

Even small children can help match socks or fold facecloths.

Finally, don't let lone socks or other items leave the laundry area. If they get separated, they are more likely to be reunited with their mate if they do not end up in the wrong drawer. Designate a collection bag for those items.

We all know the saying "Everything but the kitchen sink"

But instead of cleaning

everything else first, trying with the kitchen. When you are feeling overwhelmed and frustrated, your clutter and disorganization, clean out your kitchen sink.

Yep, that's right. Wash it away all of your dirty dishes, or put them in the washer, then wipe down inside of your sink and the surrounding countertop.

Next, try tackling the drawer.

First, remove all items from the drawer. Throw out all the trash and set what doesn't belong to

in its place when done.

Now you sort the remaining items into categories like rubber bands, etc.

Find a divider, can be very expensive in large superstores and purchase all different configurations based on your need.

Label the compartments and put each item in its place. This will help keep the drawer organized because you and others will be less tempted to just throw things when they don't belong.

Lastly, you must make it part of your daily cleaning and organizing.

It may seem like one junk drawer, but the same concepts for organizing apply all areas of your life.

Lauren Kitz is a Jacksonville-based member of the National Association of Professional Organizers. Ask her a question about organization, call 577-3687 or visit [www.2organizeu.com](http://www.2organizeu.com) or [info@2organizeu.com](mailto:info@2organizeu.com).



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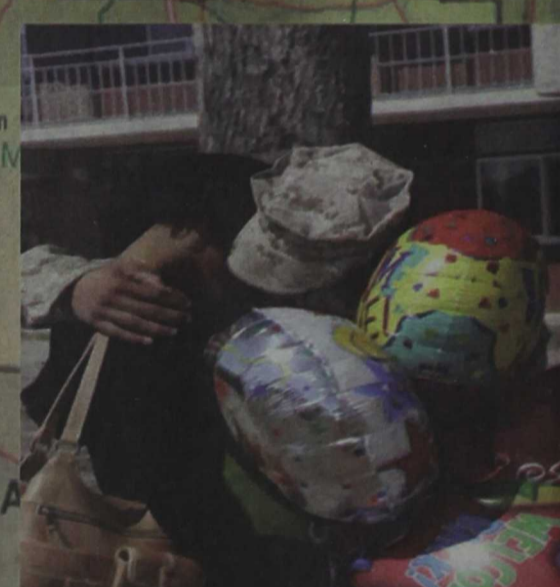
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