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Community supports deployed Marines through Project CARE

Project Care \$ 20.400

Mona Padrick, president of the Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce, accepts a check on behalf of Project Care during the 2006 Marine Corps Celebrity Invitational Media Day at Paradise Point Golf Course, March 8.

Lance Cpl. Adam Johnston

Following the massive deployment of local service members to the Persian Gulf in 1991, the civilian community recognized the need for a plan to help the families who were left behind. Project Community Action Readiness Effort was created by the Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce to fill the void and give these military families the support they required.

Project CARE's mission is

to provide a contingency plan that can be put into immediate action in the event that more than 15,000 local troops are

simultaneously deployed.

"The program serves as a safety net for family members," said Mona Padrick, the presi-dent of the chamber. "It's not always a question of money, but knowing who to call when the situation has gone awry. Project CARE matches up the needs of families with the resources necessary to meet them.

One of the many tools Project CARE uses to assist families when their loved ones are deployed overseas is their self-titled endowment. CARE

"The Project CARE Endowment serves as a means to financially solve any prob-lems that may sift through the cracks of other relief agencies,

said Padrick. "No matter what happens, we want the commu-nity to know that we're here to

In the endowment's early stages, most of the money came from small business owners who donated a portion of their profits. But as the program has grown in popularity over the years, so has the number of

years, so has the number of investors.

For the third consecutive year, Project CARE has been named a beneficiary of the Marine Corps Celebrity Invitational Golf Tournament.

10 percent of the funds generated from this year's event,

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Wounded Marine in iconic Fallujah photo awarded Navy Cross

Lance Cpl. Patrick J. Floto MCB Camp Pendleton

Sgt. Maj. Bradley A. Kasal feels he did what any good Marine would've done. That includes taking enemy rifle fire on Nov. 14, 2004, absorbing a grenade blast and refusing medical attention refusing medical attention inside Fallujah's "House of Hell" during Operation Al Fajr (New Dawn).

New Dawn).

For his extraordinary heroism and leadership in Fallujah, Iraq, as the Weapons Company first sergeant for 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Kasal was awarded the Navy Cross during a ceremony here Monday.

"The word hero is tossed around pretty loosely these days," said Maj. Gen. Michael R. Lehnert, Commanding General of Marine Corps Installations West, after awarding Kasal with the Naval service's second-highest decoration, in front of an audience tion, in front of an audience that included the 1st Marine Division's past and present commanding generals, Lt. Gen. James N. Mattis and Maj. Gen. Richard F. Natonski, respec-

"Some may call a basketball player a hero for scoring the winning goal or a celebrity for

donating a small portion of their earnings to a good cause, out Kasal is a true American

hero."

When then-1st Sgt. Kasal assisted one of his platoons with an over watch inside Fallujah that day, intense gunfire broke out in an Iraqi home to his immediate front.

Seconds later, Marines were Seconds later, Marines were rapidly exiting the building, known as the "House of Hell." "That house was a death trap," said Maj. Gen. Lehnert.
"It was set up for one purpose: to kill United States Marines." Kasal could have

Marines." Kasal could have easily stayed out of the house." When he found out that there were Marines still pinned down

were Marines still pinned down inside the infamous house, nothing the insurgents could put on the table would stop him from rescuing his Marines. "Going in for them was the right thing to do," said Kasal, 39, who hails from Afton, Iowa. "They're Marines, and I'm a Marine. We look out for each other."

Upon entry of the house,

Upon entry of the house. Kasal found himself face-toface with an insurgent who he neutralized at extreme close range. Shortly afterwards, AK-47 gunfire was coming

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Navy Cross: Sergeant Maj. Bradley A. Kasal, right, receives congratulations after his promotion from first sergeant to sergeant major during a ceremony at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 1. The Afton, lowa, native received the Navy Cross, was promoted and reenlisted during the ceremony.

Global efforts underway to develop strategy able to combat Avian, Pandemic Influenza

Avian influenza (flu) is a

Avian influenza (III) is a contagious disease that normally affects only birds and, less commonly, pigs.

Recent outbreaks of avian flu among birds in Asia and Europe have resulted in the quarantine and destruction of millions of domesticated millions of domesticated birds in an effort to keep the virus from spreading world-wide. Although avian flu does wide. Although avian III does not readily spread to humans, there have been documented cases where people have been infected by the virus and became ill or died. Scientists are concerned that the avian are concerned that the avian flu virus has the potential to cause the next worldwide (pandemic) flu, potentially resulting in the severe illness and death of millions of peo-ple. Local, national and global efforts are underway to develop and implement an effective strategy to combat this potential health threat.

What is avian influenza?

Avian flu is an influenza?
Avian flu is an infectious
disease in birds caused by a
virus called H5N1. The
H5N1 virus is carried in the
intestines of wild birds and
can be found worldwide.
Wild birds are variably resistant to the virus and may not
get sick. However, the dis-

ease is very contagious and more severe in domestic poultry such as chickens, ducks and turkeys. It can quickly infect and kill large numbers of these birds. Recent outbreaks of the avian ful in poultry farms in both flu in poultry farms in both Asia and Europe have result ed in the quarantine and destruction of millions of the spread of the virus.

Can avian flu infect people?
The H5N1 avian flu virus

The H5N1 avian flu virus does not usually infect species other than birds (and less frequently, pigs), but more than a hundred cases in humans have been documented since 1997. Scientific investigations have determined that close contact with infected birds allowed the avian virus to be transmitted to humans. Subsequent bird outbreaks have resulted in additional human cases, some resulting in deaths, which have alarmed public health officials because of the severity of the illness and the high of the illness and the high

How is avian flu spread?

Infected birds shed the H5N1 virus in their saliva, nose secretions and feces. Other birds become easily

infected when they come into contact with these excretions or surfaces recently contaminated with them. It is believed that most human cases of avian flu infection resulted from contact with infected birds or contaminatspread of the H5N1 avian flu virus from person to person has not been confirmed.

What is pandemic flu? Pandemic flu is a global outbreak of disease that

occurs when:

• A new influenza virus appears in the human popula-

tion.
• Causes serious illness or

· Spreads easily from per-

son to person.

There have been three previous occurrences of pan-demic flu in the 20th century. demic flu in the 20th century. These flu pandemics occurred in 1918-19 (the Spanish flu), 1957-58 (the Asian flu), and 1968-69 (the Hong Kong flu). The Spanish flu was the most severe pandemic flu on record, killing more than 500,000 people in the United States and an estimated 50 million people worldwide. Nearly half of those who died were young, healthy adults.

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healthy adults.

Bush: Diplomacy best course regarding Iran

Donna Miles

WASHINGTON

"We will con-

Diplomacy is the best way to confront Iran's nuclear program, but President George W. Bush said Tuesday in Sun City Center, Fla., he won't rule out other options if that falls through.

tinue to work through diplo-matic channels to make it clear that we mean what we say," Bush said in response to a question posed during his visit to

the sprawling retirement community to discuss the Medicare prescription drug benefit. "And obviously, part of making the diplomacy work is what will be the consequences if the Iranians decide not to listen to the rational demands of the world."

Bush avoided spelling out

Bush avoided spelling out exactly what those consequences could be. "I think it's very important for good negotiators to keep their cards close to the vest and at the appropriate time, make it clear what our intentions are," he

The best way to lay "the foundation for peace," regard-ing Iraq and other world situa-

tions, is to encourage the spread of freedom, the president said.

President Bush

"Freedom has changed the world in incredible ways," the president said, noting the impact it's had on Japan, Europe and other parts of the world that once lived under tyranny. "Freedom has the capacity capacity into friends," he said. "We must

"The cornerstone of my foreign policy is the belief that freedom

not lose sight of the historical examples." Secretary S t a t e Condoleezza Rice addressed the Iran issue yesterday after meeting with

British Foreign
Secretary
Margaret Beckett
in New York and before meeting with her counterparts from Britain, Russia, China, France,

Germany and the European Union to discuss Iran. "This is a time for the international community to come together to say to the Iranians with very great clarity that it is time for Iran to accede to the demands of the international community." Rice said. "The Iranians can have a civil nuclear program, but they need to do so in a way that gives confidence to the international community that they are not seeking a nuclear are not seeking a nuclear weapon under the cover of civilian nuclear power."



What are you going to do or get your mother for Mothers' Day?



"She is going to get a phone call and a card.

Cpl. Sarah Tennyson Field Wireman
Communications Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group. Palm Coast, Fla.

"I've been thinking about getting her a TV.

Pfc. Rashad Thompson Personnel Clerk Headquarters Company, Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division Tampa, Fla.





"I usually send her a card with chocolates and order something online for her.'

Sgt. Timothy Cope
Switch Board Operator
Communications Company,
Headquarters and Service Battalion, 2nd
Marine Logistics Group,
Baton Rouge, La.

"I was thinking about getting a jewelry set like a bracelet, a ring and a necklace when I see my mother this weekend.'

Sgt. Johnathon Richardson Marine Expeditionary Unit.
Charleston, S.C.





"I'm going to send her a card and give her a phone call."

> 2nd Lt. Anthony Iliadis Supply Officer Awaiting assignment with 2nd Marine Logistics Group Jackson, N.J.

Hodges, Brinton honor Teacher Appreciation Week Jorials

Dear Teachers:

As we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week, we want you to know that your constant efforts to prepare our students for a bright and successful future are both recognized and appreciated. Teachers are indeed preparing the foundation on which our hopes for a better world are built.

To the professional educators of Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools: We applaud you for your ded ication and commitment to continuing our proud tradition of educational excellence. It is not often enough that you are commended for your daily efforts to enrich the lives of our youngsters, but that does not mean that your pursuits go unnoticed. You provide the smiles and encouragement that engender the confidence needed to continually grow and learn. You share in the successes and struggles of students who are trying to find their way in our complex world. You continually find the elusive mixture of prodding, cajoling and, most importantly, guiding our children toward a productive and fulfilling future. This is an enormous task, and one which requires tremendous skill, patience, and finesse. When parents are deployed, you are often a compassionate and understanding listener, providing support and focus during difficult times. At the same time, you enable our Marines and sailors to attend their mission with the confidence that their precious children are in good hands.

As we celebrate the important role of our teachers this week, let us all reflect on the fact that they have dedicated themselves to making a positive difference in the lives of our children. It is appropriate to close with a quote from Henry Adams: "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." CLDS teachers, we thank you!

Sincerely,

ldile Elodges Colonel Adele Hodges Commanding Officer Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune

Robert C. Brinton Community Superintendent Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools

CREDO, naval hospital help service members and families understand gre

Press release

Has the death of a loved one left you feeling, numb, confused, angry, sad or moody? Perhaps you are a bit tense these days. Maybe your appetite and sleep patterns have changed. You don't seem to have the energy you once had. You are questioning your faith. You feel isolated. You just don't feel like your self. Don't be afraid. Chances are good you are not going crazy, nor do you have a dreadful disease. More than likely you are experiencing grieving

Grief is the emotional, physical, intellectual and spiritual impact that experiencing a loss has on you. You can find yourself confused and uncertain about feelings and thoughts you never had before. You just don't understand what is happening to you. Grief can be scary, especially when you don't understand it. It is always easier to avoid scary things or face them with the help and support of others struggling with sim-

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Since the beginning of time, people have come together in times of grief to help and support one another. Education and support groups are safe places for people in the throes of grief to better understand what is happening to them. They meet others who have had similar experiences, thoughts and feelings as the result of a loss. They come to realize that they are not alone nor abnormal. Groups like these provide

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not alone nor abnormal. Groups like these provided people with the emotional, physical and spiritual such safe non-judgmental environment. They can be play individuals can explore their many thoughts and about their loss in a way that helps them be part themselves and others.

CREDO Camp Lejeune and Naval Hospit Clejeune will start a grief education and support groe "Understanding Your Grief" to provide individuals gling with grief a safe place to understand and expetheir losses are affecting them. The Understanding Your Grief" seminar will begin June 7 at 7 p.m. in the CRED located at the Tarawa Terrace II shopping center and for 12 weeks for 12 weeks

for 12 weeks

We use the book *Understanding Your Grief* as a for this journey. Written by Dr Alan Wolfelt, one America's leading death educators, this compassion helps grieving people understand the normal and a journey called grief. *Understanding Your Grief* described ten touchstones that are essential physical, emotion tive, social and spiritual tasks individuals coming with a loss need to accomplish.

To resister for seminar start dates or for more information.

To register, for seminar start dates or for more infe-call CREDO at 450-1668. There is no charge. Childcare is available with advance notice.

Strict enforcement of motorcycle PPE begins May 10

Reference: R041423Z APR 06 CO MCB Camp Lejeune.
The reference above directed changes to MCB Camp Lejeune motor vehicle and traffic regulations BO P5560.2L chapter 3, Personal Protective Equipment with an effective date April 10. In addition to being released, the changes were advertised via multiple media streams, including the base paper, wide area network, and LCTV-10 in order to educate all personnel and to allow sufficient time to adjust to the changes.

The following PPE is mandatory for all people 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.
Impact or shatter resistant goggles or full-face shield attached to helmet.

Reflective Vest-International orange, bright yellow, lime green in color, with two reflective stripes either vertical or horizontal, must

be worn at all times as the outer garment.

• Black vests are no longer authorized and vest can

covered.

Long-sleeved shirt or jacket and long-legged trousers.
Service members wearing the summer uniform (short "C" shirt or camouflage utility uniform with the sleeves roll will wear protective motorcycle safety jackets.
Hard-sole boots or shoes.
Full-fingered gloves or mittens.
Keep in mind the consequences of not wearing the proper that could result in serious injuries or loss of life. Military Polibe enforcing these requirements. Ensure you are in compliance Base Order P5560.2L.

As Marines, we live by our ethos. So think before you jeop the safety of yourself, your fellow Marines, sailors, civilian ev ees or family members and remember Semper Safe!

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olemn ceremony at the forward operat-april 30, the Marines four more of their and recently during operations in Al ovince. Among the are: Sgt. Edward G., of Waukegan, Ill.; R. Mills, 21, of

Brooksville, Fla.; and Cpl. Brandon M. Hardy, 25, of Cochranville, Pa.; who were killed April 28 when their vehicle struck an IED. Cpl. Eric R. Lucken, 23, of Jasper, Ind., was also killed by an IED April 22.

Davis, Mills and Hardy were assigned to the Camp Pendleton, Calif. – based 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion and were attached to 3/3 for and were attached to 3/3 for duty. Lueken was assigned to

Individual eulogies were read for each of the fallen service members by Marines who served with them.

Many of the Marines sat stone faced and tried to hide their emotions as they reflected on the fallen's lives.

"These Marines are not heroes because of how they died," said 2nd Lt. Rajesh Mistry. "They are heroes because of how they lived."

Some Marines could only offer a few words to describe

Some Marines could only offer a few words to describe their fallen comrades.

"Lueken was the kind of guy you could go to and tell how bad your day was and he would make it better," said Cpl. William Harrison. "It was still registering to me that he is no longer with us."

Sgt. Jim Coelho, 3rd Assault Amphibious Battalion, worked very closely with

Davis, Mills and Hardy.

"The Marines are not laughing and joking with each other like they usually do," said Coelho. "We were all close; we were all brothers.

Gunnery Sgt. Jeff Duncan was the platoon sergeant for Davis, Mills and Hardy, and recalled characteristics of

each one.

"Each one of them had something different to offer the company," said Duncan.
"Davis we called 'Manimal' because he was always lifting weights. Mills could fix practically anything and Hardy was a good leader who knew his job well."

Duncan said Davis, who would have been promoted May 1, will be posthumously promoted to staff sergeant.

During the memorial, Navy

During the memorial, Navy Lt. Paul Tremblay led the singing of a hymn called Eternal Father, Strong to Save.

"Eternal father strong to save, whose arm hath bound save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave, who bids the mighty ocean deep, its own appointed limits keep, o hear us when we cry to thee, for those in peril on the sea. "Eternal father grant we pray, to all Marines both night and day, the courage honor strength and skill, their land to serve the law fulfill, be thou the shield forever-

be thou the shield forever-



Al Anbar province, Iraq: Marines and sailors of the Hawaii-based 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, assembled into a makeshift cafeteria in Haditha, Iraq, to attend a memorial service April 30, for four Marines who died recently due to combat operations in western Al Anbar province, Iraq.

more, from every peril to the Corps."

After the playing of "Taps," the Marines paid in with solemn faces.

The battalion is scheduled to return to the United States later this Fall.

Karabilah, Iraq

eathernecks mourn fallen Marine in Iraq Naval Hosen

Cpl. Antonio Rosas

LILAH, Iraq — A two-time veteran of Operation Iraqi Lance Cpl. Aaron W. Simons was a Marine who could be an in any situation.

Solutive done anything he wanted to. He didn't have to be urine Corps, but he chose to fight among us," said 1st Lt. II. Cannici, Simon's platoon commander.

Glift, April 24. The infantry team leader from perations near the Iraqi-Syrian border in Iraq's western Al to vince. normal and a

Marines of Company C, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine for more infort. t, better known as "Suicide Charley," mourned the loss of luring a memorial service at the Marines' base, or "battle" as the Marines call it.

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rvice was held the day after he died.

wentynine Palms, Calif.-based Marines, partnered with an

y unit, have spent nearly two months now conducting
surgency operations in this region and mentoring their
nterparts to become a self-sustaining force.

Ilow Company C Marines from neighboring bases

yted for the memorial, they shared photographs and
bout Simons, the details surrounding his death, which

was still fresh on their minds.

glasses, which he never took off.

"He always wore those glasses ever since our last deployment," said Lance Cpl. Jonathan A. Humphries, a mortarman who served in Charley Company.

Those aviator glasses adorned the fallen Marine's Kevlar helmet alongside his service rifle, dog tags and combat boots at the serv-

ice – a symbol representing the fallen Marine.

Many remember him for his guitar playing and sense of humor.

"He wasn't just good at playing the guitar, he was gifted at it," said Humphries, from Versailles, Ind., who hosted "jam sessions" with Simons using a pair of bongo drums during the battalion's deployment last year.

deployment last year.

Simons was someone who was always telling jokes and spreading laughter wherever he went, according to the Marines from his

"The guy was very optimistic and funny," said Humphries.
"Every time things went bad in Iraq, he always had a joke about it."

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was still fresh on their minds.

"He had those qualities you look for in young Marines," said Cannici, 26, recalling the day he met the young man. "He was very bright and always challenging others to excel."

As Simon's platoon leader, Cannici was always impressed with the Grace M. Davis High School graduate. "He had the ability to elevate the conversation beyond my understanding."

Others remembered Simons as the man with the aviator sunglasses, which he never took off.

"He always wore those glasses ever since our last deployment."



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Operation Rolling Thunder prepares 10th Marines for deployment, new mission

Lance Cpl. Christopher J. Ohmen 2nd Marine Division

FORT BRAGG — "Stand by ... Fire!" was being shouted over the radio by the Marines from 10th Marine Regiment,

from 10th Marine Regiment, April 18-26, as they conducted their semiannual Operation Rolling Thunder in preparation for deployments later this year. The artillery regiment brought eight batteries, seven of which fired artillery missions and one is being deployed as a provisional military police company for their deployment to Iraq. Instead of the normal Rolling Thunder training schedpany for their first and the normal Iraq. Instead of the normal Rolling Thunder training schedule, this operation focused on their mission: firm base operations, route reconnaissance and convoy security, as well as artillery fire missions.

"It is a three stage operation that focuses on the smaller unit

that focuses on the smaller unit training to start and works its way up to the regimental level," said Maj. Kevin J. Keating, assistant operations officer for the regiment. "Being here also allows us to do more than just firing the howitzers." firing the howitzers."

The nine-day training exer-

cise started out in the battery phase, where each of the seven howitzer batteries decided which types of fire missions they shoot. The battery com-mander also decided when to move to their next position and redeploy their howitzers

Each battery conducted vari-ous movements during the trainous invenients during the training and each gun team partici-pated in friendly competitions to see which team could get the howitzer ready to fire first, the

most number of times.

A gun team consists of nine
Marines, each having their own
specific job and a vehicle driver. There is a gun section leader, gunner, assistant gunner, ammunition team of four Marines, a radio operator and a recorder. Most teams can load and fire three rounds in under a

"We get plenty of practice when we come to Fort Bragg, and being out here for over a week allows us to become a better gun team," said Cpl.
Ryan K. Toole, section chief for
Gun 2, Battery A, 2nd
Battalion, 10th Marines.
During the second phase of
the operation, the respective

battalions took control of their batteries as they coordinated fires and practiced movements they will use during their deployments.

The batteries also did con-The batteries also did convoy operations with aggressors. The command setup ambushes during some of the movements so the Marines would receive practical application and learn from mistakes while training instead of during combat.

Patrolling is another skill the Marines practiced during the operation. Each evening, the batteries would send out patrols around their position patrols around their position to make sure aggressors were not in the area. This honed the Marines basic patrolling and land navigation skills, which are essential for Marines going to Iraq.

"Unfamiliarity with the area makes the Marines use their maps more often and helps reinforce their ability to read maps,"

maps more often and helps reinforce their ability to read maps,"
Capt. Gaje D. Gerardo, commanding officer of Battery A,
"Going to Fort Bragg helps the Marines become a much more cohesive unit and really helps the new Marines bridge the learning curve."

FORT BRAGG: Ammunition and gun powder for the 155mm howitzers is waiting unloaded to the gun line during Operation Rolling Thunder for 10th Marine Regimen in preparation for their deployment later this year.

Some of the batteries were Some of the batteries were tasked with conducting a civil-military operation consisting of assessing a small village to determine who the leaders are, the overall condition of the buildings, water and electricity and find out the immediate supply needs for the town.

ply needs for the town. Each of the batteries were given the same information and mission objectives. Their approach to the mission differed, but they all achieved the basic objectives. Following the mission, the observers gave a break-

down of how the battery did.
"We had to do a mission that is not a usual one for an artillery battery but will be part of our mission in our next deployment," Gerardo stated. "We learned a lot and did some good things. That is what Fort Bragg allows us to do when we are here for this operation."

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After nine days of hard training, the Marines of the regiment are a more cohesive unit and completed the next step of training toward depl Being away from Lejeune allowed the k side of the unit to get pl field training having to the paperwork and ma

trips from position to p as they will have to in In "Fort Bragg is alway training for the regi Keating stated. "Each learns a new and better doing something to make thing run more smoothly we deploy."

Battery E trains to redeploy to Iraq as provisional military police company

Lance Cpl. Christopher J. Ohmen 2nd Marine Division

FORT BRAGG -The Marines of Battery FORT BRAGG — The Marines of Battery E, 2nd Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, are heading to Iraq later this year as a provisional military police company instead of a conventional artillery battery.

The Marines in the battery used their time at Fort Bragg to execute numerous training exercises and utilize the ranges at Fort Bragg of urther prepare for the upcoming deployment.

"We came to Fort Bragg to further develop our confidence in our gear and training so we will be ready of our deployment," said Capt. Cenneth K. Goedecke, battery commanding officer. "We are working on our small unit eadership so the corporals and sergeants will be able to lead the troops when we get to

raq."

Battery E returned from Iraq in September 005 where they operated as a provisional nfantry company providing security at Abu ihraib prison for the past year. Once they eturned from the deployment and some well-eserved leave, they started training again as a artillery battery for the next deployment. When Hurricane Katrina hit, however, the attery deployed in support of relief efforts

attery deployed in support of relief efforts nd aided the civilian population there. A nonth after their return to Camp Lejeune, ley recieved word they would be training as

military police company performing a vari-ty of different missions in Iraq.
"It has been a busy year for the Marines in the battery," Goedecke stated. "They had to hange directions a number of times, and they ave done an excellent job doing it."
The Marines of the battery made the most

of their time here, taking advantage of the ranges that Camp Lejeune does not have. After sighting in their M-16A4 service rifle to

After signing in their M-16A4 service rifle to their eye, the Marines then practiced with the advanced combat optical gunsight.

This four power scope allows the Marines to see the enemy up to a range of 800 meters, enhancing their accuracy at longer distances, according to www.haysvch.quantico.usmc.mil.

Instead of having to take a few extra seconds to line up the front and rear sights on the onds to line up the front and rear sights on the rifle, they look through the scope, and they are already lined up to shoot. This will save the Marines valuable seconds that matter when fighting insurgents.

"We wanted the Marines to fire with both sight systems so they could tell the difference," Goedecke continued.

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ence," Goedecke continued.

The battery's command is looking to make sure that the noncommissioned officers with the unit are able to take charge of a squad to carry out any mission that they may receive.

About half of the corporals and sergeants have deployed to Iraq at least once before. This experience will benefit the junior enlisted Marines as they are mentored while conducting pre-deployment training. The main ducting pre-deployment training. The main focus of the battery is maneuver and mobility support operations, which include base security, route reconnaissance and convoy escort. With the deployment date fast approaching, the battery will use its time to hone the skills that it will need to accomplish its mission in

that it will need to decempe Iraq.
"I am still going to Iraq to do what I have to do," said Pfc. Michael A. Green, a Marine who has been with the unit for six weeks. "It does not bother me that we are going to Iraq as a military police company - we are still going to do an important job."



FORT BRAGG: Cpl. John R. Actis, fire team leader with Battery E, 2nd Battalion, 1(Marine Regiment, adjusts his advanced combat optical gunsight on his M16-/Service Rifle at a range, for Operation Rolling Thunder where he trained to be part a provisional military police company.

Houston native volunteers for second deployment

Lance Cpl. Christopher J. Ohmen 2nd Marine Division

With one deployment to Iraq already under his belt, this Houston native is preparing for a second where he will be doing a job other than what he origi-

a job other than what he originally trained for.

Cpl. John R. Actis, a fire team leader with Battery E, 2nd Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, volunteered to return to Iraq where his unit will operate as a provisional military police company instead of an artillery battery.

"I did some of the same types of mission we will be doing this deployment my previous time to Iraq," the 2003 Cinco Ranch High School graduate said, "I am pretty excited and motivated about doing this

and motivated about doing this

Actis and the Marines of the mental training operation, Rolling Thunder, to train for the types of missions he will partic-ipate in while deployed. Actis said he will miss firing the how-itzers back at the insurgents but this mission is just as important.

"He is a good Marine and his experience will be a great asset when we deploy later this year," said Capt. Kenneth K. Goedecke, the commanding officer of Battery E, 2nd Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment. "He has already done some of the missions that we will have to do in Iraq."

Actis was part of the counter battery radar team on his previous deployment in the Fallujah area of operation. He participated in missions that returned fire on mortar and rocket attack

on mortar and rocket attack positions within range of the howitzers located at Camp

Fallujah, Iraq.
He moved into the city of
Fallujah where his mission
changed after a few months.
Actis conducted convoys, foot patrols, and vehicle and personnel searches until he left in September 2005. It was not his normal job, but he found it new and interesting being able to expand his knowledge of the

expand his knowledge of the Marine Corps mission.

During a demonstration in the city, a crowd of 300 Iraqis started throwing things and yelling at the guards of the military forward operating base.

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opportunity to do exactly wha wanted to when I joined 1 Marine Corps," stated Actis. am going to Iraq for the secontime and I am excited abeling given the opportunity do so."



DRT BRAGG: Marines from Battery E, 2nd Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, sight in their 16-A4 Service Rifles for further training while at Operation Rolling Thunder.



Fallujah, Iraq

lore than 300 Fallujan men nswer the call,' join police force



n, Iraq: Police applicants gather outside a security checkpoint in downtown Fallujah moments before a homicide bomber detonated himself May 3. At least seven civilians were killed were wounded during the attack. One Iraqi police officer was also injured. During the three-day recruiting drive 348 men were accepted for future service with the Iraqi Police after stully completing police training in Jordan.

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> lujan men stepped forward to police recruits during a three-ruiting drive here, despite a e bomber attack and the threat onal violence. LUJAH, Iraq — More than

yoal of the recruiting drive was up 300 Iraqi police recruits, r, the drive ended yesterday 8 men accepted out of 402

8 men accepted out of 452 1 applicants. first mission was to ensure 00 successful applicants from t," said Staff Sgt. Lamont L. 33-year-old operations chief Police Transition Team 1 to the Fallujah Police

second mission was to ensure had a clear understanding of run a recruiting drive safely, we might not be here next added Hall, from Leadville,

recruiting effort gained inter-l attention Wednesday when a le bomber detonated explo-oncealed on his person at a 1g checkpoint. The bomber nding with a crowd of poten-

forced to disper-l using non-leth skills attained to

tial recruits when the explosion

At least seven civilians were killed and 11 were wounded during the attack. One Iraqi police officer was also injured.

Marines from Regimental Combat Team 5 responded to the site and assisted Fallujah police officers to secure the scene.

The recruiting process reopened approximately one hour after the attack, accepting additional recruits who volunteered despite the obvious

who volunteered despite the obvious danger.

"The fact that an overwhelming number of recruits arrived immediately after the attack signifies the local rejection of the intimidation and terrorism," said Col. Larry D. Nicholson, commanding officer of Regimental Combat Team 5.

Applicants continued to came in from across Fallujah and outlying cities for the next two days. Some were applicants who were injured in the homicide attack.

"We had a guy come in with burns

"We had a guy come in with burns on his face and others with bandages on their arms, that's how bad they want to be cops," said U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Kevin A. Foxworth, a 33-year-old military policeman and

squad leader from the 300th Military Police Company assigned to assist the Fallujah Police Department in the recruiting effort. "They really want to make their city better."

recruiting effort. "They really want to make their city better."

Of the three-day drive, the highest number of applicants came in the day of the attack, topping out at 153 recruits. On the first day, 188 were accepted and 77 on the third day.

"I was surprised by the turnout," said U.S. Army Spc. Damian I. Markowycz, a 21-year-old military policeman assigned to assist the police providing security during the recruiting drive. "I thought too many people were scared and they wouldn't get the 300. But, when we got there the first morning there was already 50 men waiting in line."

"On the third day, there was still a large number that wanted to join that we had to turn away," added Markowycz, from Dearborn Heights, Mich.

Mich.

Minimum requirements for a recruit to be accepted are to pass a physical fitness test, be between the ages of 18-35 and be literate. A background check and a medical exam were also part of the screening

However, the police force was also

on the look out for certain types of

To have control in the city, they need a good police force, said Foxworth from Boston. Police officers need the ability to take charge and make decisions.

"They need honesty and integrity, just having pride and wanting to do a good job, that makes a good cop, either Iraqi or American," Foxworth

There was no lack of enthusiasm by the recruits during the screening

process.

"A lot were real motivated to be IP's," Foxworth said. "They were really excited during the fitness portion."

"Most were very grateful when they were accepted," Hall added. "They were happy for the opportunity and some of the guys we turned away

were visibly disappointed."

The reasons varied from applicant

to applicant for wanting to join. Some were just in search for a job. Others were there for a less tangible purpose.

"I talked with several of them with my interpreter and I could tell they were there for the right reasons, not just to collect a paycheck." just to collect a paycheck," Markowycz added. "They had the right attitude. They're sick and tired of

they're not scarred the violence.

anymore and they want to make their country a better place."

Many of the applicants were carrying on a family tradition by joining the police force, not too dissimilar to family traditions in police forces in the traditions in police forces in the

"A lot of the recruits were family members of IP's," Hall said. "I had IP's pointing to an applicant and saying 'my cousin' or 'my brother.'

The overall capabilities of the

police in the area are progressing as

"They have the knowledge to run an effective police station, they know how to do community service, do a thorough patrol and conduct investiga-

thorough partor and conduct investigations," Foxworth said. "It's just a matter of going out and doing it."

The recruits will travel to Jordan later this month to undergo eight weeks of training at the Jordanian Police Academy. There they will learn hasic law enforcement procedures and basic law enforcement procedures and weapons handling.

The new police officers will go on leave until they receive acceptance letters from the Ministry of Interior, after successfully completing the academy. They will then be assigned to a police station. ■

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Haditha, Iraq

Progress steady, Marines meet with Iraqi leade in discuss security, reconstruction in Haditha Triac

Sgt. Roe F. Seigle Regimental Combat Team 7

HADITHA, Iraq — Since their arrival in the Al Anbar province nearly two months ago, Marines say Iraqi Security Forces are progressing toward relieving Coalition Forces and stabilizing the region

region.

In this rural region along the Euphrates River valley, the transition from U.S.-led to Iraqi-led military operations is well on its way, according to a Marine who has spent to a Marine who has spent to a Marine who has spent to a Marine who have the market way to mouths meanly two mouths meanly the meanly the meanly two mouths meanly the meanly the

nearly two months mentoring Iraqi soldiers in this region.

But the atmosphere in this portion of western Al Anbar province has changed since Saddam Hussein was removed from office in 2003.

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Instead of daily fire fights against an armed, known enemy, similar to what Coalition Forces experienced during the push to Baghdad three years ago, Marines are focusing on showing Iraqi soldiers and police how to spearhead security operations on their own.

"The progress I have seen the Iraqi Army make in the last few months makes me confident we can withdraw Coalition Forces from the coantion Forces from the area in the next six to eight months," said Lt. Col. Owen Lovejoy, the senior advisor for the Military Transition Team, which supports and advises the Iraqi Army unit stationed here.

advises the Iraqi Army unit stationed here. One example of that progress came earlier this month, when a joint-Iraqi and

month, when a joint-Iraqi and U.S. military operation near Baghdadi – a small town just south of Haditha – resulted in three detained insurgents.

Local police, Iraqi soldiers and a group of Marines from Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment spearheaded the joint operation – a "collaborative effort which led to results," according to Maj. Eric W. Kelly, Weapons Company's commanding officer.

Moreover, the operation highlighted the proficiency and cooperation between local police, Iraqi soldiers and Coalition Forces, he said.

"Iraqi soldiers and Marines are on a mission to ensure that the people of this area remain safe, and that the insurgency.

safe and that the insurgency has no room to thrive here," said Kelly in an e-mail response to questions. "The 'Sons of Iraq' take this goal quite seriously."

So far, progress seems



Al Anbar Province, Iraq: More than a dozen sheiks, mayors, and other prominent local Iraqi leaders from the Haditha "Triad" in western Province, Iraq, met with U.S. Marines, recently, to discuss future security and reconstruction efforts in this Euphrates Valley region. Six mor local Iraqi leaders were targeted by insurgents for cooperating with Coalition Forces, but now, local leaders can meet to discuss issues which the progress of their towns and villages, said Cooling.

steady in the region. Iraqi, Security Forces have conducted four operations on their own, reconstruction efforts are in the works to rebuild war-torn towns and villages, and local Iraqi leaders are meeting regularly to discuss and plan future efforts with the Marines.

Marine leaders say more than 30 insurgents have been captured and three insurgent steady in the region. Iraqi,

captured and three insurgent cells have been eliminated due to the combined efforts of Marines and Iraqi soldiers.

Marines and Iraqi soldiers.

More importantly, security conditions seem to be improving in the Haditha Triad area along the upper western Euphrates Valley, as evidenced by a regular meeting of local city and tribal officials — a meeting which would not have been possible a year ago, according to Lt. Col. Norman Cooling, 3/3's commanding officer.

Col. Norman Cooling, 3/3's commanding officer.

Thanks to improving security conditions, such a meeting is now possible, according to Cooling. Six months ago, local Iraqi leaders were targeted by insurgents for cooperating with Coalition

Forces, said Cooling, who also attended the meeting, which included more than a dozen sheiks, mayors and other prominent local Iraqi leadership, to discuss security and reconstruction efforts in

leadership, to discuss security and reconstruction efforts in the area.

Now, local leaders can meet to discuss issues which impact the progress of their towns and villages. The councilmen had no qualms about walking to the meeting with Coalition Forces in broad daylight, said Cooling.

"Since the councilmen agreed to meet with us, it proves they want to work with us and they believe we are interested in addressing their concerns," said Cooling.

"The Marines have stabilized the security in the city," said a local tribal leader after the meeting. "One year ago, a meeting like this would never take place because the criminal acts of insurgents would have prevented it."

During the three-hour meeting, Iraqi councilmen expressed concerns such as potential reconstruction efforts of a footbridge

potential reconstruction efforts of a footbridge

destroyed during combat operations last year.

The footbridge connects the cities of Barwana and Haqlaniyah, both part of the Haditha Triad, and was one of several concerns local leaders. several concerns local leaders discussed during the meeting.
They said a refurbished bridge would bring stability to the local economy by providing a way for locals to transport goods between the two cities. two cities.
"The reconstruction of the

"The reconstruction of the footbridge is paramount to the lives of many businesses here," said a councilman during the meeting. "A better economy means more jobs and less citizens turning to the insurgency for a source of income." income.

Cooling also elicited sup-port from the Haditha city council for the recruitment of Iraqi police in the area. He strongly stressed the impor-tance of a police force being formed to continue the sup-pression of insurgency.

'The councilmen are considering supporting us in the police recruitment," said Cooling. "Right now they

requests and we are going to make sure they see them." Last year, police recruit-ment was attempted in the Haditha Triad, but insurgents threatened and intimidated anyone willing to be recruit-

anyone willing to be recruited, according to several Iraqi leaders at the meeting.

Cooling said the Iraqi leaders' concerns would be addressed and plans would be made to rebuild the footbridge, as long as these meetings continue and the city councilmen consider supporting a recruitment drive for potential Iraqi police officers.

"We know the Marines are here to help the citizens of Haditha," said a councilman after the meeting. "When they address our concerns and support our requests, the

support our requests, the local people are going to notice this and in turn support them as well."

The meeting also brought about talk of possible modifi-cations to current security measures in the area. Both sides of the table agreed secu-rity measures were necessary to stop the flow of insurgents some of the measure traffic control point inconvenience to k

Cooling said the would be addressed, no promises. Modification of the security measures contained to the security measure for an increase in activity, he said.

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Bani Da Har, Iraq

Iraqi soldiers capture four insurgents, progress toward relieving Coalition Forces by year's end

Sgt. Roe F. Seigle

BANI DA HAR, Iraq — It was pitch dark when four insurgents were captured in this town of 3,000 nestled along the Euphrates River in Iraq's Al Anbar

With the prisoners secured and on their way to a detention facility; Iraqi soldiers celebrated the achievement with stoic professionalism.

They're proud of the fact more insurgents are off the streets of this small town and that they captured the bandits without the assistance of the Marines – which has been an uncommon occurrence in the few years

"We are sending a message to the insurgents," said
"Ahmed," one of the Iraqi soldiers involved in the
capture of the four insurgents. "There is a new sheriff

In recent months, the soldiers – all from 2nd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 7th Iraqi Army Division – have demonstrated their ability to operate without the assistance of Coalition Forces, said Staff Sgt. Mike intelligence chief assigned to the Transition Team.

Transition Team.

Moreover, coalition forces say the Iraqis' latest successful counterinsurgency operation is indicative of their overall progress in recent months.

They have independently raided insurgent hide-

outs, located weapons caches and set up traffic control points to catch insurgents transporting weapons.

"I believe that with the progress they are making with us and the [Marines] in the province, these soldiers will be ready to take over their battle space in six to eight months." said Lt. Col. Ower Leviley regions. to eight months," said Lt. Col. Owen Lovejoy, senior advisor for 2/2/7's military transition team.

Most importantly, the soldiers have given a sense security to local residents, according to of security to local residents, according to Mohamed," who enlisted in the Iraqi Army just recently.

Moreover, residents feel the Iraqi soldiers from

"2/2/7" are providing that security, instead of relying solely on Coalition Forces for such protection, said Mohamed. The recent successful counterinsurgency operation by the Iraqi soldiers, dubbed Operation Bani Da Har, was the fourth fully independent operation Iraqi soldiers have conducted since February, according to the Military Transition Team responsible for mentoring the fledgling Iraqi Army unit.

The soldiers' recent accomplishments has led Lt. Col. Owen Lovejoy, 42, the senior advisor assigned on the Transition Team, to believe the Iraqi soldiers here will be capable of independent operations in western AI Anbar province on schedule.

While all of the Iraqi soldiers here say they are glad they are keeping the peace, some have a more personal interest of ensuring insurgents are kept off the streets and unable to intimidate residents.

Some, like Ahmed, grew up amid violence stammed from Soddom's destorable he said

stemmed from Saddam's dictatorship, he said.

The young Iraqi soldier said he looks forward to any chance he gets to fight insurgents like those who terrorized his family when he was growing up.

Before coalition forces ousted Saddam Hussein from power, theft and vandalism was commonplace, said Ahmed. Growing up, gun fights were a regular occurrence in his neighborhood and would often keep him awake at night he said.

"There are a lot of children that will not have to grow up in fear of insurgents and criminals who have no respect for others and human rights," said Ahmed, through an interpreter. "When the Marines leave here we are going to be the ones responsible for protecting the innocent people.

soldiers' camp, Ahmed said he will At the Iraqi soldiers' camp, Ahmed said he will never forget the day Hussein was captured by coali-

I will take pride in assuring no child ever has to go

through what I did when I was a kid," said Ahmed.

But now, Iraqi Security Forces are beginning to take the lead in operations such as the one Ahmed and other soldiers from 2/2/7 conducted to find and detain insurgents hiding among the local populace, accord-

ing to Lovejoy.

During the raid, the Iraqi soldiers demonstrated not only their ability to conduct a successful counterin-surgency mission, but also to plan and support such an

Prior to the raid, Iraqi soldiers established a central command and control structure – an essential piece of the puzzle to effect military operations, according to In less than 30 minutes, the soldiers established a

combat operations center, complete with communica-tions equipment, supplies and maps. Moreover, they completed the task in near-total darkness, using minimal light to prevent attracting enemy attention, said

The feat impressed Wear, who added that such a

Marine unit due to the limited visibility at night.

The soldiers also planned for any emergency situations which may have arisen, said Wear. They formed a quick reaction force – a team of soldiers designated to respond to emergencies, such as medical evacuations and providing extra firepower in the even of an enemy attack.

Just six months ago, the Marines were in the driply "shadowed" them to learn tactics and procedures

ply "shadowed" them to learn tactics and procedures for conducting security operations in Al Anbar province, said Wear, a native of Port St. Joe, Fla.

Now, they are doing it themselves, said Wear.

"A few months ago, the Marines were running the operations and we were their just to watch and learn," said "Hasim," another 2/2/7 soldier. "Now, we are running the show and the Marines are just observing our progress."

The soldiers' steady progress has laid the ground

work for future multi-company-level Iraqi Army operations in the region, according to the Marines.

"We have learned not just how to conduct operations, but how to conduct them with limited resources, such as sunlight," boasted Hasim.

Since the Transition Team arrived in Iraq three months ago, the Iraqi soldiers have also demonstrated an improvement in their ability to collect their own intelligence, a key factor to counterinsurgency opera-tions, according to 1st. Lt. Jesse Cope, the Transition Team's logistics officer.

"One key success the soldiers had this mission is

they developed the intelligence and it led to the capture of a highly sought after insurgent," said Cope.

Another factor contributing to the Iraqi soldiers' steady progress is the experience they've gained while working hand-in-hand with the Hawaii-based 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment – the U.S. military unit assigned to provide security here until Iraqi Security Forces are ready to take over operations later

Security reveals
this year.

The Marine battalion arrived here more than a
month ago, and has worked side-by-side with their
Iraqi counterparts nearly daily to quell insurgent

"All the rifle companies continue to give capabilities to the Iraqi soldiers when they train with them daily," said Lovejoy, a 23-year Marine Corps veteran and Brookville, Fla., native. "The rifle companies are ultimately building



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July 2003, Finney Greggs has director of the museum. Finney ed first sergeant who has been a of the Montford Point Marine ion since first arriving to Camp

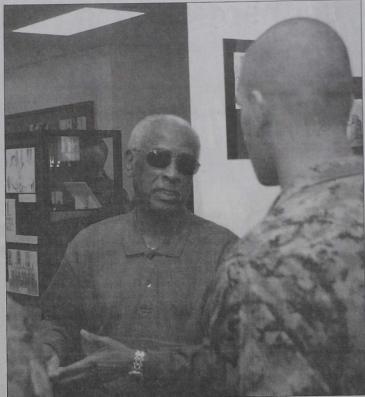
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e director, Finney is responsible f the museum's record keeping, ity relations and authentic artilmemorabilia. Most of the musellection has been donated by forintford Point Marines and their

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1 becoming the museum's director, went to a number of workshops in arolina to get some advice from established museums.

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Camp Lejeune: Orvia O. Cottman, one of the original Montford Point Marines, speaks to a student from the Logistics Operations School aboard Camp Johnson during a tour of the museum. In the month of February alone, between 400 and 500 Marines attending Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools aboard Camp Johnson will visit the

displays and how to incorporate a story-line into an exhibit," said Finney. "We learned all the tricks of the trade and took it from there."
With little more than four years in

existence, the museum has already become a well-known institution throughout the community. According to Finney, between 50 and 60 people visit the museum each month.

'This museum has come a long way in such a short time," said Louise. "It represents a chapter in the history books, which is often overlooked. We're here to tell the story to anyone who will listen." What the men of Montford Point accomplished more than four decades ago is part of American history, part of Marine Corps history. According to Finney, regardless of creed or color, this ground-breaking period is important to all Marines.
"A Marine is a Marine," said Louise.

"In the Corps' eyes, everyone is green."
The Montford Point Marine Museum

is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays, it is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum's phone number is 450-1760.

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Company C Marines said Simons was a person who could be counted on when it was time to strap on the body armor and leave the security of the Marines' forward operating base to conduct foot patrols through the city. Simons had done so numerous times durhad done so numerous times dur-ing the battalion's last deployment to the same area of opera-

Iraqi soldiers who served alongside Simons also paid their respects at the memorial, stand-ing alongside Marines and shedding tears for the fallen warrior they had served with on numer-

security patrols with.
The participation by the Iraqi soldiers was very impressive," noted Sgt. Maj. George W. Young,

the battalion sergeant major.

Iraqi soldiers have also suffered casualties in this region while working hand-in-hand with their Marine counterparts.

their Marine counterparts.

The Iraqi Army soldiers serving alongside First Team's Marines have suffered their own casualties in recent weeks where a suicide-vehicle-borne impro-vised explosive device attack occurred several hundred yards from the Company C area of operations, according to battalion

Following the memorial, the Marines wiped away tears and once again donned body armor to leave the security of the reinforced base. In Iraq's Al Anbar

province, where Marines have suffered hundreds of fatalities since the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom three years ago, protection for U.S. troops here comes from not only their body armor and weapons, but also from watching out for one

another.

"You've got to take care of each other. You have to be physically ready for whatever comes your way," said Cannici. "We can't let something like this let us

After a few minutes of putting on their heavy loads — body armor with protective ceramic plates, Kevlar helmets, ammuni-tion and various weapons, the Marines piled into their seven-ton trucks and headed back to their various bases – the Marines call them "battle positions" — to continue the fight against the insurgency in this remote corner of western Al Aphar. western Al Anbar.

Before his death, Simons had an inspiration to make a unit t-shirt using a logo he designed, according to fellow Marines in

His unit will make good on their fallen comrade's idea and complete the project upon their return to the United States, the Manipers gaid Marines said.

Marines said.

"The shirt will be a way of representing the unit as well as a remembrance of him," added Humphries, recollecting the moments he spent with Simons. "I'm really going to miss that only. His presence always lit up. guy. His presence always lit up the room." ■

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which is part of the Celebrity Players Tour, will be donated to the

endowment.

"Last year, we received upwards of \$20,000 dollars from the golf tournament," said Padrick. "The money from this event will help to ensure that this program can continue to provide assistance to military families in need for a long time to come."

For more information on Project CARE or how to get involved, call 347-3141 or visit the Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce Web site at www.jacksonvilleonline.org.



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Inst decision Kasal made was to expose for to enemy fire in order to pull another led Marine out of the line of fire. Kasal sore enemy fire doing this.

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al made his second decision to forfeit his al supplies to the other Marine. made more sense to use all of the bandagone of us then to split the supplies and have heleed to death," Kasal said.

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tions," the same way the com-mon cold, seasonal flu and other respiratory infections are spread. Respiratory secretions are virus-containing droplets (such as mucous or spit) that are dis-persed into the air when an persed into the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. These droplets can then be inhaled directly into the body through the nose or mouth or be picked up from a contaminated surface and spread from one's hand to the mouth or nose.

Your regular seasonal flu vac-cine will not provide protection from either the H5N1 avian flu or a new pandemic virus. However, it protects against seasonal flu illness and may prevent the mixing of avian and seasonal virus, helping decrease the chances of a new pandemic flu virus.

Are there medications that treat avian flu or pandemic flu?

There is some evidence that anti-viral medications, such as oseltamavir and zanamavir, are effective in treating flu caused by the H5N1 virus. To be effective

they must be given within the first 2 days of onset of illness.

Additional scientific studies are ongoing to verify their effec-

What can I do to protect myself from pandemic flu?

People can protect themselves from pandemic flu the same way they protect themselves from getting the common seasonal flu. Begin now to practice the following simple, but its perfect behitter. important habits:

Cover your mouth and nose when sneezing.

· Properly dispose of soiled

· Practice good hygiene with

frequent hand-washing.
• Avoid close contact with sick people and stay home when

you are sick.

• Stay informed of local, state, and national news and reports on treating and controlling the dis-

What is our country doing to protect us from pandemic flu?

Current planning for pandemic flu includes improving worldwide monitoring for the appearance of new flu viruses, procuring and stockpiling anti-viral medications researching the medications, researching the development of new vaccines, and improving overall communications regarding this emerging health threat.

A national strategy for pandemic influenza was also signed by the President of the United States and distributed on Nov. 1, 2005. This plan outlines our national goals for preparedness and communication, surveillance

and communication, surveillance
and detection and overall
response and containment.
The Navy/Marine Corps have
responded by developing
Pandemic Flu Response Plans
for each Military Treatment
Facility. Site-specific Public
Health Emergency officers have
been assigned at each to implement these plans as quickly and efficiently as possible.

For additional information,

please contact your local health-care professional or refer to:

www.whitehouse.gov/home-

 www.cdc.gov/flw/avian/gen-info/pandemics.htm; www.who.int/csr/diseasein-

fluenza/pandemic/en;
• www.deploymentlink.osd.mil.

few feet of the two bleeding Marines Kasal then decided to use his own severely wounded body to protect the Marine from shrapnel.

By the time he was carried out of the house by Lance Cpl. Chris Marquez and Lance Cpl. Dan Shaffer as Lucian M. Reed, an Associated Press photographer snapped the iconic photo displayed at Marine Corps installations all over the globe, at Marine Corps installations all over the globe, Kasal had lost approximately 60 percent of his blood from more than 40 shrapnel wounds and seven 7.62 mm AK-47 gunshots.

One day prior to being awarded the Navy Cross Kasal's father passed away.

However, a live video teleconference feed to

Kasal's hometown provided his mother, family members and friends an opportunity to watch him receive the Navy Cross, be promoted to the rank of sergeant major and reenlist for three

"It's been a very emotional week," Kasal said.
"I am blessed to recover from my injuries, which the doctors thought would never happen, and regain my place in the Marine Corps. I would take the pain of surgeries any day over the pain of being away from my Marines."

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Lady Devil Pups dominate season finale

Lejeune High School's girls soccer team celebrated Senior Night during their season finale against Coastal Plains Conference foe Wallace-Rose Hill High School, May 3.

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The Lady Devil Pups' two seniors responded to the honor by scoring three of the team's goals in its 4-0 win. Elizabeth Tesch, playing midfield and forward, rang the bell twice in the first half for Lejeune. Her senior co-captain, Stephanie Losack, ripped the cord midway through the second half for the final tally of the night.

"We decided that the game strategy for us was to attack," said Glen Davis, head coach. "Our defense was going to be a good offense and we were going.

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The game plan work to perfection for the home-standing Lady Devil Pups, who played the majority of regulation time in the Wallace-Rose Hill half of the field.

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Lejeune set the tone early with
Tesch's first goal coming just under
three minutes into the game. The
Lady Devil Pups used long passes to
the corners to open up the field in
front of the goal. Forward Jasmyn
Davis took the ball at her feet outside
of the box and chipped a beautiful pass
corners the front. The opportunistic across the front. The opportunistic Tesch slipped behind the Lady Bulldog defense and sent Davis' floater into the back of the net with a highlight reel header

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Not satisfied with just one goal in her final high school appearance, Tesch scored again, this time with her foot, at around the 20-minute mark on an unassisted effort to make the score 2-0.

Zoey Destafney played as a midfielder/forward with gusto. Destafney played the left side of the pitch like she owned it — tracking down passes, sending crosses into the box and creating space all over the field. She was rewarded for her energy with a well-deserved unassisted goal with eight minutes remaining in the half. remaining in the half.

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Lejeune went into the halftime break with a commanding 3-0 lead and goal keeper Lisa Thomas looking for a shutout. Thomas' offensive-minded teammates made that a reality with their crisp passing and ball control that carried through the second half.

With the Lady Devil Pups dominating the action in the final 40 minutes, Losack put the nail in the coffin with 15 minutes to go with her unassisted goal that she booted home from 18 yards on a quick free kick.

The win improved Lejeune's season record to 2-16. Both wins came in the tough Coastal Plains Conference.

"We play in what seems to be the soccer capitol of the universe," said Davis, alluding to the dozens of powerful girls programs that reside in Onslow County. "We played some tough teams.

"But the girls learned a lot and they really developed this season. It's a young team and (this win) gives us momentum going into next season."





Soccer: Lady Devil Pup Caitlyn Conner, right, turns on the jets to outdistance two defenders and create play-making space.

Soccer: Zoey Destainey turns to head upfield towards the goal in the first half. She scored Lejeune's third goal a short while after making this run into the Walace-Rose Hill High School scoring chance. Thomas ended up with a shutout.

Longtime All-Marine boxing coach picked for area Sports Hall of Fame

Jamie Cameron

It has been years since Roosevelt Sanders Jr. hung up his boxing gloves, but the 67-year-old is still receiving honors for his contributions to the sport, both inside and out of the ring.

As a member of the most recent class of inductees into the Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Hall of Fame, Sanders was singled out for his dedication to the

Jacksonville community, where he resides after serving many years aboard Camp Lejeune as coach of the All-Marine Boxing Team from 1988-2000. In fact, Sanders decided to move back to Jacksonville just three months

after he started his retirement from the All-Marine Boxing Team in San Diego, Calif.
"I was really amazed to receive this award," said Sanders. "Over the years I have gained so many friends and ties here that it feels wonderful to know that this community has accepted me."
"Roosevelt is just a very good choice with what he's

"Roosevelt is just a very good choice with what he's done in all the years he served here," said Jamie Vaughn, director of Jacksonville-Onslow Sports. "He's so well respected in the boxing community and in the

Jacksonville community."
Though he may be best known for coaching the likes of world champions Leon Spinks, Evander Holyfield and Sergio Reyes during their amateur careers, Sanders

and Sergio Reyes during their amateur careers, Sanders was no cream puff during his own fighting days in the 1960s. He was a member of the All-Marine Boxing Team from 1960-1964 and was an Armed Forces Champion in 1961.

Sanders stayed close to the sport he loved even after his amateur career ended. His knowledge and ability to mentor young fighters landed him a coveted position as assistant coach on the U.S. Olympic Boxing teams of 1984 and 1992 and the American fighters under his tutelage responded by winning a chest-full of medals in tutelage responded by winning a chest-full of medals in

threageresponded by those years.

"Each boxer has a different personality and responds to different motivational stimulus," said Sanders. "That's true for everyone, not just athletes and knowing how to reach different people is a leadership quality that I learned on the drill field in the Marine Corps. The key to coaching is dealing with people the Marine Corps taught me."

Sanders continues to shape young American boxers as a coach with the USA Amateur Boxing Team and

recently traveled with the team to Finland for an international competition.

"There are so many boxers that Roosevelt Sanders Jr. has helped through the amateur program that went on to world champions," said F. Michael Cline Sr. in an interview for the Retired Boxing Foundation Web site. "When you look at boxing history, you will see that he produced many champions from the ground up." Cline served as an assistant coach under Sanders at Camp Leionne.

Sanders was assistant to the executive director of the USA Amateur Boxing Federation in 1984. He was inducted into the USA Boxing Hall of Fame in

Joining Sanders in this year's Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Hall of Fame class are longtime (1978-1987 and 2004) Jacksonville High School football coach Ray Durham and JHS standout quar-terback Leander Green, who went on to lead East Carolina University to the Independence Bowl in

The induction ceremony will take place Saturday at the Jacksonville Country Club. Tickets to the event are \$40. For information, call 347-3141. ■

N.C. State Wolfpack taps Lowe as hoops den leader

Aaron Beard

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - North Carolina State hired Detroit Pistons assistant Sidney Lowe as its head basketball coach Saturday, bringing the former Wolfpack player back to the school he led to a national championship under Jim

The 46-year-old Lowe replaces Herb Sendek, who announced last month he was leaving for Arizona State after 10 seasons in Raleigh.

Lowe, who was introduced during a news conference that included university supporters, for-mer teammates from the 1983 NCAA title team and current players, called it a "great opportuni-

"This is definitely a dream come true for me," said Lowe, dressed in a black suit and red N.C.

Lowe will continue working with the Pistons through the rest of the playoffs before starting work here July 1. Larry Harris, an assistant coach who had left with Sendek, will return to the Wolfpack and lead the program in the interim.

Lowe was the point guard on the Wolfpack's 1983 national championship team under Valvano. He ranks second among the school's assist leaders and third in stales.

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Lowe, who has never coached in college, played four seasons in the NBA before moving on to coaching, rising to become the head coach at Minnesota and Memphis. He has a career record of 79-228 and resigned at Memphis after the Grizzlies' 0-8 start in the

2002-03 season.
"I have mixed feelings about it," said Pistons coach Flip Saunders, who has had Lowe at his side in the NBA for many years. "It's almost like a parent when the kid is leaving the nest for the first time."

Lowe takes over a program that has reached the NCAA tournament for five straight years and finished in the upper half of the rugged Atlantic Coast Conference during that time.

"I'm here to try to do something even a little more, and it's nothing against anyone else," he said. "We're in the right direction. We just want to continue to grow and go a little further in the tournament and do a little better. That's what you're here for. That's what you set out to do."

Lowe will have plenty of studying to do

Lowe will have plenty of studying to do before taking the job. Besides learning the lengthy list of NCAA rules, Lowe is still working to complete his undergraduate work in business

administration at St. Pauls College in Lawrenceville, Va. Lowe said Saturday that he is three courses short and expects to finish in June.

The hiring ends a month-long search for N.C. State. The Wolfpack's top two targets, Texas' Rick Barnes and Memphis' John Calipari, reportedly turned down offers of about \$2 million a year to replace Sendek, who

Last week, two more men linked to the job former UCLA coach and TV analyst Steve Lavin, and West Virginia coach John Beilein — issued statements saying they would remain in their cur-

Athletics director Lee Fowler said he was interested in Lowe from the start and the two maintained contact throughout the process. He said Lowe became a serious candidate about 10 days ago, and said Lowe's NBA experience would be an asset when trying to lure top-tier

"They like the idea that the guy's been in the pros and they like the idea that he knows what it takes to get to that level," Fowler said. "So I think

Sendek's run of five straight NCAA tournaments tied the late Valvano for the best in school history. But Sendek was criticized by some Wolfpack fans in recent seasons despite that success, often for the program's Princeton-style motion offense and its struggles against ACC neighbors Duke and North

Sendek went 8-38 against those rivals and 9-16 against Wake Forest, the state's other ACC school.

Lowe said he planned to use an uptempo offense, a prospect that sounded appealing to sev-eral current players who attended the news con-

"He told us he wanted us to be free and have fun," said sophomore Gavin Grant, a 6-foot-7 swingman. "[Sendek] wasn't focused on having fun. He was more focused on we've got to win and it was the way are proposed to the said to the sai and it was this way or no way at all.

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"In the Princeton offense, I don't think that offense fit me and a couple of other guys on the team as best we could. Now that we have a coach that understands where we're coming from and played a little bit like some of us here, things should be a lot better around bears."

Associated Press Sports Writer Larry Lage in Detroit contributed to this report. ■



MLB Baseball, American League

SEATTLE (AP) — Frustrated by a lack of playing time, veteran outfielder Matt Lawton said he asked the Mariners to

Lawton approached Seattle's front office late last month after having started just one game all season, and after Lawton noticed a glut of outfielders on the team. Lawton

characterized his meeting as his way of "trying to make everything easier," and voluntarily offered to be released.

Instead, the Mariners designated outfielder Joe Borchard for assignment. Borchard, who was obtained from the Chicago White Sox in a trade for reliever Matt Thornton during spring training, did not clear waivers and was claimed by the Florida Marlins. Florida Marlins.

"I went to them in a friendly manner and just said 'Hey, I'll be the guy you can send out if they felt the need," Lawton said

Lawton is playing more lately, seeing action in four of the last seven games. With center fielder Jeremy Reed struggling at the plate, manager Mike Hargrove has recently used right-handed Willie Bloomquist when facing left-handed pitching and a combo of Lawton and Reed against righties.

Lawton believes he could prove his value if he played regularly. Hargrove said Sunday he has no intention of altering his

Lawton was suspended for the first 10 days of this season after testing positive for steroids at the end of last year. Because he tested positive under baseball's former program, Lawton had to miss the first 10 days of this season.

of this season.

Under the new, tougher rules, a positive test would have meant a 50-game suspension.

This spring, he batted .367 with eight doubles and eight RBIs in 49 at-bats. Entering Sunday's game, Lawton had just 22 at-bats in the regular season.

Lawton said when he signed with Seattle he was made no promises about playing time. He said he has heard that other teams are interested in him, and would give him a more regular role.

more regular role.

— Tim Booth, Associated Press

MLB Baseball, National League PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Carl Oliveras has a home run ball specially marked to assure authenticity.

marked to assure authenticity.

It just doesn't have Barry Bonds' autograph as the slugger refused to sign the ball.

The 25-year-old Air Force serviceman, who lives on McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey, bought his lucky ticket because he wanted to see Bonds chase Babe Ruth on the career home run list. Oliveras had little idea he'd be the one being chased — by fans, by media — after snagging career home run No. 713.

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When the San Francisco Giants' slugger hit a mammoth shot in the sixth inning off Philadelphia right-hander Jon Lieber to put him one behind the Babe on Sunday night, the hell between desired 22 and the ball bounced around Section 202 and into Oliveras' hands.

"I never thought I was going to be lucky like that," Oliveras said.

This was the first game of the three-game series Oliveras and a friend attended. He bought the ticket two days ago because he's a Bonds fan and wanted to see a slice of history. Then be was rost of it. tory. Then he was part of it.

"Everybody was looking on the Oliveras said. "The ball bounced t grabbed the ball and I stuck it between the ball stuck it ball to be a stuck it between the ball stuck it bet

legs. Everyone was still looking aro Oliveras, a native of Puerto Rico, one immediately tried to snag t because he had it hidden. When the and Phillies security discovered he the ball, other Phillies fans — maspent the series jeering the sullen slug started yelling for him to throw the ba Oliveras, an Airman 1st Class, ps. for his seat in Section 202, Row 7, 5 He said he is a Bonds fan and probably keep the ball. He hoped it have Bonds' signature.

Bonds said no when he was asked news conference if he would sign the a fan wanted an autograph.

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After his news conference, Bonds
Oliveras' hand and took a picture wi
"I'm happy because I got a picture
he shook my hand," he said.

There was one signature needed I

Oliveras had to sign a waiver for reality show.

— Dan Gelston, Associated Press

2008 Olympics
BEIJING, China (AP) — A imperial tombs were unearthed durin struction at a competition site for theijing Olympics, prompting work suspended.

The tombs, found in mid-Aprehelieved to date more than 500 years

The tombs, found in mid-Apribelieved to date more than 500 years Ming dynasty and may be those of enserving at the imperial court, the answering Post said Monday.

Beijing has been the site of victions governments for more than years, and almost every major building ect unearths grave sites or relics. More moved or destroyed before experiexamine them.

Archeologists have found coins, ce and jade in the tombs at the Olympic sh range on the Chinese capital's wester skirts, state media said.

skirts, state media said.

Zhu Jing, a spokeswoman for the E organizers, said she had no informati how the discovery would affect construction. Baoshan, an official of the B Cultural Relics Department, declined the an age for the tombs.

Olympic organizers broke ground in 2004 for the schooling space.

2004 for the shooting range.

The main Olympic facilities at Beijing's north side while other facilities scattered throughout the city. Associated Press

Soccer, English Premier League LONDON (AP) — Tottenham will for investigations by health inspector police before deciding whether to hotel chain and the English Premier Lover an outbreak of food poisoning whether cost Spurs a lucrative fourth. helped cost Spurs a lucrative fourth-

Tottenham lost its final match of the Tottenham lost its final match of the son to West Ham on Sunday, just hour 10 key players became sick follow team dinner at a hotel buffet.

Tottenham's 2-1 defeat, dropped into fifth place in the final standings.

The result cost Tottenham an estin. 10 million pounds (US\$18.6 million) in the final standings.

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"The symptoms developed by this good guests may be due to food poisonin viral gastroenteritis, so we will be wor with the football club and the hotel to itify any possible sources," He Protection Agency consultant Mellanby said Monday.

The Premier League turned (Tottenham's request to delay the mate 24 hours to allow its players to recover the team stayed at a Marriott Saturday night. Samples from the reported to be lasagna from a buffet, taken for testing.

with MVP vote result win the award in consecutive Press release going to get any worse." Ilgauskas knows how his ballot would have been cast if seasons. Nash finished with 924

Cavs star disappointed

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — LeBron James didn't find any satisfaction in being

runner-up for the NBA's MVP award. "I don't believe in second," he said. "I don't like second."

Phoenix's multi-talented point guard Steve Nash won the league's top player honor for the second straight year, becoming just the ninth player in league history to points (57 first-place votes) to win easily over James' 688 points (16 firsts). Cavs center

Cavs center Zydrunas Ilgauskas had his own theory on why James didn't get the nod in his third season as a Zydrunas

"Maybe they (media voters) are afraid to give it to him," Ilgauskas said. "Because if you give it to him now, what are you going to do for the next 10 years? You know he's not

he had a chance to vote his

"All these other guys played well, but this season, I played all the teams and I saw everything and I've never seen one guy dominate and be so unstoppable and at the same time get all of his team-mates involved.

"I'm glad for Steve," Ilgauskas said. "He's a good guy. But I would have voted for LeBron."

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May 18-21 guest list to include these popular celebrities and more

Career Highlights: Seth Joyner was a fearsome middle linebacker who was selected to three Pro Bowls

over the course of his 13-year career. Joyner played with the Philadelphia Eagles and Arizona Cardinals before playing in Super Bowl XXII with the Green Bay Packers and

Green Bay Packers and then realizing his dreams by winning Super Bowl XXIII as a member of the Denver Broncos. In 1991, Seth was named the NFL Player of the Year by Sports Illustrated and garnered runner-up honors for Associated Press Defensive Player of the Year. Playing in 195 games during his illustrious career, Joyner recorded 51.5 sacks, 24 interceptions and five touchdowns. Seth has also made numerous appeartouchdowns. Seth has also made numerous appearances as an expert analyst on many NFL television and radio programs.



Joyner

Cameron Mathison Actor

Career Highlights: Cameron Mathis joined the cast of "All My Children" in



Career Highlights: This veteran of 14 years in the Majors played as an outfielder, catcher, and des-ignated hitter. His distinguished career included stints with Oakland, Baltimore, Detroit and Texas. A two-time American

League All-Star,
Tettleton recorded four 30-homer seasons in a
five-year span. He batted .241 during his career
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Tettleton finished his career ranked eighth in Major League history in career homers by a switch hitter with 245. Three times he switchhit home runs in a single game. He recorded six career Major League grand slams. Tettleton is a member of Oklahoma's All-Century Team.



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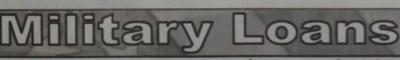
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Unsung Gado still runner to beat at Packers camp

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) -Samkon Gado is in the envi-able, if not against-all-odds position he found himself six months ago.

Thanks to the same serious

leg injuries incurred by Ahman Green and Najeh Davenport that thrust the obscure rookie into national prominence last season, Gado remains No. 1 on the Green Packers' depth chart

at running back.
The soft-spoken, yet buoyed
23-year-old isn't ready to let go

of that starting spot.

"Who does?" Gado said after the Packers completed their first mini-camp Sunday. "I enjoyed doing that (last year). I

enjoy running the ball.

"Anything I can do to keep running the ball, that would be

The longer Green and Davenport take to rehabilitate from their torn quadriceps tendon and broken ankle, respec-tively, the better the prospects figure to get for Gado to be the starter on opening day

Sept. 10.
At the very least, Gado can count on getting the bulk of the carries in these offseason workouts.

You can never get too many reps, especially with somebody in my shoes," Gado said. "I'm still learning. I don't have a lot of reps under me, in college and even here. So, the more I can get, the better prepared I will be for when Ahman Green and Najeh Davenport come back."

Davenport said Sunday he's "in negotiations" with team doctor Pat McKenzie to be cleared for organized team activities in June. Davenport sustained his season-ending injury in the fifth game. It's possible Davenport, a fifth-year veteran, won't be deemed ready for action until the start of training camp in late

Even then, Green won't be back on the field. He said during the weekend that he doesn't expect to suit up until the latter part of training camp.

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Samkon Gado, Green Bay Packers.

The Packers lost their four-time Pro Bowl halfback to the devastating thigh injury only two weeks after Davenport was

"Just one day at a time," said Green, who resumed running in the last month.

the last month.

Gado, meanwhile, took most of the reps with the No. 1 offense during the three days of minicamp. He left a good first impression with new head coach Mike McCarthy.

"He has a very bright future ahead of him. He's very explosive," McCarthy said. "I'm excited to see him when we get into pads," (in training camp).

The Nigerian-born Gado charged into the Packers' illustrious record book in only eight games last season, after the undrafted player out of tiny

Liberty University was promot-ed from the practice squad at

Misseason.

As its fifth starting running back used last season, Gado led the team with 582 rushing yards and had six rushing touchdowns, the latter a franchise record for a Green Bay

Unfortunately for Packers fans who longed for a solid and sutainable running game, Gado's remarkable debut Gado's remarkable debut ended prematurely with two games left in the season because of a partially torn medial-collateral ligament in his right knee his right knee.

He didn't require surgery

though and was back to normal within a few weeks.

Although he has a signifi-cant head start on Green and Davenport in running the football in the Packers' newly adopted zone-blocking scheme, Gado hasn't taken

scheme, Gado hasn't taken early ownership of the starting job.

"Ahman is a four-time Pro Bowler. Najeh Davenport has played in the league for four years and has done well, barring injuries. So, I'm not going to presume that I am better than them," Gado said. "The coaches are going to have to make that are going to have to make that decision.

McCarthy said the pecking order will shake itself out in the preseason, though he indicated Sunday that Gado stands to

Sunday that Gaoo sunday that Gaoo sunday that Gaoo sunday have a prominent role,
"You never have enough backs,"

good running backs," McCarthy said.

"We talk about it all the time being fresh. I'm not just talking about mentally, (but) physically during the course of a football game.

a football game.
"Our starting point on offense is running the football.
We're going to have enough carries for everybody."

Carolina Panthers preparing for play-0

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The Carolina Panthers are hoping to devel-Panthers are hoping to develop middle linebacker Dan Morgan into the next Ray Lewis, borrowing a 2000 Baltimore Ravens strategy that relied on two massive defensive tackles to plug the center so the middle linebacker could make key plays.

It worked in Baltimore six years ago as huge defensive

years ago as huge defensive tackles Sam Adams and Tony Siragusa freed up Lewis, who became an instant star. Ravens won the Super Bowl that year and Lewis was named the Most Valuable

Earlier this off-season, the Panthers acquired unrestricted free agent defensive tackle Ma'ake Kemoeatu from the Ravens, signing him to a five-year, \$23 million contract. The hope is that former two-time All-Pro Kris Jenkins can return from two injury-rid-dled seasons and give the Panthers a pair of 350-pound-plus giants in the middle to

take up blocks and free up Morgan behind them. "Right now, the plan is to have both Kris and Ma'ake in there, and we'll see where that goes," Panthers coach John Fox said at Sunday's

John Fox said at Sunday's mini-camp.

Like Lewis, Morgan is a former first-round draft pick from Miami. His greatest attribute is his speed, but Morgan has struggled to stay on the field becomes on the field because of injuries, having yet to play an entire 16-game season since coming into the league in 2001

But when he's healthy, Morgan is clearly a differ-ence-maker and creates headaches for opposing coor-

Morgan is excited about

Morgan is excited about the possibilities with the Ravens' past strategy.

"They have to be the biggest defensive tackle tandem in the league," Morgan said. "And I get happy every time I see them. They are two big guys who will be able to clog up the middle, so hopefully I don't see any blockers on me this year. And that on me this year. And that

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Carolina Panthers sign 13 undrafted planting plant a way, let undrafted planting plant in wast.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) Carolina Panthers signed quarterback Brett Basanez from Northwestern and 12 other undrafted free agents Monday to fill out their

roster.

Basanez, who was voted the Big Ten offensive player of the year by the media last season, holds every major passing record at Northwestern and finished his college career ranked 28th all-time in passing yards.

As with all of Carolina's undrafted free agents signed Monday, Basanez will have a tough time cracking what is considered a very deep roster on one of the league's best teams.

The Panthers return three quarterbacks

from last season, including Pro I Delhomme, backup Chris Weinkt stringer Stefan LeFors, a fourthpick out of Louisville in 2005. T

normally keep three quarterbacks.
The team added wide receivers The team added wide receivers from Mississippi, Jovon Bouk Wyoming, Lynzell Jackson from V Justin McCullum from Stanford Smith from Idaho, as well as off men Seppo Eywaraye from Nebn O'Connor, a Greensboro native wi William & Mary, Adam Stena Michigan and Albert Tocaina from They also signed cornerbacks from Utah State and Marcus City UCLA, and defensive end Devan Oregon.

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Saturday
Trophies will be awarded to first-, second- and third-place finishers in each adult and youth division. The competition starts at 9 a.m. at the Camp Lejeune archery range on Parachute Tower Road and runs until 2 p.m. Divisions include men's open men's senior open (50) include men's open, men's senior open (50 and over), bowhunter, ladies bowhunter, ladies unlimited, traditional, outlaw, incentive, young adult (15-17), youth (12-14), cub (9-11) and pee-wee (3-8). For more information, call 450-1068 or visit www.mccslejeune.com.

Team Bass Tournament Series

Two-person teams fish for large-mouthed bass on the New River and its tributaries. Guaranteed \$1,000 cash prize for this event. For information on how to register, call 451-8307.

Kayak Rachel Carson Reserve

May 18
Observe wildlife during a paddle tour at the Kayak Rachel Carson Reserve from 9 a.m. to

2 p.m. Reservations are required. The cost is \$30 and \$5 if you bring your own kayak. For more information, call the N.C. Maritime Museum in Beaufort. Call (252) 728-7317.

Annual Surf & Turf Triathlon May 20
Participate in Surf City's annual Surf & Turf Triathlon May 20. This NCTS-sanctioned event will require athletes to complete a half-mile ocean swim, 20K bike course and a 5K run. For more information, logon to www.sneadsferrynorthearolina.com.

Bicycle Rodeo
May 20
To be held from 9 a.m. -noon for children 5-12
(helmets required.) Get bike safety checked, learn the rules of the road with the Emerald Isle Police Department, test your riding ability on our fun bike course and enjoy exciting cycling activities. Prizes and gift certificated for participants, Emerald Isle Community Center, Call (252) 354-6350.

USO Run For The Warriors

May 20
The United Services Organization "Run For The Warriors" is dedicated to the men and women wounded in Afghanistan and Iraq and their families and will take place at Hospital Point at Camp Lejenue in Jacksonville. It is intended as a celebration of their strength and resolve and a promise that their sacrifices will not be forgotten, nor their needs unmet. By uniting the entire community, military and

civilian alike, this unique event will embrace Wounded Warriors and their families in the shared belief that there is hope beyond recovery. All proceeds from the race will benefit Wounded Warriors and their families. For more information www.runforthewarriors.org or call 938-0596.

Boating Safety Day May 20 Coast Guard Station Emerald Isle will hold its

Coast Guard Station Emerated iste with hold its Boating Safety Dayat the station from 10:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m. There will be a fire safety demonstration, a hand-held flare shoot-off and a disposal for all

expired flares.
Vessel safety checks will be held at the Jacksonville United Services Organization Wildlife Ramp from 8:30 a.m. until noon, the Surf City Hwy 210 Wildlife Ramp from 8 a.m. until noon, Shell Rock Landing in Hubert from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and Coast Guard Station Emerald Isle (by trailer only) from 10:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m.

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There was no doubt about

The 6-foot par putt was halfway to the hole when Furyk raised his right arm, turned and slammed his fist to punctuate his 11th career xictory, and bury some demonstration the way.

"Guys that are tough and gritty can hit a really good shot under pressure. And if not, go find it and figure out a way to get the ball in the hole ... It didn't look good, but I stayed positive... It's nice to come out and get it done this time.'

Jim Furyk Quail Hollow Country Club, N.C.

"Probably getting close a few weeks ago, and losing here last year in a playoff," Furyk said, explaining his extra ounce of emotion. "I just like to win. If there was anything extra, I just like to win." just like to win.

Just like to win."

He did it by closing with a lunder 71 to finish at 276, giving him a \$1.134 million prize, enough Ryder Cup points to push him up to No. 3 in the U.S. standings and moving past perennial favorite Ernie Els to claim No. 5 in the world rank-

He did it by making two putts that might be forgotten— an 18-footer for birdie on the par-5 seventh and an 18-footer for par on the ninth, both of which kept him in the game.

He needed some help from Immelman too. The 26-year-old from South Africa who played brilliantly except for one hiccup in the middle and two bogeys on the 18th hole.

"When you come that close you're disappointed to not finish the job," said Immelman, who

had a two-shot lead with five holes to play and shot 70. "It's my best finish on the PGA Tour, and I've got to build

Immelman surged into the lead with birdies on both par 5s on the front nine, plus an impossible wedge that rifled through a tree and skipped to a stop on the eighth hole for a 4-

He gave it back with a doo ble bogey from the rough and trees on No. 11.

But he was the model of composure, regaining the lead with birdies on the 13th and with birdies on the 13th and 15th, and par saves from about 6 feet on the 16th and 17th holes that set him up for victory. Two putts from 50 feet was no small task given the speed of the green, and Immelman figured his greater sin was not finding the fairway in the playoff.

Furyk also played superbly along the back nine, as he did a year ago with two birdies on his final three holes to get into a

playoff.

He took only six putts over the final five holes in regulation, two for birdie, the rest par saves that meant just as much.

And he headed to the airport

with a crystal trophy, a royal blue blazer and reinforcement

that he can get it done.

"It's nice to come out and get it done this time," Furyk

Retief Goosen had his

He took the lead on the third hole, gave it back with a bogey on the par-5 seventh when he drove into the water and was tied for the lead with seven holes to play

But, he failed to make another birdie and he finished his day by hitting three balls into the creek on the 18th to make quintuple-bogey 9 and shoot 77, dropping him seven spots down the leaderboard into a tie for

Adam Scott shot 71 and finished third, although he was never within four shots of the lead.

The consolation prizes went to Bill Haas, who shot 70 to tie for fourth, his best finish on the PGA Tour and enough to get him into the Byron Nelson Championship next week; and to Lucas Glover, a rising American star who shot 72 and tied for fourth. In doing so, Glover earned enough Ryder Cup points to climb three spots into sixth place.

But this event was recognit

But this event was especially meaningful to Furyk, who kept battling even when it looked like hope was gone.

"It didn't look good," he said of the precarious situation on No. 18 in regulation. "But, I stayed positive. I knew it would be a tough two-putt. I felt like he would probably do it. Until he two-putts, you've got to keep fighting and try to win the tournament."

Indy rookie waiting 20 years for first start

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Townsend Bell ght be mushing a team of sled dogs instead of driving a race car if things had turned out differently 20 years ago. Bell and his two brothers were each prom-

ised a trip anywhere they wanted to go in the United States when they turned 10 years old. His older brother picked New York; his younger brother chose Alaska.

Bell picked the Indianapolis 500.

"I sat up by the start-finish line and just sat there with my jaw dropped for about three hours. That was really the reason I think I fell in love with the idea of becoming a racing driver," he said Monday during the annual rookie orientation program at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Now he'll get his chance to

Motor Speedway. Now he'll get his chance to prove himself on that very track.

Full practice for the May 28 race began Tuesday. Qualification laps are Saturday and Sunday and again on May 20-21.

Bell, a 30-year-old Californian, has driven in 22 races in the Champ Car and Indy Racing League series since 2001, including the final 10 IRL races two years ago.

But, he's still considered a rookie at Indianapolis because he has never driven in the 500.

He drove one IRL race last year, finishing He drove one IRL race last year, finishing 15th at Michigan after a disappointing crash with 20 laps to go, but was without a ride until he worked a deal with Vision Racing—owned by Speedway boss Tony George—about a month ago.

The sponsorship wasn't finalized until last weekend, and Bell's first appearance on the track was Sunday.

"It's probably the most well-maintained, manicured facility I've ever been to. It just has

manicured facility I've ever been to. It just has

that feel about it," Bell said of his first imprethat free about it. Ben said or in the cockpit. "It's kind of surreal in a way, because the first lap, you've spent so many years watching it on TV, so it feels sort of like home, even though I've

no it legis see of the dollar value of the color flower."

Rockie Thingo Medeiros, on the other hand, has already been here and won.

The 23-year-old Brazilian star-on-the-rise-

dominated the IRL's developmental lindy Pro-Series two years ago, and his six victories included the Freedom 100 the day before the

He landed a ride with PDM Racing in the U.S. Auto Club's Silver Crown series this sea son, and worked out a sponsorship deal late last week to drive in the 500.

"It's a little different," he said of the

switch to the IndyCar series. is much faster, has more downforce and better grip in the tires. It'll take me just a few laps to get adapted to the car again and drive to the car limits, and then make a change and improve the car handle and make it better."

Medeiros said his previous experience at Indianapolis, even though it was in the small-er Indy Pro car, should give him an advantage over other rookies in the adjustment to the narrow, flat track.

"I learned a lot here," he said. "There's not many guys in the world have the opportunity to go in here in front of the great crowd here in Indianapolis, the same place I've been living the past four years. I kind of consider myself half Hoogier already."

Presuming they make it through qualifying without any mishaps, both drivers will have a chance to add their names to the history of this most-beloved track on the American motor-sports landscape.

Schumacher back on track

Salvatore Zanca

NUERBURGRING, Germany (AP) — The raised index finger seemed to say it all as Michael Schumacher crossed the finish line

He was first at the European

Grand Prix again Sunday.
With two straight victories,
Michael Schumacher and
Ferrari, who dominated Formula One from 2000-04, may also be back in top form again. The seven-time world cham-

pion won the European Grand Prix for the sixth time, beating out points leader Fernando Alonso for the second race in a row. It was the 86th career victow, it was the 86th career vic-tory for Schumacher, who has won the European GP five times at Nuerburgring and in Spain in 1994.

The victories come after a disappointing start to the sea-son. After second place in Bahrain, he was sixth in Malaysia and then crashed in Australia. He didn't think the early struggles reflected the team's strength.
"I thought we looked good

already at the first race, honestalready at the first race, honest-ly, so it's not a surprise," Schumacher said. "We had the package available. We didn't make use of it all the time." Alonso started from the pole, the first time he has done so this season, and just ahead of

Schumacher.

They stayed out front, separated by about a second, through the first pit stop. Then things changed on lap 39.

Schumacher had the fastest law of the race.

lap of the race, 1 minute, 32.067 seconds, while Alonso pitted for fuel and tires. After coming out of the pits, Alonso needed 1:55 to completed his next lap, enabling Schumacher to build a lead of nearly 23 sec-

With Schumacher's fuel tank near empty and Alonso's full, the German was able to add another two seconds to his lead, giving Schumacher a better-than 24-second advantage by the time he entered the pits.

By the time he was refueled and re-entered the race on lap 42, Schumacher was six seconds ahead and in control.

"I felt we had a good strate-

good race pace on new tires. I knew we could push and it all worked out.

Alonso knew he was beaten. "I was controlling the pace a little bit," Alonso said. "The first pit it worked out. The second pit stop we were maybe 3-4 laps early and that was too much. It was impossible to stay about of them for 60 laps." ahead of them for 60 laps."

Alonso now looks forward

to his home race, the Spanish GP, Sunday with the tires on his car giving him an advantage. "I think Barcelona will be a

good point, because we have always been quick there in test-ing. Michelin has been in a dominant position in Barcelona over the last two years, so I'm really looking forward to winning that one," Alonso said.

Alonso still leads the driver standings with 44 points.

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There is a hostage situation in a barracks. An assailant is holding a victim at knife point and has barricaded himself in

and has barricaded himself in the room. Normal tactics by the military police can't dif-fuse the situation.

This is the type of scenario that members of the Special Reaction Team on Marine Corps Base here train and live

The mission of the team is a simple one; rehearse and conduct tactical operations while resolving high risk incidents with minimum force, according to the sniper team leader whose name was withheld to preserve anonymity

The team is selected from the best military policemen aboard the base, which must have the prerequisite of expert in rifle and pistol qualification, a first class physical fitness test and have at least a year of time on the road patrolling.

Hostage situations are just one of the missions the team trains for during their at least 30 hours of weekly training. The team also trains for drug warrants, searches and seizures, barricaded suspects, counter sniper missions, vehicle assaults, emotionally or mentally disturbed suspects, security, reconnaissance and surveillance and quick reac-tion force missions.

To learn the skills required to excel in these missions, the team attends a variety of mil-itary and civilian schools including the special weapons and tactics team courses and Scout Sniper Basic

Even though the team can act as a small infantry unit, its purpose is not to act as the judge and jury, according to the team leader.

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Key Volunteers keep families connected

Lance Cpl. Adam Johnston

As a member of today's mili-As a member of today's min-tary, the idea of deploying over-seas is nothing short of a reality.] In support of the Global War on Terrorism, Marines are spending anywhere from six to 12 months at a time in places like Iraq and Afrikanistan. Although, it's the Afghanistan. Although it's the Marines who find themselves in physical peril on a daily basis, many forget about the family who is left behind. That's where the Marine Corps utilizes the Key Volunteer Program; an organiza-tion dedicated to making sure no spouse or child is forgotten.

The Key Volunteer Network is communication formed within a unit, to help keep families informed about the misramaies informed about the missions and tasks of that unit, according to Marine Corps Order 1754.6. By achieving and maintaining a high level of "family readiness," individual Marines are able to perform their assigned

missions efficiently, effectively and safely, which promotes a higher state of unit readiness.

"It never fails," said Marcy J. Bare, the KVN Coordinator for Camp Johnson. "When your husband dealous, your car breaks band deploys, your car breaks down and you've got no way to

pay for it. The network can help point you in the right direction for whatever assistance you need."

In honor of all the government volunteers who selflessly serve those in uniform, the Commandant of the Marine Corps signed All Marine Message 012/06, which put the National Volunteer Appreciation week into effect.

week into effect.

April 23 – 29 was set to recognize the countless volunteers who selflessly give their time, talent and energy to improve our country, our communities and our Marine Corps family. The contribution of those who work tirelessly without receiving a pay-

receiving a paycheck is invaluable.

To celebrate, various KVN Programs from units across the base recently gathered at the Officers' Club for the 3rd Annual Key Volunteer Appreciation

Night.
"The event gave Marines the opportunity to show their grati-tude for everything the KVN Program has done for them," said Bare. "Commanding officers handed out certificates of appreci-ation to key volunteers from their specific unit."

To be eligible for the program,

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Simulation training teaches eathernecks IED awareness

Lance Cpl. Drew W. Barker

According to an ABC News report from January, improvised explosive devices have accounted for more than half of all U.S. military

accounted for more than half of all U.S. military injuries in Iraq and continue to be the single greatest cause of death of service members.

Fortunately, Marines and sailors aboard Camp Lejeume now have the opportunity to take part in IED simulation training, as well as a number of other training experiences including advanced laser and paintball systems, at the Tactical Engagement Simulation Center.

"We take this training very seriously," said Berndt Tietjen, the center's tactical simulations manager. "We believe that over the last three or four years this training has contributed to saving

manager. "We believe that over the last three or four years this training has contributed to saving a lot of Marines' lives."

The center, which is under contract with the base through UNITECH, provides units with the equipment, training and technical support needed to accomplish goals and objectives with the different forms of simulation training, all free of cost

"Basically, here's how it works," said Tietjen.
"A unit, no matter how large or small, makes a request for our services through our Web site at www.miles-2000.net. Then we call them up and find out the specifics: what type of training, how many participants, when, where. That kind of

After establishing some of the training parameters, Tietjen discusses the possible scenarios and how they might be able to incorporate any, or all,

of the different simulation gear.

"After mapping out a plan, we meet them at the training site on the designated date," said Tietjen. "They just need to bring the weapons they want to use, blank rounds and their military ID cards. We issue the gear and set everything up, and they're on their own."

Personnel from the simulation center also assist in training individual members of the unit on how to use the issued gear and run the training scenarios.

"We want units to know how easy this is," said Tietjen. "We're here, we have the equipment, it's free to Marines and we'll deliver."

The three main training systems that the center offers are Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System 2000, Special Effects Small Arms Marking System and Combat Training Solutions IED kits.

MILES 2000 provides tactical engagement

MILES 2000 provides tactical engagement simulation for direct fire, force-on-force training using eye-safe lasers. Each individual and vehicle in the training exercise has a detection system to sense hits and perform casualty assessment. Laser transmitters are attached to each individual weapon and vehicle weapon system and accurate transmitters. weapon and vehicle weapon system and accurately replicate actual ranges and lethality of the specific weapon systems. The realism of this training is increased by the necessity of the flash and report of blank rounds to discharge the laser transmitters, according to www.miles-2000.net.

"MILES 2000 provides the truest simulation we can get without putting trainees in a harmful

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Camp Lejeune Trade Show



Lance Cpl. Drew Barker

Camp Lejeune Trade Show: Lance Cpl. Benjamin Slauter, a supply clerk with 1st Bn. 9th
Marine Regiment., 2nd Marine Division checks out some new tactical gear during the 2006
Camp Lejeune Trade Show, April 26 at Goettge Memorial Field House. Ret. Master Gunnery
Sgt. John Singleton, a sales representative with Quantico Arms and Tactical Supply Inc.,
used the venue as an opportunity to promote his company and advertise their services to
Marines. "We have a lot of really good gear the Marine Corps needs," said Singleton.

Recognition day honors Vietnam War veterans

Lance Cpl. Drew W. Barker

1998, Staff Sgt. Jim Slaughter began shaping what would come to be a cherished and would come to be a cherished and enduring annual event in Onslow County. Last year, he passed away before he could organize the 2005 Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day. However, the tradition he had created carried on, as it did this year with a somber ceremony at Coastal Carolina Veterans Cemetery,

Local veterans, their families and retired military community leaders joined dozens of members of the Jacksonville chapter of Rolling Thunder Inc. in remem-brance of Vietnam's troubled times and the brothers with whom

they had served during America's longest and most unpopular war. "This is a day of reflection and reverence," said Ret. Army Maj. Gen. Joe Rigby, the ceremony's

guest speaker. "It's in honor of all the Marines, soldiers, sailors, air-men and coast guardsmen and women who traveled to the other side of the world and into harms way, to answer our country's call

sored and hosted by Chapter 654 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, included Rigby's heart felt speech and a memorial wall naming all of the North Carolina natives who did not return from

Local members of Rolling Thunder, the national organiza-tion of pro-military motorcyclists, also presented a bamboo-caged flag display. It served to remind all in attendance of the prisoners of war and service members declared missing in action and the terrible conditions under which many of them have been held captive and died.

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MCCS employees becoming force multiplied

Lance Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen Marine Corps Base

Marine Corps Community Service has joined the fight in anti-terrorism by having its employees participate in level one anti-terrorism training. Marine Corps Community Services started it's training at

the beginning of the year send-ing employees to an anti-terrorism class twice a month to achieve its goal of all its employees attending training, according to Jeff Strohman, the program manager for antiterrorism/force protection

class was informative and has taught me to be more suspicious of things that don't seem right," said Donny Humphery, a truck driver for MCCS. "I think it is important that we learn this information to keep each other safe."
The training is important

for service members because MCCS has many outlets that could be places of terrorist attacks and teaching the employees of these establishments, the warning signs of terrorism and teaching them to recognize suspicious behavior can help keep service members safe, according

ice members safe, according to Strohman. Employees in the class learn about terrorist targets; such as schools, populated areas, trains subways, water

areas, computers and finan-cial centers. The class also discussed the definition of

A person taking notes, tak-ing pictures of an area and surveying an area are some of the things employees are taught to taming employees are taught to pay attention to. The class talked about other signs of possible terrorist activity such as people stockpiling supplies like fertilizer, diesel fuel and other chemicals. Stroham taught people to be

aware of their belongings especially their keys, identification, badges and to keep their computers locked when they are away from it, because they can potentially be used by terrorists.

Stroham teaches the employees to utilize the Eagle Eyes program, which combats terrorism by giving people knowledge to combat terrorism and giving them away to report activity. The number to report suspicious activities that could be link ism is 451-3333 from a base pho can call 911.

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3rd Annual Administrative Professionals Celebration



Marston Pavilion: Mona Padrick, president of the Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce, speaks during the 3rd Annual Administrative Professionals Celebration at Marston Pavilion, May 3. "Secretaries and personal assistants are the backbone of our organizations," said Padrick. "They're they ones who keep everything up and running smoothly." 13 nominees were presented with certificates, but Tina Glover, an administrative assistant to the president of Marine Federal Credit Union, took home top honors, earning the 2006 Administrative Professionals Award.

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an applicant must be appointed, in writing, by the spouse's CO. Potential key volunteers must undergo a mandatory eight-hour training process before becoming a full-fledged member.

"The KV training consists of teaching recovers how to keep the

teaching spouses how to handle different problems in a respectful and ethical manner, a brief history of the Marine Corps and a num-

ber of other skills a basically trained key volunteer would

ber of other skills a basically trained key volunteer would need," said Bare.

One of the biggest problems Bare has noticed in her nine months as the Camp Johnson KV Coordinator is the misconfertion of spouses who aren ception of spouses who aren't attached to a deploying unit. Although it's one of the most important responsibilities, there's more to the program than just supporting the families of Marines who deploy.

"Many wives resent the military and want to distance them-

tary and want to distance them-

selves from it because it has taken away their husbands," said Bare. "Through this program, wives can meet others who share their same view and, together, can learn about their husband's job and how to appreciate it. It's all about providing a service to one

about providing a service to one another."

At the end of the day, this program rests solely on the shoulders of its namesake, the Key Volunteers, according to Bare. Without people who are willing to give their time and themselves, the network is non-existent.

"It's a really worthwhile program that can help families in ways they're not even aware of," said Bare. "If a Marine is called to go, he can rest assured that his family will be looked after and genuinely cared for while he's gone. With no distractions, he can focus on the job at hand and make it back home safe."

It back nome sare.

For more information on the
Key Volunteer Program, go to

www.usme-mccs.org/kon/index.cfm.

To become a member, contact
your unit's KV Coordinator or Family Readiness Officer.

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"Even in our training missions we train to bring everyone out alive," said the team leader. The team learns unit cohesion

and team work through their daily training, which includes the practraining, which includes the practice of entering different empty homes and office areas of the base. This also helps them to learn different layouts of buildings they could be operating in. This also teaches them be able to flow through their environment.

"Turn a house upside down and pour a pitcher of water into one of the windows and watch it flow through the house to the top

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These systems have been used in conjunction withroughout the Marine Corps, including use at both Infantry and the Combat Engineers School, according to T "They're all great tools to train with," said Tietjen. "H Marine Corps Installation has UNITECH personnel and en Non-pyrotechnic IED training devices overcome exist training limitations by allowing explosion simulations to be close proximately to convoys, vehicles and personnel. This convoys driving through or failing to acknowledge a dire. "up close and personal" training allows personnel to experience of the property overload very similar to the real thing.

"Training with this equipment can enhance [the] Marine do their jobs safely and effectively," said Tietjen. "It makes al awareness paramount, and that can save lives in Iraq."

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"Our main goal for being here our main goal for being nere was to promote awareness of our POWs and MIAs," said J.D. Tyndall, a senior member of the Jacksonville chapter of Rolling Thunder. "Most of us are veterans from many wars. We don't ever want to forget them and what happened."

After the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation, Rigby took the podium and gave his remarks.

"While others ran to Canada "While others ran to Canada or sought exemptions from service, the Vietnam Veteran answered the call," said Rigby. "I'm proud to be a Vietnam Veteran, I'm proud of all my comrades-in-arms who served, especially all of you here today and those who didn't make it back."

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He later noted some of the growing similarities and trends being seen in relation to the war

in Iraq.
"We're already hearing the voices of non-support we heard in

Vietnam from some of our politivicinal non-some of the press," said Rigby. "Let us drown them out with our voices of support, the voices we didn't hear in the 60s and 70s. Don't let our troops down."

After thanking those in attendance, Rigby closed with this statement, "It's days like this that will help everyone remember the sacrifices of our Vietnam Veterans. God bless the Vietnam Vet our troops who are in harms." Vet, our troops who are in harms way today and the United States of America." ■

Color Guard's weekly practice



Camp Lejeune: Lance Cpl. Malcolm K. Quick, a member of the Headquarters and Su Battalion Color Guard, practices rifle manual at one of the Color Guard's weekly practices twice a week to perfect their marching and rifle manual in preparation for ceremonies on base and in the community.







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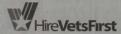
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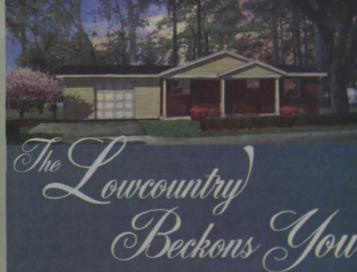
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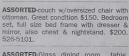


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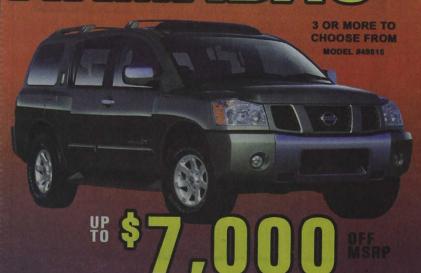
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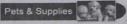
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BASIC INSTINCT 2 (R)

Now playing at Camp Lejeune. Basic Instinct 2 is the long-awaited sequel to the highly successful and controversial 1992 blockbuster, Basic

In this sexy and sleek psy-chological thriller, best-selling

crime novelist Catherine Tramell from San Francisco to London, and once again finds her-self on the wrong side the law.

Sharon Stone (Catwoman, Cold Creek Manor, Casino,) returns Catherine Tramell, the sexy novelist, lover of men and women

and the ice-pick wielding

Now living in London, the dangerously seductive Tramell gets tangled up in a new murder investigation after her companlon, a prominent sports figure, dies under suspicious circum-

David Morrissey (Derailed, Captain Corelli's Mandolin, The Game of Death) costars as Dr.
Michael Glass, a respected fondon criminal psychiatrist.
He is brought in by Scotland Yard detective Roy Washburn, played by David Thewlis (The played by David Thewlis (The New World, Kingdom of Heaven, Timeline) to perform a psychiatric profile and evaluation of Tramell following the mysterious death of the top sports star who was in her company at the time of his death pany at the time of his death.

Physically drawn to Tramell,

mentally intrigued by her and against the advice of his analyst and mentor, Dr. Milena Gardosh, played by Charlotte Rampling (Immortal, Swimming Pool, The Statement), Dr. Glass is mighty sucked. is quickly sucked into her web of lies and seduction and his interest soon turns to obsession. The professional boundaries

etween Glass and Tramell are obliterated when she uncovers his basic instincts. A deadly battle of wits ensues, climaxing as

change both their lives forever.

Director Michael Caton
Jones (City by the Sea, The
Jackal, Rob Roy, Memphis Bell This Boy's Life) took on the difficult task of making a sequel to the highly erotic thriller Basic Instinct. The sequel was previ-ously titled Basic Instinct: Risk

It took 14 long years to bring back this follow-up; however the movie could

very well stand on its own. Basic Instinct 2 is a delicious and very trashy, over-the-top, ridiculous murder mystery that might well lead to our own addiction.

ATL (PG-13) Now playing at Camp Lejeune.

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performing arts.

The movie tells the story of four teens coming of age in a working class Atlanta neighborhood where hip-hop music and roller skating rule.

As the group prepares for life after high school, challenges on and off the rink bring about turning points in each of their lives.

Rapper Tip Harris plays 17-year-old Rashad, who was forced to become the man of the house earlier than most.

Since the death of his parents, he has carried the responsibility for himself and his little brother, Ant, played by Evan Ross (Diana Ross' son) who is, falling under the spell of a local dealer.

A talented artist, Rashad's only bright spot in his life is New-New, played by Lauren London. But she has her own

Keith David (*Crash, Mr. and Mrs. Smith*) plays her father, John Garnett, a successful CEO, who does not want his daughter to hang out with Rashad and his

friends.

His best friend, Esquire, played by Jackie Long, an ambitious student who dreams of attending an Ivy League college, is cozying up to the influ-

When Rashad finds out New real story, he doesn't know who to trust anymore and he has to make tough choices about what he wants and where he is going.

Directed by the acclaimed

music video man, Chris Robinson, the film is loosely based on the experiences of filmmakers Dallas Austin and Tionne Watkins growing up on Atlanta's south side. In the midst of drug dealers and gang violence, their only escape was hanging out at a local skating rink called Jellybeans. Many of today's top hip-hop artists could be seen at Jellybeans every

The screenplay was written by Antwone Fisher, who wrote the screenplay for his own biopic and highly successful 2002 film.

ATL has wit and heart and is played fairly well by all the newcomers making their film

Now playing in Jacksonville. RV is a hilarious family com-

edy about a road trip vacation.

Robin Williams (Robots, Death to Smoochy, Mrs. Doubtfire) stars as Bob Munro, a dad who takes his reluctant and dysfunctional family on a road-trip vacation to the Colorado Rockies in a cramped recreational vehicle.

recreational vehicle.

Cheryl Hines (Along Came Polly, Herbie: Fully Loaded) plays his wife, Jaime; Joanna "JoJo' Levesque (Aquamarine) is Cassie, their 15-year-old daughter and Josh Hutcherson (Kicking and Screaming) is Carl, their 12-year-old son.

They are all in desperate need of some quality time together and would like to take a vacation in Hawaii.

Bob has other plans and rents.

Bob has other plans and rents a huge RV for a trip to the Rockies. However, Bob's togetherness plan immediately hits a major speed bump. Everything that can go wrong, dogs.

The RV life is a far cry from their

comfortable life in Los Angeles.

At an RV camp, the Munro family is befriended by the Gornicke family, an irritating



ATL: Rapper Tip Harris plays 17-year-old Rashad, a teen coming of age in a wo Atlanta neighborhood where hip-hop music and roller skating rule.

but endearing happy-go-lucky clan of full-time RVers.

Jeff Daniels (Because of Winn Dixie, Good Night and Good Luck) and Kristin Chenoweth (The Pink Panther, Bewitched) play the wacky Gornickes. Their children are Earl, Billy and Moon Gornicke.

The more the Munro family tries to avoid the Gornickes, the more their paths seem destined to cross. Adversity has a way of uniting even the most dysfunctional family members and each setback the Munros experience helps them become a true family received. helps them become a true family again.
Director Barry Sonnenfeld

(Big Trouble, Men in Black, Get Shorty, Wild, Wild West) brings us this funny take on a RV

camping trip.
Robin Williams is back in his element with his physical comedy and slapstick routines and, as always, thoroughly entertains his audience.

AMERICAN DREAMZ (PG-13)

Now playing in Jacksonville. American Dreamz is a comedy drama and darkly humorous

The movie is a parody of the American Idol show and President George W. Bush's

Fresident George W. Busn's foreign policy.
Hugh Grant (Bridget Jones's Diary, Love Actually, Notting Hill) stars as Martin Tweed, the

self-loathing host and producer of a popular TV show called American Dreamz. The movie yiewer immediately will make a reference to Simon Cowell of American Idol.

Mandy Moore (Racing Stripes, A Walk To Remember) is Sally Kendoo, a small town girl, starry-eyed contestant and soon-to-be-pop star, who is more than willing to exploit her private life for winning the

competition.

Dennis Quaid (In Good Company, The Day After Tomorrow, The Alamo) stars as President Joe Staton, appearing as a guest judge to boost his popularity. popularity

willem Dafoe (Inside Man, XXX:State of the Union), made to look like Dick Chaney, plays the very controlling chief of staff who urges the president to be a guest judge on the hit TV talent show. talent show.

Marcia Gay Marcia Gay Harden (Welcome to Mooseport, The Bad News Bears) portrays the clever First Lady Staton, who is trying to help the president regain his political control

Newcomer Sam Golzari appears as Omer Obeidi, a recent immigrant and show-tune loving contestant (reminis-cent of former Idol contestant William Hung), a reluctant ter-rorist who is supposed to blow

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Movie synopsis

Ice Age 2: The Meltdown

Cast: Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Denis Leary, Queen Latifah, Josh Peck Rated: PG for some mild language and nnuendo

Comedy, kids/family and nimation.

Animation.

Runtime: 91 min.

Synopsis: The Ice Age is coming to an end and the animals are delighting in the melting paradise that is their new world. Manny, Sid and Diego quickly learn that the warmsid and Diego quickly learn that the warming climate has one major drawback: a huge glacial dam is about to break, threatening the entire valley. The only chance of survival lies at the other end of the valley. So the three heroes, along with a mammoth named Ellie and her two "brothers" — possums Crash and Eddie — embark on a mission across an increasingly dangerous landscape toward their salvation.

Basic Instinct 2

Cast: Sharon Stone, David Morrissey, Charlotte Rampling, David Thewlis, Hugh

Rated: R for strong sexuality, nudity, vio-lence, language and some drug content Genre: Drama, Romance and Thriller Runtime: 114 min

Synopsis: Novelist Catherine Tramell is once again in trouble with the law, and Scotland Yard appoints psychiatrist Dr. Andrew Glass to evaluate her. Though, like Detective Nick Curran before him, Glass is entranced by Tramell and lured into a seductive game.

Cast: Tip "T.I." Harris, Lauren London, Antwan "Big Boi" Patton, Mykelti Williamson, Ketih David. Rated: PG13 for drug content, language, sexual material and some violence. Genre: Comedy, drama and musical/per-forming arts

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Runtime: 107 min.

Synopsis: ATL tells the story of four teens coming of age in a working class Atlanta neighborhood where hip-hop music and roller skating rule. As the group prepares for life after high school, challenges on and off the rink bring about turning points in each of their lives.

Take The Lead
Cast: Antonio Banderas, Rob Brown, Yaya
DaCosta, Dante Basco, John Ortiz.
Rated: PG-13 for thematic material, lanage and some violence

Genre: Drama and musical/performing

Runtime: 117 min.

Synopsis: Pierre Dulaine is a Manhattan ballroom teacher and competitor who volunteers his time to teach ballroom dancing to a group of New York inner city high school kids. Initially forced to participate as a form of detention, the kids reject Mr. Dulaine's efforts until his unwavering commitment, and dedication finally inspires mitment and dedication finally inspires them to embrace the program, infusing it with their own unique hip-hop style, while subconsciously learning valuable life lessons about pride, respect, self-esteem and

Lucky Number Slevin

Cast: Josh Hartnett, Lucy Liu, Ben Kingsley, Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman. Rated: R for strong violence, sexuality and

language.
Genre: Crime/gangster and thriller
Runtime: 110 min.

Runtime: 110 min.
Synopsis: A case of mistaken identity lands
Slevin in the middle of a war being plotted
by two of the city's most rival crime bosses: "The Rabbi and The Boss." Slevin is
under constant surveillance by relentless
Detective Brikowski as well as the infamous assassin Goodkat and finds himself
having to hatch his own ingenious plot to
over them, before they get him.

get them...before they get him.

Larry The Cable Guy: Health Inspector Cast: Larry the Cable Guy, Joe Pantoliano, Joanna Cassidy, Iris Bahr, Megyn Price Rated: PG- 13 for crude and sexual content

and language.

Genre: Comedy.

Runtime: 89 min.
Synopsis: Larry is a big city health inspector synopsis: Larry is a oig city heatin inspector who is happy with his usual beat of greasy spoon diners and low-rent ethnic restaurants. His easygoing life is turned upside-down when he's saddled with a straight-arrow rookie partner and assigned the biggest case of his career: investigating an outbreak of mysterious food poisonings at the city's swankiest restaurants. Infuriating restaurateurs with his bad manners, Larry still manages to charm a sweet, shy waitress into a budding romance. But when his unorthodox methods cost him his job, Larry has to go undercover to brin the conspirators to justice and "Git-R-Done

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said theater manager and entertainment specialist Debbie Hoffman. In her four years working at the theater, Hoffman has become quite passionate about the building

Marine Corps Base Theater

passionate about the building and its purpose on base. "When you work here, it becomes your house and you take care of it the best that you can," she said. "We take care of our patrons the best that we can as well."

The theater boasts a seating capacity of 1,450, complete with a lower level and balcony and has taken on the roles of both a house of entertainment and a center for vital military training sessions.

"The Marines have a need for training that includes showing films on safety and Iraqi culture," said Hoffman. "And we're very proud to be able to accommodate them."

Base Theater has also served as a venue for a wide variety of entertainment over the years, including a visit by the Alabama Shakespeare Theater troupe and holiday performances by the Division Band — an event that is not to be missed, according to

Hoffman.
Of course, the life blood of Base Theater and the rea-son so many Marines go there on a regular basis is its diverse schedule of newly-

released and classic movies Free screenings starting at 11 a.m. are offered each weekday. Hotdogs, nachos, pop-corn, candy and soda are available to service members during their lunch hour. Free admission movies are also shown regularly for the Single Marine Program. Regular admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children ages 6-11 and free for children under 6.

Base Theater is also available for rental for birthday parties, pajama parties, book club meetings or any other private event one could think of that would come off nicely in a grand old theater house

with a movie screen. "I can just imagine if I had a place like this for a pajama party when I was 13 years old," said Hoffman. "It would be

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Lejeune High School teacher receives 2005 presidential award for excellence in teaching



math and science and encouraging entrepreneurship and technological advances."

Established by Congress in 1983, the annual presidential awards program identifies highly qualified mathematics and science teachers in all 50 states,

science teachers in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Territories and the U.S. Department of Defense Schools. This year's recipients — recommended for the award by a panel of leading mathematicians, scientists and educators are 7th-12th grade teachers. "These teachers exemplify what President Bush's American Competitiveness Initiative aims

Competitiveness Initiative aims to achieve by raising the bar for math and science education for all students, who are our future

Award for excellence in teaching: Lejeune High School mathematics teacher Mary Kollmeyer next to her student, Darryle Davis, 15, during class Monday.

Press release

WASHINGTON

President George W. Bush is honoring Lejeume High School mathematics teacher Mary Kollmeyer, with the 2005 Presidential Award for Rollmeyer, with the 2005 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, the Nation's highest honor for teaching in these fields. Kollmeyer is the only mathematics winner from the Department of Defense Schools and one of 100 7th-12th grade teachers nationwide to receive the prestigious award.

In a citation given to Kollmeyer, President Bush commended her "for embody-ing excellence in teaching, for devotion to the learning needs of the students and for upholding the high standards that exemplify American education at its finest."

at its finest."

As an awardee, Kollmeyer receives a \$10,000 grant from the National Science Foundation, the independent federal agency that administers the awards program on behalf of the White House, and an all expenses-paid trip to Washington for a week of celebratory events and professional development activities.

In a letter to Awardees, President Bush said "Math and science are critical components

President Bush said "Wath and science are critical components of America's technological and competitive strength. Through my American Competitiveness Initiative, my Administration is working to advance American innovation and support the efforts of teachers by increasing investof teachers by increasing invest-ments in research and develop-ment, promoting education in

Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President.
"The most valuable part of this experience has been the indepth self-reflection that I have done. By reflecting on my work, I understand what needs to be changed and what is work-

to be changed and what is working, which ultimately benefits the students," said Kollmeyer when asked what she expected to be the most valuable part of the Presidential Award process.

The National Science Foundation is an independent federal agency that supports fundamental research and education across all fields of science and engineering with an annual budget of nearly \$5.58 billion. NSF funds reach all 50 states through grants to nearly 2,000 universities and institutions. NSF also awards over \$200 million in professional and \$200 million in professional and

\$200 million in professional and service contracts yearly. For more information, visit www.paemst.org.

Kollmeyer believes it is important to get her students to see how mathematics works outside of the classroom. "Many students see math as a class they have to take," said Kollmeyer. "So when they see an everyday example of what they an everyday example of what they are learning it is truly a 'goose-bump moment' for me." Her proudest moments are when the proudest moments are when the students who come in at the begin-ning of the year dreading math become the students embracing math. "It's amazing to see what some kids can accomplish when they apply themselves."
"Believing in the students' abilities and setting high expecta-tions with encouragement leads students to be risk-takers, which

students to be risk-takers, which translates into their academic success," said Kollmeyer.



Award for excellence in teaching: Mary Kollmeyer receives the 2005 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching in Washington from Arden L. Bement, Jr., director of the National Science Foundation (left), and John H. Marburger, III, director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President (right).

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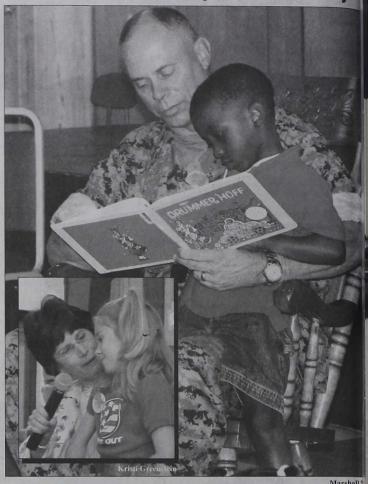
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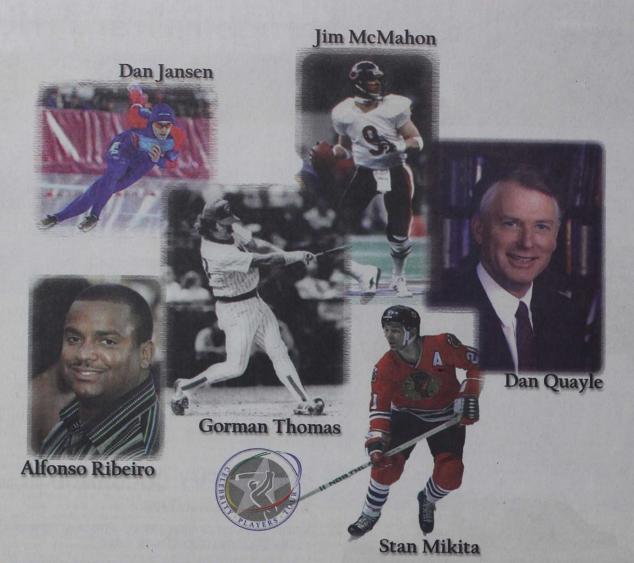
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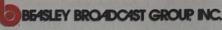
















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Here's to the Heroes is the fourth tribute to military personnel offered by Anheuser-Busch since "Yellow Ribbon Summer" welcomed service members home from the Gulf War in 1991. More than 3 mil-lion, people, have visited War in 1991. More than 3 million people have visited Anheuser-Busch Adventure Parks free under these programs. Anheuser-Busch has supported the military for more than 150 years, and in 2005 launched the "Here's to the Heroes" Tour, which allowed everyday Americans to record video messages of support and thanks for the men and women of the U.S. military. The Heroes of the U.S. military. The Heroes Tour traveled more than 29,000 miles to towns and events across America from April through December, collecting messages from more than 11,000 Americans. Working with the America Supports You program, the messages were aired on American Forces Radio and Television Service on U.S. military bases in more than 177 countries and on 150 bases in the United States throughout 2005.

throughout 2005.

Three Anheuser-Busch
parks – SeaWorld Orlando,
Busch Gardens Tampa Bay and
SeaWorld San Diego – operate year round.

The company's remaining parks are seasonal, with varying opening dates next spring.

Each park's operating schedule is available online.

Inactive, standby and retired reserve members, military retirees, U.S. Merchant Marine and civilian Department of Defense workers are ineligible for the program.

Anheuser-Busch operation

for the program.

Anheuser-Busch operates nine U.S. theme parks: Busch Gardens Tampa Bay and Busch Gardens Williamsburg; SeaWorld Orlando, SeaWorld San Diego and SeaWorld San Antonio; Discovery Cove in Orlando; Sesame Place near Philadelphia; Water Country USA in Williamsburg and Adventure Island in Tampa. Anheuser-Busch Adventure Parks play host to more than 20 million guests each year. million guests each year.

• What is "Here's to the Heroes"? "Here's to the Heroes" is an Anheuser-Busch tribute to the



men and women of our armed forces. Active-duty and reserve Marines soldiers, airmen, sailors and Coast Guardsmen, as well as foreign military per-sonnel serving with U.S. units, qualify.

· What does it include?

There are a number of components, but among the most significant is free admission to SeaWorld and Busch Gardens parks and Sesame Place for pulitary personnel and as many military personnel and as many as three direct dependents. Please note, however, that three participating parks – Busch Gardens Williamsburg, SeaWorld San Antonio and Gardens Williamsburg, SeaWorld San Antonio and Sesame Place – are closed until the spring.

Are there limitations to the free theme park admission?
Yes. Each service member receives a single free admission

to any one SeaWorld or Busch Gardens park or Sesame Place for him or herself and one each for as many as three direct dependents. The offer is valid for one park and one visit only.

• Do military retirees and civilians working for the Department of Defense quali-

Mhile we recognize and applaud every American who has made the decision to serve in the armed forces, our parks simply do not have the capacity to accommodate military retirees and civilian Department of Defense work-

• Do reservists and National Guardsmen quality? Certainly. All active and ready reservists and mem-bers of the National Guard, regardless of

deployment status, qualify.

• You offer a total of four free tickets. What if there are more people in my family?

You may purchase additional tickets by visiting a base MWR office, going directly to SeaWorld, Busch Gardens or Sesame Place.

• My spouse is serving over-seas. Can dependents visit the park without their service member?

member?
Yes. You need only register online, print out the form and bring it with you to SeaWorld, Busch Gardens or Sesame Place. Please be sure to bring your Department of Defenseissued dependent photo identification. Only the spouse of a service member is permitted to register, however. Minor dependents must redeem their ticket with an adult. ticket with an adult.

• But I am a single parent serving overseas. My chil-dren are living with a rela-tive. How can my kids visit?

The primary caregiver should contact the Guest Relations Department of the park they'd like to visit. They will make accommodations for minor dependents. Proof of military status and deployment is required.

• I took advantage of "Here's to the Heroes" in 2005. Am I eligible for a free visit in 2006?

Yes. Nearly 900,000 military men and women and their families honored us with a visit to SeaWorld, Busch Gardens, Sesame Place, Adventure Island and Water Country USA in 2005 and we anticipate welcoming a similar number in 2006.



For information on concerts, festivals, special events and classes going on up and down the Carolina coast, check out What's Happenin' each week. To add your event, e-mail ena.bravo@militarynews.com.

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Wild Flower Excursion Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. View wildflowers, carnivorous plants and birds in the Croatan National Forest. Reservations required, \$10. N.C. Maritime Museum, Beaufort. Call (252) 728-7317.

Beach Jive After Five May 18, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Free concert by the best in regional musicians. Held every third Thursday of the month. Western Ocean regional access, Emerald, Isle. Call (252) 354-6350.

Musical Lunch Series May 19, Noon - 1:30 p.m. New River Waterfront Park, Jacksonville, Performance by Stormy Weather, jazz. Free and open to the public. Bring a bag lunch and listen to some great musical entertainment. Call 347-5332 for details.

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May 19 - May 21
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vendors arranged along the extensive boardwalk. Something for Mom, the children ... and
even Dadl Contact 329-4446 for more information.

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May 20
At the Pender County Courthouse Square in Burgaw. Come out and enjoy Pender County's Original Community Festival. Entertainment, arts and crafts, concessions and much more. For more information, visit www.visitpender.com.

Used Book Sale

Used BOOK Sate May 20
The Jacksonville Friends of the Library will hold a Used Book Sale on May 20 at the Jacksonville Library. The book sale will take place from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Patrons may fill a bag full of books for \$5 from 1-2 p.m. May 20. Please call 455-7350 for more information.

Life and Work of James Applewhite May 22
Come to the Harriotte B. Smith Library aboard Camp Lejeune to learn about the life and work of N.C. poet, James Applewhite, Film and discussion begin at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Please call 455-7350 ext. 242 for more information.

Babysitting training course
May 25, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Just in time for the summer, youth ages 12 to
17 are invited to attend a babysitter training
course at the library provided free of charge by
the North Carolina Cooperative Extension.

Students will learn the responsibilities associated with babysitting as well as safety tips and emergency information. Games that foster child development and the preparation of healthy snacks will also be covered. Students will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the class. Advanced registration is required. Please call 455-7350 ext. 231 for more information.

20th Anniversary Gullah Festival

May 26 - 28
In Beaufort's Waterfront Park and other locations. A celebration of the history, customs, culture, language and accomplishments of African-Americans in the Lowcountry with art exhibits, pageants, concerts, food and more, (843) 525-0628 or www.gullahfestival.org.

Sea Turtle Program
June 1, 10 a.m.
Learn about these fascinating creatures of coastal waters. Located at the visitors center at Hammocks Beach State Park, off Hwy. 24, Swansboro. Call 326-4881 for details.

Sharks Program
June 1, Noon
Learn about these interesting creatures. Located at the visitors center at Hammocks Beach State Park, off Hwy. 24, Swansboro. Call 326-4881 for retable.

Atlantic House Annual Yard Sale and Hot Dog Sale
June 10, 8 a.m.-Noon.
Accepting donations to help the Atlantic House
June 1 to June 8, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All items are tax deductible. No clothes please. Location:
Atlantic House, 3701 Bridges Street, Morehead
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The art of rekind **g romance in a relation**

Dear Gene-Thomas,
Thank you for your column and
your efforts to help military couples
have good marriages. After being married 10 years, I regret to say there is
very little romance in our lives...
Kim

Dear Kim,

How many marriages could be saved either from dissolution or boredom if spouses put a little more effort into being romantic? Unfortunately, you are not the only wife, either military or civilian, who would like to rekindle the love that brought you and your husband together. Because I addressed this issue in *The* Survival Guide for Marriage in the Military and my soon-to-be-released interactive computer program, allow me

published on this topic. If you like what I have to say, you might find other advice in my works of equal value in

your marriage.

It's Saturday night and you have a hot date. You're concerned with how you look and plans are in place for what you hope will be a very romantic evening together. You enjoy an intimate candlelight dinner with soft background music and more than just superficial conversation. You feel like you've conversation. You feel like you've never been happier in your entire life. The interior feelings that each of you have for one another grow and in time are externalized in a memorable and joyous wedding celebration in the presence of family and friends.

Years later it's Saturday and you and

your spouse find yourselves very tired after a long week. The kids around which your lives seem to evolve place great demands on each of you. Will this Saturday night simply be a time to recharge your batteries or can it be an opportunity to reawaken many of the feelings of love and romance that pre-

what can couples do to help maintain romance in their lives? Here are some romantic weekend suggestions that may prove helpful: Send the kids away to their grandparents, relatives or friends so you can be alone together at least from Saturday to Sunday afternoon. Make reservations for dinner at an upscale restaurant where you can both dress up and have a quiet, intimate dinner together. Go for a romantic walk together, preferably in a scenic area where, in addition to holding hands, you can sit and chat about the "good times" you've shared over the years. Get a romantic movie, perhaps one that dates back to when you were dating or one that has always had special meaning in your lives

If you don't spend Saturday night in a cozy bed and breakfast or hotel, use candles, flowers and soft music to create a very romantic atmosphere in your home throughout the weekend.

Have you ever given your partner a spontaneous kiss in public? Have you ever hidden a love note to be discovered or sent your partner a card apart from his or her birthday or Valentine's Day? Have you ever called your partner at work or at home and said, "I just called

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Fresh produce, eggs, nuts available at local farmers market

Instead of heading over to the grocery store for this week's shopping trip, consider buying fresh fruits and vegetables directly from the local farmer who produced it at the Onslow County Farmer's Market in Jacksonville.

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Open from now until November on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the market offers fresh fruit and vegetables, farm fresh eggs, hanging baskets, peanuts, crafts and honey. On some Saturdays bread, pastries and coffee will be offered.

Vouchers for the Senior's Farmers Market Nutrition Program and WIC will be accepted.

Larry Kent, a local producer for L&W Gardens, hopes to get transportation service from the Camp Lejeune area to the market at least one day a week. "We understand that a lot of people who have youchers also

Lejeune area to the market at least one day a week. "We understand that a lot of people who have vouchers also don't have transportation to the market," said Kent. Jeff Morton, North Carolina's Agriculture Extension agent, will be bringing up the idea to the Farmers Market board at their next meeting.

The official grand opening ceremony will be June 24. It will feature hay rides, clowns, antique-farminplement demonstrations, a blue-grass band and gospel singing.

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The market is located on 4024 Richlands Highway beside the Onslow County Multipurpose Complex in Jacksonville. For more information, contact Jeff Morton at jeff_morton@ncsu.edu or visit www.ncfarmfresh.com/farmmarkets.asp and click on "Onslow Farmers Market." ■



Riggs Farms: Mike Williams of Riggs Farms sells fresh fruit and vegetables at the Onslow County farmers market. Located in Hubert, Riggs Farms is one of six local vendors that have sold their goods at the farmers market this year.

National food drive set to benefit Onslow County

Nanette Bond-Jones and staff reports

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The National Association of Letter Carriers Onslow County Chapter will conduct their annual "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive Saturday to benefit food banks across the country, including the United Way of Onslow County. This event is the largest volunteer food drive in the country, with nearly 1,500 NALC chapters participating each year to collect a record 71.3 million pounds of non-perishable boxed and canned food donations. Many local contributions go to benefit E5 and lower service members who can fill a bag of groceries twice a month for \$2 at the Armed Services YMCA in Midway Park. All of the food collected on the bases, Tarawa Terrace and Midway Park will go to this local program.

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"It's very important," said Christina Godfrey, administrative assistant with United Way of Onslow County. "Usually, food pantries get the bulk of their donations during the holidays. This food drive allows them to keep their services open all year."

The need is especially great this year, following the devastation of hurricanes Katrina and Rita last fall. Many food harks regionwide were called on to provide food to the hurs.

astation of nurricanes Katrina and Rita last fail. Many food banks nationwide were called on to provide food to the hundreds of thousands of Americans displaced by the storms. As a result, these facilities are operating at depleted levels and are in desperate need of having their shelves restocked. Donated food is also needed to feed underprivileged children who will no longer have access to a nutritious lunch during the school supprer vacation.

who will no longer have access to a nutritious lunch during the school summer vacation.

To participate in this neighbor-helping-neighbor campaign, simply place non-perishable boxed and/or canned food items near your mailbox Saturday before the mail is normally delivered. For those who would prefer to make a monetary donation, make checks payable to NACL Branch 3984. Mail carriers will pick up the donations and checks as they make their rounds and bring the food back to be shipped to where it is needed most to where it is needed most.

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with Dale Snodgrass, who was among the first to pilot the F-14 Tomcat and has logged more hours in that aircraft than any other flier in the world. Access to New River Air Station is free and open to everyone for the air show. Gates open at

9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. The live demonstrations will start at noon each day. Food and beverage vendors will be on hand. Spectators are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and cameras. Coolers, alcohol and pets are prohibited on the air station.

For more information, call the MCAS New River Air Show hotline at 449-4173 or go to the Web site at www.newriverairshow.com.

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