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Final elements of 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, returned here Feb. 8 from a three-week field training evolution at Twentynine Palms, Calif., in preparation for deployment to Iraq March. Read the full story on 1C.

ES HONORED DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Navy Lt. Tracey Giles was recently selected as one of Onslow County's inspiring African-American women. Learn how this Navy nurse balances the pressures of a career, family and volunteering on 3D.

News Watch

ELLEN WARRIOR

Two Marines died this past week in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Corporals John T. Olson, 21, of Elk Grove Village, Ill., and Kevin M. Clarke, 21, of Glen Park, Ill. Olson was assigned to 2d Marine Division and Clarke was assigned to I MEF.

COAST GUARD ADVISORY

The Coast Guard recently removed navigational buoys from Lockwood's Bally and New River Inlet. The buoys, which are navigational aids that mark safe water, were no longer accurate due to the movement of sand and sediment. The buoys will be replaced once the Army Corps of Engineers conducts its maintenance dredging. Therefore, the Coast Guard is alerting boaters to be aware and boat safely.

CHANGE OF UNIFORM

The Marine Corps has changed its policy regarding the uniform casualty assistance officers wear when notifying families of a Marine's death. Marine Administrative Message 057/05 states that the service "A" uniform will now be the uniform worn for notification versus the dress blue uniform. According to the MARADMIN, the Marine Corps changed uniforms due to "a negative connotation that has been attached to Marines in the dress blue uniform because of death notifications. This is contrary to the pride and tradition of the dress blue uniform. Ceremonial events during the casualty assistance process, such as burial, are more appropriate for the wear of this uniform. Requests to make notifications in the dress blue uniform must be approved by the Commandant of the Marine Corps."

OPERATION RIVER BLITZ

Marines and Iraqi Security Forces kicked off Operation River Blitz, which includes a curfew from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. along with other security measures in and around the area of Ramadi, Iraq.



Marines from Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, perform morning colors as well as evening colors everyday.

Tips to crime hotline help crack cases

CPL. SHARON E. FOX
Marine Corps Base

On June 23, 2004, the investigation of a male lance corporal involving the sexual abuse of two female Marines was initiated.

Pending court-martial, Lance Cpl. Christopher N. Brewer, an artilleryman with 1st Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, fled North Carolina in December and became a deserter.

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service considered him a fugitive and turned to the Jacksonville/Onslow County chapter of Crime Stoppers for assistance.

"If suspects of investigations flee the administration of justice prior to a court-martial, NCIS initiates a fugitive investigation specifically to track and locate suspects in cases we are involved in," said Kevin Naylor, assistant special agent in charge, NCIS Camp Lejeune.

During the first week of January, Crime Stoppers ran information about Brewer in the Jacksonville Daily News, and by Jan. 5, NCIS received tips that led to the Marine's capture two days later.

"We've used Crime Stoppers in previous investigations," said NCIS special agent Daniel Hardesty, lead investigator for the case. "Their assistance has helped in many of our previous cases and the tips [Crime Stoppers] received this time helped again."

Crime Stoppers is an international agency with various local city and county chapters around the world. They have a civilian board of directors who set up and organize with local law enforcement to advertise the Crime Stoppers message and hotline number in taxi cabs, schools, lockers, posters and other places county-wide, said Naylor.

NCIS checked Brewer's last known residence where he and his wife were living in Jacksonville, according to Hardesty. "We were able to get an emergency contact number and an address in Brewer's hometown."

NCIS passed information generated on Brewer's location to the Wicomico County Sheriff's Department, Salisbury, Md., who met with Brewer's mother-in-law. She provided information that led to his capture at Brewer's place of employment.

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WEATHER

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Marines return home from Iraq

PFC. CHRISTOPHER J. OHMEN
2d Marine Division

Marines from 2d Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment returned Feb. 18 and 21 from a seven-month deployment to Iraq.

"The Marines did a great job," said 1st Lt. Steven C. Allhouse, Headquarters Battery commander.

While deployed, they completed numerous security operations to include providing security for firm bases around Iraq, patrols inside and outside of the firm bases, and convoy security for third country nationals.

According to Allhouse, some of the units were under constant small arms fire while doing their job. One incident with insurgents turned into a four-hour firefight, but the Marines handled the situation effectively.

Some Marines from the battalion were put in charge of security for one of the voting polls during the democratic election. Others were used as security for workers at one of the polling sites.

In addition to providing security, the battalion spent time helping the



Hospitalman 3d Class Raymond W. Culver, corpsman with Company L, 2d Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, kisses his wife, Brianne, after returning from a seven-month deployment to Iraq.

surrounding communities. The Marines participated in several construction projects restoring running water, plumbing and electricity to several villages near Camp Taqaddum. The Marines also distributed clothing and school supplies improving relations with the local populous.

The local contractors and villagers were hired to improve the housing in the villages," said Gunnery Sgt. Patrick T. Patton, information and operation chief with the battalion.

The battalion's mission required

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Scam targets service members

Internet fraud scheme takes advantage of families of those killed in action

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE
Press Release

WASHINGTON — Officials with the Department of Homeland Security are warning the public about two new Iraq-related Internet scams, including one directed at the relatives of fallen U.S. soldiers.

"These new Internet fraud schemes are among the worst we have ever encountered," said Michael J. Garcia, assistant secretary of homeland security for immigration and customs enforcement. "Most troubling is the fact that some are targeting the relatives of U.S. soldiers killed in Iraq. We are also concerned about the fact that these criminals are impersonating [Immigration and Customs Enforcement] agents and referring to ICE's official Web site in an effort to steal money from Americans who have lost loved ones."

The first scheme involves e-mail sent to relatives of U.S. soldiers killed in Iraq. Claiming to be a volunteer working with U.S. forces, the sender states that a late friend, who also was a U.S. soldier killed in Iraq, was a very good friend of the relatives' slain son or daughter.

The sender then goes on to ask for assistance in obtaining funds kept for them by the deceased friend, promising more details when the relative responds to the e-mail. The sender then adds a link to the portion of Immigration and Customs Enforcement's actual Web site discussing ICE operations in Iraq.

In the second scheme, a blanket e-mail is being distributed that claims to be from an Immigration and Customs Enforcement official in Iraq who is responsible for tracking down funds looted from the Iraqi Central Bank by Saddam Hussein's son. The sender lists ICE's Web site address in the e-mail in an effort to seem credible. The sender then asks for confirmation of the e-mail address of the recipient, stating, "There is a very important and confidential matter which I want us both to discuss."

The ICE Cyber Crimes Center in northern Virginia, in conjunction with the ICE Office of Professional Responsibility here, is investigating the schemes. Those who receive the bogus e-mail solicitations should ignore and delete them, Garcia said.

Information in this article was compiled from a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement news release.

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Man on the street

Should active-duty Marines get more time while on liberty to fly home than Marines who drive?



"No! A system exists to address this question - It's called ANNUAL LEAVE - Instead of pushing it, Marines should take the good deal and travel safe within the window granted or take leave."

Maj. Neil Murphy
Marine Corps Base
Boston

"If it's near a deployment, the command should help the Marine spend as much time home as possible."

Staff Sgt. Grisson Gamba
Alpha Company, 1st Battalion,
6th Marine Regiment
Atlanta



"If they leave early, they should come back early. Otherwise they are getting more liberty than the other Marines."

Lt. Col. Andrew Gillan
2d Marine Division
Chicago

"The situations dictate, it should be up to the command whether or not they want to let him go early."

Sgt. Amos Miller
Weapons Company, 1st Battalion,
6th Marine Regiment
Cookville, Tenn.



"In some cases I think yes, but units have to be uniform."

Capt. Barrett Lankford
Mobilization Support Battalion
Lufkin, Texas



Should active-duty Marines get more time while on liberty to fly home than Marines who drive?

Guest Commentary
LANCE CPL. JAMES D. HAMEL

Like many Marines and sailors aboard the air station, my home is pretty far from Cherry Point. I'm from Ohio, near Cincinnati, and the drive home is about 12 hours.

The first "96" I encountered while stationed here was for the Independence Day holiday. 8 a.m. on the leave day to 6 p.m. on the return day kind of threw me for a loop. Back in Military Occupational Specialty school, extended liberty was just like a weekend, we just had two extra days.

Now, we have to come in, and return on a day we don't even work. It didn't make sense to me, but then someone told me, "It's for safety reasons, with those hours, you decrease the chance that a Marine will be driving while he or she is sleepy."

It made sense, and it still makes sense.

If they let me go at 4:30 p.m., I'd be driving until dawn, never stopping unless I absolutely had to. If the Marine Corps won't let me operate a Humvee on that little sleep, then why would they let me operate a POV?

So, on that first liberty period I bought a plane ticket home. Not too pricey, and the extended leave period (a day extra than normally allotted) meant that I could spend two complete days with the family. It was awesome, a nice break, and well worth the plane ticket.

I never questioned the wisdom of doing nothing for more than 24 hours waiting to catch a plane. It seemed alright, I was just too excited to get home.

Then the Labor Day leave period rolls around, and again I'm thinking about going home. This time, I've completely ruled out ever driving to Ohio. I hate driving for extended periods, so flying is my only option. But when I go to research plane tickets I realize that although I will stop work-

ing Thursday evening, I can't fly out until Friday morning.

I'm told it's because traveling during the night is dangerous. I can understand not allowing Marines to drive during certain hours. But fly? Why can't I fly Thursday at 6 p.m.? Is it more dangerous than flying the next day at 10 a.m.?

Why are Marines forced to sacrifice hours of their liberty for no apparent safety benefit?

I don't go home on extended liberty periods anymore. If I did, I wouldn't get there until Friday evening, and I'd have to return Monday morning, so why bother?

This issue of liberty periods is especially valid now that many of us are preparing to deploy. Rather than taking a chunk of leave to go home, Marines could use their long weekends to go home and get in some extra quality time before leaving the country.

My solution to the problem is this: amend extended liberty periods for those flying. Basically, implement an entirely different policy for Marines traveling by air.

Now, I know anyone can apply for special liberty if they believe their individual case merits it. But then their request goes all the way up to the commanding officer for approval. This takes unnecessary paperwork and time that can be easily avoided. I think individual Staff NCOs and Officers should have the discretion to decide what liberty hours should apply to their Marines.

If you were flying somewhere, your gunnery sergeant could apply different standards to when you can leave and return. It's simple, and it keeps special liberty requests from overloading the commanding officer's desk.

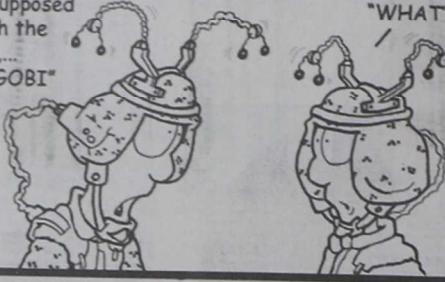
It's funny that no one I've talked to seems to have a problem with doing something like this. It makes sense, it saves everyone's time and it's good for morale. Why not do it?

Lance Cpl. Hamel is assigned to Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point.

Sempertoons

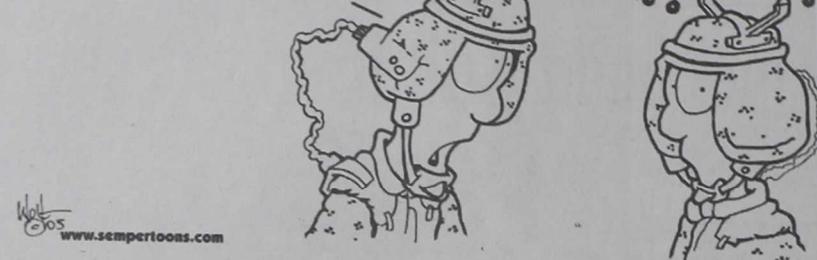
by Staff Sgt. Wolf

"They say this thing is supposed to help us see through the FOG OF WAR But... I think it's just a GOBI"



"WHAT'S A GOBI"

"SOME.... General Officers Bright Idea!"



Keep friends, family safe by keeping your mouth shut

Guest Commentary
MASTER GUNNERY SGT. BILLY D. STEWART

I can remember sitting at my desk at St. Agnes Catholic School during sixth grade with my ears wide open. My teacher, Sister Mary Elene, a Dominican Nun was somewhat of a "history buff" and often relayed stories that were told by her family from when they served during World War II in Europe. Little did I know that many years later, the particular story that I would hear that day would take on a literal meaning after I had earned the title of Marine.

With emotion and intensity, Sister Mary Elene described a unit stationed on the European front. The unit had successfully hidden themselves and diverted all attention from the enemy. The soldiers were briefed earlier that personal discipline was paramount to their very survival. During that night, a nervous soldier could no longer curb his temptation and thought there would be no harm in taking a few puffs from a cigarette to calm his jittering nerves. The night was cool and pitch black as the young soldier struck a match to light a weather beaten cigarette that was standard issue in his C-rations. It would be his last cigarette. Seconds later, enemy artillery and machine gun fire lit up the black sky and immediately directed their fire onto the soldiers' unit. They were sitting ducks with nowhere to retreat except into the hands of incoming shells, machine gun fire or small arms and bayonets. The enemy shortly followed on foot and finished the bloody task that unfolded that night. The soldier's glowing cigarette represented the final piece of an intelligence puzzle that wiped out his entire unit. Who would have ever known that such a small mistake would cause such a tragedy. The young soldier probably couldn't have fathomed his small, yet critical role in the attack that night. Although not as serious on the surface, a very real and certain irony exist in cities and towns all over the United States that may have an negative effect on our very secured position; the land of the free, America. The enemy is three of our own, the press, the media and the American people's right to exercise operational security.

Call them what you want; your newspaper, Internet news groups, your local television station, e-mail traffic or even worse, the town crier. They all know too much about the current commitments, movement and strength of our military units. To make it even worse, they are continually letting everyone else know as well. I have read articles from undisclosed newspapers that turned my stomach with disbelief. The articles looked like make shift unit status reports. By the end of these articles, I knew what units were deployed and where.

More staggering, clear ideas about which units were left behind on the base existed as well. There were also comments from military dependents wanting more media attention given to their family member's units that were deployed. Normally, after I pick my jaw off the floor, I usually stagger to the living room and get a sanity check from

my spouse, a Marine wife of seventeen years and forever Sailor. She confirms that I am not hallucinating, and always agrees that we have a much bigger issue at hand, home or security.

Operational Security remains paramount whether at peace or at war, but more so since Sept. 11, 2001. As forces deploy, each unit represents a piece of the puzzle for every terrorist and slimy intelligent agent of our enemy. The front is no longer waged on foreign soil, but in our homeland. While America feeds off freedoms of the press and speech, we need to realize that one day our freedom may cause severe grief because of our misuse. Let me present the reality to you.

Our military bases represent the hubs of security for our country. In retrospect, giving information about our units deployed is divulging valuable information about the units that are left behind defending these bases and America's interests. One would think that the media would not print such secret information or flood our televisions with many details. In the same breath, we cannot totally blame the media because they get their information from somewhere.

It could be a service member or a family member that talks too much. It may be a base employee that says something during dinner in a restaurant that is overheard by a media representative. Finally, it may be our own units and organizations.

Sadly enough, it could be all of the aforementioned looking for five minutes of fame by talking to the media or passing on the latest scoop to their friend. Through interviews, e-mail or conversation, it has to stop. I have nothing to give you this week but a warning. It may save your life or the lives of your friends and loved ones. You can take or leave it. Be advised, I have no concern for personal feelings this week; just the desire that maybe the word will get passed and we can all sleep better at night.

Ponder a few phrases: "Loose lips sink ships, pipe down zip your lips, close your trap, shut your mouth, or just be quiet." You can pick which phrase works for you. There are only a select few that can make the call about what needs to be discussed beyond our gates. This rule goes for anyone associated with the military. The best phrase you can use is "no comment," or better yet exercise your freedom of silence. There are several ways of passing the word about our deploying Marines which do not include the press or media. Most evident is through the base Public Affairs officer, unit commanding officers and their Key Personnel Networks.

Contrary to popular belief, media coverage is not what our country or the Marine Corps needs when engaged in real world operational commitments, and especially since the changing climate in our homeland since 9/11. Do not overlook operational security and how small your piece of the puzzle is. All is relevant to the security of America. Let us all take care of each other. Ensure that your innocent comments do not transform into a glowing cigarette. Semper Fi.

Master Gunnery Sgt. Stewart is the aviations supply chief for the Pentagon.

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A local Iraqi and resident of Al Madinah, Iraq, smiles alongside his wife as Marines visit their town for a ribbon cutting ceremony Feb. 10. Camp Lejeune-based battalion spent more than \$360,000 to rebuild 32 dilapidated homes in the village.

Marines bond with Iraqi villagers

SGT. ENRIQUE S. DIAZ
1st Force Service Support Group

MADINAH, Iraq — Local nts and Marines of 2d Battalion, Marine Regiment celebrated the ection of a village improvement t here with a ribbon-cutting cer y Feb. 10.

roughout the past seven months, Marines worked with village rs here to build working relations and identify ways to improve llage's living conditions.

he battalion invested more than \$360,000 for the refurbishment of 32 s, which provided residents with septic and electrical systems. The

projects improved the quality of life for the Iraqi people and strengthened the local economy — by hiring many locals to do the work themselves, according to Chief Warrant Officer Dwight Torres, the information operations officer for 2/10.

Prior to the upgrades, the village was in a state of decay, ignored by Saddam Hussein's regime for the past three decades, said Torres. The ground was covered in litter and the homes lacked such amenities as running water and electricity.

As the Marines toured the homes, walls still carried the smell of fresh paint; previously open earth floors had been covered with tiles, and

Persian rugs and plush couches added d cor to the trailers.

"I don't believe this change," said Mamud, a villager whose new business grew from the changes the Marines had brought. He is now a furniture salesman. "I would never have believed my home would look like this."

But the upgrades made to this small village took more than money to complete, according to Torres.

Torres and his team of Marines spent the deployment building relations and trust with the residents of Al Madinah — one of two towns 2/10 has

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26th MEU tests capabilities prior to deployment

GUNNERY SGT. MARK E. BRADLEY

26th Marine Expeditionary Unit

ABOARD USS KEARSARGE — After nearly six months of training, it all comes down to this: a 10-day exercise where the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit will have the opportunity to assume the role of America's "force in readiness."

The last Marines and sailors of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit arrived aboard the USS Kearsarge, Ashland and Ponce, Feb. 16 as the unit began its certification exercise.

Evaluators from II Marine Expeditionary Force will grade the MEU's ability to plan and execute concurrent specialized operations, ranging from humanitarian to combat missions. If the MEU is successful, the unit will receive its Special Operations Capable certification before deploying next month in support of Global War on Terrorism.

The scenario and events to be used for the training exercise will be similar to the MEU's recent Expeditionary Strike Group exercise, where the USS Kearsarge ESG provided assistance in a for-

ign region wrought with internal fighting and active terrorist cells. The MEU and the USS Kearsarge Strike Group will be called on to demonstrate the flexibility and war-fighting capabilities developed throughout the pre-deployment training cycle.

There are two primary purposes for the exercise, explained the 26th MEU executive officer, Lt. Col. James R. Brown III. "First, it allows critical eyes to look at the MEU in its entirety and the strike group in its entirety to provide us our certification prior to deployment," he said. "It also gives us one more opportunity to exercise our [combat] capabilities across the board without knowing where our targets will be."

Marines and sailors stayed busy loading the ships by air and sea. As one Marine waited on the beach for his Landing Craft, Air-Cushioned ride, he appeared eager to do well in this exercise and enjoy some well-earned leave prior to deployment.

"I think we're ready. This exercise is the final installment of six months of workups, which is

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New language? No problem

LTC. CHRISTI PRICKETT

Marine Expeditionary Force

ssalamu alaykum! Those

first words Marines and

rs hear when entering the

Arabic Language Arabic

class taught at Camp Lejeune.

In day one, the students are

lenged to learn the Arabic

language and culture. They are

basic communication

for their own knowledge

safety, as well as the safety

of service members.

Upon graduation, a basic

communicator will have mas-

more than 1,600 vocabu-

words, how to tell time,

bers up to 10,000 and can

understand basic Arabic gram-

such as sentence structure

subject and verb agreement.

Paradysz wouldn't let himself

or the students get unmotivated.

He tried to keep a positive out-

look and remember the reason he

was there.

As I tell my students to keep

things in perspective, I must also

remember to do the same. I must

think back to day one and their

level at that point, then interject

their current level and abilities in

order to get a clear picture of

progress," Paradysz said. "I al-

ways get a very good feeling

about what I teach to these

Marines, and the fact that every-

thing they learn will help them in

their mission, maybe even save a

life, including their own."

The SLAC course doesn't

appear to be going anywhere for

a while. Ten classes are sched-

uled for the coming year and a

one-week immersion class is

even being talked about for last-

minute training.

Kaine said the goal of II

Marine Expeditionary Force is to

have one Marine from each

infantry squad able to converse

on the basic Arabic skills, includ-

ing stating basic phrases, asking

simple questions, and understand-

ing rudimentary responses.

"I think as long as the Marine

Corps maintains a presence in a

semi-permissive or hostile envi-

ronment, training communica-

tors in the native language of the

people will be an invaluable

investment to mission success,"

said Durant.

linguists or translators; it did

however, do what I think it was

designed to do, make us into

communicators."

From the time students sit in the classroom, they are surrounded with unfamiliar words and sounds. Averages have been high and by the end of the course most students are asking for more.

"Classes are always very rewarding for me. It really is a charge for me to see students walk in with no Arabic skills whatsoever and walk out with a basic working knowledge after only 30 days," said Paradysz.

Twenty classes graduated from SLAC, averaging 20 or more students of varying rank in each class. More than 300 Marines and sailors have graduated as basic communicators.

Lance Cpl. Dudley K. Kelso, a scout sniper from 2d Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, graduated from the course Feb. 7. Kelso deployed to Afghanistan last year and said he wishes he could have had the class before his previous deployment.

"I didn't know what to expect before coming here, but I have learned so much about the culture," Kelso said. "Even though I didn't volunteer for this class, I am happy to be helping out my battalion. I have really enjoyed it."

Durant says he knows for sure that having this ability could have assisted him in his prior deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Interpreters were scarce and the few we did have were frequently being moved around with the human intelligence operators," he said. "I anticipate that my ability to communicate in Arabic will be a great asset to my team as we serve in the area of operations in the future."

The class atmosphere was light at times as classmates laughed at each other as well as themselves while trying to pro-



Lance Cpl. John Thor, with two Iraqi Security Force members, works with locals who approached their post. Working together and training the ISF, the Marines of 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, helped prepare the Iraqis to be better able to take over security for their country.

Leathernecks patrol streets with Iraqi Security Force

LANCE CPL. ATHANASIOS L. GENOS

2d Marine Division

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Children peeking around corners and out windows waved their hands and gave thumbs up as Marines from 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 1, and Iraqi Security Force members patrolled through local villages in their area of operations.

Marines of Company L, along with members of the ISF, conducted foot patrols, mounted patrols and vehicle checkpoints through outlying villages around Fallujah. The patrols demonstrated a security presence in the villages and were used to instruct members of the ISF on how to police and secure the area.

"We are working as 'street cops' policing the streets and doing what we can," said Lance Cpl. Matthew B. Cree, a native of New Kent, Va.

As they patrolled through the streets, the Marines integrated the ISF into their squads. The plan was to prepare the Iraqis through practical application on how to move and where

they should be located during actual movements.

"They are going to be the first line of defense once we get them completely ready to take over," Cree explained. "The sooner we train them and take the time to work on the job with them, the sooner they will be able to leave their nest."

Having the Iraqi personnel working with the Marines at vehicle checkpoints helped teach the Iraqis how to properly stop and check suspicious vehicles.

"While I was standing about 100 meters in front of everyone else with just one Iraqi with me, I knew he was covering his fields of fire and he had my back," stated Cree. "When we are out there with them, I will always stand and fight beside him."

As the Marines and ISF conducted their patrols, the locals started to come out of their houses to show their support for the job. Marines and the local ISF were doing.

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Around the Corps

Warriors opens up doors in Fallujah



Lance Cpl. Dang T. Minh, assaultman for Company I, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 1, aims his shotgun at a padlocked door inside the city of Fallujah.

LANCE CPL. PAUL ROBBINS JR.
1st Marine Division

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Patrols conducted by 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 1, have run into a large number of locked doors since the return of Iraqi civilians to the city of Fallujah. This has become a problem for patrols attempting to find weapons still hidden within the city.

The favorite option for any patrol coming upon a locked door is to knock and have the owner let the patrol inside, but in some cases, the only option is forced entry.

"Demolition is always our last resort," said Lance Cpl. Jeremiah A. Harriman, 23, an assaultman for Company I. "We look for them to be

home during a search."

The removal of these locks to search a home is necessary in maintaining the safety of Marines and citizens inside of Fallujah, said Harriman, a native of Scipio, Ind.

"People are still coming back and planting weapons and explosives inside buildings here," said Sgt. Tobin M. Quadros, 25, a squad leader for Co I.

During patrols through the city, 3/4's Marines have found rocket-propelled grenades, assault rifles, ammunition and mortar sights inside of recently locked buildings, according to Quadros, a native of Richmond, Calif.

To force their way into a locked building, assaultmen for 3/4 use shotguns, detonation cord and C-4



Marines from Company I, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 1, unfasten the tie on the gate of a home in Fallujah, Iraq, Feb. 13. Searching buildings and homes inside Fallujah has led to the discovery of unexploded ordnance, weapons and explosives.

plastic explosives to breach the locks on doors and gates in the city.

Despite the destructive nature of the tools used to overcome these obstacles, minimal damage is done to the homes and businesses in the city.

"Demolition is incredibly effective and you can be very precise with it," Harriman said.

Shotguns are used to remove

small padlocks from gates and doors, while small amounts of C-4 and detonation cord are used for larger locks.

The skill and professionalism of the assaultmen in 3/4 allow most buildings to be breached with no damage to the structure, and little damage to the door itself, Quadros said.

"Most times, the only thing needed is the lock itself," Harriman said. "We can even open one door (a set of double doors) without a key to the other."

The frequency of locked doors decreased in recent weeks, leading patrols to search homes with cooperation of residents and to their efforts on targeted building

Quantico unveils remote air, fire support system

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Marine Corps Base Quantico

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. — Unmanned aerial vehicles the size of model airplanes, rugged minicomputers that automate calls for air support and remotely controlled rifled mortar capabilities will change the way the Marine Corps fights on future battlefields. One example of this new technology is the Expeditionary Fire Support System.

EFSS is a mortar-based system designed to provide mobile fire support for expeditionary forces. The system utilizes a 120 mm rifled towed mortar that can fire smoothbore or rifled (contains internal spiral grooves inside the barrel that rotates the round as it exits the barrel) ammunition. It includes an ammunition trailer and two internally transportable vehicles.

Currently, the 81 mm mortar is the largest direct fire support capability the Marine Corps has that can be transported inside helicopters.

"What makes this equipment so much better than our current equipment is that the EFSS is a 120 mm rifled towed mortar that can be internally transported with its prime mover inside of the MV-22 Osprey," said Lt. Col. Christopher Wagner, EFSS team leader and acquisition manager.

ment officer at Marine Corps Systems Command.

The basic weight of the mortar is 1,400 pounds and will be capable of deployment in towed, heliborne and mounted versions.

According to Wagner, the 120 mm rifled towed mortar has a range of 8.2 kilometers and the rocker assistance round travels more than 13 kilometers.

The system can be deployed from amphibious ships and internally in CH-53 helicopters and MV-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft.

The gun's history began in 2001 when the Marine Corps Combat Development Command identified a need for an expeditionary fire support system that will provide all-weather, ground-based, close supporting, accurate, immediately responsive, and lethal indirect fire support for the Marine Air-Ground Task Force.

MCCDC wanted a lighter, more mobile indirect fire capability with increased agility and lethality. The system would also need to fill the vertical assault elements of a ship-to-objective maneuver force.

"The mission need statement came out in 2001, but the Marine Corps Warfighting Lab was experimenting for several years with the mortar," said Wagner.

During 2004 MCSC held a competition to determine which contractor's proposal would best support the EFSS requirement

and was the best value to the Marine Corps.

"General Dynamics won the competition with their proposal of the mortar," said Wagner. "Up to that point, EFSS could have been one of several systems."

The EFSS will be the third and final system of a land-based fire-support triad that includes the Light Weight 155 mm howitzer and High Mobility Artillery Rocket System. It will accompany MAGTFs in any type of expeditionary operation.

"The lightweight 155 is the replacement for the M198 towed howitzer and can be externally lifted by the MV-22 up to 50 miles," said Wagner. "HIMARS is a multiple rocket launch system that is capable of accurately striking targets over 60 kilometers away."

According to Wagner, the EFSS will expand the maneuver commander's spectrum of fire-support options and be capable of successfully engaging a range of potential point and area targets including motorized, light-armed and dismounted personnel targets; command and control systems; and indirect fire systems.

This will afford the MAGTF commander increased flexibility in tailoring his fire-support systems to support the scheme of maneuver. EFSS-equipped units will be especially well-suited for missions requiring speed, tactical agility and vertical transportability. The EFSS design and configuration will ensure that its tactical mobility, both in the air and on the ground, is equal to that of the supported force.

When Gen. James L. Jones, 32nd commandant of the Marine Corps, directed a review of Marine Corps field artillery, one resulting idea was the Expeditionary Fire Support System. "In the past 10 years or so, we have decreased our fire support systems too far," said Jones in a September 2000 interview with Field Artillery Journal. "We got rid of a lot of our artillery weapons in the name of efficiency - in the name of mobility - and we hinged ourselves to one field artillery system - the M198 towed 155 mm howitzer. The M198 is a wonderful artillery piece, but it's not very mobile. ... We have atrophied our Marine ground fires inventory to a dangerous point. We're outgunned and out-ranged by just about everyone. So I am fixing the artillery - bringing robustness back to the Marine artillery."

"Marine expeditionary unit commanders and their staff officers clearly stated the need for a lighter, more mobile and lethal



Marines with 2d Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, sleep and read as they wait at an air terminal on Feb. 17.

Marines leave Iraq, return to loved ones

SGT. ENRIQUE S. DIAZ
1st Force Service Support Group

CAMP TAQADDUM, Iraq — After seven months of duty in Iraq, Cpl. Floyd A. Celestine said he has a gift waiting at home that will change his life forever. His daughter, Madison, was born Feb. 8 - one week before the Norfolk, Va., native was scheduled to go home.

"I'm a daddy now. It's given me more responsibility and made me grow stronger as a leader. It's just a blessing," said Celestine, a 21-year-old who has spent the past seven months driving military vehicles for his unit - 2d Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment.

Celestine's story is not uncommon for the Marines of 2/10, a Camp Lejeune-based artillery unit assigned to the Camp Pendleton, Calif.-based 1st Force Service Support Group to provide security as provisional riflemen.

In addition to missing the birth of sons and daughters, the Marines missed anniversaries, holidays, birthdays, and a number of other special days while serving in the Global War on Terrorism.

"At times it got hard, [the deployment] was very demanding on the convoys and different missions and now we're going home together," said Celestine. "In my section, we didn't lose anybody. Nobody got hurt."

Celestine's unit participated in last November's combat operations to rid Fallujah of insurgents. Celestine's platoon participated in a five-and-a-half hour fire fight in Fallujah, he said.

"It was scary, but it was exciting," said Celestine. "I never had a near death experience like that."

For many of the Marines, seven months in Iraq provided the opportunity to live out what they had joined the Marine Corps to do - be riflemen.

"I got to be a Marine, sometimes I got to shoot [my rifle]," said Joshua G. Lujan, a 19-year-old combat photographer. Equally, the end of the deployment means picking up on a life they had left behind.

"I'm trying to start all over again, getting a house and furniture," said Lujan, who plans on relocating with his wife, Audrey, to North Carolina from their home in Sacramento, Calif.

The Lejeune-based battalion's departure is part of a mass turnover of Marine forces in Iraq's Anbar Province. In coming weeks, more than 20,000 Marines from the II Marine Expeditionary Force will be replacing the I Marine Expeditionary Force.

Already, Marines from 2d FSSG, which falls under the Camp Lejeune-II MEF, are beginning to replace Marine units of 1st FSSG, which has served as the central logistical hub for the 31,000 Marines, sailors, and soldiers of I MEF.

Utilizing military convoys and aircraft, 1st FSSG Marines delivered a variety of items to MEF forces, to include uniforms, ammunition, armor kits, fuel, food and water.

During the past seven months, the 1st FSSG combat service support units have spent thousands of hours in approximately 1,335 convoys delivering provisions traveling 1.4 million miles along Iraq's improvised explosive device-laden highways and roads to deliver 2.9 million cargo short tons of supplies and equipment.

The logistical support the 1st FSSG contributes to the execution of security and stabilization operations throughout the Al Anbar Province.

Some of the noteworthy accomplishments of the 1st FSSG include:

- Distributed and tracked six million MREs in half a million cases spread across 10,400 pallets with a combined weight of almost 5,000 tons.

- Distributed and tracked 14 million bottles of water in 1.2 million cases spread across 21,000 pallets with a combined weight in excess of 23,500 tons.

- In support of the Independent Election Committee of Iraq elections, received, billeted and provided basic life support to over 1000 IEI personnel.

- Received, stored and distributed 42,846,945 gallons of fuel.

- Produced, stored, and distributed 21,708,676 gallons of water.

- Received and distributed 11 million rounds of ammunition.

- Treated 9,603 personnel of which 2,527 received emergency care.

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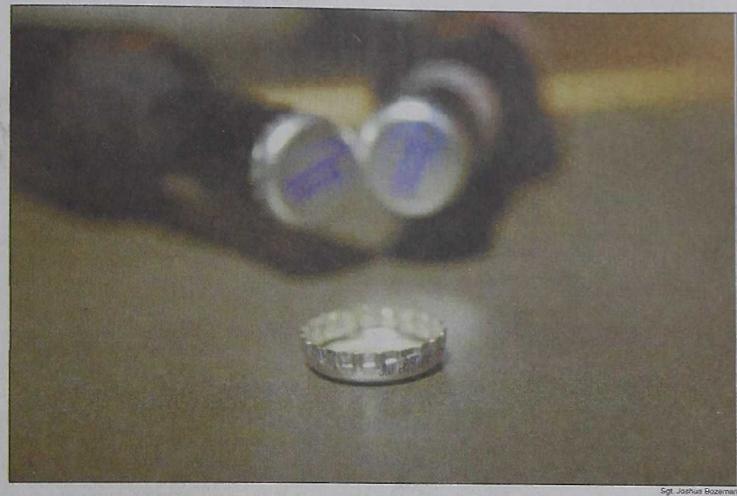
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SAFETY CENTER
Press Release

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Extended program to assess veterans' mental health care

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Press Release

Assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., recently announced the implementation of a new clinical program to assess the health of service members three to six months after redeployment, focusing on support to those needing assistance with post-traumatic stress disorder, psychological and social readjustment issues.

The program expands the range of care offered to service members through the pre- and post-deployment health assessments, which began a few years ago and expanded in 2003. These assessments are screening procedures to gather health information from deploying and returning service members that aid communication with a health care provider and assist in evaluating a service member's health.

"This new initiative is designed to assist service members who have returned from areas of combat operations to ensure their health and well-being," Winkenwerder said. "The thrust is to bring them in and ask, 'How are you doing?' 'How is your family doing?' 'Are you having stress or adjustment issues?' 'How can we help you?'"

Winkenwerder noted the need for such attention and support in the time period of weeks to months after return. The assessment will consider the overall health of the returning service member, with emphasis on mental health and readjustment. Current data show only a small percentage of individuals report problems immediately following deployment. "In some cases, service members may have concerns, but, understandably, want to go home," he said. "Some two to three months later or more, [service members] may experience health issues and adjustment problems but may be reluctant or not know how to seek help."

"We have the capacity and the desire to manage these issues proactively," he said. "And, it is the right thing for us to do. With this new disciplined and caring process, we intend to remove the stigma and reach those needing support. Importantly, we also will be implementing this program for members of the Reserves and Guard, and expect that through our partnership with the VA, and our own Tricare program, we will be able to provide the services."

Winkenwerder directed implementation of the program by early spring 2005. A working group is preparing policy and protocols for a smooth implementation. The working group includes representatives from the offices of the military services' surgeons general, family services teams, the National Guard Bureau, Reserve Affairs, the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board and other military medical organizations.

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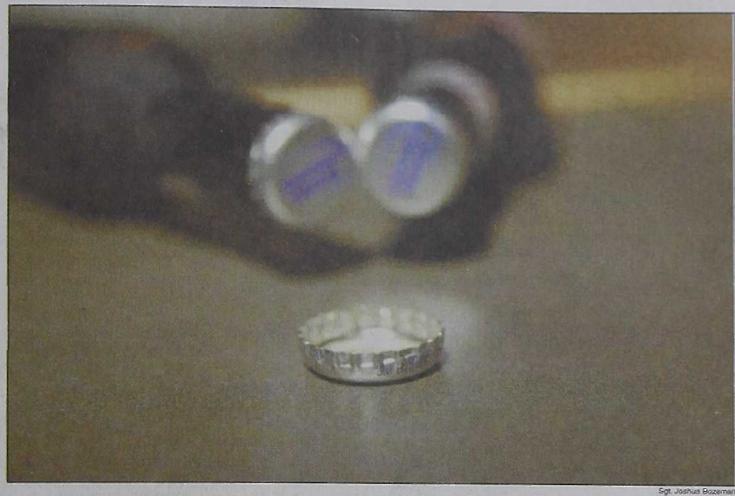
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Showing that many sailors and Marines will choose to drink, commands should seek to minimize the possible consequences of excessive drinking. Designated Driver programs and allowing sailors to their chief petty officer, lead petty officer, or Division chief, and Marines to call their noncommissioned officers COs without fear of punitive action when they have been drinking will reduce the likelihood of service members being involved in driving under the influence and other incidents. If a sailor or Marine knows this support system is in place, it may actually deter some from drinking heavily, but at the same time, it will reduce the likelihood of service members being involved in driving under the influence and other incidents.

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Transfer to law enforcement smooth for service members

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Peacekeepers. The nation's 911 force. Protecting the world for democracy. These are all terms that describe the honorable role sailors and Marines play every day in service to their country. They also describe the role of law enforcement in American society.

While a military career is not forever, serving fellow citizens can be. If you're a sailor or Marine, following your military career with a career in civilian law enforcement can give you fulfillment and satisfaction because you know that service to your country doesn't have to end when your uniform is put away.

In many ways, a career in law enforcement is a natural progression from the duties and requirements of military service. Both require physical and mental strength and agility, courage, discipline, common sense, intelligence, and a willingness to sacrifice. The daily routines of military life easily transition into the daily routines of law enforcement.

Choosing a career in law enforcement requires planning, assessment and direction, so start planning at least one year prior to separation.

Choosing a Career
Just like the military, law enforcement careers can take many forms and can provide opportunities from an office setting to extended field operations. Federal, state, municipal and local agencies, as well as private businesses and security firms, are all searching for qualified, motivated men and women to fill their ranks.

At least one year before you leave active duty, begin to research the myriad of jobs available in law enforcement. Find out what kinds of opportunities are available that fit your personality, strengths and desires. Not

all law enforcement jobs are alike, but there are some basic traits that you need to successfully compete for a position, including:

- Strength of body and character.
- A highly developed sense of responsibility and respect for authority.
- Fairness and open-mindedness.
- The ability to make independent decisions and exercise sound judgment.
- Ability to handle people in various situations.
- Good oral and written communication skills.
- Good observation skills.
- Good memory.

The Hiring Process - While law enforcement jobs are available all over the country, competition is stiff for the available positions, and the application process is very thorough. This process can take months to complete. While all departments have their own hiring process, most follow this general pattern:

Initial application - Contact the agency you want to apply for and fill out their application. This is used generally to prescreen applicants, looking at age, prior arrests, employment, etc.

Written test - This is generally a test of basic skills and aptitudes such as reading comprehension, writing ability, ability to follow directions, judgment and reasoning skills, memory, and math skills. The results of this test are used to rank candidates for further evaluation.

Personal history questionnaire and background check - As with a background investigation for a top-secret clearance, investigators will look into your past and present circumstances in detail, including where you have lived, where you went to school, your employment history, driving history, and financial status.

Oral interview - In some cases, the toughest part of the

process - the law enforcement oral interview board - is a chance for the agency to find out about you in your own words. The questions are based on information from your personal history statement and the information investigators discovered during the background check. They can ask questions that relate to your mental stability, your integrity, your honesty, your character, your reputation in the community, and your ability to do the physical tasks common to the job.

Physical agility test. This is designed to find out whether you're in good enough shape to do well in physical training at the academy.

Medical examination. You will receive a complete medical examination, including drug screening.

Psychological testing. Not everyone is mentally capable of performing law enforcement work. The test usually has two parts, a written exam and an interview with a psychologist.

Polygraph examination. Some agencies will ask you to take a polygraph test. This is used generally to see if you are telling the truth on your background information and to see how you answer hard questions.

Patience key in finding job

Individual states offer retirees and former military members new options for employment search

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Retirees and separates face unique challenges in beginning a career outside the military. Spouses face similar challenges in maintaining a career throughout frequent change and relocation.

Fortunately, there are services established by individual states designed to help people enter the civilian workforce.

When you are new to an area, use these sources to help find the job you want, faster, easier and with less stress.

A great place to start is the local employment office. You may need to register with the office to get access to their services. Don't be discouraged if this office is also known as the unemployment office. The goal is to get to work, so use any and all resources available.

Many states provide resume review services, employment-related workshops, self-service computer courses or a library of pertinent materials. Some states provide training for workers who are displaced or entering a new field.

For example, the Oahu Work Links program in Oahu, Hawaii, provides classroom training, vocational education, counseling and remedial education for applicants who qualify.

The training can range from computer certification courses at a local business school to medical assistant programs. As each state is different, call the local employment office and

ask about what programs are available.

Many state employment offices have current databases of open jobs and a resource for information on who is hiring in the state. Often, employers post vacancies in the employment office first, so get in on the opportunities early.

To find the nearest employment office in the phone book under Department of Defense or Employment. You can also try the Standard Information and Topic Exchange (SITES). This Web site contains information on Department of Defense installations worldwide. Select the relevant base, then Installation Information, click "Employment" and then "Employment Resources."

Many bases include the phone address and a link to the local employment office and/or the local Fleet and Support Center office.

The FFSC's employment counselors have some information on state employment services as well.

If you prefer searching directly on the Internet, check out StateJobs.com, which contains the employment offices of most states.

Another good site is GovJobs.com, where you can enter your e-mail address to receive job postings in city, county and state government agencies.

Searching for a new job in a new city is extraordinarily stressful. Help yours using the services provided by your state

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BOND**CONTINUED FROM 3A**

worked with in an effort to improve quality of life for the residents.

The battalion has also aided Al Kabani, a local fishing village, with a water pipeline system and a means to access electricity. They oversaw the contracting to have Kabani's school reconditioned and had a soccer field made last fall.

During earlier visits to Al Madinah, a village of 300 plus Iraqis, the Marines were greeted by apprehension and distrust. One elderly Iraqi woman in particular made her opinion of the U.S. military's presence in her village very apparent, recalled Torres, 36.

"She would ask us why we were here and was opposed to us being here," said Torres.

Now, her face lights up as the Marines approach her home, and she invites them inside.

"We see their efforts for us," she said, through a translator. "Because of them, we feel safe here; I respect them."

She even allowed the Marines to use her front yard for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Her husband, Sammy, along with Lt. Col. Terence Brennan, commanding officer for 2/10, cut the ribbon.

"The biggest thing we delivered [here] is not toys or soccer

balls or even new homes. It's hope," said Gunnery Sgt. Patrick T. Patton, 2/10's information operations chief and 33-year-old Fort Stockton, Texas, native.

"It's taken our own country 200 to 300 years to get where we are. They've had 35 years of oppression. It's going to take time, but they see hope," said Torres, a Santa Isabel, Puerto Rico, native. "They are living the progress right now."

The ribbon cutting symbolized a "mission complete" for 2/10's Marines, who will return to Camp Lejeune in coming weeks.

Following the ribbon cutting, Torres offered advice to the oncoming soldiers who will continue to work with local Iraqi villages during what has been dubbed by many as Operation Iraqi Freedom III.

"Don't make promises, make progress, and if they cooperate, progress will continue," said Torres.

The Camp Lejeune, N.C.-based battalion, which is at the end of a seven month deployment to Iraq, provides security for Camp Taqaddum, the headquarters base for 1st Force Service Support Group, and other U.S. military posts in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. The battalion will be replaced by U.S. soldiers from the 2nd Battalion of the 112th Armor, a Texas-based National Guard unit.

PATROLS**CONTINUED FROM 3A**

Moving through the streets, the Marines and ISF presented themselves as a strong military presence. However, they also worked on keeping good relationships with the community by handing out candy to children and talking with locals.

Once finished with the patrols and entry checkpoints, the platoon moved out and returned to their base to continue the tasks of training and teaching the ISF.

CAPABILITIES**CONTINUED FROM 3A**

always something to look forward to," said Sgt. Ben S. Smith, from Company G, Battalion Landing Team, 2d Bn. 8th Marine Regiment. "If we ace this, we'll be able to come back, go on leave and then be ready to do it for real if we are called to."

Just what the 26th MEU will be called to do once deployed to the European and Central Command areas of responsibility remains to be seen. However, unit leaders here are confident this exercise will prove the MEU is fully prepared to accomplish any mission assigned.

IRAQ**CONTINUED FROM 4A**

Treated 9,603 personnel of which 2,527 received emergency care.

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The accomplishments of the 5,100 Marines with the 1st FSSG not only contributed to the operational success of the unit they supported, but ultimately, to the reconstruction and future of Iraq after three years of tyranny.

With the first democratic elections successfully completed, the country has taken its first steps towards freedom...and the Marines, Sailors and Soldiers of the 1st FSSG can be knowing they did their part.

CRIME**CONTINUED FROM 1A**

Brewer is currently being held in Wicomico County, Md., where he is pending charges for resisting arrest. He faces the possibility of additional charges upon his return to Camp Lejeune, said Hardesty.

"We encourage people to utilize Crime

Stoppers because it is completely anonymous. Law enforcement doesn't know the identity of the caller, but Crime Stoppers retains the basic contact information in case the tip leads to an arrest," said Naylor. "Crime Stoppers passes on the tip to law enforcement, and if that tip leads to an arrest, the anonymous tipster is awarded an amount of money determined by a board of directors."

HOME**CONTINUED FROM 1A**

extra personnel from Combat Service Support Battalion 1, 1st Force Service Support Group and several Army units.

Many of these service members joined the unit right before the battalion deployed. Within a few weeks of the deployment, the new service

members got to know the rest of the battalion and many new friendships were born, according to Allhouse.

The Marines of the battalion now receive a well-deserved block of leave to spend with their families and loved ones. After helping an entire community in a foreign country for seven months, these Marines now get to be with the ones they protected at home.

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

Courtesy photo

The Allison Family (John, Terry, Katherine, Kenneth Heisler, and Marlene) presents Pat Kelly, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society senior counselor, with a check for \$15,000 at the NMCRS office Jan. 3. "The money goes to the NMCRS general fund," said Kelly. "The money will be used by Marines, sailors, their families and widows during times of need." The money was given over three separate donations, one from the parents, one from the daughters and one from the grandfathers. "I've never seen anything like it during my time here. We've gotten donations before, but the warmth from this family was unlike anything else I've experienced."

SYSTEM**CONTINUED FROM 4A**

organic fire support system that can be vertically transported, is well suited for missions requiring speed and provides close-in fire support to enhance the commander's tactical agility," according to the combat assessment team in a 2002 Operation Enduring Freedom summary report.

"The Marine Corps has studied a triad of indirect fire systems comprised of a lightweight 155 mm howitzer, a high mobility artillery rocket to support a need for an expeditionary fire support system," said Wagner. "The MAGTF will have the EFSS on all types of expeditionary operations. It will serve as the primary indirect fire support system for the vertical assault element of the ship-to-object maneuver. For units requiring speed, tactical agility and vertical transportation, EFSS is the answer."

"The mortar is currently being used by 24 countries to include four NATO countries," said Wagner. "Initial operational capability is scheduled for fiscal year 2007."

With better vehicles and more capable weaponry, the Marine will become an even more efficient and lethal fighting force and EFSS is just one example of a Marine Corps concept that has been brought to reality to make the Marine Corps even better.

ORDER**CONTINUED FROM 1A**

audience come this July with the start of Corporals Course here.

We are getting our [noncommissioned officers] up to par, Brown stated. Corporals are the backbone of the Marine Corps, and they can get the word out and make sure the other Marines are following the proper procedure. We are giving them the proper training tools they need to take care of their Marines.

The implementation of this order will change the way in which service members wearing civilian attire will respond, but the sentiment will be the same — remembering and paying respect to those who have given their lives in defense of our nation and the ideals Old Glory stands for.

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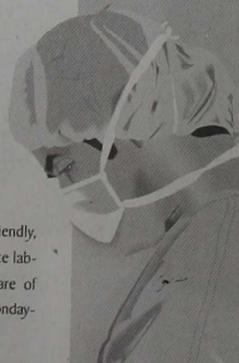
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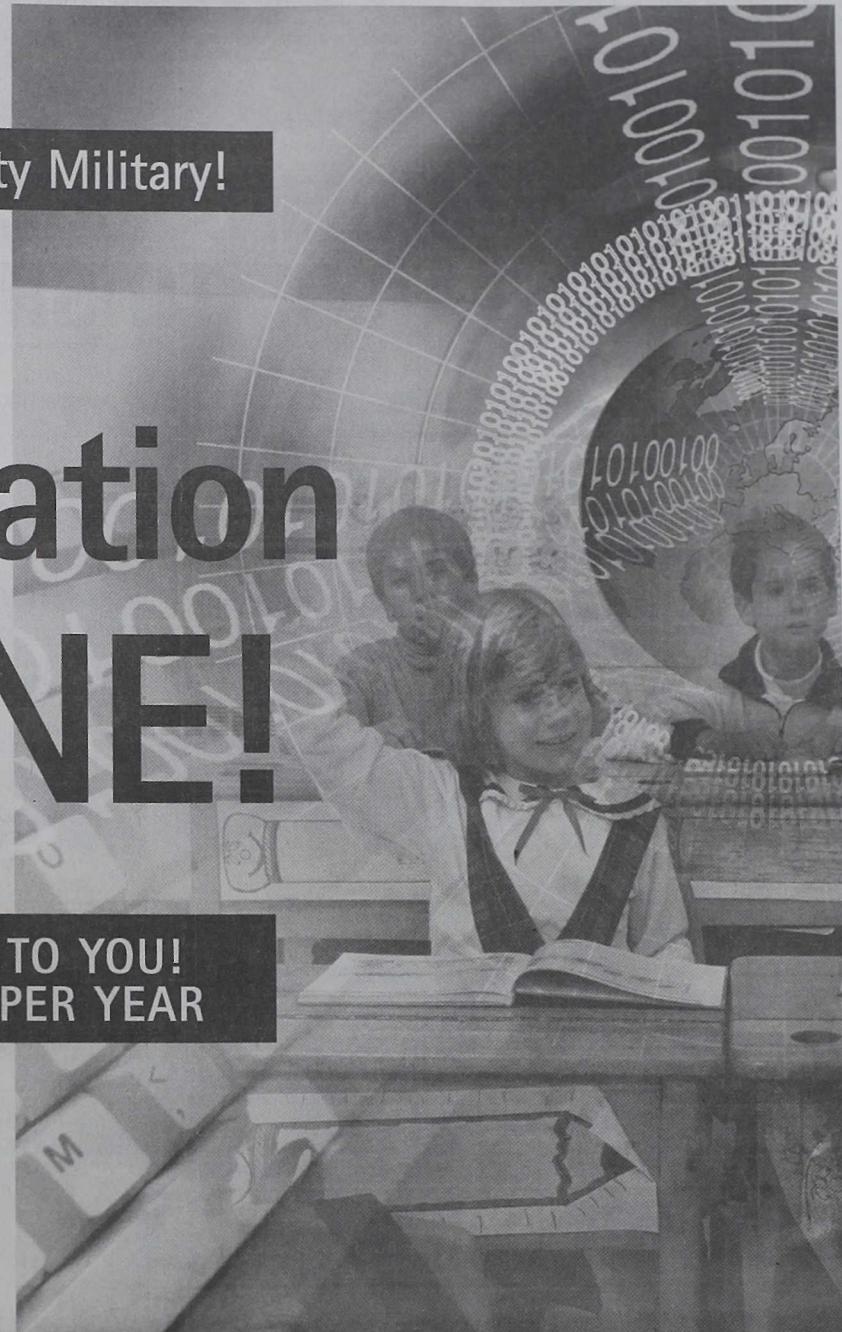
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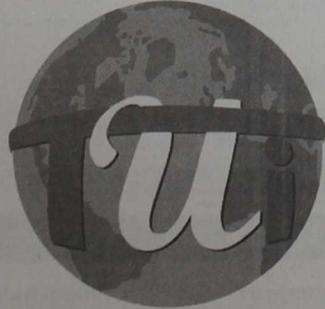
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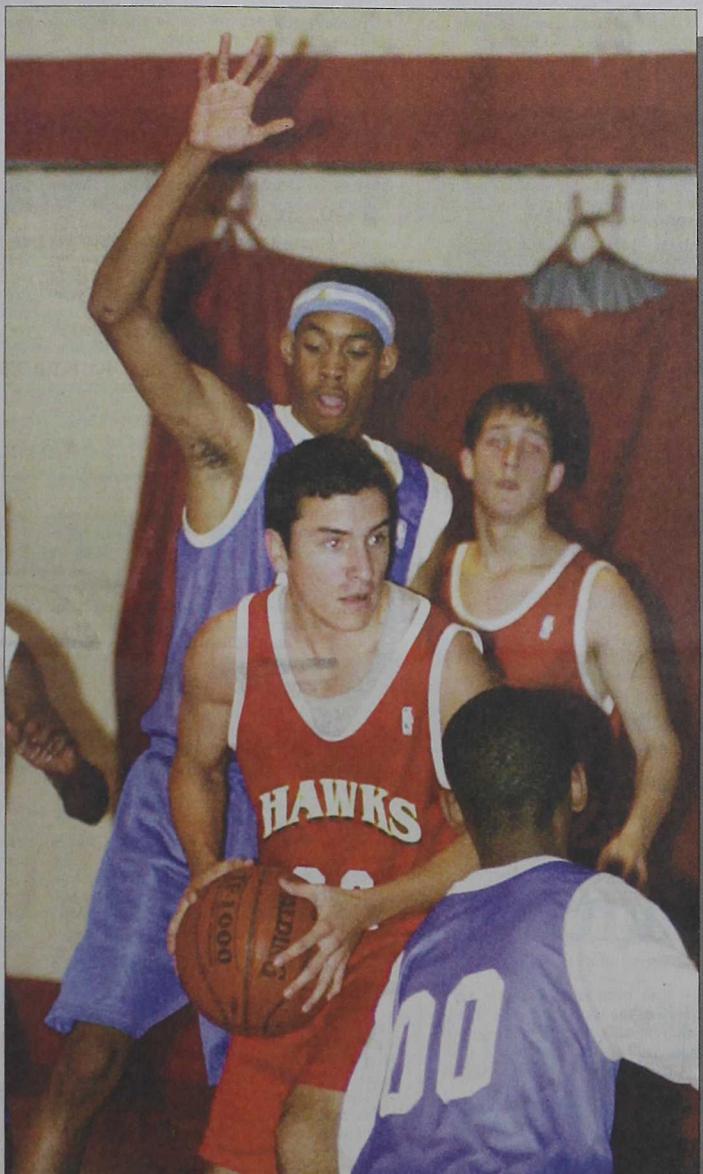
Youth Basketball | Championship Tournament

In the 10 to 12-year-old boy's championship game, the Jazz defeated the Hawks, 28-10. The Jazz, below, and Hawks, right, both received trophies after the game in recognition of their postseason success.



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Below: In last week's youth basketball tournament, the 13 to 15-year-old Magic defeated the Hawks in the championship game, 47-25. The Magic used aggressive defense to force turnovers and score in the transition game.



Hockey will grow up in the 21st century

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When I was six, I dreamed of growing up to be a professional hockey player. I loved the game, was a prolific scorer, watched the Rochester Americans, the local American Hockey League team, with my dad at the Rochester War Memorial, and listened to their away games at night on the radio.

Yes, you can count me as one of the few mourning the death of the National Hockey League season.

Though I try not to advertise it below the Mason-Dixon line, I am part of the cult of Americans, primarily northerners, who take to the ponds and rinks every winter for a sport that demands greater toughness than any major team sport in America. Today, as the NHL is mired in a labor dispute that has already killed this season and may linger into next season, the sport's saving grace may be that the typical hockey fan is less casual than many fans of other sports.

Two-thirds of those responding to a recent ESPN poll indicated that they won't miss the NHL this year, and that's among the hardcore sports fans that log on to the ESPN web site and answer survey questions. If you polled the nation as a whole, hockey fans would be a very small minority. More people, 10 times more, would turn in to watch monkeys on skates than watch the current crop of NHL stars.

That's a pretty important fact that players and owners failed to accept in recent years of escalating player salaries that led right up to this point, the first season-long lockout in North American professional sports history. To be sure, there is enough blame to go around.

Hockey players and team owners developed a mistaken belief that they could operate like Major League Baseball and the National Football League, without realizing that hockey lacks the national audience those leagues enjoy, and while those sports are established culturally, the NHL still has a long way to go in building the sport.

Instead, the NHL adopted the "new economy" philosophies and expectations that defined the 1990s. In that failed economic model, proven business practices and responsible spending are cast aside amidst blind optimism. Much like the investors that presumed any business tied to the Internet would inevitably be successful, no matter how absurd the idea, NHL owners assumed that hockey would explode in popularity.

It was a pipedream that never materialized.

Instead of trying to reduce their losses by spending responsibly, owners recklessly overspent on player salaries. Teams that were losing money offered huge contracts to free agents even though they were losing millions each year. That's like trying to get out of debt by buying a new big screen television and spinning rims for your car.

During the height of the high-tech boom, technology workers expected large salaries, casual dress, stock options, steak dinners and foosball tables in the employee lounge. Companies were quick to provide these expensive perks even though, in many cases, they had never made a dime in profit. Eventually, many of those workers found themselves unemployed when their companies

See HOCKEY | 5B

Following stroke, Bruschi faces questions about athletic future

JAY LINDSAY
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Former NHL player Brian Mullen is one of the few pro athletes who has a sense of what New England Patriots linebacker Tedy Bruschi is going through.

Mullen, like Bruschi, suffered a mild stroke, his coming in 1993. The former New York Islander made a comeback attempt two years later after undergoing surgery to correct the heart problem that caused his stroke, but eventually decided to retire.

"I think the biggest thing you've got to overcome is your own mind," Mullen said. "It definitely gets in your head. You ask yourself, 'Am I doing the right thing for my family?'"

One of the team's most popular players, the 31-year-old Bruschi was released Feb. 18 from Massachusetts General Hospital after spending two days there recovering from a mild stroke that caused numbness, blurred vision and severe headaches.

He waved and smiled but didn't comment to reporters as he stepped into a waiting sports utility vehicle and drove off. Patriots spokesman Stacey James did not respond to questions about whether Bruschi would be able to play pro football again.

Experts say his return will depend on the stroke's cause and severity. A mild stroke isn't necessarily a career-ending event for a professional athlete, but the risk is higher for someone who takes the punishment of an NFL linebacker.

Doctors pointed to Bruschi's quick release from the hospital, along with reports that he was walking and talking

normally a day after the stroke, as hopeful signs that he may be able to continue his career. Still, his prognosis remains uncertain because all strokes cause some level of brain damage and can raise fears of a recurrence.

"There really is no good stroke," said Dr. Larry Brass, a professor of neurology, epidemiology and public health at the Yale University School of Medicine.

Hockey, like football, is a fast, full-contact sport, and one of Mullen's concerns about returning was taking a hit. When he got past that, he had to convince his teammates it was OK to hit him in practice. Eventually, he said, he stopped fearing that his body couldn't take the punishment.

He looks back at his difficult decision to retire and wonders if he should have kept trying. But he added that the stroke changed everything.

"As an athlete, up to that point, you feel invincible," Mullen said. "Something like that happens, and it shakes up your whole life."

Bruschi, a nine-year veteran, has been a key member of the defense that helped New England win three of the last four Super Bowls. On Sunday, Bruschi played in his first Pro Bowl in Hawaii.

His wife, Heidi, called 911 on Wednesday, saying he was experiencing "blurred vision, numbness on the right side of his body."

An estimated 700,000 people per year in the United States suffer strokes, which occur when blood flow to the brain is interrupted. The vast majority result from clots that block the brain's arteries. Another type involves bleeding in or around the brain, sometimes

due to ruptured blood vessels.

The hospital and the Patriots have not said what kind of stroke Bruschi suffered.

Experts said it could be weeks before doctors pinpoint the stroke's cause, and Bruschi's professional future won't be any clearer until they do.

"Even if the effects of the stroke are mild, and we hope they are, the crucial thing is determining the cause," said Dr. Robert Adams, a spokesman for the American Stroke Association.

The damage from a stroke depends on several factors, including how long before it was treated, what part of the brain the stroke occurs in and the intensity of the rehabilitation.

Bruschi's apparently quick recovery could be a sign of a specific type of stroke in which the symptoms last less than 24 hours and leave no lasting damage. A traumatic injury to a part of the body can also damage blood vessels and lead to clotting, but that wouldn't be a big risk once the blood vessel healed.

Tests could also reveal a predisposition to blood vessel tears or other factors which would make a return to the field risky, Brass said.

Strokes among people as young as Bruschi are relatively rare, with about 30,000 to 40,000 occurring annually in people ages 18 to 50. A cause is difficult to pinpoint in many of those cases because the possibilities aren't as obvious as they are in older people, who often have cholesterol problems.

"It's like your car breaking down after 5,000 miles," Brass said. "Something's wrong."

Gordon wins his third Daytona 500

JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Jeff Gordon was helplessly socked in behind Tony Stewart, when along came Dale Earnhardt Jr. with a fresh burst of speed.

By the time the wild battle royale between NASCAR's biggest stars drew a checkered flag Sunday, even Gordon admitted he was "shocked" to be leading en route to his third Daytona 500 win.

If the start of the season was this good, imagine what the ending could be like.

Building on the momentum of last season's closest-ever championship race, NASCAR opened this year with the rivalry everybody in the sport wants to see.

Gordon nosed to the front with the fourth lead change in the last nine laps. The four-time NASCAR champion moved into some very fast company, joining Richard Petty (7), Cale Yarborough (4) and Bobby Allison and Dale Jarrett (3) with three or more Daytona victories. Gordon first won it in 1997 and again in 1999.

"I don't know how to put that in perspective. It's overwhelming to me," Gordon said. "I was thrilled with the two that I had. Just one is enough to make your career."

But this could be the start of another magical season. Gordon is still chasing Petty and the late Dale Earnhardt's record seven season titles, and NASCAR would like nothing more than to see Gordon and Junior, its two most marketable drivers, go down to the wire week after week.

Gordon refused to get ahead of himself.

"I was wanting to still stay under the radar," Gordon said. "It's great to get the momentum and the season starting off right. But this guarantees nothing as far as the championship is concerned."

The one thing it does is give team owner Rick Hendrick a lift after the tragedy that befell his family last October. His son, Ricky, his only brother, John, and eight others were killed in a plane crash while traveling to a race in Virginia.

Gordon's first words in victory lane were to dedicate the win to the victims of the crash, and he later talked about how the loss has affected the entire team.

"His family is very near and dear to him. That's what made that loss so tragic, because they were not only family members he cared so much about, but other people that were part of an extended family that were just as meaningful to him and all of us," Gordon said.

For Hendrick, who struggled to return to work after the crash, the victory was the reward. His drivers tried so hard to give him one last season, falling short of giving Hendrick a championship when Jimmie Johnson and Gordon finished second and third in the Chase for the Championship.

"There was a lot of fire in our hearts. Every race we come to now, I think about all those people," Hendrick said. "And this is the Super Bowl

of racing, so coming down here, you always want to do well. You want to start the year off well."

"We feel like it's a way to honor those that we lost and we love and we miss. And so," he added, "sure, it's a great win."

Three laps from the scheduled end, Gordon said teammate Johnson "came and gave me a big push, and I was able to get a lead, which I was shocked by." Then, after sneaking past Earnhardt, Gordon held off reigning champion Kurt Busch and Earnhardt in extra laps.

It was one of the wildest finishes in the 47-year history of NASCAR's biggest race: There were four lead changes in the last nine laps and two crashes involving a total of 17 cars in the last 20 laps.

Earnhardt, the defending race champion, came from 30th with less than 100 miles to go to grab the late lead. But Gordon passed him seconds before a caution flag waved on the 198th of the scheduled 200 laps.

The race went three extra laps to finish under a green flag, and Gordon hung on to beat Busch by two car lengths.

"He just barely laid on the bumper around (turns) three and four. If he would have been full-throttle, he probably would have got me loose and spun me out," Earnhardt said. "He knows how to do it just right. There are only a couple of other guys who can do that."

Stewart dominated the race for a second straight year, leading 107 laps, and was well on the way to his first 500 win before a rash of late caution flags set up the dramatic ending.

Earnhardt, who struggled with handling through most of the race and had not led a lap, was second, hugging Stewart's rear bumper, when he suddenly dove to the outside, just in front of Gordon and charged past the leader to grab the top spot on the 197th lap.

"I was real, real happy," Earnhardt said. "I'm telling you, man, the car was way, way off. It was hard. It was amazing the difference between the car (at the end) and maybe 50 laps before then. I mean, it was really fast."

When Earnhardt charged to the lead, Gordon thought the race was over.

"When the cautions came out, I would look in my mirror or look on the board to see how far back he was," Gordon said. "I thought maybe Junior was having engine problems or handling problems. Then he flipped a switch there at the end. I was like, 'Oh, here he is.'"

When the race went to overtime and Stewart had a chance to salvage a respectable finish, Johnson began to block him all over the banking. He ended up seventh, gave Johnson a retaliatory bump on the cool-down lap, then the two met at the NASCAR hauler for a makeup session afterward.

"You know, Jimmie and I are really, really good friends and this isn't something that's going to linger," Stewart said. "It's over with."

Scott Riggs finished fourth, followed by Johnson and Mark Martin in his last Daytona 500. Rusty Wallace, also in his finale, was 10th.

Marine fighter pilot to become a pro golfer

ONCE A MARINE

JOHN GUNN



Jay Slough is ditching a high speed world for one with slow rounds and sand traps. Slough, a Marine Corps major and F/A-18 Hornet fighter pilot, is turning in his wings and ending an 11-year military career to embark on a new one as a pro golfer.

After several successful years as an amateur golfer, Slough decided it was time to turn pro.

He would like eventually to reach the PGA Tour and play on the Ryder Cup team. But for now, Slough is playing events on the Spanos and Golden State tours this season.

But there's one large factor looming: the 33-year-old has a wife, Laura, and three kids, Summer, Ally and Ty, at home, the *North County (Calif.) Times* reports.

"Some people think I'm nuts, but you gotta go," Slough said after a practice round at Lake San Marcos Country Club. "You set the bar at a certain level for a reason. You want to climb that bar and get up there."

Some may question whether Slough can do it, but he has little doubt. With the resume he has built, it's easy to see why, said the *Times*.

Slough, who graduated at the top of his flight-school class, earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the Naval Academy. He was an All-American in lacrosse and squash a combined seven times. He's a member of the Academy's athletic hall of fame.

Slough has won eight of his 21 amateur events, including the 2004 All-Marine championship.

"Anything he's ever done, he's taken it to the ultimate [level]," fellow golfer Phil Bevacqua said. "He's one of the more cool-and-

calm guys I've ever been around. Jay is very level-headed. He's at the level where the financial part is weighing on him. You can't go out there and play for your family. You have to play for yourself. That's going to be the biggest challenge."

But Slough rarely has met a challenge he couldn't meet. Look no further than his first amateur victory at the Iwakuni men's club championship in Japan. Slough beat a field of 76 despite playing in the September 1999 event with only five clubs, the *Times* reported.

When he was deployed to Asia, Slough didn't have much room for storage and only brought his 2-iron, 5-iron, 7-iron, pitching wedge and putter. It didn't matter.

"All my buddies die laughing because I played in Iwakuni with five clubs and won," he said. "It's kind of like flying: you see the situation, and you react to it and just go."

That's how Slough is handling his current dilemma, providing for his family while pursuing his dream. He is looking at the situation in its entirety, and then figuring out the best way to go about it. In this case, that meant creating the Jay Slough Joint Venture LLC and turning to the public to invest in his future.

Whenever Slough goes to the course, he doesn't just bring his clubs, he brings along a proposal with a prospectus, profit-sharing plan and outline of expenses for him and his family.

Last month, Slough held a tournament at Lake San Marcos Country Club and raised \$18,000 to pursue his dream. He even has his own Web site: www.jayslough.com.

"I'm offering shares in my company to be a partner in my future," Slough said. "For me to be able to do the things I want to do, I'm going to need support. I have great support now, [but I'll need more]."

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Major League Baseball

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Randy Johnson didn't think that merely by signing with the New York Yankees he'd join Alex Rodriguez as a target of the Boston Red Sox and their fans.

"I haven't done anything to them," he said Feb. 17.

Not yet, but his job is to lead the Yankees to their first title since 2000 and deny the Red Sox a second straight World Series championship.

"So they'll be mad at me if I pitch well against them? Bring it on then," he said, laughing.

"So I guess I'm a target, but I'm going to go out there and do the best I can," Johnson said. "I'm not going to be firing quotes and stuff like that to make myself more of a target, that's for sure. I'll leave that to other people that can do that better than I probably could."

As Johnson pitched his first bullpen session at Legends Field, former Arizona teammate Curt Schilling reported to Boston's training camp in Fort Myers, and new-Red Sox and former-Yankee David Wells added his own criticism of Rodriguez.

"I remember reading the press conference or something when he went there," Wells said. "He said: 'When we.' He said 'we' in his comment about like he's won like three or four rings with them and he hadn't, and that kind of disturbed me."

"He shouldn't put himself in that category," added Wells, who helped New York win two AL pennants and one World Series. "You've got to earn it. It's like he's been there the whole time. But you can't take away what A-Rod has done for the game. He's a great player, and he will continue to be a great player."

During the offseason, Schilling criticized A-Rod, and earlier this week Red Sox outfielder Trot Nixon said of the former AL MVP: "He can't stand up to [Derek] Jeter in my book or Bernie Williams or [Jorge] Posada."

Schilling added: "I'm pretty sure that me not liking Alex Rodriguez is not a groundbreaking story. I'm sure there are a lot of guys in the big leagues [who] don't like each other. The comments came about because of play on the field last year. That's the way I see it. I never really thought it was nearly as big a deal as people have made it. I'm pretty sure Alex could care less whether I like him or not."

Nixon also was irritated by Rodriguez's description of his early morning workouts, saying: "I'm not a deadbeat dad, you clown. That's what I said to myself. What's wrong with me taking my kid to school and then going to work out?"

Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein downplayed the comments.

"As a whole our team has been pretty modest in victory and respectful of the opposition, especially the Yankees, and focus on what we're having to do," he said. "If there's anything personal, I'm sure it's just a blip and it will pass. But I know from knowing our guys that they're very, very respectful of the Yankees and what they've accomplished."

"I like the on-field Yankees-Red Sox rivalry. I've never cared much about the off-field stuff."

—RONALD BLUM, Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Kidnappers holding the mother of Detroit Tigers pitcher Ugoeth Urbina kept her in a dense jungle and surrounded the area with explosives to keep her from fleeing, police said Saturday.

Maura Villarreal was rescued Feb. 18 in a police raid that lasted eight hours and ended with one of her abductors dead, two captured and at least seven on the run. Villarreal, 54, was not harmed, police said Saturday while revealing new details of her ordeal.

During more than five months of captivity, Villarreal slept on a mattress in a makeshift tent at an abandoned campground called Las Nieves, or The Snows, in Venezuela's rugged southern mountains.

The nearest village was an eight-hour drive away, and police who eventually raided the camp had to arrive by helicopter and boat up a mountain river in Venezuela's Bolivar province, some 250 miles southeast of Caracas.

The camp was a drug traffickers' hide-out, police said. On Saturday, they blamed Venezuelan and Colombian drug smugglers for the kidnapping, saying authorities found weapons, grenades and a huge cache of at least 1,300 pounds of cocaine at the camp.

Marcos Chavez, director of the federal police, showed reporters a Colombian identity card found at the camp and believed to belong to one of the men who escaped.

Villarreal told reporters late Friday she was not treated "well or poorly," and that the most hurtful thing was having to bear her captors' taunts that her wealthy son did not love her because he did not pay the \$6 million ransom demand.

She said she had sent letters to her son and that her captors had filmed videos of her, but Chavez said the family received no evidence of her condition in captivity.

Urbina was reunited with his mother late Friday in Caracas, more than five months after she was abducted from her home in a southeastern suburb of the capital by men dressed as police. The house there stands out as the most expensive on the block. Urbina's salary this year is \$4 million.

The abduction highlighted a rise in kidnappings in the South American country, the homeland of dozens of major league baseball players who at times have become targets for criminals because of their wealth. About three-quarters of the world's kidnappings occur in Latin America, according to experts, with the bulk occurring in Colombia, Mexico, Argentina and Brazil.

Other major leaguers have been victims of crime in Venezuela. Richard Hidalgo of the Texas Rangers was shot in the left forearm during a 2002 carjacking attempt.

Many of the dozens of Venezuelan players in the majors return to their homeland in the winter to play in the Venezuelan league and spend time with their families and friends, usually in the poor neighborhoods where they grew up.

"I feel very happy for him," Tigers shortstop Carlos Guillen said at spring training in Lakeland, Fla. Urbina's family has been a victim of crime before. His father, Juan, died a decade ago while resisting a robbery attempt in Caracas.

Detroit said before the rescue that the team understood Urbina would be at camp early next week.

"I would expect a delay, but that's not manager Alan Trammell said. "I would the next couple of days, we'll find our way back. We're understanding of the need. I can't imagine going through that that."

Urbina left the Tigers in September after his disappearance.

"I'm so glad everything's OK," he said.

Johnson said, "That's good for us but not tantly, great for him and his family."

—ALICE M. CHACON, Associated Press

National Basketball Association

DENVER (AP) — Primping, preening and preposterous, The Big Entertainer at the NBA All-Star game a supersized dose of personality, though he wouldn't go so far as to wear a shoe phone.

For the second straight year, Shaquille O'Neal made people laugh, applaud and agree with his oversized way of doing everything, though otherwise nondescript All-Star game Sunday.

He danced as he was introduced, stuck before missing a foul shot and goofed with stars and hip-hop artists who lined the front seats across from the Eastern Conference.

All that showmanship didn't win O'Neal honors, that award went to Allen Iverson, who had 15 points, 10 assists and five steals, as the East won the 125-115. O'Neal finished with 21 six rebounds, three blocked shots and three.

But if MVP stood for Most Vibrant, this one was a runaway decided square in the 360-pound, 7-foot behemoth who was his 12th appearance in the league's show.

O'Neal's display of showmanship he unveiled his size-22 red and white size in the locker room before the game, a working telephone mechanism is built-in sneaker, and an antenna pops out near the toe.

"It's big, you can take it anywhere, make look at you," O'Neal said. "And it's muggers. Kick them right in the [behind] with Shaq-shoe phone."

"There's an addition at the top where you pull out the strings and make it a Shaq-shoe bag and phone all-in-one."

The silliness O'Neal displayed and the things went for his former teammate, Kobayashi.

Bryant finished with better numbers and the most intense player on the court during fourth quarter, but this show was clearly in his favor.

Bryant, who was accused of rape two summers ago before the charges were dropped last September, was the only player booted pre-game introductions. O'Neal, Iverson and Vince Carter received the loudest ovations, O'Neal played to the crowd by strutting down the runway wearing a huge smile.

"Leave it to Shaq to do something like that," teammate Dwyane Wade said. "He's always doing something to keep fans involved."

O'Neal and Bryant first came into contact each other midway through the quarter. O'Neal poked the ball away from Bryant, who drove, only to be called for a foul.

O'Neal nearly howled in disgust, yet ancora the many contortions his face and body throughout the night.

"I'm not going to make this weekend about me and Shaq," Wade said. "It's not fair, when we played together we weren't the best buddies. People need to leave that in the past."

When O'Neal went to the free throw line first quarter after driving around Yao Ming, he held the ball in his right hand, his left hand on his hip, striking a pose, as the ionists say, as he shot the ball one-handed.

Naturally, given O'Neal's history as a poor shooter, he missed.

"You don't need to watch him a lot to see his personality come through. He's got a great deal of charisma, he obviously just loves life, and makes it fun for everybody around him," coach Stan Van Gundy said of O'Neal.

LeBron James and Iverson teamed up on the prettiest play of the first quarter, an alley-oop by the 20-year-old Cleveland guard who became second-youngest All-Star starter in NBA history.

The crowd laughed at Bryant when his off-backboard pass to Kevin Garnett on a 2-on-1 break failed to find its target, though they oohed and aahed in appreciation when Bryant, who is right-handed, barreled into a 14-footer shooting it lefty.

Bryant again wowed the crowd late in the fourth quarter by reaching behind his head to catch an alley-oop pass from Steve Nash and slam-dunk it through the backboard before catching the ball and jamming it with two hands.

Bryant went to the line once more, midway through the third quarter, and displayed his usual form, or lack thereof, in missing two more free throws as the ball came off his hand with sidespin on the first one and topspin on the second.

The third quarter ended with the East leading 95-89 behind 13 points apiece from Iverson and James.

Wade had a breakaway reverse dunk early in the final period to put the East ahead 102-93. After Bryant hit a pair of 3-pointers to close the West 110-105, Shaq bounded off the bench to return.

The West never pulled close, and the game ended with O'Neal getting to attempt a 3-pointer.

It missed, but it didn't matter. The showman had gotten the last moment in the spotlight.

"That's what this game is about, it's for the fans," Ben Wallace said. "Just relax and enjoy yourself, give the fans something to cheer about and that's what he did."

—CHRIS SHERIDAN, Associated Press

ACC Hoops Roundup

Blue Devils topple Wake Forest

KEITH PARSONS
Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — J.J. Redick dismissed the performance of his career. He simply had a victory for Duke.

"What means something to us is that we won," Redick said. "Our team was really struggling. We've had a rough couple of games. I would have the same feelings right now if we'd won and scored two."

Chris Paul had 27 points and Trent Strickland scored 17 for Wake Forest (22-4, 10-3), which fell out of a first-place tie with North Carolina.

Duke center Shelden Williams more than held his own in his matchup with Eric Williams, finishing with 12 points, nine rebounds and four blocks. And Melchionni, a junior who played very little during his first two seasons, came up with big play after big play when the Blue Devils needed it most.

He came in averaging only

in the second half. After trailing by two at the break, the Blue Devils shot 61 percent in the final 20 minutes to reach their highest point total of the season. "You saw a lot of points with guys really playing hard defensively," Blue Devils coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "That takes a game to another level."

6.8 points a game, but beat that total during a 90-second span of the second half. The left-hander swished a 3-pointer for a five-point lead, jumped in the passing lane for a steal that led to his own dunk, then spun in the paint for a short jumper.

"We feed off our defense as an offensive team," Melchionni said. "We really executed that."

On the other end, he drew a charge from Wake Forest guard Justin Gray, who went to the bench with his fourth foul with 14.5 minutes left. Duke eventually went ahead 88-69 before the Deacons staged a furious rally to make the final respectable, getting within seven with 1:15 remaining.

The Blue Devils closed it out at the free-throw line to win for only the third time in the past six games. They last lost three in a row to complete the 1995-96 season.

"I just thought Duke played great and my hat's off to them," Wake Forest coach Skip Prosser said. "They shot the ball well. Part of that is a function of our defense, I'm sure, but part of it is a function of they just shot the ball well, too."

Redick certainly did. He hit his first six shots after starting the game with some unfamiliar teammates, joining Shelden Williams in a lineup that included Reggie Love, Patrick Johnson

and little-used guard Patrick Davidson. On the opening possession, Davidson repeatedly bumped Paul until the whistle finally blew, and Krzyzewski was up off the bench screaming for an offensive foul on Paul.

The infraction went against Davidson, and he left after about two minutes to a raucous ovation, and, as expected, Prosser had a different view of Davidson's effort.

"Would it have irritated you?" he said in a postgame session with reporters. "You guys make that call, you saw what was going on out there."

So did Paul.

"That's the oldest trick in the book," he said. "I've been seeing that since junior high."

That was the start of a gritty, physical first half during which the teams combined for 24 fouls, total that included offsetting technicals on Dockery and Wake Forest's Jamaal Levy. Later, the usually unflappable Paul got a technical when he shoved the ball in the face of Melchionni, helping Duke take its big lead.

"He fouled me, and I just reacted when I shouldn't have," Paul said. "It was right in front of the referee. That was my fault."

Through it all, Redick continued making shots. He beat his previous best of 34 points from last season and shot 9-of-15, including 6-of-10 on 3-pointers.



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Daniel Ewing, above, came off the bench to score 13 points and J.J. Redick added a career high 38 points in Duke's 102-92 win over the Demon Deacons.

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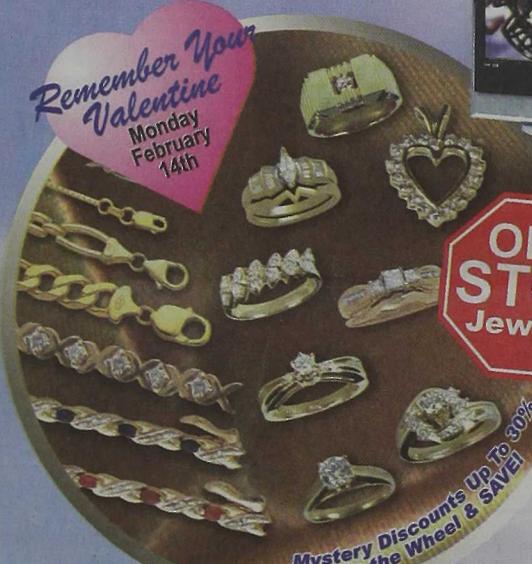
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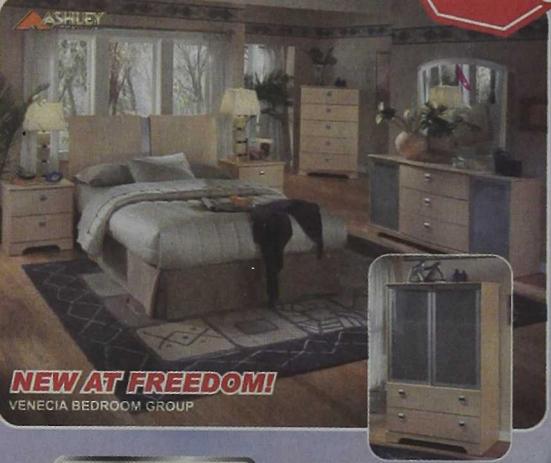
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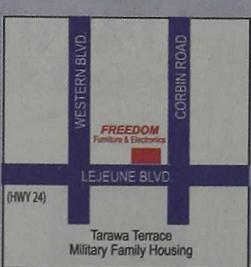
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its, it was indicative of their terrible management.

Ted Leonsis, for example, made a fortune with America Online and decided to feed his ego with a new toy to accompany his Ferrari, so he purchased the Washington Capitals in 1999. Prior to buying the team, the Capitals were playoff contenders with growing support in the nation's capital.

Leonsis decided to make a quick splash by signing Jaromir Jagr to the biggest contract in hockey. Under

Leonsis' stewardship, he began trading the remaining veterans who had spent years with the team and were fan favorites, angering the Caps' traditional fans and sending the team's popularity into a tailspin. All the while, the Caps managed to lose \$30 million annually.

"We're kind of the poster boys for what's wrong with the league," Leonsis said. "We're spending a lot of money and we're losing a lot of money."

I guess that's what should have been expected from an owner who thought hockey had four quarters at the time of his purchase.

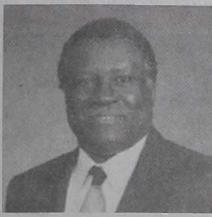
Why don't the other NHL owners with uncontrollable urges to spend money like Paris Hilton at a Prada store, simply exercise some discretion like responsible adults?

Unable to discipline themselves, NHL owners now want to impose a cap to bring player salaries back in line with the NHL's economic reali-

ties. Even the players acknowledge that hockey can't sustain current NHL salaries, as evidenced by their offer to accept a 24-percent pay cut.

Accepting a pay cut is always bitter medicine, especially when your boss owns a \$200 million franchise and considerable wealth beyond that, but players will have to accept less pay if they want to play in the NHL.

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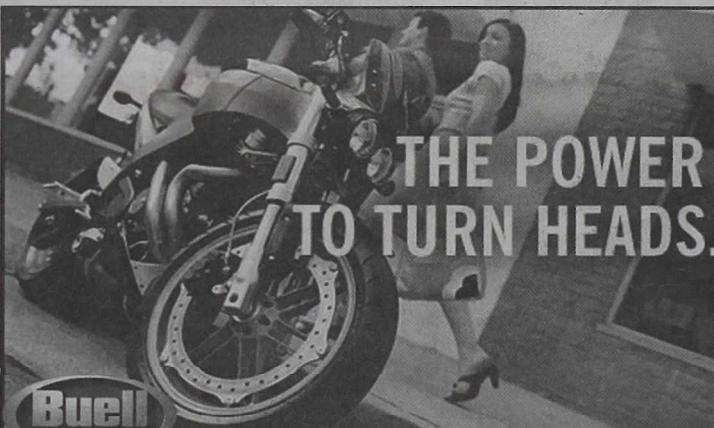
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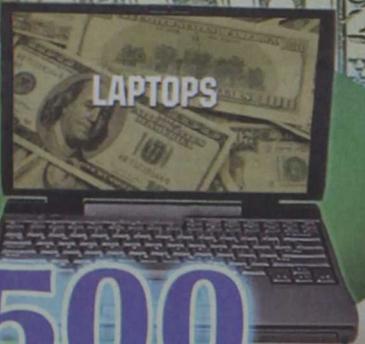
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The Department of Defense began a study of Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools in the summer of 2002. This study recently provided recommendations based on an objective and impartial evaluation of 100 DoD schools. The decision has been made on the recommendations, and no further deliberations on the study occur until after the 15 Base Realignment and Closure process is complete. The House and Senate Armed Services Committees were briefed on Feb. 15, by DoD officials on the results of the transfer study. Members of Congress, whose districts include DDESS facilities, were scheduled to be briefed on Feb. 18. Acting on any of the recommendations that may impact one or several installations prior to the completion of the BRAC process would be premature. Consideration of the study's recommendations have been suspended until the BRAC commission recommendations take legal effect and are anticipated in November 2005. Go to www.dodea.edu/ddeess/transferStudy for more information regarding the DDEA study.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY COURSE INFORMATION

Marine Expeditionary Force Safety, in conjunction with Camp Lejeune Base Safety, is coordinating additional Motorcycle Safety courses. Coastal Carolina Community College currently offers these courses; however, there is a backlog of approximately two months. In order to accommodate additional courses, an accurate count of Marines needing both the initial and experienced Motorcycle Safety courses is necessary. For nomination sheets, to volunteer as an instructor or for more information, call 514-2888.

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The Thrift Savings Program will now allow contributors to change their investment options at any time versus the usual biannual open seasons. In addition, participants will also have the option to obtain a financial manager who will automatically adjust how funds are invested based on market changes. For more information, go to www.tsp.gov.

TARHEEL MUSTANGS

The Tarheel Mustangs are hosting their dinner muster March 1 at 6 p.m. at the Golden Corral Restaurant located on Highway 17 in Jacksonville. All mustangs and their spouses are invited. For more information, call John J. McGraw at 353-1968.



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Petty Officer 2nd Class Colin Gardape, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, religious programs specialist, speaks with Iraqi citizen role players at an entry control point during a Security and Stabilization Operations exercise aboard Matilda Village. The unit conducted these operations to prepare for a deployment to Iraq in March.

'1/6 Hard' comes home ready for war

CPL. MIKE ESCOBAR
2d Marine Division

The final elements of 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, returned here Feb. 8 from a three-week long field training evolution in California.

The unit conducted a revised combined arms exercise at Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., and security and stabilization operations training aboard Marine Air Reserve Base, Calif., to prepare for deployment to Iraq in March.

According to Maj. Brian S. Christmas, the executive officer of 1st Bn., the Marines and sailors began their REX training Jan. 19.

"The rifle companies utilized the 100 ranges along with the new [military] operations in urban terrain] facility and focused their

attention on Ranges 400 and 410A. They were able to identify shortcomings and had the time to remediate," Christmas said.

The 400 ranges allow rifle platoons to close with and destroy their target while machine gunners and mortar fire provide covering suppression fire. Christmas said, whereas the 100 ranges offered the Marines static firing training on weapons such as the MK-19 automatic grenade launcher and .50 caliber machine guns.

Units also simulated assaulting a mock Iraqi town at the MOUT facility. Personnel practiced room clearing maneuvers and working as a team to successfully clear the town of insurgents.

In many of these ranges and scenarios, rifle companies used the numerous weapons in their arsenal to execute a combined arms strike against an objective.

Christmas stated.

"We assaulted MOUT town to practice clearing buildings in a safe manner," stated Pfc. Jorge N. Gabrie, squad automatic gunner, 2d Platoon, Company A. "The biggest thing we kept in mind was watching other Marines' backs and working as a team. [The tactics] we learned running through this course made it worth [the units' time]."

While the battalion's rifle companies refined their combined arms and urban operations tactics, their non-infantry counterparts at Headquarters and Service Company practiced conducting the missions they will perform in Iraq.

"We concentrated on convoy operations for H&S, which quite frankly paid big dividends," Christmas said. "It was some of the best training we've seen."

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The Marine Corps Community Service Food and Hospitality division opened Berkeley Bistro, Feb. 16, in the John A. Lejeune Education center.

Bistro opens to community

Staff noncommissioned officers now have temporary club on base

LANCE CPL. SHANE SUZUKI
Marine Corps Base

The Marine Corps Community Service Food and Hospitality division opened Berkeley Bistro, a new restaurant and lounge, Feb. 16 in the John A. Lejeune Education center.

On hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremony were (left to right), Sgt. Maj. Michael Brown, Headquarters and Support Battalion sergeant major, Sgt. Maj. Gary Harris, II Marine Expeditionary Force forward sergeant major, Cindy Eby, restaurant manager, Master Gunnery Sgt. Michael Schrader, brig warden, Patty Morin, vice president of the base thrift store, and Sgt. Maj. Roger Hoak, 2d Tank

Battalion sergeant major.

"I feel so great to be a part of this," said Brown. "This is going to provide a great service to our Marines and their families. All of us here really appreciate what MCCS does for our families."

The restaurant will open Monday through Friday, 5:30 to 9 p.m. It is open to all Department of Defense employees, retirees and dependents.

The lounge is open to staff noncommissioned officers, Navy 1st class petty officers and chiefs, and their guests.

Starting in March, the restaurant will feature an all-you-can-eat pizza buffet, in addition to Wednesday night Prime Rib buffets and Seafood buffets on Fridays.

CPL. SHARON E. FOX

Marine Corps Base

When Virginia Madden, wife of John Madden, 'expert analyst' for Monday Night, former Raiders football coach, National Football League Superbowl Champion, and sponsor of Electronic Arts sports video games, calls the Marine Corps inquiring about how she can donate gifts to Marines, excitement is inevitable.

"She called [Headquarters, Marine Corps] about a month ago, telling us that [John Madden] wanted to donate his Xboxes with his new video game to the Marines," said 1st Lt. Clark D. Carpenter, Camp Lejeune Public Affairs External Media Officer for.

The packages were delivered along with a personally signed letter from Virginia Madden that read: "It is our pleasure to once again send the

enclosed game and equipment to let you know that you are thought of constantly by all of us for your continued efforts on our behalf in helping to keep our families and country safe. We sincerely hope that this will help take your minds off your mission and help you to relax, if only for a little while... We sincerely wish you the very best in your continued efforts, your well-being, and a safe return to your family and home. You are in our thoughts and prayers."

The letter also acknowledges the help of different organizations and software companies who helped make the donation possible.

"Donations like this have a significant impact on the morale of the Marines," said Carpenter. "I think it shows them that the American people truly support them and have the Marines in their thoughts."

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Recruiting command wants you

SGT. JIMMIE PERKINS
Marine Corps Recruiting Command

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To support the current Marine Corps recruiting mission, successful former recruiters are being encouraged to volunteer for a return tour.

"We are looking for experienced recruiters to go back into the recruiting force as leaders on the streets," said Master Gunnery Sergeant Preston E.

Ford, the career recruiter (8412) monitor.

To qualify for a second tour on recruiting duty a Marine is required to have the additional military occupation specialty, 8411, and must have completed a successful first tour on recruiting duty. Applicants must also be qualified in accordance with the recruiter screening checklist and are required to have two years of obligated service remaining upon completion of Recruiters School. Recruiters coming back for a second tour will be required to attend Recruiters School again. However, the requirement can be waived on a case-by-case basis.

"We aren't going to send a Marine that recently served on recruiting duty or was in charge of a recruiting substation back to

school, but if a recruiter has been away from the duty for a more than a few years we want to get them up to speed with changes to systematic recruiting," said Ford.

If the ringing phones are any indication, then Marine Corps Recruiting Command has to be optimistic. Initial response to the program has been high.

"We put the message out this morning and by the afternoon we had 15 calls for more information," said Gunnery Sergeant Allen R. Gilly, the 8411 monitor. "If we can get Marines like that, Marines that want to be out there for the right reason, to help the Marine Corps, then this will really make an impact on recruiting."

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ASHLEY FURNITURE-exc cond. Sofa Sleeper w/matching love seat decorative pillows incl. Big Boy Lazy Boy, selling w/ sofa & love seat or separately. \$1500/ll 800 545-2352.

ASHLEY-sofa & loveseat, overstuffed pillows, like new, exc cond Paid \$1800, asking only \$650. 265-9346.

ASSORTED-35in color TV, new \$75, twin bed & mattress, chest of drawers all wood, great cond \$125. 080 Entertainment center oak great shape holds up to a 35in TV. 353-3908.

ASSORTED-Ent. Stand beech veneer, 46x20x20, w/adj shelves, locking sliding glass doors, \$45. Computer desk chair, blk lthr, armrest, \$30 554-6543.

ASSORTED-White "C" style metal futon bunk bed, \$150 white 4-drawer wooden chest \$25 student desk \$15 all exc cond. 577-1769.

BABY DRESSER-changer w/pad. Closet \$50 very heavy 327-0650.

Furniture

BASSETT-Couch & Chair w/ottoman, Great set, 6 yrs old but nice. Covered mostly so no stains, southwest pattern must see it to appreciate, serious inq \$2200/all. \$700/all 3 pcs. 219-4865.

QUEEN RICE POSTER BED-new \$600, cherry high boy new \$900. 910-3676013.

FULL MATTRESS SET-new, \$125. Call 910-367-6013.

BUNK BED-red, metal frame 1 pc. Twin on top & Full on bottom. Never used. Less than 1 yr old. \$100 firm. 910-353-5774

SOFA & LOVE SEAT-2yrs old, good cond. dark burgundy. \$150/set. 219-1916.

CHERRY HIGHBOY-New \$1100 910-367-6013.

FULL MATTRESS SET-new, \$125. Call 910-367-6013.

FURNITURE-2 end tables, coffee table & cocktail table, all/\$125. 248-259-7142.

FURNITURE-Genuine Tempur-Pedic King Size Mattress & Foundation. Like new \$800 OBO. Other household goods. 938-3799.

GRACO-white toddler bed w/moon & stars headboard. Exc shape. Stars & Moon glow in the dark. \$40. 353-9185.

NASA MEMORY FOAM-new, \$675. Call 910-367-6013.

LOVE SEAT-w/linen cover \$30 in ok cond moving soon \$39-8076.

MATTRESS SET-new \$125 367-60143.

MOVING MUST SELL-queen bed frame w/mattresses, \$200 rocking chair & ottoman, \$50 ent center, \$20, bookshelf, \$10, all only had few mo 353-5689.

OAK TABLE & CHAIRS-\$250. Solid maple bookcase \$100 Matching pair wing back chairs \$200 358-1450.

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SOFA & LOVE SEAT-Good cond in a non smoking home. \$400 OBO 526-1029.

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RECLINER & LOVE SEAT-Blue, almost new cond, Grand Haven by Flexsteel brand. \$300 353-3111.

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SOFA & LOVE SEAT-new \$125. Call 910-367-6013.

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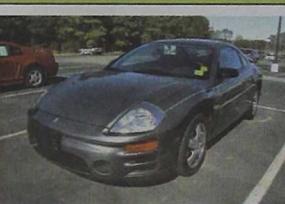
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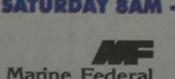
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Chely Wright visits Camp Lejeune

LAUREN REYNOLDS
THE GLOBE Managing Editor

Singer-songwriter Chely Wright will bring her chart-topping hits to Camp Lejeune Saturday. Wright, who broke onto the country music scene in 1989, has gained recent success with the grassroots single, "Bumper of my S.U.V." The haunting melody and heart wrenching lyrics detail her experience with a fellow driver who didn't appreciate Wright's U.S. Marine Corps bumper sticker. As she explains in the song, Wright's brother has spent 14 years in the Corps; her father served in the Navy during Vietnam and her grandfather is a World War II Army veteran.

"I've received the biggest response to this song than any of my career," admitted Wright, who originally forgot that she penned the song. After playing the song for troops abroad, the recording made its way back to the United States, where it enjoyed a nine week run at the top of the country music singles charts earlier this year. "This song has struck a chord emotionally. It's the most remarkable record of my career," Wright added.

Saturday will mark Wright's second trip to Camp Lejeune, the first dates back to 1996. "I still meet guys on different continents that saw me play here nine years ago," said Wright, whose album, *The Metropolitan Hotel*, was released earlier this week. Wright's CD release tour will take her from San Diego to Kansas City, Daytona and to New York. Wright is very excited to play for the men and women of the armed services that she sings about in her songs.

Wright will spend the day with several infantry units and will be available to sign CDs at the Main Exchange from 2 - 4 p.m. She will close the day with a special performance for Marines and families at the Base Theater at 8 p.m.

Contact your unit for free tickets or call 451-2094 for more information. Tickets are required for admittance - no exceptions will be made. For more information on Wright, visit www.chely.com.



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An inside scoop to LCTV-10 programming

LCTV-10 Guide	
7:30 a.m.	Semper Fit
8 a.m.	The Morning Report
8:30 a.m.	Air Force News
9 a.m.	Your Corps
9:30 a.m.	Army Newswatch
10 a.m.	History Channel's "The Great Ships": Aircraft Carriers
11 a.m.	Circle of Honor - Olympic Pistol Pt. 1
12 p.m.	The Morning Report
12:30 p.m.	Pacific Report
1 p.m.	Navy-Marine Corps News
1:30 p.m.	Rice University
2 p.m.	Pentagon Channel On Assignment
2:30 p.m.	Pentagon Channel Studio 5
3 p.m.	Circle of Honor - Olympic Pistol Pt. 2
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5 p.m.	Your Corps
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It's time for another week of outstanding programming on Lejeune Cable Television-10. This week we'll continue to keep you updated with programming from the Pentagon Channel. *Navy-Marine Corps News*, *Your Corps*, and *Studio 5* are just some of the programs that will keep you in tune with what is happening in the military community.

We'll also continue to let you know what's happening around Camp Lejeune with our very own morning show *The Morning Report*. Gunnery Sgt. Joseph Riggs will talk about issues on and off base, and throughout the Marine Corps.

Our weather team will also keep you updated about tropical storms, hurricanes, and those ever-present Carolina rains. Be sure to watch *The Morning Report* everyday at 8 a.m.

But that's not all we offer! Viewers can also keep up on local area happenings by watching our message screens and tickers.

We keep you on top of sports, national, international, business and entertainment news.

With spring just around the corner, it's time to get in shape. This week LCTV-10 is bringing you *Semper Fit*, a workout divided into three phases; stretching, calisthenics and a circuit course. This video was filmed at

Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, so do your best to follow along with the drill instructors.

As always, LCTV-10 has your weekly dose of the Outdoor Channel. *Circle of Honor* brings you interesting stories about the lives and careers of men and women dedicated to our outdoor sporting traditions.

Through their writing and teaching, they demonstrate skills in various areas of outdoor sports.

Tune in this week as we air the Olympic Shooting special. *Circle of Honor* looks at the Team USA's pistol shooting team.

In part one we meet the team coaches and show you exactly how much knowledge and experience they bring to the team. In part two, you'll meet Becky Snider and Libby Callahan and learn how they prepare to represent America and take a shot at becoming the best shooters in the world.

From the dawn of time to the epic sweep of the 20th century, from the great conflicts to the inventions that changed the world, History Channel video has captured the glory, tragedy and drama of the human experience. LCTV-10 teamed up with the History Channel to bring you *The Great Ships: Aircraft Carriers*.

LCTV-10 will also air an in-depth look at what a few colleges around the United States have to offer you after completing your tour of duty in the Corps.

Perhaps you are a military parent with a son or daughter approaching college age, yet undecided as to which institution to attend?

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bit of insight into the *Rice University*.

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Carter inspires team, audiences

FROM THE FRONT ROW

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OACH CARTER (PG-13)

Coach Carter is inspired by the true-life story of a controversial high-school basketball coach who received both high praise and staunch criticism when he made national news in 1999 for benching his entire undefeated basketball team for poor academic performance.

The movie is set in Richmond, Calif., and is a rousing, heartfelt portrayal of human courage and conviction. It is about overcoming the obstacles of your environment and showing young men a future that stretches beyond gangs, drugs, prison and even basketball.

The Richmond High Oilers face an upcoming basketball championship. Tension is high and the town is wild with excitement over their undefeated team, and the bleachers are filled with cheering fans for every game. No one could imagine that on Jan. 4, 1999, the community would erupt in dissonance and so many lives would change when Carter padlocked the gym, refusing the players access for failing to keep up their grades.

Samuel L. Jackson (*S.W.A.T.*, *Changing Lanes*, *Rules of Engagement*, *Shaft*) stars as Coach Ken Carter whose philosophy was that playing high school basketball takes more than skill, perseverance, discipline and teamwork. Just to step on his court, takes a signed contract that assures him you will perform at your best on the court and in the classroom. On Carter's watch, it is not just about winning a basketball game - it is also about the team's future.

Rob Brown, (*Finding Forrester*) plays Kenyon Stone, who finds himself in a big dilemma when he comes face to face with his girlfriend's pregnancy.

Ashanti, the singing sensation, makes her movie debut as the pregnant Kyra, who tries to pressure her boyfriend into fatherhood and possibly matrimony.

Rick Gonzalez (*Biker Boyz*, *The Rookie*) portrays Timo Cruz, a troubled young man who struggles with making the right choice.

Robert Ri'chard (*In His Father's Shoes*) plays the coach's son, Damien Carter; Debbie Morgan (*Love & Basketball*) is Tonya Carter, and Denise Dowse appears as Principal Garrison.

Director Thomas Carter (*Save the Last Dance*, *Hill Street Blues*) not only gives us an inspirational account of this event but also presents a great coming-of-age story with a message for the audience. He is dealing with issues beyond education; Carter delves into the negative consequences of peer pressure, drugs, and the lack of parental guidance.

Coach Carter's soundtrack, featuring some of R&B and rap's hottest stars, is as energetic as the hard-driving basketball sequences in the film.

HITCH (PG-13)

Hitch, now playing in Jacksonville, is a romantic comedy about a professional matchmaker who specializes in orchestrating his clients' first impressions during the initial stages of courtship. His actions come under attack when a female journalist enrolls in his program looking to gather dirt for her tell-all

exposé. Will Smith (*I Robot*, *Men in Black*, *Ali*, *Wild Wild West*) stars in his first romantic comedy. He is Alex "Hitch" Hitchens, a smooth and successful New York professional matchmaker, who turns schlubs into studs. He helps unsuccessful bachelors find their soulmates.

Hitch is always the cool, debonair, and very smooth operator until he falls for Sara, a sexy reporter and tabloid tattler, played by Eva Mendez (*2 Fast 2 Furious*, *Out of Time*, *Stuck on You*), who is out to expose him as a fraud.

The woman of his dreams, however, has been badly burned by love repeatedly, and his whole business program is threatened when Sara enrolls as a student and plans on publishing an exposé on his supposedly fraudulent meth-

ods.

Kevin James (TV's *The King of Queens*) costars as his newest

Will Smith and Eva Mendez star in the romantic movie, *Hitch*.



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Movie gossip, rumors & more

THE FANTASTIC FOUR

See if you can follow us here. If Shakespeare were alive today, he might have written, "The Thing's the thorn to catch the conscience of the king." By which we mean that *The Thing* is more visible in the international tease, which captures our excitement. OK, that Haile reference didn't work, did it? (Entertainment Online)

STAR WARS: EPISODE III — REVENGE OF THE SITH

If you look closely, you may get a glimpse of George Lucas himself in this flick - rumor has it that he has a cameo as a character named Baron Papanoidea, if how we wish we were kidding. "Papanoidea." Seriously. No "Avoid a Papanoidea" jokes, please. (Columbia Down)

TERMINATOR 4

Rumor had it that Jonathan Mostow was in talks to direct this project, but now we've heard a conflicting rumor: Kurt Wimmer may helm it. Who knows what will happen? We say let them duke it out. (Film Force)

HANNIBAL

Vin Diesel sure comes cheap. The actor has decided to direct this project, which he was previously only starring in, because the studio was worried about spending \$200 million on it. Diesel found a way to trim the cost down to \$10 million. (Cinematic Happenings Under Development)

THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY

The more we see of this flick, the more excited we are. The full trailer is now available, and it's looking pretty fabulous. Not exactly the way we've pictured things from the books, but still impressive. (Amazon.com)

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Local Movie Listings

Camp Lejeune

Thursday
The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou (1:58) R 6:30 p.m.
Friday
In Good Company (1:50) PG-13 6:30 p.m.
Coach Carter (2:17) PG-13 9:15 p.m.

Saturday
Chely Wright Free concert 8 p.m.

Sunday
Racing Stripes (1:42) PG 3:30 p.m.
Assault On Precinct 13 (1:49) PG-13 6:30 p.m.

Midway Park

Saturday
White Noise (1:38) PG-13 2 p.m.
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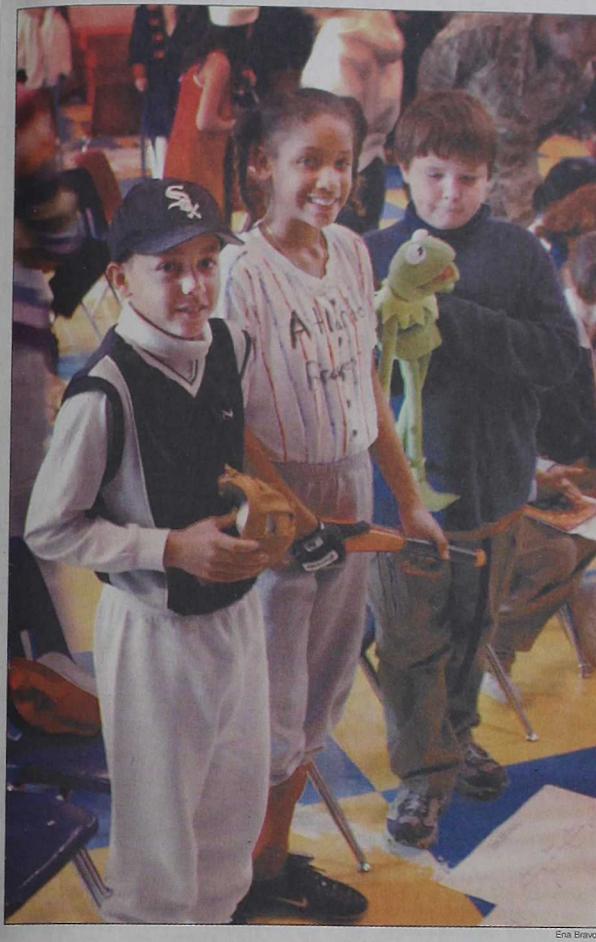
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MILLION DOLLAR BABY PG13	4:10 9:50
ARE WE THERE YET? PG13	1:10 3:20 5:30 7:40 9:50
HIDE AND SEEK R	1:45 4:15 7:10 9:30
COACH CARTER PG13	1:00 3:50 7:00 9:50
HITCH PG13	1:15 1:45 4:15 7:00 7:30 10:00
Meet The Fockers PG13	Sun & Mon Feb. 27/28 at 1:05 & 7:00

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'Living Museum' | Berkeley Manor Elementary School



Ena Bravo

Berkeley Manor Elementary fourth graders Chandler Harrington and Ryan Hogan, and fifth grader Jira Wilson were among dozens of students who dressed in costumes to portray important people throughout history at the "Living Museum" on Feb. 17. There were presidents, doctors, athletes, explorers and many other historical heroes on hand. The event integrated history, science, math, reading and writing, making it both educational and fun for all.

Navy nurse named Intriguing African-American Woman

LAUREN REYNOLDS
THE GLOBE Managing Editor

Navy Lt. Tracey Giles, the division officer of the Ambulatory Procedure Unit at Camp Lejeune's Naval Hospital, was recently honored at the 3rd Annual Black History Program Honoring Intriguing African-American Women. The event took place at the Infant of Prague Parish Hall in Jacksonville Saturday.

The 35-year-old mother of three is an 18-year veteran of the Navy, first enlisting in 1986. She entered as a corpsman, straight out of high school, and has dedicated nearly two decades to providing the type of care she would expect for her family. Her dedication to her patients, family, church, community and country made her a top choice for this prestigious award.

While she always dreamed that she would one day become a nurse, Giles originally joined the Navy as a way to pay for her education. Nine years into her Navy career, Giles applied to the Columbia Union College in Maryland and was accepted. At the same time, she applied to the Medical Enlisted Commissioning Program, which allows motivated sailors who have completed 30 credits individually to attend school while on active duty.

"This was a really pivotal point in my career," explained Giles. "While it would have been hard to leave the Navy after nearly 10 years, nursing was something I had always wanted to do. Being accepted into the Nursing Corps was the icing on the cake."

Giles' strong academic performance and her glowing recommendations from senior sailors ensured her acceptance into both programs. Giles graduated in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and accepted her commission and first duty station in Norfolk, Va.

Giles attributes her success in the Nursing Corps to her days as a hospital corpsman. The lessons she learned as a nurse's assistant have helped each step of the way, according to Giles.

"Working in a hospital for 15 years has certainly helped my career," said the Washington, D.C. native. "There is definitely a difference between being enlisted and an officer — I have more responsibilities

now — but I think it would have been a much harder transition out of the Navy."

Besides her responsibilities as the division officer of the Ambulatory Procedure Unit at the Naval Hospital, where she supervises a staff of seven nurses and four corpsmen, including civilians, Giles is the command voting assistance officer and the chairman of the Camp Lejeune Nurses Association, positions that have honed her leadership abilities and professional knowledge. As the voting assistance officer, Giles coordinated voting drives, put together voting information and is responsible for ongoing events to encourage sailors to vote in elections.

Outside of her career, Giles is a devoted wife to her husband, a retired Navy chief, and mother to their three children, Isaiah, 13, Noah, 6, and Alivia, 2.

Although Giles' day job is caring for the up to 400 patients that the Naval Hospital treats in the Ambulatory Procedure Unit monthly, she makes time for her family and church.

"It is challenging, like everything else," Giles admits. She is also heavily involved with the New Life Baptist Church, and enjoys her work in the nursery and assisting the youth ministry.

In addition to all of her extra-curricular activities, Giles has found time to go back to school, and will leave Lejeune this fall to attend Virginia Commonwealth University, where she will work on her master's

degree in nursing as part of the Navy's Duty Under Instruction program.

"This is the second time the Navy is sending me back to school, and I couldn't be more appreciative," said Giles. "This degree will broaden the scope of my practice, allowing me to enhance my true love, recovery room nursing."

Giles was surprised and humbled by her selection as one of 2005's Intriguing African-American Women. According to Raymond Applewhite, the Naval Hospital's Public Affairs officer, Giles was selected from a strong candidate pool, which were nominated as the top performers in Onslow County.

"It is nice to be recognized for the things you do, especially when you don't do anything for recognition," added Giles.

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his week, when we think of those to us, maybe we could think of how we make them feel in our routine interactions. Many times we don't realize what we are in our life. We tend to see what is wrong or not perfect in it. We even look

for others to blame for our troubles. Maybe it would be helpful to look a little differently at what we really have, our family, memories and favorite things and really appreciate them.

Some of you who have experienced the joy of others returning home recently, may not be feeling the same way you did the day they got back. Can we truly appreciate and love those around us or do we have to wait until they are gone from us to do so? Let me share a story I recently heard that might help you think about that question.

"Twenty years ago, I drove a cab for a living. It was a cowboy's life, a life for someone who wanted no boss. What I didn't realize was that it was also a ministry. Because I drove the night shift, my cab became a moving confessional. Passengers climbed in, sat behind me in total anonymity, and told me about their lives. I encountered people whose lives amazed me, enabled me, made me laugh and weep.

But none touched me more than a woman I picked up late one August night.

I was responding to a call from a small

brick fireplex in a quiet part of town, I assumed I was being sent to pick up some parties or someone who had just had a fight with a lover or a worker heading to an early shift at some factory.

When I arrived at 2:30 a.m., the building was dark except for a single light in a ground floor window. Under those circumstances, many drivers would just honk once or twice, wait a minute, then drive away. But I had seen too many impoverished people who depended on taxis as their only means of transportation. Unless a situation smelled of danger,

I always went to the door. This passenger might be someone who needs my assistance, I reasoned to myself. So I walked to the door and knocked.

"Just a minute," answered a frail, elderly voice. I could hear something being dragged across the floor. After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman in her 80s stood before me. She was wearing a print dress and a pillow hat with a veil pinned on it, like somebody out of a 1940s movie.

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- 33 WEST at Lucky's in Wilmington - www.luckyrock.com
- CHS Musical Hello Dolly at the Crystal Coast Jamboree Theater in Morehead City. For information, call 933-7022.
- The Shipwrecked Legacy of Pirate Captains Steede Bonnet and Blackbeard at Craven Community College's Orringer Auditorium in New Bern. For information, call 252-638-3538.

Friday
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- Old Crow Medicine Show at Ziggy's in Atlantic Beach - www.ziggyrock.com
- Ivy League, The Beatin' Down, Vanguard and The Spooks at Lucky's in Wilmington - www.luckyrock.com
- Carolina Takeover 2 Regional hip-hop artists and dance teams perform at The Party Zone in Jacksonville - www.ngpartyzone.com.

Saturday
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- Acoustic Syndicate at Ziggy's in Atlantic Beach - www.ziggyrock.com
- Allomather, Reason to Believe and The Fall of Us All at Lucky's in Wilmington - www.luckyrock.com
- Moses Rhodes at the Midnite Rodeo in Morehead City - www.midniterodeo.com
- Black History Month Talent Show at the French Creek Recreation Center. Call 451-1446 for information.

Sunday
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- Suffocation at Planet Rock in Jacksonville - www.planetrockjax.com
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By her side was a small nylon suitcase. The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered with sheets. There were no clocks on the walls, no knick-knacks or utensils on the counters. In the corner was a cardboard box filled with photos and glassware.

"Would you carry my bag out to the car?" she asked. I took the suitcase to the cab, then returned to assist the woman. She took my arm and we walked slowly toward the curb. She kept thanking me for my kindness.

"It's nothing," I told her. "I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother treated."

"Oh, you're such a good boy," she said.

When we got in the cab, she gave me an address, then asked, "Could you drive through downtown?"

"It's not the shortest way," I answered quickly.

"Oh, I don't mind," she said. "I'm in no hurry. I'm on my way to a hospice." I looked in the rear view mirror. Her eyes

were glistening. "I don't have any family left," she continued. "The doctor says I don't have very long." I quietly reached over and shut off the meter.

"What route would you like me to take?" I asked.

For the next two hours, we drove through the city. She showed me the building where she once worked as an elevator operator. We drove through the neighborhood where she and her husband had lived when they were newlyweds. She had me pull up in front of a furniture warehouse that had been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a girl. Sometimes she'd ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and would sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing. As the first hint of sun was creasing the horizon, she suddenly said, "I'm tired. Let's go now."

We drove in silence to the address she had given me. It was a low building, like a small convenience store. I didn't pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly, lost in thought. For

valescent home, with a driveway that passed under a portico. Two orderlies came out to the cab as soon as we pulled up. They were solicitous and intent, watching her every move. They must have been expecting her. I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door. The woman was already seated in a wheelchair.

"How much do I owe you?" she asked, reaching into her purse.

"Nothing," I said. "You have to make a living," she answered.

"There are other passengers," I responded.

Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held onto me tightly. "You gave an old woman a little moment of joy," she said. "Thank you."

I squeezed her hand, then walked into the dim morning light. Behind me, a door shut. It was the sound of the closing of a life.

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