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Kinston Indians began request to repeat as Carolina League champions last week. What's in store in 2005 for the team? Helped develop players including Manny Ramirez, Thome, Albert Belle and Jaret Wright? Read GLOBE's Indians' season outlook on 1B.

WATER SAFETY TIPS

With warmer weather approaching, more people are heading out for fun and in the water. Keep you and your family safe this season with these common sense tips on 1C.

JOB BREAKS BARRIERS

Many people view truck jobs as a nuisance, but a local truck club with several Marine members concentrates on community service and family instead of disrupting the pace. Read more about a club that strives to do an unexpected on 7D.

News Watch

VALLEN WARRIORS

Two service members were killed in action while supporting Operations Enduring Freedom this week. Sergeant James S. Lee, 26, of Mt. Vernon, Ind., died in Afghanistan, and Lance Cpl. Juan C. Venegas, 21, of Simi Valley, Calif., died in Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 142, Marine Aircraft Group 42, 4th Marine Air Wing, Marietta, Ga., and Venegas was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Parris Point, Calif.

NAVAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

After a nine-month investigation, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service has uncovered information regarding the alleged theft and sale of government property that the agency expects may lead to the arrest of 88 people. A total of 58 Marines, two sailors and 28 civilians are considered suspects. Arrests will be made by both NCIS and the U.S. Attorney's office. None of the military personnel identified as suspects are officers.

BASE RETURNS LAND

The commanding general at Camp Lejeune officially turned over 9.81 acres Wednesday to the city of Jacksonville for its greenway program. The land was at one time part of the Camp Lejeune Railroad, but it is currently vacant.

MARINE SOUTH EXPO

The Marine South Military Exposition 2005 kicked off April 6 and continued through April 7, marking its 13th year anniversary. The exposition provided an environment where Marines and civilians could discuss and view newly integrated technology and upcoming inventions from over 140 defense contractors in hopes to get a heads up on the future of Marines Corps technology.

Coast Guard builds on facilities, tactics

PETTY OFFICER 3RD CLASS ERICA TAYLOR Coast Guard Special Missions Training Center

The Coast Guard Special Missions Training Center at Courthouse Bay has recently undergone changes to both its infrastructure and introduced improvements to its non-lethal weapons program.

Major Gen. Robert C. Dickerson, commanding general, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune paid a visit to the SMTC Tuesday to participate in a groundbreaking ceremony.

The ceremony marked the beginning of construction of five buildings costing \$23 million, the first of which is scheduled to be finished in 2007.

The SMTC also recently hosted Capt. Jim Hass, Coast Guard chief of staff for District 11, and Marine Corps Lt. Col. Dennis Burke, executive officer of Marine Corps



Coast Guard Chief Patrick Hood, a Gunner's Mate stationed at Coast Guard Special Missions Training Center on Camp Lejeune, explains recent advancements in non-lethal tactics to Lt. Col. Dennis Burke, Executive Officer for the Marine Corps Engineering School on Camp Lejeune.

Engineering School, located on Camp Lejeune. The purpose of the visit was familiarization with the diverse capabilities of the unit. While vis-

iting, the men got hands-on training with non-lethal weapons. "Non-lethal weapon systems deliver a non-lethal

means to modify behavior without critically injuring or killing someone," said Andrew Peck, a Gunner's Mate 2nd class stationed at SMTC. "For instance, if you are trying to stop a drug smuggler, you could hit them with a few sting-ball rounds to disable him. It was extremely valuable for them to actually shoot. You can talk about weapons all day, but until they get hands-on with them, they can't really understand its use and how it relates to Coast Guard missions."

Being able to shoot weapons and get some time behind the helm of a small boat allowed Hass a rare opportuni-

ty to experience what he normally gets to observe.

"I usually get to watch," said Hass. "Being able to shoot a non-lethal round and drive a small boat at fast speeds was really an experience. The visit also made me realize how joint the command structure is. Now I realize the breadth and expertise of the unit." Boasting stakeholders from the Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy, SMTC takes pride in its unusual and specialized training unit.

"I was very impressed with the progress in their non-lethal programs and how they have adapted it to meet their own needs," said Burke. "The fact that they are learning tactics from the Navy and Marine Corps and then using them effectively is very impressive. This unit shows how much we can all benefit from each other," said Burke.

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DoD introduces new campaign medals

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE Press Release

WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense announced today the creation of two campaign medals for Afghanistan and Iraq.

Presidential Executive Order 13363 established the Afghanistan and Iraq campaign medals to recognize members, who made specific sacrifices and significant contributions in these areas of operation.

Service members authorized the Afghanistan Campaign Medal must have served in direct support of Operation Enduring Freedom on or after Oct. 24, 2001, to a future date to be determined by the Secretary of Defense or the cessation of the operation. The area of eligibility encompasses all land areas of the country of Afghanistan and all air spaces above the land.

Those authorized the Iraq Campaign Medal must have served in direct support of Operation Iraqi Freedom on or after March 19, 2003, to a future date to be determined by the Secretary of Defense or the cessation of the operation. The area of eligibility encompasses all land area of the country of Iraq, and the contiguous water area out to 12 nautical miles, and all air spaces above the land area of Iraq and above the contiguous

water area out to 12 nautical miles.

Service members must have been assigned, attached or mobilized to units operating in these areas of eligibility for 30 consecutive days or for 60 non-consecutive days or meet one of the following criteria:

• Be engaged in combat during an armed engagement, regardless of the time in the area of eligibility; or

• While participating in an operation or on official duties, is wounded or injured and requires medical evacuation from the area of eligibility; or

• While participating as a regularly assigned air crewmember flying sorties into, out of, within or over the area of eligibility in direct support of the military operations; each day of operations counts as one day of eligibility.

Service members qualified for the Global War on Terrorist Expeditionary Medal by reasons of service between Oct. 24, 2001, and April 30, 2005, in an area for which the Afghanistan Campaign Medal was subsequently authorized and between March 19, 2003, and Feb. 28, 2005, in an area for which the Iraq Campaign Medal was subsequently authorized, shall remain qualified for that medal.

Upon application, any such

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Captain Anthony Johnston, Company A commanding officer, explains small-unit tactics to Afghan officers during a visit to the School of Infantry (East) recently. The six officers are on a tour of East Coast Marine bases to see first hand how the Marine Corps operates on a day-to-day basis.

A coalition of ideas Afghan officers learn how Marines train

LANCE CPL. SHANE SUZUKI Marine Corps Base

With a backdrop of Marines practicing patrolling and defensive actions, six Afghan Army officers looked on with appreciation of what the young Marines were going through. The six men, wearing green berets and speaking through an interpreter, were listening to Capt. Anthony Johnston, Company A commanding officer, explain the basics of squad attacks and patrolling by using rocks and drawing lines in the sand. The six

men, who are on a tour of east coast Marine bases, spent April 6 and 7 touring the School of Infantry (East), seeing first-hand how the Marine Corps trains its infantrymen.

"We have seen most of this before, in Afghanistan," said Lt. Col. Tamkin Ishaq, battalion commander of the Commando Kandak. "The Marines over there helped us set up our training. But we are hoping to learn more."

The Afghan National Army has approximately 21,000 men, made up of all the countries major ethnic groups, Pashun, Tajik,

Uzbek, Turkman and others. Being a multi-ethnic force allows the ANA to call itself a truly national army, representing all the Afghan people.

"We are very proud to have such distinguished guests here," said Col. Bradford Washabaugh, the SOI commanding officer. "We have a lot in common, we are both proud fighting organizations with a rich heritage of fighting battles and winning."

The tour began with a brief explaining the molding

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Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society raises spirits, aids life

CPL. SHARON E. FOX Marine Corps Base

The Navy Marine Corps Relief Society is celebrating its 101st year of helping Marines, sailors and their families. On April 1, NMCRS was able to help another family member; the mother of a Marine who was wounded in Afghanistan.

"If it wasn't for all their kindness and their help, I wouldn't have been able to see my son in the hospital," said Margarita Pinkney, mother of Cpl. Manzonian Hall, an infantryman with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. Hall was

shot through the knee after receiving fire atop a building in Afghanistan, said Pinkney.

"I am so proud of my son. His lieutenant told me how brave he was and how he made sure his Marines were safe and aware of where the firing was coming from," said Pinkney, beaming with pride.

The Marine's mom, who lives near Fort Bragg, N.C., pointed out that even though her son's parent command operates out of Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, the staff at NMCRS Camp Lejeune treated her well and provided her with everything she needed.

"When a family member is as gracious and as thankful as she is, it makes what we do here [at the NMCRS] even more rewarding," said retired Master Gunnery Sgt. Patrick J. Kelly, senior counselor at the NMCRS branch here.

"We offer many programs that a lot of people can use," said Kelly. "Even though financial aid is what many people come to us for, we want them to know that the relief society is here for more than financial support."

The NMCRS provides financial assistance through interest-free loans or grants in areas of

emergency leave, basic living needs, essential vehicle repairs, car payment, car insurance, dental cost share for dependents, families of casualties lodging, and food and travel.

Education assistance is available for spouses and children of active duty and retirees. Non-financial assistance areas include the Visiting Nurse program, Budget for Baby class, Well-Baby program and Food Locker.

For more information about the NMCRS, please contact the Camp Lejeune office at 451-5346 or visit the official Web site at www.nmcrs.org.

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Margarita Pinkney

Weather forecast for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with high and low temperatures.

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Man on the street

Do you think there should be public transportation in Jacksonville?



"I've always had to get rides with people. I've never heard of any base transportation."

Pfc. Jared Fox
1st Battalion, 2d Marine Regiment
Somerspoint, N.J.

"If there were shuttles, I definitely think they would be used."



Cpl. Patrick Donnelly
2d Battalion, 2d Marine Regiment
Charlestown, R.I.

"There needs to be something cheaper. I would like to save money."



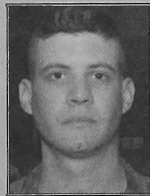
Lance Cpl. Ryan Donovan
1st Battalion, 2d Marine Regiment
Monroe, Mass.

"There should be a shuttle system here. Something to keep Marines from spending \$25 a cab ride."



Sgt. Stephen Dixon
24th Marine Expeditionary Unit
Fitzgerald, Ga.

"It seems that the only transportation around here is [personal vehicles] and taxis."



Pfc. Aaron Fleming
1st Battalion, 2d Marine Regiment
Weirton, W.Va.

Camp Lejeune offers a free shuttle to various locations on Marine Corps Air Station New River, Camp Geiger, Camp Johnson, USO and Camp Lejeune-proper. For routes and schedules, visit www.lejeune.usmc.mil.

Chow Hall meeting reunites two brothers

Guest Commentary
NICOLE D. SISKA

For Lance Cpl. Scott J. Siska, March 7 was the end of the road. He had just completed a seven-month deployment in Iraq with 1st Force Service Support Group out of Camp Pendleton, Calif.

For his identical twin brother, Lance Cpl. Kevin J. Siska, it was just the beginning of his journey. He had just reached Kuwait to begin a seven-month deployment with 2d Light Armored Reconnaissance out of Camp Lejeune, N.C. Scott knew that Kevin was on his way to Iraq, but never in his wildest dreams would he have imagined the chain of events that would follow.

Scott was finishing up in the chow hall in Kuwait at 1 a.m. when a fellow Marine walked up to him and said, "Siska! What's up? How are ya? How long have you been here?" Scott didn't recognize this person but continued the conversation. "Hey, what's up? I've been here an hour or two."

The other Marine asked him where he was going. When Scott told him he was going home, his mouth dropped open and he said, "Huh!? HOME???"

At this point, Scott realized something was strange, but this had happened before. The two had been in different platoons during boot camp and had attended schools in Camp Lejeune at the same time with different units.

Scott knew that the Marine must have been confusing him with his identical twin brother, Kevin. Scott explained that he was a twin and how he had finished his deployment, but Kevin was starting his with the 2d LAR.

The Marine told Scott to hang out for a while and not to leave the chow hall. As Scott sat there, figuring this guy went to get all his buddies to meet him, he heard running behind him. As he spun around, he found himself face to face with the twin brother he hadn't seen in over a year.

The Marine in the chow hall had gone one mile away to where Kevin's group was staying and told him Scott was sitting in the chow hall.

In the midst of the chaos of war, the brothers were once again able to reunite or a few hours. They took one picture of the two of them, shared their thoughts, and once again parted ways, never knowing when their paths would cross again.

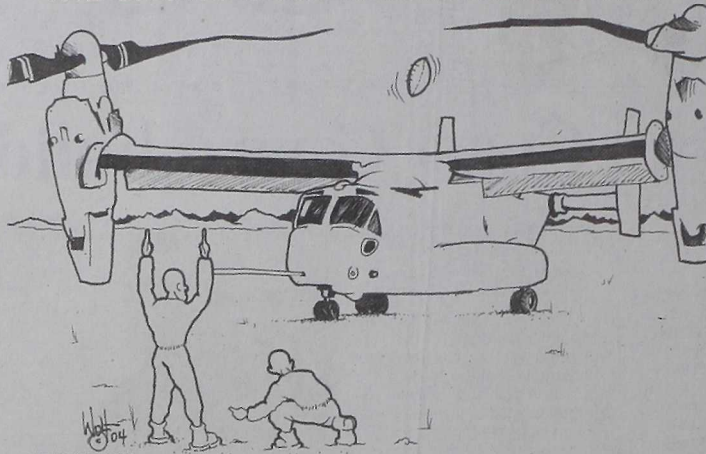
Mrs. Siska contributed this story to THE GLOBE.

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Sempertoons

by Staff Sgt. Wolf

"The Kick is up.....IT'S GOOD..!!!!, THE CROWD GOES WILD.....Marines Win!"



* OSPREY Pilot down time *

High gas prices call for mass transit

Guest Commentary
LANCE CPL. SHANE SUZUKI

With gas prices spiraling out of control and vehicle prices continually rising, the cost of living and commuting from out in town will soon be so high that many Marines, especially young Marines with families that are scraping by as it is, will soon be facing a transportation crisis. Reports from major financial institutions such as the International Monetary Fund are conceding that fuel prices are on a steady path upward, which will mean higher costs for everything, not just gasoline. However, there are steps we can take to deal with this problem.

Jacksonville is a big enough town that mass transit needs to be a viable option for community leaders. Young, single Marines living in barracks spend at least \$20 each way just to reach the outskirts of town. The traffic each day, getting on and off the base, is out of hand, even when most of the base is deployed. Living in base housing doesn't help, commuters pile onto Lejeune Boulevard every morning on their way to the base.

The city does have a limited bus schedule, however one bus going on a loop from downtown to Western Boulevard doesn't help the largest contributor to the local economy, the Marine Corps. A bus system that ran from the base to the Jacksonville Mall, down Western Blvd. and back down Lejeune Boulevard would not only help the Marines that live on base, but would help the traffic during peak-hours immensely.

Assuming a Marine fills their tank once a week, for an average of \$25, Marines spend approximately \$100 a month on

gasoline. If a bus pass cost \$40 per month, it would equal savings of more than \$60 a month and \$720 a year. Not to mention the added benefits of not sitting in traffic and the increased wear and tear that occurs on vehicles.

Marines living on base would also benefit by not having to rely on taxi services to get into town, or spend money on owning a car they don't really need. A Marine who wants to go into town on both a Friday and Saturday night spends approximately \$40 or more each night! This is \$320 a month on taxi fares alone! Once again, assuming a \$40 a month bus pass, that is more than \$3,000 a year!

The city's population would also benefit from a transit system. The increased business from having more people out in town with money to spend is the obvious result. College students making the trip from home to Coastal Carolina Community College and back would also benefit. With new laws being proposed that make it harder for drivers under the age of 18 get their license, teenagers would have affordable transportation options available, lessening the burden of both the roadways and their parents.

Transportation costs are not going down anytime soon, and this area needs to realize it. Planning for a time when the average Marine will be hard-pressed to afford the spiraling costs of gasoline and basic maintenance is simply good forethought and planning. As long as there is a Marine Corps, Jacksonville will survive and will have a transportation problem. A simple and efficient way to solve this problem, before it gets out of hand, would be a citywide bus system. Between the Marines getting around town and the town's population taking advantage of a well-run system, it can't lose.

Lance Cpl. Suzuki is a combat correspondent assigned to Marine Corps Base.

Keep public displays to a minimum

Guest Commentary
CPL. K. A. THOMPSON

On April 20 the vernal equinox marked the first day of the spring season. Spring is a time of year when the planet is teeming with rebirth, renewal and regeneration. The seasonal buzz is intense. Spring puts blooms on flowers, buds on trees and three tons of pollen on your car. It also, apparently, causes young lovers to participate in outrageous public displays of affection aboard Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort.

It's still difficult to wrap the mind around the incident completely. The scene began in a normal way. There was the standard 11:30 a.m. line outside of the ATM. A few Marines were standing around idly, waiting to make their respective transactions.

I pulled into the parking lot and began to walk toward the queue. As I ambled along, two more people joined the line. I was about to get irritated that my wait had just grown by two more individuals, when I noticed they

were holding hands. For some reason this made me feel better. A couple would cut my marinating time in half.

I stood there for a while, thinking deep thoughts and rocking back and forth on my toes. Because I was in uniform, I never relaxed completely. I was keeping one eye open for glint from passing collars. Then came the groping.

At first it was subtle, which is fine. You love the one you are with and enjoy being close. Very nice. Good for you both. However, the fondle factor began to escalate, and I began to feel a little uncomfortable. And then, it was taken up a notch into Hoover mode. There's no reason to go into details because this is not a romance novel. I'll stop short at saying it was a tad excessive for a high traffic area.

The world is now filled with a vibrant and positive energy, and it's easy to understand why love would be in the air.

But is that any reason to be attacking your loved one in front of other people? In broad daylight? For God and high ranking officials to see?

Maybe I should have said some-

thing on the spot. I think I was just too busy trying not to look. I employed the same techniques people use to avoid eye contact in elevators. As I glanced upwards, around and to the side I found myself wondering exactly what gets into people. I suppose it could only have been twitterpation.

During the dreary months of winter there is a sort of cold sleep taking place. As the entire natural world begins to pass from darkness and cold into warmth and light, there must be some kind of internal fire that gets fanned. Consequently people lose their minds, and their upbringing.

Affection between couples is a great thing. It's good to see two people happy with one another. And it could have been worse. At least they were both in civilian clothes.

I hope that the spring vibe catches everyone aboard the Air Station and it has a positive effect on his or her life. However, if spring fever does catch you, try to remember there is a place and a time for everything.

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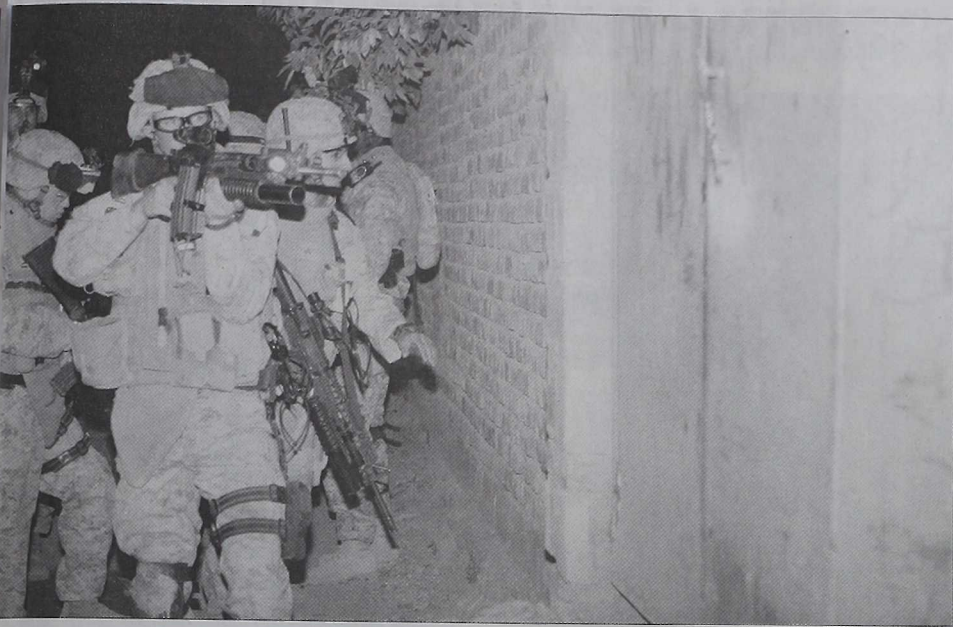
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Marine with Company A, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment aims his rifle as he prepares to bust into a house in search of insurgent activity. The unit worked hand-in-hand with Iraqi Security Forces to apprehend and disrupt insurgents planning cell activity.



Marines with Company A, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment search through luggage inside a house, looking for concealed weapons and other suspicious materials.

ISF, Alpha 1/6 give insurgency rude awakening

CPL. MIKE ESCOBAR
2d Marine Division

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Insurgents had better make room at the breakfast table for a few invited guests, because you never know when someone might stop by.

Such was the case during the pre-dawn hours of April 6 when Iraqi Security Forces and Marines of Company A, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, performed a cordon and knock operation on a suspected insurgent safe-house.

"The purpose of the cordon and knock this morning was to disrupt insurgent planning cell activity," explained Capt. Daniel Zappa, Company A commander.

The 32-year-old Pittsburgh native's unit successfully detained one suspect and confiscated evidence that may lead to future discoveries on insurgent locations.

"The guy we detained today was someone we knew would be there," the 1994 Bucknell University graduate continued. "Operations like these definitely help disrupt terrorist activity."

According to Zappa, the targeted planning cell is responsible for suicide bombings and insurgent recruitment.

Cordon and knock operations such as these are primarily designed to not only help root out

remaining terrorists in the city. The Marines also use these operations as an opportunity to operate alongside their Iraqi Security Forces counterparts and to refine their urban operations tactics.

“Operations like these accomplish everything from disrupting insurgent activity to a show of force to let the bad guys know we're still here. We kept the plan simple, and it went really well. Everyone knew their role and what was expected of them.

Capt. Daniel Zappa

Everyone knew their role and what was expected of them," He added.



A radio operator with Company A, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment kneels outside a house and provides security while fellow Marines and Iraqi soldiers search the inside for insurgents and concealed weapons. Company A worked hand-in-hand with Iraqi Security Forces to apprehend and disrupt insurgent.

Lebanon native uses home language while deployed

Company I's interpreter works hard to bridge the gap between Marines, Iraqis

LANCE CPL. ATHANASIOS L. GENOS
2d Marine Division

CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq — Lance Cpl. Mazen A. Haidar's language ability and childhood experiences have made him a unique asset to his infantry company here supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The infantryman is Company I, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment's designated interpreter.

"Haidar is an unbiased link from my voice to the Iraqi minds," said Company I's Commander, Capt. Mark Liston.

It would seem to some that the 23-year-old, who was born in war-torn Beirut, Lebanon, has come full circle in life.

Growing up a half-mile from a 1983 terrorist attack that killed approximately 241 Marines and sailors, Haidar spent the first 12 years of his life surrounded by fighting. The constant warfare between Israel and Lebanon was a normal atmosphere for Haidar and his family.

"I remember [when] me and my cousins used to sneak down to the river to go swimming, hoping the Israelis wouldn't see us," he explained.

Everyday life, such as going into town or going to school, was a challenge for Haidar and his friends. Everywhere they went they had to ensure there were no attacks happening around them.

"One day we were walking to school, and when we got near the school, we could see that the door

had been shot up by a tank. So we turned around and went home," said Haidar. "After that incident, we were out of school for a week and then had to find alternate schools to go to."

Schooling would soon turn out to be a very important part of his life.

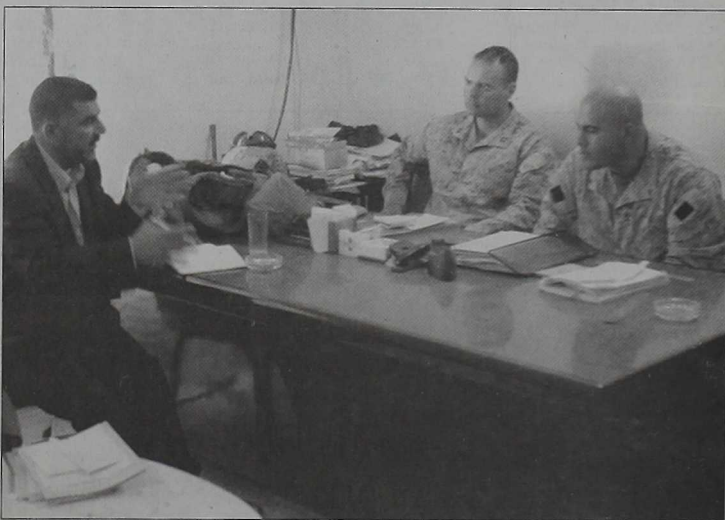
His father took a job in Detroit, Mich., and brought his two sons to the United States. Haidar and his younger brother Jad soon found themselves submerged in bilingual classes, where they quickly added English to their repertoire of languages that already included both French and Arabic.

As he neared graduation from Fordson High School in 2001, Haidar began thinking about joining the military. His brother, who is one year younger, beat him to it, joining the Marine Corps and becoming a motor transportation operator.

"My brother ended up joining before me and really made me want to do it even more," he said. "I joined a year after my brother did, but instead of going to be a driver, I decided to be in the infantry."

At the School of Infantry, he distinguished himself and was meritoriously promoted to private first class for his outstanding performance. One week later, he was placed into a squad leader billet where he would eventually earn another meritorious promotion. This time, it was to his current rank of lance corporal.

"I was just doing my job and being the best Marine I could be as I began my career," he explained.



Lance Cpl. Manez A. Haidar (far right), an infantryman and translator for Company I, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, listens carefully as he translates conversations at a local town council meeting. Haidar uses his native tongue of Arabic to help his company and battalion complete their mission in the local towns and villages.

According to Haidar, he knew when he joined the Marines that his fluency in the Arabic language would be put to good use in the Global War on Terrorism. He deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and is already being used as an interpreter six months after reporting to 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment.

"Haidar eliminates the need for a middleman in conversations with locals and the Iraqi Security Force members we work with on a regular basis," explained Liston.

Being an infantry rifleman, Haidar is out on the streets patrolling and talking with the local citizens.

"I am able to speak directly to them, and that

intimidates them a lot because they are not used to talking to a Marine who understands Arabic," explained Haidar. "They cannot cut corners and only tell the interpreters what they want to when they talk to me. I know exactly what they are saying."

Using his experiences and command of the local language, Haidar is at the forefront of Company I's efforts to bring stability and security to this region of Iraq.

"His intelligence allows him to help the company get our mission accomplished; in turn, striving for a more peaceful community for the locals to live in," Liston stated.

Around the Corps

'Wasp' may carry powerful sting

GUNNERY SGT. FRANK PATTERSON
Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. — Warriors throughout history have known that intelligence wins battles by helping eliminate the so-called "fog of war." The best intelligence available comes from the ability to observe the enemy. Ancient Chinese warlords developed kites that could carry men aloft so they could see what was over the next hill and observe enemy emplacements from afar.

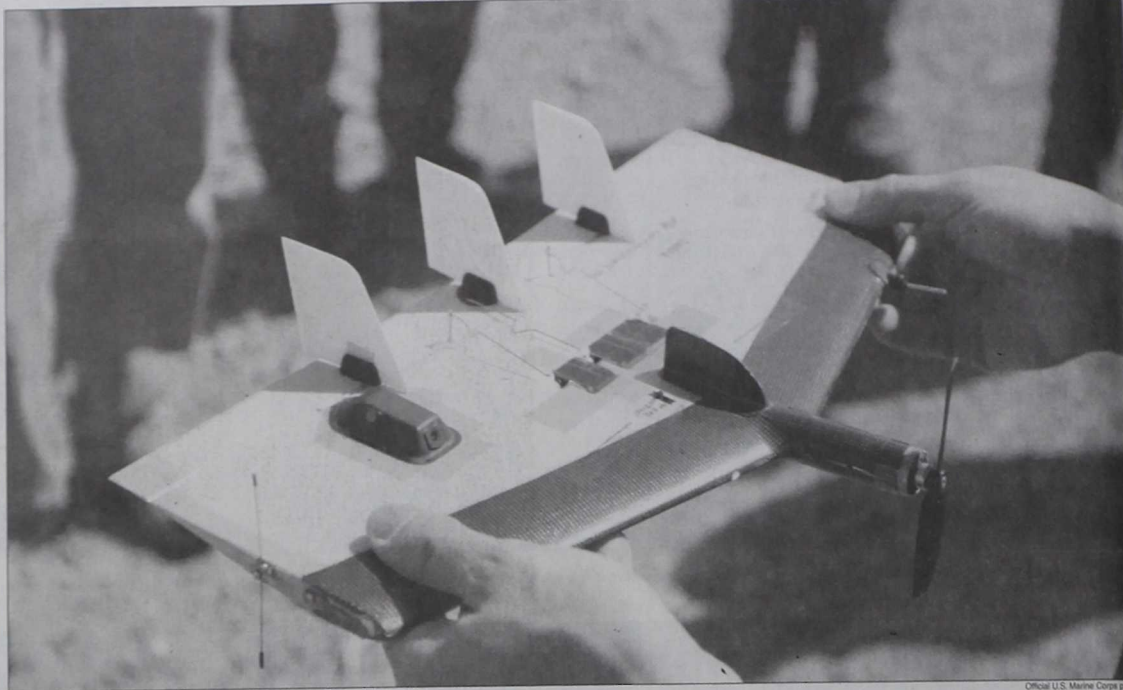
Not knowing what is on the other side of a wall, hill or horizon has been the bane of the infantryman in every skirmish, battle or war. Is that stir of dust in the air caused by an enemy laying in ambush or a family hiding from a battle raging around them? Thanks to a new unmanned aerial vehicle that AeroVironment Inc. of Simi Valley, Calif., is developing for the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, a squad leader may soon be able to answer that question without having to risk a Marine's life in the process. In fact, the small, lightweight, hand-launched Wasp may be the Marines' new best friend when it comes to performing reconnaissance missions.

The Wasp is a micro-air vehicle that weighs approximately 200 grams depending on its configuration. This tiny terror runs on two small Kokam Lithium Polymer "spar" batteries inserted in the carbon-fiber leading edge of each Kevlar wing which not only power the electric propulsion system, but also provide structural support for the wing.

The Wasp carries forward and side-looking fixed-focus color daylight cameras. The images from these cameras are relayed back to a ground control unit along with global positioning system coordinates. A Marine controlling the MAV can then relay those coordinates to a fire control center for an artillery shoot.

Once launched, the Wasp enters an automatic flight pattern that is programmed into its avionics software through a Toughbook computer using FalconView software for handling images and mission control. The operator can set GPS waypoints and even adjust those waypoints in flight. Once over the target, the Wasp enters into a circular flight pattern and points its side-looking camera at the target.

Nick Foster, electrical engineer, AeroVironment Inc., explained that the Wasp's cameras can clearly make out heads while flying at 200 feet above ground level and, on the Toughbook, weapons may



The Wasp, a micro-air vehicle weighing approximately 200 grams, is loaded with small color cameras that can be used to observe an enemy and relay coordinates for artillery strikes.

also be identified.

On March 16, program manager, Leo Christodoulou's team flew the Wasp above the newly established military operations in urban terrain facility on Range 200 here.

The Wasp controller is about the same size as a Gameboy. It has a main joystick, a throttle control, a switch for changing camera views, a mode select button and an enter key for setting modes. It boasts a 7-inch liquid crystal color display the pilot can use to manually fly the craft or take a fast look at a suspected target. It also has an "autoland" feature that takes all the guesswork out of trying to land.

Speaking of landing, the Wasp can either be

caught in a net or hard-landed on a fairly level surface. A built-in skid plate and break-off rudder, fins and propeller prevent any damage to the aircraft. The fins and rudder can be recovered and snapped back on. The propeller has to be replaced, but more fins and propellers are readily available in the carrying case. In less than 15 minutes, the Wasp is ready for its next mission. The Wasp will survive at least 10 flights with a 20-flight objective.

The Wasp currently has a 60-minute mission window, but future versions are expected to remain on station for up to six hours, according to Dr. Leo Christodoulou, program manager, DARPA. He added that the final version of the Wasp runs about

\$5,000 a copy.

Christodoulou also explained that a future version will have an infrared detecting capability.

A waterproof Wasp is also being developed for the Navy.

The ground control unit currently costs about \$30,000, said Christodoulou, but one GCU can control up to six Wasps. The GCU is the same unit that controls other AeroVironment MAVs like the Pointer and Raven.

"Anyone with Dragoneer experience can pick it right up," said Charlie Kiers, military liaison, DARPA. He added that new operators need to attend a one-week training course.

Pedro demonstrates prowess, readiness

LANCE CPL. CULLEN J. TIERNAN
Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT, N.C. — About 50 Marines gathered April 6 to witness what the commanding officer of VMR-1 termed, "a historic, one-time event for VMR-1."

"For the first time, four Marine Corps HH-46 helicopters took to the skies together," said Lt. Col. Peter D. Buck. "It's a huge accomplishment, getting all four [aircraft] airborne as a maintenance feat. Presenting the aircraft en masse to the Air Station and the local community demonstrated the readiness of the squadron."

The upcoming retirement of VMR-1's leading HH-46 added to the historical significance of the quadruplet flight. When the helicopter's commission expires this month, three Pedro helicopters will remain at the station.

According to Buck, the flight was so important because it tested the squadron's operational preparedness. Three station HH-46's, known affectionately to the locals as Pedros, were joined by a fourth aircraft from Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort.

"A squadron that experiences 100 percent of its assets airborne at one time is significant to anyone in aviation," said Buck. "To safely launch a



Three HH-46 Sea Knights of VMR-1 fly in formation April 6, marking the first formation flight for the 'Pedros,' a nickname given them for their orange and blue paint scheme.

mission of this magnitude is only possible through the combined efforts of VMR-1."

Marines throughout VMR-1 were able to fly aboard Pedro, but the

maintainers who toiled to prepare the helicopters truly appreciated the fruits of their labor.

"It was my first time on Pedro, and I appreciated the opportunity," said

Lance Cpl. Jeremy Nolin, an aviation technician with VMR-1. "It was a good feeling to have all four of them ready. There was a lot of effort put into getting them ready to go. I've

been working on Pedro for nine months and it was really interesting to fly in the formation."

Major Jason T. Keefer, a pilot with VMR-1, appreciated the sortie's value to squadron posterity.

"A feeling of exhilaration flew through VMR-1," said Keefer. "The reward for all of VMR-1's hard work was to [soar] into history."

The formation flew flawlessly, he added. The mission was well-planned, well-executed and an awesome display of Pedro's capabilities.

"The detailed brief, launch and recovery was possible only through the collective efforts of VMR-1," said Buck. "It was a very successful mission, and we have received a positive response from the air station and the local community. Seeing the people wave from the beaches, shows this [formation] was something special."

Pedro's primary mission is search and rescue duties for the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, but its secondary mission is serving the community with its medical evacuation and search and rescue capabilities.

"When Pedro is airborne, it's a nice reminder for the local community that the Marines are standing watch," said Buck. "There is probably not a person in eastern North Carolina who does not recognize the orange and blue of Pedro."

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Corporal Brian Vlek, VMFA-212 power line, guides in an F/A-18C while it parks on the flight line after returning from a flight. VMFA-212, nicknamed "The Lancers" is stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni to defend U.S. interests in East Asia.

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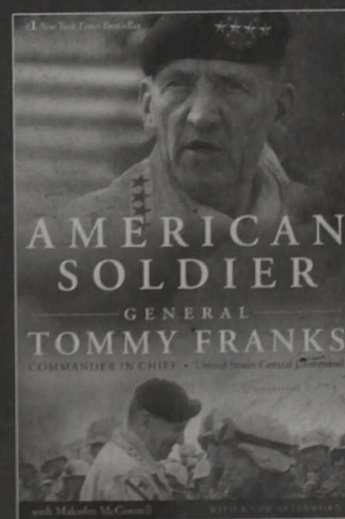
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"Pay attention, Maggots: the jaw-jacking and listen up!" That was one of the many memorable lines by Lee Ermey in Stanley Kubrick's 1987 film "Metal Jacket." Whether you're a Marine or not, the scary echo of Ermey's voice would haunt you just about anyone to "get down" at any given moment. Today, Ermey is a man who has devoted decades of his life to giving guidance for the men and women called upon to protect the United States. Still active and serving worldwide in his own mission, Ermey is today's "Semper Paratus" to the phrase "Semper Fidelis" to the

From Marine to the movie

After all, Ermey knows what it's like to be a Marine. As a Vietnam War veteran and former drill instructor, he's seen some tough situations. Recruits were to be trained and swiftly so they could be sent overseas to combat. Ermey was wounded in combat himself and was forced to retire after almost 11 years on active duty. Still, Ermey doesn't let the title of "hero" define him. He's a man of honor, courage, and commitment. The Marine Corps, he says, is a selfless organization who will do anything for the job. This dedication to the

Vet head

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
Press Release

A nationwide survey of American Veterans has found that the Department of Veterans Affairs generally give high priority to their needs, but times have changed, and times are tough for some.

The VA received an average score of 4.5 on a 10-point scale, with the greatest number of veterans giving a score of 5. The survey also found that VA services for other VA services, such as inpatient care, 8.1; VA medical care, 7.8; and VA health care system are the highest rated. "Based on what the VA health care system are telling us, that they receive good care," said W. Gorman, "The major problem is caused by a lack of resources and workload."

DAV members, having served in military service, have provided their conditions and are facing a quality rating of 5 or less. Just 14 percent of respondents reported a quality rating of 5 or less. Nearly 15 percent of respondents reported a quality rating of 5 or less.

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Veterans Affairs

Ermey proves 'Once a Marine' slogan

Full Metal Jacket star promotes Corps on History Channel's Mail Call

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That was one of the many memorable lines by Lee Ermey from Stanley Kubrick's 1987 film, *Full Metal Jacket*. Whether you're a Marine or not, the scary echo of the half-crazed Drill Instructor Gunnery Sgt. Hartman's voice would convince just about anyone to "get down and give me 20" at any given moment.

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From Marine to the movies

After all, Ermey knows what it's like to be a Marine. As a Vietnam veteran and former drill instructor himself, times were tough during that era. Recruits were to be trained hard, well, and swiftly so they could be sent directly overseas to combat. Later wounded in combat himself, Ermey was forced to retire after serving almost 11 years on active duty.

Still, Ermey doesn't claim to hold the title of "hero." Devoted to the honor, courage, and commitment of the Marine Corps, he considers himself someone who was just doing his job. This dedication to the core values

continued well into his acting career. Ermey acquired numerous acting roles in films with military themes, such as *Full Metal Jacket* (where he also wrote most of his own lines) and *Apocalypse Now*. He even dubbed the voice of the Army soldier in *Toy Story*.

The History Channel's comical yet informative television show is Ermey's latest addition to his list of military credits where he serves as the host of the show. *Mail Call* highlights everything from tanks used in World War II to a live gun battle demonstration with other warriors to prove which weapon has more firepower. Ermey tells it to you straight, but with all the facts needed to support his claims. However, don't think the long historical explanations will allow you to snooze for awhile; Ermey's startling bark after a commercial break will keep you at attention.

Making a difference after the Corps

You'll find R. Lee Ermey doing anything but retiring in his rack. He continues the high tempo by still making the Corps his top priority, attending many formal functions and fundraisers, as well as visiting military bases.

With Marine Corps birthday balls, recruit graduation, and a visit to deployed troops in Kuwait, his schedule is jam-packed with events. He also finds time to raise funds, along with awareness of military-related causes that help support our past



Mail Call actor R. Lee Ermey records the 68th episode of the History Channel's *Mail Call* while Company L recruits run the obstacle course recently. During the episode, Ermey compared Marine Corps recruit training to Afghanistan's combat environment.

heroes with the and also the smallest of soldiers at Toys for Tots.

Ermey's primary mission is to reach out and get involved with the young people of America; he sees them not just as fans but also as the

Marines of the future. This means answering all e-mail and paying personal visits to high schools and other youth organizations across the United States. Keep your eyes open; you may just spot him one day visiting at the

squadron's hangar or waiting at the pier.

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Vet health care ranked high

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
Press Release

A nationwide survey conducted by the Disabled American Veterans has found that its members who use the Department of Veterans Affairs medical system generally give high marks to the quality of care they received, but timely access remains a problem for some.

The VA received an overall quality rating of 8.13 on a 10-point scale, with pharmacy services, used by the greatest number of veterans, receiving a higher score than any other VA service (8.7). Quality ratings for other VA services include specialty care, 8.2; inpatient care, 8.1; outpatient care, 8.0; emergency care, 7.8; and urgent care, 7.8.

"Based on what the veterans who use the VA health care system are telling us, there is no question that they receive good quality care," said DAV Washington Headquarters Executive Director David W. Gorman. "The major problem is timely access caused by a lack of resources and a growing patient workload."

DAV members, having disabilities related to their military service, have priority for care at the VA for their conditions and are frequent users of the system.

Just 14 percent of respondents gave the VA a quality rating of 5 or less for primary outpatient or inpatient care. Nearly 19 percent who received VA provided emergency and urgent care gave the VA a rating of 5 or less.

Approximately 13 percent of DAV members who received specialty care through the VA gave it a quality rating of 5 or less. Respondents said they often had to wait months to receive specialty products such as hearing aids, dentures, and eye glasses.

Appointment waiting times were a major factor in those lower ratings. Having to travel some distance to a VA facility was the second biggest complaint. Survey respondents reported they waited almost 38 days for VA outpatient primary care appointments, with one in five reporting waiting times of more than 60 days. Waiting times for VA inpatient care were shorter, averaging 24.8 days, with 8.6 percent of veterans saying they waited longer than 60 days.

The VA's goal for waiting times is 30 days or less for medical appointments across all categories. DAV members in the Southeast reported both longer average wait times and higher percentages that waited longer than 60 days to receive primary outpatient care at VA facilities. Respondents in the Midwest and Eastern states reported better than average scores on both these measures.

The average wait time for VA

inpatient care was highest (31.3 days) in the region serving veterans in California and Nevada. In the network serving Colorado, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming, veterans reported waiting an average of 29.5 days for VA provided inpatient care. Veterans in the region were more than twice as likely as those elsewhere to wait two months or longer for VA hospital care, however.

DAV members have more frequently used VA services for primary care and specialty care and non-VA provided services for inpatient care and emergency or urgent care. This suggests that members will use VA services when care can be planned or scheduled, yet use non-VA services for those instances where immediate and convenient care is essential. Distance to VA facilities may also be a factor in these findings, researchers said.

More than 34 percent of veterans surveyed live 50 miles or more from a VA medical center, while just 16 percent live that far away from an outpatient clinic.

Most veterans also said they were treated with respect by physicians and nurses, but some said that other VA staff are often insensitive or outright rude. "Doctors and nurses scored well on how well they listen to veterans and understand their needs," said Gorman. "And ensuring that other staff treat them with respect and courtesy is something that can readily be corrected by VA administrators."

The survey was conducted for the DAV by The Princeton Research Group, Inc., a New Jersey-based marketing research firm.

For more information, visit the organization's Web site www.dav.org. The final report of the survey can be accessed there.

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Money Matters

Federal law helps protect military from creditors

GERRY J. GILMORE
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Federal law prohibits mortgage lenders from immediately foreclosing on homes owned by service members deployed overseas on military duty, a senior legal officer noted here.

All service members, including those deployed, are protected under the Service members Civil Relief Act, signed by President Bush on Dec. 19, 2003, said Army Col. Christopher Garcia, director of legal policy at the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

"The SCRA includes a provision that protects against default judgment. In any civil action, such as a lawsuit or a foreclosure, in which the defendant does not make an appearance, the court must require the plaintiff bringing the suit to file an affidavit saying whether or not the other party in the lawsuit is a service member," Garcia explained.

And, if the party being sued for foreclosure or some other

debt action is a service member, Garcia continued, "then the SCRA requires the judge to do certain things to protect the service member's rights" under the law.

For example, he said, the courts "are required to stay the court proceedings for a minimum of 90 days until the service member can be present to assert a defense." Most often, such court cases are delayed until the service member has completed his or her overseas deployment, Garcia pointed out.

Garcia said he had no specific information regarding recent news reports saying some deployed service members have had their homes foreclosed on or had other assets seized in contradiction to the law.

Business-community compliance with the SCRA "generally has been very good," Garcia noted. Yet, he acknowledged, there have been "isolated cases of noncompliance." This usually occurs, Garcia said, "when a lender, or landlord, or other person dealing

with a service member is unaware of the law."

After lenders and other creditors become aware of the law, they usually comply with it, Garcia said.

All active, Reserve and Guard troops on active duty, Garcia said, can contact their local military legal assistance officers to assist them in enforcing SCRA-specified rights.

Service members and their family members can personally visit legal assistance offices. A legal assistance attorney can "draft a letter or make a phone call," he pointed out. If the creditor refuses to comply with the SCRA, either the service member can sue privately, or the Department of Justice can bring an enforcement action in federal court.

The SCRA is an update to the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act of 1940, which was established to provide protections to deployed troops who "have difficulty meeting their personal financial and legal obligations due to their military service."



Sgt Valerie A. Martinez

Congress recently approved pay increases for service members, including working toward eliminating out-of-pocket housing costs for 2005.

DoD works to deepen pockets

GERRY J. GILMORE
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Defense Department leaders and U.S. legislators "have worked together to increase service members' basic pay by more than 21 percent," a senior DoD official told House Armed Services Committee members March 16.

DoD remains "committed to taking care of service members and their families through appropriate compensation while members are deployed and serving their country in dangerous locations around the world," Charles S. Abell noted in his prepared statements given before the Military Personnel Subcommittee. Abell is the principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

U.S. troops are slated for a 3.1 percent across-the-board pay raise this year, Abell noted. Additionally, he added, the department has met its goal of eliminating troops' average out-of-pocket housing costs by 2005. In fact, he noted, military housing allowances are 41 percent greater than they were in 2001.

Troops serving in dangerous overseas locales receive various types of tax relief, depending upon rank and income, as well as additional compensation in view of their contributions in fighting and sustaining America's fight against terrorism, Abell said.

For example, eligible enlisted troops deployed

to combat zones have their military pay exempted from federal income tax, Abell noted. In addition to their regular pay, these troops also receive \$225 monthly in danger pay, Abell noted, as well as a \$250 monthly family separation allowance.

Abell noted that troops deployed to overseas combat zones also receive hardship duty pay of \$100 a month and a \$105 monthly incidental expense allowance.

An accumulation of such added compensation typically amounts to more than \$700 in added monthly pay for married service members, he said, and more than \$500 for the typical single troop during deployment.

"These pays and allowances acknowledge the hardship and danger involved at these deployment locations," Abell pointed out, "as well as the sacrifice associated with tours away from family."

Additionally, troops who volunteer to extend their overseas tours of duty in combat zones like Afghanistan and Iraq also can receive an additional \$1,000 monthly in assignment incentive pay, Abell noted.

DoD also wants to work with Congress, Abell said, to increase service members' hardship duty pay. The department is seeking to keep its Special Operations troops in uniform through an array of incentive packages, he noted.

For example, "we are offering bonuses of up to \$150,000 for highly skilled senior noncommissioned officers to serve an additional six years," Abell noted.

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Military institutes new sexual assault policy

TERRI LUKACH
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The new guidelines for reporting incidents of sexual assault within the military create, for the first time, a uniform standard that will provide victims with the support needed after an incident occurs. The new guidelines also mandate that the root cause of the problem, the head of the joint task force for sexual assault prevention and response today.

During an interview with American Forces Press Service and the Channel, Air Force Brig. Gen. K.C. McClain expanded on the new policy, announced March 18.

McClain said, there were "pockets of excellence" but no uniform policy for contending with sexual assault. The new policy provides a framework for how the department will respond. The new guidelines are expected to take effect in mid-

June. "Sexual abuse crimes create a sense of powerlessness in the victim," McClain said, "and the official investigative process can be overwhelming." It is primarily this sense of being victimized and powerless that causes victims to forgo reporting incidents of sexual abuse, the general added.

The new policy allows the victim to report the incident and receive medical treatment, care and counseling while at the same time the victim more time and control over the release and content of personal information. In short, it allows the victim to report the incident without initiating the reporting process," she said. McClain said the new policy will not limit commanders from reporting problems of abuse within their commands. "Quite the opposite," she said. "Now commanders will have more information about the scope and nature of the problem within their organization. This will allow them to adjust their prevention efforts and judge the effectiveness of their training program." It also creates a uniform policy, across all services, McClain said, which is particularly important in this new era of joint operations.

It is critical that the same policy be applied across the Department of Defense," she said. "Otherwise, we could have different policies of confidentiality, or even different access to services, by location. That would not only be confusing," she said, "but inequitable."

The message of the new policy, McClain said, is that while reporting and accountability is preferable, the first priority is that victims are protected, that they are treated with dignity and respect, and that they receive the medical treatment, care and support they deserve. Confidentiality does two things, McClain said, gets victims the care and support they need, and it gives commanders information they don't currently have that allows them to get at the root cause of sexual abuse.

Everyone in the Department of Defense has a role in prevention and response - regardless of rank, position, duty title or assignment," she said. "That role, she added, is "to understand the behavior that constitutes sexual assault, and to send a message to our members and friends that those behaviors are unacceptable and will not be tolerated."

Tip the scales in your favor

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Have you decided to start eating healthier and become more physically active? Have you realized that healthy choices have a positive impact on not only yourself, but also those around you?

If your goal is to lose weight or maintain your current healthy weight, here are some tips to help you achieve that goal. Remember, to maintain weight, you must balance calories with the energy you burn through physical activity. If you eat more than you expend, you gain weight. If you eat less (reduce calories) than you expend, you lose weight!

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

Remember to be realistic about your goals. If you try to reduce the calories, fat, saturated fat, and sugar in your diet AND promise to make a drastic change in your physi-

cal activity level, you may be setting yourself up for failure. Instead of trying to make many changes at once, set smaller, more realistic goals for yourself and add a new challenge each week.

Conduct an inventory of your meal/snack and physical activity patterns. Keep a food and activity journal. Write down not only what you ate, but where, when, and what you were feeling at the time. You will see what triggers your hunger and what satisfies your appetite. What foods do you routinely shop for? What snacks do you keep in the pantry?

Eat at least 5 servings of vegetables and fruits per day. If you're adding fruits and vegetables to your diet, try substituting them for higher calorie, less nutritious foods. Check out the Center for Disease Control Web site for great information on the 5 A Day Nutrition Program, suggestions on how to incorporate more fruits and vegetables into your diet, and healthy recipes that meet the 5 A Day recommendation.

Eat foods that are high in fiber to help you feel full. Whole grain cereals, legumes

(lentils and beans), vegetables, and fruits are good sources of fiber that may help you feel full with fewer calories.

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

Switch to 1% or nonfat milk and low-fat cheeses.

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

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

Start by using a scale and measuring cup to serve your food. Read food labels to determine serving sizes. One bowl of cereal may actually be two 3/4-cup servings. A small frozen pizza may contain up to three servings (check the nutrition information label). This could add up to more calories than you think you're getting. Being

aware of serving sizes may make it easier to avoid those extra calories.

Choose snacks that are nutritious and filling. A piece of fresh fruit, cut raw vegetables, or a container of low-fat yogurt are excellent (and portable) choices to tide you over until mealtimes. Take these snacks with you for a healthy alternative to chips, cookies, or candy.

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

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

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 The Relocation Assistance Program is designed to provide help to all members and their families wherever they are transferred. The relocation process has many phases: Departure, transition, and arrival. Nearly everyone involved in the process experiences some difficulties that the Relocation Assistance Program can help overcome.
 During predeparture, departure, and arrival, the Relocation Assistance Program can help educate the Marine and his or her family on the relocation process, including how far in advance to pack, how to handle household items, and how to use the Travel Management Office. We can really help Marines and their families. For example, if a Marine is being transferred to a new location, we can help with the process of bringing their children to the new location. We can also help with the process of finding a new home, a new school, and a new job. We can help with the process of finding a new community and making new friends. We can help with the process of finding a new life.
 Sharply said, in addition to the Relocation Assistance Program, the Marine and his or her family should also consider the Marine's personal goods to be moved. The Relocation Assistance Program can help with the process of packing, moving, and unpacking personal goods. We can help with the process of finding a new home, a new school, and a new job. We can help with the process of finding a new community and making new friends. We can help with the process of finding a new life.
 The Commander's Brief, sponsored by the program, is a monthly newsletter for incoming family members. The Commander's Brief is designed to provide information about programs and services available at the new location. It includes information on recreational activities, local businesses, and community resources. It also includes information on the Relocation Assistance Program and how to get help. We encourage you to attend the briefing and to contact the Relocation Assistance Program for more information.

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MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, — Whether you're preparing for a permanent change of station or reaching the end of active service, The Relocation Assistance Program can help.

The Relocation Assistance Program's goal is to provide help to all military service members and their families to adapt and flourish wherever they are transferred.

The relocation process has three basic bases: Departure, transition and arrival. Nearly everyone involved in the relocation process experiences some difficulties that the Relocation Assistance Program can help them overcome.

During predeparture, departure and transition, the Relocation Assistance Program helps educate the Marine who is changing stations about his or her new base, including how far in advance they should have their household items shipped through the Travel Management Office.

"We can really help Marines when they PCS as far as knowing what to bring. For example, if a Marine is stationed in Southern California, they might not want to stress about bringing their ski jackets, and if they're going to Okinawa, not to bring a six-foot couch," said Lynn Sharply, Relocation Assistance Program information referral specialist. "We can tell you everything you need to know about your new duty station, and can save the moving Marine a lot of time."

Sharply said, in addition to helpful hints, the Relocation Assistance Program can also send household items on a first-come, first-served basis, while the Marine waits for his personal goods to arrive.

The Relocation Assistance Program provides Marines with items including toasters, kettles, pots, futons, and much more. "You use it we have it. It really helps take the worry out of the move," she said.

The Commander's Welcome Aboard Brief, sponsored by the program, takes place monthly for incoming Marines and their family members.

The Commander's Welcome Aboard Brief is designed to inform newcomers about programs and services and includes information on recreation, education, medical services, local legal issues, safety issues, chapel programs and other topics, according to Josettie Kay, Relocation Assistance Program manager. "Spouses are encouraged to attend with their Marines or on any other date," she added.

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gests moving Marines (if changing duty stations) obtain a base installation guide, request a "Welcome Aboard" package from the new duty station and a sponsor.

"Sponsorship is mandatory for all relocating personnel from privates to staff sergeants, second lieutenants to captains and chief warrant officers 1 and 2," Kay said. Two half-day workshops offered on base, Smooth Move (which is mandatory for Marines PCSing within the U.S.) and PCS Overseas, can help Marines to prepare for a new duty station monthly.

Smooth Move is for all Marines being stationed in the Continental U.S., and tells Marines all they need to know about their new duty station and about the allowances that may be while moving.

PCS Overseas is for all Marines being stationed at any overseas assignment, including Marine Corps Base Hawaii, and tells the Marines what they need to know about how they can make their transition easier, including how much of the personal belongings the Marine can ship overseas.

Another helpful moving tool is the free home buying seminars offered through the Relocation Assistance Program.

Recruiters rewarded for arduous hours

NANCY HAWLEY
Lifelines

Today, there are more than 4,000 Marine Corps recruiters and support personnel on duty in most communities across America. Because these Marines are the only contact many civilians will ever have with the Marine Corps, they are on duty all day, every day. Whether recruiting a future Marine or simply becoming a part of the community they live in, they know that the future of the Marine Corps is built one recruit at a time, and that recruiting is the most critical job in the Corps.

Staff Sgt. J. S. Freeman, non-commissioned officer in charge at Recruiting Substation Catonsville, Md., enjoys recruiting duty so much that he recently extended his tour for another year, and plans to apply to become a career recruiter.

"Marine Corps recruiting duty is the most rewarding hard work or the least rewarding easy work," says Freeman.

A successful recruiter must have well-developed people skills, along with patience and boundless energy. Sales ability, tact and diplomacy also come into play.

Recruiters know the Marine Corps recognizes hard work and rewards it with meritorious promotions and special duty assignment pay. Upon completion of the tour, recruiters can choose their next duty station. A new Military Occupational Specialty for warrant officers has been established to allow career progression within the recruiting service. Recruiters of the Year and their spouses from each of the six recruiting stations are invited to MCRU Headquarters to meet the Commandant of the Marine Corps and the Commanding General of Marine Corps Recruiting Command.

Marines in support billets assist recruiters by allowing them more time to concentrate on recruiting. Support assignments include administration, secretarial and clerical work, and public affairs. Support billets are not officially assigned to recruiting duty and are considered independent duty.

Family readiness

All recruiting stations have a family readiness officer and quality-of-life coordinator who provides information on schools, housing, childcare, and the local community. A sponsor welcomes all newly arrived Marine Corps families and shows them the ropes. Each region, district, and recruiting station has a Key Volunteer Network to promote unit readiness and offer support

and assistance beyond the formal command structure. Key volunteers can refer you to the numerous resources in place to make your transition to remote duty easier.

Sergeant Laura L. Freeman, 4 Marine Corps District (Baltimore), married to a recruiter, offers the following advice to spouses.

Although the hours are arduous, be grateful for the fact that your spouse comes home every night. Many other Marine Corps spouses are not so lucky.

Be supportive. Understand that your Marine is simply doing his or her job.

Stay positive. Keep your home environment upbeat.

Keep your relationship separate from the job. Don't let the work interfere with your relationship or blame the job for your problems.

Be as independent as possible because this helps reduce stress on both of you. Your Marine will know that he or she can depend on you to take care of things, so they can concentrate on

the mission and possibly leave work early to enjoy more time with you.

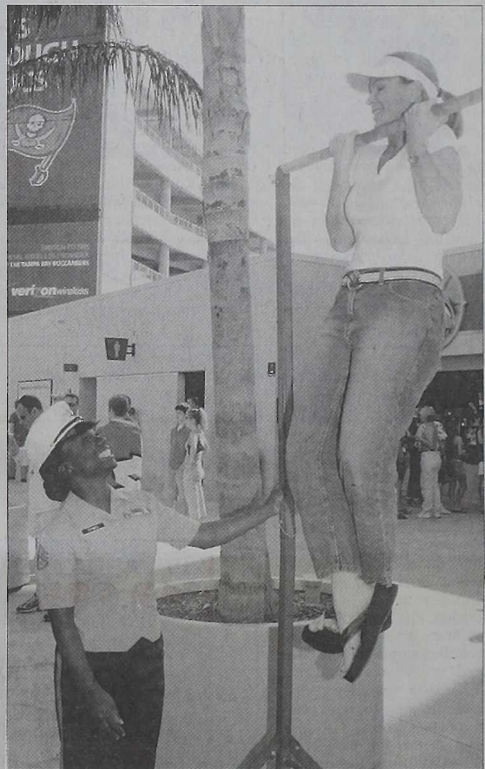
The possibilities are endless

It's a fact - a recruiter works 60-plus hours a week. This leaves spouses with time to fulfill a personal dream of their own.

Recruiting duty is a good time to go back to school to learn a skill that moves with you, or to keep working toward your college degree. Computer classes are always a good investment, and may lead to part-time or full-time work or a business of your own.

Do something fun. Treat your creative side by signing up for a course in watercolor painting, sketching, dance, or pottery, or develop your practical side - learn basic auto mechanics or woodworking skills so you can build that entertainment center you've been admiring. Get a job. One of the best ways to make friends in a new community is to work.

If you don't want to work full-time, try part-time, or a few hours a week. Before you know it, you will have made a house a home, once again.



Staff Sgt. Marsha Stokes, recruiter, Recruiting Substation St. Petersburg, monitors Noreen McGuane, a Tampa resident, as she attempts to hang for 70 seconds during an interactive Marine recruiting setup at the 2005 Outback Bowl.

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Celebrate Earth Day by changing daily habits

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION Press Release

On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans took to the streets to demonstrate for a healthy, sustainable environment. A Senator from Wisconsin, Gaylord Nelson, had conceived the event 8 years earlier, but it took a great deal of effort to bring it to fruition. Senator Nelson was troubled that the environment received little attention in the American political arena and vowed to somehow bring visibility to the problems facing the earth. His solution was a grassroots effort, coordinated at a national level by Denis Hayes, which tapped into the environmental concerns of the general public to force this issue into the political agenda. The approach worked and 20 million people heard the call.

The purpose of the first Earth Day celebration in 1970 was to bring attention to the environmental problems we as a nation faced. The result of Earth Day's success was a series of executive and legislative actions that created the Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts; actions that have literally changed the face of our nation. In 1990, Earth Day went worldwide in recognition that the United States is only one part of a global village we call Earth. The modern Earth Day movement focuses on education and sustainability, encouraging citizens and governments to practice resource conservation and to develop technologies that will help us to preserve the planet.

Though listed as a day of celebration April 22, Earth Day serves not only as a celebration, but a reminder for generations, both young and old, to covet and protect Earth's limited natural resources through simple practices that can be implemented at every household - recycling, waste minimization, and the purchase of products made from recycled materials.

Communities and military bases across America celebrate Earth Day in ways that are meaningful to them through the common thread of resource conservation and environmental protection. For Earth Day 2005, all military members, families, and civilian employees are challenged to make a pledge to increase their recycling and to increase their purchase of recycled content products.

The theme for this year's Earth Day is "Earth Day Everyday," based on the continual need for us to rededicate ourselves to the preservation of our natural resources.

To help make this year's Earth Day celebration both a successful and educational event, the Environmental Management Division will set up an Earth Day static display at the Commissary, Camp

Lejeune. Along with the assistance of the Defense Commissary Agency, a grocery bag/poster contest will be provided for dependents in three age brackets with winners receiving prizes. EMD will also have static displays at several messhalls aboard the installation during the week of April 18.

Additionally, representatives from EMD will provide tours to teach students about solid waste collection and the means by which diversion through recycling can reduce the amount of waste that continues to occupy an increasing amount of space on board our installation.

As well, several conservation tours are being conducted throughout the month of April. For more information on Camp Lejeune activities and on how to enter the Earth Day contest, logon to <http://facilities.lejeune.usmc.mil/EMD/EMDHome.htm>.

There are many other Earth Day events planned throughout the state and region. To find out more, visit www.earthday.net and search the database for events for families, students, religious organizations and more.

Even if you don't attend an Earth Day activity, there are many ways that individuals and families can contribute to the Earth Day spirit. Here are a few simple ways that people can take action at home, at work and in their communities to celebrate the planet.

Save Energy. Turn off appliances and lights when not in use, use the microwave instead of the oven, insulate your home to cut back on heating and cooling and buy energy efficient products. This not only helps reduce emissions and green-

house gasses, it can also save you money throughout the year.

Use Less Water. Don't let the water run while brushing teeth and washing dishes, wash only full loads of dishes or laundry, repair leaky pipes and faucets and water the lawn only during the coolest parts of the day. These ideas can also cut back on your utility costs.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Try to buy permanent products instead of disposables and use only what you need. Repair items rather than throwing them away; reuse boxes, jars and bottles for storing foods and other goods; and donate anything you don't need to charity instead of throwing it away. Remember, Camp Lejeune has a recycling center, and paper, plastics, glass, cardboard and aluminum can all be recycled.

Volunteer. There are thousands of organizations that would be grateful for your time and energy, and that can help you contribute to conservation efforts across the nation. Check out www.volunteer.gov, www.thesca.org or the Camp Lejeune Conservation Program or simply surf the Web for more information on environmental volunteer organizations.

Keeping in mind the above actions every organization can have a direct impact on the preservation of our installations' resources, thereby ensuring the continuation of our installation's mission well into the future.

Carmen Lombardo, Environmental Conservation Branch, Katherine Diersen, Environmental Conservation Branch, and Dianne Ward, Environmental Management Division, Administration and Finance, contributed to this article.



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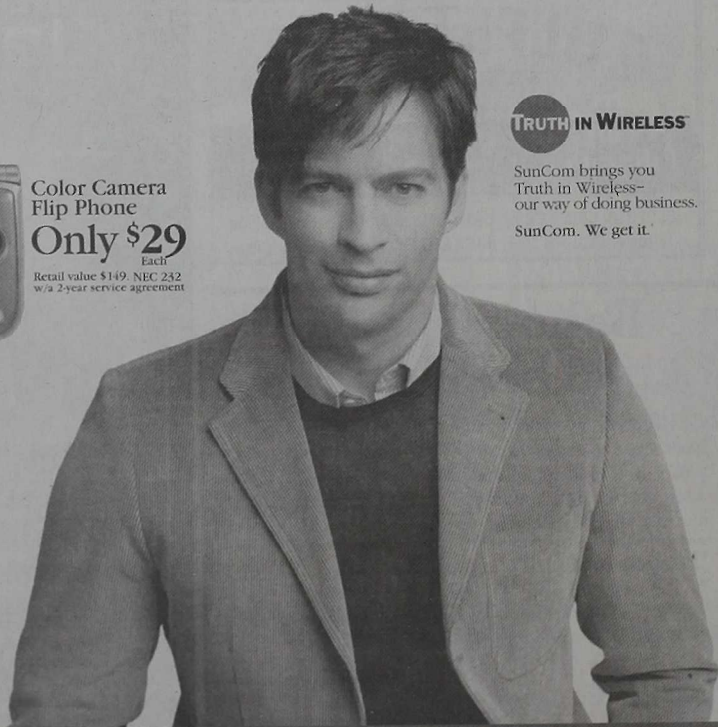
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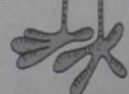
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explaining the molding of man into a basic rifleman. It moved on to the Indoor Marksmanship Trainer where the officials took turns using the M-16A2 service rifle, M-240G machinegun, AT-4 anti-weapon and the M-203 mortar launcher. "I was quickly impressed by the ISMT with their ability to quickly adapt to new systems. It was amazing to watch them, they are truly warriors," said Col.

Randy Sinnott, Marine Forces Central Command Afghanistan liaison. "We are learning so much from them. They are experts in mountain warfare and guerilla style, small unit warfare."

Even more important than the exchange of ideas and tactics, was what their tour meant to the people of Afghanistan. The very fact that they are here and touring the United States means the war on terrorism is being won and the insurgency is fading in Afghanistan.

According to Col. Mike Daily, public affairs officer for Marine Forces Central Command, the country is "no longer overwhelmed by an

insurgency" and the "focus now is reconstruction."

A point of emphasis for the reconstruction efforts is to build an efficient and self-sustaining army capable of suppressing insurgency and fending off attacks from enemies in the region, while maintaining a strong sense of nationalism and pride.

Currently, the ANA is divided into five commands spread throughout the four regions of Afghanistan. This is first time a centrally controlled military has been able to maintain a presence in the country since the downfall of communist Russia.

Even though the Marines have helped shape the training regiment for the ANA, their training does include many differences. Instead of training troops as individual units ready to be attached to any parent command, the ANA trains entire battalions at once. Then, when approximately 800 troops are done with their 12-week initial training, they are sent out as a complete unit to whatever region they are needed in. In early 2004, there were two battalions training at the same time. This will increase throughout the year to the point where five battalions will be training at the same time. This training will continue until 2007

when the ANA will fill its ranks at about 70,000 soldiers, officers and civilian employees.

Even with the enormous steps the ANA has taken toward developing a permanent peacekeeping force, the officers realize they have more work to do.

"I am looking forward to the day when we'll have a strong, powerful army," said Ishaq to a platoon of SOI students. "I am looking forward to the day when we arrest all the bad guys - especially Osama bin Laden."

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member may be awarded Afghanistan or Iraq Campaign Medal in lieu of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal for such act, achievement or service.

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Individuals may receive both the medals if they meet the requirement of both awards; however, the qualifying period of service used to establish eligibility for one award cannot be used to justify eligibility for the other.

The Afghanistan Campaign Medal shall be positioned below the Kosovo Campaign Medal and above the Iraq Campaign Medal. The Iraq Campaign Medal shall be positioned below the Afghanistan Campaign Medal and above the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

Each military department will prescribe appropriate regulations for processing, awarding and wearing the medals and ribbons for their service members, to include application procedures for veterans, retirees and next-of-kin.

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member physical activity for at least 30 minutes (aerobic) or 60 minutes (total) of moderate-intensity physical activity five or more days of the week. If you are just getting to be physically active, start with even small

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

For more information on making physical activity a regular part of your healthy lifestyle, visit Center for Disease Control Web site at www.cdc.gov.

NBC unit consolidates | 2d Marine Aircraft Wing



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5K AND WALK

Corps Community Services will host a 5K walk April 22 at 8 a.m. The race will start at the corner of Ash and Columbus by the Area C-Store. The race is free and open to all employees, retirees and families. For more information, call 455-1110.

SENIOR TRAINING

Corps Community Services is offering a life-size training course from May 5 to May 14 at Camp Johnson Pool. The deadline for registration is tomorrow and the cost is \$125, which includes all materials and transportation. Participants must be 15 or older by May 1. Call Phillip Brown at 455-5845 for more information.

BOATING SAFETY

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a Boating Safety and Leadership course from May 23 to May 27. For more information, call 369. For information on USCGA free vessel inspections, call 577-1110.

MARINE TRYOUTS

All-Marine women's team tryouts will be held April 21 to May 1. Tryouts for the men's All-Marine ball teams will take place Monday to May 9 at the Corps Air Station. Applications are picked up at the Memorial House on Camp Lejeune. For more information, call Rickey Clark, sports coordinator, at 451-2061.

LE BEACH ROADTRIP

The Corps Community Services Marine Program is sponsoring a roadtrip to the Beach, including a night stay at Comfort Inn, NASCAR track and Medieval festival. The trip is April 30 to May 1 and costs \$93 per person. For more information, call 451-2061.

SWIM TEAM

Camp Lejeune Swim Team offers competitive swim lessons (6 to 18) from novice to advanced. For more information, call 938-3033.

WOMEN'S VARSITY HOOPS

The women's varsity basketball team will hold tryouts and scrimmages at the Geiger Gym, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., and Fridays, 9 to 11 a.m. For more information, call Rickey Clark 451-2061.

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ROD AND GUN CLUB

Camp Lejeune's Rod and Gun Club meets at 6 p.m. the first and third of each month. Call 455-2061 for more information.



Carl Kline

Rafael Perez, 23, is part of a strong Indians' rotation that also includes Jeremy Sowers, the sixth overall pick in the 2004 draft. The Indians have a legacy of developing young talent that has included Manny Ramirez, Alan Embree, Jaret Wright and Albert Belle.



Carl Kline

Billy Traber looked very sharp in earning an Indians' win Sunday, allowing one run and four hits over six innings. Traber missed all of 2004 following Tommy John reconstructive elbow surgery, after spending 2003 in Cleveland.

Tribe baseball returns to Kinston

BRIAN BERGER
Lejeune Sports Editor

KINSTON, NC — What do Manny Ramirez, Alan Embree, Albert Belle, Jose Cabrera, Jim Thome, Enrique Wilson, Jaret Wright, Bartolo Colon, Cameron Drew and several other Major League Baseball stars have to do with Eastern North Carolina?

Each has donned the uniform of the Kinston Indians. Whether any of the current ballplayers on the Indians roster will go on to win the World Series, play in the MLB All-Star game or be considered for enshrinement in Cooperstown remains to be seen, but one thing is certain: the Indians' leg-

acy is built on developing talent.

While many Hollywood stereotypes about minor league ball involve the over the hill major league washouts or the old vet who never got called up, the Indians' roster is built around young talent on the way up. No player on the roster is older than 26 years.

The team, which opened the season last weekend, returns 14 players from the 2004 Mills Cup Championship squad, when the team faced an 0-2 deficit in the best-of-five series, but came back to win three straight on the road and capture the Carolina League crown. Now the team will try to follow-up their first league crown since 1995 and defend the title.

"This preliminary group of players offers a great mix of returnees and prospects that are making the jump to high-A," Indians Manager Luis Rivera said. "We're confident this group will get us started on the right foot."

The outfield should be a position of strength for the K-Tribe, even with the promotion of Jonathan van Every and his 21 home runs to Class AA Akron. Leftfielder Nathan Panther and centerfielders Brad Snyder and J.J. Sherrill all return to Kinston and will be joined by rightfielder Ryan Goleski, who hit .295 for Lake County last year while socking 28 home runs and collecting 104 RBIs.

The infield also features three

returnees, although only utility man Shaun Larkin was with Kinston for all of last year. Shortstop Luis Cotto joined the team for the stretch run and is back again, while third baseman Kevin Kouzmanoff will get his first taste of historic Grainger Stadium after appearing in the final three games of the Mills Cup series in Wilmington last season. Joining that trio are first baseman Ryan Mulhern, second baseman Chris de la Cruz and Micah Schilling, and shortstop Brandon Pinckney. Catchers David Wallace and Caleb "Huck" Brock also return for a second season.

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Lance Cpl. Scott Powell, logistics chief, II MEF G-7 Simulations Center, practices for the II Marine Expeditionary Force Commanding General Invitational. Powell had this message for the general, "I hope you're going to be gracious in defeat, sir, and I hope it doesn't sting too much to lose your own tournament."

II MEF Marines challenge fellow golfers to 'Bring it'

Story and Photos
CPL. EDWARD L. MENNENGA
II Marine Expeditionary Force

II Marine Expeditionary Force Marines are training hard, getting mentally prepared and sending volleys down range - the driving range.

The II MEF Commanding General Invitational golf tournament takes place at Paradise Point Golf Course, April 21.

The tournament is a four-man scramble, best ball tournament. Thirty teams have registered for the tournament and it's open to all ranks within II MEF and subordinate commands. However, one team made up of Marines from II MEF Headquarters Group is confident they will take the prize.

"When you step out on that golf course you gotta know you're the baddest guy out there," said Lance Cpl. Scott Powell, logistics chief, II MEF G-7 Simulations Center, who believes he'd be a colonel if playing golf is how you got promoted.

The team is made up of Powell, Sgt. Ronald Cash, non-commissioned officer in charge, Cpl. Mike Anderson, Marine Air Ground Task Force Plans NCOIC, and Cpl. Dustin Fritz, supply clerk, II MHG supply.

"We've got some pretty good golfers, we're young, we got a lot of enthusiasm and we're motivated," said Powell who was offered a golf scholarship to Ole Miss. "We want to go out there and show a lot of these Staff NCO's and

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Corporal Mike Anderson, Marine Air Ground Task Force Plans noncommissioned officer-in-charge, poses for a shot after making a putt during practice for the II Marine Expeditionary Force Commanding General Invitational. "It's going to be hard because we're out there to make friends, but, we're going to make enemies," he said.

One final blow for All-Marine women's boxing

BRIAN BERGER
Lejeune Sports Editor

WILMINGTON, N.C. — In the final fight for the All-Marine women's boxing team, Grace Kelly scored an emotional victory at the Azalea Festival Tournament.

With a dazzling display of quick combinations, aggressiveness and endurance, Kelly confounded her opponent and won a convincing victory.

Last weekend's bout was the final showing for the All-Marine women's boxing program, which had trained alongside the men's team at Lejeune. At least for now.

A victim of budget cuts, Kelly was the final member of the team to return home after other members of the team returned to their units last week.

Natasha Eyer, Laura Barrow and Kelly are all ranked in the top 10 in their respective weight classes, and will have to continue their training at home under less conducive circumstances, without the tutelage of All-Marine

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Grace Kelly, left, punished her opponent in Wilmington.

Ex-champ Spinks cleans up in Nebraska

ONCE A MARINE

JOHN GUNN



He does volunteer work in an after-school program three days a week. On weekends, he cleans locker rooms and bathrooms at the Columbus, Neb. Family YMCA. He spends many nights watching movies, favoring westerns, gangster and horror flicks. Sometimes, he says, he feels bored and restless.

Asked what's become of the millions he earned in the 1970s, Marine veteran Leon Spinks chuckles and says, "That's my business, not yours."

On a recent Friday, the 51-year-old Spinks emerges from a friend's SUV. The broad shoulders, thick neck and overall athletic build are enough to convince one that he indeed could have once been the world's heavyweight boxing champion, the fighter who shocked the sporting world with his 1978 victory over Muhammad Ali on national television.

Spinks is wearing a Chicago White Sox ball cap, blue jeans and a black jacket. His handshake is firm, and his demeanor no-nonsense, the *Lincoln Journal Star* reports.

Judging from the way he shuffles into the Village Inn for dinner, boxing and hard living have taken their toll.

Many residents are surprised to see him around town, says Bob Lauterbach, executive director of the YMCA. Some people still don't think he really lives in Columbus, that he really is the Leon Spinks, although he had been visiting a friend there periodically during the past four years and has lived in an apartment on the west end of town since January.

Spinks, a St. Louis native, captured the light heavyweight crown at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal. Two years later, in his eighth professional bout, he captured a 15-round decision over Ali in Las Vegas. Toward the end of a glorious era for heavyweight boxers, Spinks suddenly became top dog, his infectious gap-toothed grin making him one of the nation's most recognizable athletes.

Nevertheless, Spinks' presence isn't necessarily big news to everyone in this town of 21,000 on the Loup River. A whole generation of people don't even recognize his name.

Spinks works three-hour shifts Saturdays and Sundays at the YMCA. The supervisor writes out a list of tasks so the ex-champ doesn't forget anything. He hopes to stay involved in boxing and help kids. The gist of his message to them: Stay in school. Keep God in your life and treat others the way you want to be treated, reported the *Journal Star*.

Spinks is comfortable in Columbus. Yes, the pace is slower than the world of heavyweight champion boxing. It's certainly slower than the ride he enjoyed during his prime. "Maybe too slow sometimes. But it's fun. I have a good time. I meet a lot of people."

But Spinks will never be regarded as one of the great heavyweight champions, says Bert Sugar, former editor-in-chief of *The Ring* magazine and noted boxing historian. "He was almost an accidental heavyweight champion," Sugar says.

In February 1978, Ali, his glorious career on the downslide, underestimated Spinks, Sugar says. And Spinks was relentless the night he fought his idol.

"By the 15th round, Ali was exhausted, he could barely stand up, and Leon kept throwing punches. He kept coming," Sugar says. "Every dog, and every underdog, has his night, and that was Leon's night. Nobody can take that away from him, no matter where he lives or works."

As he waited for the opening bell that night, Spinks recalls, he couldn't believe he was even standing in the same ring with Ali. Seven months later, the two stood before 70,000 at the Superdome in New Orleans for Ali-Spinks II. Ali earned a unanimous 15-round decision, although Spinks still thinks it should have been his, the *Journal Star* reported.

Sugar disagrees. "It wasn't a great fight. Leon didn't have anything that night. He won about four or five rounds. It just wasn't the Leon we'd seen the February before."

Spinks, who earned \$3.75 million for the second Ali fight, went on to a rather ordinary pro career, retiring in 1994 with a record of 26 wins, 17 losses and three draws.

In recent years, he's made sporadic appearances as a "personality." He signs autographs, shakes hands, mingles and smiles that famous smile.

He'll be a special guest at the Midwest Golden Gloves on April 16 in Omaha.

Mr. Gunn is an independent journalist and retired intelligence officer who has written

roundup

national sports news

Major League Baseball

ATLANTA (AP) — The New York Mets stumbled into the weekend as baseball's only team without a win.

After three straight losing seasons, the Mets were big spenders in the free-agent market during the winter, and didn't envision losing their first five games, their worst start since opening 0-8 in 1963.

"I think the toughest thing now is not to panic because we're playing good baseball," said right fielder Mike Cameron, who was placed on the disabled list Friday with tendinitis in his left wrist. "We just haven't had a few breaks. Sometimes in New York that can be magnified greatly."

The Mets were swept in their season-opening three-game series at Cincinnati, and lost the first two games against the Braves. They have won their last two to improve to 2-5.

"We certainly don't want to go home without having won a game," said Tom Glavine, who will start the team's first home game, before Saturday's game. "Hopefully we can win a couple here and get things going in the right direction."

After finishing a combined 86 games behind the Braves the last three seasons, the Mets entered this year with high expectations.

New York signed All-Star center fielder Carlos Beltran to a seven-year, \$119 million deal, and Pedro Martinez, one of baseball's elite pitchers the last decade, to a four-year, \$53 million contract.

When pitcher Steve Trachsel suffered a back injury in spring training that could keep him out for most or all of the season, general manager Omar Minaya acted quickly, acquiring Japanese left-hander Kazuhisa Ishii from the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Overall, more than half of the team, 13 players on the 25-man roster, is new, and the Mets have the National League's highest payroll at \$105 million.

Now, with the team stumbling out of the gate, the emphasis has turned to simply avoiding a panic before the team returns to New York to face impatient fans and media.

However, if the Mets already are pressing, first-year manager Willie Randolph says he doesn't mind.

"Pressing is a natural thing for anyone," Randolph said. "When you want to win and things don't work out, you tend to press. Pressing is just trying a little too hard. I don't mind that."

Joining Cameron and Trachsel on the disabled list for the Mets is pitcher Kris Benson, who has a strained pectoral muscle. Acquired in a trade with Pittsburgh last July, Benson signed a three-year, \$22.5 million contract with New York.

When Cameron was placed on the disabled list, pitcher Aaron Heilman was recalled from Norfolk to take Benson's spot in the rotation, and suffered the loss Saturday night.

Heilman stepped into the pressure of trying to pitch the Mets to their first win, but Glavine will have to handle the more intense pressure of the home opener.

"I'm sure there are all kinds of emotions going on back home, whether it's panic or people saying the season is over or whatever," Glavine said. "I still feel very confident about our club and what we're able to do. We just have to hurry up and get it started."

-Charles Odom, Associated Press

NCAA Basketball

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Andrew Bogut barely heard of John Wooden while growing up in Australia. He knows a lot more about the coaching great now.

Bogut and LSU's Seimone Augustus were runaway winners of the John R. Wooden awards, presented Saturday to college basketball's players of the year.

Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun, who received the legends of coaching award, filled in some

details for Bogut about Wooden.

"I'd heard the name before. College basketball isn't very big in Australia," Bogut said. "I'm a legendary coach, one of the best of all time."

The award was first presented in 1977 years after Wooden retired as the coach at UCLA where he led the Bruins to 10 NCAA championships in his last 12 years on the job. The winner was UCLA's Marques Johnson.

Now 94, Wooden didn't attend the award ceremony, but was expected at a banquet Saturday night.

Bogut, a 7-foot sophomore, became the non-American to win the men's award, collecting 4,314 points from a national panel of more than 1,000 voters of sports media members and college basketball experts. Duke's J.J. Redick was second with 3,552 points.

Augustus, a 6-1 junior guard, received points from a panel of more than 200 voters for the women's award. Monique Currie of Duke was second with 155 points.

"It's very special just to have my name engraved on that trophy with the likes of Bird, Michael Jordan and Tim Duncan," Bogut, who is giving up his final two years of college eligibility to enter the NBA draft, where he is expected to be one of the top picks.

"I think he's going to be a great pro and a long career, as many years as he wants to play," Utah coach Ray Gianoletti said.

The 20-year-old Bogut averaged 20.4 points and 12.2 rebounds in leading the Utes to a record this season.

"Bogut is a phenomenon," Calhoun said. "The greatest thing he has is a feel for the game."

Dee Brown of Illinois finished third in men's voting with 3,003 points, followed by May of NCAA champion North Carolina 2,806; Wayne Simien of Kansas with 2,707; Paul of Wake Forest with 2,659; Stoudamire of Arizona with 2,395; Warrick of Syracuse with 2,257; Francisco Garcia of Louisville with 1,178, and Deron Williams of Illinois with 1,016.

The votes had to be in March 28. May probably would have finished higher than fourth the deadline had been after the Final Four, where he was the MVP.

"You can pick any one of these guys. We're winners," May said.

May, a junior, said Tuesday, a day after North Carolina beat Illinois 75-70 to win the NC championship, that he would return next season. He hedged a bit Saturday.

"I'll sit down and talk with coach [Williams] and weigh my options," May said. "I'm not set in concrete that I'll return for my senior year. I love college, I love playing college basketball. I'll make my decision soon."

Augustus became the second woman to receive the Wooden Award, Duke's Alana Beaton it last year.

"It's at the top because it has John Wooden's name on it," Augustus said. "He's a basketball icon as well as a legend."

Augustus averaged 20.1 points in leading LSU to a 33-3 record and a second straight Final Four appearance.

"Nothing about her has changed," LSU coach Pokey Chatman said. "I think that has to do with her work ethic. It helps when your most talented player is one of your hardest workers."

Kendra Wecker of Kansas State finished fifth in the women's voting with 130 points, followed by Janel McCarville of Minnesota with 94, Jessica Davenport of Ohio State with 92.

The top five in both categories attended a nationally televised ceremony at the Los Angeles Athletic Club.

-John Nadel, Associated Press

Minor League Baseball

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Jason Vargas heard about Greensboro's new stadium for its minor league baseball team, heard how nice it was, heard how much better it was than the old park.

Still, none of that prepared him for his reaction when he walked in for the first time.

"It exceeded my wildest expectations," said Vargas, a left-handed pitcher for the Grasshoppers. "When I got in the clubhouse, and then on the field, I just couldn't believe it."

After 25 years of playing in old War Memorial Stadium, the Single-A affiliate of the Florida Marlins officially opened First Horizon Park Saturday night, beating South Atlantic League rival Hickory 3-2. It actually was the Grasshoppers' second game in the downtown park; they played an exhibition against the Marlins nearly a week ago, a game won 21-1 in Florida.

More than 8,500 fans turned out for that game and approximately 8,000 attended Saturday night. Not bad, considering the stadium has only 4,999 seats.

"I've got goose bumps," Grasshoppers president and COO Donald Moore said.

A native of Greensboro, Moore left the real estate business four years ago to run his hometown team.

-Keith Parsons, Associated Press

Soccer fans criticized for jeering during tribute to Pope John Paul II

ASSOCIATED PRESS Staff Reports

GLASGOW, Scotland (AP) — Scottish soccer fans were criticized for jeering during a minutes silence for Pope John Paul II, forcing the pre-game tribute to be cut short.

The booing by supporters of Hearts team came at Sunday's Scottish Cup semifinal match against Celtic, which has mostly Catholic fans. The noise forced the referee to end the memorial less than halfway through. The game was televised in Britain and overseas. Hearts chief executive Phil Anderton criticized the fans for not respecting the tribute to the pope, who died April 2. He also apologized to Celtic and the Scottish Football Association.

"The club could not and would not condone the actions of those who chose to undermine the tribute to Pope John Paul II before the semifinal," Anderton said.

"Scottish football chose to join with people around the world to observe and respect the minute of silence and it is disturbing that some Hearts fans failed to see the significance of this occasion," he said.

Hearts had appealed to fans Friday to respect the minute's silence for the pope.

The tribute was also disrupted

during Saturday's Scottish Cup semifinal between Dundee United and Hibernian.

"It wasn't very clever, was it?" Celtic manager Martin O'Neill said. Most Celtic supporters are Catholic, with fans of its main rival Rangers largely Protestant.

Although the animosity occasionally spills over onto the field, players have become less aggressive toward each other in recent years, largely because of the influx of overseas stars who don't get involved into the religious conflict.

In Athens, Greece, three soccer fans were injured early Monday in clashes that followed a first division game between archrivals Panathinaikos Athens and Olympiakos Piraeus, police said.

The fans, hospitalized with light injuries, were attacked in Athens' western Peristeri area by a group of about 40 youths on scooters, wielding bats and chains. Panathinaikos is again top of Greece's first division after defeating Olympiakos 1-0 Sunday, with a 43rd-minute goal from Cypriot striker Michalis Konstantinou.

On Sunday, Panathinaikos supporters clashed with police outside Apostolos Nikolaidis stadium. Fans hurled rocks, bottles and gasoline bombs at police,

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Phil Anderton

leaving several parked vehicles damaged.

Clashes also broke out in several other parts of the city. Traffic was interrupted on a busy road when a fight broke out between fans of Panathinaikos and AEK Athens in front of hundreds of motorists.

Violence is still a major problem in Greek soccer, despite stadium improvements and tougher penalties on clubs. No arrests were reported Sunday or Monday.

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NASCAR | Roundup

Labonte completes first Martinsville sweep in career

HANK KURZ JR.
Associated Press

MARTINSVILLE, Va. (AP) — Bobby Labonte became the driver to win in each of NASCAR's top three series at Martinsville Speedway on Saturday, capturing the closest man Truck Series event at the track.

Labonte passed Chad Chaffin for the lead with 30 laps to go, held off Ricky Craven and Ron Hornaday on a restart with laps to go. His Chevrolet beat Craven's Ford to the finish line at 0.257 seconds.

Labonte, making only his fifth start in the truck series, also was only the 12th driver to win in the truck, Busch and Nextel series.

"Every win here has been awesome," said Labonte, the 2000 1 Cup series champion. "It had its highlights and its moments. Well, we're not sure if we're going to get there or not."

One of those came on the last restart when Hornaday, running immediately pulled alongside Craven to challenge for second, leading into the first turn. The duel allowed Labonte to take it, but barely.

Hornaday and Ricky were beating and banging behind me, gave me just enough to get away," he said in Victory Lane.

A season when his Nextel Cup team has struggled, he's 34th in five races, Labonte said any success was appreciated.

"Our Sundays haven't been that great, but we take it one day at a time and today was another day and that helped out," he said. "I can't even tell if we've really got great race cars in our Cup because we really haven't run long enough in a lot of races to know that."

Labonte finished last in the season-opening Daytona 500 and his finish was a 13th. His other finishes have been 41st, 37th and 2nd.

Hornaday finished third in a Chevrolet, and Todd Bodine, who put the lead when he pitted with 39 laps to go, was fourth in a Nextel.

"We couldn't quite make it on fuel and our front tires were going away," Bodine said. "Any way you look at it, we probably would have finished where we did without the tires, or with the tires."

Kevin Harvick, trying to become the first driver to win in each of NASCAR's three top series in consecutive starts, wound up 11th.

Harvick won Busch and Nextel Cup races at Bristol last week-

Gordon takes Advance Auto title

HANK KURZ JR.
Associated Press

MARTINSVILLE, Va. (AP) — Jeff Gordon was driving with tunnel vision when his car started vibrating.

A green-flag pit stop to fix it put him more than three laps down at Martinsville Speedway.

It was early in the race, he figured, at a track where he's had lots of success and with a car capable of bringing him back into contention.

Gordon's faith paid off big in the Advance Auto Parts 500 on Sunday. He rallied to win in what became a huge emotional tribute to his team and car owner Rick Hendrick, and moved him closer to catching one of the sport's icons.

The victory, Gordon's 71st, moved him within five of Dale Earnhardt for sixth on NASCAR's career list, and was more special since it came in the first visit to Martinsville since a plane carrying members and friends of Hendrick Motorsports crashed last fall, killing all 10 people.

Hendrick, whose son Ricky was among those killed, was a surprise visitor to the track and hugged Gordon in Victory Lane.

"When you've got a guy like Rick Hendrick that you respect so much and you've seen what he's been through, the ups and downs through his life and especially here last year, for him to poke his head in there and say 'Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you,' and with that tremble in his voice, that impacts you," a choked-up Gordon said.

"When he popped his head in there, it hit me like a ton of bricks."

Gordon's advance toward Earnhardt also left him a bit surprised, though the way he won in some ways evoked memories of "The Intimidator."

Trailing Kurt Busch in the top five with 53 laps to go, Gordon got underneath him in turns three and four, nudged him just a bit and sent him slamming into the wall, removing the 2004 champion from contention.

"We were just two people fighting for one position and neither one of us wanted to give it up," Gordon said. He said he felt bad about it.

Then, fourth on a restart with 46 laps to go, he wasted no time.

He followed third-place Mark Martin past Ryan Newman for third on the 461st lap, went underneath Martin for second three laps later and caught and passed Sterling Marlin for the lead with 34 laps remaining.

Then it was smooth sailing to the victory, his second in six races this year. It also was his sixth victory at .526-mile Martinsville, the shortest and trickiest track in the premier series.

Only Rusty Wallace, with seven, has more among active drivers.

Moving in on Earnhardt moved Gordon, too.

"That's unbelievable when I think about it," he said. "To do anything, coming close to anything that Dale Earnhardt accomplished is always something that means a lot to us as drivers and to me personally."

Gordon's last challenge was getting by an angry Busch at the end, which he did only after taking a few sideswipes on the front stretch.

"That was just showing my disappointment," Busch said of the banging.

Once Gordon got around Busch, he was gone, pulling away from Kasey Kahne on a restart with three laps to go and winning by .593 seconds.

Gordon's Chevrolet and Kahne's Dodge were followed across the line by Martin's Ford, Newman's Dodge and Marlin, also in a Dodge.

"You can't ever count out Jeff Gordon here," Kahne, who started 35th, said. "He's one of the best drivers ever at this track."

Kahne has finished second six times in 42 races, but has never won.

The race also a disappointing finish for the Joe Gibbs Racing tandem of Bobby Labonte and Tony Stewart, who led for a combined 279 laps.

Labonte was leading when the race came out of a caution with 105 laps to

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Jeff Gordon

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go, but his car suddenly slowed and he faded quickly to mid-pack.

"We can't build a motor to go 250 laps right now," Labonte said. "Today, at least we were leading the race when it happened."

Stewart, who led four times for 247 of the first 389 laps, was running in the top five with 70 laps to go when his car suddenly slowed in the fourth turn.

By the time he got into turn one, everyone found out why: his right front tire came off his Chevrolet and went bounding down the track.

Busch was next in the barrel. He was racing in the top five with 53 laps to go when Gordon nudged him in turns three and four, spinning Busch's Ford and sending it rear-end first into the outside wall.

In all, 16 cautions slowed the pace for 91 laps.

Jimmie Johnson, who finished eighth, remained the series points leader by 160 points over Greg Biffle, who was 29th. Elliott Sadler finished ninth and moved up two spots to third in the standings, 182 points back.

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Woods' chip shot one of Masters' top moments

TIM DABLERBERG
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)— Don't be surprised if it turns up soon in a new Tiger Woods commercial. This was a shot, though, that will outlive any ad campaign.

Brilliant even before it hung tantalizingly on the lip, Woods' chip became one for the ages Sunday when it slipped into the bottom of the cup on the 18th hole of the Masters.

Woods wasn't trying for a memorable moment when he hit the shot that swept down a ridge and funnelled its way slowly into the hole. He was just trying to win a golf tournament, and his fourth green jacket.

He got both, with a shot that will join iconic Masters' moments of the past.

"I was just trying to throw the ball up there on the hill and let it find down there and hopefully have a makable putt," Woods said. "All of a sudden, it looked pretty good, and all of a sudden it looked like really good, and it looked like how could it not go in, and how did it not go in, and all of a sudden it went in."

"So, it was pretty sweet."

It wasn't just the magnitude of the moment, or the difficulty of the shot, though the moment was huge and the shot treacherous.

It was the image of the ball rolling slowly down the slope and stopping for two agonizing seconds before finally dropping in the cup that will be remembered years after the fans who were privileged to see it are no longer around.

They may not have seen Woods when he won his fourth green jacket a short time later with a playoff putt on the 18th hole.

But they were there to see The Shot, erupting in a raucous celebration when it dropped.

"Somehow an earthquake happened and it fell into the hole," Woods said.

The shot instantly became a Masters classic, joining moments like Larry Mize chipping in to beat Greg Norman in a playoff in 1987 or the shot that stuck on the slippery bank of the 12th hole that allowed Fred Couples to win in 1992.

Long before television, Gene Sarazen's 4-wood for a double-eagle on the 15th hole helped define the young Masters tournament in 1935.

The Masters needs no help these days, but Woods gave the tournament some with a shot that seemed at the time to be the winning stroke. It put him two shots up, though he squandered the lead with bogeys on the last two holes before winning in a playoff.

Woods was crouched over, as if he were deep in prayer, as the ball traveled its last few inches toward the hole.

When it fell, Woods raised himself up, yelled and began high-fiving caddie Steve Williams, while thousands packed around the green did the same with whoever happened to be next to them. DiMarco suspected something magical might be happening.

"He made a great chip. Great imagination,"

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Chris DiMarco

DiMarco said, "I was over there expecting him to make it. You expect the unexpected."

"Unfortunately, it's not unexpected when he's doing it."

The shot came as DiMarco was making a run at Woods, who had a precarious one-shot lead as they stood on the tee of the 170-yard par 3 hole that has been so pivotal in so many Masters.

DiMarco had honors and hit a good shot about 15 feet beneath the hole. Woods landed long with his 8-iron, and his ball caught up against the edge of the second cut over the back of the green.

With one brilliant stroke, though, Woods walked off the green with a cushion he would badly need.

Woods remembered Davis Love III making a similar shot in 1999, but his was more difficult because it was up against the deeper rough. Afraid he might hit it fat because of the lie, he told himself to hit it hard enough to get up the slope and take his chances from there.

Woods found a spot well left on the green where the fading sunlight was coming through the trees and took a few practice swipes with his wedge.

"A lot of it is luck, but I hit it pretty good," Woods said. "I hit it right on the spot."

The ball hit, checked up and caught the slope at just the right place before taking a right angle turn toward the hole. It was still about 25 feet left of the hole when it began rolling slowly toward the pin.

The ball began losing speed as it neared the hole, slowing almost so much that the word "TIGER" could be read on the side. It made what seemed like two final turns, then stopped on the edge of the cup, teetering ever so slightly as if trying to defy gravity.

As thousands watching from greenside and millions others on television held their breath, it dropped and the celebration began.

"I think under the circumstances it's one of the best I've ever hit," Woods said.

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officers that hey, NCO and below ranks can play golf too and we're gonna do it."

Anderson and Powell believe each Marine brings something special to the team.

"In upholding the highest of naval and Marine Corps traditions, we wanted the best of the best," said Powell. "[Anderson] is one of those guys you just can't do without. In the past when we've been going through slumps, he's been there with a Lombardi-esque half-time speech."

They both agreed that Cash brings leadership to the team while Fritz completes the team.

"We pretty much have everything we need, but when you can bring a golfer like Fritz in, what more could you ask for," said Powell, whose best score is a 65.

That leaves Powell, who Anderson believes is the "heavy hitter" of the team.

However, the very humble Powell believes he'll bring a little more than that. "I'm gonna use my substantial and overwhelming golf prowess to lead our unstoppable team of devil dogs to a victory the likes of which the Marine Corps has never seen."

With many units creating their own teams, the tournament offers a great chance to build camaraderie and morale.

"I think it's great that we have this opportunity to go out as a unit and get away from the daily grind and leave it all out on a golf course," said Anderson.

Powell agreed, adding, "You want to be the best and it gives you a chance to get some bragging rights, but there might be some people who just don't have as many thoughts of winning and they're just wanting to get out there and have a good time and enjoy the camaraderie. That's what is really all about."

Powell can't wait for a chance to play the tournament against a lieutenant general.

"It is just an event for fun and to enjoy the camaraderie and building a bond. We get to have me, a lance corporal out there playing golf with a three star general. That doesn't happen very often," said Powell.

"It's not often that you can just be like 'Hi sir, how did you shoot today?'"

However, Powell and his team had the message for the general: "I hope you're going to be gracious in defeat, sir, and hope it doesn't sting too much to lose your own tournament."

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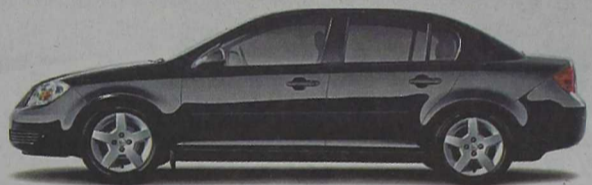
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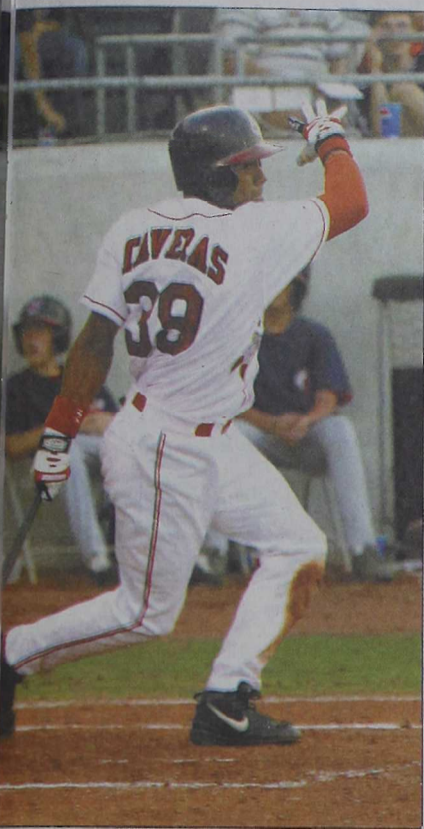
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Local Sports Roundup



Above: Catcher David Wallace returns from last year's championship team.

Left: Willy Taveras, 23, has moved on to the Houston Astros, where he has awed spectators with his speed. Scouts behind home plate had to check their watches and double-check them when Taveras was clocked to first base in a Mickey Mantle-esque 3.54 seconds, the *Houston Chronicle* reported April 10.

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pitching that wins championships, however, and the staff offers a great combination of quality and depth. Under Jeremy Sowers, the sixth overall selection in the draft, will make his professional debut in Kinston. Sowers throws four pitches for strikes and is regarded by many as the best pitcher from the 2004 draft closest to the major leagues. Sowers will be in the rotation with Nick Pesco, Billy Traber, Perez and Ronald "Bear" Bay. Pesco made just three starts for Kinston last year but rates as the 9th-best prospect in the organization while Traber went 6-9 for Cleveland in 2003 missing all of 2004 with elbow trouble. Perez is also a prospect in the organization, while Bay was acquired in a trade with the Chicago Cubs during spring training. The bullpen will be led by returning middle relievers Matt and Danny Eisentrager, while Juan Lara and Sean Smith so be counted on to provide relief. Tom Mastny, who led the South Atlantic League in ERA for Charleston, W. Va., last

year and Jim Ed Warden are also in the mix. Edward Mujica will handle the majority of save opportunities.

The Indians are off to a 3-0 start before this week's four game series with the Wilmington (Del.) Blue Rocks, a rematch of last season's Mills Cup Series.

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All-Marine boxing team coach Robert Michael, right, provides insight about the match to Grace Kelly between rounds during last weekend's competition in Wilmington, N.C. All-Marine boxer Lucas Hoague, left, assists in Kelly's corner.



Grace Kelly was on the offensive for the entire fight, forcing her opponent to defend herself and preventing her from using combinations in return.

BOXING
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boxing coach Robert Michael and the camaraderie of the men's program.

The All-Marine women's boxing program will function in a manner similar to rugby and wrestling, with members selected to tryout and given several weeks to prepare before the Armed Forces Tournament. The program might return to year-round status if women's boxing becomes an Olympic sport.

Women's boxing will be an exhibition sport at the 2008 Olympics and it is slated to become an official Olympic sport at the 2012 Olympics.

With the sport growing in popularity since USA Boxing lifted its ban on women fighters in 1993, and exposure from the film *Million Dollar Baby* and the well-publicized careers of Muhammed Ali's and Joe Frazier's daughters, the sport could be elevated to full Olympic status in 2008.

Even 2008 is a long way off for Kelly, who noted that boxing requires year-round training.

In the dimly lit gymnasium where heavyweight champion "Mercile Mercer mingled with the crowd and pictures, Kelly prepared herself to go out a winner.

After numerous bouts between young as 11 from up and down the East Coast, it was Kelly's turn to take to the ring on by the All-Marine male boxers on the trip to Wilmington, Kelly won the entire crowd with accurate jabs, uppercut, and agile maneuvering that her to avoid her opponent's punches.

The judges noticed too, and Kelly was victorious.

"I really wanted to win this fight," Kelly said, "and this may be my last before I go to Iraq."

"I love boxing. I eat it, sleep it, and dream it. Being a part of this team has been everything I hoped it would be and everything that the Marine Corps is about: unity, honor, friendship. I can't thank coach and the men enough for helping me become a better boxer."

"Hopefully, women's boxing will become an Olympic sport in 2008," she added.



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Disabled vets carve out new memories on ski hills

ROBERT WELLER
Associated Press

SNOWMASS VILLAGE, Colo. (AP) — Lieutenant Jeffrey Adams skidded to a stop at the bottom of the Big Burn run, a smile on his sunscreen-lathered face on a glorious day for skiing at the Snowmass resort near Aspen.

Adams shifted slightly on his outriggers, special ski poles given to one-legged skiers. He was a long way from Iraq and a long way from the Army hospital where he spent weeks recovering from the bomb blast that cost him his left leg last fall.

"No one is shooting at you, trying to blow you up, all you can do is fall," said Adams, 25, of Baton Rouge, La.

More than 300 disabled vet-

erans attended the Department of Veteran Affairs' 19th Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic this month. The clinic includes rock climbing and other activities, including skiing on special equipment that can accommodate even those without both legs.

At times, it seems like a museum for prosthetics as the former soldiers crowded the halls of the Snowmass Conference Center. More than half of those who attended are combat veterans, including 52 who were wounded in Iraq. One is a veteran of World War II's Battle of the Bulge.

Master Sgt. Luis Rodriguez watched another vet clambering up a climbing wall and casually showed a reporter his "C-Leg," often called a bionic

leg. It has a computer chip that helps the leg match his stride, give resistance as he sits down or a boost when he climbs stairs.

Rodriguez lost his leg when his medical platoon went to help some leukemia patients in Iraq. A bomb exploded next to the Humvee he was traveling in.

"That's how I got blown up. That's life," said the 35-year-old from Fort Campbell, Ky.

Lieutenant Ed Salau, 34, of Havelock, N.C., remembers first hearing at Walter Reed Army Hospital about disabled skiing from VA recreation therapist Sandy Trombetta, the founder of the clinic. It was just a few days after Salau lost his leg.

"I looked around the room

[at the other amputees] and I thought he must be smoking crack," he said.

Sergeant Andy Butterworth, 25, of Durham, N.C., lost a leg in the same attack last Nov. 15 when their Bradley fighting vehicle was hit with rocket-propelled grenades. Like Salau, he was skeptical.

"I was scared," he said. "You got one good leg left. What if you break it?"

Trombetta said he is familiar with that sort of apprehension.

"Imagine going from being 10 feet tall and bulletproof to lying in bed surrounded by doctors and family and they all seem unhappy," he said. "Even after 19 years, I am blown away every second. This place is where dreams come true."

It certainly is true for Salau.

"He's an inspiration to me and the kids. We are so proud of him. He's awesome," said Terri, 36, his wife. She traveled with him to the clinic and took a snowmobile ride, with Ed driving.

She said she had to hold back tears. "Who'd have thought four-and-a-half months ago that we'd be snowmobiling?" she asked.

Katie Yurek, Adams' fiancée, recalls the day she heard he had lost a leg just seven days after arriving in Iraq and thinking, "He wasn't going to be able to get up the stairs to my apartment." She later wondered how his recovery could possibly include skiing.

"It's just him," she said. "If he says it's going to happen, it will."



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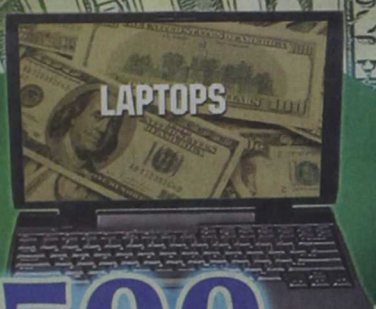
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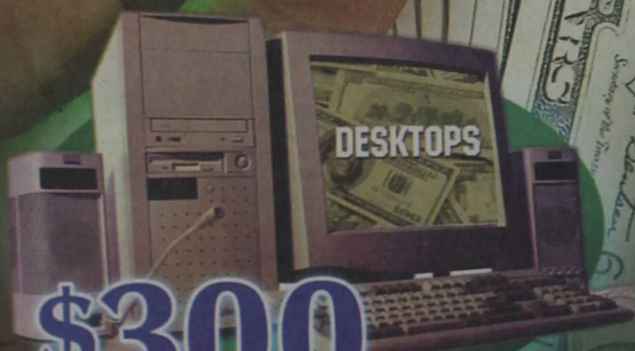
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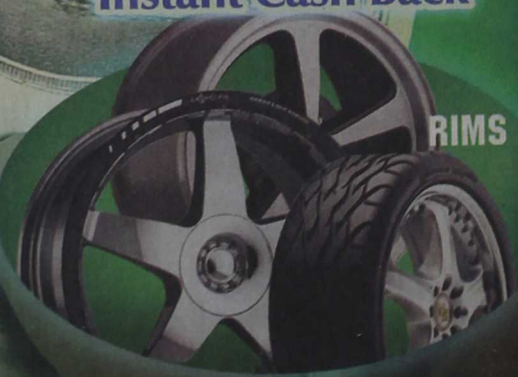
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Quick Shots

RETIREMENT SEMINAR

Wives and their spouses are invited to attend a pre-retirement seminar April 14, 8 a.m. at Marston Hall. The three-day seminar is open to all active members who will retire in the next two years. Topics include: spouses' benefits, survivors benefit program, military resources and other related issues. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 451-2000 ext. 200 or 201.

IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

Marine Corps Community College Jacksonville instructors offer guidance and teaches public speaking, listening and organizational leadership which can positively impact participants' military and civilian skills. The instructors meet every Friday at 7 p.m. at the Educational and Training Center of Onslow Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 353-2000.

MENTOR PROGRAM

The governor's One-On-One Mentors Program is looking for volunteers. The program aims at helping at-risk children by pairing them with positive role models. Children are awaiting a mentor and need the support of the community. For more information, call Julie Hasson at 455-2000.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation is accepting applications for students who qualify for scholarships in the 2005-2006 academic school year. Qualified applicants must be the son or daughter of an active-duty, reserve, retired or deceased Marine who has served honorably or medically discharged. Applicants may also be sons or daughters of Navy or Marine Reserve members who have served with Marines. The deadline for submissions is May 1, 2005. For more information, call 1-800-777-7777.

SCREENING

Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) screening team will be at the French Creek Recreation Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to screen Marines interested in joining the EOD. Marines interested need to be a sergeant or lance corporal 18 years of age or older. For more information, contact your unit or retention specialist.

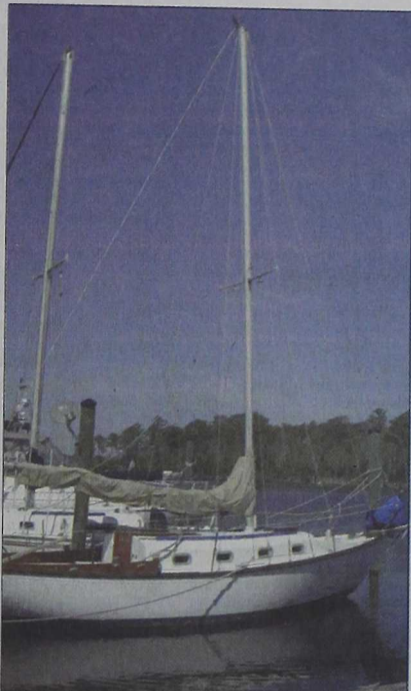
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Marine Corps Community College is hosting an 8th night at the French Creek Recreation Center from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Hurricane will be one of many entertainment acts available. Attendees must be 18 years of age or older, an active-duty, Reserve or family member or authorized guest. For more information, call the Recreation Center at 451-1446.

ATRIC DAY CAMP

Artistic day camps are available in the area for children with developmental disabilities, ages 6 to 11. For more information, call Alex Shreve at 451-7600.

Warm weather means water safety



Lance Cpl. Shane Suzuki

Following simple steps, such as wearing a life jacket, learning to swim and refraining from alcohol can help save lives and keep everyone safe during the warm summer months ahead.

LANCE CPL. SHANE SUZUKI
Marine Corps Base

With the weather getting nicer and the days getting longer, more and more people are choosing to spend time by, and in, the many lakes, rivers and ocean parks in the area. Whether it's by swimming, boating, fishing or sailing, basic water safety rules always apply.

"It's getting to be the season for boats and being outside again," said Vaughn Fulton, lead recreational assistant at Gottschalk Marina. "People have to be careful out there, because it can be dangerous."

For many people, boating and the use of personal watercrafts are a popular choice for summertime entertainment. Boating is a growing pastime in the United States. Sales of personal watercraft units have increased from approximately 29,000 in 1987, to more than 200,000 in 1995.

However, with this increase in water traffic, the chances for a tragic accident increase greatly. In order to stay safe around, in and on the water, the American Red Cross has a few guidelines to increase water safety:

- Learn to swim. The best way to stay safe in the water is to learn how to swim.
- Always swim with a buddy. Swimming alone only increases the chances of an accident.
- Swim in supervised areas.
- Don't mix alcohol and water sports. Alcohol impairs judgment,



Lance Cpl. Shane Suzuki

With nice weather and longer days, many people are choosing to spend more and more time on and around the water. However, as more and more people take to the water, the chance of injury and death increases greatly.

balance and coordination skills, all of which are needed in the water. Alcohol also reduces the body's ability to stay warm, leading to hypothermia.

- Drink plenty of water. Water sports are strenuous and dehydrate the body quickly. Combined with warm, summer weather, this can lead to heat stroke and heat exhaustion.

When on a boat, use a life jacket and don't drink. Alcohol accounts for more than 50 percent of drowning accidents in the United States.

According to the National Safety Council, drowning accounts for more than 4,000 deaths each year, with children under the age of 5 account-

ing for more than 500 of those deaths. The biggest factor in those deaths is lack of a flotation device or life jacket. The United States Coast Guard estimates that nine out of 10 drowning victims were not wearing a life jacket.

"The majority of accidents would not have happened if the victims had taken time to learn proper small boat operating procedures," said Jesse Turner, a base safety officer.

Children should always be supervised and wear protective equipment when near water, even if they aren't in a boat. Safety equipment includes

See SAFETY | 3C

Live-virus vaccines can harm pregnancy

CPL. SHARON E. FOX
Marine Corps Base

A Marine Administrative Message was recently released to help clarify and facilitate the awareness of policy and guidance concerning pregnancy and parenthood.

Marine Corps Order 5000.12E, the Corps' pregnancy and parenthood policy, was signed Dec. 8 and has been accessible since Feb. 1. MARADMIN 133/05 was released March 18 and reiterates to commanders the units' responsibility to ensure the safety of pregnant Marines.

There are certain tasks and responsibilities under the new policy that all Marines and sailors need to be aware of.

Before female Marines receive live-virus inoculations, they need to be counseled concerning their likelihood of being pregnant and the risks associated with receiving these inoculations.

It has been determined that live-virus immunizations can be hazardous to the fetus or an unborn child.

"Live-virus vaccines can definitely be harmful to a fetus especially 30 days after it has been given, because that is usually how long it takes for the vaccination to run its course," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Shannon A. Washburn, a Navy corpsman with the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Anti-Terrorism). "Even anthrax runs its course in two weeks. Other routine vaccinations like typhoid and tetanus aren't as harmful, but are also not administered to pregnant Marines."

If live-virus vaccines such as small pox and yellow fever are administered, service women will be counseled to avoid becoming pregnant for three months after the inoculation.

"The only tests administered to pregnant Marines include the Purified Protein Derivative and Human

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Lance Cpl. Shane Suzuki

Physical therapist technicians Petty Officers 2nd Class Francis Rosanes and Romona Walters explain a wand exercise to Sgt. Homer Miller, a field radio operator from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit. Miller, who is rehabilitating an over-use injury to his left shoulder, is scheduled to have surgery on both his ankle and knee later in the year. "I never want to get hurt," said Miller. "But they do a wonderful job here, outstanding work actually."

Physical therapy clinic helps injured Marines

LANCE CPL. SHANE SUZUKI
Marine Corps Base

With more than 40,000 Marines working and training here, mishaps and accidents are bound to happen. Most major training exercises have corpsmen nearby for the immediate treatment of an injury, but many times training injuries require more than a bandage or an ice pack. For all Marines and sailors who require rehabilitation after an injury, Camp Lejeune's Naval Hospital's physical therapy office is the place to go.

Located on the second floor of the hospital, the clinic is open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. by

appointment. Patients can receive care on injuries ranging from a strained ankle to surgically repaired shoulders.

"Our primary mission is to rehab injured service members and get them back training," said Lt. Cmdr. Deborah Goodwin, department head of physical therapy. "We see active-duty members and get them back to doing what they need to do."

The clinic is starting to see the numbers of patients increase as the nice weather rolls in and wounded veterans return from Iraq.

"Now that summertime is coming, outdoor

See THERAPY | 3C

Security tips help keep your home safe from burglary

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Nationwide, every 15 seconds a burglar enters someone's home, and a burglary is committed. Burglary is the fastest growing felony in the United States. Of the millions of dollars worth of goods stolen each year, only 9 percent is recovered.

While theft aboard military installations, like Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, is less prevalent than off-base locales, thefts do occur in our on-base

barracks and family housing units. The sad thing is that in seventy-five percent of all thefts that are reported, either the residence and/or item(s) were left unsecured. If you make entry simple for a burglar, you might become an easy target.

While it's impossible to make your barracks room or home 100% "burglar proof", there are steps that you can take to significantly reduce the likelihood that you will fall victim to crime.

Burglars don't like delays, making noise, or taking high risks, so the goal should be to make entry difficult with old

fashioned common sense and good crime prevention measures.

The following security tips will help in making your residence a harder target for burglars:

- Lock all doors, windows, and garage doors when away from the residence. An unlocked lock is not a lock!
- Hiding an extra key in a "secret" location should be avoided.
- Patio doors and windows can be among the easiest entry points for burglars. There are several means with which to better secure these areas of concern.

A 1 inch dowel rod cut 1/8" shorter than the track can be placed in the channel at the bottom of the patio door or sliding window. A manufactured hinge bar can be purchased for installation on patio doors, but this can be rather expensive. Another less expensive means would be commercially purchased anti-slide blocks or slide bolts, which can be used both on patio doors and sliding windows. Anti-slide blocks are very effective.

Never open a door to an unfamiliar person or voice. For locations that don't have a window that gives you a view out-

side of the door, a simple, inexpensive safety device is the one way door viewer.

- Selected interior lights should be left on, or turned on with a timer (the preferred method), in locations not visible from windows. External lighting is also important, but used by itself when the residence is unoccupied may actually tip the burglar off.
- Leave a radio or a television playing with the volume on low. This will create the impression of a conversation.
- Shrubbery should be

See BURGLARY | 3C



Matthew C. Perry Elementary second graders tend to Ms. Berg's Garden, located in front of the school recently.

Iwakuni's school children enjoy first signs of spring

LANCE CPL. MARK FAYLOGA
Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI, Japan — To many people, a blooming tulip is a sign that the harsh winter weather is behind them and spring has arrived, but to students at Matthew C. Perry Elementary School, it represents hard work, hope and love.

Second grade students at M.C. Perry planted a flower garden in front of the school, Dec. 10, 2004. The garden was christened "Ms. Berg's Garden" as a gift to their former teacher Arlene Berg, who was diagnosed with a serious illness and forced to return to the U.S. for treatment. The first tulip in the garden bloomed April 8.

The garden however, is not a memorial. It is a beacon of hope, a visual representation of the students' love and adoration for their former teacher. The tulips signify the students' wishes for a speedy recovery followed by a return to Iwakuni and have served as a different type of medicine.

According to Tamra N. Barker, M.C. Perry second-grade teacher, Berg's condition has improved after receiving treatment and she is feeling better.

"I think it's the garden and the letters

we've sent to her that have made her feel well," said Danom R. Wilson, 7.

Aside from serving as an emotional support for Berg, the class has also used the garden as a teaching tool.

"I've used the garden to help the children with science. We've been charting the blooming patterns of the tulips and made predictions on the next color to bloom," said Barker. "The class has also written letters to Ms. Berg as writing assignments. We edit them and it's a good way for the kids to learn how to express their emotions through writing."

By integrating the garden into class activities, the students have kept fond memories of Berg and have enjoyed seeing changes in it, said Barker.

"I hope Ms. Berg gets better and I can't wait for her to come back," said Ashley L. Hunter, 8. "I really like her garden because it helps me remember how she was sweet and kind."

According to John Stroup, M.C. Perry Elementary vice principal, Berg taught at the school for two years and was highly respected by faculty and students alike.

"I like her a lot," said Wilson. "I think she is a nice lady and the best teacher in the world."

Top leathernecks receive Corps awards for work

LANCE CPL. SHA'AHN WILLIAMS
Marine Corps Base Quantico

The mission statement of the Marine Corps Association, set in 1913, is to disseminate knowledge of the military art and science, to provide for professional advancement, to foster the spirit and preserve the tradition of the Marine Corps, and to increase the efficiency of the Marine Corps to further the interest of the military and naval services.

"There are four core components of the MCA which we use to accomplish our mission statement," said retired Sgt. Maj. Ronald Fetherson, deputy director of professional development at the MCA.

"Most people are familiar with the Gazette and Leatherneck magazines, and the bookstore, but they don't know that we accomplish our mission statement through professional development," he said.

Professional development services help Marines by providing them with an environment where all Marines can come together to network and learn from each other.

"The ground dinners we hold are attended by retirees and active duty Marines, which satisfies our dissemination of knowledge mission," said Lisa Williams, director of professional development at MCA.

The MCA Ground Dinner is a professional forum co-sponsored by the Marine Corps Association and Headquarters Marine Corps, Plans, Policies, and Operations.

The purpose of this event is to provide a forum for discussion of issues pertaining to the headquarters element, ground combat element, and the combat service support elements of the Marine air-ground task force. Active duty and reserve Marines, retirees, veterans, and Corps-friendly members of industry attend the dinners.

Guest speakers at recent MCA Ground Dinners have included Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Maj. Gen. James N. Mattis, Marine Corps Combat Development Command commanding general, and Gen. M. W. Hagee, commandant of the Marine Corps.

The association also has a formal awards pro-

gram that was established to recognize the professional achievements of active duty Marine and Sailors worldwide who excel in academics and leadership.

Some of the awards include Recruiter of the Year, Drill Instructor of the Year, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Writing Award, and Recruiter Training awards.

"Awards not only recognize Marines who do well, but continue to be a valuable means of promoting an all-competitive spirit and initiative to shine," Fetherson said.

Award recipients include unit Marines and noncommissioned officers of the quarter, as well as graduates from corporals' leadership course and sergeants', career and advanced courses staff NCO academies.

"We are the largest sponsor of awards for the Corps," said Fetherson.

The MCA organizes and coordinates professional military education forums for the Marine expeditionary forces as well as other units.

The forums feature prominent speakers, either individually or as panel members, offering insight on historic or current military-related topics.

On Feb. 25, Col. Thomas Hammes, author of "The Sling and the Stone: On War in the 21st Century," spoke at a seminar at the Gray Research Center here.

Membership is open to all active duty, reserve, retired and honorably discharged Marine veterans and members of sister services who have served with Marine units. Spouses and children under the age of 15 are also eligible to become members of MCA.

Some benefits of membership include a MCA discounted calling card, health and life insurance, a 10 percent discount at the association's bookstore, and subscriptions to the Marine Corps Gazette and Leatherneck magazines.

"The MCA is here to serve and support the Marine Corps community," said Fetherson. "Our goals are driven by the needs of the Marines."

For questions regarding membership eligibility, call 866-622-1775 or visit the MCA Web site at www.mca-marines.org for more information.

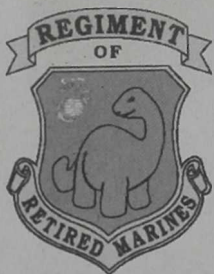
Retired Military Breakfast

There will be a breakfast at the
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April 30

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For more information, call
Sgt. Maj. Meyer at 938-1610.



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Courts-Martial

Lance Cpl. Jeffery L. Treille Jr., Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, was convicted at a special court-martial of unauthorized absence. He was sentenced to confinement for 60 days, forfeiture of \$1,200 and reduction to private.

Lance Cpl. Emory N. Holcomb IV, 2d Transportation Support Battalion, 2d Force Service Support Group, was convicted at a special court-martial of disrespect toward a staff noncommissioned officer, making a false official statement, simple assault, engaging in reckless conduct, and communicating a threat. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 10 months and reduction to private.

Private first class Shawn M. Alderson, Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, was convicted at a special court-martial of

unauthorized absence. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 90 days, forfeiture of \$2,469 and reduction to private.

Private first class Robert C. Cox, 2d Battalion 2d Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division, was convicted at a special court-martial of unauthorized absence, wrongful use of cocaine, and wrongful use of methamphetamine. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 90 days, forfeiture of \$2,469 and reduction to private.

Private first class Patrick C. Beam, Headquarters and Support Battalion, School of Infantry, Training Command, was convicted at a special court-martial of two counts of unauthorized absence and wrongful use of marijuana. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 45 days, forfeiture of \$1,469 and reduction to private.

Main Side Briefs

MARINE 4 LIFE PROGRAM

The Marine Corps is looking for employers interested in hiring Marines returning to the Jacksonville area after serving on active duty. Prospective employers are invited to join an online network managed by the Marine 4 Life program, which helps Marines make the transition from the Corps to the community. For more information, contact Sgt. Dana M. Hamm at dana.hamm@m4l.usmc.mil or 376-4153, or apply via the Marine 4 Life Web site at www.M4L.usmc.mil.

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WOMEN'S PERSPECTIVE GROUP

A women's prospective group is available to active-duty females, spouses of active-duty service members, retirees and spouses of retirees to discuss various topics involving behavioral traits which contribute to violent situations and how to recognize good and bad relationship factors and how to handle them. For more information, call Dr. Perlie Jones at 451-2864.

MAN-TO-MAN PROSTATE GROUP

The Man-to-Man prostate cancer, information, education and support group will meet Saturday a.m. at the Onslow Memorial Hospital cafeteria for breakfast. For additional information, call Robb Kimbrough 347-6289.

DRIVER VOLUNTEERS WANTED

At least 10 volunteers are needed to drive a parking lot shuttle at the Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital. The shifts are four hours long and volunteers must have a valid driver's license. Call 450-4596 or 451-2173 for more information.

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Alcohol reduces balance, decision-making and reaction time, all of which are needed when in the water. Driving a car while intoxicated is illegal, as is driving a boat while impaired. According to the United States Coast Guard, alcohol involvement accounted for 31 percent of all boating fatalities in 2000, a rise of almost five percent since 1999.

Along with proper fitting shoes, Marines need to remember to replace their shoes at regular intervals. Most shoes have a recommended mileage limit on them, after which the shoe needs to be swapped out for a newer pair. "We see Marines in here that are using the same running shoes they got in boot camp," said Flinn. "We suggest you switch your shoes when you change your uniform," said Goodwin. "When we go sleeves up, get new shoes. When the sleeves go back down, get new shoes." Another issue Marines often face is improper insoles in their boots. Insoles, like running shoes, have a mileage limit on them. And considering most Marines wear their boots five days a week, those

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trimmed back to provide a clear view of the doors and windows. Clean up your yard and arrange for someone to pick up newspapers and mail that may be delivered in your absence, as these things tend to create the impression that a resident is not home. Never store small portable items (lawn chairs, grills, bicycles, etc.) in locations where they can be easily

insoles wear out fast. "The Marine Corps is getting better about getting out the information about injury prevention," said Goodwin. "Stretching before [physical training] sessions, proper safety equipment and, of course, emphasis on hydration has helped." Even with prevention programs, there are some injuries that cannot be avoided. Combat wounds are the last thing any Marine wants to deal with, but it is a fact of life for many War on Terrorism veterans. "We deal with wound care, shrapnel being taken out, as well as rehabilitation from extensive reconstructive surgery," said Goodwin. "We really run the gamut of injuries here." In addition to the main clinic at the hospital, two

seen or stolen. If you live in the barracks secretaries and cabinets should be locked and valuables put away at all times while not in use, even if you are in the room. Don't make yourself an easy target. No system is 100 percent guaranteed, but by following these security tips, the odds are in your favor that a would-be burglar will bypass your residence and select an easier target.

Sports Medicine and Reconditioning Treatment Clinics are available for rehabbing Marines. One is located in Building H-1 for Camp Lejeune Marines and the other is located on Camp Geiger for the students and instructors at the School of Infantry (East). "Even with the increase in injuries, the wait time to be seen is really good," said Goodwin. "Most people are seen within a week." "The goal of any rehabilitation clinic is to help the patient regain as much of their pre-injury strength and motion as possible and the clinics here are no different," said Goodwin. "The sooner an injured Marine gets their treatment started, the quicker they will be off of light duty and back doing their normal job."

VACCINATIONS
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Immunodeficiency Virus tests. They may get a flu vaccination if prescribed by their obstetrician," said Washburn. According to the MCO, commanding officers will ensure that all female Marines in their unit are administered a pregnancy test 10-14 days before deployment. Urinalysis or blood testing is the only pregnancy screening authorized.

If a Marine tests positive for pregnancy, they will provide a note with a health care provider's letter enclosed, informing their commanding officer of the confirmation; the source document for all deferrals associated with the pregnancy. Pregnant Marines are non-deployable. This is not a personal or unit driven choice, and all personnel concerned must comply with this policy. "I don't have any problems with this policy," said a female Marine who asked to remain

anonymous. "I'm going through my second pregnancy right now and everything stated in the [Marine Corps Order] allows realistic guidelines to help [pregnant Marines] to still be successful on the job." Pregnant Marines are allowed 12 months of time without a deployment from the date of delivery, but may waive that right if they want. The order provides the option to the Marine, not the commander; the Marine should not be pressured either way to decide whether or not to waive the deferral, according to the MARADMIN.

"It's important that Marines have this information. I have children of my own and am proud that I have been so successful in my career," said 1st Sgt. Josie M. Nemeth, company First sergeant for Company A, Marine Corps Base. "Female Marines need to know the importance of taking care of themselves and their unborn child during pregnancy. Awareness is the key to having a healthy baby."

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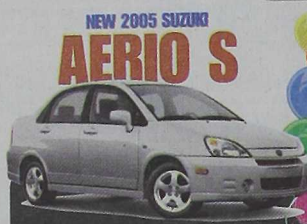
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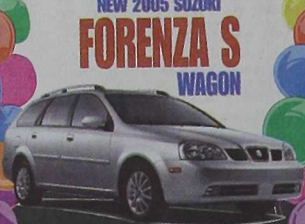
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Who is honored to the men and women of the armed forces throughout 2005? Joining military members and three direct family members presents a one-day honorary pass to the Heuser-Busch Center for more information, visit www.rosalute.com.

PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

The Annual Music & Performing Arts Festival features a full schedule of shows and performances in downtown Jacksonville on stages April 22-24. It's a delightful celebration. For more information, call 252-422-XXXX.

WORKSHOP

The Marine Corps Community Services will feature "Follow Your Dreams While You Follow the Military" workshop for military spouses April 14, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the lodge at the base. To register, call 1-800-XXXX-0176.

RESTAURANT

Guests from around the area and local restaurants will gather at the Jacksonville Festival in Beaufort from April 13 to 16. The weekend features wine and food tastings and the 2006 Tallahassee N.C. State Museum. For information, call 8-7317.

FOR BREAST CANCER

There will be a fundraising wash Saturday afternoon from 6 p.m. at the Coffee House to local person to Walk for Breast Cancer. For more information, call 455-2545.

FAIR

Jeune High School students will have an opportunity to disperse health careers April 22. Local organizations will set up tables from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for more information, contact Betty Johnson, school nurse, 245-1245.

BASE EVENT

The City of North Carolina Wilmington is sponsoring a "Bowling on the Base" event at the Camp Lejeune Bowling Center from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 455-2310 or 266-XXXX.

WOMEN'S CLUB

The Jacksonville Women's Club will feature jazz and blues artist E. Atkinson, accompanied by the Arlin Trio, Saturday 8 p.m. at the Montford Marine Association. For information, call 245-1157.

SIGNING

The Marine Corps Station Bookstore at Camp Lejeune will feature a signing by Alex Lee and "Doc" Norton at a signing on Saturday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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The world's largest circus under the Big Top comes to town

HEATHER CARUSO
Carolina Living Staff Writer

Jacksonville is accustomed to bravery as thousands of the nation's bravest and finest inhabit this area. A different type of bravery — daring entertainers — will convey into town under the cover of darkness and take the city by surprise. Daring acts will be performed such as flying trapezes, tightrope walkers and the amazing human cannonball.

Cole Bros. Circus is excited to start the season to see for themselves the amazing show they have prepared and to thrill the crowds they encounter each year. Jacksonville is the fourth town that will get to see the circus's newest addition only appearing under the Big Top — Spiderman and The Hulk. Mario Vitali, marketing director, said Spiderman and The Hulk are the biggest attractions this season and they will make appearances to meet and greet all of their fans during circus performances.

Circus acts are

known for amazing the crowd one act after another and this one plans to do so from the moment you walk into the huge red and yellow tent until the grand finale when ticket seller, tiny Tetyana from Ukraine, becomes the Magic Bullet and is shot from the barrel of the World's Largest Cannon. She blasts out of the cannon at 60 to 65 miles per hour and flies across the Big Top to land in a net 300 feet away.

There are multiple acts in the circus including Andrey Medeiros, a Brazilian astrocyler, who mounts his motorcycle and audaciously speeds across a wire stretched high above the crowd, performing handstands and spins, while his new wife Viktoria, a Bulgarian gymnast, performs on a trapeze below. They both say trust is an important part of their act as well as their very new marriage.

Cole Bros. Circus will continuously amaze

with its exciting stunts and crazy clowns that unceasingly pull tricks out of their hats, and human daredevils who time after time put grins of wonderment on the faces of onlookers.

"We are thankful that we are able to sponsor the circus," said Denver Jones, president of the Onslow County Shrine Club. A former Marine himself, he added that it gives the military a chance to escape the rhetoric of military life and would like families with loved ones deployed to enjoy a few hours in this fun atmosphere as a family, even if one parent may not be present.

The Shrine Club has sponsored Jacksonville's yearly circus for more than five years and is

thrilled to be accepted as a sponsor in order to continue helping crippled and burned children in the community receive free medical care in one of the 22 Shriners Hospitals in the country, especially the club's local Greenville Shriners Hospital.

It costs \$19.81 per second to keep the doors open in Shriners Hospitals, which keeps the clubs busy raising money. The circus is a yearly fraternal fundraiser to

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9 a.m.	Your Corps
9:30 p.m.	Army Newswatch
10 a.m.	Tom Hanks presents: Return With Honor
Noon	The Morning Report
12:30 p.m.	Pacific Report
1 p.m.	Navy-Marine Corps News
1:30 p.m.	Destination Chicago
2 p.m.	Pentagon Channel On Assignment
2:30 p.m.	Pentagon Channel Studio 5
3 p.m.	Songer Whitewater Adventure
3:30 p.m.	California State University Monterey Bay
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11:30 p.m.	California State University Monterey Bay
Midnight	The Morning Report

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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 on military news with programming from the Pentagon Channel, Navy Marine Corps News, Your Corps and Studio 5.

We'll also continue to keep you informed on what's happening around Camp Lejeune with our very own morning show *The Morning Report*. Our hosts Cpl. Matt Lyman and Staff Sgt. Skip Osborn, will talk about issues on and off base and throughout the Marine Corps. Our weather team will also keep you up-to-date about tropical storms, hurricanes and those ever-present Carolina rains. So be sure to watch *The Morning Report* live everyday at 8 a.m.

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.

Whether you want the thrilling challenge of the big white water or the family fun of a Songer rafting package, this video provides it all. *Songer Whitewater Adventure* shows you everything from little children to senior adventures and half-day trips to two-day expeditions. Songer offers people of all ages the perfect getaway. And since it's located near the New River Gorge National River and in the Gauley River National Recreation Area, there are plenty of other activities for you to enjoy in West Virginia.

Next on our programming agenda, let us take you to Chicago. *Destination Chicago* explores the diversity and distinct character of Chicago's neighborhoods from its stunning architecture to its wealth of shops and restaurants.

With its cultural institutions, nightlife attractions, range of lodging options and ever-changing calendar of free festivals and special events, Chicago has something for every visitor. Chicago's top attraction is its citizens, who open their arms to visitors with hospitality. So join us on this visit to Chicago.

In addition, we are bringing you Tom Hank's *Return to Honor*. It tells the gripping story of American fighter pilots shot down over North Vietnam and their sudden transformation from self-confident, top gun aviators to prisoners of war con-

fronting years of captivity.

The film includes astounding, never before footage from the archives of Vietnam and riveting first-person accounts of the hide behind the prison walls. It is an inspiring tale to faith, brotherhood and the resilience of the spirit.

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LCTV-10 welcomes all interested in joining their team. If this sounds interesting, call 1239 or e-mail Cpl. Patrick McHugh, the producer at patrick.m.mchugh@usmc.mil. You might not be looking for. If you or your unit is interested in getting information put on LCTV-10, please let us know at www.lejeune.usmc.mil.

What's happenin'

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

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- Zakkwyde's, Black Label Society and Meldrum at Ziggy's in Wilmington - www.ziggysrock.com.
- Mole Cricket at Lucky's in Wilmington - www.luckysrocks.com.
- Ninth Annual New Play Festival at the Thalian Hall Studio Theatre in Wilmington - www.thalianhall.com.
- Zoso at Kefi's in Wilmington - www.kefis-live.com.

Friday
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- Super Grit Cowboy Band at the old train depot in Jacksonville - www.bold2000.com.
- Adrenokrome with Reason To Ignite at the Arena Sports Bar in Jacksonville - www.arenasportsbar.net.
- Pat Green and Outdoors in Ziggy's Music Park at Ziggy's in Wilmington - www.ziggysrock.com.
- 4th & Dook at Kefi's in Wilmington - www.kefis-live.com.

Saturday
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- Better Dead Than Red, Empire Falls, Port City Ivy League and Vanguard at the Arena Sports Bar in Jacksonville - www.arenasportsbar.net.
- Carol Woods in concert - at Sampson Center Stage - www.sampsoncenterstage.com.
- Edwin McCain Band and David Ryan Harris at Ziggy's in Wilmington - www.ziggysrock.com.
- Settle at Tiki's in Beaufort - www.thesandbar.org.

Thursday
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- Doly Toro, Negative Nancy at Lucky's in Wilmington - www.luckysrocks.com.
- Billy Taylor Jazz Festival at various locations in Greenville. For more information, call 252-328-5386 - www.ecu.edu.
- Ani DiFranco at Thalian Hall in Wilmington - www.thalianhall.com.
- Ninth Annual New Play Festival at Thalian Hall in Wilmington - www.thalianhall.com.

Friday
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- Annie Sidley at the old train depot in Jacksonville - www.bold2000.com.
- Black Ice at the Arena Sports Bar in Jacksonville - www.arenasportsbar.net.
- Raucous Brothers at Tiki's in Beaufort - www.thesandbar.org.
- Mystic Vibrations at Kefi's in Wilmington - www.kefis-live.com.
- Port City Rock Out, Silver Judas Detour, 2 In The Head and Moments Off at Lucky's in Wilmington - www.luckysrocks.com.

Saturday
23

- Nephilim at the Arena Sports Bar in Jacksonville - www.arenasportsbar.net.
- Raucous Brothers Tiki's in Beaufort - www.thesandbar.org.
- Maximum Overdrive at Kefi's in Wilmington - www.kefis-live.com.
- Kid's Day at the Point Exchange from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Tiff Merritt at Ziggy's in Wilmington - www.ziggysrock.com.
- Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival at Fletcher Recital Hall - www.ecu.edu.

Travolta tests music biz in *Be Cool*

FROM THE FRONT ROW

REINHILD MOLDENHAUER HONEYCUTT



BE COOL (PG-13)
Be Cool is the sequel to *Get Shorty* and has the same snappy vibe with a whole new beat.

Get Shorty dealt with mobster Palmer conquering Hollywood. Now, bored with his success in the film industry, he uses his negotiating tactics to enter the lucrative music business.

John Travolta (*Ladder 49*, *Basic*, *Swordfish*) reprises his role as Chili Palmer, hit man turned film producer, who sets his sights on the music biz.

Be Cool opens with Palmer's buddy, record producer Tommy Athens, played by James Woods, getting shot. Palmer sees this as a great opportunity to hook up with Athens' widow and pitch himself as her new business partner.

Uma Thurman (*Kill Bill*, *Paycheck*, *Gattaca*) stars as Edie, his buddy's widow who is managing her late husband's record business.

Palmer becomes the promoter of a struggling singer who is being pursued by the Russian mafia.

Palmer teams up with up-and-coming pop diva Linda Moon, played by Christina Milian (*Love Don't Cost a Thing*), who he is helping to get out of a bad record contract.

Along the way they encounter sundried stars and scoundrels played by Vince Vaughn (*Domestic Disturbance*), Cedric the Entertainer,

The Rock, Steven Tyler, Andre 300, and Harvey Keitel (*National Treasure*, *Crime Spree*).

Aerosmith, the Black Eyed Peas and Sergio Mendes all are performing. Dwayne Johnson, alias The Rock, (*Walking Tall*) appears as Vaughn's gay-Samoan bodyguard who longs to be a nightclub singer.

Felix Gary Gray (*The Italian Job*, *A Man Apart*, *The Negotiator*) directs this follow up to the 1995 film *Get Shorty*. *Be Cool* is based on the 1999 novel by Elmore Leonard about mobsters and music stars. The movie also reunites Travolta and Thurman.

Be Cool is now playing in the Camp Lejeune theater.

SIN CITY (R)

Sin City is an action thriller about a brutal and corrupt city where not even the police can be trusted. It is also a tale of heartless criminals, crooked cops and sexy dames searching for vengeance and redemption.

Destinies converge in a morally bankrupt metropolis where a tough-as-nails street fighter goes on a rampage of vengeance after his beautiful lover is killed while lying in bed with him.

The film follows three of the fictional Basin City inhabitants and their stories.

Bruce Willis (*Hostage*, *Bandit*, *Die Hard*) stars as John Hartigan, a good cop in a bad love triangle. He is a renegade detective with a vow to protect an exotic dancer named Nancy Callahan, played by Jessica Alba (*Honey*).

Mickey Rourke (*Once Upon a Time in Mexico*, *9 1/2 Weeks*) plays Marv, an outcast who hates and distrusts all mankind and who is on a mission to avenge the death of his true love. When Goldie, played by Jaime



Christina Milian and John Travolta in *Be Cool*.

King, is killed, the tough street fighter tries to unravel the murder linked to Nancy.

Clive Owen (*Closer*, *King Arthur*, *Beyond Borders*) is Dwight, protector of Gail, played by Rosario Dawson (*Troy*), and her old-town girl, from tough guy Jackie Boy, a dirty cop, played by Benicio Del Toro (*The Hunted*, *21 Grams*, *Traffic*).

The star-studded cast also includes Brittany Murphy (*Little Black Book*), Alexis Bledel (*Gilmore Girls*), Nick Stahl, Michael Madsen, Carla Gugino, Michael Clarke Duncan, and Elijah Wood (*Lord of the Rings*) as a mute cannibal serial killer.

Also present are Josh Hartnett (*Wicker Park*) and Marley Shelton in the opening sequence, named, "The Customer Is Always Right."

Robert Rodriguez (*Spy Kids*, *Once Upon a Time in Mexico*, *From Dusk Till Dawn*, *El Mariachi*) and Frank Miller, a comic book icon, directed this crime saga with lots of special effects. Quentin Tarantino (*Kill Bill*)

also directed a small segment of this film.

Sin City is based on the 14-year-old cult pulp-comic series of graphic novels about love and vengeance created by Miller. He appears as an ambiguous priest in the movie.

The duo recreated the comic's wildly styled urban backdrop on a green screen. The film is characterized by its comic book grittiness.

Sin City is largely shot in black and white with selective and intense splashes of color. Technically, the movie is striking, very creative, daring and violent. The characters are mostly young, sexy, raunchy and ruthless; however, don't take anything too seriously or look for deeper meaning. This is after all, a comic book fantasy.

Sin City is not for the weak and squimpy. It is also an adult film and is now playing in the Jacksonville theater.

Ms. Huneycutt is the public affairs assistant at the Base Public Affairs Office.

Movie gossip, rumors & more

X-MEN 3

Anyone really interested in the series won't consider it a spoiler if you let you know that Famke Janssen, signed on for a role in this sequel. Or, if you do, you're not enough of a fan. (Variety)

INSIDE MAN

Denzel Washington and Spike Lee are teaming up for the fourth time with this hostage drama, in which a cop tries to thwart a clever thief in the process of robbing a bank. Clive Owen is also in talks for a role. (The Hollywood Reporter)

CHARLOTTE'S WEB

He truly is the horse whisperer. Equine-obsessed actor Robert Redford will be voicing a character in this adaptation of E.B. White's children's classic. He'll provide the voice of Ike, the arachnophobic horse. (Variety)

TRANSFORMERS

Michael Bay may soon be tangling with some shape-shifting robots - the director is in talks to helm the big-screen flick based on the popular kids' toy line. (The Hollywood Reporter)

SUPERMAN RETURNS

Hugh Laurie won't be playing Perry White; he's bailed because of TV show schedule conflicts. Instead, we'll see Frank Langella in the role. (The Hollywood Reporter)

The movie gossip column is brought to you by www.movies.com

Movie Listings

Check the movie listings online at www.mcslejeune.com

Midway Park

Saturday	Son of the Mask (1:34)	PG	2 p.m.
	Constantine (2:00)	R	5 p.m.
Sunday	Hotel Rowanda (2:00)	PG-13	2 p.m.
	Son of the Mask (1:34)	PG	5:30 p.m.

Camp Lejeune

Friday	The Pacifier (1:35)	PG	6:30 p.m.
	Be Cool (2:00)	PG-13	9:15 p.m.
Saturday	Because of Winn-Dixie (1:46)	PG	3:30 p.m.
	Hitch (1:58)	PG-13	6:30 p.m.
	Be Cool (2:00)	PG-13	9:15 p.m.
Sunday	Because of Winn-Dixie (1:46)	PG	3:30 p.m.
	The Pacifier (1:35)	PG	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Man Of The House (1:37)	PG-13	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Million Dollar Baby (2:12)	PG-13	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Diary Of A Mad Black Woman (1:56)	PG-13	6:30 p.m.

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Infant mortality awareness campaign educates new parents in Onslow County

Statewide foundation draws attention to local infant death and disability

NORTH CAROLINA HEALTHY START
Press Release

North Carolina Healthy Start Foundation is reaching out to the citizens of Onslow County to raise awareness of infant mortality, an issue affecting the local area. Throughout the month of April, the foundation is employing radio advertisements, in conjunction with community outreach efforts, to draw attention to the leading causes of infant death and risk reduction strategies. The focus is on a 13-county outreach program.

strategies to reduce the risks associated with the leading causes of infant death. "A critical, but often overlooked factor when addressing infant mortality reduction is a woman's health before she gets pregnant," continued Freedman. "Lifestyle and daily habits are vital to the health of both the mother and child."

Women who are pregnant or planning to have a baby, should seek early prenatal care, eat well, stop using cigarettes, alcohol and drugs, avoid secondhand smoke and take a multivitamin containing folic acid. Healthy behaviors are important even if a woman is not intending to have a child, as one-half of all North Carolina pregnancies are accidental. To reduce the risk of SIDS, or crib death, infants should be placed on their backs to sleep at night and for naps.

Reducing infant death has become a priority both statewide and at a local level. The Onslow County Health Department and the North Carolina Healthy Start Foundation have many resources available. Church, civic, education and government entities are encouraged to become involved to increase outreach and awareness of available resources.

"We applaud the efforts of local health officials and urge individuals and groups to reach out across the community to broaden the impact," continued Freedman. "Grassroots outreach is critical to educating at risk audiences."

For additional information on infant mortality and available resources, individuals can contact their county health department or the N.C. Family Health Resource Line at 1-800-FOR-BABY.

The North Carolina Healthy Start Foundation, a nonprofit organization established in 1990, conducts ongoing public education campaigns, advises state and local policy makers, and provides technical assistance and professional training focused on reducing infant death and illness and improving the health of young children. For more information, logon to www.NCHHealthyStart.org.

"We applaud the efforts of local health officials and urge individuals and groups to reach out across the community to broaden the impact."

- Janice Freedman

There is hope for those who wish to renew their love for each other

MARRIAGE & MILITARY LIFE
GENE THOMAS GOMULKA



Dear Gene-Thomas,
My husband wrote me from Iraq and said that he wants a divorce. We've been married for five years and have a daughter and I love him very much. I don't know if he would be willing to talk with a counselor or chaplain. What should I do? - Trish

Dear Trish,

Unfortunately, I receive many letters from both deployed military personnel and family members in this regard. While deployments can help some couples appreciate one another all the more, they can also contribute to the dissolution of other relationships.

In order to cure any problem (e.g., physical, marital), it's necessary to identify the cause and not simply treat the symptoms. It's also important to distinguish between minor problems that can be cured on your own and serious problems that require professional help.

What exactly are your problems? Some people find themselves unhappily married without knowing the real cause of their dissatisfaction. In an effort to help couples identify and address their marital problems, many counselors will employ inventories to access the strengths and weaknesses

of couples' relationships. However, because many military personnel like your husband are often hesitant to seek professional help from a counselor or chaplain, these civilian tools are rarely utilized. It was for this reason I authored *Marriage and Military Life*, a self-grading inventory that in addition to being a marriage preparation tool, can also help married couples identify problematic aspects of their relationship.

Once the problems are identified, the next step is to determine how serious they are (e.g., problems involving long-term infidelity in which there is emotional involvement is more serious than being dissatisfied with a spouse's culinary talents). If it is discovered that the problems are quite serious and cannot be resolved by the spouses themselves, then the couple will ordinarily need to seek professional help if the relationship is to be saved and their love is to grow.

Just like many people today who are diagnosed with cancer can be saved with professional help, so too can many couples with serious marital problems be helped to renew their love for one another. Not only can many cancer survivors appreciate life far more than they did prior to their illness, so too can many marital couples experience deeper love and happiness after they have addressed and resolved problems that did not have to destroy their relationship.

About half the marriages that end in divorce today could

have been saved with professional help. Unfortunately, many people will go to a lawyer to file for a divorce before first attempting reconciliation with the help of a counselor, chaplain or member of the clergy.

My advice is to encourage your husband to speak with his chaplain. If he is not open to taking this step and will not explain the reasons why he wants a divorce, then you may wish to send him a copy of *The Survival Guide for Marriage in the Military* or any other similar publication designed to help him evaluate your marriage and determine just how serious your problems might be.

I have helped many couples like yourselves through difficult times to later find themselves more deeply in love than ever. I have also worked with couples whose problems were so serious and deep rooted that divorce was the only option to avoid abuse, continued infidelity or other truly "irreconcilable differences." Similar to treating any life-threatening disease, the earlier you act, the better your chances are of survival. As a cancer survivor myself, who was saved following the first Gulf War by military medical professionals, I hope you and your husband will give other professionals a chance to save your marriage.

Captain Gene-Thomas Gomulka is the author of *The Survival Guide for Marriage in the Military* available at www.plaintec.net. Have a question? Write Gene-Thomas at letters@plaintec.net.

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Increasing number of family pets left behind raises concern among military communities

RUSS BYNUM
Associated Press Writer

HINESVILLE, Ga. (AP) - The 32 dogs look up with sad eyes or wag their tails as animal control officer Linda Cordry walks the row of chain-link cages ending in a door concealing a gas chamber that resembles a large oven.

"These guys are mine," Cordry says with weary resignation. "These are basically on Death Row."

Liberty County Animal Control and the humane shelter that shares its small cinderblock building have been crammed to capacity with dogs and cats since Army troops from neighboring Fort Stewart deployed to Iraq. Both agencies say it's no coincidence.

"I would say 95 percent of these animals come from military homes," says Beate Hall, who runs the humane shelter where dozens of soldiers and Army spouses began dumping pets during the holidays.

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have prompted national efforts to alert deploying soldiers to alternatives to abandoning animals when they leave for war. But the hundreds of unwanted pets turning up in this southeast Georgia military town indicate many aren't getting the message.

Since the Fort Stewart-based 3rd Infantry Division deployed 19,000 troops to Iraq in January, animal control officers took in 321 abandoned dogs and cats. Of those, 119 have been euthanized.

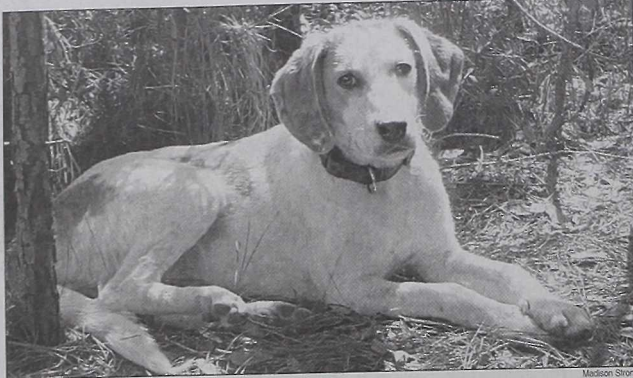
Smells of dank fur, urine and bleach linger inside the Animal Control offices, where donated food in dented cans and torn bags are stacked in a corner. Dogs are doubled up in several of the 4-by-10-foot cages that allow some room for running. None are empty. Neither are the 14 cat cages, two of which hold mothers with litters of nursing kittens.

Cordry says she's found an abundance of dogs in predominantly military neighborhoods - from emaciated dogs in back yards of vacated homes to puppies left in dumpsters.

She says many of the abandoned pets she finds are wearing collars, but with their tags removed. Animals with collars get up to 10 days before they're euthanized. Those without collars are spared for only three days.

"We get in so many, with personalities we know they had to belong to somebody," Cordry said. "It's hard to say, 'Today's euthanasia day - let's load them up and go for it.'" she added.

In Hall's case, soldiers and their families have come to the humane shelter in person to leave their dogs and cats. Those pets won't be put down, but Hall only has room to keep 45 animals at a time. Though Hall has found homes for 118 pets since January, the shelter



Often times when members of the military deploy, there is an increase in stray and abandoned pets, causing the number of pets in animal shelters to increase rapidly. Plan ahead to find a good home for your pet. Koi was found by a Marine family injured and abandoned in a Jacksonville neighborhood. They doctored her back to good health and got her all the necessary shots. She is a friendly dog that loves children, and the adopter's parents need to find her a good home. If you are interested, call 376-2446.

remains full.

"We didn't realize how bad it was going to be," says Hall, whose husband is retired from the Army. "I didn't think this many military families would just dispose of their animals because of the deployment."

In some cases, single soldiers leave their pets because they have no one to keep them at home. Many animals are given up by spouses planning to stay with family while their soldiers are deployed.

"The wives go back home and their parents say, 'No, you're not bringing the cat,' or, 'I don't want the dog here,'" Hall says. "This is supposed to be a last resort. I can only take so many animals."

Animal rescue groups say they've put a serious dent in wartime pet dumping, largely by using the Internet to find foster homes to care for soldiers' animals until they return home.

Steve Albin, president of the nonprofit NetPets, says he's found temporary homes for 8,000 military pets nationwide since starting his Military Pets Foster Program after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. He believes organizations like his have stopped most deployment dumpings.

"This is not rampant, where a shelter winds up being overwhelmed," says Albin, a retired dog breeder in North Myrtle Beach, S.C. "Even though this is available, there's still the 5 percent of the military, that say, 'Nah, we'll get another pet when we get back.'"

Fort Stewart veterinarian Capt. Karen O'Connor, who has taken in about 25 pets at the post's small shelter since the deployment,

says many Army families giving up pets aren't being callous, but are overwhelmed by stress.

"A lot of times when people come into my clinic and want to turn an animal over, it's not easy for them," O'Connor says. "There are tears involved. There's an attachment there."

In the Fort Stewart area, a small number of pet lovers have stepped up to foster dogs and cats that otherwise would have been euthanized by animal control.

Terry Wolf of nearby Savannah has taken in 85 abandoned dogs from Liberty County since January through her shelter, Southern Comfort Animal Rescue.

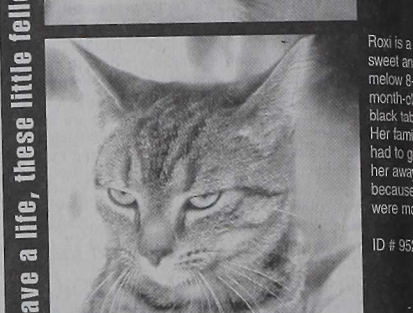
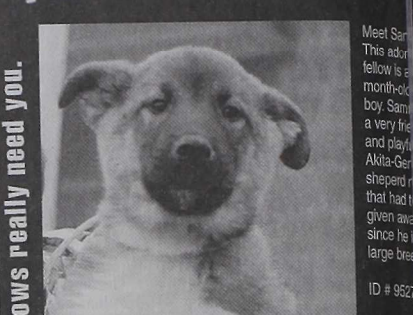
After clocking out from her public relations job, Wolf spends most of her time posting the pets' photos and information on the Internet and exchanging e-mail with potential adopters. She's found permanent homes for about 40, and foster homes for 25.

Wolf can be picky when adopting her animals. She says she's looking for people who truly want a pet, rather than those seeking to make a patriotic gesture.

"I had one lady, she was very interested in a dog, say to me, 'I want a soldier's dog. And that made me question her commitment,'" Wolf says. "We're not putting yellow ribbons around their necks here. They're all dogs of war to me."

Michelle Dombrowski of Hinesville says she's been "cleaning my carpet every night"

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Corporal Andrew John poses in front of the Budweiser Clydesdales for a picture just like many other bystanders. The Clydesdales traveled to the Main Exchange in a caravan of three custom-built vans and galloped around the parking lot. It takes five hours for the expert handlers to prepare the horses for each appearance.

Relay For Life | Northside High School



On April 8 and 9 hundreds of local residents gathered at Northside High School to offer support and contributions to Relay for Life, a fund-raising event to help find a cure for cancer. Left: Diane Doran, Denise Gartner and 2-year-old Molly Gartner represent the Clyde Erwin Elementary team. Right: Mallory Cribbs, Hannah Shneider, Stephanie Moore, Mark Pangram, Brandon Parker and Jordyn Parker pose while supporting the event at the Lock Out Cancer Jail booth. To learn more about cancer, prevention and early detection, visit the American Cancer Society Web site at www.cancer.org.

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Truck club proves to be unlike most

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Living Staff Writer

Truck Club is not your club. They make it a point

everything a typical truck club has, from rims, complete audio systems, accented interiors, and yes, modified engines. You won't see them being around town. Instead, you'll find them raising money for their

two main components in their club. They serve the community because they can and they are family-oriented.

problem is - car clubs, bike clubs - the community looks at them differently," said Bryon Gale, club president. "What we are trying to do is be unique."

the truck club in the spring of 2003. Now he sits at the helm with 12 officers - both male and female - and is planning future events.

member joins the club, his kids are included as well. They have things planned for each event and they love to share their parents' hobby. The club has made me excited,"

band and club treasurer, John Sutton, secretary. "I enjoy having my family around me. This is my hobby. If I want to fix something, I can say it's for the family."

laughed. His wife, who is also a member, didn't completely understand at first. "I was away from stock parts as a hobby," said Henry.

Davis, event specialist, said that the women are enjoying getting involved modifying their trucks. "It comes to washing it," said Davis.

laughter broke out. "They have fun and enjoy the interest that brings them all together. They wait for the next time they are together, talking about their truck gadget. When some-

one gets a new truck magazine in the mail or finds something cool on the Internet, they call each other to share the excitement.

"If you're not a truck enthusiast, you wouldn't enjoy the club," said Henry. They are Ford truck enthusiasts - not any other make is a part of the club.

Originally, only Ford Expeditions were allowed in the club, and to this day 11 of the club's 17 families own them. John Coakley, public affairs for the club, found out about the club, liked what it stood for and eventually talked Bryon into letting his 2003 F-150 be the first non-Expedition truck in the club.

"Your vehicle is your own personal thing. Everybody has their own uniqueness in their vehicle," said John. For many of us, it may just be our favorite scent hanging from the rearview mirror. For those in the club, it's extreme.

"You see the type of vehicles we drive," said Bryon. "We can give back to the others in the community." Their motto is "Expect the Unexpected" and they do things that the public wouldn't expect a truck club to do.

Last Thanksgiving, they selected two less fortunate families to provide with a Thanksgiving feast. One of the families touched their hearts so profoundly that they decided to adopt them. The grandmother was raising a combination of children, foster children and grandchildren bringing the number to eight children between ages 8 to 17.

When the club arrived with the Thanksgiving package, the grandmother was surprised and the children were so grateful and well-mannered. The grandmother was doing her best to provide for everyone while keeping the children together in a safe, loving environment.

"They needed the support and accepted it well," said Henry. John couldn't help but notice how the grandmother worked to keep the house clean and the children in a good environment. She made sure they were in church and had a strong support system.

Now the club is raising money to provide the family with new clothes and other necessities by holding a raffle, car wash and flea market simultaneously on April 23 at Street Sounds in Jacksonville.

One look at the club members' trucks will



Members of the Expectations Truck Club deliver food to the WITN-12 Share Your Christmas Food Drive and meet Skip Waters, WITN-12 chief meteorologist last December.

prove that they know how to wash vehicles. Their rides were buffed to a perfect shine as they complained about the pollen forcing them to wash their trucks more often this time of year.

In addition to their fund-raisers, they have sponsors - Street Sounds, Meineke Muffler and Todd's Auto Inc. - who believe in what they do and support them in many facets.

Many of the members are Marines or retired Marines. Currently the club has seven members deployed, and everyone has stepped up to support the spouses and family members by babysitting, fixing

vehicles or simply giving support. "We become like brothers and sisters; it's like one big family," said Henry.

Since they have such strong military roots, they are planning a Salute to the Military bus trip to Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Va., this summer so military members can inexpensively enjoy a day in the theme park. Call Monique for more information at 382-4582.

"All these guys are military or retired military. They are role models and leaders," said Monique as she talked about the male club officers. "It takes that to have a good club."

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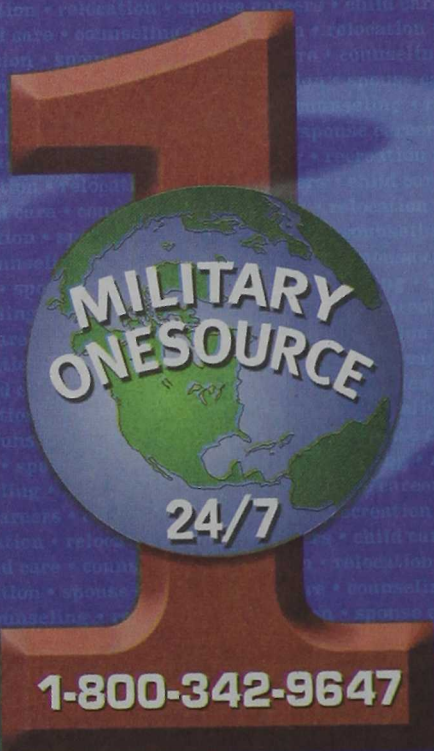
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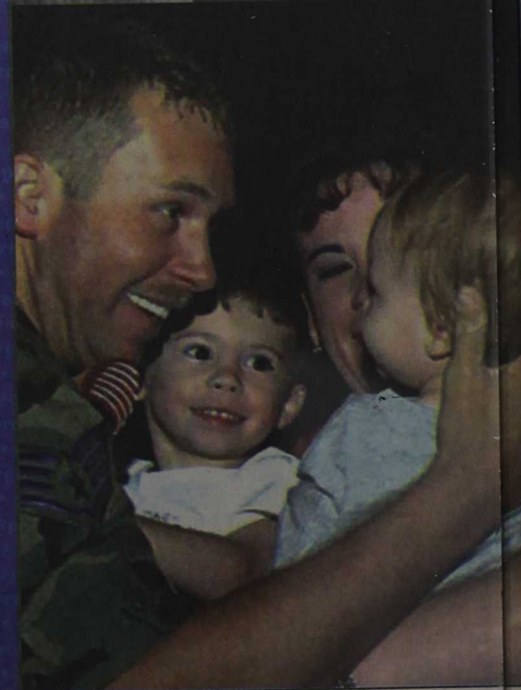
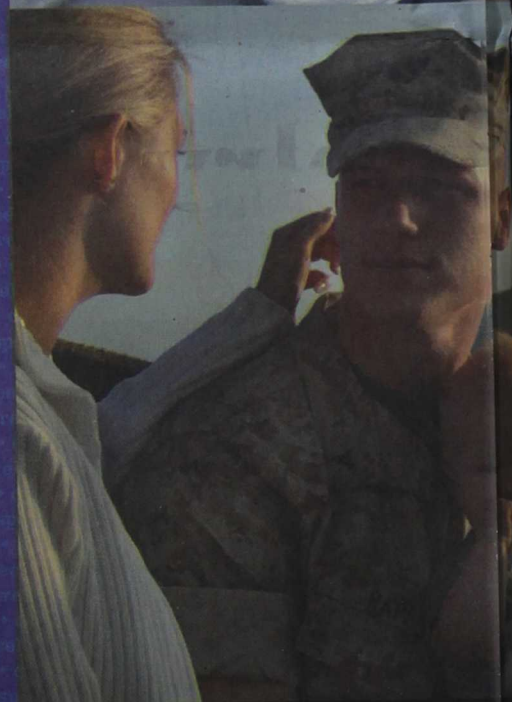
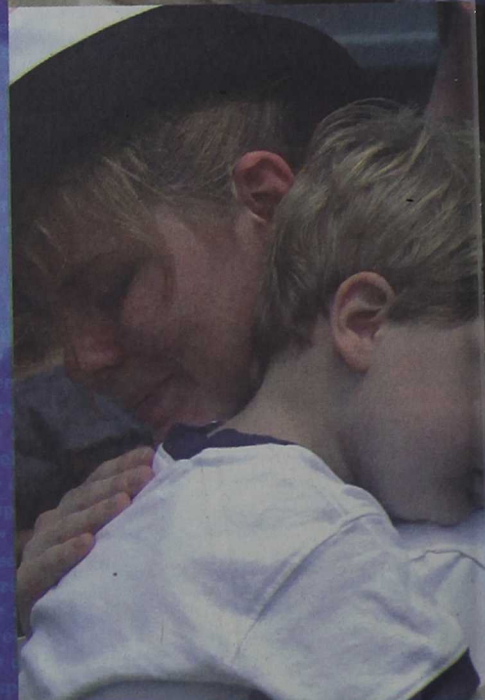
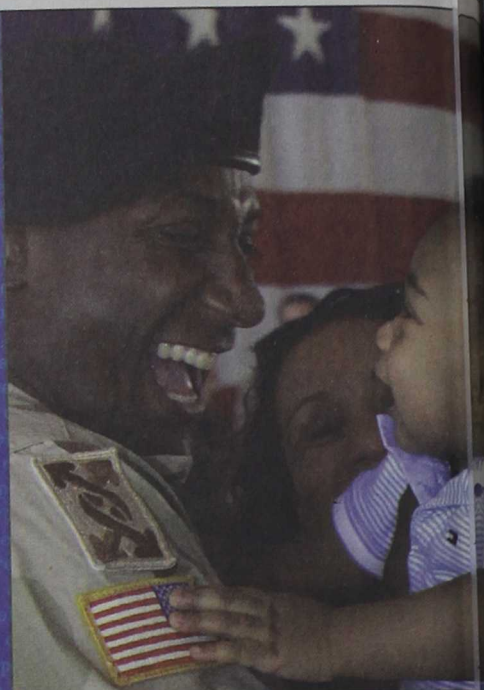
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Our unknown influence on those around us

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our personal relationships have many opportunities to be a blessing and positive influence on the lives of all who touch us. We have heard the saying, "No man is an island." That really means that no one is an island. We are all interconnected in many ways. We realize it or we don't. We can use our own influence to make our lives better or worse for others.

Last week about the time I should have been in my relationships. This is the end of other interactions as well, thinking a bit more than our 60-40 with others plain as lifting someone's encouraging smile, a hug. It can also be a frustration, so you don't feel bad. It's putting yourself in someone else's shoes, remembering how to be treated, if it was probably all had times that day went better than we didn't even know the time to be kind to someone else's influence. If you won't remember "Information Please" (the

forerunner of today's directory assistance) but it had great customer service. A story titled *The Old Phone* explains it.

"When I was quite young, my father had one of the first telephones in our neighborhood. I remember the polished, old case fastened to the wall. The shiny receiver hung on the side of the box. I was too little to reach the telephone, but used to listen with fascination when my mother talked to it. Then I discovered that somewhere inside the wonderful device lived an amazing person. Her name was 'Information Please' and there was nothing she did not know. Information Please could supply anyone's number and the correct time. My personal experience with the genie-in-a-bottle came one day while my mother was visiting a neighbor.

Amusing myself at the tool bench in the basement, I whacked my finger with a hammer. The pain was terrible, but there seemed no point in crying because there was no one home to give sympathy.

I walked around the house sucking my throbbing finger, finally arriving at the stairway. The telephone! Quickly, I ran for the footstool in the parlor and dragged it to the landing. Climbing up, I unhooked the receiver in the parlor and held it to my ear. "Information, Please," I said into the mouthpiece just above my head. A click or two and a small clear voice spoke into my ear. "Information." "I hurt my finger..." I wailed into the phone. The tears came readily enough now that I had an audience.

"Isn't your mother home?" came the question. "Nobody is home but me," I blubbered. "Are you bleeding?" the voice asked. "No," I replied. "I hit my finger with the hammer and it hurts." "Can you open the icebox?" she asked. I said I could. "Then chip off a little bit of ice and hold it to your finger," said the voice.

After that, I called "Information Please" for everything. I asked her for help with my geography, and she told me where Philadelphia was. She helped me with my math. She told me my pet chipmunk (that I had caught in the park just the day before) would eat fruit and nuts.

Then, there was the time Pety, our pet canary, died. I called "Information Please" and told her the sad story. She listened, and then said things grown ups say to soothe a child. But I was not consoled. I asked her, "Why is it that birds should sing so beautifully and bring joy to all families, only to end up as a heap of feathers on the bottom of a cage?" She must have sensed my deep concern, for she said quietly, "Paul, always remember that there are other worlds to sing in." Somehow I felt better.

Another day, I called "Information Please." "Information," said the now familiar voice.

"How do I spell fix?" I asked. All this took place in a small town in the Pacific Northwest.

When I was 9 years old, we moved across the country to Boston. I missed my friend very much. "Information Please"

belonged in that old wooden box back home and I somehow never thought of trying the shiny new phone that sat on the table in the hall. As I grew into my teens, the memories of those childhood conversations never really left me. Often, in moments of doubt and perplexity I would recall the serene sense of security I had then. I appreciate now how patient, understanding and kind she was to spend time on a little boy.

A few years later, on my way west to college, my plane stopped in Seattle. I had about a half-hour or so between planes. I spent 15 minutes or so on the phone with my sister, who lived there. Then without thinking what I was doing, I dialed my hometown operator and said, "Information Please." Miraculously, I heard the small, clear voice I knew so well.

"Information." I hadn't planned this, but I heard myself saying, "Could you please tell me how to spell fix?" There was a long pause. Then came the soft spoken answer, "I guess your finger must have healed by now." I laughed. "So it's really you," I said. "I wonder if you have any idea how much you meant to me during that time?"

"I wonder," she said, "if you know how much your calls

meant to me. I never had any children and I used to look forward to your calls." I told her how often I had thought of her over the years, and I asked if I could call her again when I came back to visit my sister. "Please do," she said. "Just ask for Sally."

Three months later I was back in Seattle. A different voice answered. "Information." I asked for Sally. "Are you a friend?" she said. "Yes, a very old friend." I answered.

"I'm sorry to have to tell you this," she said. "Sally had been working part-time the last few years because she was sick. She died five weeks ago." Before I could hang up she said, "Wait a minute, did you say your name was Paul?"

"Yes," I answered. "Well, Sally left a message for you. She wrote it down in case you called. Let me read it to you."

The note said, "Tell him there are other worlds to sing in. He'll know what I mean." I thanked her and hung up. I knew what Sally meant.

For most of us, a story like

this hits a nerve because it illustrates something we know is true - one person can make all the difference in someone's life. Fortunately, Sally had not let bitterness (about not having children of her own) make her rude or resent the little boy's calls. Never underestimate the impression you may make on others. In Matthew, we are taught: "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Whose life have you touched? Whose life will you touch in the future? You can be that positive influence someone will say made a difference. May this be said of you. I know your days and your life will also be touched in ways you'd never imagine. Remember, "Life is a journey, not a guided tour."

As always, it is my hope that this message will help you this week to, "Mount up as on eagle's wings," and renew a little of your strength to keep moving forward and find joy. (Isaiah 40:31)

Chaplain Ringo is a chaplain at Naval Air Station Lemoore Hospital, holds a doctorate of philosophy in counseling and is a certified trauma specialist.

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