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Tarawa Terrace Elementary and Brewster Middle School provide free lunch to school-age children regardless of a family's economic status. There is no sign up needed for the children to eat lunch. The lunches are a way for children to receive a healthy meal while school is not in session and their parents are working. Turn to 1C to learn more.

RV TRIP

Experience the historic beauty of downtown New Bern, N.C., and find out why it is such a tourist attraction for those near and far. Turn to 1D to read more and experience New Bern through pictures.

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ALLEN WARRIORS

Three Marines died this past week in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Cpl. Clifton B. Mounce, 22, of Pontotoc, Miss.; Cpl. Christopher D. Winchester, 23, of Flomaton, Ala.; and Lance Cpl. Efrain Sanchez, Jr., 26, of Port Chester, N.Y. Mounce, Winchester and Sanchez were assigned to II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward).

PRESIDENT MEETS WITH PRIME MINISTER

President George W. Bush met with Australia Prime Minister John Howard Wednesday in Washington, D.C., to talk about the success of their allied partnership in the never-ending war on terror. Australia has become an important U.S. ally in the war on terror. They also discussed the situation in Afghanistan and how important it is for that country to show the world what is possible when it comes to democratic institutions and freedom, Bush said. Howard said he shared the U.S. commitment to fight terrorism throughout the world. The president also said the two discussed relationships with China and North Korea. Bush said the U.S. is committed to solving the North Korean nuclear issue in a diplomatic way and that both countries are pleased that the six-party talks have renewed.

RUMSFELD THANKS POLAND

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld thanked Polish Minister of Defense Jerzy Szmajdzinski Wednesday for his country's support and leadership in the global war on terror. Szmajdzinski called his country's participation in Iraq and Afghanistan "a great experience for us" and thanked the United States' close military cooperation that paved the way for it to take place. The benefits of that mutual cooperation have been "really vast," he said, noting that U.S. support is helping the Polish armed forces transform into a "more mobile, more capable" force better able to carry out a full range of military operations.



General Michael W. Hagee, Commandant of the Marine Corps, attaches three new streamers to the official Battle Colors of the Marine Corps during Marine Barracks Washington's Friday evening parade, July 15.

Battle Colors receive new streamers

LANCE CPL. JORDAN M. WELNER
Marine Barracks 8th & I

MARINE BARRACKS WASHINGTON, Washington D.C. — Three new campaign streamers were added to the official battle colors of the Marine Corps during Marine Barracks Washington's Friday evening parade, July 15.

The Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Michael W. Hagee, affixed the Afghanistan Campaign

streamer, Iraq Campaign streamer and Global War on Terrorism service streamer during a special ceremony in which their corresponding medals were formally established to recognize Marines in service after 2001.

The executive order signed at the White House by President George W. Bush states, "These medals shall be awarded to members of the Uniformed services of the United States who serve or have served in Afghanistan or contiguous air space, as defined by such regulations, on or after October 24th, 2001; who serve

or have served in Iraq or contiguous waters or air space, as defined by such regulations, on or after March 19th 2003 or who serve or have served in military operations to combat terrorism, as defined by such regulations, on or after September 11th, 2001, and all of which before a terminal date to be prescribed by the secretary of defense."

The last streamer to be added to the Battle Colors was the Kosovo Campaign Streamer, awarded for service in various Kosovo operations beginning in 1999.

IIF Platoon wraps up Operation Scimitar

LANCE CPL. EVAN M. EAGAN
II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward)

MUWAYLIHAH, Iraq — After eight days of seeking out insurgents in Iraq's Al Anbar province, Operation Scimitar came to a close for the Marines and Iraqi soldiers of Iraqi Interdiction Force Platoon, Echo Company, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 2d Marine Division.

In the third and final phase of the operation, IIF Platoon was tasked with securing a small village approximately 18 miles southeast of Fallujah, called Muwaylihah.

Around 5 a.m. on July 12, the Marines and Iraqi soldiers of IIF platoon rolled into town and began cordon and search opera-

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Marines and Iraqi soldiers of Iraqi Interdiction Force Platoon, Company E, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 2d Marine Division, patrol in the town of Muwaylihah during Operation Scimitar.



Dave Phillips, a pipe layer with South Side Utilities in Jacksonville, operates a roll ramp while Brian Hoffman, a track hoe operator with SSU, moves dirt at one of the new housing construction sites on Tarawa Terrace I, July 12.

Privatization of family housing makes progress

LANCE CORPORAL DREW W. BARKER
Marine Corps Base

A private company, Atlantic Marine Corps Communities, is scheduled to take control of 63 percent of Camp Lejeune's family housing inventory Oct. 1 in the first phase of the base's move to privatize on-base housing through a Public-Private Venture partnership.

"Under a PPV arrangement, the ownership and management of on-base housing units will be turned over to a private company to improve living conditions and serve tenants better," said Jerry Swain, director of Family Housing Division, Installation and Environmental

Department, Marine Corps Base.

For many years, due to limited resources, an aging housing inventory and a backlog of maintenance and repairs, Family Housing around the Marine Corps has experienced difficulty in providing consistently high quality housing for service members and their families, according to Mike Lane, director of personnel for Family Housing Division.

"Many of the houses here were built back in the '40s and '50s," said Lane. "After 50 or 60 years of use, a lot of them need to be replaced and the rest need significant repairs."

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New law changes officer augmentation rules

PFC. ADAM JOHNSTON
Headquarters Marine Corps

Headquarters Marine Corps released Marine Administrative Message 316/05 July 15, listing several changes to the laws that govern the initial assignments of Marine Corps officers and

how they are augmented into active duty.

The Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 states that new officers, regardless of method or source of commissioning, will be added to the active duty list. This law is

retroactive to May.

Currently, all officers are given a reserve commission when they are commissioned. When their reserve commission ends, officers can apply to be augmented a regular commission. Another provision of the law is that all

reserve officers who currently meet the statutory requirements for transition to active duty will be made active by May 2006. The Marine Administrative Message states that the switch to active duty is automatic and cannot be declined, while all officer's

rights and obligations under their original contract will remain unchanged and that their oath of office will remain in effect and will not need to be re-administered.

To read the message, go to www.usmc.mil and click on the MARADMIN link.

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Man on the street

What are the keys to a successful marriage in the Marine Corps?



"Communication is a big one. Letting your wife know what's going on is very important."

Cpl. Ryan Morris
3rd Battalion, 6th Marines
Chandler, Ariz.

"Listening to their viewpoints is very important. Wives have it just as hard as we do, and when we deploy, they keep everything together here at home."

Gunnery Sgt. Marvin Whitehurst
Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron,
Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C.
El Paso, Texas



"Good communication. Trust is also a big issue with deployments."

Cpl. Charlotte Villarreal
Supply Company, 2d Supply Battalion, 2d
Force Service Support Group
Billings, Mon.

"You need to be committed to the institution of marriage. A marriage is like a fire - it needs to be tended to or it goes out - which is a challenge for military members with the high operational tempo."

Navy Lt. Tim Springer
Headquarters & Support Company,
Headquarters Battalion, 2d Marine Division
Marion, Ill.



"I think trust has got to be the single most important key to a good marriage."

Cpl. Chase Zuber
2d Light Armored Reconnaissance
Battalion, 2d Marine Division
Molalla, Ore.

If there is something you would like to see changed or added in THE GLOBE, e-mail Cpl. Shane Suzuki at shane.suzuki@usmc.mil

Mrs. McMenamin loses courageous fight

Obituary

II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Celia Mary McMenamin (nee Gallagher) of Camp Lejeune, N.C., died Saturday, July 16, 2005, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington, North Carolina, after a 17-year courageous fight.

Mrs. McMenamin is survived by her beloved husband of 31 years, Birg. Gen.

Joseph James McMenamin, USMC.

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., she was the daughter of Mary (Korber) Gallagher and the late Dr. James Gallagher, PhD.

She is also survived by her children, 1st Lt. Joseph James McMenamin, USMC and Midshipman 2/C James Patrick McMenamin at USNA; her brother Dr. Michael Gallagher, DDS; two sisters, Cathy (Gallagher) Marri and Mary Beth (Gallagher) Creveling.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend her funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 23, at Nativity of Our Lord Church, 625 W. Street Road,

Warminster, PA, where friends received from 9:30 a.m. until the Mass in the church. Interment follow at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 102454, Atlanta, GA 30308 and/or the Parris Island Officers Club Scholarship Fund, behalf of McMenamin, P.O. Box 5134, Island, SC 29905, in McMenamin's memory.

Arrangements are by Decker Home in Warminster, PA.

Compliance kills in love and war

Guest Commentary SGT. LUIS R. AGOSTINI

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — Who'd ever think you actually have to work to keep and maintain a happy, healthy marriage?

Weren't the dozens of flowers, dinners, movies, dating and endless chasing at the beginning of your relationship enough? The ring you're still paying for should be enough to cash in on your investment, right?

And on top of that, after coming back from a grueling, dangerous deployment to Iraq or Afghanistan, you should reassume your rightful position on the leather reclining throne as the king of the house, shouldn't you?

The answer to those rhetorical questions is a big, emphatic no.

I'm not a marriage counselor, nor have I ever attended any counseling. However, I'm still learning from simple mistakes made over the course of the nearly four years. One of the biggest relationship roadblocks I've experienced is

complacency.

Just as a Marine wouldn't neglect his primary weapon by allowing it to rust, neither should he allow his marriage to wither.

Complacency kills, both on the battlefield and at home. Once you allow your relationship to glide into "cruise control," you may very well be speeding into a marital wreck.

Claiming the role as "breadwinner" isn't enough. You pay all of the bills? So what. As much as Marines are encouraged to look at the "big picture," the devil is in the details, even in a marriage.

Small things count. An "I just called to say I love you" in the middle of the day. Instead of going to chow at Wendy's at 11:30 a.m. with your buddies, arrange a lunch date. Pick up your stuff around the house before she "nags" you. Offer to watch the kids while she goes to the mall with her girlfriends. Take a proactive approach in making your wife - or husband - feel special and appreciated, rather than waiting for the complaints to roll in.

I know, I know. We, as Marines and sailors, feel that since we carry the lion's share of the responsibilities - namely work, finance and for many of us, deployments - we've

"earned" the right to come home, kick back and veg out in front of the television while your significant other tends to your demands for a massage, the remote or a collection of requests.

But just take a second and think about all of the things you don't think about. The cooking, cleaning, the child care, all of the little favors that you call home in the middle of the day and ask for with little notice - if you don't acknowledge and appreciate the little things, the favors slowly fade away.

If it's reached the point where conversations rarely occur and you're out of necessity, put your ego aside and ask for help. There are plenty of resources available on and off base for Marines and their families, including counseling and religious programs, such as the Chaplain's Religious Development Operation (CREDO).

Hey, if worse comes to worse, talk to one of your old, salty NCOs - trust me, you wouldn't be the first one to experience this.

Bottom line - a Marine cannot claim to have reached mission readiness without family readiness and a happy, healthy, supportive home is its foundation.

Sempertoons

by Staff Sgt. Wolf



"If Baked Potatoes had HEROS..."

Support for military found in unlikely spots

Guest Commentary COL. EDMUND C. MITCHELL

My extended military family: Almost everyday I am reminded that my military family extends well beyond the participating members of the armed forces and their immediate family members.

On more occasions than I can honestly remember, I have been approached on airplanes, on trains, in stores, hotels and museums and most recently in a veterinarian's office by people of all ages.

These people usually make small talk until they ask if I am in the military (hint - the haircut is usually a big giveaway). When I say, "Yes, I am in the Marine Corps," their next comment is usually something like "You know, my nephew was in the Marines, maybe you know him." Now, I receive this question from people aged 6 to 60 and in most cases, it is highly improbable that I knew their nephew or Cousin Joe or their Uncle Fred. I play along though; that's what a dutiful son does - he listens.

The stories are almost always the same. Fathers, cousins, uncles and nephews all served in some capacity. They were Marines or sailors, or in many cases, soldiers or airmen and

nowadays they might be mothers, daughters or nieces or aunts. Most of the people I meet really don't think of the differences between the branches of service nor do they realize how big the military is. Their concept of time is also skewed, and it is not usual for them to think I might know their relative. Uncle Fred may have served during World War II or Korea, but unless he was a

close friend of my dad - then, no I did not know him. I play along though; that's what a dutiful son does - he listens.

These are good people. They are well meaning and they care. They care about the people in the military and they respect the commitment those people make in their service to our country. So, I listen to their questions and their stories about

how their family member performed a service for our country. And I respect and appreciate their stories because they are trying to connect with me and tell me that they too are Americans and that they too know the value of commitment and service - Uncle Fred sure did! Even though I may not know their particular relative, I play along though; that's what a dutiful son does - he listens.

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26th MEU Marines maintain edge with MCMAP

GUNNERY SGT. MARK E. BRADLEY
26th Marine Expeditionary Unit

ABOARD USS KEARSARGE

As many Marines and sailors of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) continue operations ashore throughout the Central Command theater, those who maintain the MEU's "force in readiness" status aboard ship are active daily in training to keep mentally and physically fit.

One example of this is the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program, as there are currently 36 Marines from Battalion Landing Team, 2d Bn., 8th Marines Regiment engaged in this intense program as they prepare for their gray belt test. The gray belt is the second of five belts a Marine can achieve in the MCMAP program.

The Marine Corps Martial Arts Program began in 2000. The program is designed around the three pillars of mental, physical and character development.

Aboard USS Kearsarge, Lead Instructor Staff Sgt. William D. Sudbrook, with Weapons Company, BLT 2/8, does his best to teach his class while they train aggressively in a small opening on the hangar deck of the ship.

The limited space aboard ship is a major challenge, according to Sudbrook. Since the program includes extensive throws and grappling techniques, much of the student's time is spent on the ground.

At Camp Lejeune, large grassy or sandy areas are used for training. The cement-type non-skid surfaces found throughout the ship; however, make it necessary to confine the training to three large wrestling mats.

Sudbrook said due to the limited space, he breaks the group into smaller ones and uses a lot of round-robin rotations. This gives everyone the opportunity to practice their skills on the mats under the direct supervision of Sudbrook and other instructors.

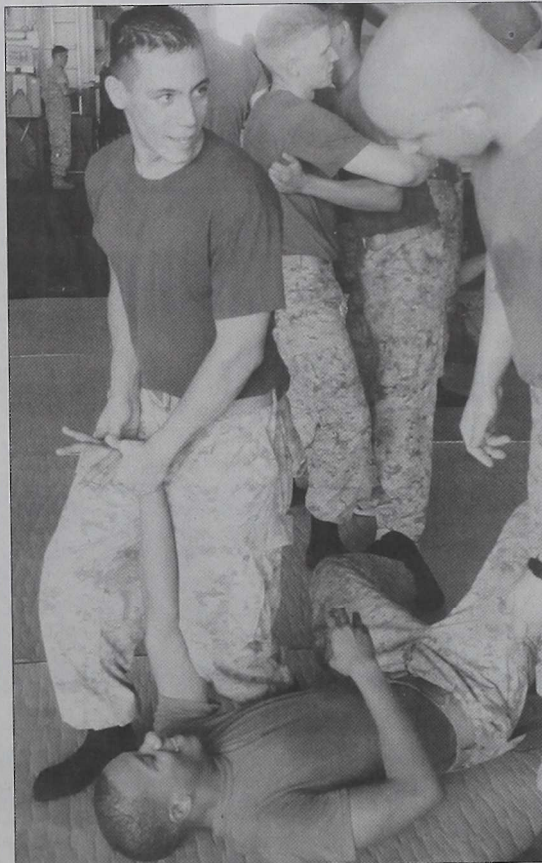
From a time perspective, he said it is easier to accomplish the required training aboard ship because of the captive audience and extra time available for training.

"There is more time in the evening hours than in the rear, since the Marines don't secure at the end of the day. We also don't have a lot weapons shops when we are on ship," Sudbrook said.

In the rear, he may get in one or two classes a week, but on ship, the Marines train every day except Sunday, he said. His favorite part of the training is when the flight schedule allows the Marines the time to train on the flight deck. "You get a nice ocean breeze and have the Harriers as a backdrop," he said.

The Marines usually train for two hours a day and have been at it for the last three weeks. Their next step in the program is the gray belt test scheduled in the coming days.

The Marines and sailors of the 26th MEU (SOC) are embarked aboard the ships of the Kearsarge Strike Group in the northern Arabian Gulf conducting distributed operations in the region while serving as the strategic reserve for Central Command.



Cpl. James L. Frohman, with Headquarters and Service Company, Battalion Landing Team, 2d Bn., 8th Marines, applies a takedown technique under the supervision of Gunnery Sgt. Mark E. Bradley aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) in preparation for the gray belt advancement test in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program. The BLT Marines are serving as the ground combat element for the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) currently conducting distributed operations in the central command area of responsibility.

Deployed Marine tells story letter by letter

LANCE CPL. LUCIAN FRIEL
2d Marine Division

CAMP AL QA'IM, Iraq — Everybody has a story; I just want this to be told right," said Lance Cpl. Benjamin Hallstrom, a 22-year-old team leader with 2d Platoon, Company K, 3rd Battalion, 2d Marine Regiment. The Clearwater, Fla., native was inspired at the beginning of his deployment to Iraq to write a book about his experiences as an infantryman in combat during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"I love to read, and I was reading a book about a hitchhiker who traveled across America and wrote of his travels. I decided that it would be a good idea to write about life out here," explained the 2001 Clearwater High School graduate.

Hallstrom participates in missions within the Al Anbar Province on the daily basis and said he has little time to start writing his book now but has found a way to keep his memories fresh for when he returns home.

"I've been writing letters home to my friends and sending them pictures as well. Usually talk about what happened during mission or just what life is like at the time," he explained.

According to Hallstrom, though he has no writing experience, he plans to take college courses to help him through the writing process.

The main purpose behind Hallstrom's book is to inform the American public

about what Operation Iraqi Freedom was like on the ground. He hopes that by doing this he can portray the bigger picture of why U.S. Forces are in Iraq.

"I want people who agree with us being here to have more fuel for the fire; people who don't, to understand what it was like here, and everyone to understand that not all Iraqis are bad people, and they want and need our help," Hallstrom said.

After being in Iraq for more than five months, Hallstrom explains that he has seen progress in his battalion's area of operation, and he wants to convey that in his writing.

"I don't think people at home see the progress we're making on television. They don't always hear the stories of the people who were there the whole time witnessing the progress and being a part of it," he said.

Hallstrom decided to be a part of history and the Marine Corps. He wanted adventure and in two years, he has had "the adventure of a lifetime," serving with the Joint Task Force in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and a deployment to Iraq.

"I love to travel. I love being out here seeing the desert and the culture of different people. Being in the Corps you see things that you wouldn't get the chance to see anywhere else," he explained.

When Hallstrom returns home, he wants to compile the letters he wrote, the

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Corpsman makes history with meritorious promotion

CPL. TOM SLOAN
2d Marine Division

CAMP HURRICANE POINT, AR RAMADI, Iraq — Paul W. Champion, 25, of Iron Mountain, Mich., made history July 15, when he was meritoriously promoted to the rank of petty officer 2nd class during a ceremony.

"I wasn't expecting it," said Champion, a hospitalman and the senior line corpsman for Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, humbly on his day of advancement. "I'm just doing my job the same as any other corpsman. I'm certainly happy I was recognized, but I don't feel like I earned it any more than the other corpsmen out here."

Modesty aside, Champion's promotion was a Navy first.

Under the Navy's newly mandated Combat Meritorious Advancement Program, Champion was one of only two sailors selected to pin on the rank meritoriously while serving in combat.

The program was created to advance sailors in enlisted pay grades of E1 through E5 in recognition of uncommon valor and extraordinary deeds demonstrated while engaged in, or in support of combat operations, according to Navy Administration message 077/05.

Just like his name, "he's a Champion," said Maj. Phillip J. Treglia, the operations officer for 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, shortly after pinning Champion's new rank insignia on the collar of his camouflaged blouse. "His actions proved that last year [in Fallujah]."

Champion was awarded a Navy Commendation medal with combat V device for his actions in Fallujah April 7, 2004 with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

"HM3 Champion exposed himself to the full volume of enemy rifle, machine gun and rocket propelled grenade fire as he gained access to a courtyard to treat a wounded Marine on the rooftop of a building," wrote 1st Battalion, 5th Marines' commander, Lt. Col. Eric Smith, in his letter nominating Champion for the program.

While exposed to heavy fire from



Paul W. Champion, 25, of Iron Mountain, Mich., was meritoriously promoted to the rank of petty officer 2nd class during a ceremony July 15. The hospitalman and the senior line corpsman for Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, was one of only two sailors selected to pin on the rank meritoriously while serving in combat under the Navy's newly mandated Combat Meritorious Advancement Program. Champion has been a corpsman for three and a half years and has served with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines for two years.

the enemy, Champion climbed to the roof using a ladder, grabbed the wounded Marine and proceeded to carry him off the rooftop to safety, according to Smith's letter.

"HM3 Champion's strong back and incredible inner strength showed

as he moved the Marine from the rooftop," read Smith's letter. "In order to protect the Marine during the decent from enemy fire, HM3 Champion used himself as a human shield for the egress down the ladder. In training, without enemy fire,

and with protective gear, very few individuals could have carried another Marine down that exposed, narrow ladder."

The Marine returned to full duty days later and continued combat operations because of Champion's efforts, added Smith.

In addition to his heroic actions that day, Champion is also credited with being directly responsible for the casualty evacuation of 12 urgent, 10 priority, 15 routine and eight Iraqi civilians with gunshot wounds and blast injuries as a senior corpsman with Company A last year during Operation Valiant Resolve.

An enemy mortar round injured Champion and five Marines, and according to Smith's letter, Champion rendered aid to the wounded Marines before seeking attention for his shrapnel wounds.

He also qualified as an Enlisted Fleet Marine Force Warfare Specialist last year in Fallujah.

"Champion is on his second deployment to Iraq with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and continues to display an outstanding level of performance," wrote Smith.

He has built a cohesive unit of corpsman, who're responsible for the treatment of 14 wounded Marines, according to Smith. Champion was also selected as the Infantry Battalion's "Sailor of the Quarter."

Chief Petty Officer Rodney J. Lewis, the senior medical department representative for the Battalion Aid Station, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, believes Champion's promotion is well deserved.

"He's been operating at and above the rank of E5 since I've known him," said Lewis, who joined the infantry battalion October 2004.

"He's dependable and mentally and physically tough."

"He's one of the most motivated corpsman I know," added Petty Officer 1st Class Nathan W. Sims, a hospitalman and the independent duty corpsman for 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment's BAS.

Champion, who joined the Navy January 17, 2002, is happy with his past three plus years of service as a corpsman and plans to reenlist soon.

"I like serving alongside my Marines," said the 1999 Kingsford High School graduate, who also has an associate degree in Criminal Justice for Northern Michigan University. "The camaraderie is great. I live, train and fight with them, and they seem to hold their corpsmen close to their hearts. We're a family."

Champion, who's a self-described "outdoorsman" with an enthusiasm for fishing, surfing and playing football, is a second generation sailor. His father, Stephen Champion, served in the Navy for 20 years as a machinist mate and retired in 1999.

Possibly the reason why he was able to carry that wounded Marine down the latter a year ago was because of his other favorite pastime — lifting weights. The 6-foot 180-pound Champion hits the gym regularly.

"I try to go a couple hours each day," he said. "It's a good way to relieve tension."

Champion enjoys being a corpsman and is content with remaining one because he "eventually wants to pursue a career in health care after the Navy," he said. "I plan on going to Independent Duty Corpsman School. I'll have to leave [1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment] to do so, but I want to return. This is my family here."

"The camaraderie is great. I live, train and fight with them, and they seem to hold their corpsmen close to their hearts. We're a family."

— Paul W. Champion

Around the Corps



Corporal Leif D. Skredsvig engages targets with an M2 .50 caliber machine gun during a training exercise June 28. Skredsvig is a CH-46E crew chief with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262 (Reinforced) attached to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit.

'Flying Tigers' crew chiefs train to engage enemy

LANCE CPL. SCOTT M. BISCUITI

Marine Corps Air Station Okinawa

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA, OKINAWA, Japan — The training scenario: A squad-sized element of enemy troops, armed with anti-aircraft missiles inhabit an island off the coast of Okinawa. Helicopter pilots must attempt to keep their "Phrogs" concealed during the flight to the hostile island, engage targets of opportunity and insert troops to take out the enemy. The crew chiefs will engage multiple targets on the island using M-2 .50 caliber machine guns.

The "Flying Tigers" of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262 (Reinforced) attached to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, stormed the island during a training exercise that took place June 28. Pilots and crew chiefs worked hand-in-hand during the training. The training counted as aircraft division leader training, aimed at developing pilots leadership in the air and aerial gunnery, intended to improve the crew chiefs marksmanship.

All flight operations require a strong sense of teamwork. When it comes to overall readiness of a helicopter squadron, the pilots control where the helicopter flies, and the crew chiefs work long hours, making sure the heli-

copters are ready for the mission.

"In Iraq, I saw firsthand how important crew chiefs are to overall mission success," said 1st Lt. Alex T. Kushnir, flight equipment officer, HMM-262 (Reinforced). "A crew chief is a jack of all trades. They are the guys who get the helos ready for us."

Before a helicopter can fly, crew chiefs inspect the helicopter, prepare the cabin in accordance with mission requirements, fuel it, and acquire all needed equipment, said Cpl. Leif D. Skredsvig, a CH-46E crew chief with HMM-262 (Reinforced).

"We're responsible for the mechanics of the aircraft, as well as operating all crew-served weapons," Skredsvig said. "We make sure the weapons are in working order and set up, so they fire when we pull the trigger."

During the scenario, 12-14 enemy troops threatened the helicopters with anti-aircraft missiles. The objective was to fly to Idesuna Island undetected, conduct troop insertions and eliminate or capture any enemy personnel and equipment.

"The training helps us build combat readiness and flight leadership," said Kushnir. "Flying is a perishable skill, and we need to train constantly to be proficient. Since we are with the MEU, we are focused on readiness because we can leave at a moment's notice."

Crew chiefs need to train on a daily basis, so that they can operate fluently when they are on a mission, said Lance Cpl. Brandon P. Pratt, a CH-46E crew chief with HMM-262 (Reinforced). They must be able to handle everything inside the helicopter and be conscious of other wingmen.

"Our job is to train constantly until we go to combat," Pratt said.

Crew chiefs have a great sense of dedication and responsibility to their fellow Marines. They put in long hours of hard work to ensure every aspect of the aircraft is prepared to complete any mission, Skredsvig said.

"Some days we pull 13 or more hours a day, but it's worth it," Skredsvig said. "I love this job. I can't see myself doing anything else in the Marine Corps."

Marine Forces Japan Rifle Team zeros in

LANCE CPL. T. J. KAEMMERER
Marine Corps Base Camp Butler

CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, Japan — The Marine Forces Japan Rifle Team is setting its sites on the 44th Annual Interservice Rifle Championship Match.

The event, which takes place in Quantico, Va., July 18 - 26, will match Marine marksmen against the other military services' best riflemen.

The rifle team's training also gives the Marine Corps a pool of experienced marksmen who can instruct and reinforce the fundamentals of Marine Corps marksmanship for their individual units, according to Chief Warrant Officer Martin W. Dankanich, range officer and captain of the rifle team.

"This competition exemplifies the Marine Corps' ethos 'Every Marine a Rifleman,'" said Dankanich. "The reality of this level of competition is that it improves an individual Marine's fundamental marksmanship skills, confidence and combat survivability."

Dankanich has been training two junior Marines for this level of competition since the marksmanship season started three weeks ago. Both shooters competed with air guns in high school.

Another younger Marine, who recently joined the team, is also preparing for competition.

Lance Cpl. Roberto Zepeda III, an aircraft recovery specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, became interested in joining after he read *Silent Warrior*, a book about legendary Marine sniper Gunnery Sgt. Carlos Hathcock.

Zepeda expressed his interest in joining the

team to his boss, Gunnery Sgt. Mark A. Facey.

"My Gunny asked me what I shot on the range, and when I told him I shot a [perfect score], he got me right out here," Zepeda said. "Marksmanship is a big part of the Marine Corps, and I take a lot of pride in it."

Dankanich said he believes the competitive and camaraderie can positively affect the individual Marine's morale and motivation, which ultimately increases the Marine Corps' retention rate. Dankanich said he remembers one junior Marine he trained who was determined to leave the Marine Corps. The corporal had made up his mind, or so he thought.

"[His mind] changed after he fired the 1,000 yard team match and his performance contributed to the success in winning that match," he said. "Shortly after return, the newly promoted sergeant reenlisted. According to the Marine, his experience with the team and this level of marksmanship had a role in his change of heart. Recharged and motivated, he stayed Marine."

Dankanich is upset by the lack of support for marksmanship even though, "No enemy has ever been killed by a basketball, softball or football."

He said he worries that marksmanship competitors have been labeled as hobbyists because these competitions receive too little attention and participation in the Marine Corps.

Dankanich said he finds it difficult to show the units how valuable the program is, because many don't want to look past the occasional high costs, which accompany sending the Marines.

"All I can promise is that there will be a tangible return on that investment," he said.

Instructor, or a Marine who has a renewed sense of motivation and dedication. The benefit is real."

PRIVATIZATION CONTINUED FROM 1A

The goal of the 50-year partnership between the Marine Corps and AMCC is to provide service members with quality housing units and improved management, which have been lacking in past years, according to the Family Housing Division's Web site, www.lejeune.usmc.mil/familyhousing.

"What took us up to three years to accomplish could take them only six months," said Lane. "It's really going to improve the quality of life for those living here."

In addition to constructing new units and repairing old ones, homes will be managed and operated by the private partner, while service members will sign a lease and follow basic State Landlord-Tenant laws, including the payment of rent and utilities based on the Bachelor Housing

Allowance rate, according to the Web site.

Although the privatization has yet to take effect, progress is being made.

"We are presently working on the Operating Maintenance and Management Plan and Community Guidelines," said Swain. "The State Judge Advocate has completed their review of the proposed lease and is slated to meet with Headquarters Marine Corps legal staff July 13. Once the lease has been completely reviewed and accepted by base officials, we'll begin to schedule town hall meetings for lease requirements."

With the final phase of the PPV scheduled to begin in October of 2007, AMCC should take over all operations by the end of fiscal year 2008.

"Privatization of family housing at Camp Lejeune is ultimately going to provide service members and their families with better housing units and more improved service," added Swain.

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Around the Corps

Moonglight flightline division ensures aircraft readiness

L. C. ALEX HERRON
d Marine Aircraft Wing

ASAD, Iraq — The flightline division of the Marine Helicopter Squadron 1 has been busy providing support to Operation Freedom for the second

time. With all of the flight hours completed sorties the division has accrued since their arrival in March, the back of the squadrons operation is their flightline division. Flightline works count down to ensure the reliability of the aircraft through scheduled maintenance and work with the aircrew with any issues that may come up during the aircraft operation. The flightline division consists of more than 35 personnel from different military occupational specialties including crew chiefs, mechanics and flight mechanics.

"We work on anything that gets the airplane fly," said James Hamilton, a flightline mechanic with VMF-1764 and Mobile, Ala., e. "Engines, rotor heads

and transmissions are some of the systems we maintain on a daily basis. We keep our aircraft flying by performing a majority of the maintenance on the aircraft."

In addition to all the same maintenance capabilities of their active duty counterparts, they also have engine mechanics that are unique to reserve units, like the Moonlight. The engine mechanics are generally used for intermediate level maintenance and not attached to a flying squadron.

"The engine mechanics can repair flight controls and synchronize gears," Hamilton said. "With the more special-

ized mechanics, we can perform more in depth maintenance tasks than a normal squadron could."

The crew chiefs also play a vital role in the success of the flightline division. Conducting their pre-flight and post-flight inspections, as well as keeping their eyes and ears in tune, looking for anything unusual while the aircraft is airborne. They are able to take care of a problem before it develops into a major maintenance issue.

"If one of our crew chiefs sees a problem, he reports that to us," Hamilton said.

"Depending on the situation and the discrepancy,

"The engine mechanics can repair flight controls and synchronize gears, with the more specialized mechanics, we can perform more in-depth maintenance tasks than a normal squadron could."

- Sgt. James Hamilton

together we get it taken care of before that bird's next scheduled mission."

The flightline division, along with the rest of the unit, is full of young Marines who know what to expect in a combat environment from their deployment last year. But there are a few Marines new to the division who are adjusting to their role here.

"The squadron went through a lot of experiences last year that I missed out on," said Lance Cpl. Jonathon D. Ayala, a flightline mechanic with HMM-764 who is serving for the first time in Iraq. "Last year, I felt like I wasn't apart of the team while I was sitting back in the states. Now, I am able to do my part to support the war effort and be an important team player."

With the squadron being deployed for much of the past 18 months, it is the families they have back home who keep the Marines performing.

"My family is proud of what we are doing here," Ayala said. "The hardest part is leaving my young daughter. But even though I'm missing important parts of



Lance Cpl. Raul Vasquez, a flightline mechanic with HMM-764 and Oxnard, Calif., native, works to repair a filter onboard a Moonlight CH-46 during a scheduled routine maintenance.

her life, deploying in support of combat operations is what Marines do. I'm where I need to be ... supporting my unit and fellow Marines as we support the entire air wings mission."

From the many war tested Marines in flightline division

to the Marines serving for the first time in a combat environment, they work together to repair and maintain the Moonlight's fleet of CH-46's so that they may be used to support coalition efforts toward a free and brighter Iraq.



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Program aims to reduce military divorce rates

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WASHINGTON — Recognizing the stresses military life and multiple deployments put on families, the services are stepping up their efforts to help their members strengthen their family relationships and avoid the divorce courts.

A full range of outreach programs - from support groups for spouses of deployed troops to weekend retreats for military couples - aim to help military families endure the hardships that military life often imposes.

Specific service-by-service statistics about divorce rates within the military weren't available, but the rates for the Army give a snapshot of what are believed to be a military-wide trend.

Army officials reported 10,477 divorces among the active-duty force in fiscal 2004, a number that's climbed steadily over the past five years. In fiscal 2003, the Army reported fewer than 7,500 divorces; in 2002, just over 7,000, and in 2001, approximately 5,600.

During the past two years, the divorce rate has been higher among Army officers than their enlisted counterparts, reversing the previous trend, officials said. In fiscal 2003, the Army reported almost 1,900 divorces among its 56,000 married officers. The following year, that number jumped to more than 3,300 - an increase of almost 1,500.

These statistics reflect a general trend in American society, Army Chaplain Col. Glen Bloomstrom, director of ministry initiatives for the Army's Office of the Chief of Chaplains, pointed out. Forty-five to 50 percent of first marriages end in divorce nationwide, he said, and the failure rate is even higher for second marriages: a whopping 60 to 70 percent.

Divorce rates run even

higher in specific occupations, particularly those that expose people to traumatic events and danger, as well as heavy responsibilities and public scrutiny, Army officials noted. Police officers, for example, face divorce rates averaging between 66 and 75 percent, they said.

Despite the nationwide trends, Bloomstrom was quick

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“If you don't have good communication skills, you can't talk about the rest of the issues.”

Col. Glen Bloomstrom

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to point out that the numbers represent far more than just statistics. “These are people we're talking about,” he said. “When a marriage ends, it's the end of a dream.”

The toll goes beyond the human side, and affects military operations as well, he said. Service members in happy marriages tend to be more focused on their jobs and less likely to become disciplinary problems, Bloomstrom said. They're also more likely to remain in the military.

To help reverse the statistics, the services have introduced new programs and pumped up existing ones, offered through their family support, chaplain and mental-health counseling networks.

For example, the Army's offerings include: the new Deployment Cycle Support Program, which includes

briefings for soldiers on how their absence and return may affect their family relationships and how they can cope with the inevitable changes; a family support group system that provides both practical and emotional support for spouses of deployed soldiers; The Building Strong and Ready Families Program, a two-day program that helps couples develop better communication skills, reinforced by a weekend retreat; The Strong Bonds marriage education program that focuses specifically on issues that affect Reserve and National Guard couples; and The Pick a Partner program that helps single soldiers make wise decisions when they choose mates.

The Army is not alone in offering programs to help its families survive the rigors of deployments and strengthen their relationships in the process.

The Marine Corps' Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program is a two-day workshop that teaches couples how to manage conflict, solve problems, communicate effectively and preserve and enhance their commitment and friendship, Marine officials said.

Participants begin the program by taking a marriage survey, developed by a retired Navy chaplain, to help them evaluate their relationship and identify problems before they become serious. The four top problems generally involve communication, children and parenting, money and sexual intimacy, according to a Navy chaplain involved in the program.

The Marine Corps program focused on what the chaplain

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Single Marine Program offers deployment support

CPL. ANGELA GETTMAN
MCCS Marketing Division

The Single Marine Program offers support to single Marines/sailors to improve their quality of life. The SMP introduces singles to the many resources offered by MCCS including educational courses, recreational activities, workshops to help deal with depression, anxiety, peer pressure and stress, as well as pre and post-deployment briefs including assistance in finding for welcome home parties. The SMP is led by an elected council of Marines and sailors who have monthly meetings to direct activities and focus points. This includes recreation, career progression, community involvement, life skills and health and wellness. They are focused on the quality of life for single Marines and sailors who may not have the family support like his married comrade.

To help support deployments, the SMP offers pre-deployment briefs that are scheduled by request of the command. This brief is geared specifically toward single service members on issues such as: vehicle storage, registration tag expiration, car insurance, personal belongings, pay allotments, emergency data, Red Cross forms, liberty call, legal, rental/leases, E-mail, Motomail and phone cards. The Pre-Deployment Brief is a discussion that includes plenty of time for questions and answers in a relaxed, friendly environment.

At a pre-deployment refresher brief June 2, Renee Valdov, a SMP coordinator, covered such topics as protection of personal belongings and the importance of financial preparation prior to deployment. One of the attendees, Lance Cpl. Colin Simonelli of

Saint Johnsville, N.Y., who is gearing up for his second deployment to Iraq said, “It's stressful taking care of financial matters while you're over there. If you haven't taken care of everything prior to your departure, the first mail you'll receive will be bills, not the letters from your family.”

After deployments, the SMP supports the troops by offering extra care for the singles. The program coordinates the rack packs that are provided by the USO. “Singles' needs differ from married Marines and sailors, in that they have no one to look out for their best interest. When the commands involve the SMP, we do all that we can to ensure that the singles are given a special taste of home when they return,” said Valdov.

Recently, single Marines of 5/10 S Battery had an extra special “welcome home.” Because

of the partnership between SMP, USO, Key Volunteer the command, their welcome home from Iraq included a video on each BEA and home made cookies, rack and special items that were by their parents. Lance Kevin Govoni of 5/10 S was one of those Marines benefited upon his return to a change in schedule family was not there to him. But, because of the SMP was able to offer a command, he had a welcome home sign and a rack waiting for him. He really needed the laundry to wash my cammie the basic hygiene items great too. I loved the made peanut butter cookies. Overall, it was the best come home I ever had.”

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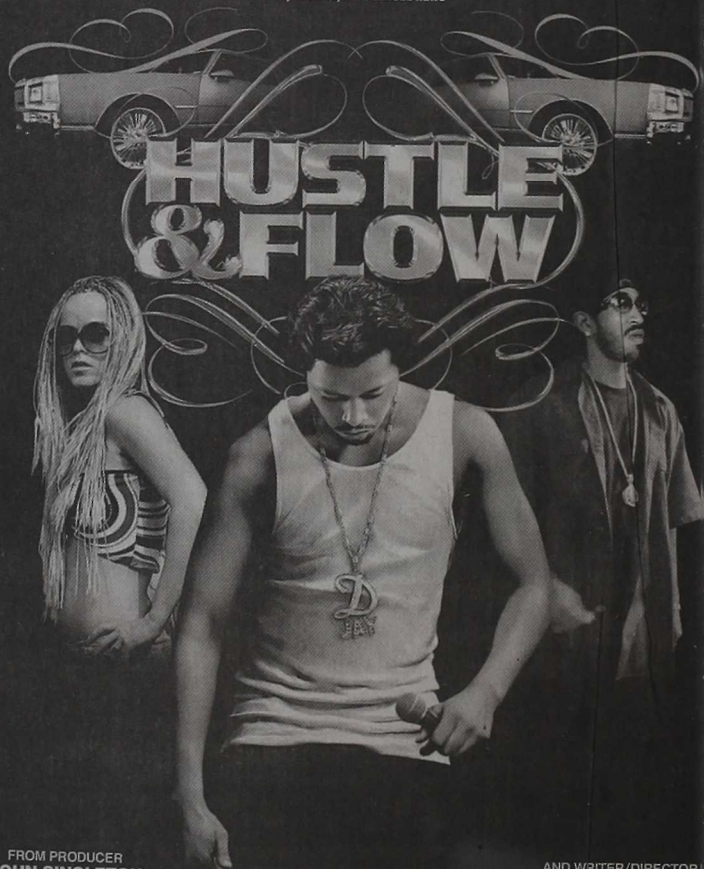
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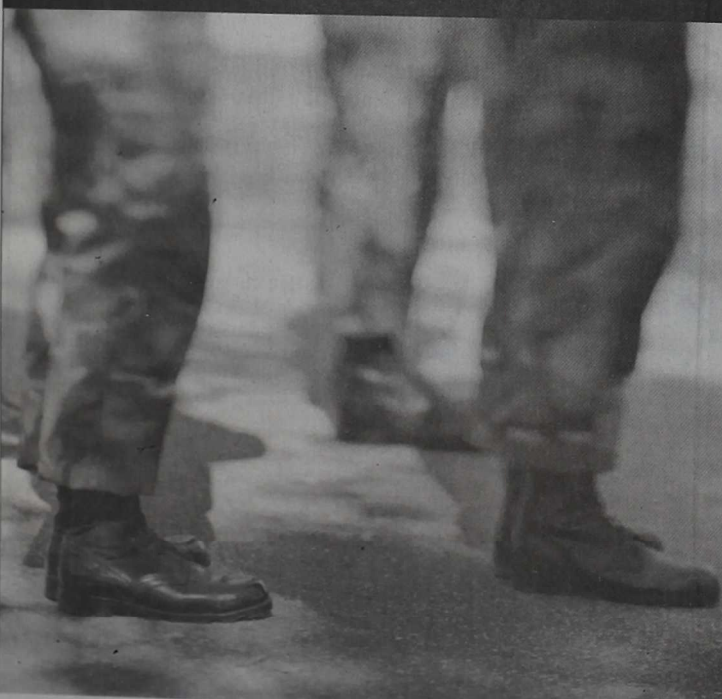
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Career | Education

2d FSSG sailor finishes up doctorate degree

PFC. WAYNE EDMISTON
2d Force Service Support Group

Many enlisted sailors set their sights on completing their bachelor's degree during their time in service. Some may even take the next step of attaining their master's. But only a proud few can say they completed a doctorate degree, and place the coveted title "Dr." before their name. Petty Officer 2nd Class Lawrence Dipaolo, a religious programs specialist and assistant chaplain for the 2d Force Service Support Group chaplains office, is currently finishing up his dissertation to complete his doctorate in New Testament and early Christianity from Loyola University in Chicago.

Dipaolo, an activated reservist from the Naval Reserve Center, Chicago, completed two master's degrees along with his pending doctorate. Proof that this sailor does not take education lightly, he joined the Navy right after his 25th birthday, the latest he could join, Dipaolo said. "I joined the reserve in a direct response of the 9-11 attacks on New York and Washington."

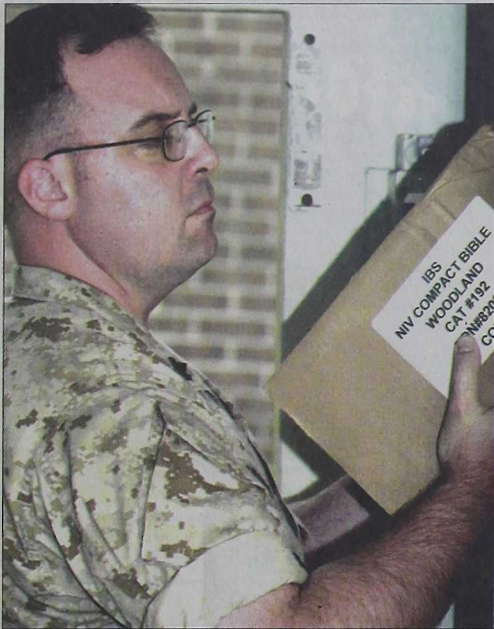
Education is something that Dipaolo began focusing on early in life out of his passion for theology and philosophical pursuit of job satisfaction.

"A job is where you will spend 1/3 of your life," Dipaolo said. "You have to do something you like in order to be successful."

Around the office, his education and maturity is something that is valued by his fellow sailors, according to Senior Chief Petty Officer Jay L. Stuckey, senior enlisted leader to the group chaplain.

"His maturity has directly impacted the growth of junior religious program specialists," Stuckey said. "He informs them about opportunities they have to excel."

"I look forward to the positive



Petty Officer 2nd Class Lawrence Dipaolo, a religious programs specialist and assistant lead petty officer for the 2d Force Service Support Group chaplains' office is placing bibles in an iso-container here June 15. Dipaolo, an activated reservist from Naval Reserve Center, Chicago, completed two master's degrees along with his pending doctorate. Proof that this sailor does not take education lightly.

influence he will have on sailors and Marines when he arrives in country."

Another aspect that is admired by his peers is Dipaolo's extreme attention to detail, which increases the proficiency of the Group Chaplain's Office, commented Stuckey.

"My organizational skills and attention to detail is one thing I use around the office more than anything else," Dipaolo said. "For example, when reading Greek and Hebrew text, one mark or line can change the meaning of the phrase completely."

When first enlisting, Dipaolo chose to work with Marines to be a part of the Corps' fight and help with the spiritual needs of its warriors.

"I chose to work with Marines because of some friends that I had back at home," Dipaolo said. "I wanted to do field side ministry and serve alongside them."

When activated, Dipaolo left behind his family in Chicago. He has a wife, Aeris, a son, Lawrence, 4, and a daughter, 1, anxiously awaiting his return.

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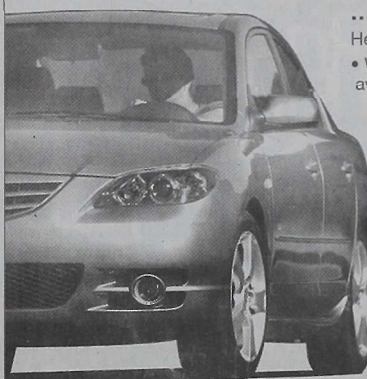
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Marine Corps Base Quantico

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. — Jonathan Agg, a car dealer who was stripped of his license for predatory practices against nine service members from as far away as Camp Lejeune, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry and Fort Bragg, has come under scrutiny again.

Janie Neff, the proprietor of Carland, lost his business and license to deal cars in Virginia as a Virginia Motor Vehicle Dealer Board ruling in June 2004 determined he had violated a number of state laws, including defrauding buyers, engaging in deceptive acts and failing to identify as a dealer in advertisements, improperly issuing tags and failing to comply with prior warnings from the state.

Most recently, a May 6 hearing by the Virginia Motor Vehicle Dealer Board resulted in fines for Agg-based Liberty Auto Sales, where Neff was working as a car buyer at the time.

While Neff was not directly implicated in any wrongdoing, his employer was fined for recording discrepancies.

Under Virginia law, a dealer license is not

required to buy cars for resale.

Peggy Bailey, office manager at the Virginia Motor Vehicle Dealer Board, said the Carland case was an unusually brazen instance of predatory practices against military service members.

"The evidence that was brought forward clearly demonstrated that these people were defrauded," said Bailey. "This was a real eye-opener for this agency. I really felt sorry for the victims who had the unfortunate circumstances to do business with [Neff]."

Lance Cpl. Jonathan Spurrier, a Quantico Marine and one of several service members not included in the original complaint, fell for one of Neff's common deceptions in November 2003. After replying to a business card posted in his barracks, he accepted a free ride to Carland's remote location where he was told to buy a car or find his own way home.

Additionally, Spurrier ended up paying more than \$13,000 for a 1998 Volkswagen Passat, which he estimated had a blue book value of about \$6,000. Later, Spurrier was able to refinance the 13 percent annual percentage rate offered by Carland at 5.1 percent with Navy

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American Forces Press Services

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Military travelers can purchase vacations to Australia for about the same cost as a getaway to Europe simply by visiting a military-sponsored Web site.

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"We're estimating these packages will be 10 to 30 percent less expensive than anything else they're going to be able to find," said Dan Yount, chief of Army Leisure Travel Services at the U.S. Army

Community and Family Support Center.

MWR patrons can purchase eight-day trips from Los Angeles to Sydney, including lodging at three- or four-star hotels with some tours, starting as low as \$1,300. It can be even more affordable for soldiers on rest-and-recuperation leave from Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

"If someone is on R&R leave out of either Iraq or Afghanistan, the government will fly them any place that is shown as their destination on their leave orders," Yount explained. "So when they're planning their R&R leave, and enter Sydney, Australia, as the leave destination, the Transportation Office will arrange transportation to Sydney."

"For soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan supporting OIF and OEF," he continued, "this is a benefit that could be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to go on a

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Veterans Affairs

Veterans Affairs offers program for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Press Release

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder is an ailment resulting from exposure to an extreme stress involving direct or indirect threat of death, serious injury or a physical threat. The trauma may be experienced alone, as in rape or assault, or in the company of others, as in military combat.

The events that can cause PTSD are called "stressors." They include natural disasters (floods, earthquakes), accidents (car accidents, airplane crashes, large fires) or deliberate man-made disasters (bombing, torture, death camps).

Symptoms include recurrent thoughts of a traumatic event, reduced involvement in work or outside interests, hyper alertness, anxiety and irritability. The disorder apparently is more severe and longer lasting when the stress is of human design.

More than 185,000 veterans were listed by the Department of Veterans Affairs in 2003 as having PTSD as a service-connected disability.

VETERAN CENTERS

VA readjustment counseling is provided through 206 community-based Veteran Centers in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam. Veteran Centers are located outside of medical facilities, often in shopping malls and other community settings.

The Veteran Center mission features a mix of direct counseling and help accessing other programs, such as psychological counseling for veterans exposed to war trauma or who were sexually assaulted during military service, family counseling, community outreach and education, and extensive social services and referral activities to help veterans improve their social and economic prospects after the military.

Veteran Centers are staffed by interdisciplinary teams that include psychologists, nurses and social workers. Veteran Center teams reflect ethnic and gender diversity and include many veterans, most having served in a combat theater of operations.

Eligibility for Veteran

Center services includes all Vietnam theater veterans, other Vietnam era veterans who accessed Veteran Center care prior to January 1, 2004, and any other veteran who served in any war, armed conflict or peace keeping mission. Eligibility for sexual trauma counseling at Veteran Centers is open to any veteran regardless of period of service.

In 2003, Veteran Centers saw approximately 130,000 veterans and provided over 990,000 visits to veterans and family members. For many veterans who would not otherwise receive VA assistance, the Veteran Centers make more than 100,000 referrals a year to VA medical facilities and another 120,000 referrals annually to VA regional offices for disability compensation, pensions or other benefits. For the third consecutive year, 99 percent of veterans using Veteran Centers reported being satisfied with services received.

VA MEDICAL CENTER PROGRAMS

VA operates an internationally recognized network of more than 140 specialized programs for the treatment of PTSD through its medical centers and clinics. One notable program consists of PTSD clinical teams that provide outpatient treatment, working closely with other VA treatment programs, including Veteran Centers and the community. In 2003, more than 77,800 veterans were treated for PTSD by VA specialists.

In addition to 97 PTSD clinical teams, VA operates five specialized inpatient units around the country, plus three brief-treatment units, 14 residential rehabilitation programs and seven PTSD day hospitals. There also are five outpatient Women's Stress Disorder and Treatment Teams. A special focus in the program has included underserved and minority populations, such as African Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans. A specialized PTSD inpatient treatment unit serves women veterans at the Palo Alto, Calif., VA Medical Center's Menlo Park Division.

The Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act (Public Law 106-117) re-established the Under Secretary of Health's Special

Committee on PTSD. The committee will assess VA's capacity to diagnose and treat PTSD and provide guidance on VA's education, research and benefits activities with regard to PTSD.

NATIONAL PTSD CENTER

VA established the National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in 1989, with a mandate to promote research into the causes and diagnosis of the disorder, to train health care and related personnel in diagnosis and treatment and to serve as an information resource for professionals across the United States and, eventually, around the world. The center consists of seven divisions with distinct, but complementary responsibilities: behavioral science, women's health sciences, clinical neurosciences, education, evaluation, pacific islands ethno-cultural and executive and resource center divisions.

The center is committed to approaching PTSD through a focus on research, education and consultation. These three threads weave the Center's work together in a way that brings science into practice and ensures that clinical concerns guide scientific priorities. The National Center has come to be viewed as a world leader in PTSD research. Current research at the center includes large-scale clinical trials, as well as studies on the epidemiology, diagnosis, psychobiology and treatment of PTSD.

Among its many educational programs, the center provides regular satellite broadcasts and publishes two newsletters, which highlight the latest developments in research and clinical practices for PTSD. The National Center also offers a monthly, 5-day clinical training program free of charge to VA staff, and maintains a nationally recognized Web site with information about trauma and PTSD. The Web site includes documents such as the Iraq War Clinician Guide to help clinicians diagnose and treat veterans returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom, and a bibliographic database of more than 21,000 articles. The National Center also provides consultation to clinicians, scientists and policy makers concerning treatment, research and education regarding PTSD.

DOD provides funeral honors for veterans

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Press Release

The Department of Defense provides military funeral honors at the burials of veterans. When requested, funeral honors can be given at any cemetery — private or government-operated. Most funeral directors make those arrangements with DoD on behalf of family members.

While military funeral honors are a long-standing tradition, it wasn't until 1999 that the rights of veterans and the responsibilities of the federal government were written into law. That law, which took effect Jan. 1, 2000, was the National Defense Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-65).

Under the new law, at a family's request, every eligible veteran will receive military funeral honors, to include the presence of a military funeral honors detail, which will oversee folding and presenting the U.S. flag and playing "Taps," either by a high-quality

recording or by a bugler. The law defines military funeral honors detail as consisting of two or more uniformed military personnel with at least one being a member of the veteran's branch of military service.

Funeral home directors must request military funeral honors from DoD, where burial is in a national cemetery or another cemetery. The Department of Veterans Affairs staff at national cemeteries help, when necessary, to facilitate a request to DoD for funeral honors at VA national cemeteries.

Veterans organizations may provide military funeral honors or may assist the military members rendering the honors. Veterans are desired at a national cemetery, they are arranged by the funeral home in advance of the committal service. A few VA national cemeteries are served by veterans groups that regularly provide funeral honors.

DoD maintains a military funeral honors website at www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil

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immediately. As the platoon arrived many of the local villagers took note, causing some of them to flee the area.

"We were looking for the bad guys — seeking out the enemy," said Sgt. Joseph Gonzalez, platoon sergeant, IIF Platoon, Echo Co., 3rd Recon Bn., 2d Marine Division. "We started searching as soon as we got here hoping to catch them off guard."

By noon, before setting up a firm base — where they could set up a tactical operations center and establish a headquarters, the platoon had searched most of the 30-40 homes in the village.

Having faced little resistance to their presence in the village, the operation was quick and effective; however, some did not get a good feeling about the area.

"This part of the operation went quicker than expected," said Gonzalez, a San Antonio native. "We accomplished the mission a lot sooner than

anticipated, but the area just didn't seem like there wasn't much here. There were no military aged males and no weapons. It just didn't seem right."

Three individuals were detained and questioned as a result of the cordon and search operations, with two later being released.

The platoon also conducted foot patrol through the village, revisiting houses that were missed during the initial search and those seemed suspicious.

A vital asset to the platoon was Cpl. Phan, 23, combat engineer, attached to Recon from Combat Logistics Battalion, Force Service Support Group, who conducted weapons cache and improvised explosive device sweeps throughout the operation.

As the platoon searched houses and patrolled the streets, the Marines also handed out more than 50 coloring books to the children, which were received with open arms. With the conclusion of the latest operation, the platoon will reset the force and prepare for the next operation.

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things he saw and begin telling the Marine story.

"I want to remember exactly how I felt out here to tell the story better," he said.

The young rifleman explained that even if he's

not able to write his book, that he will at least be able to tell his story to his children and family when he gets older.

"Whenever I feel emotional about something out here, I write and send it to my friends," he continued. "Being in combat, they say,

you feel every emotion, and believe me, that's very true. I've been the happiest I've ever been and the saddest. I've been angrier and calmer than I've ever been before, and I want to convey that through my writing, even if only one person ever reads it."

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In his civilian life, Dipaolo is currently waiting to take over a joint position as an instructor of theology at St. Mary's Seminary and the University of St. Thomas, both located in Houston. His pending position will have to wait due to his

upcoming deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The positive influence that Dipaolo spreads starts as early as on Camp Lejeune.

Whether it is teaching a class of future theologians, doing embarking bibles for coalition forces in Iraq or ministering to 2d FSSG Marines

and sailors, Dipaolo is just another example of how dedication can bring you anywhere and anytime.

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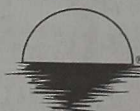


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vacation with Uncle paying a major part of expense." The Australian packages a Combined Army, Navy Marine Corps ITR/ITT program available to active people, members of the service components, retired army, family members, and Defense Department civilians. Any authorized MWR member (who can provide a DoD affiliation is eligible), Yount said. "This kind of product hasn't been available on a lot of military bases since 1999, when the Army Navy parted company with commercial travel contractors providing leisure services on many installations. And it's never been available at a price this low." Military personnel assigned to OIF or OEF and who have received authorized R leave can click on the

"R&R Troop Travel" link for more information. MWR patrons can also click on the "Great Travel Deals" link. The deals include numerous vacation packages to all eight of Australia's states.

Yount said prices fluctuate based on the season, but noted that there is no bad time to visit Australia. "Australian seasons are the opposite of ours, with winter occurring in June, July and August, and summer starting in January," Yount said. "Weather patterns are much milder than a winter in the northeastern United States or the Midwest."

New York, Los Angeles and Honolulu are the embarkation points. Travelers can make arrangements from their nearest airport as part of the travel package using a Qantas code-share partner, or they may make their own travel arrangements to those destinations.

If travelers do not have access to a local ITT or ITR

office, they can make arrangements via e-mail or telephone. A deposit that includes the full price of the airline ticket and a percentage of the land packages will be required upon booking. Travelers will have until 45 days before departure to finish paying for the package.

"Somebody who wants to book a year out is going to be able to take their time paying, and it probably won't be painful at any one time," Yount said. "If somebody wants to pay all at once and leave in a week or two, that's their privilege, too. If they make (the reservation) within 45 days, they have to pay immediately."

Yount said the Australian vacation's affordability is tough to beat. "We regard this opportunity as a great example of MWR in action to provide affordable, top-quality services and products at a price unavailable off the base," he said.

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Federal Credit Union, but still felt he had been coerced into paying too much for his new car. Now, Spurrier advises fellow Marines to steer clear of small car lots and instead seek out more reputable dealerships.

"I advise against buying a vehicle from a personal lot. There's less chance of getting scammed at a large lot," said Spurrier, who also said Marines should trust their gut instincts. "If you do get that feeling, your best bet is to go with that feeling."

Capt. L.C. Kindon, a trial attorney at Camp Lejeune and former legal assistance attorney who represented three Carland customers, said the threat of car dealership scams is an ever-present concern for service members.

"There are other Ronnie Neffs waiting in the wings to pick up where Carland left off," said Kindon. "The thing I try to impress upon my clients is to make sure you see all the paperwork. If the other side is putting any pressure on you to sign anything or won't let you think about it overnight, stop right there. If you can't buy time to show it to your

company attorney sergeant, that's the red flag."

Kindon said it is common for unscrupulous car dealers to take advantage of the youth and inexperience of first-term Marines.

"I know when I was 21 I was a humbling fool when it came to financial affairs," said Kindon. "If it feels weird, you have to be humble and say, 'Let me ask my gump.' It's a Marine's job to fight battles, not to know how to negotiate these financial matters."

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s "the mother lode of all issues" that can get marriages: communication. "If you have good communication skills, you talk about the rest of the issues," he said.

The Navy has a similar program in its Marriage Enrichment Retreat. This weekend away is designed to give Navy couples tools they need to help strengthen their marriages, according to Rachelle Logan, public affairs director for Navy Installations Command.

Participants begin the weekend session by giving a profile of their personalities, then attending sessions on marital communication, personality and family dynamics and problems associated with military separation, Logan said.

While the Air Force does not have ser-

vice-wide marital support programs, Air Force officials said individual bases offer a wide variety of programs to support military families and help them through separations, deployments and the stresses relating to them.

Bloomstrom said he's optimistic about the emphasis the military services are putting on programs for married servicemembers.

The goal, he said, is to help couples recognize and address danger signs before they escalate.

Another objective is to help military couples get more satisfaction out of their marriages by injecting a healthy dose of "fun and friendship" that he said builds up their "emotional bank account."

"We're talking about investing in the relationship in the good times," he said. "That way, when you have to make a withdrawal - as you do during a deployment - you still have enough left in the bank to cover it."

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ly operational within 90 days and cease use of existing D travel processes, according to MARADMIN 068/05, dated Feb. 15, 2005. Lance Corporal Heather L. Higgins, a TAD clerk with headquarters and Support Station, Marine Corps Base, has been using DTS for

about a month now.

"Though it's necessary, change is not always easy. Once the system is fully implemented and everyone is on board, using it will be much less problematic," said Higgins.

One of the changes Marines need to be aware of is the utilization of their ID card. It must have the Marine's current e-mail

address as well as a valid pin number encoded. Without this, a TAD request cannot be processed through DTS. If a Marine needs to update their information, they can do so at the ID card center in Building 60.

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YOUTH SPORTS CAMPS

Marine Corps Community Services and Semper Paratus are offering weeklong sports camps in June and July. Sports include cheerleading, football, basketball, volleyball, soccer and general skill development. Individuals interested in registering a youth for one or more camps, or obtaining additional information, should call 451-2177 or 451-1158.

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YOUTH SOCCER

Tryouts for Jacksonville Area Soccer Association's Under 12 Boys challenge soccer team will take place today at Parkwood Soccer Fields at 5:30 p.m. Boys born after July 31, 1993, are encouraged to tryout. Contact coach Ian Anthony at 526-9416 or 552-466-3403 for additional information.

YOUTH GOLF TOURNEYS

Paradise Point and several local golf courses are sponsoring a series of amateur tournaments for area youth. The golf tournaments for boys and girls ages 8 - 17 include: July 21, Liberty Tire Firestone Jordan Shepard Junior Classic at Rock Creek; and Aug. 8, Camp Lejeune Junior Amateur at Paradise Point. For more information, contact any course or call 451-5445.

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Dave Roberts has delivered 38 hits and nine home runs for the Kinston Indians. Wallace, who has seen many of his teammates called up in the Cleveland Indians organization, will be an important factor as the Indians look to close in on first place in their division.

Kinston Indians look for turnaround in second half

BRIAN BERGER
Lejeune Sports Editor

Crash Davis, the character Kevin Costner made famous in the movie "Bull Durham," played in the Carolina League and set the record for doubles in 1948. It was that place in the record book that director Ron Shelton stumbled across while looking for inspiration for his film. And the rest is history.

But the history of the Carolina League didn't begin with Crash Davis, though his legendary status continues to give the League a

unique lore even after his death in 2001. The history of the Carolina League began during World War II, and it began in Virginia, not the Carolinas.

Originally a two team league in Virginia, the Carolina League today boasts eight Class A minor league franchises, affiliates of the majors, stretching from Wilmington, Del. to Myrtle Beach, S.C.

In the most recent chapter of the League's history, currently being written, the Kinston Indians are looking to repeat as champions after coming back from a 2-0 deficit to beat the Winston-Salem

Warthogs in five games last year.

In the world of professional sports, the price of victory can be high. That can be especially true in minor league organizations, where success on the field often means having top players called up to the next level. That was certainly the case in Kinston, who lost manager Torrey Luvell, bumped up to Class Double-A Akron in the Indians chain.

His replacement in the dugout, the capable Luis Rivera, has struggled early in the season with a new role - he was the Indians'

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Have you been watching the latest Olympics soap opera?

THE VIEW FROM THE CHEER SEATS

BRIAN BERGER



With the eyes of the world focused on the London terrorist attacks, the International Olympic Committee continued the tradition of the Olympic Games from a global annual sporting event into a soap opera of astronomical proportions.

For the past several years, I've quietly looked on in interest in the Olympics, when in reality few of the sports held my interest or attention. It's not that I'm not interested in the sports. I just can't sit through six hours of grab-your-Kleenex biographies for the sake of watching four minutes of taped, edited, and glossy re-packaged competition.

Americans, it seems, are increasingly tuning-out the Olympics. The reaction in New York City when the massive political and public relations campaign to lure the 2012 Summer Games failed, and the Games were awarded to London, "So what. Who cares?"

With eyes more focused on the terrorist attack in London, few people took notice two weeks ago when the IOC voted to eliminate baseball and softball beginning in 2012.

Baseball and softball became the first events to be eliminated from the Olympics since polo got the axe in 1936. And that begs the question: why not synchronized swimming?

The IOC has rationalized its decision by saying it was brought about by Major League Baseball not sending its players, but when the NHL and NBA didn't send players, hockey and basketball remained. Professional bowlers do not participate, but bowling remains on the roster.

The rationale offered by the IOC is so flimsy and foreign to most American sports fans, it's no wonder it has been alleged that the decision was an effort by Jacques Rogge and other Europeans to take a slap at America, dropping our "national pastime," and the American softball team which outscored opponents 51-1 in Athens. If that's the case, though, the IOC has failed miserably in its attempt to stick it to Uncle Sam.

Olympic baseball is little more than an afterthought in the U.S. In fact, the U.S. baseball team didn't even qualify for the 2004 Athens Games. Boasting baseball had a far greater impact in Latin America and Japan, where baseball and softball enjoy fervent popularity and offer many of these nations their only chance at earning a medal.

"There are countries that don't have the opportunity to compete in other sports and play for medals, and in that sense the Latin American countries are the most affected," Julio Corea of the Puerto Rico Baseball Federation said.

In Cuba, Olympic baseball was their World Series and now it's gone.

"This really hurts Japan," Japan's Olympic Committee general secretary Tsutomu Hayashi argued. "Baseball and softball are both team sports that draw a lot of excitement."

In the U.S., few will notice the slight, if that was the intent. However, the consequences will fall particularly hard on the women's softball community and its athletes. For softball players, representing the United States in the Olympic Games was the pinnacle of the sport. There is no major league, no higher stage than the Olympics. Many hoped that the role models on the "dominating" U.S. team would inspire young girls to pursue softball, much like the U.S. women's soccer team did for that sport in the late 1990s.

"I feel one person, the president of the IOC, a person from Europe, has taken it upon himself to ruin the lives of millions, actually billions of women," Lisa Fernandez, a pitcher and first

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Schools out, kids learn moves outdoors at football camp

BRIAN BERGER
Lejeune Sports Editor

"You had a good practice today. I didn't see any mistakes on the field. Good job. So no sprains," Lejeune youth sports football camp head coach Wes Durden said at the conclusion of the Thursday morning session.

"What's this, six cups on the ground. I wasn't gonna make you run, but six cups, that's six wind sprints. That's okay coach."

"That's okay coach," the children replied in unison.

"Pain is good," Durden barked.

"Pain is good," the children yelled.

"Please make us hurt," Durden continued.

"Please make us hurt," the children enthusiastically yelled.

"We love it," Durden continued.

"We love it," the kids yelled, louder than before.

Day four of the weeklong football camp, which ran June 11-15, concluded with wind sprints.

Nobody said football camp was easy.

And while many adults might consider wind sprints a form of torture, any observer could tell from all the smiling faces that the camp participants were having a great time.

"This is the best camp ever," attendee John Bradley said.

"It rules," Shayne Jenkins echoed.

"It's good," added Ashley Ledford.

With a team of experienced coaches assisting Durden, including Glen Davis, Cedric McDonald, Marty Martinez, Sebastian Durden, Mike Santivasi and several members of the Karratti clan, the coaches divided the children into groups to run drills.

Working in groups, the coaches and participants focused on building fundamental skills, including route running, over the shoulder catching, blocking and interior line skills.

And of course, physical conditioning, teamwork and discipline, with an emphasis on having fun.

From all the smiles and evident enthusiasm, football camp, in the words of many participants, "rocked."



Lejeune's youth sports football camp head coach Wes Durden. More than 100 children participated in the camp July 11-15.

Medal of Honor winner Stockdale endured captivity in Vietnam

ONCE A MARINE

JOHN GUNN



Retired Vice Adm. James B. Stockdale, a Medal of Honor winner, naval aviator and academician, who endured seven and a half years of captivity during the Vietnam War, died at 81 in his Coronado home.

He had received two Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Purple Hearts and four Silver Stars among his 26 combat decorations. And he was the only three-star admiral to wear both aviator wings and the Medal of Honor, which was presented by President Ford in 1976.

"Our Navy is saddened by the loss of Vice Adm. Stockdale, a giant among heroes and a patriarch of ethical leadership," said Adm. Vern Clark, chief of naval operations. "Adm. Stockdale challenged the human limits of moral courage, physical endurance and intellectual bravery, emerging victorious as a legendary beacon for all to follow."

Stockdale, who retired from the Navy after 37 years in 1979, made a brief sojourn into politics in 1992 by agreeing to be the running mate for independent presidential candidate H. Ross Perot, a longtime friend. He initially was a substitute, standing in while Perot studied other possible candidates, but ended up taking part in a vice-presidential debate. Perot and Stockdale won 19 percent of the popular vote, the *San Diego Union-Tribune* reported.

He played football as a back on the 1942 Monmouth College freshman football team.

And he was a football guard at NABTC Pensacola in 1949. He played in the following games: 12-6 Troy St., 12-6 Navy JV, 0-49 Memphis St., 34-0 Corpus Christi NAS, 0-14 Southeastern La., 13-0 Memphis NATTC, 12-28 Southwestern La., 27-0 Erskine, 55-6 Jacksonville NAS. The team, with Stockdale, posted a 6-3 record and won the Naval Air Training Command Athletic Conference title.

Another future admiral on the team was Tom Kilcline. And playing for NAS Pensacola was future admiral Pierre Charbonnet.

Stockdale's heroism was defined during his imprisonment during the Vietnam War after he was shot down Sept. 9, 1965, while leading a mission from the aircraft carrier *Oriskany*. By convincing his captors at the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" that he would rather die than capitulate, Stockdale became a symbol and leader of the U.S. resistance against North Vietnamese attempts to use prisoners for propaganda, said the *Union-Tribune*.

Stockdale, the highest-ranking naval officer captured during the war, was forced to wear heavy, viselike leg irons for two years. He was tortured and spent four years in solitary confinement.

To avoid being used in a propaganda film, Stockdale smashed his face with a mahogany stool. After the death of Ho Chi Minh, he broke a pane of glass in an interrogation room and slashed his wrists until he passed out. Stockdale's captors responded by easing off him and the other POWs.

"He was a man of inestimable courage and leadership," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a fellow war prisoner in Vietnam. McCain, a Navy aviator who was shot down and imprisoned in 1967, described Stockdale as an "inspirational leader" who counseled younger prisoners on how to endure the brutality without breaking.

During his captivity, his wife, Sybil, lobbied tenaciously for humane treatment for her husband and other prisoners. She would later receive the Navy's Distinguished Public Service Award.

The Stockdales went on to collaborate on a book, *In Love and War: The Story of a Family's Ordeal and Sacrifice During the Vietnam War*, which was published in 1984. A second edition was issued in 1990, the *Union-Tribune* said.

Stockdale served as president of the Naval War College from 1977-79. As a civilian, he served a year as president of The Citadel in South Carolina, then became a distinguished research fellow at the Hoover Institute of War, Revolution and Peace.

Stockdale was born Dec. 23, 1923, in Abingdon, Ill. As a youth, he participated in drama productions staged by his mother.

Services were scheduled last Saturday aboard the aircraft carrier Ronald Reagan in San Diego and on July 23 at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. Burial will be at the academy, his family said.

Memorial donations are suggested to the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation, 291 Wood Rd., Beach Hall, Annapolis 21402; or to the Monmouth College Fund, 700 E. Broadway, Monmouth, IL 61462.

Gunn is an independent journalist and retired intelligence officer who wrote two books about Marines and their significance in football.

Raiders football returns to Lejeune

LANCE CPL. DREW W. BARKER
Marine Corps Base

After a three-year hiatus, the Jacksonville Raiders semi-pro football team returns to Camp Lejeune's Liversedge Field to play six home games during its 2005 season this summer.

"Part of the reason we chose to play at Camp Lejeune is that we've had a great deal of success there in the past," said John Davis, head coach of the Raiders. "The enthusiasm that Marines bring to the games as fans is very inspiring for the team, there's just a great atmosphere for us at Lejeune."

The team, made up of local residents, military service members and others traveling

from neighboring counties, has called Camp Lejeune home in the past, playing games at Liversedge Field during the 2000 and 2001 seasons before leaving in 2002.

The Raiders, a non-profit organization committed to using the game of football to bring economic development, affordable sports entertainment, as well as service to the community, decided on Liversedge Field as its home stadium because of its successful history here and the positive environment created by the fans, according to Davis.

"We are very excited to be playing at Camp Lejeune again," said Davis.

All of the Raiders home games at Liversedge Field are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. on

Saturday nights. Ticket prices are \$8 for ages 12 and up, \$5 for ages 8-11 and free for those age 7 and under.

The team is hoping to repeat the successes of its 2002 season by reclaiming the Eastern Football Alliance National Championship, according to Dominique Davis, the Raiders offensive coordinator.

"It's really good to be back to our real home, we love playing in front of the service members and their families," said the offensive coordinator. "With the support of the military community at Camp Lejeune, we'll be able to win some games in front of the home crowd. The fans can be like an extra man on the field, we really hope that people will come out and cheer us on."

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Youth Baseball

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A youth baseball coach paid one of his players to hurt an 8-year-old mentally disabled teammate so the boy wouldn't be able to play in a game, state police said Friday.

Mark R. Downs Jr., 27, of Dunbar, offered one of his players \$25 to hit the boy in the head with a baseball, police said. Witnesses told police Downs didn't want the boy to play in the T-ball game because of his disability.

The solicited player hit the boy in the head and in the groin with a baseball just before a game, and the disabled boy didn't play, police said.

Downs, who is a coach with the R.W. Clark Youth Baseball League, had an unpublished telephone number and could not immediately be reached for comment Friday. It was unclear whether he had an attorney.

The assault happened June 27 at the R.W. Clark baseball field in North Union Township, Fayette County, about 40 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

The 8-year-old's mother asked the state police to investigate her son's injuries because she suspected Downs wanted to keep the boy off the field, despite a league rule that required each player to participate in three innings a game, said state police Trooper Thomas B. Broadwater.

"The coach was very competitive. He wanted to win," Broadwater said.

Downs was arrested and arraigned Friday on charges of criminal solicitation to commit aggravated assault, corruption of minors, criminal conspiracy to commit simple assault and recklessly endangering another person. He was released from jail on an unsecured bond.

Eric Forsythe, the president of the R.W. Clark Youth Baseball League, said league organizers investigated accusations against Downs before the T-ball season ended earlier this month, but could not prove that he did anything wrong.

If Downs is convicted of any crime, he won't be allowed to be a coach next year, Forsythe said.

Downs had two daughters on the T-ball team, Forsythe said.

The league isn't affiliated with Little League International.

—Allison Schlesinger, Associated Press

NASCAR

LOUDON, N.H. (AP) — Tony Stewart climbed the fence in front of the grandstand in what has become his trademark victory celebration.

And a crowd of 100,000 at New Hampshire International Speedway roared its approval Sunday as he grabbed the checkered flag and pumped his fist in the air, just as he did two weeks earlier after a victory at Daytona. He called himself fat then, and this time heaped on more self-deprecating humor.

"Trust me, I'll be glad to be panting like a dog when I get up there," he said. "It's something they like and I'll keep doing it for them."

Stewart said he needs a personal trainer. "Yes, I'm still too old and too fat to be doing that stuff," the 34-year-old driver said. "I'm probably going to fall and bust my butt before it's over. I'm glad they let me go through the gate instead of climbing back down."

Stewart started 13th and wound up winning for the third time in four races, passing at will inside and outside in a dominant performance in the New England 300.

"It was as good as I thought," Stewart said of his car. "This thing was awesome from the start. As soon we got to the front, I knew we had a great car, but you don't know what they're showing."

The win was his second on this track and 22nd of Stewart's career. He also won in Sonoma, Calif., and Daytona, and has posted finishes of second and fifth in his last five starts. "We feel like we're on top of the world," crew chief Greg Zipadelli said.

Stewart began a run of dominance after passing Ryan Newman on the 51st lap. But Kurt Busch, trying to become the only driver to win three times on the track after sweeping the races

last year, got by with 60 laps to go.

Zipadelli was asked whether he thought Stewart had taken too much out of his car.

"He just told me to relax, that he'd get it up there," Zipadelli said.

Stewart did just that, reclaiming the lead as he and Kurt Busch banged twice five laps later. But he said he wasn't as dominant late in the race because the other teams began adjusting and closing the gap.

"I played with them for a while," he said, alluding to the first half of the event.

But he knew he had his hands full with Busch Brothers later on.

"Kyle Busch was able to stay with longer," Stewart said. "Kyle was almost good enough to get by and Kurt did get by. But our tires came in, we were able to get by him."

The most defining moment of the race came when Stewart moved from fourth to second lap 68 by passing Rusty Wallace on the outside and cutting inside Kyle Busch just a few hundred feet later.

Race leader Scott Wimmer nearly became Stewart's third conquest of the lap. Wimmer barely kept the lead at the line, then Stewart went by less than a half-lap later.

His Joe Gibbs Racing Chevrolet led 232 laps and beat the Ford of Kurt Busch 0.851 seconds on The Magic Mile. It was eighth top-10 finish in the last 11 races. Stewart, third in the NASCAR Nextel Cup standings.

"Tony was just too strong today," said Kurt Busch, who overcame a spinout on the 35th lap. "It's good we had a car that could come back."

Points leader Jimmie Johnson, twice a winner here in 2003, finished 13th. He leads five place finisher Greg Biffle by 77 points in the series standings. Stewart is 85 points back.

"They're on a tear right now," Biffle said. "This is Tony's kind of track."

Series champion Kurt Busch moved from 10th to fifth in the points race.

"I would have loved to have won today," said, "But we're not on our last tread."

Stewart, the 2002 Cup champion, got his sixth career victory here in July 2000. A year earlier, while seeking the first win of his career, rookie Stewart ran out of gas while holding a substantial lead with less than three laps remaining.

Third in the \$5.1 million race was Stewart's teammate, Bobby Labonte. Next came the Chevy of Kyle Busch and Biffle's Ford.

Stewart averaged 102.68 mph in a race slowed 10 times by 49 laps of caution, including once for rain, which also delayed the start by 20 minutes. There were 14 lead changes among nine drivers.

Kasey Kahne, Newman, Rusty Wallace, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Matt Kenseth completed the top 10.

—Dick Brinster, Associated Press

National Football League

NEW YORK (AP) — Southern California defensive tackle Manuel Wright was chosen by the Miami Dolphins on July 14 in the fifth round of the NFL's supplemental draft.

Wright, who was entering his junior season, was the only player chosen in the draft. He was eligible because he is three years out of high school.

As a sophomore last season, the 6-foot-4, 290-pound Wright backed up Shaun Cody and Mike Patterson. Patterson was taken by Philadelphia late in the first round of the regular draft last April, and Cody went early in the second to Detroit. Playing in 11 games, two of them starts, Wright had 23 tackles, including six for loss, and recovered two fumbles.

He had been expected to start for Southern Cal this season, but had academic problems and finally declared for the supplemental draft.

"Based on Manny's performance in the classroom, we've been prepared for this for a while," Trojans coach Pete Carroll said when Wright declared for the draft.

Nearly all 32 teams were interested, but the Eagles and Miami, which sent five scouts to his workout in Los Angeles, seemed to be most impressed.

The Dolphins, who need help on the defensive line, made no secret of their interest.

"I don't think the difficulty is evaluating him as a football player," new coach Nick Saban said last month.

"I think the evaluation is, he played behind two really good players that were both drafted, and to find out if he has the right stuff to be a consistent performer, which is questioned sometimes when a guy hasn't played as much and he's a young player coming out. But that's all part of the evaluation as well."

Wright was one of nine players in the supplemental draft. By using a fifth-round choice to take him, the Dolphins forfeit their fifth-round next spring.

—Associated Press

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time gold medalist said.

We might never learn the politics and backroom maneuvering that led the IOC to eliminate baseball and softball, but the decision clearly reeks of politics and has little to do with the sport.

"If you look at the statistics worldwide, we're in the upper half of all those," U.S. softball star Jennie Finch said regarding softball's popularity. "For them to cut it, it makes no sense."

If synchronized swimming incites the passions in one country that baseball does in two dozen, I would be amazed and confused.

But I digress. I harbor no ill-will toward synchronized swimming and its painted ladies of the pool. I also see no reason why the Olympic Games can't return to a focus on sports.

Why not add some new sports to add a little excitement to the Olympic mix?

The IOC had the chance to do just that. Instead, in their backroom haven, they voted to add no new sports. It was reported that Jacques Rogge was booed when he called for a show of hands vote, and the committee would only vote in secret. Instead of acting in the spirit and

best interests of the Olympic Games, the Committee, in hiding, revealed their true identity as a clown college. Okay, that's probably not what happened. It's far more likely that the scheming, vote bartering, and bribery occurred well in advance of the actual meeting in Singapore two weeks ago. It's just a sham, or shame, the IOC eliminated baseball and softball for what appears to be spite, then missed an opportunity to inject some excitement into the games by adding a fresh new sport like rugby or lacrosse, women's boxing or even golf. All of these, with the exception of women's boxing, used to be Olympic sports back in the day.

In 2004, the Summer Olympics fell far short of its projected television ratings in the United States. The Athens Games didn't fair much better on most nights than ABC did, on the evening when it revisited one of its sitcoms from the 1980s, with the television event *Growing Pains: Return of the Seavers*.

If the people behind the Olympics don't return to an emphasis on sports, I'll register my disinterest with my remote control. I hear Fox is planning on getting the cast from *Herman's Head* back together for a two-hour reunion special in 2008.

Kayaking provides Marines fun way to PT

CPL EDWIN CASTANO
Marine Corps Recruit Depot
Parris Island

MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT/EASTERN RECRUITING REGION PARRIS ISLAND, S.C. — A typical physical training session for the Marines of Communication Information Systems Division here would be a cadence run around the depot. However, to change the pace, Gunnery Sgt. John W. Daniels, operations chief, CISD, had something different in mind for his Marines.

July 8, he took 15 Marines and their families for an intense and fun upper-body workout kayaking. The group started on Frapp Island and ended at Hunting Island, a trip that took about one hour and 45 minutes.

The sport of kayaking traces back as far as 5,000 years, and Daniels decided to incorporate kayaking into his physical training schedule.

"I want to incorporate a new PT session. I want to do something different at least once a month. I have set up an abdominal workout with Marine Corps Community Services-South Carolina's Semper Fit Program. I want to do boots and utilities runs, kayaking, the obstacle course and the confidence course. Hopefully, I will [also] be able to bring the families together for a family motivational run," said Daniels.

Many people in the United States use kayaking as an outdoor activity, but Daniels wanted to build the morale and camaraderie of his Marines and incorporate a new, fun upper-body workout.

"I am new to this section and being able to go kayaking was a great opportunity for me to meet the Marines of my shop and to do something I have never done before. I'm glad that Gunnery Sgt. Daniels is doing this because it builds the morale and it gets everyone together as a section," said Cpl. Natalie Ramirez, cable crew, CISD.

The MCCS-S.C. office at the Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort supplies several types of outdoor activity equipment at little or no cost.

"We didn't pay for anything because MCAS Beaufort's MCCS office let us have the kayaks, paddles and the life vests for the day," said Daniels.

The group also used a public boat ramp, which is free, to launch their kayaks.

The idea of kayaking came about last year when Lance Cpl. James Hutching, technician crew, CISD, suggested it as a fun day for the office. This year, it was Daniels who wanted to kayak.

"Last year we went kayaking, but at the end, we realized that we needed some type of transportation to get back to our vehicles. Today, we didn't have any major



Master Gunnery Sgt. James Baber, staff non-commissioned officer in charge of CISD, enjoys the view while kayaking down the river around Hunting Island.



Cpl. Edwin Castano

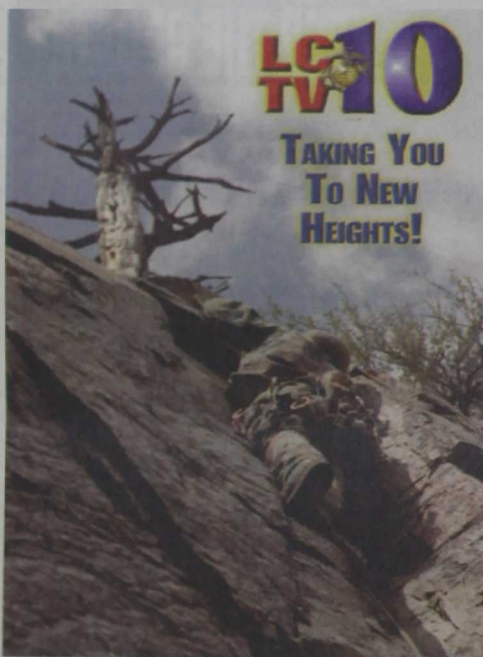
Family members and Marines from the depot's Communication and Information Systems Division make their way to shore after nearly two hours of kayaking around Hunting Island July 8.

problems, other than not having enough paddles for everyone," said Daniels.

Kayaking is not a dangerous activity and everyone can do it. The weather is one thing that kayakers need to be aware of, however. Dangerous weather can lead to rip currents and water accidents.

Daniels' Marines enjoyed their PT session and the Friday with their families. The office will be planning to kayak at least once a year, said Daniels.

"I really enjoyed being here this morning, and I will be looking forward to another fun trip," said Ramirez.



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Aging rugby star dreams of return

CPL. J.R. STENCE
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Cherry Point

July 3, three years after suffering the first of two devastating knee injuries, Ellis Graves found himself watching the Cape Fear Rugby Tournament semifinal match from the other side of the fence.

While his Cherry Point teammates lulled in a shady patch of grass beneath their red and white-striped canvas tent after being eliminated from the tournament, Graves stood out in the searing sun of an early summer afternoon in Wilmington, N.C. He leaned against the fence, his left hand gripping a section of the metal wiring and smiled. It was a quiet smile, if smiles have a sound.

Graves watched an aggressive player tackle spring Northern Virginia for a score. A wing - riding by foot speed - tore after the loose ball, recovered it, out-paced a trailing player by approximately fifty yards, swaggered into the center of the end zone and owned the ball for the go-ahead extra points.

"He believed in himself," said Graves, laughing appreciatively. "It's the eighth or ninth game in a 10-day span, but he still had that ability to shift that gear. He believed in himself."

Graves, a former U.S. Eastern National Rugby Team player, believes in himself too at the age of 40. Twice, he has torn his knee in seven places. He has been virtually out of athletics for three years, yet he believes that he can return to the top of his sport before starting terminal leave, Dec. 31, 2006.

"Can I do it? Yeah," said Graves, an avowed Christian who attributes his personal accomplishments to his faith. "What remains to be seen is if I want to."

LORY DAYS

"I was a guy who thought, 'I'm going to be fit all my life and there's nothing anybody can do to top me,'" said Graves.

The year was 2002. Graves, then 37, was at a level of fitness higher than the Marine Corps could gauge and, he said, about as fit as he had ever been. Throughout Graves' Marine Corps career, he could easily do 10 pull-ups. He claims to have set the Marine Corps' speed record for reaching 100 crunches at Camp Geiger, with a purported time of 42 seconds, in 1999. Graves boasts a time of 17:10 on the three-mile run while wearing sandals, and his fastest three-mile run times are well under 17 minutes. In 1992, when he ran a 4.66 in the 40 meter dash at the US National Rugby Camp - his fastest time since high school - Graves proved that he had a burst of speed to go along with his endurance.

In Cherry Point Rugby history and in Graves' career, 1992 was a significant year. Graves arrived at the Air Station on orders from Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., and began playing fly half, center and wing for the Point team under coach Bob Davis. Graves attributes most of his success to his time under Davis' influence; history links the arrival of Graves at Cherry Point to a positive turn of fortune for the Air Station.

Graves established himself as one of the best Rugby players in Marine Corps history by qualifying for the US Eastern National Rugby Team based on scouting reports of his play in 1992. The eastern team won the national

title, and he received an invitation to attend Life Chiropractor College in Marietta, Ga., via a Rugby scholarship.

Graves declined the scholarship and continued to play for Cherry Point until 1996. From 1993 until 1996, Cherry Point played in the Cape Fear Open Bracket, which features the best rugby teams in the United States.

"The unique thing about that team, from 1992-1996, is that we were together the whole time," said Graves.

There was a lull in military operations, between the Persian Gulf War and Operation Enduring Freedom, "so we advanced to [a high] level of strategic play," he said.

In 1995, Cherry Point team won the Cape Fear tournament, a highlight of Graves' rugby career and a great moment in military sports.

Although rugby, particularly seven-man rugby, is a low profile sport in the Western Hemisphere, there is little precedent for any military sports team entering a top-level open tournament and winning.

"We did something I don't think any other military had accomplished," said Graves.

Throughout his career, Graves has played for the All-Marine Rugby Team 13 times and the US Combined Service Rugby Team six times. In 1989, he was selected as the Most Valuable Player in the Los Angeles Winward 7's Tournament, a competition that included several players on the US National Men's Rugby Team. Graves played for the eastern national team once, in 1992, and was selected to play for it again in 1993 and 1994.

After 1996, the last year that Cherry Point competed in the Cape Fear Open bracket and the final year of Graves' tour at the Air Station, the caliber of Cherry Point rugby began to drop along with Graves' status in the sport.

DECLINE

Graves remained in top physical condition until 2002, but his days of glory began fading when he was transferred to Hawaii in 1996. He continued to play rugby, but only against other teams on the island. The level of competition was lower than it had been on the East Coast.

In 2000, Graves received orders back to Cherry Point. He returned to play for the Air Station Rugby team, which had dropped off in talent since 1996 and was no longer playing in the top division of the Cape Fear



Ellis Graves, who was selected three times to play for the U.S. Eastern National Rugby team, attempts a comeback at the age of 40 after suffering two serious knee injuries in his sport.

Tournament.

Two years later, in 2002, Graves seriously injured his knee for the first time. Graves said Davis noticed that he was favoring his right leg and advised him to take a break from Rugby. Graves didn't listen, tore his knee in seven places and was out of commission for eight months.

Then he rushed his recovery. "I came back prematurely, got seven additional tears in the knee and that broke my spirit," said Graves.

Graves' re-aggravated knee sidelined him for another eight months. Then, from Jan. 18, 2003 to June 2003, he was deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, which later became Operation Iraqi Freedom.

During the three years that elapsed between the time of his first knee injury and the end of his tour in support of OIF, Graves was unable to maintain a serious physical training regimen.

Yet, while most others would surrender to age and injury, Graves stands defiantly against the eroding force of time, either unwilling or unable to gracefully bid farewell to the sport he fell in love with 12 years ago.

THE BEGINNING

Like many of a Marine's first experiences, Graves was "volunteered" to play rugby. At his first duty station, Marine Security Forces London, England, a Marine he remembers simply as his executive officer, Maj.

Carruthers, said, "Hey boot! What are you doing today?"

"Nothing, sir!" sounded-off Graves, still in boot camp mode.

"Good! You're coming with us!" commanded the major.

Thus, on Jan. 4, 1984, at an away game against a club team from Wembley, England, Graves' love affair with rugby began. Before then, his closest experience to the sport was high school football, so he tried to apply his pig skin prowess to the rugby field.

Like football, the first and second halves of rugby games begin with a kick off. Graves could see he wasn't going to be in position to make a catch when his team received the ball to start the second half, so he did what seemed natural to him.

"I just lay what I thought was the most perfect block," said Graves. "The whole Wembley team surrounded me, but my teammates came to my rescue. They explained that I was a beginner, and the Wembley play-

ers" - in a thick cockney accent - said, "That's OK mate! You don't block in Rugby!"

"I can remember that like yesterday," said Graves. "These guys were receptive to me being in a new country and not knowing the sport. They said, 'Welcome to the sport,' and did it like gentlemen."

Rugby is like the cartoon with the wolf and sheep dog, said Graves. Each day, the wolf and the dog clock into work. The wolf's job is to steal the sheep, and the dog's job is to protect them. The wolf and the dog are enemies at work, but something happens before they go their separate ways at the end of the day.

"Good night, John," says the wolf.

"Good night, Al," the dog says. Wolf: "See you again tomorrow, John."

Dog: "I'll see you tomorrow, Al."

COMEBACK

"I would love to go out the same way I came in," said

Graves. "I don't want to be a once-upon-a-time guy."

Davis, known by his players as a straight-shooter, said Graves' goal is realistic.

"He's got that heart, that no-quit in him," said Davis. "He hates to lose. There are guys who walk off the field just like they walked on the field. He looks like he got beat with a bat."

Yet, Davis admitted that Graves has a lot of work to do to get back to top form.

"He's 40," said Davis, "and getting back to that level of play is a lot harder than it was at 30."

In his glory days, Graves was a prototypical running back with a combination of speed power and shiftiness, said Davis.

"He could make people look silly," said Davis. "He put a lot of work and energy into his fitness and his ability to play the game."

Graves, who is 5-feet, 9-inches tall, weighed more than 215 pounds before his injury. He said

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RTR, District soar as flag-football kicks off

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MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Marines, sailors and Coast Guardsmen began the Commanding General's Cup flag football tournament July 6.

Headquarters and Service Battalion's CPAC team forfeited its scheduled games against H&S's G-3 team and the Navy's Dental team, citing lack of players and a no-show in the first match-up.

Twelfth Marine Corps District beat Coast Guard's Pacific Area Tactical Law Enforcement Team 25-7, in an hour of running mouths and running bodies.

"In the first half, both teams were struggling to find their groove early," said Sgt. Stephen L. Standiford, District linebacker. "As we started to find it, we started to rock and roll."

Coast Guard quarterback Petty Officer 3rd Class Daniel Symonds threw a second-half interception to cornerback Sgt. Miguel Gutierrez, who returned for 10 yards.

District then moved downfield with quick give-and-go plays for 5 to 10 yards at a time. Once at the 10-yard line, Coast Guard's goal-line stand forced a turnover on downs.

Coast Guard scored a desperation touchdown near the game's end.

In another game, District also beat Coast Guard's Maritime Safety and Security Team 25-7.

In more football action, Recruit Training Regiment defeated Headquarters and Service Battalion's G-3 team 26-7.

On G-3's first possession, quarter-



Petty Officer 3rd Class David Arrieta tackles G-3's wideout Lance Cpl. Jason L. Johnson in RTR's 26-7 victory.

the pocket, threw an interception to RTR defensive end Staff Sgt. Michael S. Teachey, who returned it for a touchdown.

In retaliation, G-3's Lance Cpl. Jason L. Johnson intercepted RTR's extra-point attempt and ran it back 80 yards.

On the next drive, G-3 barreled for 40 yards, but turned possession over on

RTR, led by 1st Sgt. Dathan Edwards, went right to work and scored at will, but G-3's wide receiver Sgt. Michael J. Gonzales scored a 15-touchdown reception to avoid a shutout.

"If they didn't have Edwards, then they wouldn't have a team," said Villa.

Said Edwards: "As soon as I lose my step, I will give it up, but I love beating up on the young guys."

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hitting coach from 2000-2002 - and the challenges of being targeted by every team looking to knock the defending champs down a peg.

Rivera has also faced the challenge of becoming familiar with the squad, which returned 14 players, but mostly new faces to the returning Rivera. He's also had to contend with losing players throughout the first half of the season, including Cleveland Indians' 2004 first-round draft pick Jeremy Sowers.

Sowers, along with a host of other players, were promoted to Double-A Akron and Triple-A Buffalo.

Although many of the top players who began the season with Kinston have moved up in the Indians system, the team has retained several top prospects as well as talented players who, perhaps recovering from an injury or due to common personnel shuffling, have landed on the Indians roster. Among this group is Adam Miller, 20, rated by *Baseball America* as the best prospect in the Indians organization and the No. 16 prospect in all of minor league baseball.

Integrating the new players and dealing with

continuous changes in personnel beyond his control will remain a challenge for Rivera, but despite a record, the Indians are three and a half games behind the Southern Division leading Wilmington Warhogs.

A good week with a few consecutive wins, and the Indians could find themselves back on top in the stretch run.

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he could run three-miles in less than 18 minutes at that weight.

To get back to top form, Graves draws strength from his faith in Christ and looks to athletes, like Lance Armstrong, who have continued to excel past the age at which most sports players prime. Yet even

in Armstrong's autumnal success, there is a whisper of doom. For every Mike Tysons are there? It's the rarity of Armstrong's story that makes him special.

Return or no return, Graves has sealed himself a place in the chronicles of Marine Corps sports. The question is, will there be a sequel?

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Coastal Plain League - much more than Cape Cod imitation

KEITH PARSONS
Associated Press

WILSON, N.C. (AP) — Doug and Michele Inscow moved an hour early to get their preferred spot at Fleming Stadium, reserving one of the picnic tables along the first line before the hometown Wilson Tobs played a doubleheader.

A few years ago, the couple might have traveled down the road to a minor league park. But the Inscows rarely do anymore, choosing instead to support the Tobs of the Coastal Plain League, a summer collection of college-level teams with 14 teams in the region, including Wilson.

Much like the more famous Cape Cod League, the CPL offers mostly quaint small towns, including Wilson, and all over town promoted games that night against New Bern River Rats, and approximately 1,000 fans actually filled the stadium.

"It's the biggest thing we've got going in the summer," Doug Inscow said. The league celebrated its 25th anniversary this year by fielding two teams — New Bern and the Martinsville Mustangs. It began in 1977 as the vision of Pete Bock, a longtime minor league executive and former owner of the now-defunct Leigh Icecaps of the ECHL. He got the idea while traveling to watch his son, Jeff, play in the Shenandoah Valley League in Virginia. Bock often took other parents from North Carolina doing the same thing. He thought about starting a league a bit closer to home.

So, in 1997, the Coastal Plain League began play with teams based in eastern North Carolina cities — Durham, Manteo, Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Wilmington

and Wilson.

"Our first year, we really had to scramble to put things together," said Bock, now the league president. "We played at the North Carolina State field in Raleigh, which was fine, but it wasn't conducive for what we wanted to do. But once we got up and rolling, a lot of other communities started to sense what we had and wanted to be a part of it."

Getting Wilson involved was crucial. The city always has supported baseball, and it had a team — the Tobaccoconists — in the original Coastal Plain League, a Class D minor league that began just before World War II.

Plus, with Fleming Stadium, the team would have the type of facility Bock was looking for in this new venture, a former minor league park with plenty of potential.

"It's a great baseball community," he said. "It's kind of an all-American type city. Having that stadium and the love of the game, I thought it would be a great cornerstone for our league."

Everything has worked perfectly, and the Tobs still thrive.

"It's a lot like minor league baseball was 20 years ago," said Tobs general manager Mike Edwards. "It's still very much grass roots, it's very laid back. It's a lot of fun for the players, the fans and the communities that are involved."

The small town of Edenton, N.C., took its involvement to another level, using donations to purchase the team from the league in 2000. The Steamers made their debut in the second season of the CPL as a league-owned team, and when Bock started looking for someone to take over, the citizens of Edenton were scared the new owner might take away the team.

The town raised about 75 percent of the sales price of



A Florence Redwolves slugger eyes a pitch in a Coastal Plain League game against the Wilmington Sharks July 6. The wooden bat league includes several teams in eastern North Carolina.

\$125,000 and borrowed the rest, becoming the only franchise in the league owned by a community. The loan was paid back earlier this year.

In Asheboro, N.C., a group of four brothers operates the Copperheads, with Ronnie, Doug, Steve and Mike Pugh deciding to buy the team before last season when the previous owner wanted to move it.

Ronnie's son, Aaron, had played for the Copperheads before graduating from college, so they put him in charge along with co-GM William Davis. A lot of their work comes from coordinating the use of McCrory Park — the local American Legion team, as well as the high school, plays there — and making sure the locals come out.

"With this being a tight community, we've gained so

much support since the ownership change," Aaron Pugh said. "The hometown feel is really important to the CPL, and that's what we've tried to do here."

That was apparent during the Copperheads' game against Martinsville earlier this month. The game was stopped for about 30 minutes because of an approaching storm, but few people left. Instead, they stood around near the concession stand or stayed in the bleachers, catching up with neighbors and enjoying the music that blared over the PA system.

Later, during a break between innings, the popular stadium anthem "YMCA" was played, and announcer Tommy McDonald called out fans by name to help lead the arm movements during the chorus. It's a familiar atmosphere

around the league.

"I was surprised so many people come to the games," said Tobs outfielder Alex Apolinar, who is from near Dallas and plays for Division II Henderson State in Arkansas. "People get excited to come out to the games, which is such a plus. They really get into it, and that makes it easier for us to get into it."

And Apolinar got another treat this summer — a trip to the Atlantic Ocean, the first time he'd seen it.

"That was pretty cool," he said. "It was my first time in North Carolina, when I flew in. Really, we don't get a lot of time off, but that's why we're here, to play baseball."

That's one of the ways the CPL differs from other leagues such as the Cape Cod. With teams spread from

Hampton, Va., to Spartanburg, S.C. — a distance of about 400 miles — players make a lot of bus trips. It's good preparation for life in the minor leagues, assuming they make it that far.

Some of the travel was eliminated through an unbalanced division schedule, but every team plays each other at least once during the season.

"We think the purpose for the kids to be here is to improve their skill level and showcase their talents," Bock said. "We present everything to them in a minor league atmosphere. We feel like that's important."

None of the players seem to mind.

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The Single Marine Program is sponsoring the eighth annual Sand Jam, Aug. 6 at Onslow Beach. Events include a tug-of-war, a flex-on-the-beach contest, volleyball and live music from new bands. The day starts off with volleyball at 10 a.m., and the concert begins at 3:30 p.m.

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The Marine Corps Association has scheduled their Retiree Luncheon for July 27 at the Paradise Point Officers' Club, beginning at 11 a.m. Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, General William Nyland will be the guest speaker. Tickets are \$13 and reservations can be made by calling 451-5500 or 451-0487.

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Dangerous work tests Marines resolve

PFC. WAYNE EDMISTON
2d Force Service Support Group

An average day for the landing support specialists of Beach and Terminal Operations Company, 2d Transportation Service Battalion, 2d Force Service Support Group, consists of placing themselves directly under a 75,000 pound flying monster, while the wind blows in their faces at similar speeds of a hurricane.

The Marines know the certain danger of a hovering CH-53 Sea Stallion, as they connect a load of supplies and sometimes vehicles before the helicopter flies away only to return in five minutes.

According to Cpl. Jerry E. Weeks, a landing support specialist and helicopter support team leader, helicopter support teams put themselves in harms way everyday, even while training in preparation for combat.

"A CH-53 generates over 200,000 volts of static electricity created by the rotation of the blades," said Weeks, a San Luis, Calif., native. "This current runs right into the hooks that we attach the load onto."

"In order for the electricity to keep from electrocuting team members, it must be grounded through a ground wire attached to the hook before anyone can hook on the load," said Lance Cpl. Thomas L. Wilson Jr., a Waldorf, Md., native and landing support specialist with the company.

Another danger that looms above the landing support Marines' heads is the helicopter itself.

"At anytime the helicopter is seven to 14 feet above our head," according to Lance Cpl. John B. Blount, a landing support specialist and St. Mary's, Ga., native. "We have to worry about the helicopter falling on top of us while we are hooking up the equipment."

Despite the difficulties and



Cpl. John B. Blount and Lance Cpl. Thomas L. Wilson Jr. attach a load of barrels to the bottom of a CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter.

possible dangers, the landing support specialists of BTO company have no problem finding pleasure in their work.

The adrenaline rush sparked by the danger of the mission is what draws a lot of

Marines to the job, according to Blount.

The Marines piloting the helicopters above them respect and trust the expertise of the landing support specialists.

"They are outstanding and always provide awesome support," said Capt. Steven J. Payne, a CH-53 pilot with Marine Helicopter Training

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Summer program keeps kids healthy

LANCE CPL. BRANDON R. HOLGERSEN
Marine Corps Base

It is said there is no such thing as a free lunch, but school-age children can get a free meal from Department of Defense Dependent Schools at Tarawa Terrace II Elementary School and Brewster Middle School.

Congress established the Summer Food Services Program in 1989 with the belief that healthy meals should not end when summer vacation begins. The program is primarily directed toward children in needy areas; however, all children in an approved geographical area, regardless of a family's economic status, may benefit from the program, according to www.am.dodea.edu.

"Good nutrition does not end just because the school year ends," said Jan Holt, the food services director for Camp Lejeune dependents schools.

The lunches are a way for children to receive a healthy meal while school is not in session and their parents are working, according to Wanda Carey, a cashier at the school cafeteria. There is no sign up needed for the children to eat lunch.

The school feeds 300-400 children everyday at the two school cafeterias. In the afternoons, the cooks and cashiers go to the Stone Street Youth Pavilion to serve food to other children, according to Jennifer

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Environmental Conservation Branch promotes natural dune building

LANCE CPL. MATTHEW K. HACKER
Marine Corps Base

The Camp Lejeune Environmental Conservation Branch coordinated a dune building day July 9, in an effort to preserve and maintain Onslow Beach and its wildlife, while protecting the coast from hurricanes and tropical storms.

More than 30 volunteers gathered at Riseley Pier to help plant sea oats in an effort to create future sand dunes.

"Our work here has two main purposes," said Marty Korenek, a wildlife biologist with the Camp Lejeune Environmental Conservation Branch. "The first is to maintain the beach so Marines and sailors can continue to use it for training purposes, and the other is to preserve the wildlife inhabiting the beach's environment."

There were 10,000 sea oats planted. This grass was chosen because it is a native dune plant and is the signature plant found along the entire North Carolina coastal dune system, according to Korenek.

In order to plant so many saplings, the volunteers used a special technique to plant the oats and began the transformation from sand to dune.

All the volunteers lined up with plants in their hands waiting for holes to be bored into the sand with a pressured water pipe. The water they used branched

off into five hoses and came from a large tank being hauled by a tractor. As the holes were made in the sand, people would drop a plant while another placed a soda cap full of fertilizer in.

"Our goal is to establish a stable line of vegetation, which will recover as much of the sand blowing up and down the beach as possible," said Korenek.

There are three main factors involved in forming a natural dune properly, according to Korenek.

The first is a supply of dry sand to blow freely up

and down the area. An onshore wind to transport the sand is also a needed factor. Finally, a barrier to slow down and allow the sand to drop to form the dune - in this case, the barrier is the individual sea oat.

"This project is one of the biggest we do all year," said Korenek. "We put a lot of effort in organizing this project and being able to get everyone together, but it was worth it because preserving the future of Onslow Beach is in the best interest of

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An 800-foot boom, which is the apparatus that surrounds and contains the pollutants, is deployed by two ships during the clean-up process.

Lejeune emergency services train for spill response

LANCE CPL. DREW W. BARKER
Marine Corps Base

About a dozen personnel from Camp Lejeune's Fire Department and Environmental Compliance Branch, along with Coast Guardsmen from the U.S. Coast Guard's Marine Safety Office in Wilmington, took part in a Facility Response Team training at Gottschalk Marina, July 11-15.

This training took place in an effort to improve fast-action response capabilities in emergency contamination situations, according to Dave Balog, an environmental protection specialist with the Environmental Compliance Branch, Environmental Management Division, Installations and Environment Department, Marine Corps Base.

The five days of training consisted of one day of classroom lessons and four days of practical applica-

tion, or "hands on" work.

The classroom portion included instruction and lectures on the specifics of navigation, boom deployment, ship coordination and response techniques and strategy, according to Balog.

The other four days were spent responding to simulated scenarios involving the contamination of different aquatic environments including river banks, open water and especially sensitive areas.

This hands on portion of the training, which pertains only to inland waterways and harbors, consists of a number of ships working together to accomplish a series of tasks. The first step is to identify and mark the contamination plume with buoys. Once the area to be treated has been determined, two ships deploy an 800 ft. boom, which is the apparatus that surrounds and contains the pollutants, each towing an end of the

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Two-year-old Isabella Ferree prepares to plant sea oats with her mother, Eliza, at Onslow Beach July 9.

USO makes care packages for deployed troops

LANCE CPL. BRANDON R. HOLGERSEN
Marine Corps Base

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. — The United Service Organizations prepared packages to send overseas to different service members stationed June 9.

More than 30 volunteers arrived to help pack more than 300 bags with an assortment of hygiene products including toothbrushes, toothpaste and razors, according to Sharon H. Malloy, the special event and volunteer coordinator at the USO. Local church groups, volunteers and companies donated the products. They also packed different snacks, stationery and phone cards for deployed service members.

"A lot of [staff noncommissioned officers] make sure their troops get one of these packages," said Malloy. "It's a great feeling knowing this is going to go to the troops."

The bags will be sent to service members all over the world to let them know people are supporting and thinking about

them, according to Malloy. The packages create a morale boost for the troops, because some troops might not get a lot of mail.

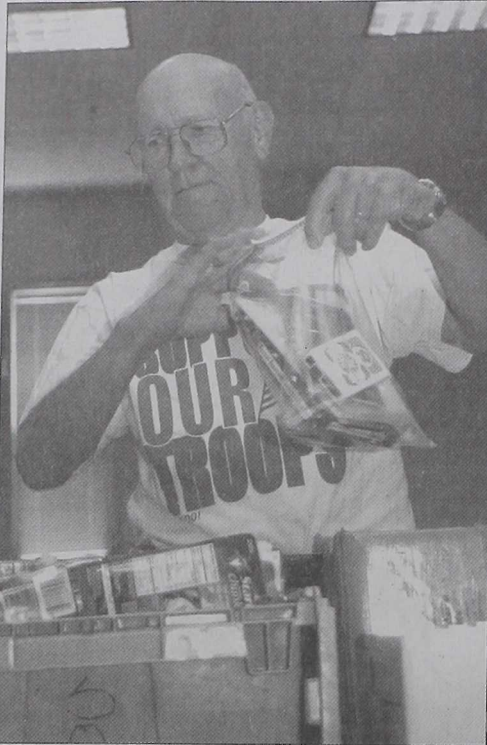
"I have been deployed, and I know how it feels to get a care package and how it feels to know someone cares about you," said Tech. Sgt. David E. Allshouse Jr., a CV-22 Osprey electronic environmental instructor. "It's a good feeling."

The packages are sent off according to mailing lists the USO receives from units when troops deploy, according to Monique Allshouse, an employee at the USO. Family members also contact the USO with addresses of service members currently deployed.

None of this could have been possible without the work of the volunteers who came to put together the packages, according to Allshouse.

"I'm glad I can do something for the deployed troops from where I live," Allshouse said.

For information about volunteering at the USO, or to make a donation, visit www.uso-nc.org or call 455-3511.



Bob Gannon, a former Marine and volunteer, fills bags with stationery at the United Service Organization June 9. More than 30 volunteers arrived to help pack more than 300 bags with an assortment of hygiene products including toothbrushes, toothpaste and razors.

RISK CONTINUED FROM 1C

Squadron 302, Marine Aircraft Group 29, 2d Marine Air Wing. It takes a lot of courage and stamina being under a 75,000 pound aircraft in a hover, said Payne. "They have a lot of guts."

The communication between the crew and the helicopter support team is pivotal to completing the mission. Before

every lift, the crews meet to discuss the procedures of the mission.

In combat, the training are added with the dangers of a hostile situation, Wilson.

"In combat, we have quick and possibly could be firing which multiplies the danger," Wilson replied. "We are putting the lives of our crew members for us and for us and for us."

SPILL CONTINUED FROM 1C

boom. After all of the toxins have been isolated, another ship called The Skimmer, which has a 1,000-gallon storage tank, collects the impurities and transports them away from the site.

"The primary goal is to contain the spill," said Balog. "That is essential. After we have control of the substance, we can focus on getting it out of the water."

Although emergency situations occur rarely, it is important that the individuals responsible for responding to such incidents be familiar with the proper procedures.

"If there ever is a large spill, we'll all have the skills to come together and respond," said Ken Humes, an emergency control specialist with the ECB. "This training not only teaches us how to respond, it also helps us maintain composure when an emergency situation occurs."

DUNES CONTINUED FROM 1C

everyone involved. It's very important we do what we can to maintain the environment here at the beach."

While 10,000 plants may seem like a lot of planting for 30 or 40 people to do in one day under the hot summer sun, the same number of plants were distributed last year as well, according to Korenek.

"It's definitely a benefit to stabilize the dunes for the long term success," said Kevin Whaley, a wildlife technician with the Environmental Conservation Branch. "Over the last year, with the same amount of plants, they have already begun collecting sand and starting new dunes, so we're

definitely making a difference."

As far as the future of beach conservation and evolution of the sand dunes, Korenek thinks the volunteers are doing well. The North Carolina coastal dunes at Onslow Beach support the wildlife that depend on the dunes, according to Korenek. The dunes will also continue to protect the land during the beach season, allowing the beach environment to evolve as naturally as possible.

"It's nice to see how we've helped the dunes in the future and watch how they grow," said Molly Ellwood of the Island, N.Y., an intern at the Environmental Conservation Branch. "And it's nice to know we're helping with the protection."

HEALTHY CONTINUED FROM 1C

Watson, a cafeteria worker and has been with the program 16 years.

The children arrive at the school by walking, riding their parents or with different clubs that bus them to the school to eat, according to Wyonia Chevis, the assistant principal at the school.

The cafeteria offers healthy foods such as fresh fruits, vegetables plus a choice of two main dishes, two vegetables and a fruit along with a dessert, according to Lillie Wilkins, cafeteria worker at the school. The fruits and vegetables brought in from local farms and are delivered twice a week to the schools.

The free lunch also gives the children an opportunity to experience different kinds of food while allowing them to make healthy choices about what they eat, according to Carey. It allows children that have not been to school to get used to the cafeteria and its environment.

Crime Stoppers

In the last week of June and the first week of July, someone driving a silver/titanium in color Chevrolet/GMC, super crew dually truck with amber lights on top of the cab and running boards stole money from two car wash locations in Jacksonville. One suspect is known to be a white male.

If you have any information please call Crime Stoppers 24 Hour Hotline at 938-3273.

Courts-Martial

Corporal Carlos A. Hernandez, Headquarters and Support Battalion, School of Infantry (East), Marine Corps Base, was convicted at a general court-martial of selling military property and larceny. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, confinement for 18 months, forfeiture of \$22,230 and reduction to private.

Lance Cpl. Ernest R. McDonald, 2d Tank Battalion, 2d Marine Division, was convicted at a special court-martial of selling government property. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 90 days, forfeiture of \$2,469 and reduction to private.

Lance Cpl. Jeffrey S. Monday, 1st Battalion, 2d Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division, was convicted at a special court-martial of violation of a lawful general order. He was sentenced to confinement for 120 days, forfeiture of \$2,000 and reduction to private.

Lance Cpl. David A. Wentz, U.S. 2d Assault Amphibious Battalion, 2d Marine Division, was convicted at a special

court-martial of wrongful use of marijuana. He was sentenced to confinement for 120 days, forfeiture of \$3,200 and reduction to private.

Lance Cpl. Nicholas E. Shannon, 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division, was convicted at a special court-martial of unauthorized absence and missing a movement. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 60 days, forfeiture of \$1,646 and reduction to private.

Lance Cpl. Jason D. Guisinger, Headquarters and Support Battalion, 2d Force Service Support Group, was convicted at a special court-martial of destruction of government property and drunk driving. He was sentenced to be separated from the service with a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for six months, forfeiture of \$4,938 and reduction to private.

Lance Cpl. Jacob L. Johnson, Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, was convicted at a special court-martial of unau-

thorized absence and wrongful use of marijuana. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 90 days, forfeiture of \$1,800 and reduction to private.

Lance Cpl. Michael R. Guy, Headquarters and Support Battalion, 2d Force Support Service Group, was convicted at a special court-martial of attempting to sell military property, conspiracy, false official statement, and receiving and/or concealing stolen property. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for five months and reduction to private.

Private first class John T. Martinek, 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 30 days, forfeiture of \$1,646 and reduction to private.

Private first class Andre L. Johnson, 2d Support Battalion, 2d Marine Division, was convicted at a special court-martial of wrongful use of marijuana.

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Private Thomas P. Harmon, Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, was convicted at a special court-martial of unlawful striking and assault consummated by a battery. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge and confinement for 132 days.

Private Travis J. Lawlor, Headquarters and Support Battalion, School of Infantry (East), Marine Corps Base, was convicted at a special court-martial of unauthorized absence, assault and disrespect. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 75 days and forfeiture of \$1,600.

Private Thomas Shaw, Headquarters and Support Battalion, School of Infantry (East), Marine Corps Base, was convicted at a special court-martial of unauthorized absence. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 75 days and forfeiture of \$2,400.

Main Side Briefs

TOBACCO CESSATION CLASSES

Tobacco cessation classes are offered to all active-duty service members, family members, retirees and Department of Defense civilian personnel. For more information or class enrollment; call 451-3712.

ONSLow WOMEN'S CENTER

Are you, or anyone you know, suffering from abuse? There is help. The Onslow Women's Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to help victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Onslow County and surrounding areas. All services are free and confidential. Call the OWC 24-hour Hot Line 347-4000 and one of their crisis counselors will be glad to assist you. The Onslow Women's Center is currently seeking for volunteers, free training is provided. For more information about the volunteer program, please contact our Hispanic Outreach Volunteer Coordinator, Morgan Flores at 347-4000 or E-mail womenctr@onslowonline.net. Hablamos español

DRIVER VOLUNTEERS WANTED

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

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT TESTIMONIALS SOUGHT

The Navy is seeking testimonials from 18- to 25-year-old sailors and Marines who have been in automobile or motorcycle wrecks and who have been saved by seatbelts or helmets. In addition, they want to hear from those who were injured because they weren't wearing proper safety equipment and who have learned a lesson about the importance of protective gear. They would like them to share their experiences so others can learn the consequences of their actions when it comes to vehicle safety. Those interested should contact Fred Klinkenberger at fred.klinkenberger@navy.mil or 757-444-3520, ext. 7314 (DSN 564).

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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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Pleasure Palace	Highway 17, Jacksonville
Private Pleasures	5527 Highway 258, Jacksonville
Reflection Photo	353 Western Blvd, Jacksonville
Smitty's R&R	Highway 17, Jacksonville
Talk of the Town II	114 Texie Lane, Jacksonville
Tender Touch	Highway 258, Jacksonville
Veterans Affairs Services	La Miranda, Calif.
Club Classics	New Bern
Club Liquid	240 US 70 West, Havelock
Five Points Variety Center	508 Kilmarnick St., New Bern
Botta Booms	3054 Wilmington Highway, Jacksonville
Carland	George Washington Highway, Tabb, Va.
Centennial Enterprises, Inc.	Thousand Oaks, Calif.
Joshua Experience/Club Access	200 Golden Oak Ct., Virginia Beach, Va.
Student Assistance Co.	244 S. Randal Rd., Elgin, Ill.

Hotline numbers to report fraud, waste, abuse and corruption

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Inspector General, Marine Corps	703-614-1348/1349/1698
Camp Lejeune (Recorded line)	451-3928
Hearing impaired	451-2999
To report business fraud	451-3928

Camp Lejeune School Board elections set for Sept. 15

ANCE CPL. MATTHEW K. HACKER
Combat Correspondent

The Camp Lejeune School Board elections are scheduled to place Sept. 15 to decide who will lead the Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools' students into the future of education.

The election takes place annually depending on the decision to fill vacant positions and the annual election to fill empty positions, according to Robert Brinton, the superintendent of the school board. Any service member or spouse currently residing in permanent housing on Camp Lejeune or in the Corps Air Station New River, N.C., and having a child enrolled in one of the schools, may be eligible for candidacy.

Candidates who run will be elected by a majority vote from the parents, according to Brinton. While parents or legal guardians of enrolled students may be eligible to take part in the election of the school board members,

An elected board member will serve their specific position and carry out their duty for a term of

three years, unless the needs of the Marine Corps take them to an area outside the school district, according to Brinton.

Eligible voters are also parents or legal guardians with a child enrolled in Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools at the time of the election. Each parent or guardian is entitled to one vote and must do so in person at the time of the election.

Voters cast their vote by secret ballot on the day of the election at one of eight voting sites. A mass list of eligible voters will be housed at each location, and each person will be required to show proof of identification before voting.

"Elected board members of the CLDS School Board will provide guidance and direction for continual improvement in our schools throughout the district, while representing a broad range of constituent groups," said Brinton.

Being a board member is an opportunity for active parental involvement in the school system, according to Annette Tesch, chair of the school board.

"As a board, we don't have the same influence in policy-making or personnel issues as our counterparts in Onslow County do, but we have

an important advisory role to the superintendent and we work well together as a team," said Tesch. "Each board member represents one of the eight schools and brings the accolades and concerns of the parents and students to the board's and superintendent's attention."

Having parents or legal guardians of students attending the schools can be beneficial for the student's academic achievement, according to Brinton.

"Research is clear in terms of active parental-community involvement," said Brinton. "There is a direct correlation between high parent involvement and increased student achievement."

Natural leaders and ideal role models in the position of educa-

tional authority also help build a well-balanced community, according to Tesch.

"Action can be taken to help support administrators, teachers and students who help build a sense of community that is always needed due to the ever-changing dynamic we call Camp Lejeune and New River," said Tesch, who's running for re-election.

Once the new school board is elected, they will convene in September to choose their chair and vice-chair from within their ranks. "At this point, we are just beginning to have individuals pick up their application," said Rebecca Humphrey, the secretary with the superintendent's office.

The applications are due to the

superintendent's office no later than Aug. 29.

"By early August last year, they had 13 applications for six vacancies — there are currently nine board members and seven vacancies this year, so the need for candidates is definitely great," said Humphrey.

As a whole, the school offers an educational environment with a sense of a personal community to students and parents alike.

"The school board provides assistance in charting the future of our schools with the ultimate goal of making a very, very good school system even better," said Brinton.

The election will take place at each of the schools by Sept. 15 from 7:30 a.m. — 5 p.m.

Individuals who would like to learn more about the school board and the election process may contact Rebecca Humphrey at the Community Superintendent's Office at 451-2461.

The application packet is available at: www.am.dodea.edu/lejeune or may be picked up at any one of the eight base schools and the superintendent's office.

"The school board is a powerful mechanism in terms of keeping both the parents and community informed and involved in the decision-making process," said Brinton. "The election is an extremely important event and exciting time because it provides an opportunity to involve new members in the process."

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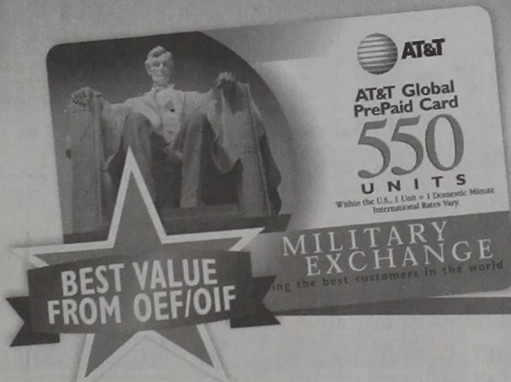
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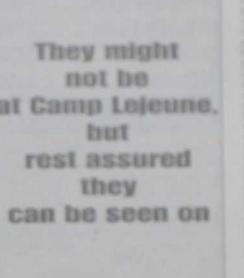
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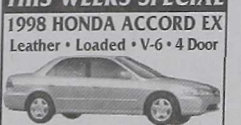
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Lejeune happenings

SHRIMP COOK OFF

A great recipe featuring shrimp? The Lejeune Shrimp Festival will feature a cook-off Aug. 14. No fee, but your recipe must be original and should be submitted by July 29. First prize is a \$500 gift certificate. Rules and information can be found at www.sneadsferryshrimpfestival.com.

LONG BRIDGES

Onslow County Men's Syndrome Support Group meets every fourth Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at Onslow Memorial Hospital Education Building. For more information, call 577-3969.

SCHEON

Marine Corps Association will have a free and Professional Scheon Wednesday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Paradise Point O'Club. Reservations can be made at the MCA Bookstore in Exchange Annex or by calling 451-0487.

DOLLS

Daddy Dolls will be at Midway Park Community Center Aug. 6 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free pictures with your order. For more information, call 6-2730 or e-mail dmmin@daddydolls.com.

BACK TO SCHOOL CONCERT SERIES

Back up the family, lawn chairs and blankets to join the Onslow County Parks and Recreation and Onslow County Public Library each Thursday in August from 8:30 p.m. for musical entertainment featuring local performers, plus free pizzas. The concerts will be at the Onslow County Public Library located at 58 East Doris Ave. In case of rain, concerts will be inside the library's meeting room. For more information, call 347-332.

OPEN AUDITIONS

The United Service Organizations is conducting open auditions for singers, dancers and musicians for the next USO Cabaret, a Motown tribute Wednesday from 8:30 - 8:30 p.m. and July 31 from 2 - 4 p.m. All applicants must be at least 18 years of age. For more information, call 355-3411.

RAID FOR THE BUILD

Onslow County Habitat for Humanity will host a 100 mile long motorcycle ride and poker run Saturday to raise funds. The ride begins 10 a.m. from New River Harley-Davidson and ends with lunch at Texas Roadhouse. Call 381-5899 to register.

SAND JAM PRE-PARTY

Marine Corps Community Services will have a Sand Jam pre-party Aug. 3 at Sharp Shooters at 7 p.m. for pre-qualification in the Budweiser Flex-on-the-Beach Aug. 6. Tune your radio to 96.3 or 103.7 or call 451-5604 for more information.

New Bern



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Downtown region brings history to life

Story and Photos
HEATHER CARUSO
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New Bern, N.C., has a way of making history fun. Pieces of the town's nearly 300-year existence flourish in its downtown area through many different avenues of exploration.

It is easily recognizable that the city takes pride in its downtown. Local businesses still thrive in the two-story shops. The beautifully landscaped streets encourage visitors to explore, while the old alleyways turned peaceful sitting parks allow resting time to sip on a soft drink from the Pepsi-Cola birthplace soda shop and dive into sweet, creamy fudge from Bear City Fudge Company made right in New Bern.

While strolling through the quaint downtown district on any given summer day, it wouldn't be unusual to meet several visitors from various parts of the United States. In fact, on a narrated trolley ride through the beautiful historical downtown residential area last Thursday, 18 passengers hailed from six states.

"New Bern has the dynamics that other towns would like to have," said Greg Smith, manager of Mitchell Hardware, the most popular hardware store of locals and visitors alike.

When you walk into Mitchell Hardware located in the heart of downtown New Bern, it reminds you of places grandpa and grandma told stories about. The wooden floor squeaks, items line the shelves from floor to ceiling and nails are still measured out by the pound into brown paper bags. There's something about the place that makes you smile as you search the shelves lined with everything from plumbing supplies and Sevin Dust to handmade pottery and cast iron cookware.

"Hardware stores were known for having a little bit of everything, and this store still has a little bit of everything," said Smith. Visitors from the older generation hold back tears as they are taken back in time to yesteryear, and wide-eyed children are amazed by this unique store they've only seen in movies.

Smith encourages visitors to fully absorb the old-time hardware store experience. "I want them to touch everything unlike the world that is covered in plastic," Smith added.

More history awaits at Tryon Palace, North Carolina's first capi-

tal. A whole day could effortlessly be spent experiencing life in the late 1700's at Tryon Palace; however, balancing the day at the magnificent palace with the revitalized downtown district will not only show visitors New Bern's beginning but its progression to present time. By exploring Tryon Palace and the rich downtown region surrounding it, you experience every point in the town's history from statehood, through the Civil War, past the yellow fever epidemic, continuing all the way to modern art and eateries.

Tryon Palace was named best historic site for the Research Triangle, Raleigh and east coast area by *Metro Magazine* in its sixth annual MetroBravo Awards. Once you enter through the palace gates, you enter into the 18th century with tour guides and servants dressed the part. The two-story Georgian palace completed in 1770 was the most talked-about public building in the American Colonies. Royal Gov. William Tryon and his wife were the first to call the palace home, and they still roam the palace in the form of first-person characters that interact with the guests oblivious to the fact that it's the 21st century.

The palace burned to the ground in 1798, but 150 years later the palace was reconstructed and furnished using the original architect's drawings. Outside of the captivating palace walls are 14 beautifully landscaped gardens along with stables, a blacksmith shop and kitchen office. Visitors experience the lives of servants with authentic demonstrations from the cooks, weaver, spinner and blacksmith. The palace provides much more than history facts; it provides a hands-on fun.

"Frankly, I think we are very much like Charleston before it got so huge. You just have to come and allow some time to stay here to really tour and get the full experience of what we offer," said Nancy Hawley, communications and marketing manager for Tryon Palace. "You've got a colonial Williamsburg in your backyard - Tryon Palace."

In addition to the palace and its grounds, the nearly 84,000 yearly visitors get to tour three additional historical houses surrounding the palace, including one that lodged George Washington on his southern tour as the new president in 1791.

"I realize on Lejeune there are a lot of young spouses who are new to the Marine Corps and their husbands are deployed. This is a won-



New Bern's downtown district is rich in history. The surrounding pictures represent Tryon Palace, views from the New Bern Trolley Tour and downtown shops, including Mitchell Hardware, Bear City Fudge Company and the Birthplace of Pepsi-Cola.

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Area activities

Tryon Palace

A Georgian mansion built between 1767 and 1770 open for tours. www.tryonpalace.org. Located on 610 Pollock Street. For more information, call (252) 514-4900.

Pepsi's birthplace

The original pharmacy where Caleb Bradham invented Pepsi-Cola. Located on 256 Middle Street. For more information call (252) 636-5898. www.pepsistore.com

Fireman's museum

Features an extensive collection of early firefighting equipment and rare photos. Located on 408 Hancock Street. For more information, call (252) 636-4087. www.newbernfiremuseum.com

Altmore-Oliver house

Exhibits 18th- and 19th-century furniture and historical objects. Located on

510A Pollock Street. For more information, call (252) 638-8558.

Trolley Tour

Discover three centuries of history and architectural beauty in a 90-minute trolley car tour of historic New Bern. Professional guides will recount the fascinating details of this former royal capital of North Carolina. Located on 333 Middle Street. For more information, call (252) 637-7916.

Bank of the Arts

The Bank of the Arts exhibits various media such as painting, sculpture, photography, pottery and fiber art by artists of the southeastern United States free of charge in the Bank of the Arts gallery area. Located on 317 Middle Street. For more information, call (252) 638-2577.

Croatan National Forest

The Croatan National Forest was one site of a battle that was fought in New Bern during the Civil War. Outdoor recreation opportunities include camping, picnicking, hiking, hunting, and fishing. Located on 141 East Fisher Avenue. For more information, call (252) 638-5628.

USMC Aviation Exhibit

The USMC Aviation Exhibit located within the Havelock Tourist and Event Center features the history of Marine Corps aviation. Restored aircraft, scaled models, historic photographs and artifacts are on display.

A Day at the Farm

See historic dairy barns, milking equipment and period antiques, fish and duck pond, farm animals and hayrides.

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Farmer's Market

Fresh local produce is available Saturdays in the historic New Bern Farmer's Market. Located on 421 South Front Street. For more information, call (252) 638-4408.

New Bern Academy Museum

The New Bern Academy Museum building originally served as a school house for boys and girls, then served as a hospital in the Civil War and in 1881 became part of the New Bern Graded School System. Today there are four permanent exhibits: Early New Bern History, Historic Architecture of New Bern, Civil War and History of Education in New

Bern. Located on the corner of New Street and Hancock Street. For more information, call (252) 514-4951.

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Reservist call for adjustment in child support while deployed

MARRIAGE & MILITARY LIFE

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After serving on active duty for 24 years as a chaplain, I thought I dealt with every problem in the book. Well, after receiving the following letter from a deployed father, I realize that there are problems surfacing today that were either non-existent, or much smaller in scope in the past:

"Five years after leaving active duty, I was recalled as a reservist and am now having a hard time while deployed getting my child support payments reduced that are based upon what I was earning as a civilian. Frustrated by the lack of support I am experiencing in resolving this matter, I feel betrayed by the military and our courts."

If the military hopes to continue to recruit men and women into the reserves, it will need to address and solve this problem involving the timely adjustment of child support payments, particularly now that large numbers of reservists have been recalled to active duty to serve for extended periods of time.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families, "Being called to active duty can mean a reduction of total monthly

income. Those reservists who are currently paying child support payments based on higher monthly income, may find that child support arrears will begin to accumulate when monthly child support payments are not met. Reservists experiencing a reduction in monthly income may wish to contact their child support office to request a review and modification of their child support orders."

Unfortunately, accomplishing this task is not always easy. In an article entitled, "Divorce and Child Support are Eviscerating Military Recruitment," David Usher reports how less than 5 percent of activated reservists are able to obtain the support modifications suggested by the Administration for Children and Families. He cites the example of Gordon Dollar, a reservist for sixteen years, whose military record was tainted when 60 percent of his military pay was incorrectly garnished by the Arizona Child Support Department. According to Usher, after appealing the injustice to the Arizona Attorney General's Office, Dollar was informed that "it would take a year at the earliest to adjust support if they agreed it would be adjusted."

What happens in the course of a year, when a recalled reservist's pay is insufficient to cover the child support payment that was based upon much higher civilian salary? Most people, unfamiliar with the child support system, would think that a reservist could straighten the matter out once he returns from active duty. Unfortunately, this is not the case.

In an article entitled "Laws Must Protect the

Rights of Military Dads," Jeffrey Levi Glenn Sacks point out that "the federal I Amendment prohibits judges from retroactively modifying child support beyond the date an obligor has applied for a modification cases where reservists are called up at 1 minute and don't have time to file for a ward modification, the arrearages stay with the interest and penalties charged on

According to Levi and Sacks, "A [member] whose arrearage reaches \$5,000 become a felon who can be incarcerated, subject to a barrage of harsh civil penalties, including seizure of driver's licenses, businesses and passports."

Unless Department of Defense was exacerbate its already growing recruiting problem, it may want to task its fleet of lawyers to get states to follow the lead of Missouri requires an automatic modification of obligations for activated reservists. In other states institute this practice, reservists with child support obligations face years of debt, legal battles and possible incarceration as long as the Bradley Amendment remains in place.

Reservists have a hard enough time fighting terrorists without having to expend energy funds in battling the courts and their state time DoD, military and governmental law work to ensure that their child support pay are adjusted accordingly without bankrupting them or sending them to prison when they after serving in harms way.

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WEDDING CRASHERS (R)

Wedding Crashers is a hilarious romantic comedy about a couple of womanizers who spend their weekends crashing stranger's weddings to take advantage of the romantic tinge in the air. They find themselves at odds when one of them falls for the daughter of a powerful politician.

Owen Wilson (*Meet the Fockers*, *The Big Bounce*, *Shanghai Knights*) and Vince Vaughn (*Mr. & Mrs. Smith*, *Be Cool*, *Anchorman*) star as John and Jeremy, a pair of cynical Washington, D.C., divorce mediators that show up to nuptials uninvited and hook up with love struck ladies.

The two buddies spend every weekend crashing weddings for one-night stands, in an ideal environment in which to eat, drink and hit on single women. The pals sneak into strangers' nuptials to woe the bridesmaids; they act like true buddies who have known each other since their childhood.

However, their plans take a huge turn when they encounter the appealing and wily daughters of the U.S. secretary of the treasury, who happens to be the father of the bride.

John does the unthinkable and falls in love with the matron of honor, sister of the betrothed daughter, played by Rachel McAdams (*The Notebook*, *Mean Girls*), of this influential and eccentric politician.

Isa Fisher (*Scooby-Doo*), a scene-stealer in this movie, plays Gloria, her aggressive little sister and sex-obsessed bridesmaid.

After meeting at the social event of the year, they get roped into spending a weekend at the family's palatial waterfront estate and quickly find themselves in over their heads.

Christopher Walken (*The Stepford Wives*) plays the eccentric

politician and Jane Seymour (TV's *Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman*) is his lovely and saucy wife.

Director David Dobkin (*Shanghai Knights*, *Clay Pigeons*) created the perfect wisecracking romantic comedy for this summer.

Vaughn and Wilson, as the pair of divorced mediators who made wedding crashing their hobby, are hilarious and creative and could become the new hottest, funny couple of the movies.

Wedding Crashers is a very funny, fast paced and somewhat raunchy film reminiscent of *Animal House*, *Caddyshack* and *Something About Mary*, and should be well received by this summer's adult audiences.

However, with its profane language, nudity and sexually charged atmosphere, **Wedding Crashers** is definitely not recommended for the younger set.

Wedding Crashers is the number one comedy of this season of flops and misfires and a sure summer hit.

DARK WATER (PG-13)

Dark Water is a psychological thriller about a woman separating from her estranged husband who is determined to start a new life with her daughter by moving into a rundown apartment with strange happenings.

Jennifer Connelly (*A Beautiful Mind*, *House of Sand and Fog*, *The Hulk*) stars as Dahlia Williams, a divorced mother, who with her five-year-old daughter Ceci, played by newcomer Ariel Gade, moves into a small unattractive and spooky apartment at Roosevelt Island in New York City.

She soon discovers that something creepy is going on in her place, and that the building may be haunted. Her new apartment seems to take on a life of its own with mysterious noises, persistent leaks of dark water and strange happenings. A leaky ceiling goes from an

annoying plumbing malfunction to a supernatural menace. Her daughter starts to behave oddly and talks to an imaginary friend named Natasha instead of playing with her schoolmates.

Meanwhile, her estranged husband, played by Dougray Scott (*Mission Impossible 2*) is waging a nasty custody battle against her.

Not knowing if her husband is behind any of the strange happenings, and her imagination running wild, she is wondering who really is behind the endless mind games.

As Dahlia frantically searches for the links between the riddles, the dark water seems to close around her.

Among the excellent cast are John C. Reilly (*The Aviator*, *Anger Management*) as the smooth-talking real estate agent; Tim Roth (*Planet of the Apes*) as the compassionate attorney; Pete Postlethwaite

(*Gangs of New York*) as the strange superintendent of the apartment building; and Camryn Manheim (*Twisted*) as the concerned schoolteacher.

Walter Salles (*The Motorcycle Diaries*) makes his Hollywood debut by directing this remake of the 2002 Japanese horror film. The movie has a superb A-list cast, wonderful cinematography and outstanding direction.

Dark Water is more of a spooky ghost story than a horror flick. The film explores the inner demons that the character carries with her and what she has to do to make peace with the past.

Dark Water, with its frightening and disturbing images, is done with great finesse, leaving a lot to the viewers' imagination.

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



Above: Owen Wilson in the romantic comedy **Wedding Crashers**.

Right: Ariel Gade and Jennifer Connelly play a mother-daughter team in **Dark Water**.

Courtesy photos



Movie gossip, rumors & more

LADIES HATE COOL JAMES

Or rather, at least one lady does. Rapper actor LL Cool J has signed on to an urban version of *Fatal Attraction* (yeah, you read that right), in which he'll play a guy who cheats on his wife and has to face some serious music. Lions Gate President of Production Michael Paseornek has insisted, "We are not looking to develop gimmicks but make real movies. Like an urban take on *FA* is no gimmick! (*The Hollywood Reporter*)"

DRAGON

Dragons and dinos and Malkovich, oh my! Method actor John is teaming up with Jeremy Irons and Djimon Hounsou for the big-screen version of Christopher Paolini's best-selling fantasy novel. Please, please, please let Malkovich not be voicing a dragon, à la Sean Connery in *Dragonheart*. That's all we ask! (*www.variety.com*)

THE SECRET LIFE OF WALTER MITTY

Owen "Wes Anderson Loves Me" Wilson goes it alone — without wisecracking buddies like Vince Vaughn and Ben Stiller — for this remake of the classic 1947 Danny Kaye satire. The hotter, more famous Wilson brother will play the titular average Joe with fantastic dreams for director Mark Waters (*Mean Girls*). (*The Hollywood Reporter*)

SUPER EK

Wilson News No. 2: Luke, the less hot, less famous Wilson, has nabbed a *Super* co-star. Uma "Quentin Tarantino Loves Me" Thurman has signed on for the role of the vengeful superhero dumped by Wilson because of her neediness. Sounds like someone didn't watch *Kill Bill* ... you don't mess with Uma. (*www.variety.com*)

COWABUNGA ... AGAIN?!

Please no. Please, please no. Those zany Weinstein brothers have announced a new CGI movie featuring those early-'90s kids' mainstays, the *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*. Most depressing producer-speak of the month: "Reintroducing the Ninja Turtles in an animated movie will enable the filmmakers to fully realize the adventure and humor of the property." Ah, properties — they're the reason we head to the multiplex ... (*www.variety.com*)

RATNER, MURPHY SET TO DESTROY ROCK'S CAREER

Chris Rock's downward spiral has begun. The brilliant comic has signed on to a heist comedy co-starring the once-great Eddie Murphy and helmed by the never particularly great Brett Ratner. D'oh. Rock and Murphy will play hapless Joe Lunchboxes trying to arrange the perfect heist. (*www.variety.com*)

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Volunteers pack school supplies for Iraqi children



John Sprouse, Cody Burlingham and Vanessa Contreras pack school supplies that will be sent to Iraqi children to promote friendship.

LANCE CPL. BRANDON R. HOLGERSEN
Marine Corps Base

More than 100 volunteers ignored the rain and packed approximately 8,200 bags of school and hygiene supplies outside the Marine Corps Exchange July 14.

Spirit of America, a non-profit organization that sends donated goods to developing democracies, organized the event. It also coordinated the delivery of the supplies to Iraqi children with the 5th Civil Support Group in Al Anbar Province and the 10th Marine Regiment in Fallujah.

The volunteers are trying to help kids get a better education and promote friendship with Iraq, said Michele Redmond, the director of the project. "The children are ecstatic when they receive supplies," she said.

Two units were picked to hand out the supplies because they work closely with communities and schools in Iraq, Redmond said.

This is a chance to give something back and actually know we are helping someone, said Sheri Lapan, vice president of communications for Spirit of America.

Volunteers worked through the rain to pack paper, markers, pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners and glue sticks in each bag, Redmond said. The volunteers

also packed 1,000 bags of hygiene products, which contained toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, dental floss and shampoo.

"Rain or not, it doesn't really matter," Lapan said. "We have had people working here all day."

Spirit of America purchased the products with money raised from donations, according to Redmond. The organization's partner, Federal Express, allowed them to ship the packages to the two units for a discounted price.

The organization is based in Los Angeles and was founded in 2003 by Jim Hake, according to Redmond. It has more than 12,000 donors who have contributed more than \$7 million to projects directly benefiting people in emerging democracies.

"This was a great way to make a difference for people who are trying to bring freedom and democracy to their country," Redmond said.

Volunteers came from different parts of the community, including Boy Scouts of America from Onslow County, retired service members and Camp Lejeune Marines, spouses and children.

"I love helping people," said Pfc. Devin Larkins, a field artillery cannoneer with 5th Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division. "It's one of the reasons I joined the Marine Corps. It just makes you feel good."

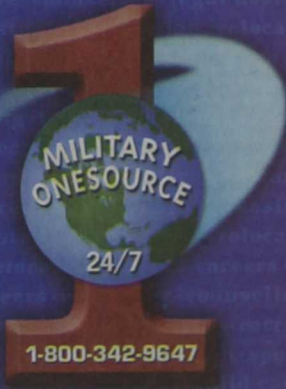


Brandy Kushto and daughter Clara, 7, from Virginia, help pack supplies at the Marine Corps Main Exchange during "Project Friendship" July 14 to support our troops in the effort to promote education among Iraqi children.

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KELLEY & ALICE



Well ladies, this is Kelley. I wasn't exactly the silent warrior this past week — I suppose you could say I was the boisterous warrior. I just gave birth to my third child.

In this time of high deployments, I am not the only one recently giving birth without my spouse present for support, guidance and a little pampering. Although he was missed by myself and our other two children, I did receive the above mentioned needs from other resources ranging from my dear friends to the countless avenues available at Camp Lejeune and New River.

When my husband first left, I questioned if I could handle my daily routine, in addition to the stress of a normal deployment. I quickly realized that I couldn't do it alone and needed to stay involved and stay near spouses going through the same thing.

One of my priorities was to stay physically active — to keep my sanity — by working out three times a week with Females in Training, a spouses workout network. I also continued to be a mentor at Lifestyles, Insights, Networking, Knowledge and Skills, which brought great gratification and adult conversation to my world. Being a Key Volunteer helped me stay connected with my husband's unit events and happenings around the base.

So, here I am now, adjusting to living out the role of a "single military spouse," which many of you know entails some long nights, lonely dinners and the bed all to yourself.

I began planning for our new arrival by attending some of the classes offered by the New Parent Support Program. These were most helpful in meeting other spouses in my situation. While there, we were told about the wonderful option of the Baby Budgeting class and visiting nurses provided by the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society. I am excited to see how much my new infant has grown with the weigh-ins through the Well Baby Clinic.

With all of this support, my last concern was how my husband was going to be notified of his new son or daughter while being on the go in a country unbeknownst to me. The American Red Cross gladly handled my last dilemma with swiftness. All I had to do was provide them with the accurate details of my husband's deployed address and the exciting news from the delivering physician at the naval hospital.

My care at the naval hospital was warm and very professional. My pleasant stay came to an end, and here I found myself once again relying on my list of resources through the new adjustment.

So now, the duty of motherhood calls; it's time to feed the baby, tuck the others into bed and have a cup of tea while I shoot a quick e-mail to my Marine.

This week, I challenge you to surround yourself with the people and things you love and hold dear. Find your niche here at Camp Lejeune and New River, and dive in.

Kelley and Alice are mentors for Marine Corps Community Service's L.I.N.K.S.,

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which was designed to educate Marine wives about the Marine Corps in a fun, interactive, non-rank environment. Kelley has been a Marine wife for four years and Alice for nine years. They have both had babies in the military, experienced deployment, moved to new duty stations and educated themselves on the military lifestyle. E-mail them at mscle-jlinks@usmc-mccs.org to ask them a question about military life.

For more information on the above-mentioned programs, you may call:

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Pets of the week

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Workshops dig deeper into deployment issues

HEATHER CARUSO

Carolina Living Staff Writer

In January, Marine Corps Family Team Building was asked to begin a new program for Marine spouses to dig deeper into topics touched on during pre-deployment briefings, when the commands, Key Volunteers and Family Readiness Officers realized spouses still had unanswered questions. Just like the Marine Corps, when MCFTB is asked to meet a need, they pull together all their resources and get the job done. They developed "Beyond the Brief."

"Beyond the Brief" workshops provide participants the opportunity to gain deeper insight to those issues that most concern families before, during and after a deployment," said Catherine Bruggeman, deployment support specialist with MCFTB.

According to Bruggeman, the "Beyond the Brief" setting is much less intimidating than the pre-deployment briefs, since the group is smaller. "You can ask questions you may not want to ask with 300 Marines in the room and all of their families."

The pre-deployment brief has worked well to "brief" spouses on a large amount of information within a short timeframe, but MCFTB is not able to individualize information for the handful that desires more depth. Spouses interact with each other during "Beyond the Brief" sessions to educate and share tips with each other.

'Beyond the Brief' Sessions

Sept. 7 - Oct. 12
9 - 11 a.m.
Building 84

April 12 - May 17
Evening sessions
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MCFTB has found wonderful experts who eloquently explain the topics discussed in the six-week series. The topics include:

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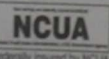
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opportunity to get some friends together to go up to New Bern and explore," said Hawley. A variety of group tours can be arranged, including tours with hands-on activities and holiday tours.

After absorbing all the splendor Tryon Palace has to offer, take time to enjoy a guided trolley tour to learn about the gorgeous historical homes surrounding the downtown area. On the 90-minute tour, three centuries of architectural beauty will be discovered as well as fascinating details about each home. The frequency of home moving, lifting and turning in the downtown region often brings amazement and chuckles

from each trolley car passenger.

Downtown New Bern has much more to offer, and a quick stop at the Craven County Convention and Visitor Center at 203 South Front St., will point you in the direction for a customized day of exciting history adventure.

"We offer history here; it's a different kind of day trip," said Hawley. Discounted military tickets to Tryon Palace are available at Information, Tickets and Tours between the Main Exchange and commissary on Camp Lejeune. To learn more about New Bern, visit www.visitnewbern.com. For information on Tryon Palace, visit www.tryonpalace.org or call (800) 767-7560.



Doris Dodson and Aaron Dodson-McCoy from Texas, stop for a drink at the Birthplace of Pepsi-Cola and look at Pepsi-Cola antiques while in New Bern, N.C.



The Kellenberger Garden at Tryon Palace in New Bern, N.C., is an example of an 18th century ornamental garden. The geometric planning of the beds represents human dominance over nature.

Sea Turtles make annual visit to Onslow Beach

KAT DIERSEN

Environmental Conservation Branch

Summer is upon us at last; the weather is balmy, children are out of school and invariably, our thoughts begin to turn toward sand and sun, salt and sea. Vacations from all over the country warm the coast and battle for the perfect patch of sand to spread out their beach towel. This is why many local Marine families know what a rare and precious spot Onslow beach is. Its strand is wide and clean, quiet and undeveloped and reserved for use only by military families and employees of Camp Lejeune. Free from masses of tourists, it is the perfect vacation spot for those who have access to it.

But many visitors to Onslow Beach are unaware that they share this spot with another summer guest. Each year, from late May until August, giant female sea turtles emerge quietly from the waves late at night and make their slow way up the beach to lay their eggs before returning to the ocean. This remarkable event occurs all along the North Carolina coast, but turtles that nest on Camp Lejeune are afforded the rare opportunity to dig their nests in an area that is unspoiled by overdevelopment and habitat destruction, thus bolstering the chances for survival of their young.

There are several species of sea turtles, but the ones most commonly found on Onslow Beach are called loggerheads. These giant beauties can grow to well over four feet long and can weigh nearly 400 pounds. A healthy adult can live to be sixty years old. They swim tens of thousands of miles in their lifetime, crossing entire oceans. Amazingly though, female loggerheads often return to the exact same beach where they were born to lay their own nests. Because they do not reach

sexual maturity until they are between 20 and 30 years old, this means that these world travelers have pretty amazing memories. The sea turtles' ability to find the beach of their birth is something of a mystery to scientists, as are many of the details of their life cycles. In truth, frighteningly little is known about sea turtles, which is why preserving them from extinction is such an enormous challenge for conservationists.

All species of sea turtles are considered to be threatened or endangered worldwide. For thousands of years humans have exploited them for their meat, eggs and beautiful shells. In the more recent past, their populations have been ravaged by continual development on their native beaches, beach lighting, long line fishing and native and non-native predators. In addition, the often are hit by boats and caught in fishing nets. In many cases their populations have been brought to the very brink of extinction and have only narrowly escaped it. As human demands on the environment increase, the fate of sea turtles becomes less certain.

That fate is not yet sealed though. Thanks to increased interest and awareness over the past few decades, great efforts have been made by individuals and nations to help preserve sea turtles. The Endangered Species Act in the United States protects sea turtles and their eggs from poaching and requires fishermen to use turtle excluder devices in their nets. Many international treaties have effectively protected some populations of sea turtles. In addition, multitudes of scientists, volunteers and conservationists throughout the world have dedicated themselves to protecting their native sea turtle populations. They patrol the beach for predators and poachers, relocate nests that are in unsafe areas, rescue and rehabilitate wounded sea turtles and much



Sea turtles are summer guests of Onslow Beach and are on the endangered species list. Volunteers patrol the beach to locate nests and mark them for humans to steer clear.

more.

Here in North Carolina, an amazing group of passionate turtle enthusiasts contribute their time and energy to the N.C. Sea Turtle Volunteer Program, in association with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. These dedicated volunteers work together to ensure the safety of the turtles and their nests and respond to reports of stranded and injured turtles all along North Carolina's coast. There are also two sea turtle rehabilitation facilities in the state — the Network for Endangered Sea Turtles Rehabilitation Facility on Roanoke Island and the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center, just down the road on Topsail Island. The Karen Beasley Center is open to the public

from 2 - 4 p.m. Monday through Tuesday and Thursday through Saturday, and anyone interested can stop by to catch a glimpse of the extraordinary patients that the center treats.

The Environmental Conservation Branch aboard Camp Lejeune is responsible for ensuring the safety of turtles and their nests on Onslow Beach. They receive the same level of excellent protection here that volunteers provide with throughout the state. Every day during nesting and hatching season, staff from the Threatened and Endangered Species section patrol the beach at dawn in search of turtle activity. They locate and cover nests with cages to protect them from predators, beachgoers and Marine training activities. They also coordinate with

other members of the N.C. Sea Turtle Volunteer Program to report stranded and injured turtles and ensure that they are transported safely to a rehabilitation center.

Other policies that assist in protecting the turtles on Onslow Beach include the use of red light covers over all beach cottage lights. Bright light can often confuse and disorient sea turtles, but they are unaware of the red lights. Also, the south end of Onslow Beach contains some of the most fragile and delicate sea turtle nesting habitat, which is partly the reason it is closed to vehicle traffic during the nesting season.

North Carolinians are doing their part in the struggle to save this remarkable species from extinction, but it is an uphill battle. Sea turtles are not yet protected in many parts of the world, and poaching of eggs and killing of turtles in fishing nets goes unhindered in many nations where such laws do exist. Crowded and overdeveloped beaches contribute to their decline even on our own shores.

There is hope for sea turtles, but only if humans are willing to fight for their preservation by caring for their precious habitats, both on the beaches and in the oceans.

Watching a tiny sea turtle emerge from the sand and struggle towards the waves to begin its new life is an extraordinary sight, and everyone has a part in ensuring that future generations of beachgoers will be able to witness it too.

There is a wealth of information on sea turtles to be found on the Web. Following are several excellent sites to visit:

- www.seaturtle.org
- www.seaturtlehospital.org
- www.ncaquariums.org/turtletrails
- www.nestonline.org
- www.ncwildlife.org

WORKSHOPS

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- Week Three: Understanding the Money
- Week Four: CACO (Casualty Assistance) – The Process
- Week Five: Combat Stress vs. Post-traumatic Stress Disorder
- Week Six: Homecoming – It's a Good Thing/Re-defining Family Roles

Bruggeman, whose husband has been in the Corps for more than 25 years, said not only young spouses benefit from these sessions, but those who have been a part of the Corps for years, whether their Marine is deploying or not. Information and statistics presented in the CACO and Combat Stress vs. PTSD sessions are constantly changing, plus a little refresher is helpful once in a while.

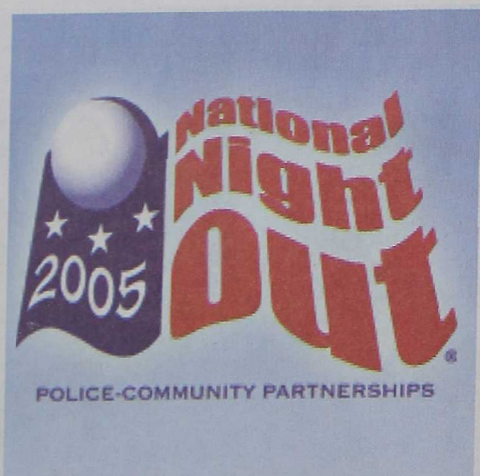
There is no specific period during the deployment

process that spouses should attend the workshops, nor does deployment status matter. The classes are open to all military couples to pick and choose sessions when they feel the information will help most. Registration is not required, and child care is provided at no cost to the participants.

Similar to the atmosphere at Lifestyle, Insight, Networking, Knowledge and Skills, everyone is addressed on a first name basis, so

rank is not an issue. Bruggeman is thrilled when she watches more experienced Marine wives interact with young enlisted ones during "Beyond the Brief" sessions. "It is one of those things that makes you proud to be a military wife," said Bruggeman.

For more information on upcoming "Beyond the Brief" sessions or for commands to request unit sessions, call Catherine Bruggeman at 451-9380.



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Local Hospital Birth Announcements

June 1 Samantha Eva Jean born to Tracy and Eric Smith.
June 1 Lillian Marie Gwendeth born to Stephanie and Lance Cpl. Sullivan.
June 1 Colbi Reese born to Kelly Capt. Jefferson Young III.
June 2 Aiden Michael born to Jennifer and Staff Sgt. William Reed.
June 2 Alexander Paul born to Amy and Sgt. Howard Barrett Jr.
June 2 Kaela Suezann born to Vanessa and Lance Cpl. Mark Thompson.
June 3 Keith Talley Jr. born to Stephanie and Keith Fitch.
June 3 Michaela Danielle born to Peter S. Tammy and Erskine Williams Jr.
June 3 Jasmine Gabriella born to Jennifer and Axel Thompson.
June 4 Kadence Nicole born to Leanne and Kevin Thompson.
June 4 Judge Daniel born to Angela and Maj. Matthew Morgan.
June 4 Addison Michele born to Karen and Sgt. Niel Pelletier.
June 5 Tabitha Lynn born to Pfc. Crystal and Lance Cpl. David Murphy.
June 5 Jaden Lynn born to Nicole and Lance Cpl. Joshua Schaffer.
June 6 Kaylee Grace born to Yvonne and Lance Cpl. Zachary Sedgwick.

June 7 Selina Maria born to Jennifer and Staff Sgt. Angelo Apa.
June 7 Quinn Crescent born to Cpls. Kelli and Mario Reno.
June 7 Ayana Marie and Atlantis Amiri born to Petty Officers 3rd Class Julia and Othello Walker III.
June 7 Johnathon Daniel II born to Cindy and Sgt. Johnathon Witte Sr.
June 8 Brenna Elise born to Petty Officer 2nd Class Dawn and Petty Officer 1st Class Jeffrey Jarrett.
June 8 Aja Pearl Marie born to Gerina and Sgt. Ahmad Key Sr.
June 8 Blake Nathaniel born to Anne and Lance Cpl. Michael Ross.
June 9 Alexander Nils born to Kerstin and Lance Cpl. Justin Thompson.
June 10 Andrew Ryan born to Vanessa and Capt. Oscar Alanis Jr.
June 10 Jackson Avery born to Tiffany and Capt. Gregory Baker Jr.
June 10 Krislynn Marie born to Tiffany and Pvt. Bryan Bowen.
June 10 James Daniel born to Maribel and Cpl. John Humble.
June 10 Nathaniel Lee born to Tamara and Lance Cpl. Jamie Johnson.
June 10 Harley Richard born to Jessalea and Sgt. Jeremy Mooney.

June 10 Timothy Scott III born to Bobbie Jo and Lance Cpl. Timothy Sampley II.
June 12 Ryan Isaac born to Amy and Sgt. Nathan Engrismo.
June 12 Elgith James born to Yolanda and Petty Officer 3rd Class Curtis Greiner.
June 12 Ivy Jane-Diane born to Jennifer and Staff Sgt. William Reed.
June 13 Cadence Hunter born to Amy and Sgt. Howard Barrett Jr.
June 14 Kilee Rayne Fischer born to Meredith and Petty Officer 3rd Class Christopher Hansard.
June 14 Katherine Carol born to Angela and Staff Sgt. Kenneth Lovell III.
June 15 Lucy Avah born to Naomi and Cpl. Nathan Chappell.
June 15 Devin Alexander born to Brandy and Cpl. Geoffrey Duenes.
June 16 Angelina Rose born to Elizabeth and Lance Cpl. Maurilio Amezcua Jr.
June 16 Carl Wayne born to Ashley and Cpl. Kevin Prindable.
June 16 Morgan Leona born to Nicole and Sgt. Douglas Wittenborn.
June 17 Alia Angelic born to Lance Cpl. Rita and Pfc. Victor Cain Jr.
June 17 Jaylen Michael born to Samantha and Lance Cpl. Bradley Clevenger.

June 17 Aaron Charles Michael born to Priscilla and Lance Cpl. Dominique Martin.
June 17 Jacob Michael born to Alisa and Sgt. Ronald Nieti.
June 17 Joseph Dominick born to Jaclyn and Cpl. Joseph Palmeri.
June 19 Ava Madison born to Lance Cpl. Danielle and James Barthel III.
June 19 Kameron Leigh born to Mariah and Cpl. Buford Buoy.
June 19 Jayden Anthony born to Suzanne and Gunnery Sgt. Richard Thomas.
June 21 Alissa Renee born to Rebecca and Sgt. John King.
June 22 Angel Rayne born to Brandie and Sgt. Jonathan Davis.
June 23 Chase Hart born to Latrice and Lance Cpl. Raymond Houston.
June 23 Willis Allen born to Stephanie and Sgt. Brian Lemer.
June 23 Jacob Donovan born to Valency and Lance Cpl. Robert Montgomery.
June 23 Jocelyn Anne born to Staff Sgt. Amy and James Rayburn.
June 24 Kevin Charles born to Sgt. Ronda and Cpl. Bryan Skelton.
June 24 Abigail Elizabeth born to Jocelyn and Capt. James Martin.
June 24 Lola Anne born to Anne and Sgt. Jason Sams.

June 24 Hallie Marie born to Amanda and Lance Cpl. Chad Hurling.
June 26 Skylen Jade born to Mar and Cpl. Miguel Salazar.
June 27 Dwight Walker born to Lorraine and Lance Cpl. Brooke Ehrhardt.
June 27 Jackson Alexander born to Lori and Sgt. Joshua Hulby.
June 27 Griffin Karsten born to Catherine and Capt. Jeremy Ott.
June 28 Connor Thomas born to Delia and Staff Sgt. Jason Childers.
June 28 Maddux Isaac born to Jessica and Lance Cpl. Harmony.
June 29 Adriana Dune born to Surelys and Lance Cpl. Joseph Alo.
June 29 Julian Anthony and Lillyann Isabel born to Jennifer and Lance Cpl. Oscar Feliciano Jr.
June 29 Zeren Andrew born to Mouna and Sgt. Ergin Osman.
June 30 Abigail Grace born to Petty Officer 3rd Class Lori and Seaman Dennis Butternes.
June 30 Avery born to Christi and Cpl. Justin Boulter.
June 30 Jeremiah Carl born to LeShandra and Sgt. Gaw Jones Jr.
June 30 Amber Lee born to Marilea and Sgt. Michael Kolenc.
June 30 Marissa Jasmine born to Cpl. Katie and Jose Salatierra Jr.

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Today	Friday 22	Saturday 23	Thursday 28	Friday 29	Saturday 30
- Rachel Carson Reserve Field Trip - Boating exploration of the Rachel Carson National Estuarine Research Reserve. For more information, call (252) 728-2170. - The Court Jester - For teens grades 7-12 at 400 Johnson St., New Bern. For more information, call (252) 638-7807. - Make your own fish t-shirt at the North Carolina Estuarium. For reservations, call (252) 948-0000.	- Sumosha at The Arena Sports Bar in Jacksonville - www.arenasportsbar.com. - Billy Joe Murphy at Kell's in Wilmington - www.kells.com. - The Human Soundtrack, Sleep Comes Later, The Country Bears at Lucky's in Wilmington - www.luckys-rocks.com. - Fort Macon Concert Series at the Ft. Macon Parade Grounds. For more information, call (252) 726-3775.	- The Parsons at Jaycee Park in Morehead City. For more information, call (252) 726-5083. - Twist of Fate at Clairita's Tiki Bar in Beaufort - www.thisandbar.org. - Ivy League, The Antagonizers, The Beatdowns at Lucky's in Wilmington - www.luckys-rocks.com. - An evening with Dave Matthews cover band at House of Blues in Myrtle Beach - www.hob.com.	- A Quilting Workshop presentation given by the Crystal Coast Quilters Guild 9:30 a.m. - noon. It has a materials fee of \$12 and is limited to 12 adults. Call Rebecca Fleming at (252) 728-5225 to reserve space. - Stretch at Clairita's Tiki Bar in Beaufort - www.thisandbar.org. - Live Animal Program at the N.C. Maritime Museum, call (252) 728-7317 for details.	- Madison Rose, Dung Bees at Kell's in Wilmington - www.kells.com. - Friends of Fort Macon Concert Series presents the Carteret Grays. For more information, call Les Ewen at (252) 354-4339. - RetroRockets Meet the Beatles tribute to the Fab Four in New Bern. For more information, call (252) 636-2667. - Murder Mystery Dinner Theater at House of Blues in Myrtle Beach - www.hob.com.	- Pioneers of destruction Tour with Omega Tribe and This Machine at The Arena Sports Bar in Jacksonville - www.arenasportsbar.com. - Two Step: The Ultimate Tribute to Dave Matthews Band at Marz Theater in Wilmington - www.marz.net. - Knights of Columbus Gigantic Yard Sale at 1125 Pine Tree Dr. in New Bern.

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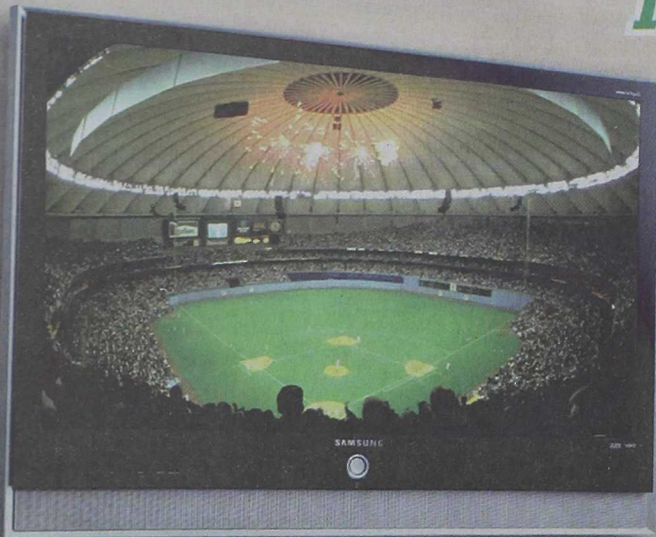
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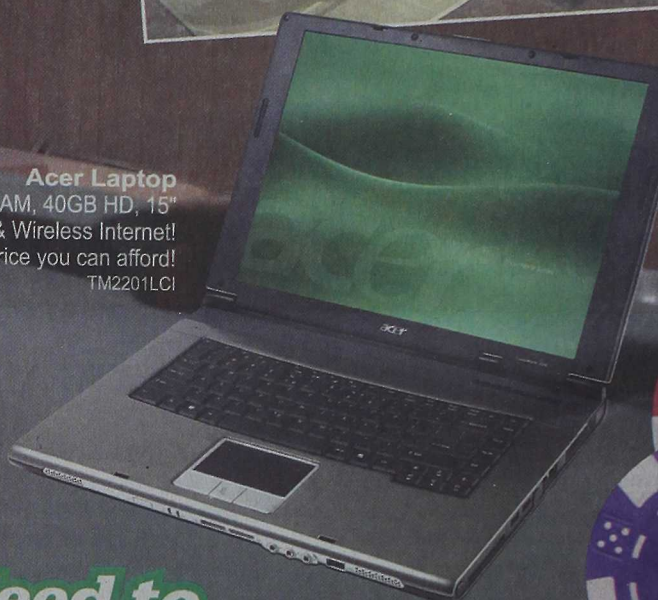
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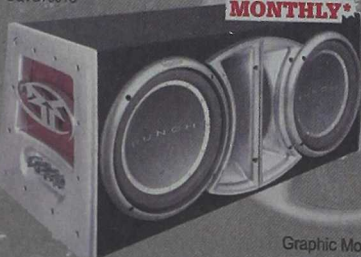
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