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VALIANT WARRIORS

Two Marines died this past week in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Staff Sgt. Ramon Gonzales Cordova, 30, Davie, Fla., and Lance Cpl. Ewenor C. Herrera, 22, Gypsum, Colo.

IRAQIS 'ARE TAKING CONTROL OF THEIR COUNTRY'

As they extend the deadline to draft democratic institutions, Iraqis elected leaders are taking "a critical step on the path to Iraqi self-reliance," President Bush said Aug. 13 during his weekly radio address. "I'm so doing, Iraqis are taking control of their country," he said.

Bush noted Iraqi voters are expected to approve or disapprove the document during an Oct. 15 referendum. Despite continued insurgent violence, the Iraqi people are "building a free nation," he pointed out, "that can govern itself, sustain itself and defend itself." America and its coalition partners "are helping the Iraqis to succeed," the president said, by chasing down terrorists and training Iraqi security forces "so Iraqis can defend their own country."

The U.S. approach in Iraq "as Iraqis stand up, we will stand down," Bush said. When the U.S. mission to defeat terrorists in Iraq is finished, "our troops will come home to a proud and grateful nation," he said. Bush said insurgent violence continues in Iraq today because "the terrorists know that a free Iraq in the heart of the Middle East will be a crippling blow to their hateful ideology." Therefore, American, coalition and Iraqi efforts against insurgents in Iraq constitute "a vital part" of the global war on terror, Bush said.

PRO WRESTLERS 'SLAM' TROOPS WITH SUPPORT

The stars of World Wrestling Entertainment showed their support for the troops during an event at the MCI Center arena in Washington D.C., Aug. 21. The United Service Organizations arranged to have 33 injured troops from Walter Reed Army Medical Center as guests of honor at the WWE's SummerSlam pay-per-view event. The troops got a chance to hobnob with WWE personalities at a reception while some WWE stars and "divas" recorded messages of support for the troops backstage.

VMX-22 marks historic flight

LANCE CPL. JEFFREY A. COSOLA
Marine Corps Air Station

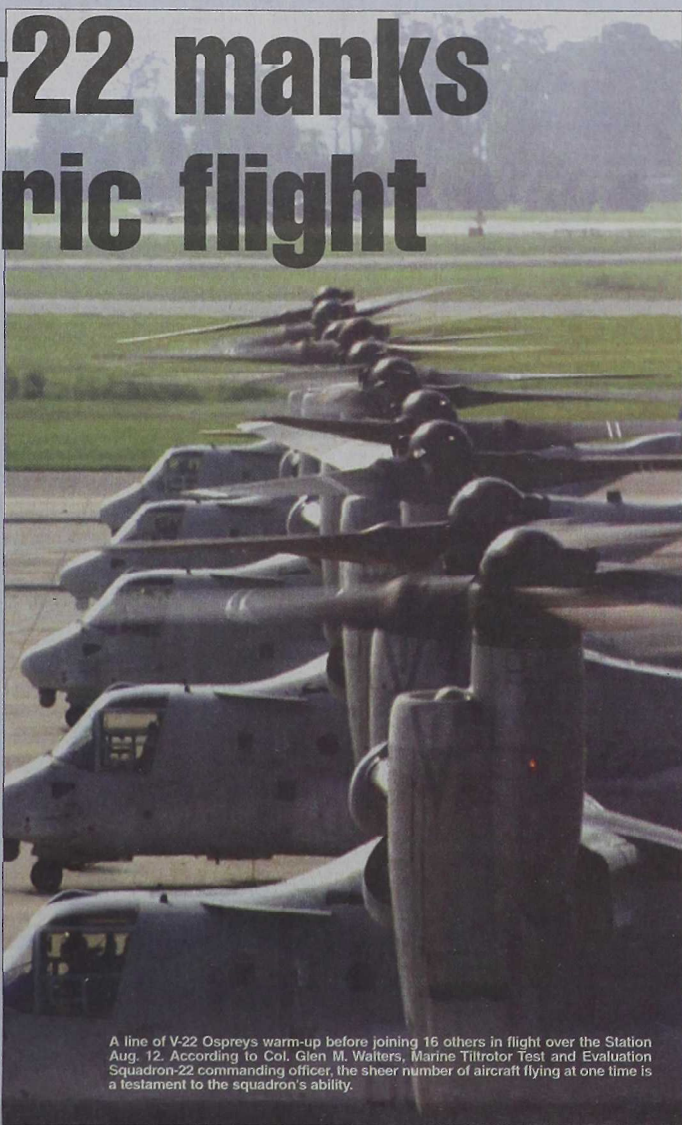
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION NEW RIVER — Birds. Lots of birds. A horizon choked with flapping wings and beady-eyes; seen through the tears of a terrorized family.

It was in Alfred Hitchcock's 1963 film "The Birds" that a small town stood witness to the phenomenon of a sky teaming with birds bent on settling a score with humankind. In Hitchcock's masterpiece, birds of all kind took to the sky to demonstrate their strength in numbers. However, on Aug. 12, in a far more peaceful sense, it was only the Ospreys in the sky, flexing their operational muscle and making history.

Marine Tiltrotor Test and Evaluation Squadron-22 staged a landmark flight, launching the largest combined flight of MV-22 Ospreys, 16 aircraft in all, to exhibit the "Argonauts" maintenance capabilities and operational acumen, said Col. Glenn M. Walters, VMX-22 commanding officer.

"We did this operation to prove that our maintenance department is mature and that the material condition of the aircraft is good," said Walters. "This was valuable training not only for our maintenance department and crew chiefs,

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A line of V-22 Ospreys warm-up before joining 16 others in flight over the Station Aug. 12. According to Col. Glen M. Walters, Marine Tiltrotor Test and Evaluation Squadron-22 commanding officer, the sheer number of aircraft flying at one time is a testament to the squadron's ability.

Lance Cpl. Jeffrey A. Cosola

ANA, Marines' operation help secure Konar Province

PRESS RELEASE
American Forces Press Service

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan — Afghan National Army forces and U.S. Marines killed more than 40 enemy combatants during an offensive operation over the last few weeks in the districts of Chawkay, Asadabad, Pech and Narang, in Afghanistan's Konar province.

The ANA and Marines fought side by side in 29 engagements against the enemy, disrupting hostile activity during Operation Whalers. The operation's purpose was to disrupt enemy forces in the area and to clear the way for elections, Combined Forces Command Afghanistan officials said.

"The ANA have demonstrated their abilities with great success," said Lt. Col. James E. Donnellan, commanding officer of 2d Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. "The willingness and professionalism of the ANA to engage the enemy will ensure success for the security of Afghanistan."

Lieutenant Col. Nasir, commanding officer of the ANA battalion, also said he was proud of the courage shown by his Afghan soldiers. Afghan soldiers have made many sacrifices to fight for a democratic and free Afghanistan and, with the help of coalition forces, they will win the Global War on Terrorism and defeat the enemies of Afghanistan, Nasir said.

Afghan and U.S. forces worked

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Brave, motivated Marine declines medical retirement, goes back to full active duty

SGT. JERAD W. ALEXANDER
2d Marine Division

To any casual observer visiting the F-11A pistol and battlesight zero range here, 1st Lt. Charles E. Hayter, a 26-year-old native of Billings, Mont., looks like any run-of-the-mill platoon commander... standing, watching over his Marines as they zero their rifles before they deploy to Iraq.

A closer examination might reveal otherwise, but it would have to be a real close observation. The only telltale sign would be the tightness of one boot over the other and it's rigid appearance, because inside that boot exists a prosthetic. Hayter, platoon commander for the Mobile Assault Platoon, Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division, has no right foot.

On July 9, 2004, Weapons Platoon, Company L, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines, led by then-2nd Lt. Hayter, left the perimeter at Bagram Airbase, Afghanistan, to investigate the sight where a U.S. Army patrol received fire the day prior.

"We moved about seven [kilometers] northeast of Bagram and established a [Vehicle Check Point] for a while, we then mounted up and moved to where the firefight took place," said Hayter.

At the supposed spot where the previous day's fighting took place, they found what seemed to be a well-traveled foot trail, according to Hayter.

"We dismantled the Humvee's and swept up the trail, four Marines on the left and four on the right. I made it about 15 feet and stepped on an Italian toe popper," he said.

An Italian toe-popper is a small anti-personnel landmine. The mine shredded his foot and immediately cauterized the wound.

"It hurt like you wouldn't believe," said Hayter.

After the detonation, Hayter remained standing. He slowly turned around, sat down and gathered his wits about him.

At this point, the Marines around him, though

constantly vigil before the explosion and took control. The Marines in the patrol immediately established security and began clearing the way for mines to get Hayter medical attention and evacuate him. One of his lance corporals called in for the medical evacuation, according to Hayter.

The whole process of getting Hayter back to Bagram Airbase was conducted professionally and

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Sgt. G. S. Thomas

1st Lt. Charles E. Hayter, a 26-year-old native of Billings, Mont., once again leads Marines as a platoon commander with 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment. Hayter's right leg was amputated at mid-shin after he stepped on an Italian toe-popper landmine while on operations in Afghanistan.

Camp Lejeune brings home fifth CINC award

CPL. ELSA M. PORTILLO
MCB Camp Lejeune

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Major Gen. Robert C. Dickerson, Marine Corps Base commanding general, accepted the 2004 Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence Wednesday at the Pentagon.

This is Camp Lejeune's fifth CINC award, highlighting the base for its outstanding and innovative efforts of those who operate and maintain defense installations.

"It is always good to be recognized by the president of the United States and when the chief of staff reaches down and touches you and says you're doing a good job, it means a lot," said Dickerson. "More importantly, it means a lot to the young Marines and sailors."

The award recognizes the installation as a community of personnel, who have strived for higher standards and inventive improvements in the field of energy conservation, environmental management, safety, support services and various other areas. This extra effort in turn reflects the commitment to excellence both in mission accomplishment and quality of life for those living and working within the installation and the community.

A high standard of community interaction is also a factor when being selected for the award.

"I think the interaction between Camp Lejeune and the community has been great for many years," said Jacksonville

Mayor, Jan Bean Slagle. "However, I believe it has become even better with Maj. Gen. Dickerson because he puts such a high priority on it."

The community expressed its support for Camp Lejeune with approximately 50 civilian and military leaders in attendance.

All the services had supporters in attendance and all rallied for their respective service. The feeling of pride in each service's accomplishments could be seen in the faces of the commanders and in their speeches.

This spirit of competition began with former President Ronald Reagan's challenge to the Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy and Army in 1984.

"I am confident that this search for excellence and innovations will yield many new and better ways of accomplishing our mission and at the same time honor those whose dedication had produced the best Defense organization in the world," said Reagan.

Reagan's sentiment still holds true today and now includes the Defense Logistics Agency. This year's winners include:

- Fort Stewart, Hinesville, Ga.
- Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Jacksonville, N.C.
- Naval Base Kitsap, Silverdale, Wash.
- Misawa Air Base, Japan
- Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, Calif.

The recognition of Camp Lejeune's award not only brought

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WEATHER			
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Man on the street

What is Women's Equality Day?



"They're able to exercise rights and privileges under the constitution with out facing hostile harassment."

Lt. Col. Paul Bowen
Civil Affairs Officer, 6th Civil Affairs Group
II MEF
Hammond, La.

"Equal opportunity for women day."



Lance Cpl. Benjamin Webdell
Heavy Equipment Operator, Headquarters
Co., Headquarters and Service Bn.
2nd FSSG
Portage, Ind.



"A day women should be treated equal."

Cpl. Robert Punkerly
Electronics Technician, Electronics
Maintenance Plt., Headquarters and
Service Co., 2nd Radio Bn., II MEF
Baltimore, Md.

"A day set aside for women when people recognize their equality."



Master Sgt. Curtis Dawson
Supply Chief, Sassy Management Unit
Supply Co., Supply Bn.
2nd FSSG
Bolivia, N.C.



"A day celebrating women's advancements in the work-force."

Navy Capt. Rachel Chastanet
Officer In Charge, Detainee Medical
Supply Element, Provisional Military Police
Bn., 2nd Marine Div.
Chesapeake, Va.

Hello my family, friends...

Guest Commentary
MASTER GUNNERY SGT.
CONSTANCE DILLARD

Today was a difficult day for me, but the one person I knew who would understand what I was feeling came through for me, my dad.

When we have wounded coming in to Fallujah Surgical, I get the call to come down. I go to photograph and capture what the doctors, nurses and corpsmen do for our young service members. These young men and sometimes women, come in at all hours of the day and night. They arrive with everything from broken limbs gun shot wounds and burns from improvised explosive devices.

Today, I got the call we had one dead and three wounded in bound. I grab my camera and took off for the field hospital. I hate those calls because I know that another kid, and yes, for me these service members are children, has been injured.

Today, a Marine corporal took hold of my heart and renewed what I always knew Marines care for one another, Marines die for another and Marines will give anything for one another. Three Marines arrived shortly after I got there to the hospital. All three has different levels of burns, but the corporal was the one I was drawn to. It turned out he was the squad leader for the group. They were in their Humvee when it hit an improvised explosive device. One kid never made it out and the other three are now at Fallujah Surgical being treated for their wounds. This kid burn, the flesh peeling from his hands was thinking not of himself, but of his Marines. Even after three doses of morphine, all he kept asking about was his Marines. And then, all of a sudden, the tears started to flow. His tears were for the one kid that never made it out of the Humvee. His tears came harder after he asked how long before he could get back to his unit and into the fight he was told he was being sent stateside.

I had to drop my camera, I felt like I was violating his moment. I dropped my camera and as gently as

I could, dabbed at his tears. He kept looking at me and I couldn't help but be drawn into his eyes and the hurt in them. He wanted to go back to the rest of his men, he didn't want to be medevac'd to the states. His tears flowed and my heart didn't know if it should break or swell with pride for these men. I stayed until they were done working on him, and all the while, I dabbed his tears, rubbed his head and listened to the pain in his voice and heart. This kid will heal or at least his hands will heal. But in the moment that the IED exploded, it changed his world.

He watched as one of his men died. I got the photos after all of what I needed to tell one more story; The story of a young female corpsman who has spent the last six months helping patch up these kids so they can either go back to the fight or to send them on for further treatment. She is also volunteering to stay an additional six months. You have to love the angels that fix up our boys.

Although today has been a very emotional day, it has also been a day that has renewed my faith in today's youth and how unselfish they are. They are willing to serve their country, protect their brothers in arms and heal those that have been wounded. So when you ask what ever happened to today's youth, think about this letter and know that what you really should be asking is, what have you done for today's youth. They are brave. They are selfless. They are wonderful. They are courageous. They are out here doing a great job and never complaining. I am so proud of them all and pray daily for their safety. I hope you are too.

Today's letter will be short. But today's message is there is hope, I see it every day. And one other message is that once again, I could count on my family to help me even thousands of miles away.

I hope all of you have a wonderful day and truly enjoy the freedom you have.

It is freedom that bleeds daily here in this country. Please take care and be safe.

Dillard is the public Affairs Chief for II Marine Expeditionary Force.



Marines, Sailors and family:

While Labor Day has come to symbolize the end of summer and the beginning of a new school year, the day was created in 1894 to recognize and applaud the economic and social achievements of the American worker. Today, it would be hard to argue that there is a more effective or harder working group than our Navy Marine Corps Team. In celebration of this holiday, I encourage all members of our II MEF Team: Marines, sailors, civilian-Marines, friends and family to enjoy the holiday and reflect on our accomplishments and sacrifices of the past year.

I want to remind everyone that you are individually critical to the overall success of this MEF. Trained and combat-ready personnel are my most vital resource. In order to build MAGTFs capable of deploying and defending the nation, I need everyone's commitment to preserving our most precious asset ... our men and women. I need you in the fight! Unfortunately, not a week goes by when our ranks are not diminished by less and preventable injuries or deaths.

Automobile and motorcycle accidents continue to be the greatest source of mishaps resulting in death or serious injury within II MEF. Driving a motor vehicle is dangerous enough without increasing your exposure to hazards by driving too fast for conditions while fatigued, distracted, impaired or during late night/early morning hours, where statistically, one-in-five other drivers will be impaired by alcohol or drugs. Also, remember if you ride or own a motorcycle, you must inform your command, wear an approved helmet and participate in a motorcycle safety course.

When leaders witness unsafe acts and "at risk" driving behaviors they have an obligation to intervene that behavior. I just did this myself two weeks ago, when a young Lance Corporal went speeding by me on Highway 24! If you do nothing else, get the plate number and report the incident to the Provost Marshals Office. Operating a motor vehicle is a privilege that I will not hesitate to revoke!

Even more tragic than fatal motor vehicle crashes are suicide fatalities and attempts resulting in grievous injury. Last year, (Marine Corps wide) thirty-one Marines committed suicide. The majority were younger than 25, and most took their lives with a firearm. Another 83 Marines made suicide attempts. So far this year, II MEF has lost nine Marines by their own hand. Taking one's life is a permanent solution to a temporary problem! Suicide awareness and prevention must begin with each of us and is central to our Corps' values. Do not miss an opportunity to intervene if you suspect a Marine, sailor, civilian-Marine or family member is experiencing feelings of helplessness and hopelessness. These thoughts are often indicators of suicidal ideations. Your direct and immediate involvement may save a life. Working together at every level we can eliminate the horrible toll of these senseless acts.

Finally, I cannot stress enough the importance of concerned and intrusive leadership at every level. To reduce exposure to hazards and mitigate/control risks, everyone must apply risk management techniques to every activity. We plan carefully during combat operations to reduce the chance that we'll lose a Marine of sailor to enemy action. . . why wouldn't we want to reduce risk here at home so we can preserve the force for battle to come? Only a dummy wouldn't want to lessen risk if able!

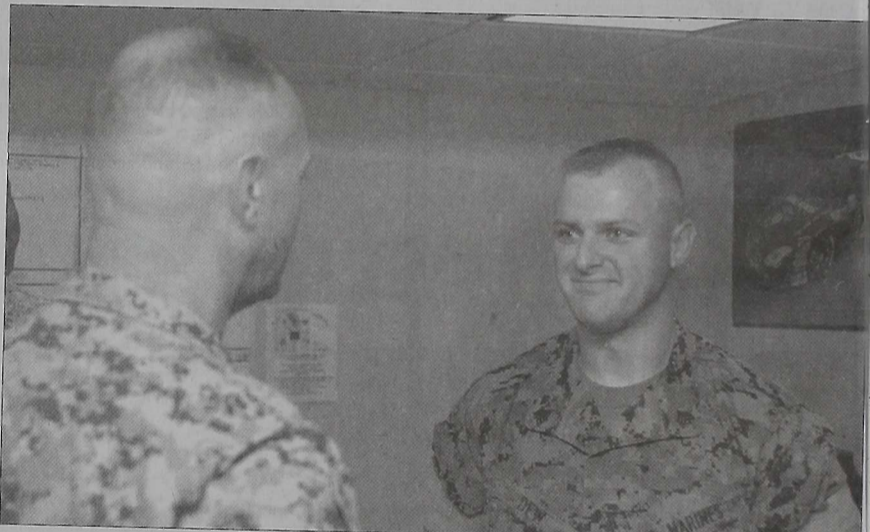
Our mantra of "Marine's take care of their own" extends well beyond the gates of Camp Lejeune or the battlefield. Remember, I need thinking Marines ... I need you in the fight!

Semper Fidelis,

JAMES F. AMOS
Lieutenant General, U. S. Marine Corps
Commanding General,
II Marine Expeditionary Force

I need your help please!

2004 Marine Corps Reservist of the year | Marine Corps League Award



Major General Robert C. Dickerson, Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune presented Sergeant Alexander Dew with one his coins at a ceremony Tuesday for his accomplishments in earning the Marine Corps League award as the 2004 Marine Corps Reservist of the Year. In 2004, Dew filled the billet of assistant operations and training chief, Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, which is a position usually filled by an active-duty Master Sergeant. Throughout the year, he assisted in the coordination, execution, and supervision of annual training for more than 1,370 Marines, as well as pre-deployment training for 224 Marines. Dew will be going to Washington D.C. to receive his award and recognition in mid-September.

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Lejeune | Deployed

Iraqi security forces arrive at dam, look to the future

ANCE CPL. MARC FENCIL
2d Marine Division

HADITHA DAM, Iraq — The first wave of Iraqi Security Forces arrived marking a large step toward the transition of local control from Coalition Forces to the country's own forces.

Although the Iraqi troops do not conduct missions independently, the soldiers conduct daily joint patrols with Marines from the 2d Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment.

"More training for the officers is necessary before the Iraqis will conduct operations independent of the Marines," said Army Capt. Greg T. Brown, a 15-year veteran responsible for advising the ISF.

The integration of the Iraqis into Marine patrols presented Brown and the Marines challenges because Iraqi officers

involved themselves in every facet of military operations during the Saddam regime, a stark contrast to the small-unit leadership that is the foundation of the Marine Corps.

"This top down leadership is the greatest challenge in shaping these forces into an effective fighting force," explained 43-year-old Brown. "The lowest individuals in the platoon should know the details."

A formidable hurdle is the language barrier between Marines and Iraqi soldiers. Only some of the Iraqi squad leaders speak English, making it difficult to effectively communicate between forces.

Despite these challenges, the Iraqi presence is regarded as a long-awaited asset for 3rd Battalion, 25th Marines. These soldiers put more than just extra



Army Capt. Greg T. Brown, Iraq Col. Muhammad, Lt. Col. Lionel B. Urquhart and an Arabic translator, pour over the details of a map.

boots on the ground; they also bring a natural understanding of Arabic and the culture. Translators are used for everything, from the effective resolution of property claims to interaction with the local population dur-

ing patrols.

Besides conquering the language barrier between coalition forces and the Iraqi people, the ISF are able to pick up on intelligence clues that Marines may overlook.

"Their ability to pick up foreign dialects is a real bonus. They can tell right away whether a certain individual belongs in the area," said Brown, a native of Hammond, Ind.

Marines and Iraqis are currently paired up squad for squad for the ISF to observe and simulate Marine tactics.

Approximately half of the Iraq soldiers served in the armed forces during Saddam's rule, the remainder have no military training. Recruits in the ISF complete a four-week training period in the town of Taji for their version of basic training.

While it is obvious to even the casual observer that much more work is needed before becoming self-sufficient, the ISF has been experiencing both isolated and widespread success. Recently, Iraqi forces joined forces with

Marines in the city of Tikrit during Operation Bowser and now live and work in the city providing their citizens a permanent Iraqi soldier and Marine presence.

Marines are aware that the Iraqis will eventually assume complete responsibility for their country's security but until then, they will continue to provide critical support and aid in operations with Marines as they continue improving their combat skills.

"Already, we are seeing an increase in the information that locals are bringing forth as a result of having soldiers who can effectively communicate with the people," said Brown. "Believe, the locals just grew on the stone face."

"They are here for good and to show the locals that soon there will be a permanent force, and that will be of the Iraqi Security Forces," Brown continued.

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Lejeune Deployed

1/6 eight-man team: Unlocking doors to Iraq's future

CPL. MIKE ESCOBAR
2d Marine Division

FALLUJAH, Iraq — The stone corridors that once housed bustling commuters and travelers lay ruined and empty under the scorching July sun. Piles of rubble, shards of plate glass and walls riddled with bullet holes spoke of previous battles fought here. Only the sound of half-torn wallpaper that fluttered in the morning breeze gave any indication of those who once strolled these hallways.

Someone walking through the ruins of northern Fallujah's abandoned train station might not see it for what it is; the proving grounds for the forces that will one day defend Iraq's security. It is inside these crumbling walls that service members from Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., are helping the nation's security forces rise from the ashes.

This station is like a second home to Marines from 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, who make up one of several Iraqi Security Forces training cadres across western Iraq. The team is comprised of personnel ranging in experiences from teenager Marines to seasoned combat veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq alike.

This group doesn't wage war against insurgents by combing the city streets and the surrounding fields like their fellow brethren do everyday. They have a more permanent solution in mind; to train an Iraqi force capable of eliminating the insurgency within the country and continue to defend it afterward.

DAY 1: HEALING OLD WOUNDS

"Welcome. My name is Sgt. [Eddie] Martins, and I will be your chief instructor for these next five days."

The 26-year-old instructor from Queens Village, N.Y., paused after addressing the 46 Iraqi soldiers as he waited for an interpreter to translate his introduction to the class.

The soldiers sat as a group, much akin to what might be seen in any American high school on the first day of class; some slouched, a few dozed off and many sat staring curiously at their new teacher and unfamiliar surroundings.

But unlike the halls of a traditional academic institution, Martins had assembled his pupils in a makeshift outdoor classroom inside a walled-off compound of the train station. Each soldier sat behind old school desks, under a canvas roof erected by the cadre's instructors to shield them from the blistering sun and temperatures frequently reaching 120 degrees.

Iraqi soldiers from the 1st and 2d Battalions, 2d Brigade had arrived just before 8 a.m. from several bases throughout Fallujah to attend this latest combat leaders' course. Henceforth, these troops would not be distinguished by battalion, region or military background they came from. They would be known as one collective team: Class 7-05.

Martins peered out at the crowd before him. Some Iraqi troops wore desert camouflage caps; others used their uniform tops as hoods — to further protect themselves from the raging sun. A few wore ambands, while fellow troops wore only an undershirt.

The training cadre had five days to transform this rag-tag bunch into a professional fighting force, and Martins wasted no time. He immediately began instructing a class on detainee handling and searching procedures.

"I teach the soldiers how to apprehend someone they see as a threat, or anyone who's acting a little suspicious," explained Martins, a former marksmanship instructor at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. "I showed them the proper procedures to search people, and how to take them down to the ground if they start acting up."

Martins and his fellow cadre members supervised the Iraqi troops as they moved through the practical application stage of the course, where they patted each other



Petty Officer 2nd Class Phillip Jean-Gilles, a corpsman working with 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment's Iraqi Security Forces training cadre, demonstrates how to tie a tourniquet before a class of Iraqi soldiers Aug. 1. Since mid-March, battalion personnel have trained approximately 600 Iraqi troops on topics such as first aid in combat, infantry tactics and convoy driving skills. Iraqi forces are fully integrated into every operation the battalion's Marines and sailors conduct in and around the city.

down for weapons and contraband while fellow soldiers simulated holding rifles at the ready, providing security for the searchers.

"We teach them to be polite and not treat the citizens they search like criminals," Martins stated. Security forces under Saddam Hussein's regime often brutalized and beat the people they supposedly protected. Cadre personnel teach the new Iraqi troops how to be 'firm but fair' with a populace that still often views them as corrupt and as contemptible as their predecessors. Martins told the troops that only by winning the trust of the community will the people continue providing them information about insurgent activities.

The soldiers and policemen broke away for lunch after having completed several hours of classroom instruction and practical application sessions on personnel handling. After chow, they returned to their desks for a class on combat lifesaving, instructed by Petty Officer 2nd Class Phillip Jean-Gilles.

His assistant, Seaman Donald Martin, passed out sealed plastic bags containing cloth bandages, which the soldiers curiously prodded. As their studies moved into yet another practical application stage, they opened them and practiced applying bandages to simulated injuries.

"Basically, we teach these individuals how to care for other soldiers under fire while the mission is still going on," said Jean-Gilles, a Miami native.

For the last part of this medical skills class, the corpsmen practiced the fireman and two-man carrier alongside their students, as they showed the Iraqis how to hastily and safely evacuate a wounded man out of the line of fire.

The clock then struck 3 p.m., signaling the end of the day's classes. The soldiers chatted excitedly, while they donned their bullet-proof vests and prepared to leave the training compound. They had learned valuable information, yet it was only a taste of what awaited them in the following days.

DAY 2: ON THE OFFENSIVE

The alleyways, rooftops and ruined multi-story buildings found in Fallujah's streets make for a challenging battlefield that 28-year-old Cpl. Brandon Connelly knows all too well. Insurgents find hiding spots within the city, from which to engage military forces, as well as several potholes and rubble piles they can place roadside bombs.

At 8 a.m. sharp, Connelly commenced the second day's lessons with a lecture on these dangers and showing the students how to counter the threats.

"I teach the soldiers what squad formations are, and how to communicate using hand and arm signals while on patrol," the Toms River, N.J. native explained. "Every soldier learns what their job is while patrolling and conducting operations in Fallujah."

He made sure to give the troops plenty of five- and ten-minute breaks to refill their water bottles, as their entire morning would be spent gazing at Connelly and his patrol formation drawings on a chalkboard. After several hours, however, the soldiers had learned the specifics behind patrolling.

Coalition and Iraqi forces' squads learn to maintain several meters of dispersion in between each other, as to avoid a concentrated amount of damage should an explosive device detonate near one of them.

The Iraqi troops hastily ate lunch following this class and returned half an hour later, energized for a class and practical application session on conducting raid operation.

Lance Cpl. Peter Benson, another cadre instructor, drew out several chalkboard sketches on how the Iraqis must position themselves before assaulting an insurgent hideout. Minutes later, the troops had put on their battle gear and slung their AK-47 assault rifles to go after the insurgent, who was played by cadre instructor, Pfc. Phillip Pepper of Tallahassee, Fla.

The soldiers surrounded the nearby building in trucks with mounted machine guns as fellow soldiers formed a protective perimeter. Others stacked up against the target building's walls before bursting in and apprehending Pepper.

This crafty insurgent, however, 'shot and killed' two Iraqi troops before going down himself. Now, the Iraqi troops put yesterday's medical training to use, as they bandaged and evacuated their casualties back to the classroom.

DAY 3: CLEANING HOUSE

The Iraqi troops lost men yesterday because they rushed headlong into a hostile room. Today, the instructors would help them rectify that mistake.

Chief Warrant Officer Kenneth Silvers, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment's gunner and combat leaders' course curriculum developer, worked alongside his instructors to show the soldiers the safest way to clear buildings. He and Connelly stacked beside a doorway before aggressively rushing into the room. The troops observed as Connelly darted in first, rifle aiming forward at the ready, before breaking away. Silvers followed afterward.

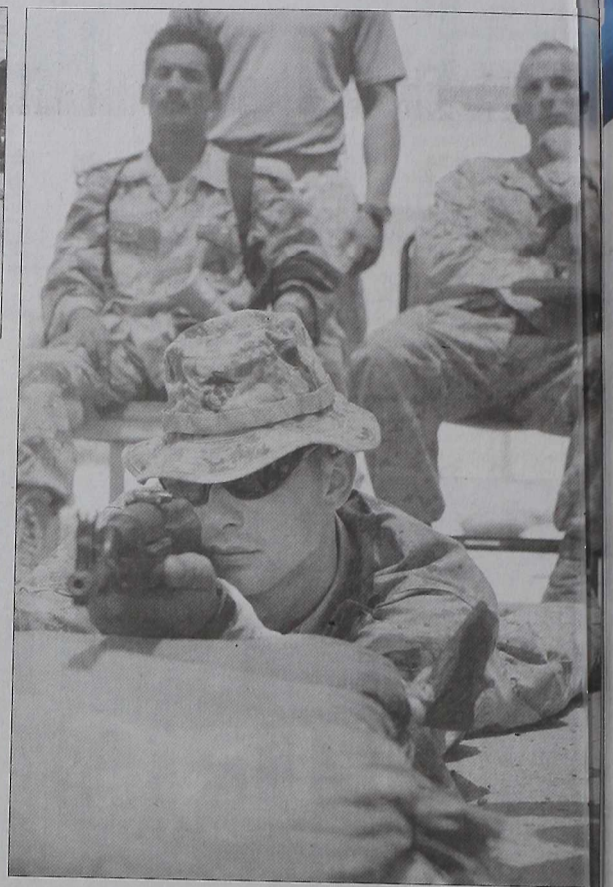
"Right side clear," shouted Connelly.

"Left side clear," echoed Silvers.

After a quick scan of the ceiling, one of them bellowed, "Overhead clear. All clear."

"You have to be aggressive and loud when you go in there," Silvers instructed the Iraqi troops afterward. "The enemy is already scared because he knows you're coming in, so you want to set him further off balance by intimidating him with your intensity."

Heeding



Lance Cpl. Peter Benson, an instructor with 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment's Iraqi Security Forces training cadre, demonstrates a proper firing position before his class of Iraqi soldiers Aug. 2.

Silvers' advice, the Iraqi soldiers then started practicing their own room clearing scenarios. The cadre members supervised the troops as they tackled a variety of tasks, such as working around obstacles inside rooms and ferreting out insurgents hidden in corners.

Over their lunch break, the soldiers discussed the merits of the training. It had been an intense few days, but the Iraqi troops began to acknowledge the value of their newfound combat skills.

"We see the strongest army in the world performing, and we try to perform as they do," stated Capt. Ahmad Tariq Muhammad, the senior-ranking member of Class 7-05. "This training will help us provide security to our area and our citizens. We are law enforcement men, who serve to protect the local people and safeguard their rights."

The day's training concluded with a class delivered by Cpl. Shawn Campbell of Bucyrus, Ohio, during which he taught the troops how to form different offensive and defensive positions as a squad.

Martins followed with an introductory course to what Marines call the five-paragraph order. In the course, the Iraqi soldiers learned how to plan out patrols and operations exactly the way U.S. troops do: by outlining what the mission objectives are, how they will be carried out, and what communications and logistical assets they may count on during operational execution.

"Now, when they patrol with Marines here, they can understand exactly what's

going on," Martins said. "They know what their mission is and how they should prepare for it. This way, everyone knows their role during an operation."

DAY 4: EVERY IRAQI SOLDIER A RIFLEMAN

During basic training, drill instructors tell their recruits that they can't earn the title 'Marine' until learning to accurately fire the M-16A2 service rifle. Following that tradition, the Iraqi students may graduate this course unless they demonstrated proper weapons handling skills.

The Marines passed these skills to the soldiers on Day 4. The instruction provided to the troops included to keep the weapons safety on and their finger off the trigger until ready to fire, along with the proper way to tote their AK-47s, while on patrol to avoid accidentally shooting fellow soldiers and citizens. Benson observed their progress, and showed them ways to quickly yet safely reload their weapons while on the move.

"Once you get good at it, you can load cool, like this," he said, joking with the troops as he inserted a magazine into his rifle with his non-firing hand while walking toward a target.

All this preliminary instruction prepared the troops for shooting the afternoon's course of fire, similar to the Marine Corps' Enhanced Marksmanship Program. This training package teaches students how to quickly bring their weapons up to shoot at close-range targets.

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15 Marines capture likely improvised explosive device triggerman, Al Qaida leader look-alike

CPL. TOM SLOAN
2d Marine Division

CAMP HURRICANE POINT, — Marines with 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment took a man into custody who bares a striking resemblance to renowned terrorist.

He looks just like Osama bin Laden," said Sgt. Fidel A. Alcoces, the platoon sergeant for 2d Platoon, Company A, upon returning to camp the suspect.

Marines with 2d Platoon captured the man during a mission in the Al Qaida capital Aug. 5.

"I was like, 'We just caught Osama,'" recalled Lance Cpl. Riza, a 21-year-old rifleman with 2d Platoon's 1st Squad and native of San Diego, Calif.

He's shorter than the Al Qaida leader and shares similar features — long, black hair, thin face and body, dressed in a long-sleeve robe that fell to his ankles and leather sandals.

The Marines were driving through a neighborhood of the city in a convoy of up-armored humvees conducting random vehicle and personnel searches — snap checks — when they happened upon the man. He was riding in a humvee the Marines stopped to search, they didn't detain him just on the basis of his looks.

According to Alcoces, he's suspected to be responsible for attacking

Marines with improvised explosives.

"There's been numerous times when we've been hit by IEDs [improvised explosive devices] or they've gone off close to our area and he has always been around," said 29-year-old Alcoces from San Antonio, Texas. "He could be detonating them."

Alcoces added that in addition to the IED attacks, the man acted very suspicious when he encountered Marines.

"He'd give us dirty looks and get all the people on the street to leave whenever we drove by," he said. "He'd run and hide in the mosque nearby when the IEDs would go off."

The man failed to elude Alcoces and the Marines this day, though.

"We're thrilled that we finally got him," Alcoces said, smiling. "We've been after this guy for a long time. Ramadi is our neighborhood. We've been working it for more than five months now, so we know the people and this guy is bad."

Alcoces attributes the successful capture to the tactics his Marines used.

"Snap VCPs are the money," he said. "We're catching the insurgents off guard with them. We're very fortunate to have caught this guy."

Officials with 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment held the man at their detainee facility for questioning. Soon after being interrogated, the man was transported to Abu Ghraib Prison, officials said.



Sergeant Jade C. Hill, the squad leader of 3rd Squad, 2d Platoon, Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, loads a suspected insurgent into the back of a humvee during a mission in the city Aug. 4. Hill, a 21-year-old from Westminster, Md., and other Marines with 2d Platoon, captured the man while conducting random vehicle and personnel searches throughout the city in an effort to capture insurgents and seize weapons. The man they caught was believed by Marine officials to be responsible for attacking Marines using improvised explosives.

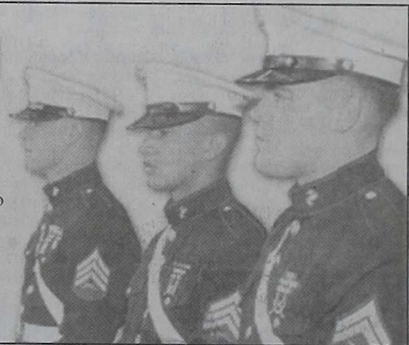
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Corpsmen guide Marines down physical therapy path

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MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. — Every day, Marines make a short walk from the parking lot to a quiet corner in the Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital, where a small team of doctors and physical therapy technicians help injured leathernecks on their path to recovery.

In a room filled with elliptical machines, stationary bicycles, a makeshift wooden staircase, therapy beds and a small television mounted on a wall, corpsmen and their patients take on one obstacle at a time in hopes of returning a Marine to his unit at full strength.

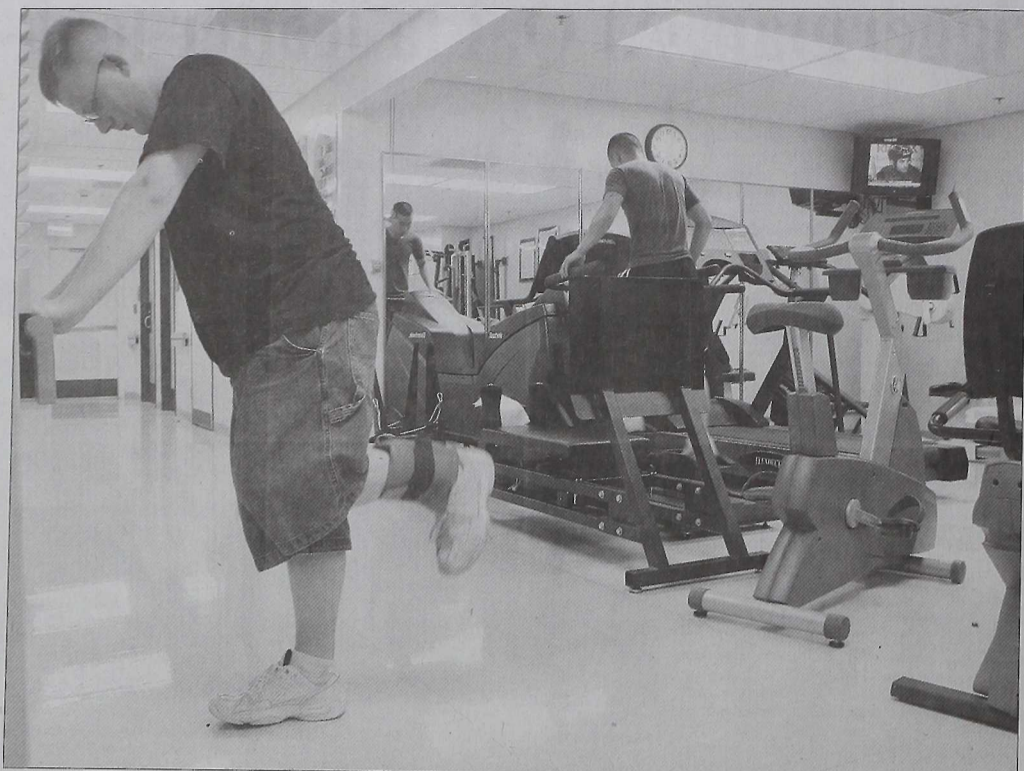
"We probably see anywhere from 200 to 300 patients a week, which makes for a large patient flow," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Zachary D. Boles, one of five hospital physical therapy technicians.

"We do our best to help better a Marine whether he sustained a combat or non-combat related injury, or simply an injury that's developed throughout the years of just doing Marine things," added Boles.

Considering some patients, predominantly Marines, are repeat customers, Boles and his teammates have seen an influx in combat-related injured Marines.

"About 30 percent of our patients are war injuries," said Boles. "Most of the guys who come in for physical therapy have either received a gun shot wound or were struck by an [improvised explosive device]."

"Most of the injuries are to the lower extremities, which means the Marine survived an attack because of his protective gear, but they're returning pretty banged up," said Lt. Cmdr.



Marines rotate from elliptical machines to stationary bikes to slow movement-stretching exercises at the physical therapy department at Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital, Aug. 4. The hospital's physical therapy department treats approximately 250 Marines weekly for non-combat and combat related injuries.

Candace Cornett, a staff physical therapist.

While three out of 10 Marines receive physical therapy for war-related injuries, the other 70 percent stem from tough training or simply a minor injury that has developed throughout a career.

"The most common problems the guys get treated for are backs, lower backs, ankles, shoulders and especially knees

— knees are very common with our grunts," said Boles.

Although treadmills and stationary bikes may seem self-explanatory and easy for veteran patients, new patients start with "raw" therapy.

"We do a lot of manual physical therapy to improve a Marine's range of motion with stretching exercises," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Christopher T. White, a physi-

cal therapy technician.

"We try to decrease pain, then we move on to complete range of motion and finally work on strengthening the injured site," added White.

Some of the methods technicians used to decrease pain or stimulate "sleeping" muscles are heat, ice, ultrasound to analyze blood flow and electrical stimulation for neuro-muscular re-education.

"We use electricity for neuro-muscular re-education, which wakes up muscles that have gotten used to not working," said White.

White and his cohorts are eager to better Marines with tugging, pulling and stretching, but healing also depends on the motivation of the individual patient.

"Of course it also depends on the severity of an injury, but

[they] have to be willing to help themselves," said White.

Operational tempo can be a roadblock to healing injuries because a unit needs that injured Marine maintain manpower during field training.

"Sometimes commanders don't realize how important it is to fix an injury early in a career than later," said White. "Operation tempo may cause a command to stop physical therapy, but that Marine's injury will likely become a chronic injury and take longer to heal."

One way the hospital works to bring physical therapy units is through a gym and program where technicians oversee the patients at designated location either in the morning or afternoon.

"We're not a large hospital but we have everything we need and we're making an effort to help heal Marines here and outside the hospital," said Cornett. "We have a great relationship with all the [military aid stations] and commanders. Marines are never put off."

Amid lending a helping hand to more than 200 patients weekly, physical therapy technicians of physical therapy can expect Cornett and her staff to provide the means and sometimes the road to recovery.

"I love this job because it's all about team progress and seeing our patients getting better," said White.

"It's the greatest feeling in the world," said Boles. "I'm a field doc by trade, so I have stayed on the green side because I love Marines, and helping them is my oxygen every day."

"It's our job to help them so that they can continue with their units to fight and defend our country," said Cornett, who has spent his entire 20-year career attached to a Marine Corps command.

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Around the Corps



The Army's 35th Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction) Survey team carries their decontamination kit to a building where an unknown material detonated causing more than 75 casualties during the Joint Reception Staging Onward Movement and Integration exercise at Camp Upshur Aug. 10.

Joint operators conduct response exercise

Sgt. Donald Bohanner
Marine Corps Base Quantico

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. — Quantico Marines, along with the Army's 35th Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction) and the West Virginia National Guard Biological Radiological Nuclear and High-Yield Explosives Enhanced Response Force Package team, supported by an additional 25 airmen from Andrews Air Force Base participated in a Base Support Installation, Joint Reception Staging Onward Movement and Integration exercise at Camp Upshur Aug. 10.

"We're conducting weapons of mass destruction reaction training," said Army Maj. Jeff Price, 35th CST commander. "The scenario is an unmanned aircraft was spotted at 4 a.m. The Secret Service and the FBI began to evacuate buildings when an unknown agent was released, causing more than 75 casualties. The CST was activated and is now preparing to decontaminate the site."

The purpose of the exercise was to test the procedures for the BSI and JRSOI in the event of a chemical, biological or weapons of mass destruction attack in the National Capital Region.

"We have just under 100 role players in a building, where an unknown material has gone off. The teams are going to assess the building, identify what the unknown agent is and decontaminate the victims," said Price.

"For the exercise, we have a three-man team enter the building with their full chemical suits on," said Army Staff Sgt. Brian Burns, 35th Civil Support Team, survey team. "Once the team enters the building, they will identify the non-ambulatory victims [victims who need immediate care], and recon the building, taking photographs of the area

and the victims. We then try to identify where and what the hazard is and collect a sample of the material."

Finally, the Mass Casualty Unit will extract and decontaminate the casualties.

"JRSOI is the final phase of deployment and is the critical link between deployment and employment of response forces in the domestic operational area," explained Pete Russett, current operations officer, antiterrorism/force protection, Marine Corps National Capital Region Command. "The Base Support Installation supports the JRSOI, and any military installation of any service or agency designated by the Department of Defense, in or near an actual or projected domestic operational area to support DoD forces conducting civil support operations."

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The Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team is a full-time, federally funded National Guard unit established under Presidential Decision 39 after attacks Sept. 11. The CST is

same time. This might not ever happen again."

The flight also helped showcase an ever-improving Osprey program that, according to Walters, has accrued more than 5,000 flight hours to date.

"5,000 hours is a good solid base for Marine Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron 204 to begin working and training for the first operational Osprey squadron," said Walters. "We're rooted here at Marine Corps Air Station New River, and those roots are firm. We're going to continuously train our Marines to push forward toward full operational capability."

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quickly. According to Hayter, the 30-minute drive to get to where he was wounded took the Marines about eight minutes on the return trip.

"Things were done as they were supposed to be. My Marines did it right," he said.

Once back at Bagram, he immediately went to surgery and soon after was evacuated to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.

"At Germany, I had some [camouflage utilities] with me and got a hold of some crutches and went and sought out other wounded Marines," said Hayter.

Meeting the wounded Marines, most coming out of Iraq, served as a huge element of motivation for Hayter, he said.

After spending roughly four days in Germany, he was further evacuated to the United States, namely Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. At Andrews, he again sought out Marines and teamed up with a sergeant. At one point during his stay at Andrews, Hayter and the sergeant came across a wounded Marine who cut a Mohawk in his hair, a definite breach of regulations.

"I just looked at the sergeant, who knew exactly what I meant. The sergeant went over and squared the Marine away. Good order and discipline existed among the wounded," he said.

He arrived back at Camp Lejeune soon after and was promoted to first lieutenant as well as received countless visits from various Marines aboard base

including Brig. Gen. Mastin M. Robeson, currently the III Marine Expeditionary Force deputy commanding general.

However, the newly promoted Hayter had a decision to make.

"Everyone was talking to me about medical retirement and what my options are after the Marines Corps. At [Naval Medical Center Portsmouth] I met a Navy Seal who had had a limb amputated but was working toward going back on full duty with a Seal Team and deployed with them. That's when I decided to stay in the Marines," Hayter explained.

His foot, however, was still a concern. He still had his heel, after numerous reconstructive surgeries he would be able to keep his foot. The other option given to amputate his leg at mid-shin. The recovery time would be faster and would get him back to work just as fast.

Hayter did what most people would abhor, he opted for amputation.

After spending only nine days at Portsmouth, he returned to Camp Lejeune and checked in to the 6th Marine Regimental Headquarters and immediately went to conducting his own physical training ... getting back in shape.

"When I would go to the gym, other Marines would come up to me and say I motivate them. To me, it was the other way around. It's what's instilled, the ability to adapt and overcome. I hope all Marines can do the same," he said.

The regimental headquarters started a football team, knowing

Hayter's love for the game. Hayter had played during his days at Carroll College in Wisconsin.

Three months after his amputation, he was back on the field. "No one felt sorry for me, they basically told me to 'suck it up' which really helped," said Hayter.

Lieutenant Col. Julian D. Alford, commanding officer, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines, offered Hayter the command of a platoon in the battalion if he was able to get back on full duty status. Once Hayter felt he was able to return, he made the trip to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center where he was screened.

"I met a lot of wounded Marines there who wanted to return to full duty. I drew strength from them," he said.

At Walter Reed, they gave him the final stamp of approval to return to full duty as an amputee. He then took command of a platoon in 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines as promised, where he serves today. With his most recent run time of 26:40 on his Physical Fitness Test, he should have no problem staying in the Marine Corps as long as he's needed.

"When a Marine gets wounded, he doesn't want to feel alienated, he wants to feel he still belongs and that he's still able to be a value to the Marine Corps. The biggest thing we can do for our fallen is to take these guys in, not baby them, give them a challenge, and make them feel like Marines again," Hayter said. "I love Marines. I think God's greatest creation is the United States Marine Corps."

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the base's personnel accolades it also brought the installation some physical and monetary awards. Camp Lejeune received a trophy with the president's seal, an installation flag of excellence, a con-

gratulatory letter signed by the president, a monetary incentive bonus of \$200,000 and more.

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but for our pilots as well."

According to Walters, the remarkable flight went off "like clockwork," and helped to reveal the day-to-day excellence VMX-22 has made standard operating procedure.

"It was absolutely motivating," added Maj. Vince R. Martinez, a VMX-22 pilot in the number 11 Osprey. "I was 11 aircraft back and to watch all those MV-22's taxi out and then take-off in front of me, it sent chills up my spine. It felt like I was glimpsing into the future."

Launching four divisions of aircraft and being a part of history was a positive experience for the unit as a whole and for those pilots who were able to participate in the flight, said Maj. Brian C. Smith, a VMX-22 pilot in the number 10 Osprey.

Both Martinez and Smith said they gave a great deal of the credit for the successful operation to the "tremendous maintenance effort," understanding that without a contribution from the entire squadron, the flight would not have been possible.

According to Smith, this flock of Ospreys may never appear again due to plans to place 12 aircraft in each Osprey squadron once the program becomes operational.

"I can't foresee 16 or more aircraft under one unit," explained Smith. "It would be the same as flying almost two full squadrons together at the

FUTURE
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Many of Iraq's new military forces are inexperienced in shooting and handling their AK-47 Assault Rifle correctly, much less be able to do so while in the chaos of a firefight. To correct this, the cadre Marines escorted their students to a nearby range outside the train station. There, they spent hours supervising and coaching students as they popped off thousands of rounds to hit human-shaped wood and cardboard silhouettes. Whether kneeling, standing or walking toward their targets, the Iraqis shot off two rounds to its chest, and one to the head.

Private Sayf Jamel Mahdy, a former student of the course who also helped the cadre Marines coach Class 7-05, said he plans to use training such as this for the good of Iraq.

"We all benefit from learning how to shoot. We use what we learn to fight the terrorists still in Fallujah," Mahdy stated. "The people, the soldiers, the government officials... we are all subject to danger, so we must take responsibility and do our part. Iraq is tired of the fighting; we can not stand by and let it last forever."

DAY 5: IT ALL COMES TOGETHER

It was a long week for the Iraqi soldiers and instructors alike and both groups looked forward to the afternoon's graduation ceremony. Only one final hurdle remained to be jumped.

Lance Cpl. James Ratay delivered a final class on setting up personnel and vehicle check points before the cadre Marines gave the soldiers the rest of the morning off to prepare for a final field training exercise.

"The last day of training is the best time to see everything we've taught them. It all comes together," Martins exclaimed, after issuing the troops a five-paragraph order for the exercise. "You see a big change from day one to day five. You earn more respect for the students as you see them employing everything you've taught them."

The combined force wielded their new knowledge, along with their rifles and street smarts, as they practiced surrounding, breaching and searching one of the train station's empty bays. 'Insurgents' like Campbell and Benson guarded a fake weapons cache inside, and simulated shooting and wounding some Iraqis as the troops raided their safe house.

Hours later, once the 'terrorists' were searched and the munitions unearthed, the Iraqi combatants and their instructor cadre

gathered once more inside the same bay they had just raided. The troops stood in formation and chatted excitedly amongst themselves as they prepared for graduation.

Lieutenant Col. William M. Jurney, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment's commanding officer, and several Iraqi troop leaders strode into the room minutes later to congratulate the newest group of combat leaders.

"We have soldiers standing side-by-side here today," Jurney stated as he addressed the troops. "In the Marine Corps, we say, 'one team, one fight,' and you all represent this spirit. You are the future of Iraq."

The troops then marched forward to shake hands with their commanders and receive their graduation diplomas. After a few last congratulatory remarks, they rejoined their parent units to continue fighting terrorism and enrich fellow soldiers with the knowledge and skills they now possessed.

"I will continue to teach what I have learned to my other soldiers, because I enjoy it very much," Mahdy stated. "Someday, I wish to become an instructor myself."

AN ONGOING BATTLE

Forty-six Iraqis are now small infantry unit leaders, but for the Marines of 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, their work has just begun.

Thus far, battalion personnel have schooled approximately 600 Iraqi service members on topics ranging from infantry tactics to medical training, and base fortification to convoy driving skills. Silvers estimated that his unit will train approximately 300 more before returning to the U.S.

"By the time we leave, every soldier here will have undergone some type of training," he said.

Insurgents still lay roadside bombs and occasionally shoot off rounds at passing convoys, but peace has largely

returned to Fallujah. According to battalion personnel, this is proof that the constant formal and on-the-job training they give the ISF is highly effective.

"We have seen steady progress with the training, integration and operational capabilities of the ISF," Jurney stated. "The Iraqis, from the newly joined recruits to their senior leaders, have been working hard to develop a positive component of a new Iraq."

"They're doing an excellent job, and they're getting better everyday," added Lance Cpl. Brad McKee, an infantryman with Company B, who frequently patrols alongside Iraqi troops. "On a lot of the patrols I've been on, the soldiers found most of the weapons and improvised explosive devices."

Jurney added that when his battalion arrived in mid-March, ISF soldiers helped Marines conduct counter-insurgency operations. Now, the opposite stands true.

"We are now supporting their efforts

to neutralize the remaining anti-Iraqis here," he continued. "When first arrived, the ISF simply played a supporting role in our operations. 'Supporting' and 'supported' roles have shifted."

The newest wave of future Class 7-05, has now returned to units to pursue their role in the war, a new zeal that is partly caused by the skills they now possess.

"For 40 years, we were oppressed by Saddam Hussein," Muhammad said. "The people are tired of the terrorism. We fight now to protect our families and a safe Iraq. This is the feeling of all the best Iraqi citizens."

As they have done since the beginning of their tour, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment will continue their fight with their Iraqi brethren to fight for a better future.

"We are taking full advantage of the strengths both of our forces bring to the table," Jurney stated. "It's one team fight, and the weary insurgents know

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Afghan and U.S. forces worked in close coordination with local leaders regarding the mission, meeting several times with Provincial Governor Wafa during the operation. Wafa broadcasted several messages on local radio stations explaining the purpose of the operation.

Civil affairs and medical personnel, ensured Afghan citizens in the area received medical treatment and an opportunity to prosper and improve their lifestyle. U.S. forces brought much-needed supplies, humanitarian and civil assistance to some of the local residents.

Wafa said he expects this operation to encourage former enemies of Afghanistan to reconcile and join Program Takhim-e Solh, the Afghan government's reconciliation program, so they can participate in the democratic process rebuilding the country.

"The enemy continues to learn the hard way that U.S., coalition and Afghan National Security forces will continue to be relentless in their search for and destruction of the enemy," Army Maj. Gen. Jason Kamiya, Combined Joint Task Force 76 commanding general, said.

"In a few weeks, the people of Afghanistan will elect a National Assembly, which will constitute a vote against continued violence and suffering and a vote for a free and prosperous future," Kamiya said. "The enemy, too, has choices to make: to peacefully and honorably reconcile with Afghanistan's national government and become part of Afghanistan's brighter future or to continue to live in the shadow of continued military confrontation, violence, death and defeat."

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UMPIRES NEEDED

Jacksonville Recreation and Parks Department is in need of youth baseball and softball umpires for the 2005 fall season. North Carolina high school and local rules will be used. For more information, call Melody Strickland at 938-2538.

TRIATHLON

The 2nd Annual Emerald Isle Triathlon will take place Oct. 15 at 8 a.m. on Emerald Isle. The race includes a 750 meter swim in the Atlantic Ocean, 19.3 mile bike and 5k run. Registration closes Oct. 1. Register at www.active.com, www.emeraldisle-nc.org, or contact Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation at (252) 354-6350.

FISHING ADVENTURES

THE GLOBE is interested in reports, stories and photographs from your outdoor adventures, as well as suggested topics for future stories on the area's outdoor activities. To submit ideas, contact Brian Berger at brian.berger@militarynews.com.

BOWLING TOURNAMENTS

Bonnyman Bowling Center's 2005 Leatherneck Pro Am Tournament is scheduled for Sept. 16 - 18. Youth and adults will compete Sept. 16, and the South Senior & Regular Region Leatherneck Open will take place Sept. 17 and 18. The events are open to the public, and sign-up forms are available at Bonnyman Bowling Center.

GOTTSCHALK MARINA

Gottschalk Marina is hosting a team bass tournament Sept. 10. The Marina is also offering a kayak clinic Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, contact Gottschalk Marina at 451-8307.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Camp Lejeune varsity women's basketball team practices Tuesdays and Thursdays at Camp Geiger's gym from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Practices are also Saturdays from 9 - 11 a.m. For more information, contact Rickey Clark at 451-2061.

COASTAL PAINTBALL

Coastal Paintball, located next to the Skeet Range on Parachute Tower Road, is now open. For more information, logon to www.coastalpaintball.com

ROD AND GUN CLUB

Lejeune's Rod and Gun Club meets at 6 p.m., twice a month. Call 455-5452 for more information.



University of Southern California tailback and special teams ace Reggie Bush is college football's most elusive offensive player and a big reason why the Trojans are the pre-season favorite to repeat as national champions.

Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart returns to quarterback the defending champion USC Trojans in 2005. Every player who scored a touchdown for the team last season remains on the squad in 2005.

2005 College Football Season: Can anyone in the ACC run with USC?

Hurricanes, Eagles and a man named 'Vick' emerge as early favorites in the Atlantic Coast Conference

BRIAN BERGER
Lejeune Sports Editor

The Atlantic Coast Conference expansion that began last season and continues this season was designed to add credibility, potentially dominance, to a Conference better known for its basketball powerhouses than gridiron rivalries. The plan is certainly succeeding in making the ACC a far superior football conference, but its also putting increased pressure on the conference's traditional programs to improve to the high standards of the newcomers.

Entering the 2005 season, which kicks-off Sept. 1, three of the conference's five teams in the Associated Press preseason top 25 rankings announced this week are the newcomers. The Miami Hurricanes, who joined the ACC last season, are no strangers to the top of the nation's college football rankings. The Hurricanes are a breeding ground for the National Football League. Each year, the Hurricanes send a contingent of players on to stardom in the NFL, and each year, they seem to effortlessly replace the lost stars. This year is likely to be no exception as the Hurricanes battle for the ACC title and a possible national title.

There is an enigma, a name that makes even the best defensive lineman cringe in fear, that has led most experts to foresee a second place finish in the ACC for the 'Canes. That name is Vick, Marcus Vick to be sure. Vick's older brother Michael became a hero in Blacksburg, Va., Hokie country, and a household name with his highlight reel career at Virginia Tech. For younger brother Marcus, the road to stardom has been littered with personal demons. If Vick has the maturity to withstand the pressure of the spotlight and high

expectations, and can become a leader on the field, the Hokies will be favored to repeat as ACC gridiron champs. The expectations are already there.

Boston College, the newest team to the ACC field, completes the conference's expansion after making a farewell tour in the Big East last season, and will likely soar to the top echelon of the ACC.

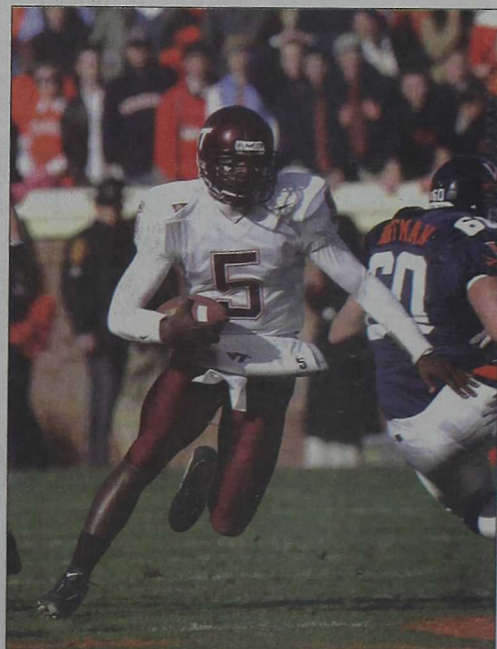
Virginia and Florida State are the ACC's other top-25 preseason squads, and each has the talent and proven coaching to contend for the top spot in the Conference. Virginia's Al Groh cut his teeth under Bill Parcells in the NFL before returning to coach his alma mater, and FSU's Bobby Bowdoin is a legend in the game.

Adding to the excitement in 2005, the ACC has added a championship game, which will be played between the winner of the Atlantic Division and Coastal Division in a nationally televised game Dec. 3. The Atlantic Division includes Boston College, Clemson, Florida State, Maryland, North Carolina St. and Wake Forest. The Coastal Division is comprised of Duke, Georgia Tech, North Carolina, Miami, Virginia and Virginia Tech.

Here's a look at the ACC in 2005:

BOSTON COLLEGE EAGLES:

Will Blackmon made his name as a cornerback, and now B.C.'s version of PrimeTime will make the transition to wide receiver and kick returner. Blackmon's pure athleticism makes him one of the ACC's most exciting players, but whether he can make the transition from defense to offense remains to be seen. Eagles' defensive end Mathias Kiwanuka has been named by the media as player of the year in the ACC, so expectations are high



Courtesy of Virginia Tech University
Marcus Vick quarterback a Virginia Tech team that is a preseason favorite to win the Atlantic Coast Conference in 2005.

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O'Brien's B.C. Eagles brings its bruising brand of football to ACC

ONCE A MONTH

JENNA FRYER



In North Carolina, coach John Brantley had the way he was matched up against Boston College in last year's Continental Tire Bowl, especially when the Eagles took a 24-21 lead after three quarters.

By the Eagles' entrance to the ACC, they had the final 17 minutes to win, 17-28, and were trailing with a leading turnover. USA Today reported:

"They pounded and pounded and just kept coming," Brantley says. "They were as fierce physically."

The rest of the Atlantic Coast Conference is about as diverse as you can find with Boston College. After a consecutive two-year transition, the Eagles have left the Big East Conference and joined Big East alumni Virginia Tech and Miami (Fla.) in the ACC.

Boston College is coming off a 9-7 season, its sixth consecutive year with at least seven wins under Coach Tom O'Brien, a Marine vet. The Eagles have won head games in each of the past five years and are ranked 22nd in the preseason USA Today Coaches' Poll.

The Eagles open their 2007 schedule at Brigham Young on Sept. 1.

It's a stretch of success on a brand of straight-ahead football not seen in much of the spread-oriented Atlantic Coast. O'Brien says BC changed conditions but hasn't changed philosophy.

"Boston College has prided itself on playing physical football. That's our heritage," O'Brien says. "That's where we've found success in the past, and we're proud to keep that tradition."

O'Brien is no stranger to the ACC. He spent 12 years as an assistant at Virginia before coming to Boston College in 1997, inheriting an Eagle program saved upside-down by a betting scandal that led to the suspension of 13 players, and USA Today:

"I took three seasons for O'Brien, a 1971 Naval Academy graduate who played at Quantico in 1972, to guide the Eagles above .500. They really have been shown that much since and have beaten at least one ranked opponent on the road in each of the past three seasons."

"I don't know that people in the ACC really understand how good a program Boston College is," says Miami coach Larry Cohen. "We've played them for nine years, and they are class all the way. They are going to be a factor in this league."

The media picked BC to finish second behind Florida State in the Atlantic Division. The Eagles return 17 starters, but the program did not win an outright title in 14 seasons in the Big East and a 1-13 lifetime vs. Miami and Virginia Tech.

Boston joined BC to use three tailbacks last year who totaled just under 1,000 yards and 10 touchdowns. All are back and will run behind an offensive line that returns all five starters.

The question comes at quarterback, where 2004 starter Paul Peterson is gone but senior Quinton Porter, who started 11 games and threw for 1,764 yards in 2005, is back after redshirting last season.

"I feel like we have a returning quarterback," O'Brien says. "He's played in difficult places, and we know he has the ability."

Boston College's reputation for playing grind-it-out football is true to a point. The Eagles threw for just under 1,000 yards and 20 TDs last season, and their 245-yard average would have been tops in the ACC, USA Today said.

"I don't believe we're going to play trash football and throw the ball all over the lot and win football games like some people do," O'Brien says. "But you have to have it well enough to be successful."

The defense returns eight starters, the most significant being end Mathew Kwanika. The 6-7, 262-pound senior was the 2004 Big East defensive player of the year and was the media's preseason choice as ACC player of the year.

"He was a difference-maker last year, and we hope he'll be even more than that this season," O'Brien says.

Boston College's non-conference schedule could produce a 3-0 mark, and the Eagles get Florida State and Virginia at home while missing Miami in the new 12-team, two-division alignment.

"The whole thing is, how really good is the ACC, and that's what we have to find out," O'Brien says. "I do know we're better suited now than we were five years ago to make this work."

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

roundup



THE GAZETTE'S WEEKLY ROUNDUP

National Football League

CLEVELAND (AP) — Wide receiver Austin Davis was traded to the New England Patriots by the Cleveland Browns for an undisclosed draft pick Monday.

Davis, mentioned in trade talks for several months, became expendable after the Browns drafted rookie Braylon Edwards, and Antonio Bryant and Dennis Northcutt both emerged during training camp.

Davis also had lost his job as the club's No. 1 kick returner to rookie Joshua Cribbs.

The 26-year-old Davis was already in New England when the Patriots announced the deal.

Last week, the Browns gave Davis and his agent, Kenneth McGuire, permission to seek a trade. The Philadelphia Eagles and Seattle Seahawks also expressed interest in Davis.

McGuire didn't immediately return a phone message.

Davis was selected in the second round (No. 47 overall) of the 2002 draft by former Browns coach Bunch Davis, who thought the former Virginia Tech track star's speed would open things up for Cleveland's offense.

However, injuries have slowed Davis' development.

Because of a nagging toe injury, he started only seven games and had 16 receptions for 416 yards and two touchdowns last season. One of those TDs was a 99-yarder from Jeff Garcia, the longest pass play in Browns' history.

Davis' days seemed numbered in Cleveland when first-year Browns coach Romeo Crennel said the 6-foot-1, 195-pounder was having "an average camp."

Davis, eligible for free agency next year, got off to a strong start as a rookie with Cleveland. He scored a TD in his first three games, becoming just the sixth rookie since 1970 to begin his career that way.

In 2003, Davis had 40 catches for 576 yards and five TDs.

—Tom Wilher, Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning will miss next week's exhibition game against the Jets with a sprained elbow on his throwing arm.

Manning was hurt Saturday night in the first half of the Giants' 27-21 win over Carolina when Julius Peppers stripped him of the ball, recovered it and returned it for a touchdown. Manning's arm kept going forward after the ball came out, and he hit his hand on Peppers' helmet.

Manning stayed in the game and later threw a 41-yard touchdown pass to Antonio Tomer.

Manning was examined Monday morning by Dr. Russell Warren, the team doctor, who said the quarterback had a sprain and bruise on the inside of his right elbow. Coach Tom Coughlin said Manning's status is "week to week."

Coughlin gave the same description of the status of Will Peterson, the team's starting left cornerback. Peterson sprained a ligament in his knee during the victory over the Panthers.

—Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Two games, no touchdowns by the starting offense. Several wasted scoring opportunities. Some more playoff-like poor throws by Ben Roethlisberger.

This isn't the way the Pittsburgh Steelers wanted to start the preseason, except for QB Ben Roethlisberger. They're 2-0, mostly because the offense hasn't been needed to score in games that have been controlled by their defense and special teams.

The Steelers managed to turn a remarkable seven Miami turnovers into just 10 touchdowns and a Jeff Reed 26-yard field goal in a 17-3 victory Saturday night over the Dolphins team that gave no sign it is more improved from last year's 4-12 version.

But with the regulars lifted well before halftime for the second consecutive game, coach Bill Cowher had planned to play the rest of the game, the starting offense again didn't do much. Roethlisberger was 8-of-11 for yards with an interception on a pass into the flat, one similar to two such interceptions thrown in the playoffs.

Cowher had planned to play Vance Johnson in the second quarter but, with 10 starters not doing much with all the fan position the Dolphins gave them, went Charlie Batch after lifting Roethlisberger.

"I didn't plan on playing Ben that long, but we had to put the ball into the end zone," Cowher said. "We were very sporadic. And if you look at the overall running game, it was not the standard we set for ourselves."

Jasmine Benis, limited to two carries in 11 yards, would be more worried if the offense was playing a lot longer and not producing. A week ago, the Steelers scored three times in the first 19 minutes on two kick returns and an interception return, so the offensive starters went only 10 plays before being lifted in a 38-31 victory over the Eagles.

"You don't want to make too big of a deal of it because it's only two exhibition games," Benis said. "But you want to take advantage of your scoring opportunities, whether it's the preseason, the regular season or the postseason. We had a dropped pass in the end zone, so I wouldn't be too worried at this point yet."

Roethlisberger couldn't connect with an open Cedrick Wilson on a second-and-goal play from the Dolphins' 9-yard line midway through the first quarter, an opportunity set up by Willie Parker's 37-yard run on a misdirection play. On third down, Roethlisberger couldn't find Vernon Haynes out of the backfield on another incomplete.

Jeff Reed then missed a 28-yard field goal attempt, and that was about it for the offense on a night when its only touchdown, set up by a Dolphins fumble, of course, came on Haynes' 1-yard run in the third quarter. James Harrison also had a 69-yard fumble return, the Steelers' fourth return touchdown in two games.

"We had a lot of opportunities but we didn't do very much with them," said Batch, whose numbers (6-of-11, 55 yards) were almost identical to Roethlisberger's. "We have to regroup and get back to practice and work on it. The good thing is we still have two more weeks left. If this were the last game you'd be a lot more concerned about it."

Parker's 58 yards on six carries represented much of the offense's output in a game in which Walter Young, with three catches for 19 yards, was the only Steelers receiver to catch more than one pass.

With so many players being used, the first roster cuts will be made before Friday's game against the Redskins, and the starting offense getting so few snaps, there's no real worry yet among the Steelers.

Benis, for example, has only five carries in two games as the Steelers, not certain of the injured Duane Staley's status for the Sept. 10 opener against Tennessee, make sure he stays healthy.

Pro Bowl receiver Hines Ward, who missed the first 15 days of camp in a contract holdout, also played only a few downs after having only two full practice days last week.

"I really think with the offense with us, we're going to have a lot of opportunities this year and we'll take advantage of them," Benis said.

—Alan Robinson, Associated Press

49ers await word on cause of lineman's death

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Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — The steel Colorado evening seemed perfect for football, perfect for Thomas Herrion to prove to the San Francisco 49ers that he could play in the NFL.

A few minutes after Saturday night's game against the Denver Broncos ended, the backup offensive lineman collapsed near his locker. He was rushed to the hospital, and shortly afterward, pronounced dead at age 25.

"We lost a teammate and a very good friend," Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said on Sunday, as the shock of the loss sunk in.

The Denver coroner's office performed an autopsy, but said no cause of death could be determined until toxicology tests were performed. The tests usually take about three to six weeks.

"Our thoughts are with the Herrion family and the 49ers," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said. "We will be in contact with the 49ers to learn the details of what happened."

Herrion's death once again shined a spotlight on the overall health of NFL players, especially the linemen, who routinely weigh in at more than 300 pounds.

It came just six months after offensive lineman Larry Stricker of the Minnesota Vikings died of heartstroke following a practice at nearly 90-degree weather.

Superstitions were nowhere more than Saturday night, usually with 70 percent humidity when Herrion was on the field. And while heatstroke is still possible under such mild conditions, the notion that Herrion, at any football game, is in good enough shape to handle extreme game conditions simply because he's a professional athlete is being questioned all over again.

The four-year guard, a tightend to make the final roster, was listed at 6-foot-3, 313 pounds, about average for an NFL lineman. But when measured on the body mass index scale, which is a commonly accepted standard of fitness in the medical community, Herrion would be considered "severely obese."

And though obesity isn't necessarily believed to be the cause of heart or fat point, one expert says it surely could have been a contributor.

"Yes, it could be easily associated to his weight, but the fact remains that he was 6-7 and he weighed 313 pounds and probably should have been 270 pounds," said Dr. Jayson Hays, a University of North Carolina neurocardiologist who recently did a study concerning the health of all NFL players and found that almost all players qualified as overweight or obese.

Before starting training camp last month, Herrion passed the broad range of physicals the NFL demands from all its players.

One of his former coaches at Kilgore College in Texas, Trevor Fox, said he roomed with Herrion this summer and watched the lineman work out in the 97-degree Texas heat.

"The young man was in shape," Fox said. Herrion played his college ball at Utah, and so was accustomed to playing in high altitude such as Denver's, which can intensify dehydration.

He was running down the field with the third- and fourth-year players, the ones hoping to grab one of the final 53 roster spots, during a frantic, 14-play, 91-yard drive that ended with 2 seconds left in San Francisco's 26-21 loss. While taping, it certainly wasn't anything out of the ordinary for a professional football player.

After the game, Herrion looked tired, but was walking around the field, shaking hands with the Broncos and joking with some of the 49ers staff. As always in the locker room, medical staffers were on hand. Paramedics were performing CPR on Herrion within moments of his collapse.

"We have done everything medically we could do," said Gene Upshaw, head of the players union. "We have doctors trained in emergency medicine, in heart problems and other specialties standing by at every game. It's not just injuries. It's people who know what to do in every emergency. It just wasn't enough."

Stricker's death prompted the NFL to increase efforts to teach players about managing the heat and dehydration. Many teams moved practices out of the hottest hours of the day and began better monitoring of how much liquid players were drinking.

Others have started using devices to measure players' core body temperatures, a good preventive measure, but almost certainly not something that could have saved Herrion on Saturday.

Herrion adds to a very short list of NFL deaths that also includes St. Louis Cardinals tight end J.C. Cain, who died of a heart attack during training camp in 1978, and Detroit Lions receiver Chuck Hagler, who died of a heart attack during a game in 1977.

Herrion spent part of last season on the San Francisco and Dallas practice squads. He also played this season with the Blainburg Sea Devils of NFL Europe.

"I think everybody that came into contact with him feels the impact of what just happened," said Steve Prohm, Herrion's college teammate at Utah who's now a rookie defensive tackle with the New York Jets. "It really makes you come down to earth and realize what you really have. It was a shocker. You can't sleep after that."

Carolina rookie QB talks, plays like Jake

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Associated Press

SPARTANBURG, S.C. (AP)

— They call Stefan Lefors "Baby Jake" in Carolina, a nod to his Louisiana upbringing and slight Cajun accent.

He doesn't mind. After all, it's not such a bad thing to be compared to one quarterback Jake Delhomme.

"There's worse things I can be called," Lefors said. "But I think everyone knows I am a long way away from playing at Jake's level."

True, but there are a lot of similarities between Delhomme and Lefors that stretch beyond their small-town Louisiana roots.

Lefors, a fourth-round draft pick out of Louisiana, has not exactly wonned the Panthers during training camp. But when thrown into live action, the rookie quarterback has shined.

Playing with the fourth team against Washington two weeks ago, Lefors went 5-of-8 for 51 yards and two touchdowns passes. And in an intrasquad scrimmage two weeks ago, he threw the only two touchdowns the offense produced.

Delhomme knows what Lefors is going through. He has never been a terrific practice quarterback, but that's a way to succeed in game day.

"In practice, you can only do so much as coach staff," Delhomme said. "When you're live, things are different. You can't always drop back, set your feet, and throw the ball. You've got to be

able to move around back there and make people miss and find your guys. I think Stefan does that extremely well."

Lefors got off to a shaky start against the Redskins, missing a wide open receiver with a bounced pass.

"I'm not going to lie, I was nervous," Lefors said. "I knew he was open, and I just checked. That's all there is to it."

But he settled down after the rain and got his confidence back by completing a routine 1-yard TD pass to Drew Carter. For his second touchdown, he scrambled to his left out of the pocket and tossed an impressive 26-yarder to Aaron Boone while under pressure.

That's when the Panthers knew they made the right decision by drafting Lefors, who was considered a gamble because he's only 6-foot tall.

"The guy was a playmaker at a high level," Carolina coach John Fox said. "There is something really special about the guy. That is what we saw, and that's why we drafted him as the first pick."

Lefors started at Louisville for two seasons and left as the nation's top-rated prospect. He completed 76.3 percent of his passes at a senior, while throwing for 20 touchdowns and just three interceptions. He also set a school record for rushing yards by a quarterback, accumulating for 796 yards and six touchdowns, and ended his career with a 20-5 record.

Then he returned home to Baton Rouge, La., just a 30-minute

drive from Delhomme's hometown of Thomasville. It turned out Lefors' wife is a distant relative of Delhomme's, and the two met over a seafood dinner on Easter weekend.

As they drove home that evening, Lefors' wife mentioned how great it would be if Carolina picked him and he could learn under Delhomme.

A month later, the Panthers selected Lefors on the second day of the draft. Since then, he has been working up everything he can from Delhomme and backing quarterback Chris Watson.

"Both of them have been great and really helpful," Lefors said. "An NFL offense is a lot to learn and they've both been patient with me."

Lefors got another chance to earn a roster spot Saturday night in Carolina's preseason game against the New York Giants.

He's battling Rod Rutherford for the third-string quarterback slot, and the knee will probably be discussed in the postgame report.

Rutherford spent all of last season on Carolina's practice squad, so he's got an edge in knowing the offense. But Lefors believes that what he lacks in experience, he makes up for in preparation.

"I bring the ability to make things happen when things aren't going right," Lefors said. "The coaches always say he grades us on when things don't go well. He says, 'What are you going to do next?' Are you going to make things happen or let one mistake lead to another mistake?"

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Mayfield wins race with fuel strategy

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BROOKLYN, Mich. (AP) — The victory celebration was the toughest part of Jeremy Mayfield's day.

After stretching his final tank of gas over the last 52 laps of Sunday's NASCAR Nextel Cup race at Michigan International Speedway to record his first victory in nearly a year, Mayfield blew his rear tires with a crowd-pleasing burnout, then got tackled by his crew chief.

"I had to do a TV interview with the breath knocked out of me," Mayfield said, grinning. "That was a hard hit."

No harm, though, as Mayfield walked to Victory Circle to continue the celebration of his fifth career victory and first since a win last September in Richmond that earned him entry into NASCAR's first Chase for the Championship.

It doesn't look like he'll need any last-minute heroics this year.

Sunday's performance moved him from seventh to sixth in the season points and virtually assured Mayfield of a spot in the 10-man, 10-race playoffs with just three races remaining until the lineup is locked in.

It was a gutsy gamble by crew chief Slugger Labbe that put Mayfield in this position.

"For my team to do that with the position we're in in the points..." Mayfield said, letting his words trail off. "If we had run out of gas, it would have been a big story tomorrow: We ran out of gas, we fell out of the top 10 and I don't make the Chase."

"They deserve a lot of credit for what they did." Mayfield was never close to the lead earlier in the 200-lap race. But one by one, the leaders were forced to pit for fuel — and Mayfield inherited the top spot with six laps to go.

"Man, we had a 20th-place car and we robbed the bank," the gleeful Labbe said.

There were seven caution flags in the race, but none in the final 51 laps.

"If there had been a caution with 10 laps to go, we'd have been doomed," Labbe said. "But history says from lap 150 on this track stays green, and we took a chance on history."

Mayfield said he was doing everything he could think of to save fuel at the end, but was confident he could make it.

"When those guys made that choice, I knew they were pretty confident I could make it and I was pretty confident in their decision," he said.

"About the last three laps, the motor was sputtering. I was thinking on that last lap, 'It's close, it's close, it's close,' but we got there."

Many of the teams in the 43-car field had problems with cut tires or engines that overheated when windblown garbage collected on grills, cutting off air to radiators. Mayfield's No. 19 Evernham Motorsports Dodge was no exception.

"It was just a cool, windy day," Labbe said. "You could see the debris coming through the fence. Nothing much you can do."

"Our motor was running 270 [degrees] today. The engine room gets freaked out about 220. It was cooked, but we made it," he added.

Scott Riggs also stretched his gas to the end and finished a career-high second, followed by Matt Kenseth and Carl Edwards, who had been battling for the lead prior to the late pit stops.

Kenseth, who made his final stop on lap 181, charged hard to get back into contention but came up well short of Mayfield and Riggs, who finished about five car-lengths apart.

Kenseth said his crew chief, Robby Reiser, "wanted me to go after Mayfield and I couldn't even see him. We were just hoping he'd run out of gas."

"I always like the fastest car to win, even if it's not me. But they took the big gamble when they could afford to take it and

it paid off for them."

Edwards, who made his Cup debut here a year ago and is now a championship contender, appeared happy with his fourth-place finish.

"That was just a blast," he said. "I had a good time. To be that close to victory and have it go on pit strategy, I just have to congratulate Jeremy. That's just awesome."

Series points leader Tony Stewart — who came into the race as the hottest driver in stock car racing with five wins in seven starts — never led on Sunday but finished fifth for his eight consecutive top-seven.

Reigning Cup champion Kurt Busch, who dominated during the middle part of the race, wound up seventh, while pole-starter Joe Nemechek, who dropped far back into the pack after a flat tire, came back to finish eighth.

Mayfield moved ahead of Busch in the season points with just three races remaining before the 10-race NASCAR playoffs begin.

Behind them, plenty of questions remained: only 129 points separate eighth-place Ryan Newman, who finished 12th on Sunday, from Jeff Gordon, who somehow managed a 15th-place finish with a terrible car and moved from 13th to 12th in the season points.

Going into next Saturday night's race at Bristol, Edwards is ninth and Jamie McMurray 10th, followed by Dale Jarrett, just 51 points out of the final spot in the Chase, and Gordon, another seven points back.



Jeremy Mayfield celebrates his victory in the grassy area in front of the stands after winning the NASCAR GFS Marketplace 400 at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich., on Sunday, Aug. 21.

MLS tests its mettle against Real Madrid

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MADRID, Spain (AP) — The Major League Soccer All-Stars aim to show the progress made by United States' soccer over recent years when they play at Real Madrid Tuesday for the Santiago Bernabeu Trophy.

With their country sixth in FIFA's rankings and the league now powered by heavy commercial backing, the representative team will expect to impress at the Spanish powerhouse.

It will be the first time that an American squad has played for the trophy, named after Madrid's former president and contested annually since 1979.

The 18-man MLS roster includes six members of the U.S. team, including Los Angeles Galaxy forward Landon Donovan, the United States' player of the year for the past three years.

Veteran midfielder Yuri Djorkaeff, who plays for MetroStars, has also been selected and will likely face Madrid's Zinedine Zidane, his former teammate on France's 1998 World Cup winning team.

Led by Revolution coach Steve Nicol, the squad has representatives from all 12 MLS clubs and comprises 12 Americans and six foreigners. MLS executives have also accompanied the team to the Spanish capital.

Madrid will aim for an encouraging result in its first home game since last season, five days before it kicks off its league campaign with a visit to newly promoted Cadiz. That the Spanish season has yet to start may help the MLS team.

"We have a match which we want to win," Madrid coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo was quoted as saying by news agency Europa Press. "The team isn't as ready as I would like, there's room for improvement. It's normal at this stage for us to have a couple of problems."

The Spanish powerhouse visited the United States in the offseason, playing exhibition games against Chivas Guadalajara and MLS's Los Angeles Galaxy as part of a four-country world tour which also took in China, Thailand and Japan.

The nine-time European champion hasn't won a major trophy since 2003 despite boasting world-renowned players such as Ronaldo, David Beckham and Zidane. It is under great pressure this season to end its drought.

Luxemburgo is likely to select only one of Madrid's four offseason signings for Tuesday's starting lineup.

Brazil forward Julio Baptista, signed from Sevilla after netting 38 goals in two seasons, should play on the left of midfield. Uruguayan internationals Pablo Garcia and Carlos Diogo, formerly of Osasuna and River Plate respectively, may start on the bench.

The biggest name among Madrid's newcomers, Brazil striker Robinho, isn't available because he isn't scheduled to be presented by the club until Thursday.

England defender Jonathan Woodgate, who has been injured for 16 months, has been called up for the squad for the first time since joining Madrid a year ago.

Madrid goalkeeper Iker Casillas, who missed Spain's friendly with Uruguay last week with a left thigh strain, faces a fitness test before the game. Diego Lopez is on standby.

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HARTFORD, Conn. — Bruce Arena has more coaches than any other coach in history of the U.S. national team, a key reason the Americans won their fifth straight World Cup.

Even the players who started in February's final round opener were missing Tuesday night, including the defense, midfielder Marcus Beasley and forward Eric Johnson. Still, the Americans beat Trinidad and Tobago 1-0 — outshooting the Warriors 18-1.

We had a lot of guys out there, and we had other guys who stepped in straight away and did really well," said midfielder Bobby Convey, one of the

replacements. "I think we have so many guys with experience that it doesn't really matter who's in there."

Convey, who made the pass that led to Brian McBride's goal 91 seconds in, will be suspended for the next game, on Sept. 3, against Mexico at Columbus, Ohio, after getting two yellow cards Wednesday night.

Defenders Eddie Pope and Frankie Hejduk will return from suspensions, and Beasley could be available following a hamstring injury. Defender Steve Cherundolo (sprained knee) and midfielder Pablo Mastroeni (sprained ankle) are unlikely to be ready, according to Arena, who also voiced doubt that Johnson would regain fitness in time following a two-month layoff caused by a big toe injury.

U.S. captain Claudio Reyna played well in his first game with

the national team since March and only his second since September. He was paired with John O'Brien for the first time since the 2002 World Cup, and O'Brien also looked sharp.

O'Brien, a midfielder who has missed much of the last three years due to leg injuries, came out at halftime after hurting his left hip, but the U.S. team didn't think it would sideline him.

"What this group has managed to do is not let anything get in the way of their goals in qualifying and winning games," Arena said. "We miss a player due to an injury or a suspension, they don't blink an eye, they just move forward. If they're in games where the officiating may be a little bit questionable, it doesn't bother them. They just keep their concentration and get after the task at hand."

Mexico (5-0-1) leads the final

round of the North and Central American and Caribbean region with 16 points, one ahead of the United States (5-1-0). Guatemala and Costa Rica (both 2-3-1) are at seven points, followed by T&T (1-4-1) with four and Panama (0-4-2) with two.

The top three teams qualify and the No. 4 nation goes to a playoff against Bahrain or Uzbekistan for another berth.

For the 1990 tournament, the United States needed a win at Trinidad on the final day of qualifying to reach the World Cup for the first time in 40 years. After receiving an automatic bid as host for 1994, the Americans won at Canada in their next-to-last game to qualify for 1998. They also qualified for 2002 with a game to spare, beating Jamaica at Foxboro, Mass.

If the Americans beat Mexico, they would clinch a berth in the

32-nation field for next year's tournament in Germany with three games remaining.

"Our key has always been our away points," said goalkeeper Kasey Keller, who didn't have to make a single save on Wednesday. "This time we're turning those draws into wins, and that's made all the difference in the world."

After winning 2-1 at Trinidad, the Americans lost 2-1 at Mexico and won 3-0 at Panama. They've swept their home games against Guatemala, Costa Rica and T&T.

More than three dozen players are competing for the 23-man World Cup roster, a pool that is continuing to grow.

"I see a lot of positive things," Arena said, "not only in this final round of qualifying, but hopefully for the following year as well as we prepare our team once we qualify for the World Cup."

Braves call up first-round pick from N.C. State

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ATLANTA (AP) — Joey Devine didn't waste any time getting to the big leagues.

The Atlanta Braves called up the right-hander reliever on Saturday — just two months after he was drafted in the first round of the amateur draft out of North Carolina State.

The Braves haven't decided what role Devine will play in their shaky bullpen, but he likely will get a tryout as the closer as soon as he gets adjusted to the big leagues.

"Devine's been shooting lights out down there," manager Bobby Cox said. "The past week or so I kept hearing reports. We were trying to wait until Sept. 1 [when the rosters expand] and then bring him up."

The first-place Braves, trying to maintain their lead in the competitive NL East, couldn't afford to wait.

Dan Kolb, an all-star last season with Milwaukee, held the job as Braves' closer less than two months before he was demoted to middle relief. His successor, Chris Reitsma, had three straight blown saves going into Saturday's game against the San Diego Padres.

Devine had a school-record 36 saves at North Carolina State and was closing games at Double-A Mississippi, where he was 1-1 with five saves and a 2.70 ERA in 18 appearances. In 19 innings, he struck out 28, walked 12 and gave up 13 hits.

"I'm ready to watch these guys in the clubhouse and learn how they go about it and learn how they've been so successful," Devine said. "There's still a lot of development that I need to do in order to be a very successful pitcher."

He is the 16th rookie by the Braves this season, and becomes the ninth on the current 25-man roster.

Devine was told of his call-up the previous night and got 45 minutes of sleep before catching an early morning flight to Atlanta, arriving in time for the game.

"It kind of caught me off guard a little bit," Devine said.

To make room for the rookie, reliever Jim Brower was designated for assignment. He signed with the Braves in June after being released by the San Francisco Giants.

Brower had decent numbers with Atlanta (1-2, 3.57 ERA in 28 games) but gave up a three-run homer to Joe Randa in Friday night's 12-7 loss to the Padres. The Braves hope the right-hander will accept an assignment with Triple-A Richmond.

Unlike most college pitchers, Devine believes in throwing his fastball over the inside half of the plate. That should serve him well in the big leagues.

"That's one thing I've noticed in college baseball: a lot of guys don't pitch in," he said. "That's the toughest ball to hit, a fastball in."

The Braves hope Devine will have the same immediate success as Huston Street, who had 16 saves as Oakland's closer just a year after leaving the University of Texas.

Devine has a unique windup, turning his torso toward third base so it appears he is throwing sidearm even though his arm is actually at a three-quarters angle.

"I don't know how I came up with the whole arm angle," he said. "I just think it hides the ball a little better."

As Devine checked out his locker and tried on his uniform, fellow rookie Blaine Boyer walked by.

"Took you long enough," Boyer quipped.

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Brian Berger

The Wilmington Hammerheads season was a story of remarkable success at home and futility on the road. One game removed from the United Soccer League championship game, the Hammerheads fell to Western Massachusetts 3-1 in Ludlow, Mass. on Saturday night. Western Massachusetts will play Charlotte in the championship game on Aug. 27.

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CLEMSON TIGERS:

Charlie Whitehurst is the key to the Tigers season. Expectations were high after the Tigers' quarterback threw 21 touchdown passes in 2003, but last year Whitehurst had just seven. Senior running back Duane Coleman also had a big year in 2003, but his production dropped in 2004 while he was hampered by injury.

DUKE BLUE DEVILS:

Duke resides comfortably in the ACC gridiron cellar, and they should be right at home there in 2005. Quarterback Mike Schneider has a strong arm and experience, but Duke's receivers a notch below the caliber of most ACC teams. Duke does have talent and size at the tight end position, but won't be able to spread the field to stretch defenses and establish a distance ground attack. Defensively, Duke won't be able to hold offenses in-check for an entire sixty minutes. Fortunately, for Blue Devils faithful, basketball season starts soon.

FLORIDA STATE SEMINOLES:

When quarterback Wyatt Sexton was lost to Lyme Disease, Florida State's 2005 season landed in the laps of its talented running back duo: the speedy Lorenzo Booker and power-back Leon Washington. Redshirt freshman QBs Xavier Lee and Drew Weatherford will get the quarterback duties, but both are inexperienced and could be the perennial power-house Seminoles' Achilles heel. Linebacker Ernie Sims is one of the best in the college game and a stellar anchor for the Seminoles' defense. However, that defense will be going into the season with an entirely different defense line. If tradition is any indication, the Seminoles have raw talent to plug-in to spots once occupied by players who have jumped to the NFL. With its recruiting juggernaut, FSU can never be counted out in the ACC.

GEORGIA TECH YELLOW JACKETS:

Of the ACC teams that did not qualify for the AP preseason top-25, the Yellow Jackets are perhaps the most likely to crack the list by season's end. Georgia Tech has the ability to crack the top ten nationally by bowl time. Quarterback Reggie Ball slumped in 2004 but is a talented athlete. He'll need to rebound in 2005 and there's no indication that he won't realize his potential. P.J. Daniels will give Ball a powerful rushing attack, and Calvin Johnson is among the nation's best receivers. Defensively, the Yellow Jackets have some players. This team is balanced and loaded and very, very dangerous.

MARYLAND TERRAPINS:

D'Qwell Jackson is another top linebacker in the nation who calls the ACC home. At first glance, upon hearing that Baltimore Raven linebacker Ray Lewis' younger brother plays for the Terps, one might think he would be a big part of the team's defense. But Lewis' little bro, Keon Lattimore, is actually a running back who will start the season for the Terps. Coach Ralph Friedgen doesn't have the star power of some ACC squads this season, but he's a smart coach who may be able to get enough out of his team to makes waves.

MIAMI HURRICANES

Quarterback Kyle Wright is raw and inexperienced. This is the 'Canes, though, and they will put receivers on the field who can race the distance. Ryan Moore will lead the pack of wide outs taking pressure off Wright. Defensively, the 'Canes are loaded with athletes, as always. The only real questions about Miami is how high they will go in the Top-25 and how will Wright limit, or lead, them in key games.

NORTH CAROLINA TAR HEELS:

Senior quarterback Matt Baker has never started a game, but he'll get to start plenty this year now that Darian Durant is



Virginia Tech defensive end Darryl Tapp is a finalist for the Bendarik Award as college football's defensive player of the year.



Mike Imoh leads Virginia Tech's rushing attack. The Hokies won the ACC in 2005.

Preseason ACC Candidates For Maxwell Award

Maxwell Award is given to College Player of the Year.

- P. J. Daniels**
RB, Georgia Tech, Senior
- Mike Imoh**
RB, Virginia Tech, Senior
- Wali Lundy**
RB, Virginia, Senior
- Tyrone Moss**
WR, Miami, Junior
- Charlie Whitehurst**
QB, Clemson, Senior
- Kyle Wright**
QB, Miami, Sophomore

worked with Lawrence Taylor in a 3-4 defense under Bill Parcells during his days as the New York Giants linebacker coach during the 1980s, and in 2005, his defense will be anchored by junior inside linebacker Ahmad Brooks, the best linebacker in college football. Groh runs the 3-4 as precisely as anyone, and Brooks will give opposing offenses fits and make NFL scouts salivate. Marquis Hagans will lead the offense. Hagans is a quick and agile quarterback with a questionable arm, and he might suffer from the loss of star end Heath Miller to the NFL. Miller was a huge target who helped make life a lot easier for Hagans. Wali Lundy is the Cavaliers running back of choice, who rushed for 929 yards in 2004.

VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES:

No team in the ACC has higher expectations in 2005 than Virginia Tech. Last year's ACC champions have a new face at the helm, with a familiar name. Marcus Vick shares his brother Michael's athletic skills, but so far his immaturity has kept him off the field. Virginia Tech has become one of the NFL's leading producers of running back prospects, and 2005 seniors Mike Imoh and Cedric Humes should be no exception. Imoh provides the speed and Humes supplies the power. Eddie Royal leads an inexperienced but fast group of receivers. If Vick can throw accurately, Virginia Tech will have the offensive firepower to match any team in the nation. The Hokies have playmakers on defense too, and they will be especially effective if the offense puts up a lot of points early and forces other team's to gamble on offense. If a year away from the game has helped Vick focus on leading Virginia Tech to a national title, the Hokies could be the ACC's best shot at toppling the Trojans in January.

WAKE FOREST DEMON DEACONS:

No team in the ACC is expected to accomplish as little as Wake Forest. Does that make the Demon Deacons a dangerous opponent? Probably not. Ben Maulk and Cory Randolph will compete for the quarterback job, and running backs Chris Barclay and Micah

Preseason ACC Candidates For Bednarik Award

Bednarik Award is given to College Defensive Player of the Year.

- Ahmad Brooks**
LB, Virginia, Junior
- Thomas Carroll**
DE, Miami, Senior
- Antonio Cromartie**
DB, Florida State, Jr.
- Eric Henderson**
DE, Georgia Tech, Senior
- Devin Hester**
DB/ATH, Miami, Junior
- D'Qwell Jackson**
LB, Maryland, Senior
- Mathias Kiwanuka**
DE, Boston College, Sr.
- Manny Lawson**
DE, N.C. State, Junior
- Rocky McIntosh**
LB, Miami, Senior
- A.J. Nicholson**
LB, Florida State, Senior
- Ernie Sims**
LB, Florida State, Junior
- Darryl Tapp**
DE, Virginia Tech, Senior
- Gerris Wilkinson**
LB, Georgia Tech, Senior
- Mario Williams**
DE, N.C. State, Junior

Andrews will spearhead the Demons ground attack. Wake will be an underdog in virtually all its conference games, and though they could put a scare or two into opponents, they probably lack the athleticism to win a game against the ACC's top football programs.

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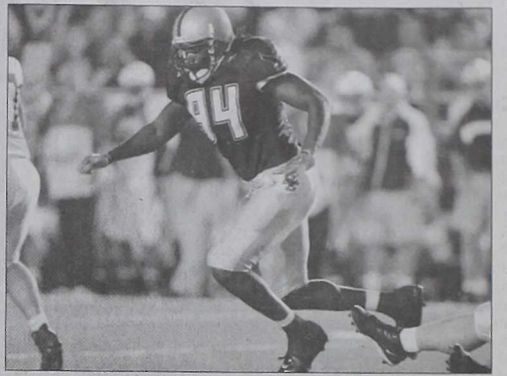


ACC COLLEGE FOOTBALL GAMES

ACC games to watch in 2005 season

The season kicks off in ACC country Sept. 1 when Wake Forest takes on Vanderbilt, but the season really gains steam two days later, when Georgia Tech kicks off its season against Auburn on ESPN. The next day, N.C. State gets the first opportunity to upset Virginia Tech. That game will be televised nationally on ESPN2. Completing an explosive opening weekend of ACC action, Miami travels to Florida State Labor Day in an evening game televised on ABC. Listed are some other great ACC games to watch this season.

Sept. 17 Florida State at Boston College	Oct. 22 Georgia Tech at Miami	Nov. 19 Virginia Tech at Virginia
Sept. 24 Georgia Tech at Virginia Tech	Oct. 27 Boston College at Virginia Tech	Nov. 26 Florida State at Florida Georgia at Georgia Tech Maryland at NC State Virginia at Miami North Carolina at Virginia Tech
Oct. 8 NC State at Georgia Tech Virginia at Boston College	Nov. 5 Miami at Virginia Tech NC State at Florida State	Dec. 3 Inaugural ACC Football Championship Game
Oct. 15 Florida State at Virginia,	Nov. 12 NC State at Boston College Georgia Tech at Virginia	



Boston College defensive end Mathias Kiwanuka is a preseason favorite to win the Bednarik Award as college football's defensive player of the year.

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Casualties in a 'pointless war'



Name: Buck, James
Rank: Corporal
Unit: 2d MarDiv.
Killed: Jan. 9, 2005

Circumstance: Motorcycle rider. Killed in a collision with another rider.



Name: Schmidt, Shane
Rank: Petty Officer
Unit: 2d FSSG
Killed: April 1, 2005

Circumstance: POV Driver. Killed by a DWI driver while parked on the side of the road to use a cell phone.



Name: Holcomb, Darrell
Rank: Sergeant
Unit: 2d MAW
Killed: Feb. 15, 2005

Circumstance: POV Driver. Killed in a head-on collision when attempting to pass a semi-truck.



Name: McCrae, Christopher Leon
Rank: Colonel
Unit: II MACE
Killed: July 15, 2005

Circumstance: POV driver. Killed when his vehicle was struck from the rear by a drunk driver. SNM was not wearing a seat belt.



Name: Camp, Jacob
Rank: Corporal
Unit: 2d MarDiv.
Killed: July 1, 2005

Circumstance: POV driver. Killed when he fell asleep at the wheel and lost control of his vehicle. SNM had been drinking and was not wearing his seatbelt.



Name: Morgan, Sean
Rank: Lance Corporal
Unit: 2d MarDiv.
Killed: Nov. 8, 2004

Circumstance: POV driver. Killed in a car crash when he failed to yield at an intersection.



Name: Macpherson, Frank
Rank: Sergeant
Unit: 4th MEB
Killed: Oct. 11, 2004

Circumstance: Motorcycle rider. Killed in a head-on collision when he crossed into oncoming traffic. SNM had been drinking, was not wearing a helmet, had not completed motorcycle safety training and was an inexperienced rider.



Name: Johnson, Joshua
Rank: Private first class
Unit: 26 MEU
Killed: March 5, 2005

Circumstance: POV driver. Killed when in a collision with a utility pole after losing control of his vehicle while passing in a no-passing zone.



Name: Woodruff, Mark
Rank: Lance Corporal
Unit: 2d FSSG
Killed: July 15, 2005

Circumstance: Pedestrian. Killed when he walked into oncoming traffic while under the influence of alcohol.



Name: Saucedo, Jorge
Rank: Sergeant
Unit: 4th MEB
Killed: July 4, 2005

Circumstance: Killed through excessive drinking that resulted in alcohol poisoning.

Our Corps is engaged in two wars: one noble, one pointless

Each day, Marines put their lives on the line in the War on Terror. They sweat, bleed and die in far off lands to ensure freedom for those who have never known it. Their cause is honorable; they serve in the finest tradition of the United States Marine Corps, against enemies who are devious, stealthy and deadly.

The fall of each Marine sends a shudder through the body of our Corps, each death in combat is a tragedy visited upon family and friends who are left behind to deal with the loss, the emptiness and the painful memories. Though bittersweet, each is also a noble sacrifice for the good of others.

One's life for the freedom of others is a price we understand. It is a price we choose to offer. It is a price we are willing to pay.

But, here on the home front, it sometimes seems we are at war with ourselves. Marines face an enemy who is careless, reckless and deadly. They sweat, bleed and - all too often - die in order to arrive at a liberty destination an hour sooner or prove the capacity to consume just one more beer.

The fall of each Marine sends a shudder through the body of our Corps, each death here at home is a tragedy visited upon family and friends who are left behind to deal with the loss, the emptiness and the painful memories. Each

death is a senseless and bitter sacrifice that saps the strength from all of us.

One's life for an extra hour of liberty or bottle of beer is a price we cannot understand. It is a price we should not offer. It is a price we cannot afford to pay.

Each of the Marines and the Sailor pictured on this page gave up their lives this year, not in a pitched battle against the enemies of freedom, but in a senseless battle we wage against ourselves here at home.

On battlefields throughout the world, Marines are fighting a devious, stealthy, deadly enemy in a noble war to preserve freedom. We must win this war in order to survive as a nation.

Back here in America and throughout the clubs and free-ways of home, Marines are fighting a careless, reckless, deadly enemy in a pointless war that gains us nothing.

We must survive this war in order to win as a Corps!

The history of our Corps is one of success against every enemy encountered. While the nature of the fight may change, our intent remains the same: We fight the fight at hand - and we fight it to win.

Take care of each other on the home front, Marines. Stay alert. Be watchful. Make sound decisions.

Know the rules when exercising on Base

MICHAEL HUPFAUER
Occupational Safety and Health Program Specialist

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Hupfauer is the Occupational Safety and Health Program Specialist at Camp Lejeune. For more information call the Base Safety Office at 455-7222.

Goodbyes, deployments | CLD-25 Maintenance Detachment



Twenty Marines with CLD-25 Maintenance Detachment said goodbye to their families Aug. 18, as mobilization and deployment of Camp Lejeune troops continues. The Maintenance early detachment unit met in the armory just off the center of Camp Lejeune with family, friends and well-wishers to say good bye as the CLD-25 Maintenance Detachment prepared to deploy in support of America's Global War on Terrorism.

Photos by Ena Bravo



"Our families sacrifice as much as we do when it comes to deployments, especially in times of war. My biggest concern right now is how my daughter will cope with the deployment," said Sgt. Jorge Bravo Parrish as he embraces his 7-year-old daughter, Nicole.

Courts-Martial

Private Adam C. Haynes, a member of 2/2, 2d Marine Division, was convicted at a special court-martial of one count of wrongful use of marijuana. He was sentenced to be separated from the service with a bad-conduct discharge, to be confined for 60 days, and to forfeit \$823 pay per month for 2 months.

Private first class Jerimiah S. Martin, a member of Headquarters Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, was convicted at a special court-martial of one count of unauthorized absence and one count of drunk and disorderly. He was sentenced to be separated from the service with a bad-conduct discharge, to be confined for 90 days, and reduction to E-1.

Lance Cpl. Cassidy J. Camp, a member of 10/2, 2d MarDiv., was convicted at a special court-martial of disobeying a lawful order, false official statement and assault. He was sentenced to be separated from the service with a bad-conduct discharge, to be confined for 6 months, to forfeit \$400 pay per month for 6 months, and reduction to E-1.

Private Michael T. Carmichael, a member of 2d AABN, 2d

MarDiv., was convicted at a special court-martial of unauthorized absence and breaking restriction. He was sentenced to be separated from the service with a bad-conduct discharge, and to be confined for 41 days.

HR Derek S. Fulmer, U.S. Navy, a member of the Naval Hospital, MCB, was convicted at a special court-martial of wrongful use of cocaine, larceny and wrongful appropriation. He was sentenced to be separated from the service with a bad-conduct discharge, and to be confined for 75 days.

Private Steven M. Watts, a member of 2/10, 2d MarDiv., was convicted at a special court-martial of unauthorized absence. He was sentenced to be separated from the service with a bad-conduct discharge, to be confined for 110 days, to forfeit \$823 pay per month for 4 months and reduction to E-1.

Lance Cpl. Daniel T. Cappon, a member of II Marine Expeditionary Force, was convicted at a general court-martial of conspiracy, sold or disposed of military property and received stolen property. He was sentenced to be confined for 5 months, to forfeit \$1,000 pay per month for 5 months, and reduction to E-1.

'United Through Reading' provides priceless bonding opportunities for deployed parents

II Marine Expeditionary Force
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When a family member is deployed, communication back home is vital. When the deployed person is a parent of a child, trying to stay in contact is even more important.

Through the efforts of a local non-profit program, deployed service members can now read to their children even while half-a-world away.

The Family Literacy Foundation's program, "United Through Reading," was recently incorporated into use by the combined efforts of the II Marine Expeditionary Force chaplain's office at Lejeune and MEF Forward. This program allows service members to send home a 30-minute DVD of the parent reading a book, singing a song or just talking to their children.

The program is a way for children back home to recognize deployed family members.

"The main thing is that it gives the child, especially young children, the opportunity to connect with their parents while they're away. They hear the familiar voice and see the face," said Cmdr. Clyde C. Reynolds, II MEF chaplain.

Reynolds also included that the program can also be an educational tool.

"The program helps families stay connected, but it can also give young children encouragement to read and

improve their skills."

Petty Officer 1st Class Shalon A. Santana, religious program coordinator, II MEF, Headquarters Group, II MEF (FWD), has high expectations for "United Through Reading."

"I just want the program to succeed," said the Detroit native. "It is a new program and the statistics prove when a child hears their parent reading to them, it improves reading ability."

Burr, a Georgetown, Mass., native, uses the program every month to communicate with his two children.

"I come in and read about three books to them in about 20 minutes, and I say hello to my wife," said the activated officer in charge for Boston Reserve Instructors, 8th Brigade, 98th Division, Rochester, N.Y. "I think it's great bonding time."

Santana says the response has been overwhelming.

"The e-mails all sound [like the people are] very excited," she said. "They ask if they will be able to have a chance to get a video out, and of course, they will."

Requests of all types are mentioned and when holidays come up, people are invited to send home their greetings.

"When it's your child's birthday, graduation or even just a first soccer game, we urge people to come and take part," Santana said. "There was a gentleman who worked with children in his neighborhood youth program, and he sent a video home to them."

“It is a new program and the statistics prove when a child hears their parent reading to them, it improves reading ability.”

Petty Officer 1st Class
Shalon A. Santana

Burr believes the program is a success. He's been doing the program since December and thinks limiting the program to just readings out of the question.

"A Marine friend was telling me that he used to take cherrios and put one and then hand one up to the camera and said here you go buddy," Burr said. "That was one of his favorite things to do at home with his boys and he was able to continue it from the Middle East. It's great morale here and at home. You know the boy was smiling ear to ear."

EDITOR'S NOTE: For more information about this program or to participate families and Marines aboard Camp Lejeune should contact their family readiness officer or unit chaplain. Cpl. Paul Leight contributed to this article.

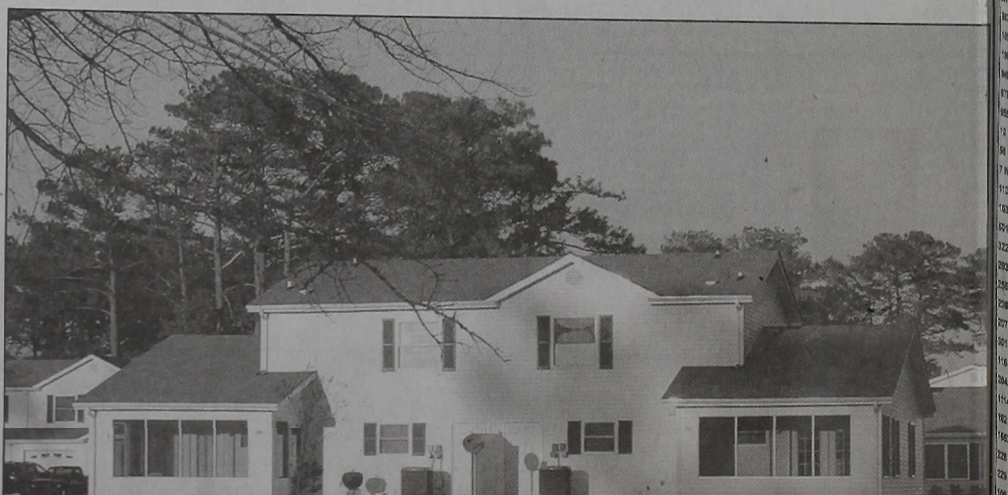
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On Aug. 14 at approximately 3 a.m. an unknown person attempted to rob a subject at the night deposit at the Wachovia Bank located at 146 western Blvd. The suspect is described as a black male, 5'11" tall and weighing 200 pounds. The suspect was described as "large." The suspect was wearing a black shirt and blue jeans. The suspect's face was covered with some type of camouflage mask. The suspect brandished an automatic handgun. The suspect was not successful in the robbery attempt and did not get any money from the victim. The suspect ran from the area on foot towards the Brynn Marr housing area.

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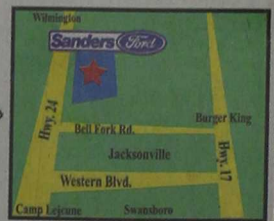
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Marine Corps Ball celebrates history, achievements, lifestyle

HEATHER CARUSO
Carolina Living Staff Writer

Tens of thousands of happy birthdays roll out of Marines' mouths Nov. 10 in celebration of their founding in 1775. It's tradition. You can't go to the Marine Corps Ball without those two words belated with pride from men and women standing tall celebrating their history and triumphs.

"Happy birthday Marine," says Marines typically clad in dress blues free from Irish pennants (loose threads) and with corfam shoes polished to a shine. This more than two-century-old uniform is the only one modeled after the colors of the American flag, Blue represents bravery, Red represents sacrifice, White represents honor.

"Oorah. Happy birthday Marine," is a typical reply.

Whether a hard core lifer or dedicating four years to service, the Marine Corps lifestyle is unmistakably engraved into a Marine's life and inherently into those around him or her, especially into their parents, spouse and children.

The Marine Corps' history is full of brave Marines who fought previous battles. One of them was Maj. Gen. John A. Lejeune, who signed an order in 1921 that ultimately led to the establishment

of the Birthday Ball. In the order he stated, "Since that date [Nov. 10, 1775] many thousand men have borne the name 'Marine'. In memory of them it is fitting that we who are Marines should commemorate the birthday of our corps by calling to mind the glories of its long and illustrious history."

"The Marine Corps' Birthday is special for me for many reasons, but it is particularly special because all Marines come together to celebrate our heritage," said Maj. Ray Rich, currently deployed to Iraq. "All birthdays are a time of reflection. For this reason, it is important for Marines to celebrate their birthday. It is a time for us to remember our past as we watch the pageant during the Birthday Ball and look to and celebrate our future."

Ray joined the Marine Corps Reserves at age 17 and eventually became a full-time Marine officer. Nearly 10 years ago, he married his wife, Charmaine, and they now have two little ones running around their house.

"My husband always says, 'No matter where you are, you always have to have a piece of cake for the birthday,'" said Charmaine.

She has taken a liking to the Birthday Ball and believes it is important for the spouse to celebrate the Marine Corps

Birthday with their spouse whenever possible. At her first ball, she was very nervous. She didn't know anybody and had her husband clutched to her side. Now, it's a different story.

"When I get excited about the ball, it's easier on him and makes him more excited. That's normal. If you share something with your spouse, then your spouse gets a hundred times more excited about it," said Charmaine.

The Marine Corps' lifestyle has become deeply embedded into their family, just like it has in many other families. Their children look up to Marines as role models, and they have found tremendous support in their Marine Corps family.

The Birthday Ball can be intimidating at first; the tradition, respect and pride that Marines have can make you a little nervous, said Charmaine. The Marines wear their best uniform, and you as a spouse are hoping you look comparable.

One of the L.I.N.K.S. sessions provides information about the Birthday Ball that can be very helpful to those unfamiliar with this territory. The L.I.N.K.S. session basically informs spouses of ball details such as attire, traditions, what to expect, how to act and ultimately to relax and have a good time. One of their tips is to watch the head

table and do whatever they do.

"We're not very good at the Marine Corps' stuff, but this is social. We're pretty good at that," said Charmaine.

Most Marines enjoy having their significant other on their arm at the ball. It lets them know their spouse takes pride in their corps - enough so that they want to celebrate with them, but it can't be denied that the cost increases when both attend, especially if you must get a babysitter. There are ways, however, to celebrate together at an affordable cost.

"Balls can be very expensive and sometimes it seems impossible to attend," said Ray. "This is where strong officer, staff non commissioned officer and non commissioned officer leadership plays a significant role. All good leaders know their Marines and will identify the problem early. These leaders will help their Marines solve the problem and devise a plan so the Marine and spouse can attend the ball and celebrate together."

From the wives' point of view, you think about the dress. Many times you can find some good sales if you start looking early or if you've moved recently, you can always pull out last year's dress since you're around a new crowd.

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Lejeune Happenings

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS

The Jacksonville Bible Church chapter of Mothers of Preschoolers hosts an information fair on Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. MOPS is for children newborn to 5 years old and their parents. The fair features a car seat safety check, child ID packets, community information, giveaways and fun activities. For more information, call 353-1184.

BICYCLE RODEO

A Bicycle Rodeo for children ages 4 - 14 will take place Saturday behind the Jacksonville Mall from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Free helmets while supplies last. For more information, call 347-332 or visit www.co.onslow.nc.us/parks.

OFFICERS' WIVES' CLUB

The Marine Corps Air Station Officers' Wives' Club will host an open house for all officer spouses past, present and curious Sept. 11 from 2 - 6 p.m. at the New River O'Club. The Open House theme is Decades of Fun and Friendship, and spouses may dress in the attire worn when they became an officer spouse. Numerous children activities and information booths are planned.

JOB FAIR

The Jacksonville Commons Recreation Center will host the Onslow County Job Fair Wednesday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information, call 938-6309.

SWIM LESSONS

The Area 2 indoor pool offers individual swim lessons consisting of five, half hour classes Monday through Friday between 6 and 8 p.m. An individual or up to three students may register with an instructor. Individual lessons are \$50 with \$25 for each additional student. Specific weeks between now and December are set aside for these lessons. Call 451-2024 for more information.

MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY

Hammocks Beach State Park hosts Military Appreciation Day Sept. 11 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Plan to see Civil War displays, live animals, educational nature exhibits and free food. For more information, call 326-4881.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

A committee planning to celebrate and recognize Hispanic Heritage Month (Sep. 15 - Oct. 15) will meet Tuesday in the Building 27 conference room from 1 - 2 p.m. The committee needs military, base civilians and family members to help organize and volunteers for displays, dance demonstrations or any other Hispanic cultural awareness. For more information, call 451-5372.

FASHION SHOW

Showtime Production presents a "A Formal Affair" fashion show featuring gowns for balls and holidays Sept. 3 from 8 p.m. - 1 p.m. at The Point at 148 Brynn Marr Road in Jacksonville. Tickets are \$8 and a dance will follow. For information, call 455-5393.

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LCTV-10 takes viewers on a Spanish countryside vacation

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Greetings from Lejeune Cable Television channel 10. We hope you'll tune in for another exciting week of programming. Be sure to join us every weekday for new episodes of *The Morning Report*, with Staff Sgt. Skip Osborn and Cpl. Patrick McHugh. *The Morning Report* has many segments. We have chaplain messages Mondays and our sports show is Wednesdays. If you miss our show in the morning, you can catch it every four hours, and Friday's episode airs all weekend. This week take a trip around Spain and learn about all the exciting things it has to offer on *Liberty Call: Spain*. If you're planning on taking a vacation to Spain, then watch this show to learn about places you might be interested in visiting. Take a look at the beautiful countryside and explore the culture through this hour-long show. Have you ever wanted to know about the

man behind the legend? Find out about Chesty Puller in the two-part show *Chesty Puller: A Marine's Marine* right here. Learn about the life and times of "Chesty" Puller and find out what made him the legend he is today. Each hour-long episode is jam-packed with information on Chesty Puller and the way he led his Marines through the Chosin Reservoir. Learn what this Marine's Marine is all about.

Did you know that one quart of wasted motor oil can pollute up to 250,000 gallons of water. If you're concerned about the environment, be sure to check out *Marines ... One with the Environment*.

Learn about the relationship the Marine Corps has with the environment. Find out how the environment helps the Marines and their mission readiness. The program educates on various programs available to Marines when it comes to protecting our environment. It also includes tips on little things you can do for environmental conservation

and preventing pollution.

Also, don't forget to check out what's going on in the Pacific on *The Pacific Report*. Check out the news of the Navy and Marine Corps in *Navy-Marine Corps News* and *Y Corps News*. Find out the latest information from the world of the Army in *Army News*.

That does it for this week's programming. Be sure to watch LCTV-10 and to see what else we have in store for you. If you would like a chance to learn what life in television is like, or perhaps you would like to help us out behind the scenes, LCTV-10 can help you. Working with us can be a great first step toward a career in television. LCTV-10 is the place to be for a great opportunity in television.

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Thornton fears strike out with awkward little leaguer odd balls

FROM THE FRONT ROW

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THE BAD NEWS BEARS (PG-13)

The Bad News Bears is a comedy about a former professional ball player in need of a paycheck. He is lured back into the game to coach an inept team of little leaguer odd balls.

Billy Bob Thornton (*Friday Night Lights*, *The Alamo*, *Bandits*, *Sling Blade*) stars as Morris Buttermaker, a grizzled former professional baseball player who was ejected from the game for attacking an umpire and now works as an exterminator.

Buttermaker is more interested in boozing and broads than in baseball. However, he is lured back into the game by a straitlaced lawyer who wants him to coach the Bears, a woefully inept youth baseball team.

Marcia Gay Harden (*Mystic River*, *Welcome to Mooseport*, *Mona Lisa Smile*), stars as Liz Whitewood, an attorney whose class action suit has forced the Little League to accept all players, regardless of their abilities.

Buttermaker, as the new coach of the Bears — the team with the most losses in Little League history, has his work cut out for him. He has to find a way to drive this gang of 12 foul-mouthed, unpopular youngsters to a championship. The hated rivals are the Yankees and their overbearing coach Roy Bullock, played by Greg Kinnear (*Stuck on You*, *Godsend*, *As Good As It Gets*).

Initially, Buttermaker is only in it for the paycheck, but he and his misfit players have a transformative effect on one another that is wholly unexpected and completely remarkable.

Director Richard Linklater (*Before Sunset*, *School of Rock*, *Dazed and Confused*) pays homage to the classic 1976 comedy and kid's baseball story starring Walter Matthau as the drunken Little League coach.

Newcomer Sammi Kane Kraft is filling the shoes of Tatum O'Neal as the team's pitching ace.

The Bad News Bears is a nice but

naughty take on a kids' comedy that is for kids and adults alike. Times and cultures have changed since the original movie was made; therefore, this one is a lot coarser and lost the sweet innocence the original had. This film is now playing in the Camp Lejeune theater.

THE GREAT RAID (R)

The Great Raid is an action World War II drama about the most daring rescue mission of our time and is a story that has never been told.

Forced to retreat from the Philippines, Gen. McArthur promised to return.

Set three years later, in January 1945, the movie tells the true story of the 6th Ranger Battalion who undertake a daring rescue mission against all odds.

Traveling 30 miles behind enemy lines, the 6th Ranger Bn. aims to liberate over 500 American prisoners of war from the notorious Cabanatuan Japanese POW camp, part of the bloody and infamous Bataan Death March.

Told in three different but interacting stories — equal in length and importance — the movie focuses on the abused, frail and malnourished prisoners, as well as the members of the battalion who put their lives on the line.

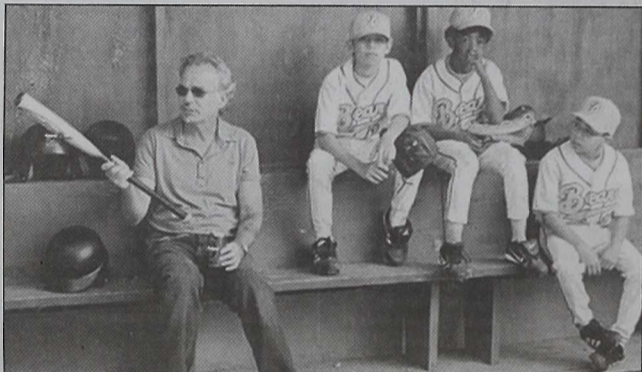
Benjamin Bratt (*Catwoman*, *Abandon*, *Traffic*) stars as Lt. Col. Henry Mucci, who was chosen to lead the battalion into this most audacious rescue ever attempted.

The young colonel, eager to take on this mission, had to undergo a vigorous guerilla warfare-training program before leading his men on this hazardous rescue mission.

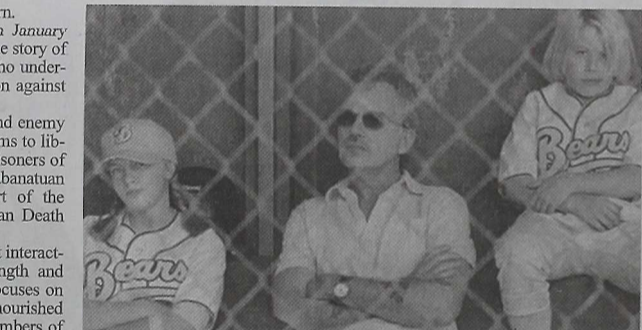
Mucci enlists the help of Capt. Robert Prince, played by James Franco (*City by the Sea*, *Spiderman 1 and 2*), to plan and operate the raid.

Joseph Fiennes (*Enemy of the Gate*, *Shakespeare in Love*) stars as Maj. Gibson, the highest ranking POW in the camp who is ailing from Malaria.

Marton Csokas (*Kingdom of Heaven*) is Capt. Redding, a very loyal officer to Gibson and a starving



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Morris Buttermaker (Thornton), a former professional baseball player, was kicked off his team for attacking an umpire and forced to coach the Bears, an inept youth baseball team.

prisoner of war.

Connie Nielsen (*The Hunted*, *The Upside of Anger*) plays Margaret Utinsky, a Catholic aid worker and nurse who is the widow of Gibson's old friend. She is working with the Filipinos underground to get supplies to the prisoners.

Also appearing is Mark Consuelos.

Director John Dahl (*Rounders*, *The Last Seduction*, *Joy Ride*, *Unforgettable*) based this historical war tale on the bestselling books *The Great Raid on Cabanatuan* by William B. Breuer and *Ghost Soldiers* by Hampton Sides.

The movie's release was delayed due to recent management changes with Disney and Miramax. It was

filmed some time ago in Southeast and far North Queensland, Australia with some scenes filmed in Shanghai, China. The production company built a replica of the Cabanatuan death camp at one of the Queensland locations.

The Great Raid spotlights a long forgotten engagement in the Pacific campaign and puts a human face on the POWs and their desperate hope of survival.

The film is strong and powerful, with real black and white war footage at the beginning and ending of the movie. *The Great Raid* is now playing in Jacksonville.

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

Movie gossip, rumors & more

9/11 MOVIE REDUX

It's like *Alexander* all over again! Remember how Oliver Stone was competing to get his version of the ancient ruler's story to the big screen before Baz Luhrmann finished his take on it? Now, Stone is getting the same sort of pressure on his movie about the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 — Paul Greengrass is making a film called *Flight 93*, about the hijacked plane that crashed in Pennsylvania. Good thing Ollie's already in production on his flick. (www.variety.com)

BEOWULF

Scariest parenting experience ever: being Crispin Glover's mom. Angelina Jolie will soon know what that feels like — she's signed on to Robert Zemeckis' motion-capture CGI rendition of the classic Scandinavian saga, in which she'll play the mother of Glover's monstrous Grendel. Ray Winstone plays the titular hero who slays Grendel. (*The Hollywood Reporter*)

PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS

Thandie Newton has found *Happyness* with Will Smith. No, not at the altar — she's joined the cast of this movie, which is based on the true-life story of a homeless man living with his infant son who worked his way up the corporate ladder and later earned millions as a stockbroker. Smith plays (natch) the millionaire. (*The Hollywood Reporter*)

PACINO IN A HEIST FLICK? SAY IT AIN'T SO!

Yes, Al is slipping back into a ski mask for a remake of a 1955 French film *Rififi*, in which he'll play a crook released from the pokey who plans a big-time jewelry heist after discovering that his wife has skipped out on him. Wait a minute ... Heist movie? Wife leaving? That means we'll definitely be seeing the patented Pacino yell on-screen! (www.variety.com)

40-YEAR-OLD VIRGIN

Steve Carell, the star of *40-Year-Old Virgin*, is shooting up ... with testosterone. He's signed on to *High T*, a silly comedy from the silly writer of silly Adam Sandler movie *50 First Dates* that tells the story of a guy suffering from crazy mood swings after getting hormone shots. If anyone can make that lame-sounding premise work, it's Carell. (www.variety.com)

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Movie Listings
Check the movie listings online at www.mcslejeune.com

Midway Park

Saturday	<i>Beutched</i> (1:42)	PG-13	2 p.m.
	<i>Land of the Dead</i> (1:33)	R	5 p.m.
Sunday	<i>Beutched</i> (1:42)	PG-13	2 p.m.

Camp Lejeune

Friday	<i>The Bad News Bears</i> (1:51)	PG-13	6:30 p.m.
	<i>Wedding Crashers</i> (1:59)	R	9:15 p.m.
Saturday	<i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i> (1:56)	PG	3:30 p.m.
	<i>The Bad News Bears</i> (1:51)	PG-13	6:30 p.m.
	<i>Wedding Crashers</i> (1:59)	R	9:15 p.m.
Sunday	<i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i> (1:56)	PG	3:30 p.m.
	<i>Wedding Crashers</i> (1:59)	R	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	<i>The Bad News Bears</i> (1:51)	PG-13	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	<i>War of the Worlds</i> (1:57)	PG-13	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	<i>Fantastic Four</i> (1:46)	PG-13	6:30 p.m.

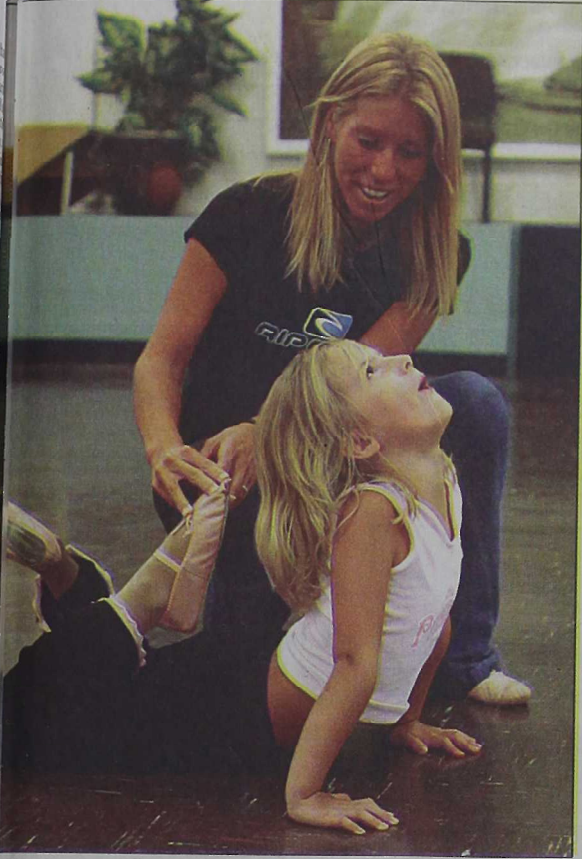
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Long list of discount leisure activities attracts military to community center

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Behind the walls of the Tarawa Terrace Community Center, little dancers in tutus and ballerina shoes twirl around the dance floor in perfect unison... well, as close to perfect unison as little 3- to 12-year-old children get. Each week, they walk into the center with smiles on their face in anticipation of dancing beside their teacher, Sherri Futrell.

As the students focus their attention to Ms. Sherri, as they call her, some of their parents socialize in the lobby and sneak peeks of their child in the dance room. They watch them learn to stretch using children yoga poses and then practice the fundamentals of ballet, tap, jazz and tumbling. Most of all, they watch their children have fun.

Melinda Vincik, facility manager at the Tarawa Terrace Community Center, pointed out that dance is one of the most popular classes for children, but the facility offers many more classes for both adults and children. Additionally, they are interested in hearing what the community would like to have available to them.

"I try to get ideas from the community," said Vincik. "We are here to serve the families of the military, and we try to offer them things that they and their children would like."

One clear example of the community center responding to its patron's wishes is the facility's decision to offer Kindermusik, a hands-on musical learning class for 18-month-old to 5-year-old children. Kindermusik is the world's leading publisher of music and movement curricula based on child development research. Each child gets a kit that contains instruments, books and other fun, educational tools.

"We've had quite a few people call about it already," said Vincik, adding that the fee for this class, as well as the center's other classes, is far less than in the civilian sector.

Futrell, who will soon be certified as a Kindermusik instructor, loves working with preschoolers and is ready to dive into the program. "Kindermusik incorporates the basic fundamentals of music and creative movement, helping with the child's overall development physically, mentally and academically," said Futrell. She is glad to be teaching such an acclaimed curriculum.

In addition to classes offered for children, the center focuses on serving teenagers and adults with yoga, scrap booking, modeling and karate classes during the evenings and weekends. According to Vincik, many participants use these classes for the relaxation and socialization aspects.

Futrell makes it easy for newcomers to jump right into the yoga class she teaches with step-by-step directions. She tends to focus on traditional relaxation yoga, since that is what most of her students want and need. "It's their one hour of peace and sanity, where they can take care of themselves," she said.

The Okinawa Kenpo Karate Kobudo classes offered to both children and adults, is a class that some families choose to learn together and take advantage of the center's family

rate. The two classes are offered back-to-back to accommodate both age groups and levels, and the instructor is a noteworthy artist, who teaches karate in nearby police departments and colleges.

Former Saks Fifth Avenue model Oletha Sloan has been teaching modeling on base for the past three years. Although she does not refer students to modeling agencies, she still teaches the art of runway and live mannequin modeling for those wanting to jump start a modeling career or just have fun.

Her philosophy is that there is no size in today's fashion, every sized person can model. "I hate the word fat. All models don't need to be skinny," she said.

"As I prompt my students, I teach them that if they don't win or aren't chosen, not to get discouraged," said Sloan. "It is a very tough industry."

Many of the classes are ongoing and newcomers can jump right in with ease with exception of the Kindermusik class. Kindermusik participants can only begin at the beginning of the 16-week program. The center also offers Well Baby Clinic the first Tuesday of every month and computer access. Call Tarawa Terrace Community Center at 450-1687 for further information on classes.

The community center is located midway between Tarawa Terrace I and Tarawa Terrace II, but its service area spreads to every service member and their family members within the area.

"We are here to serve the families of the military, and we try to offer them things that they and their children would like."

—Melinda Vincik

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 July 1 Natalie Elyse Marin born to Loren and Cpl. Jason Hall
 July 2 Olivia Mae born to Kelley and apt. Howard Beasey
 July 2 Madison Alexa born to Georgia and apt. Sgt. Rickey Blankenship II
 July 2 Gabriel Joseph born to Petty Officer 3rd Class Jennifer and Staff Sgt. Christopher Morgan
 July 2 Alexandra Michelle born to Jennifer and Staff Sgt. Roger Ralls Jr.
 July 3 Tatianna Shonte Wilburn born to Tonya Wilburn and Fabian Wright
 July 3 Ava Michelle born to Brandy and apt. Marco Serna
 July 4 Camden Charles born to Sarah and apt. Charles Hutson
 July 4 Mackenzie Grace born to Michele and Staff Sgt. Troy Johnson
 July 4 William Alexander born to Reita and Petty Officer 2nd Class Andrew Ainsbury
 July 5 Coier Xavier born to Laura and apt. Cpl. Aaron Sill
 July 5 Michelle Lynn born to Jennifer and apt. Sgt. Robert Walsh
 July 6 Ana Christina Marie born to Puksovah and Lt. Col. Marc Czaja

July 6 Bryce Ilias born to Sgts. Yvette and Norman Gonzalez
 July 7 Greyson Michael born to Amber and Cpl. Nicholas Magliocca
 July 7 McKayla Lily Morton born to Tiffany McMullin and Pvt. Jeffrey Morton
 July 7 Cayden Lane Mikai born to Tamica and Cpl. Jeremy Oswalt
 July 8 Gabriella Arianna Boyd born to Lance Cpl. Christina Castillo and Sgt. Derrick Boyd
 July 8 Sidney Grace born to Amy and born Cpl. Jason Inness
 July 8 Joseph John born to Seaman Apprentice Lesley and Joseph Rivera
 July 8 Madison Rose born to Mary and Staff Sgt. Bruce Womack
 July 9 Brandon Albert born to Carrie and Sgt. Jason Davis
 July 10 Emily Paige born to Anna and Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Sensing
 July 11 Giovanni born to Michelle and Cpl. Sergio Ochoa
 July 11 Jayme Morgan born to Jennifer and Staff Sgt. Michael Spencer
 July 12 Jayden Michael born to Lance Cpl. Candice and Cpl. Jeremy Brackeen
 July 12 Michael Aaron born to Daina and Staff Sgt. Matthew Ridgeway II
 July 13 Kaniya Janise born to Seaman

Surkeka and Petty Officer 3rd Class Gregory Fisher Jr. July 13 McKayla Lynn born to Amy and Lance Cpl. Wesley Otts
 July 13 Lucus Earl born to Sgts. Charlia and Issac Sato
 July 14 Berlin Nicole and Ella Sue born to Nicole and Gunnery Sgt. Matthew Shields
 July 14 Noah Christopher and Kailan Anne born to Nicola and Sgt. Christopher Wurnaris
 July 15 Jalissa Marie and Lance Cpls. Catherine and Tony Andrews
 July 15 Aaliyah Alysia Marie born to Kara and Cpl. Ernest Davis Jr.
 July 15 Aidan Connor born to Angela and Sgt. Jamie Mercier
 July 15 Braden Lucas born to Christina and Petty Officer 3rd Class Rex Shoemaker
 July 16 Brendon Augustus born to Elizabeth and 1st Lt. Bart Betik
 July 17 Jadaleigh Ann born to Amanda and Cpl. Jason Burks
 July 17 Jermaine Williams II born to Taniki and Lance Cpl. Jermaine Jones
 July 17 Tristan Samuel born to Amber and Lance Cpl. Ryan Kenney
 July 18 Caleb James Parks born to Aja Boulis
 July 19 Dominic Dean born to Lance

Cpls. Ara and Barry Spence
 July 20 Linette Alegria born to Karina and Master Sgt. Luis Lopez
 July 21 Walker Christian born to Carla and Staff Sgt. Brett Amedee
 July 21 Ashley Nicole born to Kristian and Lance Cpl. Nicholas Sweeney
 July 22 Daniel Stephen Jr. born to Erin and Cpl. Daniel Dicken
 July 22 Tobias James Lee born to Crystal and Cpl. Matthew Perry
 July 23 Kathryn Aurora born to Lance Cpl. Jayme and Staff Sgt. Joseph Bering
 July 24 Rebecca Nacole born to Susan and Gunnery Sgt. Robert Neiss
 July 24 Felicity Faith born to Cory and Staff Sgt. Richard Pagan
 July 24 Aiden Alexander born to Cpls. Jennifer and Michael Whitaker
 July 25 Paige Olivia born to Desiree and Cpl. David Melcher
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 July 26 Joseph Louis Jr. born to Keira and Cpl. Joseph Christino
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 July 27 Andrew Brady born to Cpl. Amber and Lance Cpl. Robert Wilder
 July 28 John William born to Angela and Sgt. James Neese
 July 28 Dominic Joseph II born to Alisha and Lance Cpl. Dominic Sinibaldi
 July 28 Makayla Rae born to Rebecca and Sgt. David Spaulding
 July 29 Joshua Thomas born to Kelly and Navy Lt. Steven Bernal
 July 29 Chandler James born to Michelle and Cpl. Christopher Filley
 July 29 Sarah Raleigh born to Donna and Gunnery Sgt. Eric Gardner
 July 30 Carmen Alaina born to Jennifer and Sgt. Nestor Cruz
 July 30 Aidan Keller born to Sarah and Pvt. Timothy Godwin II
 July 30 Kayla Renae born to Cpls. Tracey and Michael Robinson Jr.
 July 30 Christopher De'Shane born to Tanya and Sgt. Christopher Williams

L.I.N.K.S. | Open house



Therine Bruggeman with Marine Corps Family Team Building paints SpongeBob SquarePants on Anthony Martinez's face at the L.I.N.K.S. Open House Aug. 19. L.I.N.K.S., a non-rank, spouse-led education program, will begin new sessions teaching spouses about the Marine Corps, from its history and structure to moving and deployment. To sign up for a free, fun and educational session, call L.I.N.K.S. at 451-1299. Child care provided at no cost to participants.

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Coming up every year in November, just like Christmas, it's a big deal to the Marines," Charmaine. Additionally, she pointed out you can swap gowns with friends or visit consignment shops. "Consignment shops are okay; they don't take dresses with stains all over them," said Charmaine.

One great source for ball gowns on Camp Lejeune is the ExtravaGOWNza sponsored by the Marine Corps Community Center. The ExtravaGOWNza, military wives can browse through the selection of dresses available, try them on and take one home for free.

"We had some lovely gowns this year," said Melinda Vincik, family manager at the Tarawa Terrace Community Center. "It was nice to have money to access."

During the ExtravaGOWNz, shoppers can snack on refreshments and get tips on evening makeup application from a beauty consultant. In addition, Vincik says on having an alteration consultant on site to give alteration advice. Last year, there was a big turnout.

The ExtravaGOWNza will be held from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Tarawa Terrace Community Center. Vincik will begin handing out entry tickets at 7 a.m., and she will be accepting dress donations. Call 450-1687 to setup a drop off and pick up appointment.

Marines are encouraged to attend the Birthday Ball to celebrate their heritage and pay homage to those who have fallen as mentioned in Lejeune's order in 1921.

"From experience, the majority want to celebrate their birthday and attend the Birthday Ball," said Vincik. "I'll equate it to the ten percent rule we often refer to in the Marine Corps."

Charmaine believes it is a celebration for the spouses as well as that spouses should give the ball a try if they never have before. "I am not in any way taking away from the Marines, but the Marine Corps Ball is one time we can celebrate with them. They have made sacrifices - unbelievable sacrifices - to protect us, but at the same time, the spouse makes sacrifices, especially when their Marine is deployed or when they are moving all the time," said Charmaine. "The birthday is the time we can all come together and celebrate because we are all in the picture working together."

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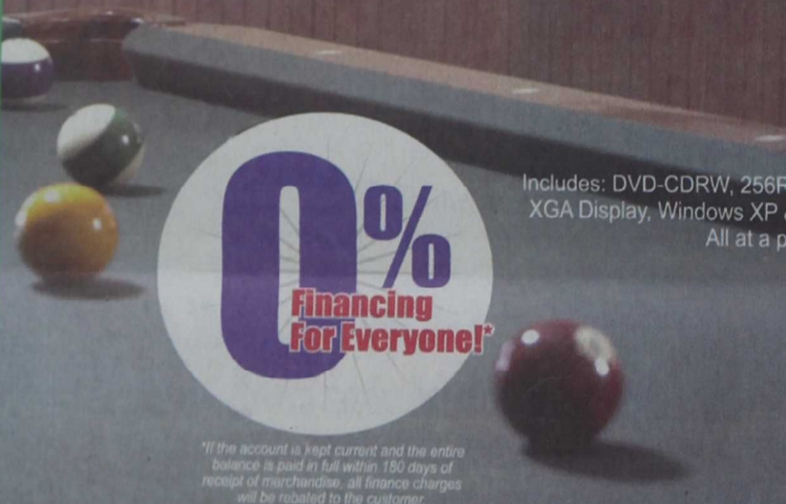


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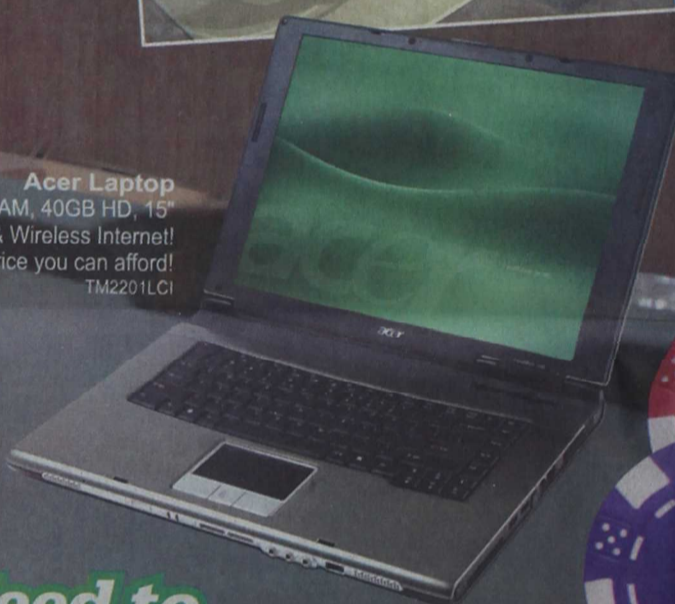
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