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Design
Check out THE GLOBE's new design in this week's issue. Any comments or suggestions of how we can better serve you, e-mail Sgt. Thomas at gregory.s.thomas@usmc.mil. Read about it on page 2A.

Pass & Kick
Wester Middle School student Aisle Quinlan has earned a spot in the NFL's Punt, Pass & Kick national championship. The competition will take place during halftime of the Indianapolis Colts vs. Pittsburgh Steelers game in Indianapolis this weekend. Quinlan entered NFL Punt, Pass & Kick with 3.3 million votes and has made it the way to the final 16. Read more on page 1B.

Making the grade
Camp Lejeune High School senior was named a finalist for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Turn to page 5D to learn more about this outstanding educator.

News Watch

Allen Warriors
Sgt. Adam L. Cann, 23, of Jacksonville, Fla., was killed in action Jan. 5 by a suicide bomb attack on an Iraqi police recruitment center in Ramadi, Iraq; Cpl. Albert Gettings, 27, of New Castle, Pa., and Lance Cpl. Ryan S. McCurdy, 20, of Baton Rouge, La., died Jan. 5 from wounds received as a result of enemy small-arms fire while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in Fallujah, Iraq.

Heavy Lift Helicopter
A new heavy lift helicopter is now officially in the pipeline for the Marine Corps following a Dec. 22 decision by Kenneth R. Krieg, under secretary of defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics to authorize the Heavy Lift Replacement program to begin a \$4.4 billion development program for the aircraft.
"Cost Plus Award Fee" contract for the System Development and Demonstration phase, estimated to be approximately \$2.9 billion, is expected to be signed with Sikorsky in March. Visit www.defenselink.mil/transformation/articles/2006-01/ for the full story.

Military Proceedings to Resume
Military commissions proceedings resume this week as officials hold preliminary hearings in the cases of two enemy combatants held since 2002.
Proceedings will resume in the case of Ali Hamza Ahmad Sulayman al Bahlul, a Yemeni man accused of trafficking terrorist propaganda, and begin for Canadian teenager Ahmad Khadr, who officials say killed a U.S. serviceman while fighting for al Qaeda in Afghanistan. Military commissions proceedings began against al Bahlul in August 2004 but were halted by a federal district judge's ruling in November 2004. An appeals court decision in July 2005 overturned that ruling, clearing the way for this week's resumption.

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Secretary of the Navy visits Urban Terrain Facility



MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — The 74th Secretary of the Navy, Donald C. Winter, speaks with Maj. Gen. Robert C. Dickerson, the commanding general of Marine Corps Installations East, as he arrives via helicopter at the Military Operations on Urban Terrain facility there. Winter, who was sworn in Jan. 3, visited as part of his initial orientation. "I was absolutely just blown away by the Marines here," said Winter. "They all have an incredible attitude and are firmly committed to the mission at hand."

BLT 1/2 befriends local Iraqis

Cpl. Christopher S. Vega
22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit

HIT, Iraq — Hand in hand with combating insurgents around the ancient city of Hit, Company B Marines, Battalion Landing Team, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, are looking to build bridges between Coalition forces and the Iraqi people.
First Lt. Chris Richardella and a handful of his Marines were recently able to deliver school supplies and sports items to children in neighborhoods surrounding their combat outpost.

"Our first mission is to provide security and stability," said Company B's executive officer. "But when we get the chance, we try to start on our secondary mission, improving the quality of life here," said the Washington D.C., native.
With that goal in mind, Richardella and his Marines loaded the back of a Humvee with backpacks filled with pens, notebooks and other supplies to take to a nearby elementary and middle school. Most of the school supplies were sent by church groups and other organizations in the U.S., while an international sports equipment company also pitched in by donating soccer uniforms.

"These kids don't have much, so any little thing we can give them, they are happy to receive," said Richardella. "I encourage all my Marines to go out and wave or purchase items from the markets in town."
As for the individual Marine, most will readily part with



Cpl. Christopher S. Vega

Al Anbar province — An Iraqi army soldier attached to Bravo Co., Battalion Landing Team 1st Bn., 2nd Marines, helps a young Iraqi boy slip into a backpack filled with school supplies that was donated in effort to engender goodwill between the Iraqi people and coalition forces, Dec. 30, 2005.

candy and other trinkets like pens and pencils the Marines have during their patrols just to see the smile on the face of an appreciative Iraqi child.

"It's nice to see a smile on the children's faces in city again," said Lance Cpl. Brandon Howerton of Adairsville, Ga., and a forward observer attached to Company B. "I try to wave at everyone so they know we are here to help them, not overtake their country."

In addition to the school sup-

plies, the Marines also donated extra lights and chalkboards to the school to provide an effective learning environment for the Iraqi children. Talks of building a public park with a volleyball and soccer field are also circulating around Company B, proving there is more to the BLT than meets the eye.

"These people could survive on their own if they had to," said Richardella. "We are just trying to give them some added comfort. It's like the bumper

sticker reads, there is no better friend and no worse enemy than a Marine."

BLT 1/2 is currently deployed as the ground combat element of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), which also consists of its Command Element, MEU Service Support Group 22, and Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 261 (Reinforced). The MEU is currently conducting counterinsurgency operations in Iraq's Al Anbar province. ■

Detention takes terrorists out of action

Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The detention of hundreds of terrorist suspects at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, is helping to keep Americans and other peace-loving peoples safe, a senior Defense Department official said here today.

"If released, many of them would return to the battlefield," Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said.

The detainees held at Guantanamo, he said, have sworn to kill Americans and other perceived enemies of al Qaeda and radical Islam.

"They should not be back out on the street," Whitman said.

Nine detainees among Guantanamo's 500-prisoner population are charged with war crimes, he noted. Defense attorneys' legal actions have slowed the progress of the military commissions set up to try them, he added.

"But we continue to work through those legal challenges as they exist," Whitman said, "and to pursue justice through the military commission system."

Preliminary military commission hearings at Guantanamo involving two detainees charged with terrorism are set to start tomorrow.

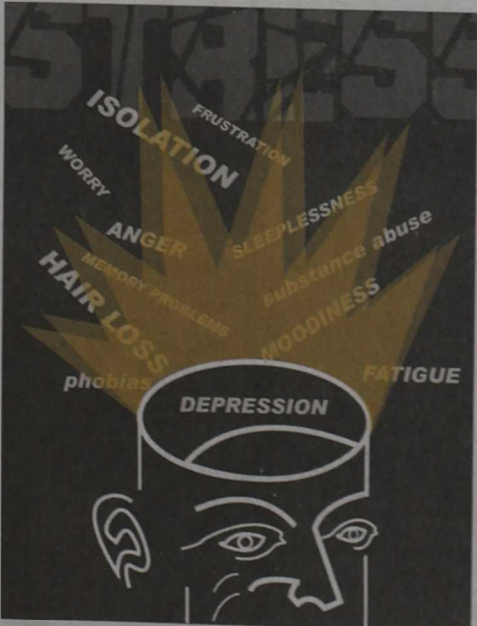
Many Guantanamo detainees have been released since the facility was set up after U.S. and coalition forces invaded Afghanistan in response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks on the U.S., Whitman said.

"But the population that remains there is a very dangerous population that, if released, could very well return to the battlefield," he said.

Twelve detainees who'd been released from Guantanamo had returned to the battlefield and had been re-captured by U.S. forces, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld noted during a June 1, 2005, Pentagon news conference.

The original terrorist detention facility at Guantanamo, called Camp X-Ray, was replaced in April 2002 by Camp Delta, which features more modern and comfortable amenities.

Authority to try terrorists captured during the global war against terrorism falls under President Bush's Military Order of Nov. 13, 2001, which directed the establishment of military commissions to provide full and fair trials of enemy combatants suspected of having committed war crimes against the United States, as recognized under international law. ■



Official U.S. Marine Corps image

Leaders Guide for Managing Marines in Distress — Developed based on the Air Force Leader's Guide for Managing Personnel in Distress, with a few new features.

A one-stop, online shop for stress guidance

Lance Cpl. Adam Johnston
Marine Corps Base

Stress is something almost every person on the face of this planet has to deal with on a regular basis - Marines are no exception. With the ongoing deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan in support of the Global War on Terrorism, Marines have already begun returning to Camp Lejeune with symptoms of Combat and Operational Stress.

But combat stress isn't the only problem Marines have to contend with. Other stressors include things such as marital problems, substance abuse and suicidal behavior, to name a few. After two years in development, the Marine Corps released the Leader's Guide for Managing Marines in Distress on Nov. 16, 2005.

The guide provides an exciting

new web-based tool for leaders of Marines, from fire team leader to commander, to maximize personal and unit readiness when a Marine is confronted with a potentially distressing situation, according to MARADMIN 582/05.

"It was designed as a quick-access, one-stop tool for leaders to use in helping their Marines handle and overcome problems," said Lt. Cmdr. Aaron D. Werbel, a behavior health affairs officer with Headquarters Marine Corps, and key developer of the project.

Problems Marines face can occupy a significant amount of a leader's time and can have detrimental consequences for both the Marine and the unit if the issue is not quickly addressed and handled effectively, according to MARADMIN 582/05.

"The best benefit of the tool is

the ability to have instant access to more than 40 different problems in one place," said Werbel. "Marine leaders have always been able to provide the support for, and instill confidence in their Marines. With this resource, they no longer have to waste valuable time searching for information on the subject."

The guide was developed based on the award winning Air Force Leader's Guide for Managing Personnel in Distress. Though similar, the Marine Corps website has a lot more information and is tailored with resources available to Marine leaders.

"The Navy and Marine Corps originally wanted to do a joint product, but they quickly realized that it wouldn't be very efficient," said Werbel. "Marine Corps culture

See STRESS page 9A

Moral, social values core of Parris Island

Guest Commentary
ASHLEY EDWARDSON

I recently had the privilege of attending a graduation ceremony at Parris Island, S.C. Little did I know that this would be one of those rare defining moments in my life, one of those moments which forever change the way you see yourself and the rest of the world. Since I left, I have been sifting through my thoughts and feelings, like a miner trying to glean the nuggets from the sand. Hopefully, I will leave my Parris Island gold with you.

My trip to Parris Island was a study in contrasts. The contrasts between the Marine world and the world I live in. When you pass through the entrance and converse with the sentry, you are convinced in about five seconds max that Parris Island is a place where they say what they mean and mean what they say. You note the posted speed limit is 25 mph, and you are not tempted to try 26. You instinctively know that the rules there are not meant to be broken, bent, or circumvented. Parris Island is utterly devoid of any trash, even the size of a postage stamp. Every square inch of sidewalk and roadway are edged, mowed, and manicured to exceed Disney World standards. In stark contrast to my world, there were no drive-by shootings. There were no blaring stereo speakers blasting profane garbage that disgraced the maker and disrespected the listener. There were no hats on backwards and no exposed posterior crevasses. There was no graffiti. They use the words "ma'am" and "sir."

Two separate invocations were held during the ceremonies. No one was offended, and no American Civil Liberties Union lawyers showed up to save us and file lawsuits. The flag was flown, and the national anthem was played, and no federal judges declared it unconstitutional. I felt safe without my Glock. It is the only place I've ever been that I saw my tax dollars were well spent and hard at work.

Those rare defining moments that I write of have been few for me. I used to have them when my daughters passed milestones in their lives and achieved goals. I cannot take much credit for those successes. Each of my daughters has always been her own person, but in a small way, when they succeeded, I did too. Those are the moments I treasure and that I hope define me as a parent. Being a deputy sheriff for 10 years put me in the company of so many outstanding officers, not surprisingly, many of whom were ex-Marines. I treasure those days as well. So too, when I attended recruit Dustin T. Ryan's graduation, I felt fate had made me part of something so much better than myself, and I came away a better and wiser person.

Before Parris Island, I spent hours and days watching the events unfold in New Orleans on TV. I was both angry and depressed. The scenes reminded me of a really bad reality TV survival show. I was embarrassed for the world to see some of my fellow countrymen at their worst. I was sure that our country would not survive if the best we could do, during bad times, was loot, shoot at our rescuers, and throw food on the ground — the same food that our soldiers in Iraq eat everyday. During this same time period, the recruits on Parris Island were going through The Crucible. They would not graduate

without passing this course, would not pass the course without working together to achieve goals. Now, I know what separates these two groups of people — trust, self-reliance, the will to survive, most importantly leadership. I'm sure the recruits weren't allowed to give up and wait for FEMA to do them.

Here then is the gold I found at Parris Island. At graduation, Dustin T. Ryan and 481 other graduates were stripped of some 20 years worth of wrong thinking. The thinking produced by a society that highly values freedom but hardly values character. A society which lives for today and never gives thought about tomorrow. Much of our American society has lost what was found in abundance at Parris Island. After Parris Island, I'm still not sure that our country will survive. But I'm sure of this one thing. If one Marine is left anywhere, honor, courage, commitment, and leadership will carry the day. Self-reliance and self-sacrifice will survive. The qualities and character that made America and her citizens before are still alive and well on Parris Island. Even Mac, the Parris Island Bull Dog, was a model of canine discipline. His house was cleaner than most hospitals I've been in. The Marine Band, which is small in number but in sound, was a model of what everywhere, doing more with less, doing it better and faster, doing it precisely on time and with perfection. Only the rest of America could do what Col. Steven D. Hogg and the United States Marine Corps have done. My hat is off to Dustin T. Ryan and the other recruits who graduated with Company H. As they say today's vernacular — you guys rule!

Man on the street

Who do you think is going to win the Super Bowl?



"The Colts versus Carolina with the Colts winning."

Sgt. Donald Lockridge
A food service specialist
Field Mess, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines,
2nd Marine Division
Warsaw, Ind.

"The Bears against Pittsburg with Pittsburg winning."



Lance Cpl. Walter F. Lenz
Orders Clerk
Headquarters Company 6th Marine
Regiment, 2nd Marine Division
Ronkonkoma, N.Y.

"I think the Colts and Carolina will play each other with Carolina winning."



Lance Cpl. Oscar Gomez
Rifleman
2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment,
2nd Marine Division
Queens, N.Y.

"The Seahawks will play Pittsburg and win."



Seaman Aaron Boodle
Corpsman
Company I, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marines,
2nd Marine Division
Wausau, Wis.

"I believe the Colts are going to go all the way. Seattle and the Colts will play."



Staff Sgt. Roberto Medineroque
Warehouse chief
Rations Platoon, 2nd Supply Battalion,
2nd Marine Logistics Group
New York

"The Patriots and the Seahawks with the Patriots to win."



Lance Cpl. Edward Chestnut
Rifleman
Anti Terrorism Battalion, 4th Marine
Expeditionary Brigade,
2nd Marine Division
Philadelphia, Pa.

Editors to lift THE GLOBE's face

Press Chief, Military Editor
SGT. G. S. THOMAS

Most of you will not recognize me, but I am one of the many editors at THE GLOBE. Each week, we try to bring you a variety of news from around the Marine Corps and the Department of Defense. We also take quite a bit of pride in the job we do telling the Marine Corps story and providing an avenue for the free flow of information to area Marines and sailors.

Last year, we brought you many local stories. I'd like to highlight the story diversity we

try to provide. In January, we printed about the Marines and sailors from 2nd Marine Division deploying as the ground combat element of II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) to replace I MEF forces in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In February, we brought news of the Cleveland Browns donation tickets to Super Bowl XXXIX in Jacksonville, Fla., and in September, we brought you coverage of elements of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit providing humanitarian assistance to the victims of Hurricane Katrina and relief to areas in and around New Orleans.

Also last year, we took a readership survey which

showed a demand of national-level sports coverage. To answer that call, we started publishing Associated Press sports articles.

In addition to adding coverage, we did quietly chop coverage in other areas — all of this done in an effort to better serve our readers.

This year, I am loudly professing we are changing some things around again, specifically the look and feel of the publication.

Years of newspaper studies have lead us to the assumption most readers look to sports and classifieds more than any other sections (the order they are visited is still hotly debated). So this year, look for a little more local sports coverage as well as

the continued national sports Associated Press articles.

We've also (slightly) massaged the look of the paper here and there. As with all base newspapers such as ours, the editors turn-over quite frequently, and each new editor brings some quirks, idiosyncrasies and preferences. In this and following editions, you'll see some of mine. I like to make newspapers as easy to read as possible, so most of the changes are geared in that direction.

If you have any comments regarding the content, look or feel of the newspaper, I highly encourage you to e-mail me at gregory.s.thomas@usmc.mil, and I will look into any issue brought to my attention.

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Cell phone use prohibited without hands-free device

Violators face driving privileges suspension

Lance Cpl. Adam Johnston
Marine Corps Base

Cell phones are rapidly becoming a commonplace today as regular home phones once were. But, even though cell phones make communication much more convenient, talking on them while driving can turn deadly. An estimated 25 percent of all police-reported traffic crashes in the United States are

caused by driver distraction, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The use of cell phones is prohibited unless the driver is equipped with a "hands-free" device, according to Base Order 5560.2L.

A hands-free device is an attachment available for most cell phones, which allows the driver to talk on the phone without lift-

ing or holding the phone to the driver's ear. This allows the driver to give their full attention to following the rules of the road.

"Individuals who are pulled over for talking on their cell phone without using a hands-free device will be sent to traffic court," said Gunnery Sgt. Daniel P. Schismenos, the traffic chief for the Provost Marshal's Office.

A first-time offense will result in a mandatory 15-day suspen-

sion of the violator's driving privileges on base. A second offense will result in a 30-day suspension and a third offense will result in a 60-day suspension.

"However, depending on the circumstances involved, the court can suspend a Marine's driving privileges for up to six months," said Schismenos.

Though there is currently no

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Tree honors service members ...



Lance Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. - John Cooney hands an ornament to a fellow Order of the Purple Heart member at the Main Exchange here Jan. 4. The Purple Heart Tree was set up by the Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 642 to honor those killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom. The order presented an ornament to three spouses of Marines killed in Iraq before taking down the tree.

Enlisted assignment monitors to visit Lejeune

Career counselors offer service members valuable information

Staff Reports
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The Headquarters Marine Corps Enlisted Assignment representatives will be at the base theater Jan. 25 - 27.

First term Marines for Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007 (end of active service dates Oct. 2, 2005 through Sept. 31, 2007) must see their career planner before the event. The briefs will only be conducted Jan. 25.

From 7 - 8 a.m., a brief will be given to first term sergeants and below. Topics in this brief will include current issues and policies surrounding retention of first term Marines, lateral moves, the first term alignment plan, re-enlistment incentives and special duty assignments.

From 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., a brief will be given to sergeants through gunnery sergeants. The brief will provide an overview of the impact of performance, evaluations and assignment decisions on individual careers.

From 10 - 11 a.m., a brief will be given to enlisted Marines in grades E-8 and E-9. This brief will provide valuable insight into staff noncommissioned officer career progression and how to increase individual competitiveness on future promotion boards.

From noon - 1 p.m., a brief will be given to all officers and enlisted Marines in grades E-8 and E-9. The brief will provide insight into the impact of fitness reports on the SNCO promotion process, a synopsis of notes from selection board debriefs and information on issues/trends concerning enlisted promotions.

From 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., a brief will be given to Marines in grades E-8 and E-9. This brief will focus on the assignment, promotion, enlisted retention programs and current Marine Corps policies.

From 3 - 4 p.m., a brief will be given to all officers. This brief will cover awareness of enlisted Marines issues including assignments, retention, staffing, unit cohesion and enlisted career force controls.

Career counselors and monitors will be available at Marston Pavilion from 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Jan. 25 - 26. Career counselors do not have access to individual records while traveling, so Marines desiring career counseling must pre-order their records directly from the Personnel Management Support Branch at (703) 784-3930 DSN: 278-3930.

Enlisted monitors will be available for interviews following career briefs. Face to face discussions with the monitor ensures clear communication with regard to the desires of the individual and the needs of the Marine Corps. ■

Non-traditional educational programs available for service members hoping to obtain a degree

Cpl. Mike Escobar
2nd Marine Division

Nationwide, recruiters of all military services tout educational benefits as one of the top reasons why young men and women should enlist. From dispensing tens of thousands of dollars upon completion of a service contract, to affording the opportunity to take college courses aboard a base campus, the incentives used draw countless of academically motivated applicants into the service year after year.

Down the road, however, many Marines and sailors quickly become discouraged or feel like they were cheated out of their benefits upon checking in to their first permanent duty station. There, they are told that the unit is deploying to a combat zone within months, and they must put in extra hours, days, even weeks, in the field or in the office to prepare for war. With lots of work and time spent away

from home, service members start thinking they have no time and energy left to devote to their studies.

Women like Diane Gillaspie and Johanna Rose work as education technicians here for the Lifelong Learning Division, known also as the Base Education Center, to dispel such commonly held misconceptions. From here, they help deployed Marines and sailors, and those expecting to leave soon, attain their education goals.

Currently, they deal with approximately 500 Marines and sailors deployed worldwide, 300 of whom are in Iraq.

"People have to remember that getting a college education doesn't have to mean just sitting in a classroom," Rose said. "Many schools offer course work via correspondence, CD-ROMs and the Internet."

Nevertheless, she recommended all personnel stop by the education center to start the process of obtaining a

degree. There, a counselor sits down with each prospective student to discuss their academic goals and advise them on the opportunities available. Each student is handled on a case-by-case basis, Rose added.

"We typically send guys like the 'grunts' to the DANTES Web site," Gillaspie said, referring to the service which allows service members to obtain degrees and certifications using distance learning methods. "Non-traditional colleges have become real popular recently because of all the deployments going on."

According to the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support Web site www.dantes.doded.mil, the distance learning program provides a range of nontraditional education programs for service members who want to fulfill degree requirements when classroom courses are unavailable and when work schedules or duty locations prevent class attendance.

Additionally, DANTES provides undergraduate and graduate-level academic courses from nearly 150 institutions, as well as other courses oriented toward a non-degree-seeking or technically oriented student.

Whether one attends a college campus while stateside or completes the courses through e-mail and postal correspondence, Rose said Tuition Assistance is available to all active-duty personnel to cover 100 percent of their tuition expenses, up to \$250 per semester hour or \$4,500 per fiscal year. All a Marine or sailor must do to obtain TA is select a course of study, such as an associates degree or certification program, fill out the TA request form, and get it signed off by their chain of command. Once approved, the service member must only pay for the courses' textbooks or any school application fees if their institute requires them.

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Motor-T

Marines brave Iraq's roads

Cpl. Heidi E. Loreda
II Marine Expeditionary Force (FWD)

CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq — Corporal Eric J. Bell poked his head down from the gunner's turret and spoke in a monotone voice to the Marines inside the humvee, "Well, Happy New Year guys."

"Yeah, Happy New Year to you too," responded Cpl. Thomas A. Wagar, who was behind the wheel of the vehicle.

On the final night of the year under blackout conditions, the Motor Transportation Marines of II Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, II MEF (FWD), did what they do best — get from point A to point B with the least amount of challenges to face.

While driving down a desolate road on their 194th mission in Iraq, Marines and sailors remained on high alert as they passed through a dangerous road where troops often encounter resistance from opposing forces.

As they drove 40 miles to and from their destination, beneath a star-filled sky occasionally illuminated with a distant flare, the bitter 37 degrees Fahrenheit coldness nearly froze the face of every gunner. But, neither the near-freezing temperature nor the lingering possibility of enemy

encounters could deter them from their mission.

Their task was to assist foreign national drivers transporting gear to and from Ramadi.

"Aside from enemy action, our biggest obstacle is break-downs and organizing the [foreign nationals]," said 1st Lt. Frank Cardamone, convoy commander. "Securing a 60-vehicle convoy is difficult and requires detailed planning and proper security posturing. We train to do this and have learned a lot throughout this deployment."

Riding in a convoy more than five miles long with foreign nationals can bring about more obstacles to hurdle for the motor transport team, such as communication issues and language barriers.

"They make wrong turns and get lost," said Cardamone. "The [foreign nationals] do not do maintenance on their trucks; therefore, we are forced to do recoveries for broken-down trucks. They run out of fuel occasionally."

The Motor Transportation Marines prove they have the ability to get behind the wheel at moments notice. Since their arrival at Camp Fallujah in February, the unit has logged more than 10,000 accident-free

miles throughout Al Anbar province.

Their spot-free record is attributed to the training conducted during the Revised Combined Arms Exercise package at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twenty-nine Palms, Calif., as well as Security and Stability Operations at Mareh Air Reserve Base in Riverside, Calif., and an intensive convoy training package at Camp Lejeune. The unit also trained with 2nd Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team Company at Fort Pickett, Va., for a week last January.

Aside from their training, Motor Transportation trained other units as well.

"While we were at Camp Lejeune, we trained 8th Communications Battalion, Transportation Support Battalion, 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 5th Civil Affairs Group and the headquarters element of the II MEF on convoy operations," said Master Sgt. Kenneth Mack, Motor Transportation chief. "When we [arrived] here, we trained 2nd Military Police Battalion, Combined Anti-Armor Team 3 and the 7th Division Military Transition Team. We are going to do Night Vision Goggle training tonight, as we have done



Staff Sgt. Ronna We...

Camp Fallujah: Motor Transportation Marines of II Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, II MEF (FWD) return to Camp Fallujah from a Convoy Dec. 16.

for a lot of individuals. We have licensed more than 30 drivers and are often tasked with conducting safe combat driving classes."

Not only are the Marines responsible for maintaining their own equipment, they provide their own convoy security as well. They are trained to look for improvised explosive devices, conduct immediate action drills, mount and dismount their vehicles, use crew-served weapons and operate in darkness using

night vision devices.

"We usually do three convoys per week," said Cardamone. "They are escort missions transporting tractor trailers loaded with supplies from forward operating base to forward operating base. We also do tactical movements to other FOBs while moving military gear and have done main security route patrols as well."

The convoy security team is a II MEF (FWD) asset and is

tasked by the G-4. Their missions are varied and range throughout the country. Since their arrival, they have been to the Syrian border, the Jordanian border, south as An Nasiriyah and points in between.

Motor Transportation's mission is to deliver and pick up supplies, passengers and other miscellaneous gear and the unit will continue to brave the roads until February when they return to Camp Lejeune. ■

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4th MEU begins predeployment training cycle

24th Marine Expeditionary Unit
Public Affairs

BOARD THE USS IWO JIMA
A — After savoring its first Christmas at home in two years, the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) has little time in resuming preparations for its upcoming deployment.

The 24th MEU scattered its elements from North Carolina to the sea for the first time in exercises for their predeployment training cycle.

The MEU's command element departed from Camp Lejeune, N.C., to Norfolk, Va., Jan. 5 to board the USS Iwo Jima for the unit's first at-sea drill. The MEU's ground combat and logistics elements made their way to Fort A.P. Hill, Va., for three days of field maneuvers.

In North Carolina, Marines set up Joint Force Task Enabler — a mobile communications suite — at Camp Lejeune, while other elements prepared to spend a week in the field honing their reconnaissance and surveillance skills.

By spreading elements across nearly 400 miles, the MEU aims to

test its long-range communications skills, which are essential to its ability to command and control widely distributed forces.

The week-long Group Sail exercise aboard the Iwo Jima and two sister ships marks the first time during the six-month pre-deployment cycle the Marines and sailors train together at sea.

Key objectives for the Marines include establishing shipboard communications and refining their command-and-control procedures. The exercise also gives pilots from the MEU's air combat element a chance to refresh their skills at operating from the deck of a ship.

The MEU commander, Col. Ron Johnson, called the exercise a "freebie," an early opportunity for his Marines to develop relationships with their Navy counterparts, to set the stage for later training evolutions and to focus exclusively on preparing for combat.

The 24th MEU is scheduled to deploy in the spring with the seven vessels of the Iwo Jima Expeditionary Strike Group. The Marines' mission and destination have yet to be determined.



Official USMC photo

USS Iwo Jima — Lt. Col. Robert S. Barr, commanding officer of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 365, arrives aboard USS Iwo Jima to participate in the Group Sail exercise. HMM-365 is the Aviation Combat Element of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit. The 24th MEU is scheduled to deploy in the spring with the seven vessels of the Iwo Jima Expeditionary Strike Group. The Marines' mission and destination have yet to be determined.



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AMCC issues quarterly progress report

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Atlantic Marine Corps Communities
Press Release

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existing neighborhoods of Tarawa Terrace and Watkins Village and create a new Senior Enlisted enclave of 80 homes at Knox Park.

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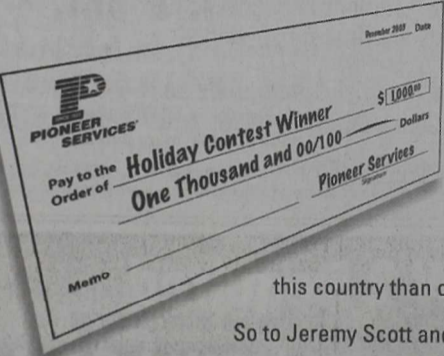
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The Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award nomination process is much more detailed and requires the employee to answer 10 questions about the support that the

employees received from their employer. These questions are targeted at: pay policies, benefits and leave policies, previous ESGR awards, supervisor training, ESGR advocacy, service member recognition, family support, deployed member support, hiring preferences and general military support.

If you are knowledgeable of your employer's exemplary policies that support your military service, and you can provide answers to the 10 Freedom Award nomination questions, please visit www.esgr.mil and complete the nomination form. The 2006 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award nomination season began Monday and will conclude Feb. 28.

The 56 ESGR Field Committees then review all nominations, and verify the employer information received via the ESGR Web site. The ESGR National Ombudsman Team will investigate all nominations to ensure employers nominated for the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award do not have numerous, significant or outstanding USERRA complaints registered in the ESGR database. Up to 15 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Awards will be presented in Washington, D.C. Sept. 19. ■

BLT 1/2 patrols through Hit, Iraq

Cpl. Christopher S. Vega
22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit

HIT, Iraq — Pushing out from their combat outposts, Marines from Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 22nd Marine Regiment, recently began conducting foot and motorized patrols in the city of Hit, Iraq.

During these patrols, Marines executed counter mortar and improvised explosive device sweeps on desert roads and in local neighborhoods to keep coalition forces and Iraqi citizens safe from insurgent attacks. The patrols are part of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable)'s ongoing counterinsurgency efforts in the Al Anbar province.

"We are conducting these patrols to make our presence known to both the locals and insurgents," said 1st Sgt. Jacky Evans, of Laurel, Miss., Company B first sergeant. "These Marines are doing an outstanding job, day in and day out. They go out there with no fear. They know they have a mission to do, and are going to get it done."

"These Marines are doing an outstanding job, day in and day out. They go out there with no fear. They know they have a mission to do, and are going to get it done."

1st Sgt. Jacky Evans, Company B 1st Sergeant

insurgents from stockpiling arms and explosives.

Thus far, the Company B Marines and their attached comrades from the Iraqi army have confiscated numerous weapons, including assault rifles, grenade launchers, and even a complete mortar system.

"The people here are friendly and have been a big help," said Evans. "They want to live free, without having to worry about insurgents, and that's what we are trying to give them."

Evans and the other Company B Marines credit their continued success to several factors, including the extensive Security and Stability Operations and Military Operations in Urban Terrain training they conducted prior to leaving the United States. Equipment-wise, the widely used Advanced Combat Optical Gunsight scope on the Marines' assault rifles enables the individuals to see further than with the

naked eye and without having to fumble with binoculars.

This training and equipment, coupled with Company B's growing resume of first-hand experience, means they will continue to effectively drive a wedge between the insurgents and peace-loving Iraqi people they have terrorized for so long.

"We have to stay aggressive," said Lance Cpl. Daniel Bell, of Martinsburg, W.V., a squad leader in Company B. "That's why we do these patrols every day. We can't let the insurgents think they have the upper hand." ■

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The platoon has air dropped 335,030 pounds of supplies, keeping 30 logistical vehicle systems and 60 Marines off the roads, as of Jan. 2, 2005, according to Master Sgt. Sirisak Longnecker, the platoon's officer in charge.

The Marines, many of whom wear gold jump wings on their uniform, are responsible for palletizing, packing and loading supplies for air delivery.

"We can drop anything from boxes of water, to 5-ton trucks," said Cpl. Jerry L. Fortenberry, an air delivery specialist with the platoon. "We are also responsible for packing the parachutes for personnel."

These Marines spend a lot of time on the ground preparing supplies for drops, but to earn the gold jump wings, also known as the Navy and Marine Corps parachutist insignia, they must complete military parachutist school at Fort Benning, Ga., as well as five jumps in the Fleet Marine Force.

The Marine Corps' air delivery specialist field is small, consisting of roughly 200 Marines. Many go on to earn the title of jumpmaster. The jumpmaster program is in addition to their normal training and is known for its difficulty. It has a nearly 60 percent failure rate, according to Fortenberry.

"This creates a greater respect and sense of responsibility for our job," the Habersham, Ga., native added. "Knowing that you or someone else could be using the parachute you pack makes you check and double check your work."

Jumping out of an aircraft is a

skill they all learn by being parachutists. But setting up supplies for air drop is what they pride themselves on.

The air drop capability is valuable because of the threat of improvised explosive devices and ambushes that could lie in front of a convoy.

The process for supply drops is a long and tedious one. It requires an extremely accurate system of checks and double checks.

"It's all about the attention to detail," said Lance Cpl. Max Rodriguez, an air delivery specialist with the platoon. "Before anything is loaded on the bird, everything is inspected. It's a huge responsibility."

Rodriguez, a San Juan, Puerto Rico, native, is just one part of a team that is trained in every aspect of air delivery from fabric repair, which is vital to the upkeep of any air delivery system, to making sure the supply load is put on the aircraft flawlessly.

"We even repair the parachutes and make sure they are ready for use at all times," Fortenberry said.

All of the checks and balances have been proven worthwhile because of the results the platoon has produced.

"Keeping one Marine off the road makes all my hard work worth it," Rodriguez concluded. ■

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Cpl. Jerry L. Fortenberry, air delivery specialist



Lance Cpl. Wayne Edmiston

Al Asad, Iraq — Corporal Mark J. Wilson fixes a pallet for air delivery Jan. 2. Wilson is an air delivery specialist with Air Delivery Platoon, Combat Logistics Battalion 2, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward) and a Linton, Ind., native.

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Press Release

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To be eligible, a student must be under age 24, working on a first undergraduate degree, and a dependent child of an active-duty service person — enlisted, warrant officer or officer — in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Public Health Service or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. This includes members of the drilling Reserves and National Guard.

Grant recipients will be randomly selected from among applicants within each

of the seven services. No GPA, SAT nor essays will be needed for the Base/Post application. MOAA membership is not a requirement.

Application is via Web site: www.moaa.org. Click on "Services", the "Educational Assistance" and "Scholarships and Grants". Follow the easy instructions for the multipurpose Scholarship Application. Deadline is March 1 at noon Eastern time.

Semi-finalists will be notified by e-mail and the self-check on the Web site by mid-March. Winners will be notified in May.

MOAA is the nation's leading association for military officers, with nearly 390,000 members. Membership is open to active-duty officers and warrant officers, Reserves and National Guard, plus former or retired officers and warrant officers and surviving spouses. ■

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune invites the public to review and comment on its Draft Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) and Draft environmental assessment (EA). The EA is Appendix of the Draft INRMP.

This INRMP, when completed, will replace the initial INRMP published in November 2001. The Base will use the INRMP to support Camp Lejeune's military mission by integrating the management of natural resources programs during the years 2007-2011. Natural resource management activities described in the INRMP are and must remain consistent with the use of the installation to ensure military preparedness.

The environmental assessment (EA), when completed, provides sufficient analysis for determining if the potential environmental impacts of implementing the INRMP are significant.

Copies of the Draft INRMP and EA are available for review at the following local libraries from January 5 through February 6, 2006:

Swansboro	1460 West Corbett Avenue
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The documents can also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.lejeune.usmc.mil/emd>. At this webpage click on the link to the Draft 2006 INRMP. Comments should be mailed to Camp Lejeune at the following address no later than February 6, 2006. Commanding General, AC/S I&E/EMD/ECON, Marine Corps Base, PSC Box 20004, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina 28542-0004.

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The first curb appeal project contract, valued at \$100,000 at Camp Lejeune's Watkins Village will go to bid later this month.

A contract for more than \$130,000 improvements to the heating and cooling systems in Camp Lejeune's Berkeley Manor will be executed by local company.

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such law in the state of North Carolina prohibiting the use of cell phones without a hand's free device, the Governor's Executive Committee for Distracted Drivers is working to change that.

"Cell phone use was a contributing factor in seven percent of all crashes resulting in injuries this past year in North Carolina," said Schismenos, who is also a member

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and Navy culture are totally different."

The guide is a dynamic Web site tool that will be expanded and updated on a daily basis or as needed, according to Werbel. On an annual basis, subject matter experts will review the Web site and recommend changes and / or additions that need to be made.

"We are working on downloadable and pocket sized versions of the guide that will enable leaders out in the field a way to access this important and useful information," said Werbel.

For more information on the Leaders Guide for Managing Marines in Distress, go to www.usmc-mccs.org/leadersguide.

MOS field. Each field has various duties and a different amount of on-the-job hours required of each worker in order to complete the certification program.

"It gets even better while you're on deployment, simply because a lot of the time you're putting in 16-hour workdays, seven days a week," Bowman added. "As long as you log in the number of hours you work in the logbooks we provide, you're good. If you try to get an apprenticeship later on in the civilian world, it will cost you a lot of time and money. Right now, you can get it for free."

The education counselors added the apprenticeship certifications and obtaining a college degree are only some of the services and benefits the Lifelong Learning Center offers. They and Aurilio also encouraged all Marines and sailors to discuss their academic and vocational goals with a counselor.

"If I can manage it with a full work schedule, a marriage and two kids, anyone can," Aurilio continued. "You have to look out for your life after the Marine Corps."

The Lifelong Learning Center is located in Bldg. 202 across the street from the base theater and is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. They may be reached at 451-3091/92.

LEARNING

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"TA is only available while you're on active duty, and it's completely separate from the GI Bill," Rose emphasized. "You want to use TA as soon as possible to accomplish your immediate education goals, and save your GI Bill to pursue further studies (upon leaving the military)."

Students who must drop a course due to military operational requirements, such as deployments, are withdrawn from the course without being liable to pay the government back, Rose added.

Being aware of this "safety net," many commands overseas are currently encouraging their troops to pursue their education during their downtime, she added.

"A lot of them are approving TA requests because they know it's a good way for the Marines to spend their down time," Rose continued. "Some commands even have tents with computers set up just for students to do their college class work."

Gunnery Sgt. James Aurilio is one Marine who expects to deploy within the next two months to Iraq but is taking advantage of some

of these benefits.

"I'm majoring in occupational training and development through the University of Louisville right now," explained the company master gunner with Company A, 2nd Tank Battalion. "I stopped by the Base Education Center today to get my TA paperwork dialed in before I deploy. This will be the first time I take college courses from Iraq, and I see it as a way of getting ahead of the ballgame."

For students not wishing to pursue a college degree like Aurilio's, the Lifelong Learning Center offers a vocational alternative, said Rick Bowman, an education technician.

"We offer apprenticeship certification programs for Marines and sailors in (more than 100) different military occupational specialties," he continued. "If you get out and decide to compete for a technical job, you'll have experience in the military and in your respective trade."

Federal and North Carolina state governments both recognize this experience, because the Department of Labor awards a certificate of completion of apprenticeship upon finishing the program, Bowman explained. All a Marine or sailor must do to earn this is log in the number of hours worked each week at their respective tasks in their

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Armed Forces wrestling
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Aisle Quinlan to compete in NFL Punt, Pass, Kick competition

Brewster student to compete at finals in Indianapolis Sunday

Brian Berger
 Lejeune Sports Editor

Sunday, during halftime of the divisional play-off game in Indianapolis, Camp Lejeune's Aisle Quinlan will take the field in the RCA Dome and compete in the national championship of the NFL's popular Punt, Pass and Kick competition.

Quinlan, 14, an eighth grader at Brewster Middle School, earned the right to compete in the finals by winning the state championship for North and South Carolina December 4, 2005.

First, Quinlan won the Jacksonville area competition in September to advance to the sectional competition in Morehead City, N.C. in October. Quinlan's overall score from the Sectional was compared against both North and South Carolina sectional events and was good enough for a top-three finish, which put her in the state championship in Charlotte.

At the time of the Jacksonville competition, Quinlan's father, Sean Quinlan, was deployed to Iraq. He got news of Aisle's success in Jacksonville over the phone but was home in time to accompany his daughter to the state championship.

In front of tens of thousands of spectators during halftime of the Dec. 4 Carolina Panthers and Atlanta Falcons game, Sean Quinlan watched his daughter finish first overall in the 14- and 15-year old girls division.

Quinlan is no stranger to state competition. In last year's competition she lost by a mere five inches. This year, her performance in Charlotte placed her in the top four in the country in her age group.

As a result of her ranking, Quinlan will be one of 32 boys and girls performing one pass, one punt and one kick during halftime in Indianapolis. The final 32, 16 boys and 16 girls, are the best of the 3.3 million participants who competed in the 2005 NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition.

"I'm excited, it's a great opportunity," Quinlan said.

Quinlan has honed her athletic abilities compet-

ing in basketball and football, among other sports. She recently played quarterback and nose tackle for the 49ers youth football team on base. And though she longed to join her older sister, Chelsea, on the varsity basketball squad, existing rules prohibited it.

To prepare for the finals,

Quinlan has been practicing in her yard with her father, although a surgery is preventing her from throwing the ball.

Quinlan credits her family with planting the seeds for her interest in athletics. The sisters engage in a great deal of sibling competition, and Aisle's football roots date back to helping her father when he was coaching high school in Michigan. At the time, 8-year-old Aisle was a "waterboy" for the team, developed a love for the game, and advanced to shagging balls, punting and kicking.

It's fitting that her entire family will accompany her to Indianapolis, with the NFL footing the bill for several members of the Quinlan clan. Sean, Aisle's mother Kelley, Chelsea and little brother Owen will make the trip, cheer Aisle on during the competition and enjoy the AFC Playoff game.

While many people would be nervous performing in front of thousands of football fans, Aisle takes it all stride. She's also not one to gloat over her successes on the field.

"What I'm proudest of about Aisle is her humbleness," Sean said. "She has tremendous compassion. I love to see her do well in athletics, but it's the life skills and character building that's even more important."

It will be hard for Aisle to keep her trip low key to the Punt, Pass and Kick finals with the recent media attention she's drawing in Jacksonville. Sunday, that attention will be magnified many times over and could include face time during the national television broadcast of the AFC divisional playoff game.

"I'm just going to go out there and do my best," Quinlan said. "It will be awesome. Just to be at the game is exciting." ■



Photo by Brian Berger

Panthers look super in Giant win

David Porter
 Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The Panthers are starting to draw comparisons to the Carolina team that reached the Super Bowl two years ago.

The parallels began to come into focus after their emphatic 23-0 victory over the New York Giants in the first round of the NFC playoffs Sunday. Both Carolina teams finished 11-5 in the regular season, and both used airtight run defenses and efficient performances by quarterback Jake Delhomme to lopsided victories in the opening round.

Whether this year's team winds up playing in Detroit Feb. 5 remains to be seen, but Sunday's game had to have made believers out of anyone who still doubted the Panthers' credentials.

"We are playing similar to how we did then," said tackle Jordan Gross, one of several holdovers from the 2003 team. "We're running the ball well, and our defense is playing great."

For the second week in a row, running back DeShaun Foster set the tone by churning out yardage to set up Delhomme, who went 15-for-22 for 140 yards and one touchdown and kept the Giants' defense back on its heels. Showing no ill effects from a toe injury, Foster ran for 151 yards a week after gaining 165 yards against Atlanta in Carolina's NFC South-clinching win.

"We established what we wanted to do early, which was to run the ball, and it just set everything else up for us," Foster said.

That was only half the tale for Carolina. The Panthers' defense never let the Giants (11-6) inside their 39-yard line and appeared to be a step or two ahead of New York for most of the game. They thoroughly flustered Eli Manning, who was playing in his first playoff game and finished 10-of-18 for 113 yards with three interceptions and a fumble.

By the time the second-year quarterback threw his final interception in the fourth quarter, the majority of the Giants Stadium crowd had already left. Those who remained booed the player who a week earlier had led the Giants to their first NFC East title since 2000.

Another focus of their ire could have been a running attack that managed just 41 yards on 13 carries, all by Tiki Barber, who averaged more than 100 yards per game in the regular season.

"Obviously [the defense] did a good job, but I still have to protect the ball," Manning said. "Especially in playoffs and big games, you can't turn the ball over. You have to make better decisions. It was not the way I wanted to play today."

Manning's interceptions came on three successive drives spanning the third and fourth quarters and effectively removed any drama from the game.

Carolina led 10-0 at halftime on the strength of a 22-yard

touchdown pass from Delhomme to Steve Smith, who had 10 catches for 84 yards, and a 31-yard field goal by John Kasay that was set up when Jason Baker's shanked punt hit New York's Gibril Wilson on the leg and was recovered by the Panthers' Dante Wesley at the Giants' 15.

On New York's second possession of the third quarter, Manning rolled right and threw across the field for wide receiver Amani Toomer at the Giants' 26. Cornerback Ken Lucas stepped in front and picked off the pass and returned it to the 12.

On the next play, Smith scored on an end-around to give Carolina a 17-0 lead that might as well have been 70-0 on this day.

"I thought the thorn in our side was that interception," Giants head coach Tom Coughlin said. "That hurt. It was still a competitive game."

Safety Marlon McCree had the other two interceptions, and linebacker Will Witherspoon provided the exclamation point for the Panthers' defense when he sacked Manning and forced a fumble in the final two minutes.

With an experienced core of front-seven defensive players such as Julius Peppers, Brentson Buckner and Dan Morgan left over from the Super Bowl team, Carolina head coach John Fox rebuilt a secondary that finished with 23 interceptions this season, fourth in the league. A performance like Sunday's could be the catalyst to bigger and better things. ■



Courtesy of Carolina Panthers

Carolina Panthers: Julius Peppers and the Carolina Panthers' defense shutout the Giants on the road Sunday. Next, they'll face the Chicago Bears in Chicago, a rematch of a regular season game the Panthers lost.

Navy names basketball court after Dave Smalley

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Navy on Saturday named its basketball court at Alumni Hall after Marine vet Dave Smalley, who has been associated with the Academy as a player, coach, physical education professor and administrator more than 50 years.

The official dedication ceremony was held when the Navy men's and women's basketball teams played host to Patriot League rival Bucknell.

"Dave is one of the finest gentlemen and accomplished professionals ever to serve our midshipmen," said Naval Academy Director of Athletics Chet Gladchuk. "He is respected, appreciated and loved by the thousands who have been fortunate to benefit from his friendship. He represents the qualities and values of the Naval Academy and approaches every day in the spirit of service to others before self."

"I'm most appreciative of this signal honor in recognition of the contributions of the Navy basketball players over the years," Smalley said.

Smalley has been inducted into four Hall of Fames: Seton Hall Prep [high school], Wyoming Seminary [prep school], Naval Academy and Anne Arundel County.

"I feel this honor validates the many basketball players and their coaches who have been a part of the Navy basketball program and its tradition. It recognizes the hundreds of Midshipmen who played and continue to play the game for countless hours with all their energy and ability. Some earned more accolades than others, but all were instrumental in the ultimate goal of winning games for the Naval Academy. I see this dedication as recognition to what they have given."

A 1957 graduate of the Naval Academy, Smalley won a combined six letters in basketball and baseball, while earning four N-Stars against arch-rival Army. He is one of only four midshipmen in the 99-year history of Navy men's basketball to serve as team captain for two consecutive years. He was the Mids' top scorer during his sophomore and senior campaigns, while leading the team in free-throw percentage as a junior and senior. He was also selected to play in the East-West All-Star Game in Kansas City his senior year.

Smalley scored 856 points during his three-year varsity career and twice won the Charles Evans McDonough Memorial Basketball Cup, awarded annually "to the member of the basketball squad deemed to have been the outstanding team player during the season."

Smalley was also a standout outfielder for the Navy baseball team. He won the Blair Bat, symbolic of the Eastern Intercollegiate Baseball League batting title, during his junior season with a league average of .419. In overall games that season, he led the squad in hits (30), homers (3), RBI (25) and batting average (.448).

Smalley won the Naval Academy Athletic Assn. Sword in 1957 as midshipman of the graduating class considered "to have personally excelled in athletics during his years of varsity competition."

A native of Baltimore, Md., Smalley served five years in the Marine Corps, where he was named to the All-Marine Basketball Team four years. He played at Quantico (30-13 record) in 1957-58, for the All-Marine team in 1958-59 and Quantico (44-3 record, All-Marine title), Hawaii Marines in 1959-60 (25-6 record, All-Marine tourney runner-up) and Hawaii Marines and All-Marines champion in 1960-61. Smalley was the 1961-62 coach and player for Hawaii Marines (21-4 record, 2nd in

HAFL).

In addition, he was an outfielder-first baseman for Quantico baseball in 1958 and outfielder for Hawaii Marines in 1960.

In 1962, Smalley returned to the Academy as an assistant coach with the men's basketball team and as a member of the Physical Education Department. In 1966, Smalley succeeded Ben Carnevale as coach of the Navy basketball team. Under his 10-year direction, Navy produced a 94-130 record and his Midshipmen teams were ranked among the top 10 in the country in team defense in three of his last six seasons.

In 1976, Smalley left his post as men's coach and later that year was asked to lay the groundwork for a women's basketball program. His first season leading the women, competing at the junior-varsity level, he led the Mids to a 10-1 record and won the Maryland AIAW state championship for small colleges. The program achieved varsity status in 1977, and he guided the Midshipmen to a 12-year combined record of 179-119 that featured 10 winning seasons. Smalley's teams recorded back-to-back 18-win seasons in 1981-82 and 1982-83, and the 1986-87 team finished 18-8 and captured the ECAC South Division II Championship.

Smalley held the title of Assistant Director of Athletics in charge of admissions since 1979 and was promoted to Senior Associate Athletic Director for Admissions, Academics and Compliance in 2001. In that capacity, Smalley handles the admissions process for recruited athletes in each of Navy's 30 varsity sports. Smalley and his staff also monitor the academic progress of Navy's 1500 student-athletes.

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

roundup

National Football League

CINCINNATI (AP) — Pittsburgh Steelers defensive lineman Kimo von Oelhoffen spent half his NFL career playing in Cincinnati and still has great affection for the Bengals and the town.

No wonder he doesn't want to spend the next nine months being the city's most disliked man.

Von Oelhoffen's unintentionally firm tug on quarterback Carson Palmer's left knee during the Bengals' second play of the game Sunday put Palmer out with a serious injury and affected the course of the Steelers' 31-17 victory.

Afterward, von Oelhoffen apologized to Palmer, his family and the Bengals' fans, saying no player ever wants to hurt another.

"Yeah, I hate to see that happen to any player," von Oelhoffen said. "I don't think anybody on this team would intentionally do something like that."

As Palmer lay on the turf before being taken off on a cart, several Bengals players could be seen yelling toward the Steelers' huddle. But von Oelhoffen said he didn't hear any remarks directed toward him, and at least one Bengals player, Pro Bowl offensive tackle Willie Anderson, defended him after the game.

"I know Kimo. He's not a dirty player," Anderson said of von Oelhoffen, who played for the Bengals from 1994-99 before moving to Pittsburgh for the chance to become a starter. "Guys were infuriated, but your first reaction is to defend your player. It wasn't a dirty play."

Von Oelhoffen said the injury, Palmer tore at least one ligament, affected his own play for at least a quarter.

"I'm not gonna lie, it affected me a little bit," von Oelhoffen said. "That kid deserved a shot to play in this game. It's always horrible when somebody gets hurt. We're all football players, we're together, we compete against each other, but we're together."

Asked what he was trying to do on the play, von Oelhoffen said, "Sack the quarterback. What else?"

Von Oelhoffen said he didn't personally apologize to Palmer because he didn't see him after he left the field.

"How would it affect you if you had just torn one of the most promising quarterback's knees out? You do not like to see that happen. But he'll rebound," von Oelhoffen said. "He's young and he's going to be around for a long time. ... I hope he gets better because he's a great player."

What several Steelers disliked was the insinuation that the injury greatly influenced the game, and that they needed something like that to win in Cincinnati, where they have won five of their last six.

"I'm not going to sit here and let that be a reason to spoil our victory, Carson not playing," linebacker Joey Porter said of the Steelers' 14th victory in 17 road games over the last two seasons. "This is the NFL and people get hurt; it's not the first time someone's got hurt in a game. We've had people get hurt all year. You take your wounds and keep on ticking."

The Steelers played four games without their own starting quarterback, Ben Roethlisberger, with two knee injuries, and left tackle Marvel Smith also missed substantial time.

"We came away with a victory. If Palmer had played, I think the same thing would have happened," Porter said.

Even if Bengals wide receiver Chad Johnson didn't agree after being held without a touchdown by Pittsburgh for the third time this season.

Asked if the Steelers were better, he said, tersely for a player who often is one of the most talkative in the league: "No."

— Alan Robinson, Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — With a national championship, a litany of school records and one spectacular Rose Bowl performance, Vince Young figures he's done all he can at the college level.

So, the Texas quarterback is going to the NFL.

Young announced Sunday he'll skip his senior season to enter the NFL draft, taking the leap many expected after leading the Longhorns to a 41-38 victory over Southern California for Texas' first national title in 36 years.

"It's been a really fun ride. It's been really beautiful, and I'll cherish my memories for the rest of my life," Young said at a campus news conference to announce his decision.

"I feel like I accomplished everything I wanted to accomplish in college," Young said.

And he immediately set the bar for his pro career pretty high.

"I will not let you down. I will be a hard worker and do what it takes to not only be a role model, but make it to the Hall of Fame, and that's the biggest it can be," Young said.

His Rose Bowl performance, 467 total yards with three rushing touchdowns, increased speculation he would leave school early and started a debate about whether he would be the No. 1 pick in April's draft.

Young's hometown Houston Texans have the first pick. He said he'd like to play in Houston, but realizes he could wind up somewhere else.

Texas spokesman Tony Willie released a statement that complimented Young as a player, but said the team is still evaluating draft picks and trying to hire a head coach.

Another possibility is Tennessee, which has the third pick. Young counts Titans quarterback Steve McNair among his close friends. He said McNair told him "go with your heart" in making his decision.

Young maintained during the season that he would return for his senior year, but said his

Rose Bowl performance put him "over the top."

With a career 30-2 record as a starter, Young is Texas' career leader in total offense (9,104 yards), touchdowns (81) and rushing touchdowns by a quarterback (37).

This season, he became the only player in NCAA history to pass for 3,000 yards (3,033) and rush for 1,000 (1,050) in one season. He has 4,086 total yards set a school single-season record.

Young won the Davey O'Brien Award for the nation's best quarterback and the Maxwell Award for the top college football player, but came in second behind USC running back Reggie Bush in the Heisman Trophy voting.

Gil Brandt, longtime Dallas Cowboys personnel director and current NFL.com draft analyst, called Young a likely top five pick, but said he thought Young should have stayed in Texas another year.

"He is very, very similar to Randall Cunningham," Brandt said. "Had he waited, I probably would've been a better player. A quarterback gets better with the more experience they get. Going from college football to the NFL is about like going from eighth grade to being a graduate student at MIT."

Although Young has been criticized by analysts for his sidream throwing motion, Brandt said the most important factor is Young's winning record. Young was the highest rated passer in college last season.

"He has a bottom-line of 30-2. Bobb Layne and Sonny Jurgensen didn't have perfect deliveries either, but they're in the Hall of Fame," Brandt said.

Young is the first Texas player to leave early for the NFL in coach Mack Brown's eight seasons.

Brown, who was at the American Football Coaches Association annual convention and didn't attend the news conference, said he met with Young on Sunday morning and supported the decision.

"We'll miss him, but want him to do as well in the NFL as he did in college. I expect all of the Texas fans to be happy and supportive of Vince," Brown said. "He has done great things for our program."

Young said he talked over his decision with his family and that some of his advisers told him to stay at Texas to finish his degree. Considering the deadline for declaring for the draft is Jan. 15, it was clear his mind was already made up. The ultimate decision was his, Young said.

"It took a lot of praying, listening, understanding and knowing that the day was going to come," said Felicia Young, who attended her son's news conference. "Everything is all right. This is great."

Asked how he might spend some of the millions of dollars he'll earn as an NFL player, Young said, "It all depends on mama."

Young's departure leaves a gaping hole in the offense to fill if Texas is to defend its title. The only other scholarship quarterback on the roster, freshman Colt McCoy, redshirted last season and didn't take a snap. Texas expects to sign another prep standout, Jevon Snead, who plans to enroll in school this month and participate in spring drills in February.

"We have 15 starters back next year and our expectations today remain the same as before Vince's decision," Brown said. "We are defending champions and will move forward."

— Jim Vertuno, Associated Press

Skiing

ADELBODEN, Switzerland (AP) — The International Ski Federation wants the U.S. skier team to address the latest controversy surrounding outspoken reigning overall World Cup champion Bode Miller.

United States Skiing and Snowboard Association President and CEO Bill Marolt expected to fly to next week's World Cup races in Switzerland to speak to Miller, who said in a "60 Minutes" interview that partying affected his performance in the past.

U.S. alpine director Jesse Hunt, who was scheduled to join the team in Europe on Tuesday, moved his flight up a day.

"It's up to his own federation to take action," FIS secretary general Sarah Lewis said Sunday. "We have talked to the U.S. federation about it, whether what he is saying is good for the image of the sport and good for the image of the U.S. ski team."

"They say they are dealing with it. But with Bode they are on thin ice."

Miller told the CBS Sunday night program which released written excerpts Thursday, that "there have been times when I've been in really tough shape at the top of the course."

"Talk about a hard challenge right there. Have you ever tried to ski when you're wasted, it's not easy," Miller said. "Try and ski a slalom when you hit a gate less than every one second, so it's risky. You're putting your life at risk. It's like driving drunk, only there are no rules about it in ski racing."

Asked if the risk meant he would never slip drunk again, the 28-year-old Miller replied, "No, I'm not saying that."

Miller, who last season became the first U.S. skier to win the overall World Cup title in 21 years, has argued the comments were taken out of context and his agent, Lowell Taub, criticized the way the interview was characterized in excerpts and media accounts.

Miller, who veered off course on the first run of a World Cup slalom Sunday in Adelboden, has drawn attention, and criticism, before for being outspoken.

He has called anti-doping rules in skiing that he deems too strict "a joke," and was fined last month for refusing to take a blood test to ensure his equipment conformed to regulations after a World Cup slalom. He also has threatened to launch a rebel ski tour.

His irreverent attitude, late-night habit and stubborn refusal to compromise with coaches make him popular with the younger generation.

"He is a charismatic personality that youngsters look up to and appreciate," Lewis said. "He's clearly outspoken, but these comments are going a bit too far. Is it something you really want kids to be doing? Skiing on the slopes after a few drinks?"

"You've got to balance between what's cool and what's stupid. This does not come across as too cool."

— Erica Bulman, Associated Press

Redick's stardom begins to transcend basketball

Keith Parsons
Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Fame is as much a part of J.J. Redick's life at Duke as his picture-perfect jumper and his uncanny accuracy at the free throw line. Perhaps it's all in the name.

Born Jonathan Clay Redick, he was known to his family as Jay when he was a toddler. When friends would ask his older twin sisters what they called their baby brother, they each responded.

Only it came out, "Jay" and "Jay," and the moniker stuck. Hence one of the most recognizable names in college basketball.

"When I was in junior high, on the first day, I would say my name," Redick said. "The teacher would be like, 'That sounds like a famous name.' It's definitely a good name to have."

Few can match Redick's celebrity, whatever the reason. Certainly, some of it comes simply from being the best player on the No. 1 team in the nation. The Blue Devils are 13-0 heading into Sunday night's game at No. 23 Wake Forest.

Yet Redick also is one of a handful of players who appear to transcend the sport, much as former Blue Devils players Christian Laettner and Grant Hill did before him.

"Being who I am is tough, but I'm not complaining," Redick said. "It goes with the territory. For me, I sometimes get weary of the autograph seekers and the media stuff, but you get used to it."

This season, there is a new phenomenon surrounding Redick. Many of his female fans are expressing their support with colorful posters, including some before a recent game against Bucknell. A few of the more creative ones were:

"All I want for my birthday is J.J."
"J.J., will you marry me? My boyfriend says it's OK."

"J.J., you make my knees weak."
Redick's take on all this?

"I guess I'm getting older, so now it's about that time I start thinking about marriage," he said with a laugh. "I don't see myself as a sex symbol or anything like that."
Of course, not everyone is enamored with

Redick. Most crowds away from home take great pleasure in taunting him mercilessly, including one particularly infamous incident at Maryland. He went to the line late in the game with Duke cruising to victory over the Terrapins, and was greeted by sporadic obscenities caught on the live TV broadcast.

No wonder Redick jokingly refers to himself as the most hated player in the country.

"I think part of it has to do with the Duke perception," said ESPN college basketball analyst Jay Bilas, a former player at the school. "There's not a whole lot you can find wrong with the kid. He's a nice-looking young man, who shoots the eyes out of the bucket and writes poetry."

Regardless, Redick is enjoying his best season. He averages a career-high 25.3 points, about four points more than a year ago, which puts him on pace to become the leading scorer in school history.

He sits sixth, 422 points behind current assistant coach Johnny Dawkins. At his present rate, Redick would move to No. 1 sometime during the regular-season finale against North Carolina.

"What J.J. has done, which I think is terrific, is that he's been able to be a great shooter while becoming a great leader," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "It's very difficult to do both, because a great shooter and scorer needs such concentration that he can't pay too much attention to everything else."

Passing Dawkins isn't very high on Redick's list of goals, which starts with the obvious — winning the NCAA title. He and the Blue Devils reached the Final Four two years ago, the only time they have made it that far during his first three seasons.

"My expectations were to have won a national championship by now, and obviously that hasn't happened," he said.

Individually, Redick couldn't ask for much more. He is the reigning player of the year in the Atlantic Coast Conference and the only returning first-team member of The Associated Press All-America team.

He led the ACC with 21.8 points a game as a junior and continued his remarkable free throw shooting. Despite some "struggles"

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Duke: ACC Player of the Year J.J. Redick spearheads the Blue Devils national title run.

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this season, at 87 percent, he's still among the best in Division I. Redick is the career NCAA leader at 92.9 percent.

His touch from beyond the 3-point line gets even more attention. Redick already has the Duke record with 366 career 3s, which is tied for ninth best in NCAA history. He needs 48 to break the record set by Virginia's Curtis Staples, and it should be a formality at this point.

At a career-best 44 percent from behind the line, Redick should move past Staples sometime in late February.

"It's been a crazy time at Duke," he said. "Coming in as an 18-year-old freshman, you don't expect you're going to be on the mountain-top the whole time."

Even so, Redick figures to carry his shooting ability and tireless work ethic to the NBA. He readily acknowledges he wasn't passionate about playing professionally earlier

in his life, but during that stellar junior year, Redick rediscovered his commitment to basketball.

"It's something I love, and to have the opportunity someday to get paid to play, it would just be sweet," he said.

Bilas thinks Redick will be a star at the next level.

"If he's not a top-10 pick, then something's wrong with the system," Bilas said. "It's legit to say he's not going to be a defensive stopper, and that's fine. But that doesn't diminish what he can do, and what he does do." ■

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Carolina Hurricanes teach fans Hockey 101

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DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — As Carolina Hurricanes wasted every play after power play in the Florida Panthers Dec. 23 game, they tested the patience of core and casual fans alike. First, the RBC Center crowd erupted to the usual cry: "oooooooo!" Then the more frustrated erupted to the more basic shout: "oooooooo!" At least the fans who attended organization's tutorial class, Hurricanes U, knew what the team was trying to do on those power-play advantages. If they were so inclined, they could offer a diagnostic on the play, and the other players, were doing wrong after the play squandered 14 of 15 power-play chances. "On a power-play when the goal is always yelling, 'Shoot, shoot, shoot,' well, [players] are crying for that one pass to the net man," said Ron Biscotti, who otherwise is known as "Ron the Ref" and is a fixture at both Hurricanes games and Hurricanes

the fundamentals the organization explains during Hurricanes U, which is part Hockey 101 and part behind-the-scenes look at Carolina's game-day experience at the RBC Center.

For \$100, the Hurricanes explain everything from the basics [what's icing?], to the intermediate [What's the best strategy for killing a penalty?], to the advanced [how does the salary cap and salary arbitration work?], it's all there in a three-part class for fans who want to know more about the game.

In addition to ice time with players and coaches, participants also receive suite-level tickets to one game. The next Hurricanes U begins today and will culminate with an on-ice "graduation" before the Canes' matchup with Atlanta Jan. 28.

For sports such as college basketball and NASCAR that are embedded in the history of the region, an elementary rules class is as unnecessary as distinguishing for which side Gen. Robert E. Lee fought in the Civil War.

But few North Carolinians grew up around hockey, a fact the Hurricanes discovered when they moved here from Hartford, Conn., in 1997.

So, the organization started offering Hurricanes U to cut down on the culture shock.

"I think for people who want a little bit more sophistication, want to learn more about the game, instead of watching 50 or 60 games and trying to pick it up, [this is good]," Hurricanes radio announcer Chuck Kaiton said.

He has been a part of Hurricanes U since it started in

the Canes' first seasons here.

The first classes were as basic as could be.

"What a stick is, what a puck is, what the lines are, what off-sides is," said Doug Warf, Carolina's manager of promotions and fan development.

As the franchise established roots in the market, Carolina's motto this season is, "Here to play, here to stay," those involved with Hurricanes U say the participants and their questions have become more sophisticated.

While there's still plenty of room for the complete novice, Warf said the average person who attends Hurricanes U is someone who's been to four or five games and wants to learn more there's also space for folks who understand hockey fine but want more of the locker room experience.

The first of the three sessions is two hours long and focuses on the nitty-gritty elements of the game in a classroom setting.

After going over the rulebook,

the 40 participants, enrollment is limited to that number to keep things "intimate," head to the locker room to view game tape.

"It's a real look as to, 'If you were [team captain] Rod Brind'Amour, what would you go over the night of the game?' That's pretty exciting for a lot of our fans," Warf said.

The second session also is two hours, most of which is spent on the RBC Center ice. There's a quick locker room tour to show what the players do on game day, lots of taping sticks, cracking wise jokes and getting dressed before the participants lace on the skates, which the Canes provide.

Once on the ice, they work on their passing, shooting and skating ability with the help of players and coaches.

Pylons and chairs are a necessity.

Bumps and bruises are an inevitability.

"Unfortunately, when you get to the on-ice part, you get a lot of

accidents, because people can't skate all that well," Carolina assistant coach Kevin McCarthy said. "We've had some broken bones and some injuries there, because a lot of these people have never been on skates before."

In the third and final session, the students are paraded around the ice for a pre-game graduation before being wined and dined in box seats. Biscotti, in his "Ron the Ref" role, stops by to answer any questions.

If that's not enough to satisfy the hockey appetites of the participants, Carolina also offers a "graduate" course in March. That's when Assistant General Manager Jason Karmanos explains front-office necessities such as how the salary cap works and when the Hurricanes start scouting players.

The learning process cuts both ways throughout the course.

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"You see all kinds of walks of life. It's a neat cross-section of a lot of different people," McCarthy said.

The Hurricanes U graduates who attended the Dec. 23 game vs. Florida were rewarded with one play that neatly demonstrated one of the basic lessons from the program.

After all the futility on the power play, Carolina's lone man-advantage goal came when Brind'Amour created a three-on-one in the offensive zone. The odd-man opportunity, two-on-ones, three-on-ones, is a fundamental Kaiton drives home throughout the classes.

"Instead of lecturing, I like to basically have them ask me questions, and I'll answer anything they want to know," Kaiton said. "Like what's the basic play of hockey? What's the object of the game? It's to create a two-on-one on the ice."

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Send your resume via fax: 919-781-5766, or email recruiter2@urdt.com

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN
Respond quickly & courteously to resident request. Ideal candidate has 1-2 years' experience (plumbing, carpentry, & appliance repair). HVAC/CFC certification is a big plus

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'03 LANDROVER
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\$13,995

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WANTED CERTIFIED FIRE INSPECTORS FOR ONSLow COUNTY-Must hold current NC DOI certification, must provide own transportation, must be of good character. Contract work, flexible hours. Call Onslow County Emergency Services & Homeland Security Dept. for more information. 910-347-4270.

Furniture

'A 3 PIECE KING MATTRESS SET-Factory sealed, \$250. Can deliver. 910-352-3851.

'A BRAND NEW QUEEN PILLOWTOP MATTRESS SET IN PLASTIC-Sacrifice \$175, 910-352-3851. Can deliver.

'A NEW FULL SIZE MATTRESS SET IN PLASTIC, SACRIFICE-\$125. Can deliver. 910-352-3851.

'A NEW ORTHOPEDIC QUEEN SIZE MATTRESS SET IN PLASTIC-Sacrifice, \$150. Can deliver. 910-352-3851.

ART DESK W/CHAIR-Little Tykes brand. Tracing & overhead lights work, 2 drawers, crayon or marker holder. Great condition. \$75/obo. 325-5776.

ASSORTED-Kitchen table & chairs, 5 ft. table w/4 chairs, all wood, great shape, \$120/obo. Entertainment set, wood, holds up to 29", dvd stereo, and lots of movies, \$80/obo. 210-632-6674.

BED-Lifestyles, queen sz. sleigh, dark cherry, \$200. Double pillow top mattress & box spring incl. 353-7151.

BEDROOM SET-Ashley brand. Nightstand, dresser, mirror, chest & queen panel headboard. Excellent cond. \$950. 434-579-3741.

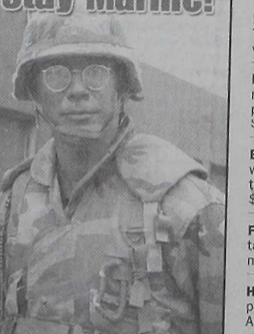
BEDROOM SET-Full size. Dresser w/mirror, chest, nightstand, headboard, footboard, & more. \$400 w/o matt. \$700 w/matt., or best offer. 382 1385.

BEDROOM SET-Walnut, full size bed, headboard, footboard, rails, mattress, boxspring, dresser, mirror, & night stand. Asking \$125, 346-1545.

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BUNK BEDS (2)-Lrg., wood. Sturdy. No matts. Make offer. 324-5690.

CRIB & MATTRESS-White, metal, matt. still in plastic. Like new, \$75. Infant girl bedding by Martha Stewart, \$35. Incl. bumper, sheet, comforter, valance, & skirt. Both for \$100. 388-1690.

CRIB W/MATTRESS-Gently used, Simmons brand. Great condition. \$50. 353-2864.

MIRROR-Dark cherry, full length swing style. \$50. 353-7151.

ROCKING CHAIR-Solid oak, natural finish, perfect condition, \$55/obo. 546-1173.

ROLL TOP DESK-Great condition. Asking \$150. Pick up only. 546-7644.

SOFA & TABLES-large dark green sofa, \$100. Dark cherry coffee table, \$50, plus end tables, \$30. Or best offer on all above. 832-527-1720.

MATTRESS & BOXSPRING-Queen size, excellent condition. \$50. 346-8114.

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CRIB W/MATTRESS-Like new. Turns into a toddler bed. \$60 firm. 219-4422.

CRIB-Cherry, sleigh w/classic pool bedding set. Like new, \$100. 330-9712.

DESK & FILING CABINET-L shaped, mahogany. Lots of drawers & hanging file drawers in cabinet. Solid wood. \$400. 938-2478.

DESK-Solid cherry wood, colonial style, great for dec. living room desk or girls room, lots of drawers, \$95/obo. 546-1173.

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DINING ROOM TABLE-Solid wood, hunter gm. w/tile top & fold down leaf. Seats up to 6; w/4 chairs. \$300/obo. 526-8470.

DINING ROOM TABLE-Solid wood, light oak color w/large hideaway leaf. Seats up to 8; w/6 chairs. \$600/obo. 526-8470.

DINING SET-Round Table w/4 chairs. Table is missing a couple of screws but is very usable. Best Offer. 382 1385.

ENTERTAINMENT ARMOIRE-Solid oak, natural finish, perfect cond., 36" tv, pocket doors, lots of storage, beautiful. \$325/obo. 546-1173.

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER-Large, oak w/glass doors & shelves. Fits 35" TV, trophies, & components. Exc. cond. \$500/obo. 325-6174.

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SOFA-Tan, 6ft long w/lots of pillows, very soft. Asking \$100/obo. 210-632-6674.

TABLE & CHAIRS-Tall, round, black, bar type w/4 matching chairs. Like new, \$125. 326-1307.

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ASSORTED-FL lights & sounds aquarium swing, excellent cond., \$60. Baby Moses basket, w/bl. fabric & sheets, \$15. Winter mat. clothes sz. L & XL, \$1 ea. 219-4422 1/m.

ASSORTED-Household items, bedding, uniforms/gear, lots of clothes; men's, women's, lots of baby stuff, turtle sandbox. All for cheap. 353-4696.

ASSORTED-Jenny Lind crib w/mattress., \$60. Matching changing table, \$40. High chair, excellent condition, \$40. Toddler pink bike, \$10. 455-2416.

ASSORTED-Men's bicycle, good shape, \$30. Women's bicycle, brand new, \$50. 4 drawer file cabinet, \$35. 459-2639 b/w 2-4pm.

ASSORTED-Neutral colored loveseat, dark wood coffee table w/ glass top, white washer. All in great condition. Beige dryer, works great. 326-2344.

ASSORTED-New Converse shoes, toddler size 5, black & white, \$15. Dark brown, changing table, \$5. 545-8095.

ASSORTED-Phillips Senseo singl. cup coffeemaker, \$35. Bryhill oak 8 drwr dresser, painted yllw. 60x19xw30, \$250. Drg comp. retrng., \$75. 252-393-2723.

ASSORTED-Round or oval dining room table, seats 6, \$50. Bissell canister shampooer, \$35. Glider exerciser, \$25. 459-2639 b/w 2-4pm.

BABY ITEMS-Graco snugride inf. carseat blk/gry w/2 bases. 5-star rating. Excellent cond., \$30. Graco excersaucer converts to toddler toy, \$15. 353-0417.

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CLIMBING TREE STAND-Made of EMT pipe, needs a little work but works great & light weight. 330-4038.

CLOTHES-For a boy 3/6-12 mo. Cheap prices. 545-8095.

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 cropped, docked. Free to good home.
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 advanced. Can reach up to 300 yds,
 rechargeable w/7 levels, waterproof. 1 yr.
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**LAB-8 mos. old, Free to good
 House trained & shots utd.
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LABRADOR PUPPY-3 mos. old,
 ts utd. \$400. 467-2117.
LABS (2)-2 & 4yrs. old,
 broken, good w/kids & puppies.
 Can be separated. 353-2864.
LABS (2)-Housebroken, 2 & 4 yrs
 males. Moving. Can be separated.
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YELLOW LAB-6 mos. old, crate
 asking \$20 for the crate. Mom
 g. dad was med. Free to good
 Very sweet but hyper. 382-1561.
ONSTRICTER-5 ft. long w/6"x2"x4'
 ed cage. \$100. 934-4440.
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 to go. Fawn w/ black masks & wht.
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 home, 8 mos. old, good with kids,
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 waxworms, \$1.25/dozen. 539-3980.
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GOATS-Small, 3 males & 1 female.
 Raised to be pets only, love to be with
 people. 1 male is intact. 455-4583.
GOLDEN LAB-Beautiful, 4 mos. old, very
 good w/children, kennel/house trained.
 Purely indoor, knows voice commands.
 Has lots of energy! Has papers & shots.
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 Avail. after Feb.10th w/shots, \$30, no
 shots, free! 327-3439.
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 5 female. Absolutely beautiful. Parents on
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 to go 1/13. 381-9367.
HAFLINGER PONY-6 yrs. old. Kid safe,
 personality plus. Stands for farrier.
 Bathes, clips & loads. Currently at base
 stables. \$2000/obo. 381-6593.
KITTENS & CATS-4 females, 6 wks. old.
 Also 2 female 1 yr. old cats. All are short
 haired. Litter box trained, no shots. Free
 to good home. 325-1844.
MANY REGISTERED DOGS & PUPS-small
 to large breeds, & mixed. \$50 & up.
 910-743-9951/330-9815/353-3128.
MIN. SCHNAUZER PUPPIES-Wormed &
 1st shots. Males, \$350, females, \$400.
 Salt & pepper colors. 324-6390.
OLD ENGLISH BULLDOG-1800 solid, CKC
 reg. Will be very athletic healthy bulldog.
 All white. 352-208-7087 1/m.
PIT BULL PUPPIES-12 wks. old. 1 male,
 3 females. \$300. 484-554-5449.
PIT BULL PUPPIES-ABDA, red noses &
 blues. Will have 1st set of shots.
 \$200/obo. Will be ready Feb. Just in time
 for Valentine's Day. 381-8205.
PIT BULL TERRIER-ADBA reg. Blk/brindle
 female. 6 mos. old. \$400 539-2426.
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 markings, ready for good home.
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REPTILE CAGES & AQUARIUMS-Custom

Pets & Supplies
 built, wire, rodent breeding rack, all diff.
 prices. Also baby snow corn, \$40.
 539-3980.
SIBERIAN HUSKY PUPPIES-Reg., \$350.
 937-0779 or 910-346-4691.
SNAKE-Albino Corn. 8 mos. old, all
 supplies incl., good with people.
 \$150/obo. 216-789-5838 after 5pm.
SUGAR GLIDER-Juvenile, male,
 desperately needs a new home. Sister
 was adopted and he's so lonely. Easy to
 care for exotic pet. 455-4583 1/m.
TROPICAL FISH-2 large pacos, approx. 8
 inches long. Best offer. 347-2830.
YELLOW RAT SNAKES-2, babies, eating
 pinkies or fuzzies, cool little snakes, \$25
 ea. or \$40 for both. 539-3980.
YORKIES-AKC reg., males, reduced price,
 parents on site, Pedigree on litter.
 326-3000.

Wanted
2003-2006 HONDA 4-WHEELER-400ex
 or bigger to buy or trade. 382-8876.
3BR HOUSE TO RENT-Guaranteed rent
 payment. Clean tenants, small family of
 3. Furnished or unfurnished. Needed by
 February 1, max. \$650/mo.
 630-830-6470 waterviews ok.
BED W/MATRESS-Twin size for a little
 girl. Can trade for toddler bed
 w/matress. 353-0417.
GREAT DANE-Female preferred, blue or
 merle in color, no older than 2 yrs. Will
 pay \$400/obo. 219-3834.
HOUSE MATE-Your own bedroom &
 bathroom, close to gate, beaches &
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 \$300-500 exc. phone. 327-2707.
HUNTING LANDS-Responsible Swansboro
 native seeks private lands for hunting
 &/or fishing. No hunt clubs. 330-4038.
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 outdoor. 455-6258.
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 basic cable. 388-2313.
WANTING TO ADOPT AN INFANT-Healthy,
 loving, healthy, financially secure
 Christian family. Homestudy is approved!
 1-866-700-7691.
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 reg., & shots utd. 545-0859.
Auto Miscellaneous
2005 HORSE TRAILER-Adams brand.
 Nearly new 2 horse stock bumper pull,
 12'x7'. Thick mats, spare tire, Excellent
 cond. \$3000/obo. 381-6593.
ASSORTED-4 bullet rims w/245/45ZR17
 Goodyear Eagle tires, \$600. Black 2002
 GT Mustang hood w/scoop, \$200. Front
 bumper, \$100. 455-9149 b/w 5-9pm.
ASSORTED-Univ. flip flop trunk kit, based
 off Honda Civic body, brand new, \$100 &
 Blue colliders, \$75. Both brand new.
 2000 Dodge neon pacsetter dual exh.,
 \$50, 2004 dodge srt-4 exh. dual chrome
 tips, \$100. 325-6271.
BOAT RACK-Yakima Q-Towers w/44" &
 48" bar. Q-20 & Q94 Clips, 44" fairing,
 Kayak stacker, & Land Shark Saddles.
 Used in good cond. w/orig. papers. Will
 fit most sm.-mid-sz. 4-dr cars. \$150.
 554-7673.
BRUSH GUARD-Fits 1995 ford Explorer.
 \$200/obo. 554-6813.

Auto Miscellaneous
CAMPERSHELL-w/free bedliner, \$450.
 Fits 1995 Chevy S-10. 554-6813.
CAR HAULER-16x8, working lights, dual
 axle w/springs, solid metal floor, tagged
 & titled, asking \$1250. 324-6297.
FRONT COVERS-For Chrysler T&C Van
 and Ford Explorer, \$75 ea. Also rear
 cargo tray for Chrysler T&C Van, \$35.
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JEEP TJ FACTORY BUMPERS-No dents.
 Great shape. \$30. 265-8823.
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LOW-RIDER KIT-For Chevy S-10, or
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 4.8, 5.3, 5.7 & 6L. Used once, \$300.
 743-0098.
MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE BODY KIT-For
 95-99 models, Rear bmp, side skirts,
 & 23 frnt fndrs, \$115/obo. 326-3162.
MUFFLERS (2)-Thrush Turbo 400 dual
 exhaust. Never mounted, new in box,
 \$100. 743-0098.
ROAD KING MUSTANG GEL SEAT-Used
 twice, excellent condition. Cost \$374
 new, asking \$250. 327-3556.
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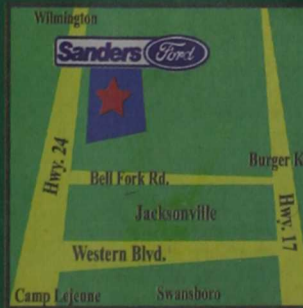


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Lejeune happenings

Holiday on Skates

Onslow County Parks Recreation Department and The Recreation Station invite the public to celebrate Martin Luther King Day, Monday from 1 to 5 p.m. The Recreation Station, Western Boulevard, next to Bowlarena. Admission is \$4 per person and includes skate rental. Free Laser Tag game to first 200 participants. \$1.25 Snack Bar specials. Children 10 years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Avenger Hunt

Onslow County Parks Recreation Department will sponsor an Avenger Hunt Saturday at the Hubert by-pass Park from 11 a.m. to noon. Participants should bring a small bag for collecting clues. The hunt is open to youth 6 to 14 years old. Participants will be divided into two age groups to hunt for the mysterious treasures. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. For more information, call 347-5332.

1st Anniversary of the Capture of Fort Fisher

Fort Fisher's staff and volunteers will don Civil War clothing and give cannon demonstrations 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Cannons will be fired from the top of the fort's wall on the hour. Muskets will be fired from palisade fence on the 1st hour. The program ends after the 5 p.m. artillery firing. Call 458-3838 for information.

Martin Luther King Celebration Parade

Celebrate and enjoy the Martin Luther King festivities at the MLK parade Monday noon to 2 p.m. in downtown Wilmington on Steeple Street. There will also be an after-parade block-out. Call (910) 256-0044 for information.

Azalea Pre-Festival Party

Kick off the 59th Annual North Carolina Azalea Festival at this annual gala at the Wilmington Hilton on the waterfront, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. Live entertainment "Sleeping Beauty."

Ticket price includes food and beverages. For information, call (910) 794-5050 or visit www.ncazaleafestival.org.

Star-Strangled Girls

The Touring Theatre Ensemble of North Carolina will present *Star-Strangled Girls*, a program of memories and music about the women who served in WWII. The performance will be presented at the Jacksonville United Services Organization Jan. 27 at 8 p.m.

Camp Lejeune Young Marines

Camp Lejeune Young Marines Winter Boot Camp starts Wednesday at 4 p.m. at the Area 4 Gym. For more information, call Donna Stenberg 577-1777.

Basic Key Volunteer Training

Marine Corps Family Support Building will host Basic Key Volunteer Training Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. On-base childcare is available on a first-come, first-served basis for attendees taking weekday classes. For more information, call 451-1176.

The Corps' Mr. & Mrs. Smith

Couple helps, inspires others

Jennifer Moore
Carolina Living Staff Writer

Gunnery Sgt. Leveta Smith had just begun the Staff Non Commissioned Officer Academy Advanced Course when Hurricane Katrina plowed through New Orleans, leaving devastation in its wake.

Smith's husband, Gunnery Sgt. Donald Smith, knew they had to do something — nearly 100 of his relatives in the New Orleans area were affected by the storm.

So, while Leveta Smith toiled at her coursework for the advanced course, Donald became Mr. Mom and a national call center all at once — taking care of the couple's two sons and passing information from family member to family member around the country.

Soon, 14 of Donald's relatives were living in the Smiths' three-bedroom house.

But the Smiths weren't overwhelmed. Instead, they found help from their peers at the Personnel Administration School on Camp Johnson, where they serve as instructors.

The Smiths mentioned to a few people at the school they had relatives affected by the storm, and suddenly, the help just began pouring in.

"It was like nobody skipped a beat," Leveta said. "It was like the whole Camp Johnson pulled together. Without all the help, I don't know if we could have done it."

As the family was trying to find new homes for all the relatives, Leveta was continuing through the advanced course. At graduation, she was presented with the Gung-Ho Award, an honor voted on by the other students and bestowed on the person who is the most motivating.

Then, Donald began the course, still putting aside the work he needed to do on the house he owns in New Orleans so he could help his displaced family.

His classmates voted him the most motivating as well — earning the Gung-Ho Award in the graduating class immediately after his wife's.

He was shocked when he heard he would receive the award.

"I thought I was doing what everyone else was doing," Donald said.

But the honors didn't surprise others at Camp Johnson.

The Smiths have a unique relation-

ship in the Marine Corps, according to Master Sgt. Bennett Ford, the Staff NCO in charge of career-level courses at the Personnel Administration School.

"Most of the stuff they do, they do on their own initiative, helping folks," he said. "Basically, they try to push each other to do and be the best."

The commanding officer of the Personnel Administration School, Lt. Col. Mary Reinwald, agreed.

Leveta was named instructor of the year for the impact she has on young Marines, Reinwald said, and the couple have "a great partnership."

"They are such a tremendous example" for other Marines, Reinwald said. "The neat thing about them is the way they support each other. They're like a yin and a yang."

Approximately five of Donald's relatives are still living in the area, a few still with them, while the others have gone back to New Orleans or found housing elsewhere.

But while others marvel at the Smiths' ability to help so many people and still excel in their jobs and training, the Smiths say it was the help from other Marines which allowed them and the hurricane victims to get through the difficult time.

"We really didn't have to ask for help, it just started pouring in," Leveta said. "With everything [everyone at Camp Johnson did], the kids never really felt it."

Unlike other hurricane victims, the children never had to go without food, clothing or toys.

The Marines at the Personnel Administration School and Camp Johnson "stepped up; they did what Marines do. They took care of their own," Leveta said.

When Donald's family came to Jacksonville, they were really shaken up, he said. But when "people that had never met them started helping them, it knocked that edge off."

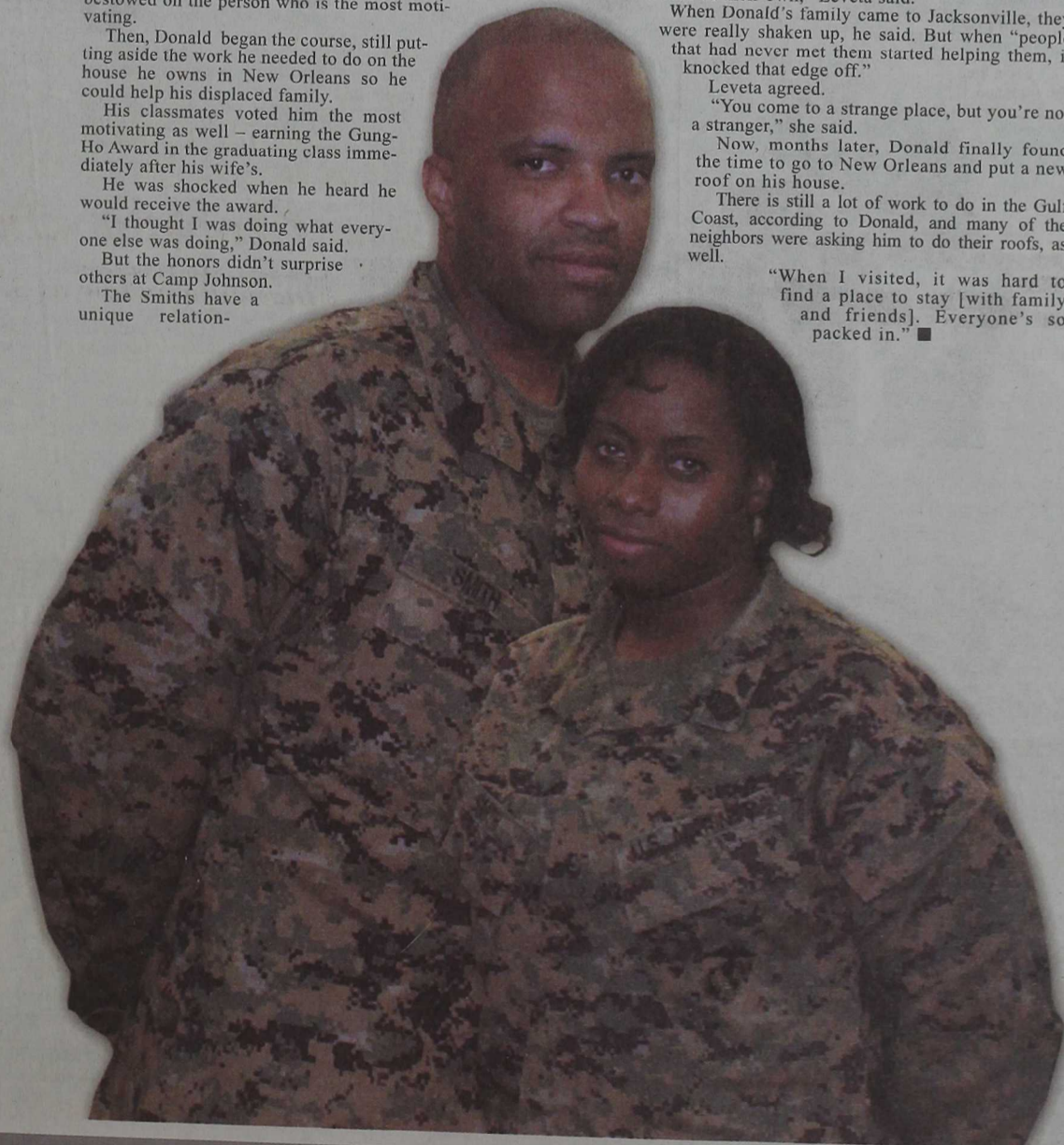
Leveta agreed.

"You come to a strange place, but you're not a stranger," she said.

Now, months later, Donald finally found the time to go to New Orleans and put a new roof on his house.

There is still a lot of work to do in the Gulf Coast, according to Donald, and many of the neighbors were asking him to do their roofs, as well.

"When I visited, it was hard to find a place to stay [with family and friends]. Everyone's so packed in." ■



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Be sure to watch our news show, Camp Lejeune's *Morning Report*, which airs live everyday at 9 a.m. Where else could you find such informative programming? In addition to our news shows, we have a number of programs to keep you entertained and informed this week.

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If the outdoors is your calling, we have what you're looking for. Join Chief Mike Bombeck as he outlines the Forest Service's *Natural Resource Agenda*. The

Agenda focuses on water, sustainable forests and grasslands, roads and recreation. Bombeck describes the key area of the agenda before setting out on a canoe trip with his daughter Mary.

Looking for some insight into what colleges have to offer? This week, we bring you a glimpse at *Rice University*. Rice offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs in a small-college environment of less than 5,000 students.

You can expect a beautiful campus, enthusiastic and experienced faculty members and plenty of degree programs to choose from. Rice is an affordable university located in Houston's cultural district.

Also airing this week are all new editions of the *Pacific Report* and *Studio 5*. Be sure to tune in to get the latest news 24 hours a day.

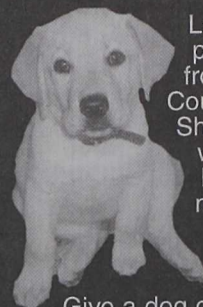
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A modern May-December romance in Steve Martin's *Shopgirl*

FROM THE FRONT ROW



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SHOPGIRL (R)
Shopgirl is an adult comedy and an intimate portrait of love in the modern age. It is also a very sensitive story about a May-December romance.

Claire Danes (*It's All About Love*, *Stage Beauty*, *The Hours*, *Brokedown Palace*) stars as Mirabelle Buttersfield, a clerk who works the glove counter at Saks department store in Beverly Hills, selling things that nobody buys anymore.

She is an aspiring artist who feels useless at her job. She lives alone with her cat and keeps to herself, living a quiet life, but yearns to be swept off her feet.

Mirabelle is also bored in her relationship with Jeremy, played by Jason Schwartzman (*Bewitched*, *I Heart Huckabees*, *SlmOne*), a self-involved and unsophisticated but adorable slacker.

Steve Martin (*Bringing Down the House*, *Cheaper By the Dozen*, *Father of the Bride*) stars as Ray Porter, a handsome and wealthy older man, charming and intelligent, who does not want a permanent relationship. He becomes infatuated with Mirabelle and sweeps her off her feet.

Mirabelle revels in the attention, the sex and espe-

cially being in love. He showers her with gifts and kindness.

However, subconsciously she realizes that the relationship cannot last and she has to make a decision.

Should she stick with Ray, hoping that his feelings for her might grow, or does she take a chance with Jeremy?

Costarring as Frances Conroy (*The Aviator*, *Catwoman*), Sam Bottoms (*Shadow Fury*) and Bridgette Wilson-Sampras (*The Wedding Planner*).

Anand Tucker (*Hilary and Jackie*, producer of *Girl With a Pearl Earring*) directs this bittersweet modern love story.

Steve Martin adapted the screenplay from his poignant 2000 novella by the same name.

Shopgirl gives us an honest look at what really drives relationships. This is one of those rare grown-up romance movies in the line with the much-adored *Lost in Translation*.

Now playing at Camp Lejeune

MUNICH (R)

Munich is a political thriller and drama inspired by true events.

The movie is set in the aftermath of the massacre of 11 Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics by a group of Palestinian terrorists known as Black September.

The story follows a secret Israeli squad assigned to track down and kill the Palestinians suspected to have planned the Munich attack — and the personal toll this mission of revenge takes on the team and the man who leads it.



Claire Danes and Steve Martin in *Shopgirl*

Movie gossip, rumors & more

National Critics Like Capote

The Truman Capote biopic *Capote* nabbed the National Society of Film Critics' vote as best movie of the year. The group, which also named *Capote* as Philip Seymour Hoffman as best actor, settled on *Capote* after a drawn-out voting process that saw *A History of Violence* and the Chinese drama *2046* also in contention for the best-picture award.

Depp for Sweeney Todd?

Johnny Depp and director Tim Burton may have found another use for all those *Edward Scissorhands* props. The off-colloping team is said to be in discussions on Burton's long-in-development movie adaptation of Stephen Sondheim's musical *Sweeney Todd*, currently enjoying success with a Patti LaPone revival on Broadway. Depp would star as the "demon barber" who killed his rich clients and hid their bodies in the meat pies sold in his landlady's shop.

And in news of a decidedly more cuddly monster, Warner Bros. will pick up production on *Where the Wild Things Are*, a movie version of Maurice Sendak's beloved children's book about a boy who romps in an imaginary jungle after being sent to bed without supper. Tom Hanks' Playtone is producing the live-action adaptation, with script co-written by Spike Jonze and author Dave Eggers and directed by Jonze (*Being John Malkovich*).

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

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Camp Lejeune

Thursday	<i>Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire</i> (2:20)	PG-13	6:30 p.m.
Friday	<i>Aeon Flux</i> (1:35) <i>Shopgirl</i> (1:46)	PG-13 R	6:30 p.m. 9:15 p.m.
Saturday	<i>Zathura</i> (1:41) <i>Aeon Flux</i> (1:35) <i>Derailed</i> (1:47)	PG PG-13 R	3:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 9:15 p.m.
Sunday	<i>Zathura</i> (1:41) <i>Shopgirl</i> (1:46)	PG R	3:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.

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Employment assistance program helps job seekers

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I am returning to work after years of being at home with my husband. I was wondering what the job market is like in Jacksonville and if resumé style should be updated. You help me?
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The Family Member Employment Assistance Program is what you are looking for! This is a one-stop shop for finding resumés, searching for jobs, finding interview techniques, networking and much more. You are sure to receive someone's undivided attention the minute you walk in. All you

need to do is show up and a counselor will be more than happy to assist you one-on-one until the outcome, whether it be a job or the perfect resumé, is accomplished.

If you are interested in creating a resumé, the counselors will show you one of the many on-site computers at your disposal. The computers have a program to assist with resumé styles. You have an array of options to create your resumé with your personal presentation, intent and design.

If you are like most spouses, you haven't been sitting on your duff the past three years, but rather, raising children, keeping the household together, managing numerous personalities, schedules and tasks.

Also, you probably have donated your time at one or more organizations within the Marine Corps or community. The career counselors can help you to put your experience and work ethic into a sellable format. Please don't forget to

add your volunteer activities, as they show dedication, selfless service and the initiative to use your strengths to continue excelling in your field of expertise.

Once your resumé is to your liking, you can sit down with the counselor to search for jobs. We say "sit" for a job search because the Family Member Assistance office has book marked Web pages that can help you access help-wanted ads all around the world. You also can research government positions or surf the Internet to locate a specific job you have in mind. The counselors have a knack for helping you create an outstanding cover letter to convey you are a match for the job you apply for. The counselors also can tell you about local job fairs.

If the job you are interested in requires computer skills and/or typing skills you don't have, there are free classes available. The classes are ongoing so check the upcoming dates by

calling 450-1678. Spring 2006 classes run January through May.

Once you are ready for your interview, you can practice with the Family Member Employment Assistance Team in a mock interview. They will address everything from what to wear and how to sit to how to answer tough questions and proper interview etiquette.

Speaking of tough questions, what do you do when an interviewer asks if you are a military spouse? Are they being discriminatory, or do they want to "help out their own" (retired military or someone who wants to help military families)? We learned that, in an interview, you should answer the question honestly and use your best judgment about agreeing to work for a person or company that looks at military spouses differently.

We know you will find the job you are hoping for once you visit with the counselors. Spend some of the first dollars you make on yourself as congratulatory!

Remember, the program is designed to help you find a job locally, or if you are moving to a new duty station, you can get those resumés out early, before you move.

Family Member Employment Assistance Program offices are located throughout Camp Lejeune: in Midway Park next to the post office, in Tarawa Terrace near the gym and at Building 14 on base. For more information, call 451-3212.

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

October, December Service Members



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Camp Lejeune: Petty Officer 1st Class Mathew Alan Robinson, from Jamestown, N.Y., was the Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce October Service Member of the Month. He served in Charleston with Explosive Ordnance Disposal, at Camp Lejeune as an emergency medical technician in the emergency room at the naval hospital, and with 2nd Medical Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group. Robinson served in Haiti and Iraq and recently returned to duty at the naval hospital. He also recently earned a bachelor's degree in health care management and hopes to become an officer in the Navy Medical Corps.

Camp Lejeune: Corporal Kareem Omar Cox, from Philadelphia, left Parris Island as a private in June 2003 and serves as a tank gunner with Company A, 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division. He served in Iraq once and is scheduled to deploy again in March. He recently attended gunner school, and through happenstance had the opportunity to train as a gunner. He shot a platoon-high 826 out of 1,000. Cox hopes to return home from Iraq as a sergeant, serve as a drill instructor and pursue a career in the Marine Corps. He was honored as the Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce December Service Member of the Month.

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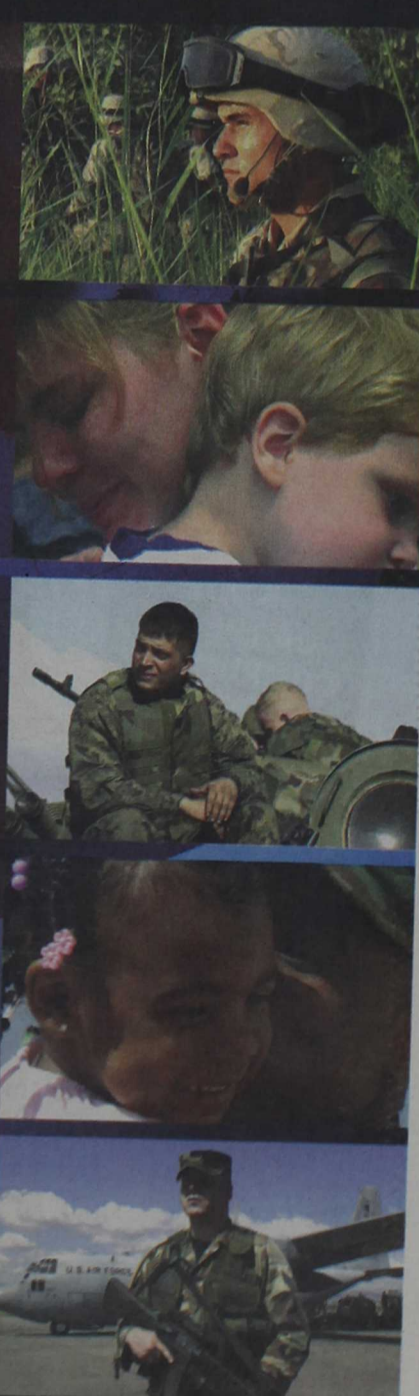
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HS teacher recognized for excellence

Mary Kollmeyer named a DODEA finalist for national teaching award



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Do the words "math class" bring to mind droning teachers, drooling students and an eerie silence broken only by the scrape of chalk against the blackboard?

Not in Mary Kollmeyer's class. Students in her Advanced Placement Calculus class at Lejeune High School aren't quiet. And they won't joke about falling asleep, but it is difficult to snooze when everyone around you is giggling. And asking questions. And learning.

For her excellence in the classroom, Kollmeyer was named a finalist for the 2005 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

Kollmeyer is one of three math teachers named as finalists from the Department of Defense Education Activity schools around the world. Each state also could nominate as many as three finalists in mathematics instruction and science instruction.

The nomination came as a surprise to Kollmeyer, and the news that she was named a finalist came as an even bigger shock.

"It is so overwhelming to me," Kollmeyer said, but though she could win \$10,000 from the National Science Foundation and a week of professional development activities in Washington, D.C., Kollmeyer said it is more important to her that her students are successful.

"I've always enjoyed math, and I want to share that enjoyment. I want the students to be able to see the

beauty in math," said Kollmeyer, who has taught mathematics at every level - from elementary school to college.

In the early years of her teaching career, Kollmeyer said she tutored some high school students and saw all the misconceptions they had about math. She wants to fix those misunderstandings.

"There's a joy in teaching that you can't find anywhere else," she said. "It's so rewarding."

Still, Kollmeyer doesn't consider her teaching techniques particularly groundbreaking or creative - she just responds to what students need.

"A lot of it is more spur of the moment, hearing the needs of the students," she said.

After teaching for more than 20 years, Kollmeyer said she often sees former students, some of whom come to visit her.

"To see that we do touch their lives" is so rewarding, she said.

Once Kollmeyer was nominated for the Presidential Award, she had to fill out an application, videotape and critique one of her lessons and write an eight-page overview of her teaching philosophy.

The lesson critique helped her become more self-aware, she said, examining her lessons and doing some self-reflecting to make sure she is doing the best she can do.

And Kollmeyer doesn't stop teaching when she leaves the classroom. She talks about teaching her young grandson to count by fives and being excited when he counted four M&Ms, ate one and announced that he had three left.

"I teach math whenever I can," she said. "Math is all around you. I don't stay in my classroom."

Kollmeyer doesn't indulge the students who grumble and say they will never use this algebra or calculus knowledge again, because, she said, "you will use the thinking skills."

She tries to show students the reality of math, rather than just the formulas, because it is important to have the understanding to apply the concepts.

Kollmeyer will learn in March whether she will be named one of up to 108 Presidential Award winners. And while the \$10,000 prize would be nice, Kollmeyer said it is the students' success that is most important. Established by Congress in 1983, the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching are the nation's highest honor for pre-collegiate teaching in those fields.

The awards honor highly qualified teachers who teach the national standards, address the needs of all students, look for different strategies to ensure student success and inspire enthusiasm in their students.

Teachers who win the awards represent what the nation is looking for in science and math teachers, according to Celeste Pea, program director of elementary, secondary and information education programs at the National Science Foundation.

"Through this recognition, we hope to motivate similar creativity in other teachers, and to attract new recruits to the mathematics and science teaching profession," she said in a written release. ■

MCCX offers free childcare vouchers

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Shopping at the Marine Corps Exchange can add up to free childcare, thanks to a program offered through customer service at the main exchange.

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The vouchers don't expire, and the program is ongoing, according

to Shonie Meadows, head cashier and supervisor at the main exchange.

Parents can redeem the vouchers at Tarawa Terrace Child Development Center but are asked to call in advance to reserve a space for their child.

Patrons with military identification or civilians who work on base and have exchange privileges may take advantage of the promotion, according to Meadows.

Only merchandise purchased in the main exchange store or the strip mall stores inside the main exchange building will qualify for the program. Old receipts are not valid for vouchers.

For more information, call the exchange at 451-5030. ■

Upcoming bridal fairs feature fun, fashion

From staff and wire reports

Blushing brides planning a wedding on North Carolina's coast can find photographers, caterers, bakers and more at the Crystal Coast Bridal Fair, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

The annual fair features all the information brides need to make their dream day a reality.

The fair is at the Crystal Coast Civic Center on Arendell Street in Morehead City. For more information, call (252) 240-3256 or (252) 247-3883.

Another bridal extravaganza is Jan. 27 and 28 at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center.

New Bern's 2006 Bridal Expo is one-stop shopping for planning a wedding or any special event. The expo features fashion shows, demonstrations, samples and great prizes.

For more information about the New Bern Bridal Expo, call (252) 638-8101.

For more guidance in planning a wedding in the Crystal Coast area, check out

the Coastal Event Planner, featuring articles and advice for Carolina brides.

The publication is available at both bridal fairs and at area visitor centers, town halls and other locations. For more information about the publication, visit www.coastaleventplanner.com.

For weddings in Wilmington, check out the 2006 Bride and Groom Expo from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday at the Coastline Convention Center.

Admission is \$5 for the event, which includes more than 60 wedding-related vendors and professionals.

For more information about the 2006 Bride and Groom Expo, visit www.carolinaweddingguide.com. ■

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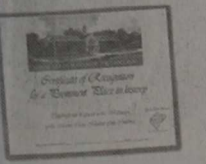
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