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and Jam 2006
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News Watch

Allen Warriors
Capt. Christopher T. Tate, 29, of Hampstead, N.C., died July 21 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Air Cavalry Gunfire Liaison Company, Commandment, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune.

Julian A. Ramon, of Flushing, N.Y., died July 20 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune.

Cpl. Geoffrey R. Er, 20, of Fitchburg, Mass., died July 18 from a non-hostile incident in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Scholarships for
The NC and Run for Warriors have officially opened the Run for Warriors Scholarship to spouses of wounded and fallen service members. Two \$10,000 scholarships will be awarded in November: one to a spouse of a wounded service member and one to a spouse of a fallen warfighter. Applications are available online at runforthewarrior.org, www.uso.org, and at select locations throughout the community. See the website for details. Application period remains open until Sept. 31.

For more information, contact Shannon Bell at 546-0403 or Pitchford 346-visit www.run-warriors.org or scholarship@run-warriors.org.

24th MEU sweetens ride home

Cpl. Jeffrey A. Cosola
24th Marine Expeditionary Unit

BEIRUT, Lebanon — For kids, life is seen through bright eyes that seem to bend reality like twisted reflections in fun-house mirrors. When we stood knee-high, neighborhood dogs looked meaner, schools were built uphill, miles away and Christmas never came. But for those children recently stranded with their families in Beirut, Lebanon — caught up in the middle of a centuries-old grudge — a seemingly straightforward rescue to mom and dad becomes a nightmare for kids. Flying aboard a military helicopter, sitting amongst ear-splitting noise and bone-rattling vibration, a kid's ride can mutate from low-key roller coaster into a full-blown, aerial dental exam performed by their personal boogeyman.

Lucky for them, the Marines serving with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) have learned an age-old trick that doctors have used for years — they keep candy on hand. As they usher parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters onto waiting helicopters as part of an authorized departure from the American Embassy in Beirut, Marines like Cpl. Jason Emerich, an aerial gunner/observer with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 365 (Reinforced), hand out Jolly Rancher candy to children on board the aircraft, a gesture he hopes will make the ride just a little less frightening to their smallest passengers.

"I can only imagine what it's like for a civilian, especially for a kid," explained Emerich, a native of Wernersville, Pa. "We handed out the candy and the kids were all happy and their mothers were shaking our hands: it was definitely rewarding. I finished the day with a pocketful of wrappers."

"I like working with the small kids," added Sgt. Jesse B.

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Cpl. Jeffrey A. Cosola
Humanitarian operations: A U.S. Marine from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit assists an American baby as she prepares to depart the American Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, July 21. At the request of the U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon and at the direction of the Secretary of Defense, the United States Central Command and elements of Task Force 59 are assisting with the departure of U.S. citizens from Lebanon.

Senate confirms Amos' assignment to Quantico

Stalder to take command of II MEF

Staff Sgt. A.C. Mink
II Marine Expeditionary Force

Sometimes history repeats itself. As Lt. Gen. James F. Amos relinquishes command of II Marine Expeditionary Force to Maj. Gen. Keith J. Stalder, Aug. 2, they may just consider a similar ceremony, held in 2004, where they passed the flag for 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing in the Iraqi desert.

By unanimous consent, July 21, the Senate confirmed Amos' nomination as Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration and Commanding General of Marine Corps Combat Development Command at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., as well as Stalder's assignment to take command of II MEF.

Amos, who assumed command of II MEF July 23, 2004, has been outspoken in his support and initiatives involving training, Force Preservation and Force Readiness, with a bit of an unconventional twist.

When faced with a growing rate of motorcyclists and motorcycle accidents, Amos aggressively sought avenues of reinforcing his firm stance on force preservation and readiness. Rather than forcing

riders to sit through endless safety briefs, over and above the usual, he enlisted the aid of more seasoned riders, and working with his commanders, the idea of motorcycle clubs and rodeos was formed.

Just as innovative, his training initiatives are diverse, with far-reaching goals that may have seemed random at first telling. To be sure, the motley first part of his Training Range Initiative was nothing if not imaginative.

On the clock or off, Amos also stood firm in response to the growing number of incidents and mishaps with tactical vehicles both here and in theater. He directed the development and implementation of a means for ensuring all drivers of tactical vehicles be educated in the basics of operation. The Combat Vehicle Operators Course offers them that education and, in the words of the aviator, some "stick time," requiring the completion of confidence courses and set training hours.

"General Amos was very concerned with providing the best possible training to Marines and sailors deploying in support of the Global War on Terrorism," said

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Staff Sgt. Houston F. White Jr.
Change of command: Maj. Gen. James F. Amos (right) relinquishes the organizational colors to Maj. Gen. Keith J. Stalder, commanding general, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, during the change of command ceremony in Al Asad, Iraq, May 29, 2004.

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Man on the street

What are you doing to protect your identity on the Internet?



"I make sure my antivirus is updated and I only access well-known sites."

Sgt. Steven Craft
Armory Custodian, Company F,
2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment
Virginia Beach, Va.

"I hardly ever use it, so I'm not worried."



Sgt. Rodney Watson
Ammunition supply point guard, Supply Battalion,
Marine Logistics Group
Madison, Ohio.



"I make sure I clear the Internet cache on the web browser whenever I leave a computer."

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class
Lemondro Graddic
Protestant Chapel manager
Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune

"I don't use my credit cards to make purchases on the internet."



Kellie Hill
Cashier at Marine Corps Exchange
Oxonhill, Md.



"I never use my full social security number on the web anymore."

Pfc. Craig Mittendorf
Clerk of the court, Eastern Judicial Circuit,
Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune

Cybersafety for children surfing the internet

Provost Marshal's Office
Crime Resistance Unit

The Internet has opened up a world of information for anyone with a computer and a connection.

Your children will learn about computers. But just as you wouldn't send children near a busy road without some safety rules, you shouldn't send them on to the information superhighway without rules of the road. Too many dangers from pedophiles to con artists can reach children (and adults) through the Internet.

Here are some tips that will reduce the chances of becoming a victim through the Internet:

- Tell your children never to meet face to face with someone they've met online.

- Tell your children to always let you know immediately if they find something scary or threatening over the Internet.

- Tell your children never to respond to messages that have bad words, seem scary or just weird.

- Tell your children never to send a picture of themselves to anyone without your permission.

- Ensure children never reveal identifying information about themselves on the Internet in a public chat room, on an electronic bulletin board or in their E-mail messages.

- Ensure children do not give out personal information about themselves such as their age.

- Get to know the services your child uses.

- Set aside time to explore the Internet together. If your child has some computer experi-

ence, let him or her take the lead. Visit areas of the Wide Web that have special sites for children.

- Monitor the time your children spend online. If a child becomes uneasy or defensive when you walk into his room or when you linger, it could be a sign that he or she is up to something unusual or forbidden.

- If you or your child receive a message that is harassing, sexual in nature or threatening, forward a copy of the message to your service provider and ask for their assistance.

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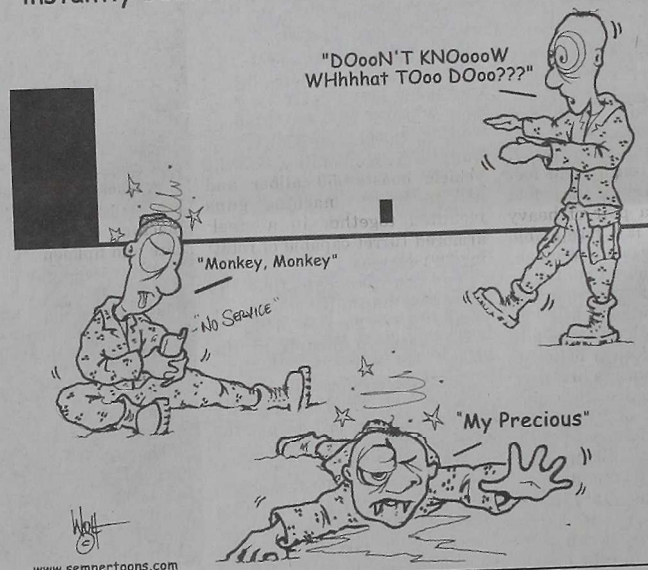
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Riding season brings an alarming rise in motorcycle mishaps, make safety a priority — minimize the risks

As we near the end of July there's no doubt that riding season is in full swing. Motorcycles are everywhere and several events for riders take place each weekend. Unfortunately along with the rise in motorcycles on the road comes a rise in motorcycle mishaps. While much of the responsibility for safety falls on the riders' shoulders, there are steps everyone can take to make operating a motorcycle less risky.

For riders safety must be a constant concern to avoid mishaps. A Department of Transportation study showed that motorcyclists are 16 times more likely to die in an accident than car drivers. Riders should employ the below methods to reduce possible mishaps.

Training — Get trained prior to riding. Marine Corps Order 5100.19E lists the requirements for rider safety training.

Skills — Ride within your abilities. Loss of control was listed as a contributing factor in 2/3 of

mishaps during fiscal years '02 and '03.

Gear — Base Order P5560.2L lists the mandatory PPE for all people operating or riding as a passenger on a motorcycle on DOD installations and for all military personnel operating or riding on a motorcycle off installations, on and off road, in uniform or civilian clothing.

Responsibility — Always ride responsibly, never ride after consuming alcohol or when fatigued. Slower reaction times are more costly on a motorcycle.

Maintenance — Keep your motorcycle in proper working condition. Perform pre-ride checks and preventive maintenance per manufacturers' recommendations.

For non-riders motorcycle safety is a matter of awareness and respect. Simple steps can be taken by all motorists to help avoid motorcycle mishaps.

Awareness — maintain situational awareness, be aware of your sur-

roundings, stay alert and be ready to react to changes.

Respect — motorcycles have the right to occupy a full lane; don't try to use the space available due to their smaller size.

Capabilities — most motorcycles are capable of outperforming the vehicles around them, allow more space to increase reaction time, especially when following, as motorcycles can stop in a much shorter distance than cars or trucks.

Look — Look carefully prior to pulling out, changing lanes, or turning; be especially careful when turning left across oncoming traffic. The extra glance may save a life.

By taking the steps needed to make safety a priority, the risks of riding can be reduced.

As Marines and sailors, we live by our ethos. So think before you jeopardize the safety of your fellow Marines, sailors, civilian employees or family members and remember **SEMPER SAFE!** ■

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BLT Marines from 26th MEU train for urban battle

Lance Cpl. Jeremy T. Ross
26th Marine Expeditionary Unit

FORT A.P. HILL, Va. — Marines and sailors of Company G, Battalion Landing Team, 2nd Bn., 2nd Marine Regiment, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, took on combat town, July 13, for a day of military operations in urban terrain training.

During the training, Co. G divided into squads and took turns rotating through four distinct scenarios designed to simulate different aspects of urban combat operations.

The first pitted two squads against a large, two-story house with hostiles on the second floor.

Success in the scenario meant the troops had to work together as a team, with one squad providing security and support while the other assaulted the target.

Working together to accomplish missions is what MOUT is all about, said Gunnery Sgt. Keith W. Harris, company gunnery sergeant.

"In real life, if you let the enemy make you into a single rifleman, you're done," he said. "You are not a single rifleman out there, you are a team."

The second scenario was geared to help teach a lesson about rules of engagement and what Marines can and can't do in urban combat.

Two squads of Marines on patrol took fire from an enemy who ran into a nearby building. The catch was that when the

Marines rushed to enter the structure where the shooter had taken refuge, they were stopped at the door by a Marine role-playing a religious leader. The individual informed the Marines that the house where the enemy had fled was a religious building and refused them entrance.

According to current rules of engagement, American troops must be fired upon from the building or have direct consent from the highest authorities in order to attack a house of worship and that consent is rarely, if ever, given, said Harris.

The next stage of training was a simulated improvised explosive device attack on a three-vehicle convoy.

As the convoy of Humvees loaded with two squads of Marines rolled through a wooded area outside the combat town, one vehicle was struck by a rock, simulating an IED attack.

Reacting quickly, the Marines leapt from the two remaining vehicles and dispatched aid and litter teams to assist the simulated casualties of the blast and sent others to root out the enemy who had attacked their vehicle.

The fourth phase of the training was a cordon and knock exercise, during which a group of Marines patrolled through a stretch of buildings simulating a residential area.

The troops knocked on doors

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Urban Terrain training exercise: Lance Cpl. Abraham M. Blocker, a rifleman with 2nd Platoon, Golf Company, Battalion Landing Team, 2nd Bn., 2nd Marine Regiment, peers around a corner while Pfc. Andrew P. Cooper, also a rifleman with 2nd Plt., provides cover during a Military Operations in Urban Terrain training exercise at the combat town aboard Fort A.P. Hill, Va., July 13. The Marines are preparing for a deployment with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit in early 2007.

Tracks add versatility to 26th MEU's arsenal

Lance Cpl. Jeremy T. Ross
26th Marine Expeditionary Unit

FORT A.P. HILL, Va. — It's a 1, robust machine that is at home on land and in water. It traverses a trench eight feet deep and can climb a three-foot wall. It boasts a pair of heavy machine guns that make it a formidable element as an assault weapon, and it has an armored belly that bring a reinforced squad of Marines safely to the fight.

The Amphibious Assault Vehicle, and a platoon of these formidable machines is bringing an extra dimension to the capabilities of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit's Battalion Landing Team, 2nd Bn., 2nd Marine Regiment.

Weighing in at more than 12 tons, an AAV is pure mechanical muscle. It can ably carry Marines or supplies with a 12,000 pound cargo load capacity.

The MEU's AAV Plt. is commanded by 13 AAV P7s, the standard track, and is supported by auxiliary vehicles, a communications track and a recovery vehicle.

The platoon's parent unit is the Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune based 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion.

AAV is usually crewed by four Marines: a gunner, driver, rear-area crewman.

In most situations, the vehicle

commander doubles as the gunner, said Gunnery Sgt. Michael R. Chouinard, platoon sergeant for the 26th MEU's AAV Platoon.

Being the gunner in an AAV is quite a responsibility, as the vehicle boasts .50-caliber and MK-19 heavy machine guns mounted together in a steel-armored turret capable of rotating 360 degrees.

The gunner can fire the weapons manually using the weapon's triggers or electronically using a button in the turret.

Amphibious Assault Vehicle crewmen, or "trackers" as they are also known, love to put the hammer down on the enemy, said Lance Cpl. Jared M. Siebrecht, an AAV crewman with the MEU's AAV Plt. and a Central Point, Ore., native.

"The best part is definitely the shooting," he said. "When you're up there in that turret, there's no one there but you and those beautiful guns."

The AAV doesn't just dish out punishment, but can take quite a punch itself and keep on tracking.

The vehicle's aluminum chassis is encased in one-quarter inch thick armor that repels small arms and fragmentation and can withstand shells up to 12.7 millimeters in diameter.

The versatile tracks offer many things to the MEU, said 1st Lt. Kyle J. Andrews, the 26th

MEU's AAV Plt. commander.

The AAVs are present to provide ship-to-shore transport for troops and add substantial firepower to mechanized assaults and raids, he said.

A track platoon packs a wallop, but like any other war machine they require constant care and upkeep.

An average day at a gunnery range will keep a track's crew busy with at least four hours of maintenance before the vehicle is ship shape and ready to roll out again.

The AAV plt. has been training here with the rest of BLT 2/2 since the unit arrived July 6.

The tracks have made use of Fort A.P. Hill's extensive training ranges to rehearse section gunnery skills and shore-up individual troop knowledge such as land navigation.

Having the Marines and sailors of an AAV platoon up to speed as Marine infantrymen is a crucial objective, said Chouinard. The trackers always need to be able to operate as a provisional rifle platoon since they are often the ones carrying troops into harms way, he added.

The 26th MEU continues to train as a part of a rigorous six-month pre-deployment training program that will culminate with a deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism in 2007. ■



Live-fire exercise: Cpl. Joseph R. Welday (front), a vehicle commander with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit's Assault Amphibian Vehicle Platoon and a native of Medina, Ohio, and Lance Cpl. Jared M. Siebrecht, an Assault Amphibian Vehicle crewman from Central Point, Ore., roll out to the site of a live-fire exercise aboard Fort A.P. Hill, Va.

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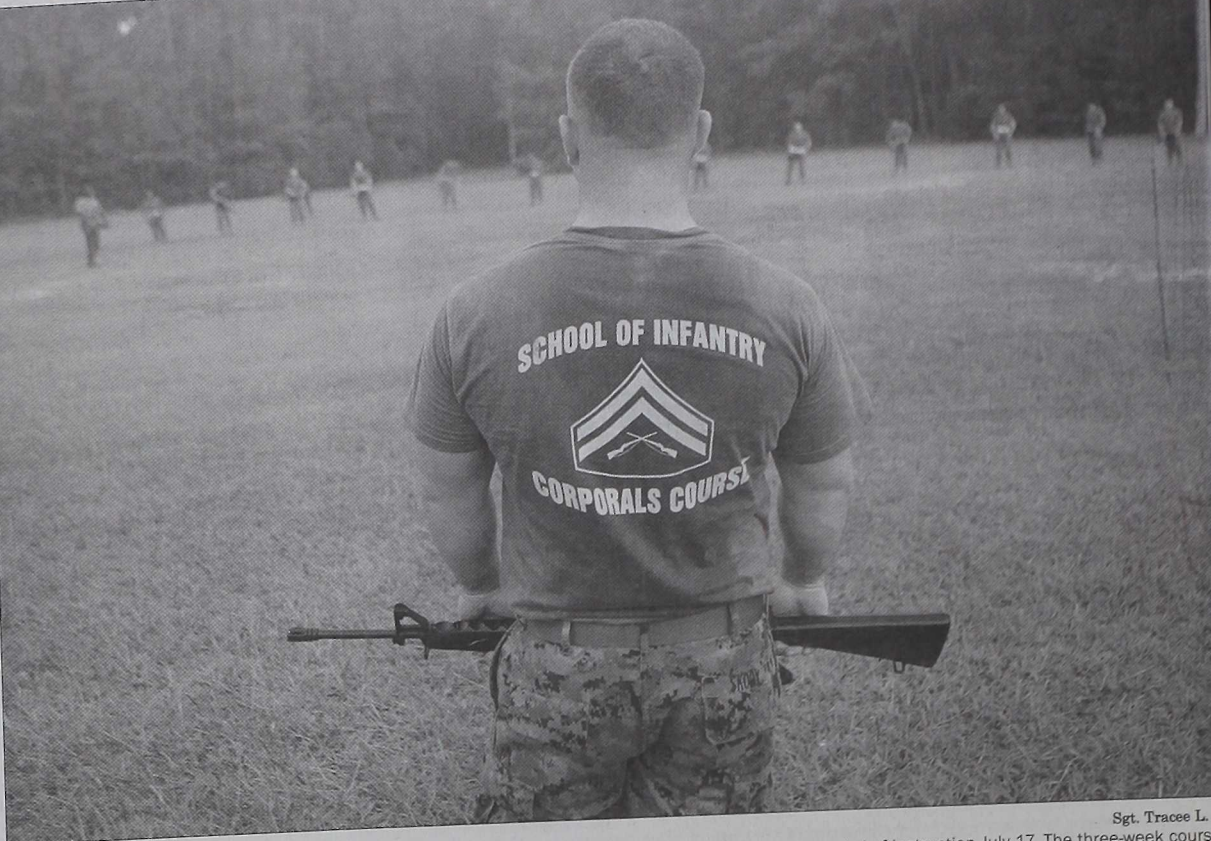
MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP GEIGER, N.C.— "Leadership is a heritage which has passed from Marine to Marine since the founding of the Corps...mainly acquired by observation, experience and emulation. Working with other Marines is the Marine leader's school," states Fleet Marine Field Manual 1-0, which covers the subjective skill of leadership.

While the majority of leadership is learned through day-to-day experience in the Corps, the Marine Corps eastern-seated School of Infantry has a supplemental curriculum to brush up the skills of junior noncommissioned officers from throughout the II Marine Expeditionary Force.

SOI is dedicated solely to producing war fighters. While it accepts Marines fresh out of boot camp and instills lifesaving infantry skills, an almost empty building with a dirt parking lot boasts one of the school's new and fast-growing endeavors for NCOs from all over the II Marine Expeditionary Force, whether they're paper-pushing administrative clerks or ground-pounding infantry grunts.

Although the concept of Corporals Course is not new to the Marine Corps, this unique program is created and maintained by the Marines who directly benefit from the program, making it a state-of-the-art course that's making waves throughout II MEF.

Staff Sgt. Christopher I. Kamm fathered the 3-week course when he was a senior sergeant and now serves as the staff noncommissioned officer-in-



Corporals' Course: Students in the School of Infantry's Corporals' Course class 08-06 pay attention to a period of instruction July 17. The three-week course new noncommissioned officers from around the II Marine Expeditionary Force and trains them to be better leaders.

charge. He claims the idea to build a corporal's course from the ground was an extracurricular project during combat instructor duty.

"Combat instructor duty is a three-year tour," he said. "You spend 2 years in the trenches and then get a year off to take care of other administrative tasks. On my year, I came up with the idea to stand up a corporal's course, and the sergeant major liked it."

Kamm started with only an idea, and after a few short weeks, he had developed a curriculum for the students, found a facility to hold classes and recruited a team of five instructors.

One reason the course is beneficial is due to its well-rounded staff, with backgrounds in communication, computers, supply and infantry, said Kamm.

Together, the motley crew provides input to NCOs about everyday life

as a Marine, what varies between different jobs and the warrior ethos that doesn't change throughout the Corps.

"The thing that's different about corporal's course today and the time I went through is that today's corporal has operational experience," said Kamm. "They may have a [Combat Action Ribbon] or Purple Heart, but they couldn't counsel a Marine or move a platoon using correct drill move-

ments for the life of them," said Kamm.

Sgt. Benjamin Sheeley, an infantryman by trade, instructs the students in drill, Marine Corps tradition and modern warfighting.

"The course is designed to instill leadership values in junior NCOs so they can go back to their units and lead Marines," he said.

Refresher classes, such as the ones provided by the SOI Corporal's Course,

ensures the tradition of the Marine Corps is intact.

From training day until graduation, the NCO attending the course and overcome to learn new things about themselves and their role in the Marine Corps. To learn how you can attend the course, contact your training NCO.

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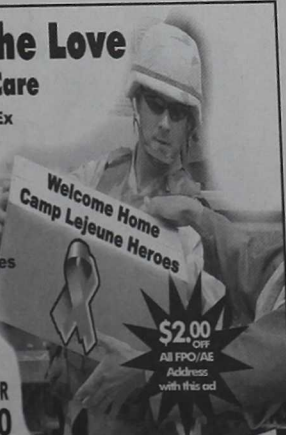
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Reed, a CH-53 crew chief with HMM-365 who was part of the first group of Marines into Beirut. "Most of the time, when they get on [the aircraft] they're a little scared. But as soon as you get on and let them look around the airplane, they're all smiles. They're a lot of fun, and it's nice to see you're impacting something somewhere."

Over the span of a few days, elements of the 24th MEU's Aviation Combat Element have transported hundreds of people and handed out untold piles of

candy in an effort to assist American families in Lebanon avoid the regional hostility that has recently erupted between factions of Hezbollah and Israel. Sparked by mutual, escalating violence, the conflict is currently building in intensity as days of artillery and rocket attacks has left the country in disarray and local American citizens looking for a way home.

One man on his honeymoon who was being flown to safety, Camilo Basto of Estonia, N.Y., said that he's very happy to be getting out of Lebanon now. After being married in Portugal and taking a tour of Morocco, his trip to Beirut has been

cut short by recent attacks. He said he's thankful for the Marines' quick reaction to the crisis. Paul Preston of Grand Junction, Colo., echoed Basto's comments, saying he's "relieved" to be getting his family out now and is looking forward to "going home."

Helping to support the ACE in the mass exodus, Cpl. Rick Muston, a 2nd platoon team leader with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, Battalion Landing Team of the 24th MEU from Midland, Texas, said he's enjoying helping people out in a different way.

"All I've done before is go

to Iraq and Fallujah," said Muston, whose current role in the operation includes preparing the departing civilians for their flight by strapping them into their flight gear. "It's good to be able to help people get out at a bad time rather than the usual grunt stuff we do."

"It's a great feeling knowing that we could help out people, especially our friends and allies," added 1st Lt. Casey Hager, a pilot with HMM-365 who was responsible for some of the first flights into the embassy area. "Overall, it's been a great mission and it has been executed flawlessly."

In addition to the daily flights from the embassy, Marines of the 24th MEU have turned their Landing Craft Air Cushioned, or LCACs, into temporary ferries, helping to quickly move individuals to a safer location. According to Emerich, the MEU's efforts have produced staggering results, saying that the steel of the USS Trenton — a warship where departing Americans are being housed — was obscured by all the people "waiting and taking pictures" of their adventure.

"It's great to be able to help out your fellow countrymen, and it felt real good when we dropped

them off and they were safe," said Emerich, who said he would get them out at once, but it's not possible. We just need to continue to help them any way we can."

In the meantime, the 24th MEU will continue its mission of aiding American who require assistance in departing safely. And, because of the efforts of a few Marines, the ride out will not be as scary for kids. "Marine Airline" for the first time. With pockets of candy, the Marines continue trying to turn a terrifying ride into a piece of Christmas — one at a time. ■



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| 6:00 p.m. | Opening Ceremony (Second Stage) |
| 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. | 2d Marine Aircraft Wing Band (Second Stage) |
| 6:00 p.m. | Sammy O'Banion & Mardi Gras (Main Stage) |
| 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. | Bicycle Give-away
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| 9:15 p.m. | Fireworks Extravaganza |

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Marines, supplies fall to earth during Operation Iron Thunder

Cpl. Joel Abshier
2nd Marine Logistics Group

Marines with Marine Corps Special Operations Command and 2nd Marine Logistics Group conducted air operations, July 17 through 21 in free falling, static line jumps and air delivery of supplies.

"This was a joint exercise with the Air Force," said Gunnery Sgt. Edward Walsh, airborne operations and paraloft chief with MARSOC. "The Air Force provided the C-17 [aircraft] for us during the week. The airdrop missions are to help the Marines sustain their ability in jumping from perfectly good aircrafts."

During preparations before each jump, the service members conduct a thorough procedure of ensuring not only their equipment, but the Marines are prepared for the jump.

Every Marine packs his own parachute, attends a jump brief and goes through additional sustainment briefs that reiterate how to jump and safely land on the ground, said Sgt. Jacquelyn Gibson, a parachute rigger and

jump master with 2nd Air Delivery, Combat Logistics Battalion 27, 2nd MLG.

Once inside the C-17, many thoughts run through the minds of the Marines, whether it is hesitation or adrenaline.

"Riding on the plane is easy, up until we are given the one minute warning," said Cpl. Jose Rodriguez, a parachute rigger with 2nd Air Delivery, CLB-27, 2nd MLG. "My hands still sweat before I jump. Once your chute opens, everything becomes quiet. On the way down, I constantly check my gear and canopy. The whole thing goes by very quick. I love every minute of it."

Two drops were made July 20, which included a 10,000-foot free fall and a 1,000-foot static jump. The first jump included four Marines, all with MARSOC, free falling thousands of feet before pulling their release.

All four Marines landed within 20 yards of each other, Walsh said.

"This is why we do the training," he added. "If these Marines were to jump into a combat zone, they would have to

land relatively close to each other to provide support for one another."

The second jump consisted of two C-17s flying together that dropped a total of 19 Marines during the static jump. During a static jump, the Marines do not have the luxury of determining where they land. However, this type of jump is used when there is more ground to cover, Walsh said.

"This is a great job in the Marine Corps," Gibson said. "Over the course of four years, I have completed 37 jumps and I still can't explain why I do it. Nobody with all their marbles would ever consider doing this. But when you jump out the back of the plane, all I can say is wow."

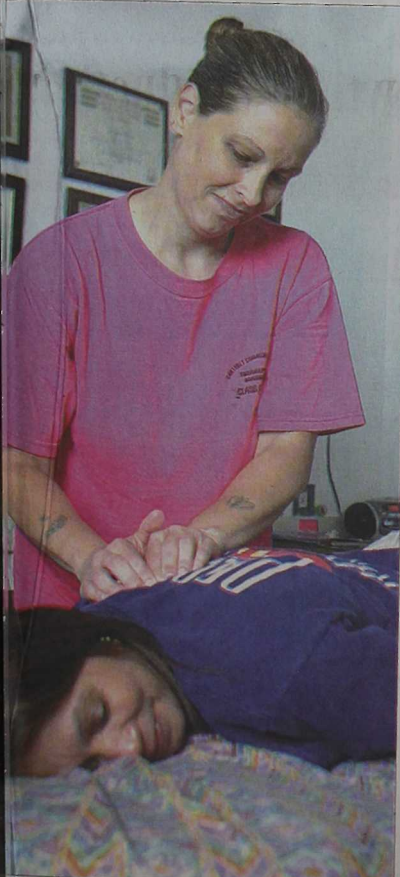
Throughout the training week, the Marines successfully completed their jumps and supply drops with accuracy and proficiency. Walsh added, the Corps has the best jumpers, gear and individuals in this type of job field.

"People always ask me why I jump," Walsh said. "And I always reply, because the door is open." ■



Air operations: Staff Sgt. John Phillips prepares to touch ground after free falling more than 10,000 feet from a C-17 aircraft, July 20. Marines with Marine Corps Special Operations Command and 2nd Marine Logistics Group conducted air operations, July 17 through 21 in free falling, static line jumps and air delivery of supplies. Phillips is a parachute rigger with MARSOC.

Therapeutic massage takes healthcare to a different level



Noninvasive techniques combat pain, rejuvenate muscles

Cpl. Matthew K. Hacker
2nd Marine Logistics Group

Lower back pain is one of the most common conditions and one of the leading causes of physician visits in the United States, according to *spine-health.com*. In fact, at least four out of five adults will experience lower back pain at some point in their lives.

During National Massage Week July 16 through 22, the importance of taking care of one's back could not be more crucial.

"Ironically, the severity of back pain is often unrelated to the extent of physical damage," according to *spine-health.com*. "Muscle spasm from a simple back strain can cause excruciating back pain that can make it difficult to walk or even stand, whereas a large herniated or degenerated disc can be completely painless."

There are several methods to combat back pain, but perhaps the most natural way is through the practice of therapeutic massage.

That notion is something Denise Martin of Pittsburgh, a licensed massage therapist with Metamorphosis Therapeutic Massage, Camp Lejeune, believes in strongly.

Martin is a 2005 graduate of the therapeutic massage curriculum at Carteret

Community College in Morehead City. She studied anatomy, physiology, medical terminology, business management, ethics and of course, the art of massage.

"I just want to relay to people that there are alternatives to taking pills all the time," said Martin, who is also a personal trainer with Semper Fit. "Educating people on Western medicine and how it's not the only way to go is very important."

Therapeutic massage not only relieves stress and feels good, it also helps the human body restore itself, said Martin.

Massage benefits the body by promoting relaxation, improving circulation and posture, decreasing insomnia and stress, reducing swelling and muscle soreness, enhancing the immune system, lowering blood pressure, increasing flexibility while flushing toxins and waste from tightened muscles.

Throughout a period of time, without constant care, toxins and waste, including noncirculated blood, will gather in the muscles and cause them to tighten up, said Martin. Massage helps alleviate the pain and releases the toxins from the muscles forcing them to relax and rejuvenate.

While massages are a relaxing way for a client to combat back pain, Martin admits giving therapeutic massages is relaxing for her as well.

"I like taking care of people and making them feel better," Martin said. "That's my primary goal."

Overall, the art of therapeutic massage is an alternative not enough people take advantage of, said Martin. As one of the only completely noninvasive techniques to combat back pain, therapeutic massage takes healthcare and makes it relaxing.

"Americans are always so busy," Martin said. "That becomes a big health problem when people are too busy to take time to care for themselves." ■

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YUCCA VALLEY, Calif. — After scouring more than 61,700 acres of arid desert, the flames of the Sawtooth Complex Fire have moved away from the High Desert as residents and local communities return to their lives.

What began July 8 as a 700-acre fire from a lightning strike in the hills north of Yucca Valley, Calif., was whipped into a fast-moving inferno by strong easterly winds three days later.

The Combat Center Fire Department received the call for assistance July 11 at 12:20 p.m., and by 12:40 four firefighters and one engine were dispatched to the scene, joining what would become the first

strike team to move to the front lines.

Thousands of residents have been evacuated to local shelters in the days since and as many firefighters from around Southern California have been called in to battle the blaze.

To make matters more complex for firefighters and rescuers, the Sawtooth Complex Fire became the largest fire of the season in California before it merged with the Millard Fire July 14, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention.

For many residents of the small foothill towns north of Yucca Valley, the relentless winds and fast-moving flames caused visible fear and

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Sweeping through Pioneertown: A flag atop a memorial cross along Highway 247 blows in the breeze as the Sawtooth Complex Fire races down the mountainside after sweeping through Pioneertown, Calif.

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Robert L. Hayes, Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, II Marine Expeditionary Force. "He initiated the most ambitious and comprehensive program in fifteen years to improve training facilities aboard Camp Lejeune."

Part one was to "Iraqize" the existing Military Operations in Urban Terrain facility and Combat Town, re-working existing facades to replicate structures commonly found in the middle east — stucco buildings, bazaars, narrow streets and role players simulating local natives, with plans to add battle-field effects such as calls to prayer and vehicle borne-improvised explosive devices.

As the plan took form, it was obvious there was a method to the madness.

"I have never seen anyone more concerned or interested in ensuring that our Marines and sailors have the best possible training across the board, before they go into harms way," said Hayes.

The next step was to construct simulated forward-operating bases to replicate those found and used in Iraq and Afghanistan, allowing the MEF to practice tactics, techniques and procedures such as security and entry control point practices. Close behind was the improvement of the motorized operations course — a newly-constructed network of roads winding around specific impact areas on Camp Lejeune. This provided combat training and live-fire situations with simulated IEDs and ambush. The MOC is currently being modified to replicate threat conditions commonly found by Marines and sailors in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. Traffic circles, junk cars and congested areas will be found on the course which links facilities and FOBs to allow companies to conduct integrated training through Camp Lejeune.

All the enhancements are to prepare our Marines for exercises such as Mohave Viper and will provide some of the best training on the East Coast seen yet, according to Hayes, immersing them in environments and situations they may encounter in combat.

"In his new assignment, General Amos will continue to implement his vision of enhancing and improving training and ensuring that Marines have the best possible gear, across the Corps," said Hayes.

Reality is, even those with the best gear, even the most highly-trained service member, can be injured in combat. True to form, Amos put his own spin on ensuring Marines and sailors, and even soldiers, injured

in combat received the support they needed to survive beyond the wounds, beyond the therapies, to the next step — whatever that step may be.

He was instrumental in the founding of II MEF's Wounded Warrior program and Injured Support Unit. When approached by Lt. Col. Tim Maxwell — severely injured by a mortar in Iraq — about the need for a facility to house the wounded as they transitioned out of hospital environments back into the day-to-day, he gamely said "Let's do it."

Though reticent regarding his own involvement, those whose lives Amos has touched were unwilling to go without mentioning the effect his efforts have had on II MEF families.

"I get emotional every time I speak about the amount of dedication and leadership they've shown... walking into hospital rooms, talking to families," said Shannon Maxwell, wife of Lt. Col. Tim Maxwell. "He, and Bonnie as well, were instrumental in ensuring that we had the care that we needed... that any time we hit a roadblock, there was someone to turn to and someone to help get our questions answered."

"It shows a level of fidelity far beyond the regular Marine Corps mantra... it shows a devotion," she added. "He'll be missed."

When asked about his time at MEF Amos, a 1970 graduate of the University of Idaho, was adamant that he was not going to talk about himself. He had no issue, however, with expressing his enthusiasm about his replacement.

Stalder, a fellow aviator, is a 1985 graduate of the Marine Corps Command and Staff College and a 1993 graduate of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Defense College in Rome, Italy. He has served tours across the globe as well, in Italy, Germany and combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Keith Stalder and I have been friends since we were lieutenants. We flew together while we were growing up in our Corps, and in 2002 through 2004 we deployed to Kuwait and Iraq and fought side-by-side for almost two straight years during OIF I and II," said Amos. "I've got the same feeling today as I did when I passed command of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing to him in Iraq during the summer of '04."

He added, "I'm being replaced by a true warfighting general and absolutely wonderful human being. Keith is a tremendous leader and all-around NFL-quality Marine: buckle your seatbelts II MEF...you're in for a great ride...the Marines, sailors, civilian Marines and all of our families are gonna love this guy."

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Combat firing techniques: Iraqi soldiers practice combat firing techniques at a small arms range at Camp Al Asad, Iraq, July 23. Despite on-going logistical problems for Iraqi soldiers serving throughout western Al Anbar province, such as receiving inadequate and spoiled food, many are going the distance and not leaving the Army - a stark contrast from just months ago. Staff Sgt. Jim Goodwin

Iraqi soldiers' progress steady despite logistical challenges

Staff Sgt. Jim Goodwin
Capt. Mike Alvarez
1st Marine Division

MP AL ASAD, Iraq — Army officers serving side Marines on a military air base in Al Anbar province are learning to plan their own operations — a critical step to independent operations for Security Forces, according to Marine off-

icers. Leadership within the 2nd Brigade, 7th Iraqi Division — one of two brigades based in the province — are learning how to evaluate intelligence, disseminate information and conduct well-thought mission briefings.

"These guys have to be able to communicate, support their battalions and command and control them," said Lt. Col. A. Branigan, who leads the team of service members who train the Iraqi soldiers.

The 2nd Brigade is the headquarters for its battalions, which are spread throughout Al Anbar province. Ultimately, the brigade will have to exercise operational control of subordinate battalions — the brigade one

step closer to independence from U.S. support, the Marines said. And to effectively control and support its battalions, the brigade's leaders must master crucial skills such as systematic operational planning.

"We want them to recognize the need to re-supply their battalions. They come up with the plan, and we're along for the ride — as opposed to them along for the ride with us," said Branigan, who said U.S. Marines here will eventually serve just as a "back-up" to the brigade, providing occasional services such as medical support and extra firepower on the battlefield.

The Marines said they want to reinforce and adapt existing Iraqi methods. A few brigade staff officers served under Saddam Hussein's regime and have formal training in military planning methods.

"We take what they've got as a starting point, and build upon it," said Branigan.

Multinational forces also plan to create a brigade command operations center — a nerve center for ongoing operations and a hub for communications, intelligence and situation reports for battlefield commanders and their subordinate

units' actions.

Currently, the battalions under 2nd Brigade operate solely with their partnered U.S. military units, conducting counterinsurgency operations and training to operate independently of U.S. forces. The battalions are not under 2nd Brigade's administrative or operational control — something that should change within the next six months as long as the Iraqi soldiers receive the support they need, according to Capt. Peter A. Wilson, the logistics advisor for 2nd Brigade's military transition team.

"The soldiers are willing to fight," said Wilson, a 31-year-old from Oxford, Ohio. "If they've got good chow, a

good place to live, they'll stay and fight."

Progress, but more challenges ahead. The road to the Iraqi Army's progress in Al Anbar province is not just a matter of teaching young Jundi — the Iraqi term for enlisted soldiers — how to shoot their weapons, or having Iraqi officers plan and brief counterinsurgency operations, according to Marine officials.

Marines who have spent the past six months working daily with Iraqi Army units in this vast region of western Iraq note that it's the "big three" — pay, chow and leave — which are perhaps the most critical constituents to any Iraqi Army unit's success in Al

Anbar province.

"Men who are worried about their pay, their families and their sustenance are not going to be focused on the tactical tasks at hand," said Maj. Victor J. Bunch Sr., who leads the U.S. military transition team for 1st Battalion, 2nd Brigade, in Hit, Iraq, a mostly Sunni city 70 miles northwest of Ramadi.

Bunch's transition team of U.S. service members work daily with 2nd Brigade's 1st Battalion, whose soldiers are now planning and leading their own patrols — a sharp turn from just a few months ago when U.S. forces led patrols with Iraqi soldiers in tow.

In Haditha, the

Brigade's 2nd Battalion has also had numerous successes in the past half year. The battalion has conducted 10 independent, company-sized military operations and conducts all of its own convoys, supplying food, water and ammunition to its companies.

Lt. Col. Owen R. Lovejoy II, who leads 2nd Battalion's military transition team, agrees with Wilson: "The [Iraqi Army] will fight well when they are trained, led and equipped."

Still, despite the notable military progress Iraqi soldiers have made, Bunch says his team spends about

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Classroom clearing: Marines of Dam Security Unit 3, Fort Detrick, Md., sit along side a building taking notes during a class on room clearing and urban patrols, July 14.



Basic urban skills: A Marine peers around a corner clearing a larger area for his fellow Marines to cross. This technique is taught during basic urban skills training.

Basic Urban Skills Training prepares warriors for Iraq

Story and photos
Pfc. Joseph D. Day
2nd Marine Division

The section leader wipes the sweat from his brow as he prepares to send his Marines through Combat Town again. This is their third time through the abandoned, shell-like of a city. The sun beat down hotter and hotter each evolution they completed, July 14, baking them in their gear.

The tired and weary Marines won't stop till they get it right, because Cpl. Chris J. Nimblick will not let them fail the Basic Urban Skills Training.

"BUST gives Marines a chance to practically apply the information given to them in class, preparing them for real life situations," said Nimblick, a boat captain and section leader of 2nd Platoon, Dam Security Unit 3, Fort Detrick, Md., this

training is essential to Marines who have never deployed before.

It was day two of their three-day training. After being led by Nimblick through numerous classes and dry runs, the Marines were feeling the aftermath of little sleep and hard work.

The Marines thought there was no end to come. Nimblick pushed them through the course repeatedly.

The sectioned leader had them wearing full combat gear while patrolling the streets of combat town, an area set up to simulate an Iraqi village. Nimblick knows this course, designed for units to practice military operations in an urban terrain, could be the difference between life or death some day.

"They provide the Marines with their knowledge from past deployments," said Lance Cpl. Frank P. Claridge about



Combat town: Marines of Dam Security Unit 3, Fort Detrick, Md., start their patrol through combat town.

Nimblick and other non-commissioned officers conducting the strenuous training.

Nimblick, who had previously gone through BUST, realized the importance of being with his Marines.

"It allows them to actually

patrol through a village that looks like an Iraqi town, clear out rooms in multi-story houses, tactically move between buildings and danger areas," said Nimblick.

While doing the intense training, the Towson University stu-

dent, worked with the unit that he will deploy with, allowed them to build unity, mission and learn how they function in combat. Nimblick's mission as an instructor was to bring his squad together to forge one unit that works as a team.

The Fallston High School graduate, Hartford County, taught his Marines to move through dark corridors, around corners, move over a Marine at a time and cover each other's back.

Bringing his troops together and building camaraderie through this difficult training was not just for the sake of training. These Marines now what they will need as they turn off into Iraq on their deployment. The training them the essentials to efficiently in an urban set a squad under one leader.

WILDFIRES

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anxiety as the fire moved nearer their homes. Bob Lehman was no exception.

Lehman, the chief engineer with the Combat Center Facilities Maintenance Division, left work early July 11 to join his wife at their home near historic Pioneertown, Calif., where firefighters fought to protect structures and at one point were actually surrounded by the fire.

"I headed back Tuesday afternoon and it was very eerie out there," he recalled. "The smoke was brown-grey, the sky was brown-grey and the sun was hidden and blood red."

"It was at about 4:30 p.m. when the smoke started coming toward our hillside," said Lehman, who has lived at his High Desert home for the past eight years. "It got smoky and we could see lots of flames coming at us, so it was a little scary. We were worried about that. Then we were asked to leave and got our things together and left."

When Lehman and his wife returned later that evening after the danger had passed, he was relieved to see his house still standing with only the hillside behind it blackened.

"I think the firefighters were what saved the house," and they kept the flames from jumping the roads to Flamingo Heights," said Lehman.

As of Tuesday, one man had died and 17 others had received minor injuries — mostly burns and smoke inhalation. Property damage has been estimated by CDF at more than \$13 million which includes 50 homes, 171 outbuildings, 8 mobile homes, 191 cars and pick up trucks and various other vehicles.

On scene were 2,296 fire personnel, more than 220 ground vehicles, 15 helicopters and six airplanes as well as other support vehicles from around the state which helped save more than \$900 million in property through direct fire suppression, CDF estimated.

Fire Chief Kevin P. Mathieu, Combat Center training chief, said many of the homes saved were ones which had brush cleared away from their houses. The abundance of dry fuels such as dead grass, dry trees and shrubs, and very low humidity helped the fire spread rapidly when the wind picked up.

"This was pretty much a house-to-house fight. The terrain is extremely rugged and there is so

much dead fuel for it to burn," he said. "The entire area is just dead grass and dry trees and hasn't burned in years."

Despite the number of personnel on the ground to fight the fire directly, many firefighters battling the firestorm had been there since the beginning, and will remain until after the fire is completely out to help with cooling "hot spots" as well as searching for survivors. Once the fire is out, crews may supplement strike teams fighting other smaller fires in the region.

After working on the front lines continually for seven days as part of the first strike team at the fire, Combat Center firefighters returned home Monday night. Their team was the first disbanded as the fire was further contained, said Mathieu.

One common thread among survivors of natural disasters is their ability to pull together as a community. The cities of the High Desert were no different. People helping neighbors by sheltering and rescuing pets, donating to the American Red Cross or simply stepping forward to lend a hand became common sights.

"The community response has been outstanding," he said. "I think it's helped bring the community together. It's a disaster, but it brings out the good in people and that's a plus."

The smoke from the fire, visible as far away as Las Vegas and could be smelled all the way to Wisconsin but has since dissipated, signaling and end to the ordeal. Most residents know this is due in part to the tireless efforts of firefighters from the region who risked life and limb to quell the blaze.

"We owe a lot to the firefighters who are out there, because they are putting their lives on the line for us," said Lehman. "We enjoy our place so we plan to stay. The mountains are black now, but hopefully we'll see some green again soon."

As of Tuesday, the Sawtooth/Millard Fire had been contained to 85 percent and full containment was expected by Wednesday morning. ■



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TEADY

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to 40 percent" of its ne trying to ensure the iqi soldiers receive the g three."

"We have seen improve- ent of late, especially in e capability of the inistry of Defense] to dress and rectify pay blem," he said.

"We're constantly look- for new solutions - an qi solution to an Iraqi blem," said Branigan. l the right people are rking on these issues, t] nothing happens fast e."

With no electronic bank- in place, Iraqi soldiers st be paid in cash. Once l, they have to bring ir paychecks home to ir families, which ure long periods of e - 10 days of leave y 20 days they serve in orm.

he soldiers, who are tly Shiites from towns villages outside Al ar province, often have ravel hundreds of miles n their unit's locations each their homes and their pay to their fam- , which means less n in uniform serving their military units.

hat is like going home ave from Jacksonville, to Washington hugh an area where the rity situation is less safe," said Lovejoy.

ings are getting bet- Still, the current leave y is an improvement the old policy in terms b satisfaction, said Sigan.

e old leave policy ed Iraqi soldiers to 10 days of leave every ys of service.

der the old leave poli- many as 100 soldiers r returned late, or did urn at all after their this difficult trays of leave on any month.

New government, new army, new soldiers. Still,

in part to the new leave policy, said Branigan. Since the new leave policy's induction, 2nd Brigade has seen a decrease in the amount of soldiers who don't return from leave. Last month, about 50 soldiers did not return to the brigade following their leave. The month before that, 460 soldiers went on leave, and 460 returned.

"I think we're seeing the trend turn here," said Branigan. "Things are getting better. Every month, we're able to pay people ... and fix some discrepancies. We'll get there."

In Hit, Bunch has also seen a decrease in the number of Iraqi soldiers who don't return to 1st Battalion after monthly leave.

"At one point in time, it was not uncommon for us to regularly have more than 15-percent of our battalion [absent without leave]," said Bunch. "That number has shrunk recently to about five percent."

Currently, there are no Iraqi government regulations which bind soldiers to their enlistment.

Essentially, Iraqi soldiers can quit the Army whenever they want with no repercussions.

"How many Marines would we have if they could leave anytime before their enlistment was up or not return when they are home on pre/post deployment leave, with no repercussions for quitting or deserting?" asked Lovejoy, who added that food supplies are not delivered as frequently as they should be to Iraqi soldiers in Haditha.

"The battalion is supposed to have food delivered every 10 days," he said. "This battalion has not had any food delivered by the national maintenance contract [food contractor] in 15 days."

New government, new army, new soldiers. Still,

not everyone seems to be abandoning ship.

In fact, 2nd Brigade added 140 soldiers to its rosters in last month. The batch of new soldiers was the most the brigade has received in four months.

The addition puts the brigade at about 60-percent of its total allocated manpower, according to Branigan.

Furthermore, the new batch of soldiers arrived already trained in their military occupational specialties - cooks, mechanics, administrators and truck drivers, to name a few.

"Hopefully this will be enough to stabilize us, and I think it will be," said Branigan. "The more we get here already trained, then the less they [Iraqi soldiers] have to worry about."

Since the new soldiers are already trained in their occupational specialties, the Marines don't have to spend time training the new soldiers, which can take weeks, said Branigan.

The problems the Iraqi Army faces stem from the fact that Iraq is still a new democracy, with a new government, with leaders who are still learning how to support Iraqi Security Forces, said Lovejoy, who describes the Iraqi Army during Saddam Hussein's regime as "Social/job program for Iraqi military-aged males."

But as pay, leave and other logistical and administrative challenges continue to dissolve for Iraq's soldiers, more attention and effort can be put into training Iraqi soldiers at all levels, such as staff officers learning operational planning and Jundis leading patrols through city streets.

"The IA [Iraqi Army] are not Marines," said Lovejoy. "They come from a different culture, educational background and have not had the benefit from having

graduated from one of the world's toughest boot camps] ... or infantry training regimens."

Still, progress is continuous, though measured, at all levels of the Iraqi Army in western Al Anbar province, the Marines say.

"They [Iraqi soldiers] are forming and learning while actively participating in an armed struggle," said Bunch. "It is the ultimate [on-the-job training] - and it is challenging."

In Hit, Iraqi soldiers who patrol daily alongside U.S. soldiers are having more interaction with the local community, and are learning "to be more deliberate and discriminate in their use of force," said Bunch.

Furthermore, the battalion's staff officers are getting better at coordinating amongst themselves, as well as using and sharing information to analyze and plan future military operations, said Bunch, edging them closer to functioning as an integrated military staff.

Similar progress is ongoing in the brigade's other two battalions, where Iraqi soldiers are partnered with U.S. military units.

In Haditha, Iraqi soldiers routinely integrate U.S. Marine vehicles and units into Iraqi Army-led convoys, reducing the number of Marine convoys needed to transport supplies and equipment, for example.

Furthermore, Iraqi soldiers, who have served alongside American Marines there for months, are manning checkpoints, leading convoys and collecting invaluable intelligence for use in counterinsurgency operations, said Lovejoy.

"The new Iraqi Army is being shaped by U.S. military standards," said Lovejoy. "Our ways are a revolutionary change for soldiers who served in Saddam's army."

URBAN

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and interacted with role-players, who spoke Arabic to add to the realism of the training and give the Marines a feel for interacting with a foreign populace.

The training Golf Co. received was important for at least two reasons, said 1st Sgt. John D. Logan, Golf Co. first sergeant.

"As the motorized force for the MEU, we'll be the ones spending time on the roads and in towns, and the sharpening our Marines received here will pay dividends in the future," he said.

Logan added that it is also crucial to begin exposing Golf Co.'s many new Marines to the nature and techniques of urban combat.

The best feature of the MOUT training was that it exposed the Marines to the opposite extremes of urban combat, said Lance Cpl. Joshua Patterson, a squad leader with Golf Co.'s 3rd Platoon and a native of Baraboo, Wisc.

Golf Company and the rest of the BLT continue to train here as a part of the 26th MEU's six-month pre-deployment training program, which will culminate in an early 2007 deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism. ■

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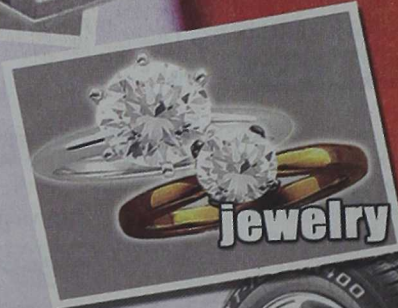


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Jacksonville Raiders Game

Here's your chance to see some football before the NFL season starts with our own semi-pro team. Watch as the team travels to play Oldsboro at 7 p.m. on Aug. 5. For more information, call 330-3677 or visit www.jacksonvilleraiders.com.

Adult women's soccer league

The Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department is currently accepting teams for women's 7-on-7 soccer league. Games are played at Hubert Byss Park on Sunday mornings beginning in August. Teams must register by Aug. 1. For more information, call 347-5332.

Archery tournament

The 2006 schedule runs August 11 at Camp Lejeune Archery Range. The tournament will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third places in adult and youth. For more information, call 450-1068 or 51-7811.

Intramural Summer basketball tournament

Go to the Goettge House and compete against other teams Aug. 21-25. The tournament begins at 5 p.m. and is hosted by Intramural Sports. For more information, call the Intramural Sports Office at 451-72061 or E-mail intramural@usmc.mccs.org.

Open Day Golf

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Painted golf for children

Throughout July any golfer between the ages of 6 and 17 can play the Sound of Freedom on the Cherry Point Golf Course for a heavily discounted fee. Plus, there will be prizes for junior golfers as well. For information, or to see times, call 46-3044.

Surfing lessons

Wednesday this week the Emerald Parks and Recreation Department is offering free surfing lessons with Art Trevelyan. Lessons are from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Bogue Pier. For more information, call Dena at 252-354-6350 or visit www.emerald-parks.org.

Spending a day at Grainger Stadium



Indians' baseball: An aerial view of the 4,100 seat Grainger Stadium in Kinston, N.C., home of the Kinston Indians.

Courtesy Photo

Matt Vaughan
Staff reporter

Last Sunday I decided to make the short trek to Kinston, N.C. hoping to find out what the Cleveland Indians Advanced Single-A affiliate had to offer to the everyday fan such as myself.

As I approached the park — after the short 45 minute drive from Jacksonville — and the 4,100 seat Grainger Stadium came within eyesight, I really was taken aback.

I love baseball and everything about spending a day at the ballpark and this was the nicest Single-A stadium I had ever seen.

As I walked in to the aroma of hot-dogs and beer I made my way over to the concession stand and picked up a combo meal for less than \$6.

A nice bratwurst with onions and peppers along with some fries and a soda was exactly what I needed to kick off a day game that pitted the Kinston Indians against the Potomac Nationals.

I asked the usher where I should sit — because I had a media pass — but wanted to sit

in the stands to get the full fan experience.

"Sit wherever you want son, but if you're in someone's seat keep moving," he bellowed at me.

It seemed as though this probably happened many times before. I just

local barbeque where everyone knew one another from living together in such a small town.

As I observed the people around me, everyone was using first names and greeting one another

our backdrop. Fans had begun arriving around 1:30 p.m. for the 2:05 p.m. start and you could tell the storm was coming.

About 15 minutes later it did. The Indians field staff

like to see.

People were eating and laughing as children screamed for the dog-like mascot Scout to come over and shake their hands.

For those of you with children, Scout aims to please the kids. The man-sized dog spent the next 45 minutes going from end to end pleasing the kids by signing his name on things using his moniker that includes a dog paw instead of the "O" in Scout.

Around this time, as the NASCAR race at Pocono boomed in the background, we were informed that the start time would now be 3:15 p.m. and a huge cheer rose up from the crowd.

Right before the first pitch, as the grounds crew pulled the tarp off, I was motioned to by a man that needed help finding his seat. He couldn't speak English and was donning a hat that read "Venezuela" so I used my tattered Spanish to help him find his way.

I soon came to find out he was the father of the Nationals outfielder Ender Chavez.

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Indians' baseball: Fans enjoy a day at the ballpark as they watch the Indians win 4-1 over the Potomac Nationals.

Courtesy Photo

wasn't one of the Indians regulars, as many of the people in attendance obviously were.

The atmosphere was almost as if I was at a

as the seats stretching from first to third base filled up.

This was all going on with a very dark and dreary afternoon sky as

of about 10 guys ran out on the field and rolled the tarp out — and to my surprise I didn't hear any boos. Now these were the kind of fans I

MCCI pays off

Matt Vaughan
Staff reporter

A crowd of about 50 media, Marines and sailors gathered at the back of the Paradise Point Clubhouse Tuesday for a news conference in regards to proceeds made from May's Marine Corps Celebrity Invitational Tournament.

Jack Marin, an 11-year NBA veteran, was on hand to represent the Celebrity Players Tour along with nationally renowned golf instructor A.J. Bonar, who came to run a three-day clinic for the Wounded Warriors.

The amount raised in the tournaments' third time aboard Camp Lejeune was more than double last year's record \$40,000.

"As of last week, we were at \$83,000 when we had someone call and give us another \$2,000, so we would have a more even number," event organizer Rosie Jones said jokingly.

The proceeds from the tournament were split among three charitable groups including the Jacksonville USO, Project Care and for the first time the Wounded Warriors.

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MCCI proceeds: Kirk Bauer, executive director of Disabled Sports USA, along with former NBA player Jack Marin, present a \$41,500 check to the Wounded Warriors.

Matt Vaughan

What happened to Harold?



Digested Sports Thoughts

with
Matt
Vaughan

While contemplating what to write about this week I stumbled into a pretty severe roadblock.

I thought about tackling Team USA Basketball and Coach K. He has to pick only 15 guys out of a group of 25 that includes the likes of LeBron James, Dwayne Wade, Carmelo Anthony, Gilbert Arenas and Paul Pierce. Good Luck with that coach.

Then my mind shifted to the Major League Baseball trading deadline, which is Monday, but all the rumors you ever hear end up being just that. It's the trades you don't hear of until they cross the bottom of your screen that actually happen. So that was another topic down.

The last thing I could think of was to do a preview of either the NFL or my beloved Atlantic Coast Conference. With football coming up I've begun to get the fever. The itch really isn't possible to scratch until late August so that was another bust.

Then I ran into it. As I navigated my way through the New York Times Website just like I do every day, I came across this headline: "ESPN reportedly fires analyst Reynolds."

I did a serious double-take. Not my favorite analyst of all time, anywhere and of any sport. They couldn't have.

Harold Reynolds was fired from ESPN after 11 years of service to the network?

Not only has Baseball Tonight been without Peter Gammons — Mr. Baseball know-all and tell-all, who has been sidelined for over a month after a brain aneurysm — but now his sidekick

Reynolds has been ousted. There's no way Peter would have allowed this had he been healthy.

ESPN higher-ups have so far refused to comment on the firing of the two-time all-star second baseman and the mystery must run deep.

"We are not going to comment," ESPN VP Josh Krulowitz said.

Reynolds owned the Baseball Tonight set ever since he became a fixture on it in 1995 after his retirement.

His smile, charisma and knowledge of the game — along with the brilliance of Gammons — have kept the show afloat.

With all the pathetic schleps coming through like John Kruk and Jeff Brantley, Reynolds was always a real breath of fresh air on a network that has gradually begun to falter in its so-called quality programming.

As a boy growing up, ESPN was my safe haven. It was always the one place I could turn to for the information and entertainment I needed from the sports world.

Now, as I continue to grow older, I find myself more and more turned off by the sports conglomerate. As they continue to grow bigger-backed by Disney's money — the programming becomes less about the fan and more about the money.

I now get my information from various newspapers I can buy off the racks or read online and watch my beloved baseball via the MLB Ticket to avoid ESPN.

The one thing that had me coming back — Harold Reynolds.

I don't know what happened and my guess is that none of us will ever know.

But Harold, if you ever somehow come across this, I hope you realize there are many more people like me who appreciated everything you did, from turning a double play in Seattle in 1991 to cracking on Kruk in 2006.

Your new job will come sooner than you can say "Web Gems" and then I'll never have to turn on ESPN again.

So I guess I really just wrote this to say thanks — and see you soon.

Matt Vaughan is a staff reporter at THE GLOBE and an avid sports fanatic. ■

FSU, Maimi picked to win ACC

Mark Long
Associated Press

Florida State and Miami were voted preseason favorites to reach the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game.

The state rivals were selected Monday by media members covering the league's annual football kickoff to win their divisions and earn a Dec. 2 rematch for the title game in Jacksonville.

Florida State, the defending conference champs and winners of 12 of the last 14 titles, received 49 first-place votes in the Atlantic Division. Clemson (13) was picked to finish second, followed by Boston College (3), Maryland, North Carolina State and Wake Forest.

Miami received 52 first-place votes in the Coastal Division. Virginia Tech (10) was predicted to finish second, followed by Georgia Tech (3), Virginia, North Carolina and Duke.

"The championship still goes through the state of Florida," Clemson coach Tommy Bowden said. "It's going to be played in Florida and it's going to go through Miami and Tallahassee. It used to

be just Tallahassee. It hasn't changed. There's 10 (teams) chasing two. There's really nine chasing three because you've got to throw Virginia Tech in that league."

Florida State beat Virginia Tech in the inaugural ACC championship game last year.

Nonetheless, the Hurricanes were predicted to win their first conference crown since joining the league in 2004. Miami received 31 votes, eight more than the Seminoles. Clemson and Virginia Tech each received five votes, with the Yellow Jackets getting one.

"It doesn't surprise me," Miami coach Larry Coker said. "That's what our expectations are. We expect to be picked high. We hope to finish it that way."

In other voting, Georgia Tech receiver Calvin Johnson was voted the preseason player of the year. He received 50 of the 65 first-place votes. Miami quarterback Kyle Wright (5) was second, followed by Clemson running back James Davis (4), Florida State quarterback Drew Weatherford (4), Florida State running back Lorenzo Booker (1) and Clemson defensive end Gaines Adams (1). ■

roundup

national sports news

USA Baseball

DURHAM — USA Baseball on Sunday retired the number of former Team USA pitcher Steve Reich, who was killed in Afghanistan last year.

The No. 20 worn by Reich, who attended the U.S. Military Academy and played for Team USA in 1993, was retired during a ceremony before Team USA played South Korea.

Team USA pitcher Nick Hill, a rising senior at Army, removed his No. 20 and gave it to Reich's parents.

Hill will now wear No. 26. Reich, who also pitched at Army, played one season for Team USA. He was 2-1 with a 2.48 ERA in 17 appearances and carried the American flag in the World University Games.

He later pitched in two games in the Baltimore Orioles' organization before the West Point graduate was recalled to active duty.

Reich and 15 other soldiers were killed in June 2005 when their MH-47 Chinook helicopter was shot down during a rescue mission. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and a third Bronze Star.

— Associated Press

NBA Basketball

ATLANTA — Atlanta Hawks forward Marvin Williams, the team's 2005 first-round draft pick, was named Most Valuable Player of the Rocky Mountain Revue after leading the tournament with his average of 23.2 points per game.

Former South Gwinnett High star Louis Williams of the Philadelphia 76ers also was named to the all-tournament team Saturday after averaging 22.0 points in the six-game schedule in Salt Lake City.

Marvin Williams also averaged 5.0 rebounds and 3.2 assists. He averaged 8.5 points and 4.8 rebounds in his rookie season.

The Hawks finished 3-3 in the off-season tournament designed for rookies and other young players.

— Associated Press

CHICAGO — A judge ruled in Michael Jordan's favor Friday in a legal battle between the one-time NBA star and an ex-lover, who claimed Jordan reneged on a promise to pay her \$5 million in hush money when she claimed she was pregnant with his child.

Judge Stuart E. Palmer ruled in Cook County Circuit Court that any alleged agreement between Jordan and Karla Knafel would be invalid, pointing in his 18-page opinion to definitive tests that showed Jordan is not the child's father.

Palmer writes that "as a result of Knafel's fraudulent misrepresentation to Jordan that he was the child's father or, alternatively, as a result of a mutual mistake of fact, the alleged settle-

ment contract is voidable and ... unenforceable."

Jordan has denied ever agreeing to pay Knafel \$5 million.

Asked if he considered Friday's ruling a complete victory for Jordan in the four-year legal fight, his attorney said, "Yes."

— Associated Press

NCAA Football

PONTE VERDA BEACH, Fla. — The Atlantic Coast Conference was filled with defensive stars last season.

The league had 10 defensive players selected in the first round of the NFL draft in April and three more in the first five picks of the second round. With all that talent gone, it could be time for some offensive players to fill the spotlight.

Georgia Tech receiver Calvin Johnson, Miami quarterback Kyle Wright, Florida State quarterback Drew Weatherford, Clemson running back James Davis and North Carolina running back Ronnie McGill head the preseason list.

Johnson, a 6-foot-5 junior, caught 54 passes for 888 yards and six touchdowns last season and has been labeled an early Heisman Trophy contender.

Wright took over the starting job as a sophomore last year and completed 58 percent of his passes for 2,403 yards and 18 touchdowns, but half of his TD tosses came against Temple and Wake Forest. Weatherford was even less accurate, throwing as many touchdowns (18) as interceptions.

Davis is widely considered the best back in the league. He ran for nearly 300 yards in Clemson's final two games last season.

McGill, meanwhile, is trying to regroup after missing parts of the last two seasons with injuries.

— Associated Press

EPL Soccer

MANCHESTER, ENGLAND — Ruud van Nistelrooy returned to preseason training with Manchester United on Monday with his future at the club still undecided.

The 30-year-old Dutch striker asked to leave United after falling out with manager Alex Ferguson at the end of last season.

Ferguson, however, has said he won't let Ferguson go for a cheap price. United has already rejected reported bid from Real Madrid because it did not meet Ferguson's \$27.8 million asking price.

Ferguson said he would have a "problem" with van Nistelrooy being the squad on opening day.

Bayern Munich is also reported interested in van Nistelrooy, who is one of only eight players to score 10 goals for United. ■

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Onslow Sports Club Meeting

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The regular monthly meeting will be held at 12:15 p.m. at Hilda's Cooking and Catering in the Northwoods Shopping Center. The guest speaker will be former UNC basketball player Donald Williams. Williams was a guard for Carolina from 1993-1997 and was named the Final Four MVP after his 1993 team won the National Championship. Guests may purchase tickets at the door for \$10. For more information, contact Greg Cooper at 455-3752.

Youth Sports Registration

Today - Aug. 11

Sign your son or daughter up today for football, cheerleading or soccer as part of the Semper Fit Sports Youth Program. You can register your child from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Youth Sports Office on Camp Lejeune or the Youth Sports Office at MCAS New

River. The leagues are open to families of active duty or retired Military along with MCCS employees. Children must be 8-14 years old for football and cheerleading and 5-13 for soccer. Proof of age is required upon registration. For more information, call Camp Lejeune Youth Sports at 451-2177/2159 or MCAS New River Youth Sports at 449-6714.

Emerald Isle Summer Tennis Clinics

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation recently announced that Tony Pereira is again offering his Summer Tennis Clinics at the Emerald Isle Community Tennis Courts. The clinics take place on Tuesdays from 8 - 9 a.m. and Thursdays from 6 - 7 p.m. Pereira has an extensive background in professional coaching and in playing competitive tennis. He has over 25 years of experience as an instructor and is USPTR certified. His background includes instruction at every level, from coaching highly competitive

teams to working as a tennis pro at several outstanding resorts. For more information contact Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation Athletic Coordinator Dena Julius at 252-354-6350 or djulius@emeraldisle-nc.org.

Intramural Summer Basketball Tournament

Aug. 21-25

A mandatory coaches meeting will be held in the Goettge Field House at 6 p.m. Aug. 17. Letter of Intent forms with official team rosters must be submitted to Semper Fit Intramural Sports Office by 4 p.m. on Aug. 16 for team placement. Official team rosters and Letter of Intent forms can be picked up from and turned in to the Intramural Sports Office in Goettge Memorial Field House, Bldg. 751. Team rosters must contain command endorsement. Units must form their own teams. The Sports Office will not get involved with player placement. Female players are encouraged to participate. Open to all active-duty military at Camp Lejeune. For more information, contact the Intramural Sports Office at 451-2710/2061 or e-mail warneral@usmc-mccs.org

Team Bass Tournament

Sept. 9

Two-person teams fish for large-

mouth bass on the New River and its tributaries in the September Starter Team Bass Tournament. The event is held at the Gottschalk Marina from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the average prize amount is \$2,500 based on a 50 boat entry. Trophies and cash prizes will also be awarded to second and third place. Active-duty teams may participate through the usage of unit funds with permission of the unit's special services officer. For more information, call 451-8307 or visit www.mccslejeune.com/Sports.html.

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U-12 Softball heads to state



U-12 Softball: The Jacksonville All-Stars U-12 fast-pitch softball team had a great weekend led by coaches Wade Humphrey and Victor Gonzalez. In the regional tournament that was held at the Jacksonville Parks and Recreation Commons July 14-16 the girls finished in second place. They will now head to represent Jacksonville, N.C. on July 28-30 at the North Carolina State Tournament in Greensboro. They are from left to right: Janay Logan, Danielle Smith, Karlie Drake, Terra Davis, Molly La Palm. And on the bottom from left to right: Morgan Leyble, Kaila Drake, Meredith McCorty, Paige Ketchum, Victoria Gonzalez, Stephanie Humphrey.

Courtesy Photo

Carolina schools looking for respect

Joedy McCready
Associated Press

John Bunting gets fired up when he flips through the preseason magazines and sees North Carolina's schools — especially his Tar Heels — picked to finish near the bottom of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"That's been going on for a couple of years. It motivated us in '04. It motivated us last year," the North Carolina coach said last Thursday at a kickoff luncheon featuring three coaches from the state's four ACC schools.

"We were two or three plays away from (a 7-4 record) last year. We all know this," he said. "We've got to make those plays. That's what motivates us. We want to make those plays to improve our standing in the ACC first. That's my No. 1 goal."

The conference is preparing for its second season with 12 members, two divisions and a championship game, and once again it figures to be a tough task for one of the state's Big Four ACC schools to win the league or even its division.

Florida State won the conference championship last season by beating Virginia Tech in the league's first title game.

No school from North Carolina has won the conference outright since 1980, when the Lawrence Taylor-led Tar Heels finished 11-1 and beat Texas in the Bluebonnet Bowl.

"In order for us to have that type of season, you've got to win at home, take advantage of all (seven) games and pick up a win or two away, and then beat a team like Miami or Florida State or Virginia Tech," Bunting said. "When you get opportunities, you've got to take advantage of them."

The last Carolina-based school to even share the league title was, surprisingly, Duke, which split the 1989 crown with Virginia when Steve Spurrier was on the sideline in Durham.

The Blue Devils haven't even beaten a Division I-A team since a win against

Clemson in 2004, and coach Ted Roof's job got tougher earlier this week when starting quarterback Zack Asack was suspended from school for plagiarism.

That leaves just two quarterbacks on scholarship — sophomore Marcus Jones, who doubled at wide receiver, and freshman Thaddeus Lewis.

That might be another legitimate reason to dismiss Duke, but Roof said he isn't using pessimistic predictions to get the Blue Devils fired up.

"There are a lot of (other) things to motivate us than where sportswriters project us," Roof said.

The only expectation that counts, he said, was that "we be a well-prepared team on the field that plays an exciting brand of football, with a lot of heart and lot of enthusiasm."

North Carolina State coach Chuck Amato also remains optimistic. When the luncheon's moderator asked for Amato's definition of paradise, he replied: "January 8th, the Fiesta Bowl." That's the date and place for this year's national title game.

Reaching a national title game with this Wolfpack team would be difficult. The Wolfpack had three defensive linemen taken in the first round of the NFL draft, including No. 1 overall selection Mario Williams, from a team that had to win its last regular-season games last year just to qualify for a bowl game. They also lost two top receiving targets of quarterback Marcus Stone.

But Bunting is confident his team is moving closer to the conference's elite.

"To win the ACC championship, you've got to be pretty doggone good," Bunting said. "We beat Florida State (in 2001). We beat Miami (in 2004). We came close to beating Virginia Tech (in 2004)."

"We're aiming to get better, and I think with the way we've been recruiting, we will, and we'll have a chance to regain that championship. It takes a great team to get it done, a great team." ■

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Low tide	7:28 a.m.	8:35 p.m.

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King mackerel close to beach



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As there is with every weekly fishing report, we have good news and bad news for area anglers.

First, the bad news:

Richard Ehrenkauf, a.k.a. Dr. Bogus, reports that, at least along Bogue Banks and points east, if you really want to catch some fish, you're going to have to do it from a boat. Surf and pier fishing is slow along the Carteret County coastline. There are a few 1-2-pound black drum to be had around the Bogue Inlet Fishing Pier in Emerald Isle and a few scattered keeper flounder appear to be moving inshore from the nearby artificial reefs but, aside from that, the dog days of summer have descended

over the beach angling forecast like a wet blanket.

A happy exception is the recent run of king mackerel close enough to be caught from the ends of some of the longer fishing piers like Bogue Inlet and Sportsman's Pier further east. In just the past week, the mackerel specialists have decked two kings at Sportsman's and a total of 12 have been landed at Bogue Inlet Pier this season. King mackerel fishermen have spotted a large number of tarpon migrating along the coast and that means everyone has at least a remote chance of catching one of these silver beauties.

Now the good news:

Back in the sounds and tidal waters of the lower New and White Oak rivers, the red drum continue their unprecedented march to the top of coastal Carolina's fishing charts. Red drum are everywhere and fishermen are taking advantage of the bounty. Last week, Dr. Bogus and a friend stalked them in the marshes around the lower Newport River and had good success casting to "tailing" redfish in

the shallows. Redfish are considered "tailing" when they feed on crustaceans and other bottom dwellers in waters so shallow that their tails stick out and flop in the breeze. Bogus reported that sight-casting to these fish may not be the most efficient way to catch them, but is great sport and a true test of angling prowess.

If you or a friend has a seaworthy craft, there are plenty of gamefish within a short ride out from the inlets. King and Spanish mackerel are schooling over the nearshore artificial reefs and there are even a few dolphin (mahi mahi) being caught within one mile of the beach.

To the west, Eric Powell of New River Marina said that inshore anglers are having a good time with red drum, speckled trout and flounder around the Sneads Ferry high-rise bridge. There are sheephead living around the bridge pilings for anyone who's up to the challenge of trying for these notorious "short-strikers." The rewards of sheephead fishing outweigh the risks as these are some of the tastiest fish that swim.

In addition to the same ocean gamefish being caught along Bogue Banks, Powell reported that the grouper bite has picked up on the reefs and rocks 10 miles and further from the beach.

Remember to stay cool by fishing early and late and don't forget to drink plenty of water. ■

Woods wins Claret Jug for second year in a row

Paul Newberry
Associated Press

Tiger Woods was going through the victory routine for yet another major championship when Chris DiMarco interrupted with a desperate plea.

"Hey Tiger," DiMarco said, "would you give me a little chance for once?"

In all fairness, Woods tried to even things up at the British Open. He broke out his driver just one time, way back on the 16th hole of the opening round. That ball ended up in an adjacent fairway, which prompted him to mothball his big stick for the rest of the weekend at Royal Liverpool.

That's right, Woods won his 11th major title Sunday while playing the final 56 holes without one of the most basic clubs.

Maybe next time he'll go barefooted. Or leave his putter at home. Or carry the bag himself.

This guy is that good.

It's hard to imagine anyone else winning a major without using a driver, but it took Woods only a couple of holes of practice to decide that he wouldn't need it at this course. He'd stick with his 2-iron and 3-wood, which allowed him to keep the ball out

of the treacherous bunkers and take advantage of the baked, brown fairways to get enough distance.

Once he was within sight of the greens, Woods homed in on the flag with precise iron shots that left his rivals shaking their heads.

When it was over, Woods didn't follow his normal script. For once, he opened up and let everyone know what he was truly feeling. He broke down as he hugged his caddy, Steve Williams, in the center of the green. Then he sought out his wife, Elin, embracing her for a good minute while sobbing uncontrollably. His chest was heaving as she rubbed the back of his head and whispered something in his ear.

Back in April, Woods desperately wanted to win the Masters for his dying father, knowing it would probably be the last chance in a major, but settled for third behind Phil Mickelson. Earl Woods passed away in May after a long battle with cancer, and his son was deeply affected by losing the man who steered him to golf, guided his career in the early days and provided myriad lessons that are still in use to this day.

"I'm kind of one who bottles things up a little bit and moves on, tries to deal with things in my own way," Woods said. "But at

that moment it all came pouring out and all the things my father has meant to me and the game of golf. I just wish he could have seen it one more time."

Woods wasn't the only one dealing with a loss. DiMarco finished two strokes back and struggled to hold back the tears as he remembered his mother, Norma, who died suddenly from a heart attack while vacationing on the Fourth of July.

"I know my mom would be very proud of me right now," DiMarco said.

DiMarco was the only player on a star-studded leaderboard who made a serious run at Woods. Sergio Garcia got to play with Woods in the final group but was out of it by the time he made the turn, having bogeyed four of the first nine holes.

Even though three players started Sunday one shot back and 11 others were within five strokes, no one had enough game to derail the greatest finisher in golf. Woods won his 11th career major just like the first 10, going to the final round in the lead and dispatching anyone who dared challenge him.

This time, the defining shots came at the 14th hole.

DiMarco had just birdied the 13th to pull

within a stroke of Woods and stayed in the game by sinking a 50-foot, par-saving putt at the next hole, sending up a roar from a gallery that could be heard all across seaside links in the northwest of England.

Woods wasn't listening. He sent another low, penetrating iron into eight feet at 14th and made the birdie putt. He birdied the next two holes, as well. Game over.

"He's a hard guy to catch," DiMarco said. "He's got an uncanny ability, when somebody gets close to him, to just turn it into another level."

There was some consolation for the underdog. After battling a bad back and inconsistent play most of the year, DiMarco jumped from 21st to sixth in the U.S. Ryder Cup standings and virtually assured that will among those coming back across the Atlantic in a couple of months to take on defending champion Europeans.

By the time Woods strolled up to the green, the victory was his. He showed a hint of frustration after missing an 8-foot birdie putt that would have tied his record (19 under) from St. Andrews in 2002, but it didn't last long. With this major, Woods tied Walter Hagen for second on the career list. ■

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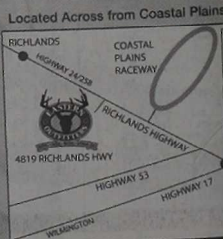
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Once the game started, the crowd coming to life, along with MLB scouts shooting off their radar guns made me once again realize why I love going to a great ballpark.

The fans were treated to a towering two-run shot to center field by outfielder Jordan Brown in the bottom of the third before the rains came back.

Another rain-delay

ensued and many fans left during this long break but I had seen all I needed to see.

Whether you are single, married, or need something to do with the kids, I can't imagine a better way to spend a weekend afternoon than to head north to Grainger Stadium.

The atmosphere and food alone will get me back there. Maybe next time I can even grab a T-shirt and start to get to know some of the locals' names.

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And I almost forgot, the Indians came out on top 4-1 to improve their record to 16-13. ■



Indians' baseball: Kinston catcher Javi Herrera slides under the tag of Nationals catcher Devin Ivary during the second



proceeds: Wounded Warriors circle around for a picture with former Duke basketball star Jack Marin (center), golf instructor AJ Bonar (hat) and Disabled Sports USA director Kirk Bauer (far right).

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director of the Jacksonville USO, accepted a \$33,200 check, Mona Patrick, President of the Jacksonville Onslow Chamber of Commerce accepted an \$8,300 check for Project Care and Kirk Bauer, the executive director of Disabled Sports USA, accepted a \$41,500 check on behalf of the Wounded Warriors.

Bauer teamed up with the Wounded Warriors this year to help employ physical activity back into the soldier's lives.

"Disabled Sports USA was thrilled to work with the Wounded Warriors," Bauer said. "All these men came into the Marines as athletes and we want to give them the opportunity to do something physical again."

Disabled Sports USA even donated a single-rider wheelchair golf cart that lets any wounded soldier have the opportunity to play golf no matter what physical disability they now possess.

"The golf cart can be driven all over the course, giving even those men without the use of their legs a chance to play," Bauer said.

Cleveland Golf also donated eight sets of golf clubs

to the Wounded Warrior Barracks for their permanent use.

"What the community has done through the MCCI has obviously paid huge dividends here," Maj. Gen. Robert C. Dickerson said as he addressed the crowd after the checks were distributed.

"Golf is a great rehab process for these men and we know this 3 day golf clinic is just what they need."

Following the ceremony the soldiers were given the chance to check out their new golf gear and talk with Marin and Bonar about the next few days.

Bonar plans to put the Wounded Warriors through clinics that can help each one of them become more involved in golf. Bonar is a contributing instruction editor for *Golf Magazine* and *Golf Illustrated* and has served 12 years as the Golf Director of the San Diego Golf Academy.

Marin wanted to tag along and assist in the clinics over the next three days.

"Jack is an excellent golfer," Dickerson said. "Just go out and watch him at the driving range."

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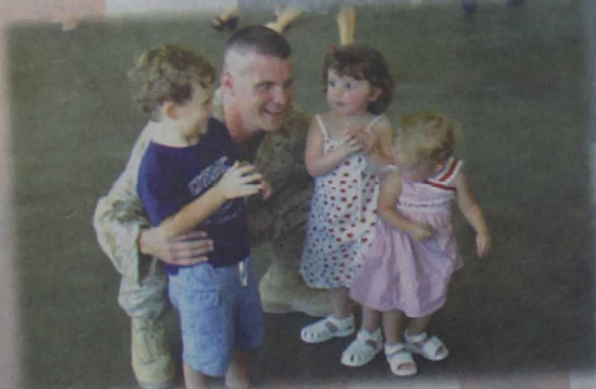
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Single Marine Program Dodgeball Tournament



SMP Dodgeball: Brian Jaques throws a ball at an opponent during the Single Marine Program-sponsored dodgeball tournament, July 19. Jaques is a combat cameraman with Combat Logistics Battalion 27, 2nd Marine Logistics Group.



SMP Dodgeball: Marines and family heckle and cheer on players during the Single Marine Program-sponsored dodgeball tournament, July 19. Joining the alternative sport craze, Marines from the 2nd Marine Logistics Group came together with one thing in mind – to defeat their fellow brother-in-arms in dodgeball.

Marines dodge left, right through tournament

Cpl. Joel Abshier
2nd Marine Logistics Group

The phrase extreme sports may conjure up images of skiers leaping from airplanes, but probably not dodgeball. The one-time gym-class activity is becoming a renowned sport and there's even a new television show dedicated to it.

Joining the alternative sport craze, Marines from all units on base came together with one thing in mind – to defeat their fellow brother-in-arms during the Single Marine Program-sponsored dodgeball tournament, July 19.

Marking the third time the Single Marine Program has hosted a dodgeball tournament, the participation level increases with each tournament, said Michael Saunders, the Single Marine Program manager.

"I have been asked by many Marines to have another tournament," Saunders said.

"It's always fun when we have a good turn out."

The double elimination tournament had 18 teams, with no more than seven players per team, participate in the event.

Whether a Marine was an administrative clerk, parachute rigger or an artilleryman, everyone was able to participate without the bureaucracy of jurisdiction.

"It was a good chance for Marines to get together and have a good time," said Nick J. Lapinski, a combat cameraman with Combat Logistics Battalion 27, 2nd Marine Logistics Group.

"Rarely do you see such an assortment of (military occupation specialties) in one area like this."

To keep the tournament moving, each match lasted no longer than 10 minutes. Before the referee blew the whistle, all players were required to touch the wall of their respective side before racing to the middle of the court to collect the dodgeballs before the opposing team could reach them.

However, before the matches began, Saunders instructed that there will be a cone on each side of the court. If a player successfully knocked over the cone, which was guarded by their opponents, then the attackers' players who were sitting out were allowed to enter back into the game.

"I have never played dodgeball with that rule,"

said Mack Coffman, a data network specialist with CLR-27, 2nd MLG.

"But, it is a good idea. Let's say your team only has one player left in the game, and he is going against a few guys on the other side. The best idea is to try and knock the cone over to give you a little hope of winning."

Teams were filtered through the double elimination tournament until only two squads remained. Marines with 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, took first place over 5th Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, both with 2nd Marine Division. The dodgeball tournament's first place team was awarded T-shirts and certificates, while both teams were awarded T-shirts from the Single Marine Program.

Saunders announced that there will be more dodgeball tournaments in the near future because of the turnout of Marines is always good.

"We are going to have another tournament in September," Saunders said. "There is nothing like watching Marines play the old-school game of dodgeball."

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Three athletes to be inducted into Marine Corps Sports Hall of Fame

Marine Corps
Press Release

The Commandant of the Marine Corps will host the 16th United States Marine Corps Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony at the 16th Quantico, tomorrow at 11 a.m.

General Michael W. Agee will induct former Marines Ernie Nevers, Bob Gibson, and Barney S. at a luncheon ceremony that will celebrate their achievements.

Nevers, a former Marine Corps, was a charter mem-

ber of the National Football League Hall of Fame and is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame. Gibson, a former Marine master sergeant, is a three-time World Cup Greco-Roman champion and 1984 Olympic Greco-Roman Wrestling Silver Medalist.

Ross, a former Marine sergeant, was the world boxing champion in three different weight classes at the same time and a Silver Star recipient during World War II.

The United States Marine Corps Sports Hall

of Fame honors former Marines who have excelled both on and off the athletic playing field. Established in 2001, Hall of Fame inductees will be enshrined in the National Museum of the United States Marine Corps at the Heritage Center near Quantico, Va.

Eighteen former Marines have been selected for the Hall of Fame since it was founded five years ago.

Past inductees include baseball legend Ted Williams and Olympic great Robert B. Mathias, International Boxing Hall

of Fame member Ken Norton and Pro Football Hall of Fame member Arthur Donovan Jr.

Also to be honored at the induction ceremony will be numerous Marine champion athletes to include the 2005 Marine Corps Male and Female athletes of the year.

For more information about the Marine Corps Sports Hall or the Marine Corps Athlete's of the Year, please contact Steven Dinote, HQMC Semper Fit, 703-784-9542, or email steven.dinote@usmc.mil.

Remembering Keith LeClaire

Joedy McCreary
Associated Press

When Todd Raleigh was a freshman at Western Carolina, he couldn't shake those pesky comparisons to a trusty senior outfielder named Keith LeClaire.

"Every time I did something wrong, coach (Jack) Leggett would pull me aside and say, 'You need to be more like Keith,'" Raleigh said Friday night at a memorial service for LeClaire.

Now, Raleigh cherishes being mentioned with LeClaire, the architect of East Carolina's powerhouse baseball program who died earlier this week at the age of 40 after a five-year struggle with Lou Gehrig's disease.

"The true character of any man is at his lowest point," said Raleigh, now Western Carolina's coach. "When Keith contracted (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), he never changed. ... He was a great inspiration to many."

Raleigh and LeClaire came to Western Carolina three years apart as walk-ons from New England. LeClaire became coach of the Catamounts in 1991, and two years later named Raleigh to his staff.

Raleigh eventually succeeded LeClaire after he left Cullowhee for Greenville.

About 1,000 players, coaches and fans gathered at the Pirates' new ballpark which bears LeClaire's name to remember the late coach and celebrate his life.

"From deep down in my heart, I love Keith," former East Carolina player and assistant Tommy Eason said as he choked back tears. "I will always love him and he will always be a mentor to me."

LeClaire's jersey number — No. 23 — was painted along the baselines and behind home plate, and was stamped into the infield dirt at Clark-LeClaire Stadium. Some fans wore T-shirts bearing the coach's number.

Signs featuring photographs of LeClaire and saying "Thank you, coach" were displayed throughout campus and near one sign at the stadium, purple and gold flowers were laid.

Chuck Young, a family friend, read a statement from LeClaire's widow, Lynn: "ECU is stamped in our hearts forever. We all know Keith is in a better place now, and we know if baseball is allowed in heaven, Keith is right in the middle of it."

LeClaire was 441-231-3 in 11 combined seasons at Western Carolina and East Carolina.

He came to the Catamounts as a walk-on and graduated as an all-Southern Conference outfielder who was an assistant at his alma mater for three years and served six seasons as head coach.

He led Western Carolina to four NCAA tournament berths and in 1992 guided them to within one out of reaching the College World Series.

He came to East Carolina in 1998, led the Pirates to four consecutive 40-win seasons, advanced to the super regionals in 2001 and became the second-winningest coach in school history.

LeClaire resigned in 2002 shortly after leading East Carolina to its fourth straight NCAA tournament berth, when he began feeling the effects of ALS.

"If I could teach everyone one lesson from this lengthy fight with Lou Gehrig's disease it would be this: Live your life like you have 'one more day' and tell your family how much you love them every day," LeClaire wrote last August in a devotional that was distributed at the memorial.

He remained part of the Pirates' family, becoming a special assistant to athletic director Terry Holland and spearheading the fundraising drive to build the \$11 million jewel of a ballpark, which opened in 2005.

"The impact Keith LeClaire made on people's lives in his 40 years on this earth will be his true legacy," ECU announcer Jeff Charles said.

Hamlin sweeps Pocono races

Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

Denny Hamlin hardly had to use his rearview mirror at Pocono Raceway, where no one was ever close enough to catch him.

But if Hamlin had taken a peek, he might have gotten a glimpse of the chaos unfolding behind him.

Tony Stewart tangled with Clint Bowyer and Carl Edwards, leading to aggressive driving penalties for Stewart and Edwards and hot tempers all over the track. It all overshadowed Hamlin's season sweep at Pocono.

"Covering drama is more exciting than covering the race anymore," quipped second-place finisher Kurt Busch.

That was never more true than Sunday, with Edwards threatening to beat up Stewart and a fight between Bowyer actually seeking out the NASCAR champion before he was intercepted on pit road.

Stewart, meanwhile, was pining for the days when late Dale Earnhardt policed the garage and kept order on the track.

It began very early in the race when Bowyer checked Stewart into the wall. Stewart responded with a wave out his window, then his own bump of Bowyer's car. It sent Bowyer spinning into Carl Edwards and earned Stewart a one-lap penalty for aggressive driving.

A furious Edwards later drove alongside Stewart, raised his arms as if to ask "what was that?" and Stewart responded with a one-fingered salute that infuriated Edwards. He spun Stewart out of the race to earn his own penalty and vowed over his radio to fight Stewart after the race.

"I've got to choose my words carefully — if it weren't for the respect of the sport and the people watching and team, he'd be out there bleeding right now," Edwards later fumed. "That's so frustrating. How can you make it this far in life being such a jerk?"

If you hold that guy up, like if he thinks you held up, he gets so upset and then he can wreck two cars and give you the finger. That's spectacularly self-destructive. I can't imagine being like that."

Stewart recovered to finish seventh, and got back in the chase for championship contention at 10th place in the standings. He seemed rather pleased with the events as he stood outside his car on pit road.

As he gave his take, a furious Bowyer had headed out to meet with him — only to be unable to catch up to the front of the car. Had he made it, Stewart said he would have been ready with a "stern Earnhardt-like" response.

"I think if the No. 3 car was here, I don't think we would have the same problems in this series as we do," Stewart said. "He always had a way of letting

drivers know where they stood and when to move and when not to move. It's just the first-year and second-year drivers that don't understand that there needs to be a little give-and-take."

"There is only a handful of guys that don't get it, but the problem that they are in good race cars and they don't run up front enough to learn from the rest of us how to race up front."

Dale Earnhardt Jr., meanwhile, is out of the top 10 after a hit from Dave Blaney sent him into the wall and out of the race. He finished 43rd for the second straight week and needed almost 30 minutes to cool off before coming out of his transporter.

Third in points two weeks ago, Junior is now 11th in the standings with just six races to go to qualify for the Chase.

"What am I supposed to do?" he wondered. "My motor blows up (last week) and now I got wrecked. I don't know what else to do."

Hamlin doesn't have such worries — not after scoring his second career victory. The first came six weeks ago here when he recovered from a spin through the grass and needed to hold off NASCAR's heavyweights on a late restart.

This one was far easier, with Hamlin leading 151 of the 200 laps in what turned into a leisurely Sunday drive for one of NASCAR's budding young stars.

He's eighth in points and if he can hang on another six weeks, Hamlin will find himself racing for the Nextel Cup title.

"We'll just keep plugging away. That's all we can do," he said. "Fate is going to decide this Chase. We are in right now, we are just going to try and stay there."

Hamlin became the sixth driver to sweep the season at Pocono, and did it from the pole both times. Pretty impressive for a kid who had never seen the track before he showed up last month and used video games to learn his way around it.

"For Denny's first two times here, undefeated is pretty incredible," crew chief Mike Ford said. "Two poles, two wins, he really adapted to this track well."

Ford then packed the car up and prepared to send it to Indianapolis for the prestigious Brickyard 400 in two weeks.

Busch finished second to Hamlin for the second time this season.

"We kept adjusting on the car all day to tweak it up or kick it in the rear to catch up to Denny," Busch said. "He had a great race car, and the rest of us were battling for second."

Jeff Gordon was third and was followed by Brian Vickers, Kevin Harvick and points leader Jimmie Johnson.

Stewart, Bobby Labonte, Jeff Burton and Martin Truex Jr. rounded out the top 10.

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"Turheel" Mustangs meet

Chapter 5 of the Marine Corps Mustang Association, will muster at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Marine Corps Air Station New River's O' Club. Guest speaker will be Col. Adele Jodges, Camp Lejeune commanding officer. For more information, call 426-4268.

Wounded Warriors spouses meeting

The Wounded Warrior spouses' Support Group will meet Aug. 16 at 6:30 a.m. in the II MEF Key Volunteer Center in Bldg. 14. Guest speaker will be Laurie Nardo. For more information call hannon at 546-0403.

Technology Expo

sponsored by the II MEF, G-6 and Camp Lejeune AFCEA chapter, the Camp Lejeune Technology Expo will be held on Aug. 16 at the Marston Pavilion from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 30 exhibitors will be on hand demonstrating the latest computer hardware, software and services. There is no fee to attend. Free giveaways will be available while supplies last. For additional information, contact Ashley Camirano at camirano@ncsi.com.

Children, Youth and Teen Offices closed

Children, Youth, and Teen Central Administration Offices in Bldg. 1666, will be closed from Aug. 18 to Aug. 19. To register for services, you must come in on Aug. 18, otherwise you won't be able to register for services until Aug. 28. Child Development Centers will remain open during this time, you must register in advance.

TU looking for volunteers

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Y Summer registration

Education for children ages 9-12 to an eight-day camp Aug. 7-14. Applications are available at the Jr. Fit Promotion in Bldg. 302 until Aug. 10. For more information, call 451-451-3648.

FEST is coming soon

FEST will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Aville Bible Center, 501 Anne. There will be a car seat safety and activities for kids. For more information call 548-455-4720.

Safety tips to heed for the sunny beach

Patrick M. Fleischman
Marine Corps Base

The Onslow Beach Sand Jam is coming to Camp Lejeune Aug. 5 and it's important Marines remember that safety is paramount on the beach.

The largest problem that the beach detachment, Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, is experiencing is the consumption of alcoholic beverages followed by patrons entering the water, said Sgt. Roy Farnier, chief lifeguard of the beach detachment. It's authorized to consume alcohol on the

beach in plastic bottles and cans only, but life guards recommend visitors exercise extreme caution if you do enter the water, said Farnier.

"We have had incidents where Marines have passed out in the water from dehydration due to drinking and the heat," said Staff Sgt. Jose Maldonado, staff non-commissioned officer in charge of the beach detachment.

Dehydration can come quickly when exposed to the sun for prolonged periods especially when small children are involved, said Maldonado.

Parents should take extra care during the Sand Jam to maintain constant awareness of their children in and out of the water, said Maldonado.

"You have to watch your children, they are susceptible to drowning when there are strong waves breaking on the shore," he added.

Watching for water dangers like Man O War jellyfish, which can sting and cause injury, sink holes in the sand that can cause you to lose your footing and rip tides that can pull you out further than some swimmers are prepared for, said Farnier.

Some recommendations for children are life jackets, a buddy in the water and sand shoes to protect their feet, added Farnier.

See SAFETY page 2C

ITB training for 'the sandbox'



Sighting in: A Marine in the Infantry Training Battalion at Camp Geiger stands watch in front of a line of Hesco barriers commonly used in Iraq to defend checkpoints and potential targets of insurgents.

Pfc. Patrick M. Fleischman
Marine Corps Base

Recruiters get them in the door, drill instructors in recruit training mold them into basic Marines and infantry combat instructors transform them into warriors ready for combat.

During a 52-day cycle, the Infantry Training Battalion at Camp Geiger is completing its mission to train the next generation of infantry Marines for the continuing conflict in Iraq and the Global War on Terrorism.

"The goal is to expose them to things that could happen to infantry Marines in Iraq so they know what will be expected of them when they get to their unit," said Staff Sgt. Robert Schieler, Infantry Training Battalion S-3 scheduling chief and combat instructor.

Because vehicle-borne and improvised explosive devices are a major problem in Iraq, the command added IED training, including how to recognize a device, what they are composed of and immediate action drills following the detonation of a device while on a convoy, said Schieler.

See SANDBOX page 2C

MGI Bill offers free education

Cpl. Matthew K. Hacker
2nd Marine Logistics Group

The Montgomery General Issue Bill has been in effect for more than 60 years and there is a good reason for that ... it provides for a free education!

On June 22, 1944, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed into law one of the most significant pieces of legislation ever produced by the United States government in regards to education: The Service Members' Readjustment Act of 1944, commonly known as the GI Bill of Rights, according to www.gibill.va.gov.

The Web site further states that by the time the original GI Bill ended in July 1956, 7.8 million World War II veterans had participated in an education or training program and 2.4 million veterans had home loans backed by the VA.

Today, the legacy of the original GI Bill lives on in the Montgomery GI Bill.

The MGI Bill is available to any Marine who entered the active Marine Corps after June 30, 1985 and meets the eligibility requirements.

According to Veterans Affairs Pamphlet 2004, you must have served three continuous years of active duty, unless you were discharged early for an issue beyond your actions or control — meaning, as long as a Marine was not forced out of the Marine Corps due to negative actions he may have taken, such as receiving a bad conduct discharge, he is eligible for the entitlements.

The entitlements include receiving up to \$1,034 per month for 36 total months of enrolled education in exchange for the 36 months of service. A Marine can, however, use portions of his three-year entitlement while he is in the Corps.

Taking full advantage of the 100 percent tuition assistance is always suggested, said Johanna Rose, an education technician at the Base Education Center.

"Many Marines use the MGI Bill in conjunction with tuition assistance to attend the schooling they want while they're on active duty," Rose explained. "Students now have more opportunity than ever, with the upgrade in the entitlement."

If Marines pay an additional \$600 to the MGI Bill, they are eligible to receive an extra \$150 per month when they enroll as a full-time student.

"The MGI Bill is a great program to get great financial aid to support your education when you get out of the Marine Corps," said Rose.

For any Marine who is interested in paying the additional \$600 and earning \$150 more per month, contact your respective administration office and request the proper VA 22-1990 form. For any service member who has questions regarding the Montgomery GI Bill, contact the Veterans Affairs Office.

Tankers experience demanding ride

Lance Cpl. Ryan C. Heiser
2nd Marine Division

A tall slender figure, merely a silhouette atop the massive tank, barely notices as three more tanks rumble by and take their positions near him on the side of the dusty road. A light glints within his eyes as he slides into position and prepares to move, sweat dripping off his dark face. After moving the hulking beast affectionately called, "Urban Legend," Sgt. Shermandre W. Jackson ensures the other seven members of his section are properly hydrated in the mid-day heat.

First Sgt. Irvin N. Howard with Company C, 2nd platoon briefed the gathered Marines on where they would get their classes at Combat Town here, July 18. Jackson grinned as he ordered his men to mount up and move to a shaded area near a ghost town of empty buildings where they would receive pre-deployment training in military operations in urban terrain.

Jackson, a section leader with 2nd Platoon, said he hopes training in the empty, hollowed out town will help his unit during their future deployments. The Brundidge, Ala., native watched over his two tank teams, each containing four men he knows and trusts. He said he loves his job as the tank crew commander for the lead tank in Section B, which also has a driver, a gunner, and a loader.

"I love tanking; the small unit camaraderie, the way people look up and smile at you when you go by, the way other vehicles just get out of your way," Jackson explained.

The Pike County High School graduate sat in the



Tank training: Sgt. Shermandre W. Jackson, Section B leader with 2nd Platoon, Company C, 2nd Tank Battalion, reaches for his hydration pack during a tank MOUT exercise in Combat Town July 18. The pre-deployment training teaches tankers how to safely go through a town or city.

front of the shaded clearing during classes covering room sweeping, safety, and tank warfare in an urban environment, before he and his Marines began the MOUT exercise. His sharp brown eyes never left the instructor.

"Someone will get shot in this environment," Howard lectured as he brought the class to a close. "To prevent that, it is necessary to use surprise, speed, and violence of action."

Jackson steadily bounced as he expertly guided his tank section to the fake city, where he led a small group through a series of tiny buildings spaced closely together. The shadowed corridors and dark corners would be perfect hiding for the enemies waiting to attack the tankers. The Marines on foot stayed near each other and used the buddy system to slowly clear each room to prevent the tanks from getting ambushed as they

went through the city.

"Training is great, it's what prepares us, and leads up to real situations. The only thing that's better is going to combat and bringing back a unit alive," said the Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran.

Jackson said that during his previous experiences, the tankers relied on infantry riflemen to do the sweeps. The riflemen relied on the tanks to take care of large threats such as heavy fire from a building in combat situations. The two units depended on each other and worked well together.

An infantry unit isn't always available for support though, so Jackson feels it is necessary for his tankers to know how to go through and clear a city safely without a friendly supporting unit.

Jackson's unit slowly crept through the city, con-

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Pfc. Patrick M. Fleischman

On duty: From the left, Cpl. Scott Tisdale, Lance Cpl. Bert McMillan and Cpl. Roman Davis, lifeguards for the Onslow Beach Detachment, keep watch over beach visitors.

SAFETY

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Visitors to the beach should remember these common items to make their stay more enjoyable: sun block, sunglasses,

beach towels, an umbrella, some shoe lotion in case someone does receive a sunburn and a cooler with a lot of water, said Farnet.

Visitors should observe flag conditions when arriving on the beach, said Maldonado.

A red flag flying means no swimming but beach going is allowed, yellow means swimming is allowed but there are rough currents so swimmers should exercise caution. Children, especially young children, should stay in shallow

areas and lastly a green flag means the currents and waves are not very rough, and swimming is recommended for all ages, he said.

"Enjoy the beach but remember to always exercise caution," said Maldonado. ■

Understanding suicide, knowing its prevention

Pfc. Patrick M. Fleischman
Marine Corps Base

Claiming more than 30,000 lives a year, the leading cause of death for Americans and the second leading cause of death in the Marine Corps and Navy, is neither a virus or a drug — it's suicide.

The Marine Corps offers a variety of methods to receive help, but prevention begins with Marines watching out for Marines using AID LIFE.

Ask and do not be afraid to ask "Are you thinking about hurting yourself?" or "Are you thinking about suicide?"

Intervene immediately, take action and let the person know he or she is not alone.

Don't keep it a secret.

Locate help. Seek out the officer on duty, chaplain, physician, corpsman, friend, family member, crisis line worker, or emergency room staff.

Inform the chain of command of the situation. The chain of command can secure necessary assistance resources for the long term. Suicide risk does not get better with quick solutions. Effective problem-solving takes time and the chain of command can monitor progress to help avert future difficulties.

Find someone to stay with the person now. Do not leave the person alone.

Expedite and get help now. An at-risk person needs immediate attention from professional caregivers.

Key risk factors for suicide are depression, substance abuse, talk of suicide, suicide attempts, preoccupation with death, giving away possessions, relationship difficulties, impulsivity or angry behavior, legal or financial trouble, isolation or withdrawal, chronic pain or illness and changes in work performance, according to the American Association of Suicidologists. Web site: www.suicidologists.org.

Marines are less likely to experience serious emotional difficulties when they feel that they are involved with a unit, that they are helpful to others, that they are valued for their contributions, unit morale is good, the command reports them in time, need. It is okay to ask for help with problems, large and small, getting will be handled in a confidential and supportive manner, according to AAS.

Most suicides occur among white males under 30 in the enlisted ranks while in leave or leave status. However, the suicide risk can be found in all ranks, in both genders across all races, according to the AAS.

Local help sources include calling 911, the Lejeune Naval Hospital, 450-4840, the Counseling Center at 2864, Brynn Marr Line at 577-1900, the chaplain at 451-2111, the battalion chaplain at 451-5998. ■

SANDBOX

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Ninety percent of this war is being fought on the road and we are teaching Marines techniques like how to sandbag a 7-ton truck and how to react to IED's and incoming fire while in patrol, added Schieler.

Marines can be taught all of the tips and techniques for combat situations, but if that Marine cannot shoot, he is not going to be combat effective, said Schieler.

"We have doubled the close-quarter shooting training segment to reduce hesitation in Iraq," he said.

Close-quarter marksmanship training during ITB consists of Marines shooting at 50, 25, 15, 10 meters and firing on the move while performing speed reloads, added Schieler.

Marines are now training here using the advanced combat optical gun sight to improve accuracy during close-quarters combat and to help them be ready for when they use it in combat, said Schieler.

These marksmanship improvements are put to the test during urban patrolling training where

Marines demonstrate their ability to clear rooms, windows and doorways, he said.

"This is a major upgrade from outdated jungle patrolling that dates back to the Vietnam era," said Schieler.

It takes the two-dimensional tree-line patrol and forces Marines into 360-degree environment where fire or explosions come from any direction including tops of buildings or basement half-windows, added Schieler.

While patrolling and clearing room procedures are important, including classes on the values that the Marine Corps uphold is critical, said Schieler. This is why ITB teaches general rules of engagement and enemy prisoner of war handling.

In addition to emphasizing core values, instructors stress the importance of using escalation of force based on the situation. This is important to keep Marines safe and prevent harm to prisoners, said Schieler.

"It is not only by the book training that helps get Marines ready, it's the little things as well. Like being required to always have a buddy within five feet of you and to keep constant weapon awareness are details that can save your life," said Schieler.

Creating trust with fellow Marines is crucial for mission success, said Schieler.

"If the Marines receiving this training can learn one thing to make me feel confident that they are ready for what they will experience, it is that you are only as strong as your Marines to the right and your left," added Schieler.

All ITB instructors are from the infantry occupational field and bring experiences and stories to pass along to the next generation of infantry Marines, he said. Most of our instructors have two or more deployments to Iraq.

"I feel it's good training they get based on my experience in Iraq. It helps them mentally and physically and they will be ready to snap into their unit when they get out," said Sgt. Kevin Taylor, Marine combat instructor of second platoon at ITB.

The Marines training here feel confident in themselves when they leave and it makes the instructors feel good knowing that, said Schieler.

ITB continues the mission of training Marines for the next evolution of combat allowing the Marine Corps to continue to be able to fight "in every clime and place." ■

TANKERS

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Ensuing the training that will ensure he and his Marines stay alive while deployed to Iraq.

"The scariest thing in the world is going through a city," he said. "We

have limited vision and our heads are exposed, which leaves us vulnerable. That goes away when the first round goes down and you hear the boom. All the butterflies go away."

The tank crew rolled to a stop just outside the city, the town cleared. Or

was it? Jackson and his Marines never know who the enemy may be in a town. He will never know who the smiling faces really are or their true intentions.

"Nobody could possibly understand what we go through as tankmen," Jackson explains. ■

Courts-Martial

Cpl. Gary A. Vick II, 2nd Assault Amphibious Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, was convicted of obtaining services under false pretenses. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for eight months and reduction to private.

Lance Cpl. Anderson Manrique, Anti-Terrorism Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, was convicted of one count of desertion and one count of larceny. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for four months and reduction to private.

Pfc. Joshua W. Gonzalez, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, was convicted of one count of larceny and one count of housebreaking. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 120 days, forfeiture of \$2,547 and reduction to private.

Pfc. Willie C. Savage, Headquarters and Support Battalion, School of Infantry Training Command, was convicted of one count of unauthorized absence. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for five months, forfeiture of \$4,245 and reduction to private.

Pvt. Brandon M. Allen, 2nd Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 25, 2nd Marine Division, was convicted of one count of wrongful use of marijuana. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 45 days and forfeiture of \$1,000.

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On the night of May 19 — An unknown person entered what was La Tapatia at 331 Western Blvd. (the business was and is vacant) through the back door by using a screwdriver to turn the lock for the push bar on the back door. Once inside, the suspect(s) kicked a hole through the drywall and gained access to the adjoining business which is Gun Shoppe and Pawn. Once inside Gun Shoppe and Pawn, the suspect(s) set off the alarm and exited without taking any items.

Vandalism

Sometime between 8:30 a.m., July 9 and 8:45 a.m. July 10 — Northstate Mechanical's Building, 1111 Blvd., has been vandalized on two occasions. Damages consisted of rocks being thrown through insulation, creating holes, a porta-john being turned over, vehicles being moved and fuel being stolen from vehicles on site.

Robbery

On June 26 at approximately 10 p.m. — Two males approached two males staying at the Triangle Inn. The suspects had handguns and forced the victims into their room, where a third male was sleeping. The suspects demanded money and jewelry. As the suspects were leaving, one of them shot his gun at one of the victims. The suspects then ran to a small four-door black car and drove off. Suspect one was described as being 5'6" tall, 160 pounds, dark hair, and wearing a dark shirt and pants. The second suspect was described as being 5'8" tall and skinny.

Reward update

In April a tip was provided through Crime Stoppers in reference to a shooting on Market St. That was advised that their tip would not be rewarded. If the caller would call back in with the proper information and verify the information provided in the reward will be issued. For more information, contact Sergeant Leyble at the Jacksonville Police Department at 455-4000. ■

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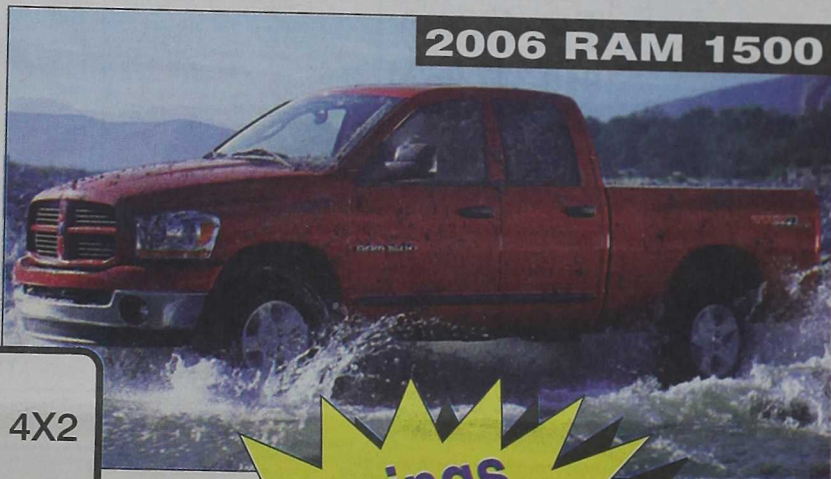
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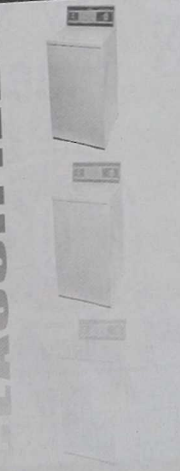
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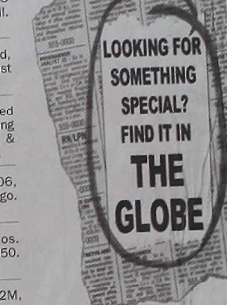
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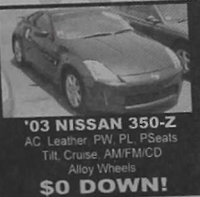
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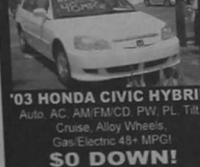
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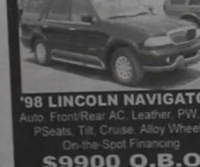
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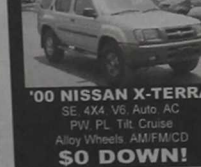
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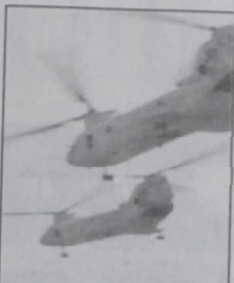
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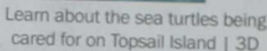


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"It's going to be a lot of fun. It's one of the biggest events we have on this base every year," said Michael Saunders, program manager of the Single Marine Program.

On Onslow Beach aboard Camp Lejeune, the event's long-standing beach activities will return, including Miller Tug-of-War, Budweiser Flex on the Beach and Coors Beach Volleyball. Starting at 11 a.m., both the tug of war and the volleyball tournaments will pit teams of against each other to fight for the title of champion.

But King and Queen of the beach will be determined by the Flex on the Beach contest at 1 p.m., in which a panel of judges will evaluate each contestant's muscle development and body tone. The top male and female contestants whose bodies illustrate the best in build will wear the crowns. Registration for these contests starts when the gates open at 10 a.m. and no pre-qualifications are required.

Co-sponsored by the SMP, 96.3 and 103.7, the Hot FM, live entertainment has always been a part of the day's highlights. This year, *8 Foot Stride* will hit the stage with a rousing set of hard rock. With over three hundred performances under their belts, their live shows have been nothing but pure intensity and passion and they are sure to please beach-goers.

Down in the County will also appear with some country tunes, as will Jacksonville's Mary Powell, winner of Hot FM's Carolina's Hot Idol 2006 contest. After having just returned from Los Angeles where she was a member of the studio audience of *American Idol*, she is prepared to meet with a Columbia Records representative in New York City. Her latest single, *Talk To Me*, hit the airwaves on HOT FM 96.3/103.7 and is climbing the charts.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., is free and open to the public. Though the day will be fun for all and families are welcome, Sand Jam is geared toward single Marines and a mature crowd.

If attendees plan on consuming alcoholic beverages, which will be offered at the event, they should remember to bring a valid photo ID, drink responsibly and appoint a designated driver. "Marines should drive sober or not at all," said Saunders. Coolers for food and beverages are allowed, but glass items are not. Pets should be left at home.

Although Saunders assures there will be plenty of parking, it is recommended that people carpool in order to help eliminate traffic congestion.

For more information, call 451-0084, 451-4642 or visit www.mccslejeune.com. ■



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Amy Segreti

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If you plan on attending Sand Jam 2006, make it a safe and fun event for all. MCCS asks that you follow these safety tips as outlined by the American Red Cross.

- **Protect your skin.** Limit the amount of direct sunlight you receive, especially between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., and wear a sunscreen with a sun protection factor of 15 or higher.

• Drink plenty of water regularly even if you do not feel thirsty. Your body needs water to keep cool. Avoid drinks with alcohol or caffeine in them.

They make the heat's effects on your body worse. This is especially true with beer, which dehydrates the body.

Watch for signs of heat stroke. Heat stroke is life-threatening. The victim's temperature control system, which produces sweat to cool the body, stops working. Body temperature can rise so high that brain damage and death may result if the body is not cooled quickly. Signals include hot, red and dry skin; changes in consciousness; rapid, weak pulse and rapid, shallow breathing. Call 911 and move the person to a cooler place. Quickly cool the body by wrapping wet sheets around the body and fan it. If you have ice packs or cold packs, place them on each of the victim's

wrists and ankles, in the armpits and on the neck to cool the large blood vessels. Watch for signals of breathing problems and make sure the airway is clear. Keep the person lying down.

• **Wear eye protection.** Sunglasses are like sunscreen for your eyes and protect against damage from UV rays. Be sure to wear sunglasses with labels that indicate they absorb at least 90 percent of UV rays.

- Stay within the designated swimming area within visibility of a lifeguard.
- Never swim alone.
- Check the surf conditions before you enter the water.
- Check to see if a warning flag

is up or check with a lifeguard for water conditions, beach conditions or any potential hazards.

- Stay away from piers, pilings and diving platforms when in the water.

- Keep a lookout for aquatic life. Water plants and animals may be dangerous. Avoid patches of plants. Leave animals alone.

- Make sure you always have enough energy to swim back to shore.

- Don't try to swim against a current if caught in one. Swim gradually out of the current, by swimming across it.

- Do not consume alcohol and attempt to swim. Drink responsibly and have a designated driver. ■



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al tours: Visitors form lines for tours nearly an hour before they start. The hospital sees 300-500 visitors per day.

Some sea turtles need to fly.

Especially one turtle named Bay, whose currently being cared for at the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center in Topsail Beach. A boat propeller injury resulted in a tendency for Bay to develop bowel impactions and despite constant attention from the workers at the sea turtle hospital, she will not be able to be released. The hospital is requesting a kind-hearted volunteer to fly Bay to the Minnesota Zoo, where they are willing to accommodate Bay's medical issues with specialized vet care and procedures — Bay's health is so fragile that a car ride might cause her to die.

Bay is just one of many sea turtles the hospital members care for — currently, 13. "We function like any hospital emergency room, never knowing exactly what's coming, or when," said Karen Soto, the hospital's media columnist.

Not only does the hospital rescue injured and sick sea turtles, heal them as much as possible and return them to the water when they're ready, they offer tours and information sessions and welcome volunteers.

This summer's interns are making a big difference. Sean Patrick Hanley, a summer intern and UNC-W student majoring in Animal Science, signed on for a full summer at the hospital after just one day with the turtle patients. He enjoys the hands-on opportunities that the sea turtle hospital enables him to have, especially rescuing the turtles from the water.

The Topsail Turtle Project was organized by Karen Beasley. After she passed away, her mother, Jean Beasley, became Executive Director of both the nesting program and the rehabilitation center.

The hospital offers tours daily except Wednesday and Sunday through August from 2 - 4 p.m. (Saturday is the best day to come, according to Jean Beasley). It is closed without notice for inclement weather and turtle emergencies. Turtle Talks are offered through Labor Day every Wednesday 4 - 5 p.m. at the Surf City Community Center (JH Batts Rd. between Dockside and Gilligan's off Rt. 50.) Call 328-3377 for information, or 470-2880 to report any sea turtle nestings, strandings (dead or alive) and hatchings. Visit www.seaturtlehospital.org for updated news. ■

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Marine Corps Community Services and staff reports
Camp Lejeune

Many people come to Camp Lejeune under the impression that it's difficult to find a place to work on base. Rest assured, Marine Corps Community Services has something to offer anyone looking for a career opportunity — a job at the Main Exchange.

"A lot of people are new in town and don't realize that this opportunity is here," said Mary Carol McReynolds, Visual and Advertising Coordinator at MCCS. "But if you want a career, we can help you get there."

What follows are the experiences of workers at the Main Exchange who have excelled throughout the years and worked their way up the employment ladder to lofty positions. "We lay out for people what they need to do to get from the bottom to the top, and we want to let them know that it is very possible," said McReynolds.

Carlton L. Mencer
Director, Retail Division

Mencer began his career with MCCS as a janitor, while he attended Lejeune High School. His father was in the Navy and stationed at Camp Lejeune.

Mencer was promoted from receiving clerk to retail manager to retail director, with many other positions in between. Since his career started, Mencer has received numerous awards, including an outstanding service award in 1991 and a letter of appreciation for assisting in the wage survey in 1979. Mencer is married to Cecelia Mencer, a school teacher at Tarawa Terrace II School. He has two

daughters named Melissa and Ashley.

Dianna Hawkins
Associate Manager

Like many others, Dianna Hawkins came to Camp Lejeune because her husband was a Marine. Born and raised in Washington D.C., Hawkins arrived in Jacksonville in 1978 and after a couple of years as a bored housewife, she found her way to Camp Lejeune's MCCS (then MWR) Human Resources department in 1983.

Her first steps with MCX were as a sales associate, responsible for L&G and Hardware in what used to be the Main Exchange, currently the Exchange Annex. For the next 23 years, Hawkins moved around the departments, increasing her areas of expertise. She advanced to area supervisor then to assistant manager.

At that stage, Hawkins had acquired enough experience and time to earn the position of manager, first at the Marine Corps Air Station Exchange at New River, then at the Exchange Annex. "The roll I'm in currently in is my most challenging to date," said Hawkins. She loves her job for many reasons — taking care of the military members and their families is of course number one, but the most gratifying benefit is that she gets to watch deserving employees make their own career paths with MCCS. Over the years she has seen many of them move up into positions that she herself had along the way. Things have changed significantly in Jacksonville and Camp Lejeune in 22 years, but her love of being a part of the Exchange has not diminished. She would love to tell you about it — in fact, just ask her the



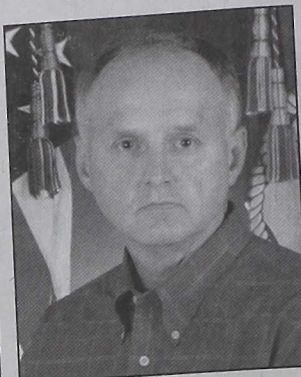
Chase

next time you see her in the Main Exchange.

Nichole Landry
Acting Essentus Coordinator

Landry relocated from Louisiana to Lejeune and applied for a position with the Main Exchange in 1995 and was selected for Loss Prevention as an NF-1. "I needed a change of pace and a challenge so I moved from loss prevention to retail. I took a pay cut and went from a part-time status to a flex. I felt this was only a minor setback and would prove to be beneficial in the long run," said Landry.

She worked at the Main Exchange as a sales associate in the jewelry, accessories and cosmetic departments. "During this time the store management recognized my talents and temporarily promoted me to assistant supervisor," said Landry. She held this position for four months. "I did not apply for the position when it posted because I had not gained the needed experience to compete for the position."



Mencer

After a few months of being back as a sales associate I decided to make a career move," she said.

The current buyer for Cosmetics and Ladies had also recognized her potential and asked Landry to assist her. "I jumped at the chance," said Landry. Her 40 hours a week were split between the buying office and stock control at the retail warehouse. When a full time position in stock control came up she decided to take it.

After working there, Landry decided that she needed another challenge. "I declined a lead position over to office and decided to work for the most challenging buyer. This is where I grew," she said.

Eleven years later, Landry is at her current position — a NF-4 billet. She couldn't be happier.

Robin Chase
Manager, Air Station

Chase started out as a cashier at the Air Station, but in the later months of 1988, she started working as a relief manager at the Naval



Landry

Hospital Camp Lejeune. In December of 1989, she had become a manager at the naval hospital.

She stayed at the hospital for while, then became the temporary assistant manager at French Creek during the Gulf War for six months. She later became the permanent assistant manager at French Creek.

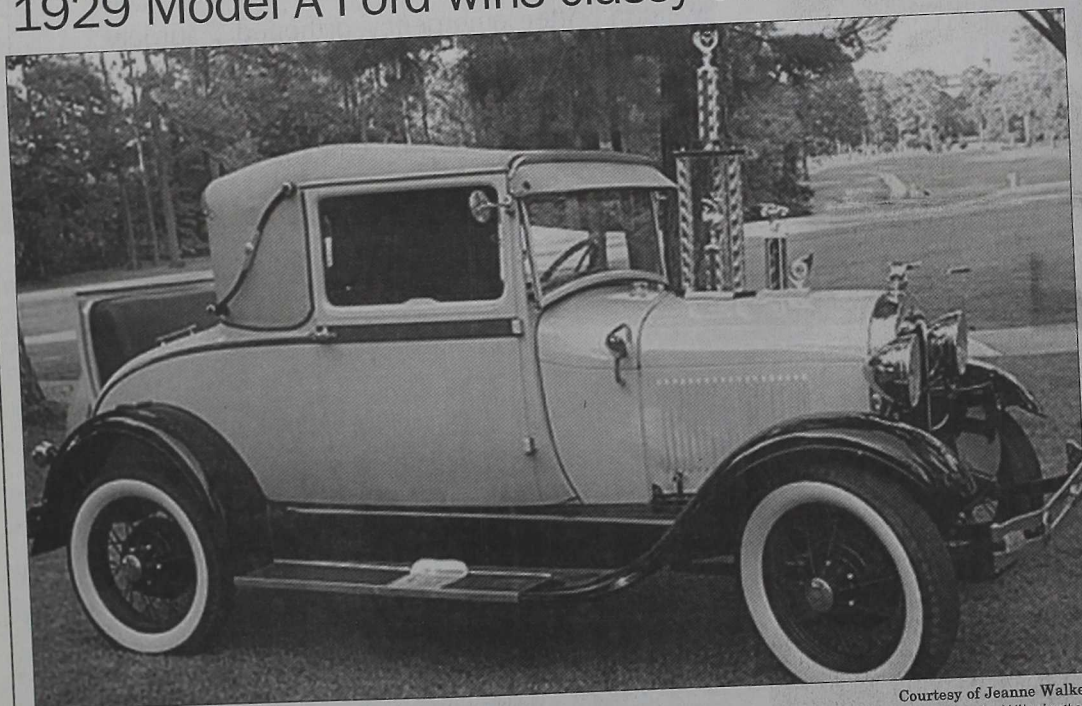
Chase became manager Midway Park C store then manager of French Creek. "During the time frame I also managed Onslow Beach for three years along with French Creek and then the Br said Chase.

Now Chase is back where she began at the Air Station — but not as the manager. It became permanent in June 2006.

"Wow," she said. "Just looking at it all makes me tired!" said Robin her career moves. Chase has come a long way — in the right direction.

For information about MCCS openings, visit Human Resources at 1401 West Road or www.usmcglobe.com/employees.htm.

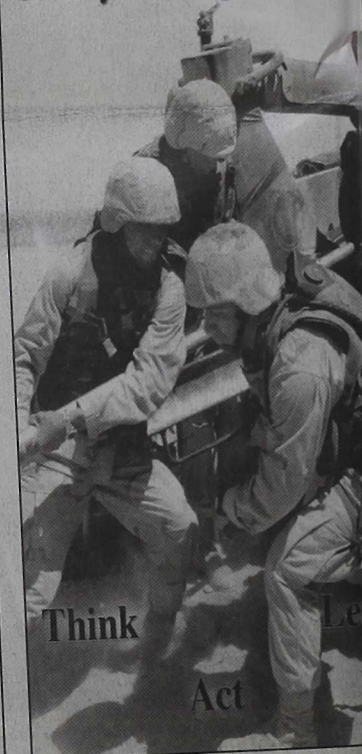
1929 Model A Ford wins classy car show award



Courtesy of Jeanne Walker

A rumble-seat romantic: The 2006 Classy-Chassis Car Show took place July 8 at the historic Poplar Grove plantation in Wilmington and the winner of the Top Choice award was an impeccable 1929 Model A Ford. Owners Bob and Rene Godsey of Wilmington displayed the car in Independence, Iowa and bought it without hesitation. It's an exact replica of the very first car Rene's father owned, in which he proposed to her mother. Historic Poplar Grove Plantation, located at 10200 U.S. Highway 17, is a non-profit organization dedicated to education, preservation and service to the community. For more information about upcoming events, visit www.poplargrove.com.

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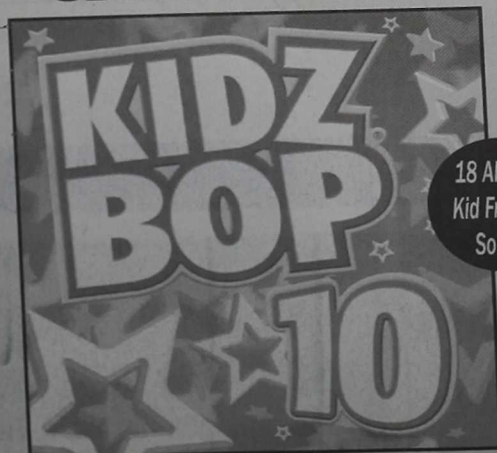


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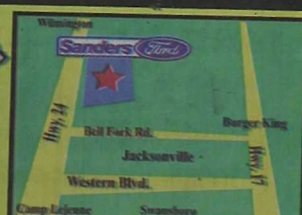
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Aug. 4, 5, 11, 12, 8 p.m.
Aug. 6, 13, 7 p.m.
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Back to School Concert

Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Bring your family to the Main Library in Jacksonville for the 7th annual Back to School Concert Series, free and open to the public on the lawn. Grab your lawn chairs and blankets and get ready for an enjoyable evening of musical entertainment. The Aug. 3 performance features The Mighty Quinn; the Aug. 10 performance features New River Harmony; The Conductors perform Aug. 17; Adam Fisher impersonates Elvis Aug. 24 and Devin & Adelz Robinson perform on Aug. 31. Drawings will be held at the end of each concert for free pizza coupons, compliments of Pizza Hut. In the event of rain, the concert will be held in the library's meeting room. Call 455-7350, ext. 233 for more information.

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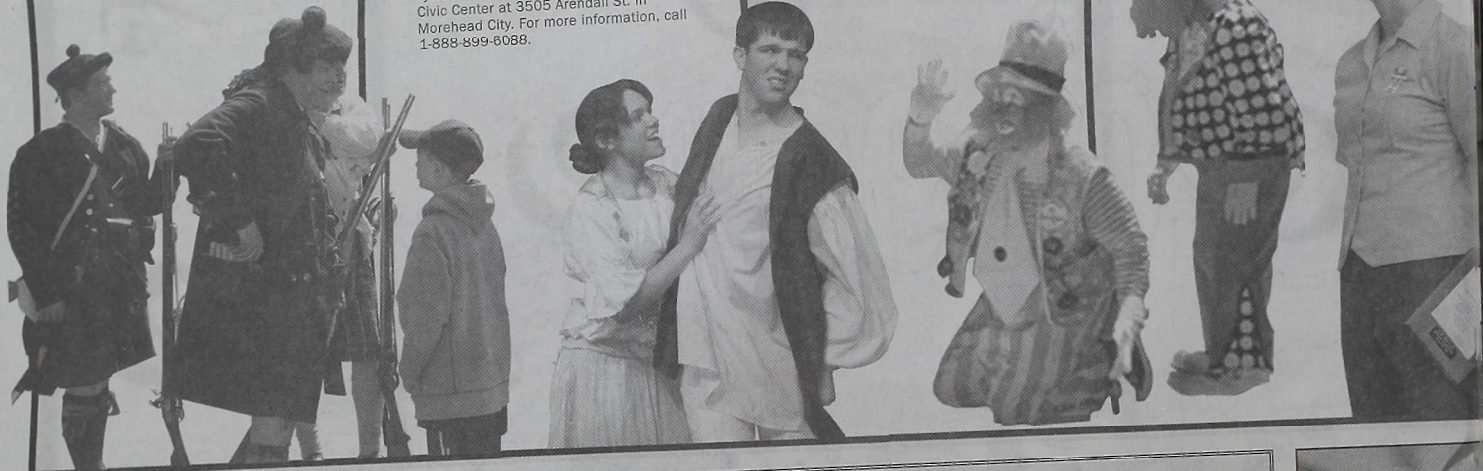
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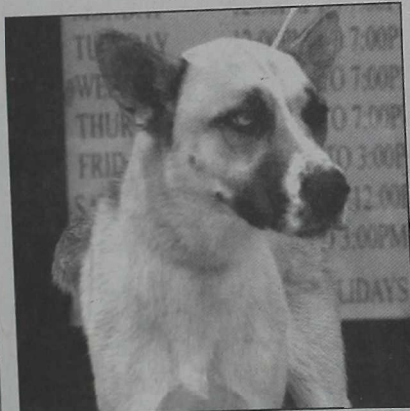
Flavor of the Past: Sounds of Wilmington

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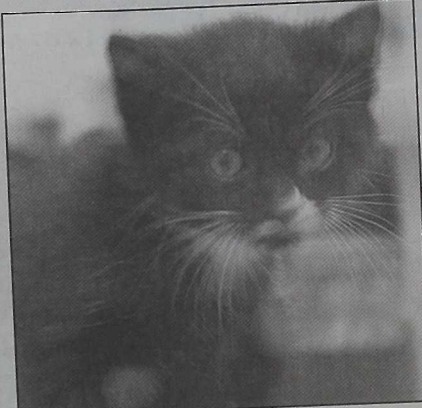


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