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Medal of Honor recipient, former commandant dies at 85

HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS
Press Release

WASHINGTON — General Louis H. Wilson, 85, Medal of Honor recipient for heroic actions fighting enemy forces at Fonte Hill, Guam, Mariana Islands, in World War II, and 26th Commandant of the Marine Corps, died June 21 at his home in Birmingham, Ala., with his family present.

Wilson was just a young captain and placed in command of Company F, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, when, although wounded several times, he succeeded in capturing and holding the strategic high ground in his regimental sector against a numerically greater force, which contributed significantly to the ultimate victory on Guam.

Wilson "repeatedly exposed himself to the merciless hail of

shrapnel and bullets, dashing 50 yards into the open on one occasion to rescue a wounded Marine lying helpless beyond the front lines. Fighting fiercely in hand-to-hand encounters, he led his men in furiously waged battle for approximately ten hours," according to his Medal of Honor citation. Because of the wounds he received in the fierce fighting, then Capt. Wilson was evacuated to U.S. Naval Hospital San Diego where he remained until Oct. 16, 1944.

President Harry S. Truman personally thanked Wilson by presenting his award in a special ceremony at the White House in Washington.

Besides earning the nation's highest honor for heroism in combat, Wilson served in a variety of command and staff positions, which included service in Korea and command of The Basic School at Marine Corps Base



Gen. Louis H. Wilson, 26th Commandant of the Marine Corps.

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2d Radio Battalion Marines receive warm welcome home



Cpl. Stephen M. DeBoard

Corporal Joshua B. Bethany, Arabic linguist, 2d Radio Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force, enjoys a happy moment with his daughter after arriving at Camp Lejeune from Iraq June 17. The battalion came home after 10 months in Iraq.

CPL. STEPHEN M. DEBOARD
II Marine Expeditionary Force

Marines from 2d Radio Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force, were greeted by friends, family and fellow Marines upon their return from Iraq June 17.

The Marines arriving at Camp Lejeune — via bus, were greeted by families lining the roads, holding colorful, hand-made banners, waving American flags and cheering as the chartered buses pulled up to the battalion area.

"This is very exciting," said Jim Bethany, father of Duncan, Okla., native Cpl. Joshua B. Bethany. "It's good to see him back safe and sound."

The families had been hosted in style for the special event, with pizza, sodas and music, to entertain them while they waited for the moment they had been anticipating.

The Marines came home

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Fireworks safety important as Fourth of July holiday nears

PFC. DREW W. BARKER
Marine Corps Base

When most Marines think about the Fourth of July, they are filled with feelings of national pride, patriotism and anticipation for the extended holiday weekend and the celebration of our nation's independence. And to many Marines, America's birthday party wouldn't be complete without a few essential ingredients including barbecue, carbonated beverages, and of course, everyone's favorite, fireworks.

The key to having an enjoyable Independence Day merri- ment is ensuring a high level of safety, especially in regards to the traditional July Fourth fireworks display.

"Improper or irresponsible use of pyrotechnics can result in personal injury to include the loss of limbs, damage to vision and hearing, severe burns, property damage and accidental fires," said Robert Nichols, assistant chief of fire prevention, Fire and Emergency Services Division, Installation Security and Safety Department, Marine Corps Base. "Fireworks should only be used under the close supervision of adults and in accordance with all base orders and state laws."

Both, Camp Lejeune and the state of North Carolina, have established rules and regulations pertaining to fireworks and other pyrotechnic devices.

According to Base Order 1132.1K, the storage, sale or use of fireworks and homemade explosive devices of any kind is strictly prohibited aboard Camp Lejeune, unless otherwise authorized by the Commanding General, Marine Corps Base.

Marines and their families living on base must adhere to the rules outlined in the base order, but are also entitled to partake in the holiday festivities. Therefore, they will be

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Camp Lejeune's water quality among the best

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION
Installations and Environment
Division

Water consumers at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune and throughout the country will soon be receiving easy-to-understand water quality reports that will allow them to make informed choices that affect the health of themselves and their families.

As a result of the consumer confidence rule developed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in August of 1998, all public water systems, including the water supply systems at Camp Lejeune, are required to publish an annual report on the quality of drinking water provided to consumers. The annual water quality report is a "report card" to provide facts about the drinking water here at Camp Lejeune. The report identifies the source of our drinking water and highlights the contaminants that were detected during the previous year. The

report also provides important health information.

Camp Lejeune, as part of ensuring that the water it distributes to the Base Population continues to meet and exceed the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act, began monitoring for explosives [nitroaromatics, nitramines, nitrate esters], and perchlorate in well water and treated water on a monthly basis to ensure that the safest, most reliable drinking water is provided to the Base population, though it is not required by State regulations.

Sampling in August 2004, showed that all wells, raw water tanks, and finished water tanks were below the detection limit for explosives. Perchlorate was detected in well WH646 which serves the Holcomb Boulevard Water Treatment Plant. Camp Lejeune resampled all active wells (to include WH646), raw water wells, raw water tanks, and

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Driving improvement classes aim to reduce avoidable accidents

PFC. DREW W. BARKER
Marine Corps Base

Many Marines consider a speeding ticket issued aboard base to be a serious setback in regards to their personal and professional lives. In actuality, a moving traffic violation is of minor consequence when compared to the fatal accidents that speeding, along with irresponsible and reckless driving, can result in.

Dare to Dream Inc., a racing team whose primary focus is teaching responsibility through educational programs and mentoring, hosted the Need For Speed program at Camp Lejeune June 21 - 23 to help teach Marines and sailors the importance of driving safe.

"The Need For Speed program teaches high risk drivers, between the ages of 18 and 25, the tools to use for safe driving in an effort to lower accident rates for Marines," said Master Sgt. Larry Inscoc, special projects officer with Installation Safety and Security division, Marine Corps Base.

The program focuses on the prevention of irresponsible and dangerous driving practices by



A Dare 2 Dream Inc. team member explained the importance of the safety equipment they use when racing to Marines during the Need For Speed program June 23.

providing interactive driving-safety education, a visual demonstration of what is fact or fiction, and an in-depth overview of safety techniques for both passengers and drivers, according to Liz Faddis, program manager for Driven 2 Dare Inc.

The NFS program was broken into two segments. The first, 'Train the Trainer', was designed to give noncommissioned officers the training they need to set a good example for their junior Marines and advise

them on safety procedures. The second segment was a safe driving presentation open to all Marines and emphasized vehicle safety, according to Faddis.

The program, which features instruction on passenger safety, driver and vehicle limitations, and engineering differences of cars, creates interest by utilizing a real National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing team and drivers who share their passion for cars and speed with the

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Man on the street

What does Independence Day mean to you?



"It's a day where people work together, no matter what their backgrounds are or where they are from, by serving together as brothers."

Lance Cpl. Carlos Alvarez
Headquarters & Support Company,
2d Battalion, 6th Marines
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

"To me, it's a time to remember all your friends and brothers who gave everything for their country."



Lance Cpl. David Swoboda
Sierra Battery, 5th Battalion, 10th Marines
Milwaukee



"To me it simply means ... freedom."

Cpl. Tara Henry
Company B,
Headquarters & Support Battalion, MCB
Rose Haven, Md.

"It's a time to celebrate the freedoms we have and a time to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to give them to us."



Lance Cpl. Erik Rodriguez
Sierra Battery, 5th Battalion, 10th Marines
Bakersfield, Calif.



"Well of course it's the day our country gained it's freedom, but I can't wait to see some fireworks."

Lance Cpl. Joseph Vallely
Headquarters Battalion, 2d Marine Division
St. Petersburg, Fla.

A question of patriotism

Guest Commentary
CPL. CHERRIETTA L. PRINCE

This article first appeared in the July 1, 1980 edition of THE GLOBE.

Patriotism. What is it? We've all heard and probably even used the term. But, exactly what is it? And, does it mean any less to us today than it did two centuries ago?

Webster defines patriotism as "love for or devotion to one's country."

American Revolutionary Nathan Hale exhibited it when he said that he regretted having only one life to give for his country. Country? Can there be patriotism without one? Though ours is America, when Hale spoke of his regret, there was hardly a country, only a mere collection of colonies.

I say patriotism is loyalty, nationalism, and faithfulness to a cause. It's part of one's individual conscience and judgment, but can't be the exclusive property of any group, class or race.

In American, it began April 19, 1775. Or, was it sooner? That was simply the day the first shot of the Revolutionary War was fired. For years our forefathers battled for freedom in the new land.

The Boston Tea Party was nothing like a ladies' afternoon outing. Paul Revere made his infamous ride through the night. General George Washington and his comrades sailed across the Hudson and the Delaware Rivers, to battle the British - to win freedom for their countrymen, our forefathers.

Molly Pitcher knew patriotism when she fed and nursed our soldiers through battles, and Betsy Ross when she sewed the last stitch of red, white and blue - the beginning of our stars and stripes forever.

By whichever definition or description, patriotism is what we

are all asked to recall or profess at least once each year - July 4. On that day in 1776, the United States of America declared her independence from the motherland, Great Britain.

The Fourth of July is a national holiday. It means time off, parades and fireworks, or carnivals and cookouts.

It also means moments of reflection; that is, to the extent our minds can grasp such a time, 204 years ago.

In retrospect, most of these accounts are mere fragments from our history classes. We all labored for hours during our formative years trying to record and recall most of these events.

Patriotism is not exclusive to wartime, though. A society composed largely of members of the military; ex-servicemen, their families and war orphans often emerge to combat attitudes and dissenting groups, which might threaten our American ideologies.

Patriotism is what almost every man, woman, adolescent and child has felt at one time or another - during colors or any flag-raising ceremony. It's what every good Marine experiences periodically - even more than he might admit.

The right to vote - to have a voice in the running of America - is the legacy of patriots who molded this nation.

Look around. Landmarks and street names exude patriotism.

Proud. Patriotic. Having the love for country and willingness to act in America's behalf.

Is patriotism any less fashionable these days than when Patrick Henry professed death over tyranny in our budding democracy?

I think not. The tyranny we could fall prey to is only more subtle. We won our independence once. It was no gift. That we never take our freedom for granted is also part of our legacy.



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On July 4th, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed by 56 patriots, representing the brave American people who would forge their own destiny and establish our great nation. Deep within that bold declaration, the following passage reveals timeless and practical thoughts that would serve us well to remember, "... all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of 'the governed.'"

As we celebrate July Fourth with our customary processions, speeches, picnics, contests, games, military displays and fireworks, let us reflect on how and why we are able to celebrate.

Americans, along with the Iraqi and Afghani people continue to fight for the rights and freedoms that some take for granted. The best way to appreciate and understand how far we have come and how much we have to lose is to recognize the efforts of those who protect and fight for those rights today at home and abroad.

Although July Fourth is celebrated as America's official independence from Britain's rule, the process took far longer than a single day. As the fledgling democracies of the world embark on their journeys and lock step with us in the advance of freedom, let us enjoy what we have earned and understand what they must endure.

Firm resolve combined with the understanding that rights and freedom come at a high price will lead the Camp Lejeune community in its unwavering support in the current battles that face our nation and our partners in freedom.

We need every person in this fight to continue to train and remain ready for the call. Remain vigilant and stay safe, losing someone to an off-duty accident is unacceptable. Take care of yourself, your fellow marines and families. Have a safe and happy July Fourth! Remember, I'd rather have you home late than not at all.

Semper Fidelis,

Robert C. Dickerson
MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT C. DICKERSON
Major General, U.S. Marine Corps

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Regimental Combat Team - 2 begins Operation Rohme in Karabilah



Marines with 2d Platoon, Company L, climb over walls as they conduct missions in Karabilah during Operation Spear.



Corporal Jared C. Althouse, a 24-year-old Columbus, Ohio native and fireteam leader with 2d Platoon, Company L, prepares to enter with his squad in Karabilah during Operation Spear.



Marines with 2d Platoon, Company L, prepares to enter a building in Karabilah during Operation Spear.

Story and Photos
CPL. KEN MELTON
2d Marine Division

KARABILAH, Iraq — Corporal Jared C. Althouse, a 24-year-old Columbus, Ohio native and fireteam leader with 2d Platoon, Company L, prepares to enter with his squad in Karabilah during Operation Spear. Althouse, a 24-year-old Columbus, Ohio native and fireteam leader with 2d Platoon, Company L, prepares to enter with his squad in Karabilah during Operation Spear. Althouse, a 24-year-old Columbus, Ohio native and fireteam leader with 2d Platoon, Company L, prepares to enter with his squad in Karabilah during Operation Spear.

of the city," said Althouse, a Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio native, and 1999 graduate of Walsh Jesuit High School. "Usually missions like these are cordon and knock missions, but since this was an offensive operation, we didn't knock to enter this town." As they advanced through their sector, their training played heavily into accomplishing their objectives. "We applied a bounding over-watch, which allowed one squad in our platoon to advance while the other provided security," Althouse said. "From there, each squad split into support and cordon teams. "We had engineers to help us with the locked doors we encountered." While moving in the city, the Marines with 2d Platoon heard the distinctive sounds of other units engaging insurgents while being supported by Marine aviation and other ground elements. "It's awesome that we have the helicopters, jets, AAVs [Assault Amphibian Vehicle] and tanks to support our every movement," said

Lance Cpl. Tyler H. Bales, a 24-year-old infantryman in 2d Platoon. "While we are worrying about our safety as we enter houses, it is a good feeling to know that we have them watching our backs." By the second day, many of the residents had departed the city leaving makeshift flags behind in their houses. "Every time we entered a house that had the white flags I wanted to believe it was safe and that we would meet no resistance," Bales said pausing. "But I know that insurgents have used this method in the past to lure Marines into a false sense of security, so we treat every house the same." Other elements of RCT-2 had found and engaged the enemy in different sections of the city. Meanwhile, the Marines of 2d Platoon remained vigilant during their mission. Even though these Marines did not find any insurgents or weapon caches found in other parts of the city, they continued to push through their objectives helping in the overall success of the operation.

Iraqi camp force protection enhanced

SGT. RONNA M. WEYLAND
26th Marine Expeditionary Force

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Marines from the 26th Marine Expeditionary Force are getting closer to their [Iraqi] force and getting them on their feet.



Marines from Equipment Platoon, Combat Logistics Battalion 8, 2nd Force Service Support Group (FWD), work on building a watch tower at the East Fallujah Iraqi Camp near Fallujah, Iraq. The EFIC is used for training new recruits in the Iraqi Army.

change at the entry control point now," said Warrant Officer Harold D. Horn Jr., 32, commander, Equipment Platoon, from Waco, Texas. "There was clear visibility of the post before from the outside and there were no gates." He also said, the bunkers used before were just spots where the Iraqi soldiers could stand and have shade from the sun, but there was no real protection. Despite having limited equipment due to other operational obligations and working under extreme weather conditions the project turned out better than originally expected, said Horn.

"In fact, it turned out so nice the Iraqis thought we were preparing the camp for us [Marines] to move into," said Hill, a native of St. Joseph, Mo. He also said the Iraqi Army is thoroughly pleased with the changes and they were friendly and helpful throughout the project. The Iraqi soldiers also assisted with moving and replacing concertina wire around the compound. The Marines of Equipment Platoon average two to three different projects in any given month and are glad to see this one completed. "This project is completed except for a few minor touch ups here and there," said Horn.

Wilson retired June 30, 1979, and will always be remembered as skillfully guiding the Marine Corps through the turbulent and challenging post-Vietnam era. During his tenure as commandant, he laid a firm foundation of high standards and demanding training that ensured that the Marine Corps remained a modern, mobile, general purpose, combined arms force with amphibious expertise prepared for low and high intensity combat against a wide-spectrum of potential foes around the globe. "The entire Marine Corps family is saddened by the passing of Marine General Louis Hugh Wilson Jr., our 26th Commandant, and we extend our deepest sympathies to his family and friends," said Gen. Michael W. Hagee, Commandant of the Marine Corps. "General Wilson was a forward-thinker who was ahead of his time. As commandant from 1975-1979, he stressed modernization, readiness, expeditionary capabilities and integrated firepower — areas that we still concentrate on today. His legacy of valor and leadership will live forever in the Marine Corps."

MEU reaches pivotal point in deployment

GUNNERY SGT. MARK E. BRADLEY
26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (SOC)

ARABIAN GULF — As the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (SOC) reaches the halfway point of this deployment, the Marines and sailors have much to look back on and more to look forward to in the second half of deployment and, ultimately, the return home.

During the first three months, the MEU has traveled halfway around the world, conducting operations from the West-African coast to the Arabian Gulf.

The first exercise following the Kearsarge Expeditionary Strike Group's departure from the coast of North Carolina in late March was Barbary Thunder. This was primarily a naval exercise with the Tunisian military, but it included some involvement from the MEU. Aboard the dock landing ship USS Ashland, Marines showcased some of the MEU's weapons and equipment to the U.S. allies and shared ideas to combat terrorism in the region.

Following Barbary Thunder, the ships of the strike group dispersed to separate ports in the Mediterranean region to enjoy liberty and participate in community outreach projects.

During the ports of call, the MEU and strike group contributed hundreds of man hours to help clean and renovate substance abuse centers in Palma De Majorca, a home for the elderly and a women's hostel on the island nation of Malta and an orphanage in Sicily.

Elements of the MEU, next conducted a joint exercise with the Israeli Defense Force that included shipboard operations and a live-fire exercise ashore.

After Israel, the MEU proceeded through the

Suez Canal to assume the role of the strategic reserve in U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility. Now part of the U.S. Navy 5th Fleet, the MEU and strike group conducted a one-day exercise in Djibouti in support of Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa.

As the MEU entered the Arabian Gulf, it participated in Eagle Resolve 2005, a consequence management exercise in Qatar.

USS Kearsarge also ported at Bahrain, where the troops again had little down-time and participated in community outreach projects including painting a school and playing a friendly game of wheelchair basketball with the Bahraini Special Olympic Team.

Upon leaving the port at Bahrain, the MEU began the largest operation of the deployment. The entire MEU went ashore in Kuwait to conduct an extensive one-month live-fire exercise at Udairi Range.

Though many expected the MEU to move straight north to Iraq from Kuwait, the majority of the unit instead returned to the ships of the strike group and began solidifying the concept of distributed operations from the sea while maintaining the strategic reserve status. The MEU currently has Marines operating in eight different countries, with more operations on the horizon.

Though the MEU has "crested the peak" and is now entering its downward side of the deployment, the operational tempo is doing anything but going down hill.

This significant date, however, provided the Marines and sailors the chance to look back on what they thought was the most significant part of deployment and what they look forward to most on returning.

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After his military retirement in June of 1979, Wilson lived in Mississippi and California, and subsequently moved to be near family in Birmingham. During this time he felt privileged to serve on the boards of Merrill Lynch, Burlington Resources and the Fluor Corporation.

Wilson's culminating act of public service occurred in October of 1995, when at age 75 he addressed a Joint Meeting of the U.S. Congress commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the end of World War II.

Wilson is survived by his wife, Jane Clark Wilson; daughter, Janet Wilson Taylor; son-in-law Jarred O. Taylor II; and grandsons Jarred O. Taylor III and Louis Wilson Taylor, all of Birmingham, Alabama.

The Wilson family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations in the general's memory be made to the Marine Corps University Foundation of which he was a long-term trustee (P.O. Box 122 Quantico, VA 22134-0122), or other Marine Corps related organization.

General Wilson's full biography is available at www.usmc.mil.

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Around the Corps

Marine serves under two-year hitch in Corps

LANCE CPL. AARON K. CLARK
Marine Barracks 8th and I

MARINE BARRACKS, Washington — What can you accomplish in two years? If you ask Lance Cpl. Liam J. McLoughlin, he might say you can accomplish a great deal.

McLoughlin, a Babylon, N.Y. native, enlisted into the Marine Corps under the new 2-year contract option that congress mandated all services must have as part of the "National Call to Service Program." Just like regular four-year contracts that have an additional four-year inactive-reserve obligation, the new two-year contract has a six-year inactive reserve obligation.

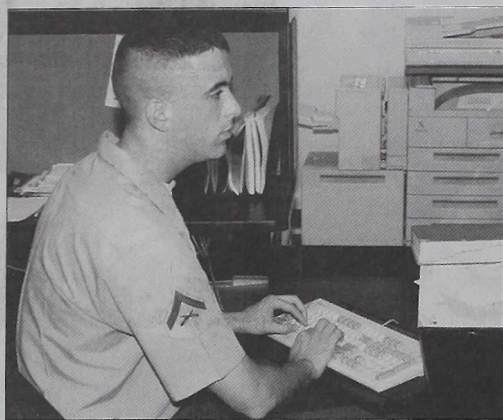
"I think this two-year contract is great because it provides an opportunity for individuals to take advantage of what the Marine Corps has to offer without worrying about a lengthy active duty contract," said McLoughlin.

In addition to getting the experience of Marine Corps combat and job training, McLoughlin is stationed at the Marine Barracks in the nation's capital, the "Oldest Post of the Corps."

As an administrative clerk, he maintains computer databases of the rifle requalification and sustainment ranges, Physical Fitness Tests and composite scores of all the Marines in Headquarters and Service Company, the largest company at the post.

Working in the Headquarters and Service Company office is motivating because you interact and deal with the company's senior leadership on a daily basis. Most Marines will never get that opportunity, he said.

Besides just opening doors for him when he gets out, the Marine Corps is going to pay off a majority of student loans



Lance Cpl. Aaron K. Clark

Lance Cpl. McLoughlin is an administrative clerk in the Headquarters and Service Company office. McLoughlin joined the Marine Corps for two years as part of the "National Call to Service" program mandated by congress in 2003.

McLoughlin accrued before, he joined. This is just one of the many options that Marines who sign-up for a two-year contract have available to them. But the benefits aren't why McLoughlin signed up.

"The great thing about the Marine Corps is that it provides opportunities for individuals that otherwise would not be there," he said.

And now that McLoughlin is over halfway done with his contract, he encourages his friends to follow in his footsteps. "Like anything in life, there can be bad days, but you keep on pushing on and you will achieve anything you want," said McLoughlin.

Going from thinking about signing up to actually enlisting was a fairly smooth process, said McLoughlin. "My recruiter was there for me every step of the way. We would workout several times a week, as well as ease my mind about the whole process of becoming a Marine," said McLoughlin.

It is said that nothing in the Marine Corps is given, every-

thing is earned, and nothing could be more correct with Lance Cpl. McLoughlin.

"McLoughlin was pretty motivated signing up. He had difficulty meeting some of the requirements to ship to boot camp, but any weaknesses he had the drill instructors helped him overcome," said Sgt. Joseph H. Hollingsworth, the recruiter who put McLoughlin into the Marine Corps at Recruiting Substation Lindenhurst, New York.

Sgt. Hollingsworth was a major factor in me being where I am today, said McLoughlin.

Whether you sign a two-year or four-year contract, the Marine Corps wants to help you accomplish your goals in both the Corps and in your life, said Hollingsworth.

'Charlie Company' combines arms during raid

MASTER GUNNERY SGT. DWAIN E. ROBERTS
Marine Forces Europe

TBILISI, Ga. — Georgian soldiers from Charlie Company, 23rd Light Infantry Battalion, maneuvered their way across mountainous terrain while 82 mm mortars, rocket propelled grenades and heavy machine guns fire blasted a hole through the resistance at the Vasiani training area near the Krtsanisi National Training Center recently.

The scheme of attack was against a group of well-armed adversaries who held the high ground, supported by light armor and machine guns. With precision timing, the Georgian platoons enveloped and overran the enemy by combined arms fire and maneuver. Their execution was accordingly flawless due to the training they had received from the Marines of the Georgian Sustainment and Stability Operations Program [GSSOP] task force.

"The Georgian soldiers are motivated," said Cpl. John Knapp, GSSOP instructor trainer and a native of Hackensack, N.J. "They really take the training seriously, and they learn very quickly."

As they prepared the Georgian soldiers for the combined arms raid, Marine trainers demonstrated and taught instructional segments on platoon movement to contact, platoon ambush and platoon live and supported fire. These events and more were spread over a weeklong field evolution that included a company size helicopter insertion at Vasiani and a 20-kilometer hike back to the main Krtsanisi training area.



Master Gunnery Sgt. Roberts

Georgian soldiers board Mi-8 HIP helicopters during training in Georgia. Seventy U.S. military members of the Georgia Sustainment and Stability Operations Program are providing training to Georgian battalions in preparation for their scheduled deployment to Iraq.

"Our training mission was ultimately to prepare the Georgian soldiers to operate safely and effectively in a combined arms environment," said Arlington, Va., native, 2nd Lt. Christopher Doggett, one of three team training officers.

"It's our responsibility to provide Charlie Company with realistic training in order to set them up for success in Iraq," he added.

Charlie Company received additional training in trench clearing, night live fire and claymore ambushes. The follow-on training will include remote mountainous training at the Kdjori Ranges and house-to-house clearing during military operations in urban terrain.

Overall, the GSSOP Marine trainers have been welcomed by their military counterparts and the Georgian people as well. The current GSSOP Task Force is composed of Marine Corps infantry and small arms trainers, a Navy emergency medical training team, Air Force communications technicians and Army visual communications and con-

tracting personnel.

"It's really satisfying to see the Georgian soldiers execute their operations exactly as we have trained them," said Sgt. Michael Szeman, instructor trainer and native of Madison, Wis. "Their overall eagerness and enthusiasm makes our job very easy with the exception of the language barrier," he added explaining much of the communication is accomplished through interpreters.

Moreover, the task force mission is to train Georgian 23rd Light Infantry Battalion and other Georgian battalions that will rotate to Operation Iraqi Freedom. The units currently were sent to help with the Nations mission in Iraq.

The training will include infantry skills, peacekeeping duties, specialized training, logistics, reconnaissance and signal skills. The separate companies at platoon levels, as well as command and control at the brigade level and

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Beat the summer heat with hydration

LANCE CPL. BRANDON R. HOLGERSEN
Combat Correspondent

Summer is here and it's time to hit the beach and pull out the barbeque, but there is danger lurking. The danger is heat. Service members and civilians can avoid the dangers of heat if they know the warning signs of heat injuries and how to prevent them.

In hot weather, especially with high humidity, you can lose a great deal of body fluid through exercise. This can lead to a variety of heat-related illnesses.

The three most common heat related injuries are heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke, according to Senior Chief Petty Officer Jeff Puglisi, the acting department head of the Hadnot Point Branch Medical Clinic.

The symptoms for heat cramps are profuse sweating and muscle cramps, according to Puglisi.

"All of us have experienced heat cramps," Puglisi said. "While you are running, you get a cramp."

Heat exhaustion is a more dangerous injury than heat cramps, according to Puglisi. A person with heat exhaustion will be sweating profusely, have a headache, dizziness and be lethargic, according to Puglisi.

To treat heat exhaustion, have the person lie down in the shade and drink water slowly. If the person drinks too fast, it can cause nausea and vomiting.

A heat stroke is the next level of injury, according to Puglisi. Heat exhaustion can turn in to a heat stroke very quickly. A person who has suf-



Lance Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen

Zandra Castillo works out in the gym to get away from the summer heat here June 15. In hot weather, especially with high humidity, you can lose a great deal of body fluid through exercise. This can lead to a variety of heat-related illnesses.

fered a heat stroke will have hot, dry skin and will be unconscious or semiconscious.

"A heat stroke is a medical emergency," Puglisi said. "If you're out exercising and you notice a devil dog not looking right, there is probably something wrong."

If someone suffers a heat stroke, a person must dial 911 immediately. A victim can die within minutes if not properly treated, according to Puglisi. If someone is unsure whether a person is experiencing heat exhaustion or a heat stroke, they should call 911 to be safe.

The way to combat these injuries is by hydrating properly, according to Puglisi. It is recommended to have eight glasses of water a day, but a person should drink more if they know they are going to be active.

A person can also pre-hydrate if they know they are going out to exercise, accord-

ing to Puglisi. If someone knows they are going to be active, they can drink water a couple hours before hand to make sure they have enough fluid.

Staying hydrated doesn't mean drinking coffee, soda or tea, according to Puglisi.

"Those don't count," Puglisi said. "A person needs to drink water to stay hydrated."

"A gauge you can use to tell if you are hydrated is your urine," Puglisi said. "It should be very light, not dark and not bright yellow."

People taking supplements should be very careful to stay hydrated because some supplements can cause you to sweat more and lose fluid faster, according to Puglisi.

Marines, sailors and civilians can have an enjoyable and safe summer this year if they make sure to stay hydrated and make sure to look after each other. This way they can keep the heat off.

The Semper Fit Mobile offers unique training

CPL. ANGELA GETTMAN
MCAS Marketing

The Semper Fit Mobile is a unique and popular fitness training resource. The Semper Fit Mobile Unit has become very popular since beginning in the fall of 2004. It is the only health fitness vehicle aboard any Marine or military installation.



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Amy Mallette, Mobile Unit and Group Exercise Coordinator, instructs a group physical training session for 2d Combat Engineer Battalion. The Semper Fit Mobile Unit delivers health and fitness and is the only one of its kind aboard any military installation.

ity of the Mobile Unit allows the team to travel to virtually any location, any time, under any weather conditions to serve almost any number of individuals. The largest group exercise was 1,200 Marines at the Second Assault Amphibian Battalion. The earliest group training was a 4 a.m. session with the Military Police Company and the coldest morning session was 10-degree weather with the Engineer Training Academy.

The reason the Semper Fit Mobile Unit has been such a success is because of its popularity with the individuals they help. The Semper Fit Division has listened to their customers, the service members aboard base, and tailored training to best suit their needs. Amy Mallette, Mobile Unit and Group Exercise Coordinator

said, "We are here to serve our customers. It's about personality and customer service whenever the Marines need us—even on the weekends."

The Semper Fit Mobile Unit also does awareness training during the lunch hour at various locations like the Main Exchange, recreation centers, fitness centers, chowhalls and barracks. The Mobile Unit is often set-up at various events like Sand Jam, softball tournaments and Welcome Aboard Briefs for a variety of training. Another draw is the Semper Fit Fitness Challenges in which service members compete in fitness challenges to win prizes.

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Apprenticeship program certifies Marines, sailors

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Having a resume that can make employers off their feet is an ambition for most Marines leaving active-duty jobs. After putting the time and effort into a job for at least four years, former Marines find it hard to believe that they have enough experience to land a good position in the civilian workforce.

Unfortunately, in a world where certifications and qualifications are required to document the number of hours each day they work in the specific trade they are apprenticing. One of the benefits of being certified is that employers are able to recognize one as being a registered apprentice, states the Web site.

Being able to put the certificate towards attaining a college degree is also a benefit, said Diuguid. According to the Web site, earning a certificate is done by performing the duties which apply to the specific job and accumulating the hours needed. Military personnel are also allowed to submit pre-registration credit, which credits the individual for the work they have done so far in their military specialty, and for attending any special training related to their job.

active duty, having enough time to complete the program while on active duty and having a high school diploma or general education degree.

Sergeant Nancy Diuguid, service record book chief, MCLB personnel division, received her certificate from the Department of Labor in business and administration management June 6.

The apprenticeship program initially sounded like a good deal, because of the simplicity of reaching the final goal, said Diuguid. To earn a certificate, an apprentice is required to document the number of hours each day they work in the specific trade they are apprenticing. One of the benefits of being certified is that employers are able to recognize one as being a registered apprentice, states the Web site.

Diuguid recommends this program to anyone who has not applied for it yet but is eligible to earn a certificate, she said.

"Why not do it? All you have to do is log in the hours," Diuguid said.

MarineNet offers courses that count for promotion

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MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. — With the Marines Corps' high rotation rate in fighting the Global War on Terrorism, it may seem hard to find the time or place to improve your cutting score. But MarineNet along with the Training and Education Command, has stepped in, to lend a hand in helping Marines get promoted.

MarineNet is now offering 58 online courses in which Marines can receive self-education bonus points for promotion. "Junior Marines have been able to receive self-education bonus points toward their cutting score by taking online MarineNet Marine Corps Institute courses for a few years," said Maj. Terry Branstetter, Training and Education Command, College of Continuing Education, courseware program officer. "However, this only applied to the 12 online MCI courses that MarineNet offers. This week, 58 additional MarineNet online courses will be eligible for self-education bonus points just like MCI courses."

Currently there are about 115 paper and CD based MCI courses junior Marines can complete to improve their cutting scores. "The 58 new online MarineNet courses will be added to the 12 existing online MCI courses that receive the same promotion credits," explained Branstetter. "This first group of 58 courses supports Personal Administration, Infantry, Logistics, Communications, Artillery, Engineers, Food Services, Financial Management, Motor Transport, Meteorology and Oceanography, Aviation C2, Command and Control, Instructional Management, Marksmanship, Unit Training Management and Warfighting."

"MarineNet is able to expand this opportunity thanks to the Training and Education Command Information Management System," he said. "Every night, MarineNet passes qualifying records to TIMS. TIMS then passes the MarineNet records to Marine Corps Total Force System. Once these records get into MCTFS (less than a week), Marines can see the MarineNet record using Marine Online. When the course completions are posted to the Marine's MOL Education page, they qualify for promotion points."

According to Branstetter, these new courses will work the same as the current

process with MCI. It just expands the training opportunities.

MarineNet has only two enrollment limitations. "Enrollments expire after two years; and since MarineNet provide's access to all your MCI courses, MCI enrollment rules [a limit of three active training course enrollments] still apply for MCI courses that are listed in MarineNet," he explained.

"In the past six months, we've seen MarineNet enrollments more than double," said Branstetter. "Part of the reason for this significant increase is the release of 50 new courses during the past six months and the availability of nine online courses that satisfy annual and other required training. I expect to see an even more dramatic increase in enrollments based on these new courses."

"There are three reasons," Branstetter added. "First, it increases the number of courses that support promotion points by more than 40 percent. Second, it expands the range of training courses to include military occupational specialties and functional areas that do not have MCI courses. Last, since MarineNet has no enrollment limits and courses can be completed entirely online, I think many Marines will take advantage of technology to improve their training."

Training and Education Command and Manpower Information designed the technical process.

The two selected the 58 courses from the list of more than 650 online MarineNet courses. "There were three criteria that the courses had to meet," he explained. "First, the course must be on an MOS roadmap or validated by an official TECOM activity. Second, the course must have some assessment of student performance, usually a test, to show that the student understands the course materials. Lastly, the course must be worth at least one Reserve retirement credit."

Base on this criteria, MarineNet will release several dozen additional online courses that support promotion points in the coming months.

According to Branstetter, MarineNet offers more than 800 courses and finding one of the courses that support self-education bonus points can be confusing.

"To find one of the courses that support the bonus points, the MarineNet catalog

indicates whether the course you're viewing is an MCI course. All MCI courses support this policy. As for the new courses, a listing will be posted on the MarineNet home page visible [at] logon. Eventually, the MarineNet catalog will also indicate the MCTFS track able courses."

Marines should note that this change will not grandfather existing completions. In other words, if a Marine previously completed one of the 58 courses, it will not automatically post to MCTFS.

"This initiative goes hand-in-glove with the Corps' MOS road mapping effort," he said. "I think that MOS road mapping and distance learning provide the tools to empower small unit leaders to take charge of their Marines' training. We all know that our noncommissioned officers and lieutenants are the first-line trainers, now they'll have more tools to do the job."

The Marine Corps Distance Learning Vision states, "We will deliver world-class training and education via Marine Corps Learning Network enabling Marines to learn via the appropriate media, when and where learning is most needed. The learning experience will be part of a Marine's career long learning continuum that supports the operational readiness of the Total Force and prepares Marines to meet the challenges of tomorrow." "MarineNet evolved from this vision," Branstetter explained. "As for the expansion of promotion points ... it was always part of the plan. The Corps has a policy that [promotes] self-study or distance learning. For decades, MCI provide the only means to manage the Corps' self-study program. Thanks to TIMS, MarineNet's online courses can support the same policy."

"I recommend that the Marine re-enroll, review the course, and take the examination when ready," he said. "This new enrollment and completion will post to MCTFS."

"I think this new ability removes a barrier to training and empowers Marines who are committed to leading their subordinates," he added.

To enroll in one of these courses, logon to MarineNet. Review the link on the MarineNet home page that lists the 58 courses. Select a course of interest (remember the code is easiest). Select the Course Catalog. On the right, select the New Search



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Money Matters

Payday lenders: nothing but a costly quick fix

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American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department is launching a new effort to educate service members about the dangers of borrowing from "loan-shark" companies and to teach them how to avoid getting into a spiral of compounding debt, a financial aid June 17.

The most prevalent type of "loan-shark" lending among military personnel is known as "payday loans," said John M. Molino, deputy undersecretary for military community and family affairs. "A payday loan is essentially a plug — that takes you from today to the next payday and covers your bills." The problem is that it is very expensive, he said.

For example, a payday loan of \$100 will cost about \$17 for two weeks. The average loan is about \$500, so now we're talk-

ing about a fee of \$85.

"By itself, that's not a big problem," Molino said. "However, when you consider that it is not uncommon for that military member to roll the loan over four or five times, that \$85 will grow exponentially to the point, where you are paying an enormous amount of money for the relatively meager amount of the loan."

"It got you through payday, but if you weren't able to pay it off, now it's two more weeks, and two more weeks, and you're paying nearly 500 percent interest annually. That's a lot of money to pay," he said.

Considering that about nine percent of all enlisted personnel and 12 percent of all mid-level non-commissioned officers use payday loans, the potential for detrimental impact on mission accomplishment is very real, Molino said.

"If you're in debt, you have other things in mind. You're doing things other than concentrating on the mission; maybe you're taking on other

employment. The effects are long-lasting and go deep into a person's performance; it affects unit readiness," Molino said.

Part of the problem is the proximity of payday lenders to military installations. "If you look at where they position their businesses, they are right outside the gate," Molino said. A recent study of 15,000 payday lenders in more than 13,000 zip codes in 20 states that host military installations revealed that payday lenders open their storefronts around military installations.

Molino said the department is taking steps, such as hosting fairs at military installations to educate military members about the dangers of payday loans and familiarize them with ways to put themselves and their families on a sound financial footing.

"We can make soldiers smarter," he said. "We can make them better consumers; we can teach them how to save for a rainy day, so when they need to borrow they can — and pay themselves

back, at no interest. We are also doing something about payday lenders."

Molino said his office is watching them closely, looking at behaviors and patterns that are inconsistent with state law and encouraging states to pass laws that are not only friendly to service members, but also require honesty and discipline on the part of payday lenders.

Molino cited Georgia, Florida and Oklahoma as examples of states that have taken positive action against payday lenders. Last year Georgia passed legislation that eliminated payday lending from the state, he said, while Florida and Oklahoma now require a 24-hour waiting period between payday loans, thus eliminating rollovers and multiple loans.

"We believe we need to work hard to limit the impact of payday lenders, but the real answer is to help our service members and their families get control of their own finances to be in charge of their future," Molino said.

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It might be the mother lode but an invention without the money to develop it is always thinking of ways to get the ideas into reality.

Marine Corps Investment

provides the money for promising ideas. Dr. Eric Oles, director of the enterprise office at Marine Corps, said "Of course, every idea will benefit the service and it can be quickly funded."

MCPIA funded more than 100 new projects — worth a total of \$128 million. MCPIA has approved and transferred

\$285K this fiscal year and has approved another \$1.2 million that is pending transfer to the requesting component. There is approximately \$3 million that has been requested through MCPIA that is still being evaluated, said West. All said, the estimated savings over the next five years for the current proposals is in excess of \$60 million.

"The bottom line is that we can get money for new promising programs quickly and we can help organizations work through the process of getting MCPIA funding," said West. "Our goal is to provide venture capital to back good ideas that will serve the Corps well."

And the help offered by MCPIA officials was more than welcome at Camp Lejeune when Range Control officials had the idea for a web based module, that would allow Marine units to use the internet to rapidly schedule training on available ranges and more easily identify which ranges will best suit their training needs.

"We put together the Smart Range concept over about 13 months of weekly meetings, using an integrated team of subject matter experts in [technology], range control and the training community," said Lt. Col. Gary Oles, director of the Range Control Division. "We knew it would work and we knew it

would be a great improvement. But it wasn't a cheap concept, so we needed help."

Getting the command to back the project wasn't a problem, according to Oles. The most challenging aspect in moving forward with the "Smart Range" concept was getting additional funding for an untested idea. MCPIA funds were the ultimate answer.

"I had never heard of MCPIA," said Oles, who initially eyed the prospect of outside funding with a dose of skepticism. "I frankly expected the process to be difficult with limited chances for success — fortunately, I was totally wrong."

The process proved to be relatively easy, especially with the help and enthusiastic backing from MCPIA personnel. And because of the relative ease of the MCPIA process, there was never a loss of momentum during the development of the Smart Range project, said Oles.

MCPIA personnel offer help in several key areas that will increase the chances of receiving funding for a proposal, according to West.

"First, we make sure that the proposal is framed in a way that will make sense to reviewing officials," said West. "Second, we make sure there is a clearly

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Transition assistance in the Veterans Affairs military services program

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The Department of Veterans Affairs has a long history of special efforts to bring information on VA benefits and services to active-duty military personnel.

These efforts include counseling about VA benefits through the Transition Assistance Program, a nationally coordinated federal effort to assist military men and women to ease the transition to civilian life through employment and job training assistance. A second component of the program, the Disabled Transition Assistance Program, helps separating service members with disabilities.

VA also has launched special efforts to provide a seamless transition for those returning from service in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. Internal coordination was improved and efforts currently focus on reducing red tape and streamlining access to all VA benefits. Each VA medical facility and benefits regional office has identified a point of contact to coordinate activities locally and help meet the needs of these returning combat service members and veterans. In addition, VA increased the staffing of benefits counselors at key military hospitals, where severely wounded service members from Iraq and Afghanistan are frequently sent. Further details about the initiatives for today's veterans of the Global War on Terrorism are described at www.va.gov, and general information for these newest veterans is available on www.vba.va.gov/EFIF.

Even before beginning the TAP pilot program, VA put a high priority on outreach to military members nearing separation from active duty. From its inception, VA has applied a broader definition to its military services outreach, called the VA Military Services Program. While TAP and DTAP are the centerpieces, the broader definition encompasses pre-separation and retirement briefings, outreach to Reserve and National Guard units, liaison and counseling services with various military post activities such as personal affairs, community affairs and education offices.

VA operates a longstanding Veterans Assistance at Discharge System, from which all veterans recently separated or retired from active duty, including Reserve and Guard members, receive a letter from the secretary of VA with information on benefits and services. Special mailings are also sent concerning VA education, home loan guaranty and insurance benefits.

VA also operates a Benefits Delivery at Discharge program that assists service members at participating military bases with development of VA disability compensation claims prior to their discharge. This fosters continuity of care between the military and VA systems and speeds up VA's processing of their applica-

tion for compensation. The pre-discharge physical is conducted under VA disability examination protocols, either by VA medical centers, contract medical examiners or military personnel.

TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BEGAN WITH 1989 PILOT

The Veterans Benefits Amendments of 1989 provided for a three-year pilot program of transition assistance conducted jointly by VA, the Department of Defense and the Department of Labor. The TAP program provides separating service members employment assistance, job training assistance and other transitional services, including counseling on VA benefits and services.

The DTAP program for disabled service members offers personalized vocational rehabilitation and employment assistance at major military medical centers — where such separations occur and at other military installations.

During fiscal year 2004, VA representatives conducted over 7,000 briefings, which were attended by more than 261,000 active-duty personnel and their families residing in the United States. Included were 1,400 briefings for more than 88,000 Reserve and National Guard members for whom VA provides pre- and post-deployment briefings. In fiscal year 2005 to date, VA has conducted nearly 4,000 transition briefings, attended by more than 157,000 participants in the U.S. Nine hundred seventy four of those briefings were for more than 68,000 Reserve and Guard members.

The Department of the Army has implemented its own version of transition services, the Army Career and Alumni Program. There are dozens of ACAP sites both in the United States and overseas. The Army also operates a Web site at www.armyds3.org featuring special services for today's combat veterans intended to help severely disabled soldiers and their families cut through red tape so they can more easily tap into services available to them through the military and VA. The Disabled Soldier Support System — DS3 for short — gives wounded soldiers an additional way to seek out help and information they may need until they can return to active duty or receive a medical retirement from the Army.

THREE-DAY SEMINARS COVER BENEFITS AND ENTITLEMENTS

VA's goal for TAP services is to ensure that

service members are aware of their VA benefits and to provide assistance as needed. For those leaving active duty due to medical problems, the outreach effort is intensified to ensure a full understanding of the VA compensation process and vocational rehabilitation and employment program.

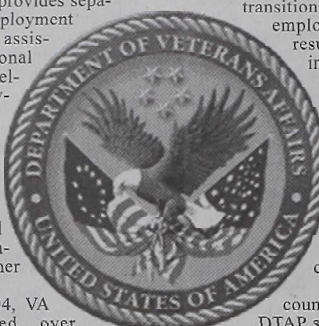
TAP participation is voluntary and consists of three-day seminars conducted by VA, DOD and DOL at military installations for personnel within one year of separation or two years of retirement. It provides a number of services to assist military personnel in making a smooth transition to civilian life, including employment assistance, such as resume writing, skills marketing, job referral and other transitional services.

In addition, VA military services coordinators are in place at each VA regional office. Some coordinators are placed near large military populations and some are based on military installations. Some of them work fulltime on military coordinating duties.

MSCs and other VA benefits counselors participate in TAP and DTAP seminars and conduct personal interviews. They also conduct benefit briefings at other military separation and retirement programs and are involved in outreach to members of Reserve and National Guard units. The MSCs and counselors work directly with offices on military installations that provide education, medical, family and personal counseling, and casualty assistance. Returning Reserve and National Guard members also can elect to attend a formal TAP workshop as well as DTAP.

WORLDWIDE SERVICES

Concerned that military personnel overseas have less access to information about veterans' benefits than their stateside counterparts, VA and DOD began in 1992 to provide briefings to personnel stationed in Europe, the Far East, Panama, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In the years that followed, VA transition activities in Europe were expanded, as were visits to the Far East. VA currently has counselors assigned in Germany, England, Italy, Korea, Japan, and Okinawa. Circuit-traveling service provides periodic briefings in Spain, Iceland, the Azores and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.



In addition to the transition briefings in the United States, in fiscal year 2004, VA conducted 625 overseas transition briefings for more than 15,180 service members. VA has conducted overseas transition briefings for 5,600 service members. VA and DOD conducted TAP briefings on board Constellation, USS Enterprise and Washington on their return to the U.S. from extended deployments. VA continues to support additional requests from the Department of the Navy for TAP aboard ships.

BENEFITS DELIVERY AT DISCHARGE

This joint VA-DOD initiative allows service members file for and receive connected disability compensation much sooner than in the past. VA adjudicates these claims within 60 days of discharge by examining service members under VA protocols as part of the process. By comparison, VA's normal processing time is about 170 days, requiring a disability rating.

In the Benefits Delivery at Discharge program, the medical information in the VA file carries over from DOD. In addition, if a service member is to be disabled, additional applicant rehabilitation and employment services are initiated in a timely manner. The BDD process is utilized by service members applying for benefits within 180 days of discharge.

Currently, 140 military installations participate in this program in Germany and in Korea. In 2003, VA processed just under 100,000 claims and in fiscal year 2004, 39,000 claims under the program.

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"I got a lot of positive feedback concerning MarineNet from Marines around the world," explained Branstetter. "This will only strengthen support of current users and draw more Marines to this training technology."

"I have taken four MarineNet courses and they are great," said Lance Cpl. Colin Nichols, administration clerk, Officer Candidates School. "It's more convenient and

unlike MCI's you don't have to wait for the materials to be mailed to you. Now that you can get promotion points for some of the classes, MarineNet has become an even better asset for Marines to use."

MarineNet is the Marine Corps' online learning network that provides Marines with access to both military and civilian education programs. MarineNet offers more than 800 courses from "Trafficking in Person" to "Recognition of Combat Vehicles," and custom Marine Corps training courses and business and information technology courses 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week. MarineNet allows students to take tests online and receive credit. Some classes are transferable for college credit, depending on individual college requirements.

For more information or questions, call the MarineNet help desk at 888-4DL-USMC (435-8762) or submit a request at www.marinenet.usmc.mil.



Sergeant Tera C. Landreth, 2d Radio Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force is greeted by her mother, June J. Landreth, after arriving home from Iraq June 17. The battalion arrived home after serving 10 months in Iraq.

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after 10 months operating in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom - a period of time the warriors' families were happy to see come to an end. "There are no words for it. We're very excited," said Linda Riley, grandmother of Paducah, Ky., native Lance Cpl. Steven C. Irvan. "We haven't seen him for 11 months."

Though deployments to a combat zone are challenging for families, John and Beatrice Harrold see the upside for their son, Cpl. Michael J. Harrold, analyst, 2d Radio Battalion. "He went away a young

man, but has come back with a self-confidence that can't be bought or taught. You can't get it over the counter or in the classroom. You earn it by going somewhere where things are difficult and overcoming adversity, and performing those things when the stakes are very real," said Mr. Harrold.

Homecoming was a joy not just for the families, but the Marines as well.

"It feels darn good to be back," said Cpl. Harrold, a 2002 Redwood Christian High School graduate and one of three brothers in the Marines. "It's definitely not Iraq."

"I'm overwhelmed to the

point of tears. The little one has changed so much since I've been gone," said Cpl. Bethany as he held his young daughter. "The deployment is not the hardest thing, being over there is not the hardest thing. Being away from family is the hardest thing."

Having loved ones at home thinking of and supporting the Marines forward-deployed was vital in keeping morale up and maintaining focus on the task at hand, said Bethany.

"Knowing that they're back home supporting me when I'm there, doing what I need to do to achieve the battalion's mission, helped me do a better job," he said.

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By comparison, the time it takes to process a disability claim through the Department of Veterans Affairs is about 18 months, according to Jack Erdman, a manager with Base Safety Department.

CSRTs on a big show, said Nichols. "It's a process that allows members living in Germany and in Korea to use of consumer products, fountains, and fireworks items that do not explode or are

not intended to spin or to leave the ground and fly through the air, according to North Carolina General Statutes 14-410 through 14-415.

Fireworks prohibited by state laws include items such as firecrackers, ground spinners, roman candles, rockets (including bottle rockets), mortars and any other explosive or aerial fireworks.

Also, North Carolina law requires the purchaser of any consumer fireworks to be at least 16 years old.

While observance of defined rules and regulations is a must, the most important thing individuals can do to create a safe environment while handling and using fireworks, is following these basic safety tips established by the National Council on Fireworks Safety: Always read

and follow label directions; have an adult present at all times; use outdoors only; always have water handy; light only one firework at a time; never re-light a "dud" firework, [wait 15 to 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water]; never give fireworks to small children; dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water and then disposing of them in your trashcan; never throw or point fireworks at other people.

"Improper use is very dangerous and could result in death and serious injury," said Nichols. "The keys to having a safe and enjoyable holiday is to keep small children away from the fireworks, always have close supervision from a responsible adult and use basic common sense."

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finished water tanks for explosives and perchlorate again in Oct. 2004. Samples from WH646 were analyzed by two independent laboratories for additional assurance. The results from this sampling event confirmed that no explosive residue or perchlorate was present in any

of the water wells, raw water tanks, and finished water tanks at Camp Lejeune. Monthly treated water sampling did not detect nitroaromatics, nitramines, nitrate esters, or perchlorate in any sample in 2004.

Camp Lejeune will begin delivering water quality reports to all housing residents during the next couple of weeks. The water quality report will be posted

on official bulletin boards in all buildings throughout the Base. Copies of the 2004 water quality report are also available at the Camp Lejeune Public Affairs Office in Building 67.

For additional information, call 451-9385 or 451-5655. The water quality report will be posted on the EMD Web site www.lejeune.usmc.mil/emd

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standard benefit, either in dollars or in tangible aspects. Personnel continue to assist with the funding process by identifying matter experts who know the context, recommending a structure that meets financial and availability, and scheduling opportunity to have the requestor

of the Corps Business Office and the Transformation Steering Group, final approval.

If approved, personnel work with authority to transfer of the process was that has taught an important lesson.

"Don't get discouraged by the naysayers; fully develop the idea, get support for it from the chain of command and then let MCPA assess it," said Oles. "If it meets their criteria, they are enthusiastic about helping you get funding to put your idea into action."

For more information on MCPA, go to <http://rhome.hqmc.usmc.mil/busplan1.nsf/main?openframeset> and click on "MC Productivity Investment Account."

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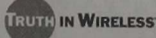
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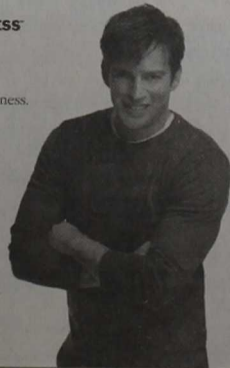


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A day's catch lurks in the briny foam



Kathy Tosoni and Simba Glass display Kathy's catch, pulled from the waves of the Atlantic Ocean June 23. Brian Berger

BRIAN BERGER
Lejeune Sports Editor

Under a glimmering sun one morning last week, I set out with South African fishing aficionado Simba Glass, several area retirees and a couple on vacation from Indiana to discover what sort of aquatic

life maneuvers amidst the shoreline of the area's beaches.

What we found is already common knowledge to the area's many "surf casting" regulars, who can be found on area beaches and piers seven days a week, and plentiful enough to excite any sport fisherman. However, depending on the weather, surf fishing can be quite fruitful. The best sections along beaches are places with pockets of deep water right along the shoreline. If a wave breaks, rolls and disappears before reaching shore, more often than not there is a pocket of deeper water in that vicinity.

Many species feed close to shore while others are forced close to the shore by bigger predators. Glass recommends a seven to eight-foot rod of medium to medium-heavy weight, although a larger rod of the 13-foot variety is more conducive to longer casts. A 15-lb. test monofilament line is a safe bet, according to Glass, along with #5 or #7 snap swivels and #1, #2 or #4 high-carbon steel hooks.

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stick to uncrowded beaches at first to avoid hooking swimmers, sunbathers or other fishermen.

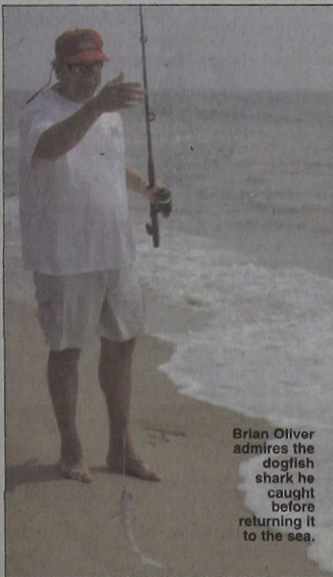
In some surf fishing situations, the key to success is casting distance. Sometimes a cast of 50 to 150 yards will yield the most success, and experienced surf fishermen are capable of casting 250 yards or more. However, depending on the beach, fishing the first wave or a close-in sandbar can be quite fruitful. The best sections along beaches are places with pockets of deep water right along the shoreline. If a wave breaks, rolls and disappears before reaching shore, more often than not there is a pocket of deeper water in that vicinity.

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Brian Oliver admires the dogfish shark he caught before returning it to the sea. Brian Berger

Adults and seniors compete | Veteran's Cup



More than 2,000 athletes from around the world competed in soccer's Veteran's Cup last week in Wilmington. Players approaching their ninth decade, and from as far as Japan, competed in the over-30 tournament. Brian Berger

King of the back yard barbeque

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Every Fourth of July, Americans celebrate the birth of our great nation with fireworks, parades, hotdogs, good friends, neighbors and all-important lawn sport tournaments. Friends and neighbors, beverage in hand, battle one another for the simple glory that comes with victory. For on this truly American day, unlike many other holidays like Christmas and Thanksgiving, it is the amateur, not professional athlete, who garners the spotlight.

As we celebrate the 56 men who signed their names to "treason," and the ordinary men and women who sacrificed in the field during the eight tumultuous years that followed, July 4th has become a day to celebrate and enjoy the blessings of America.

From California to New York, in Central Park, and Boston Harbor, one stoplight town in Iowa and thriving metropolises in Texas, Americans will celebrate this land and the competitive spirit that makes us strong by participating in baseball games, three-legged races and watermelon-eating contests. And that, my fellow Americans, is exactly how America's first patriots would have wanted it.

"I believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival," John Adams, one of the Declaration of Independence's signatories, who also served as the nation's second president, prophesied in a letter to his wife Abigail. "It ought to be celebrated by pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other..."

Some may look at this weekend's backyard and community sporting extravaganzas as silly tomfoolery, but in every game of bocce, every round of horseshoes and every contest where an American struggles to consume forty hot dogs in a sitting, the American character is strong.

**HORSESHOE PITCHING
AND BOCCIE**

Distinct games, yet similar in that you can totally sandbag, or "attack" your opponent's position while advancing your own, in an effort to get closest to an object.

It was said by England's Duke of Wellington that "the [Revolutionary] War was won by pitchers of horse hardware." Soldiers in the American Revolutionary War pitched horseshoes for recreation on the Boston Common. Though the game dates back to the ancient Greeks and was known to be played by Roman soldiers, the popularity of horseshoe pitching exploded when Union troops returned home following the Civil War and transformed the "camp game" to a "backyard game."

Bocce is believed to have originated with the ancient Egyptians and became a favorite sport of statesman and rulers in Roman times. From the early Greeks to the Italian Renaissance, the early participants of bocce

have noted that the game's athleticism and spirit of competition rejuvenates the body. It has been said that George Washington was a fan and participant, and constructed a court at his Mount Vernon home.

In playing these games, we are not engaging in senseless tomfoolery, rather we are preserving an important part of American history.

LAWN DARTS

December 19, 1888, the U.S. government outlawed the sale of lawn darts and declared that anyone in possession of them should destroy them immediately. Despite the game's lack of favor in today's "safety first" atmosphere, there's something strangely appealing about throwing a heavy, sharp object high into the air and waiting in anticipation as it descends back toward earth and the people below.

There is, certainly, a part of our shared culture that gravitates toward stupid, senseless danger. It's what drives people to engage Niagara Falls in wooden barrels or jump over twenty automobiles on a motorcycle. It made Evel Knievel an American icon. "I'd have a shot of Wild Turkey whisky before each jump to calm myself," Knievel said.

Unfortunately, too many people these days watch MTV and movies about motorcycle and streetcar racing, and attempt to duplicate what they see. Often, alcohol is involved and plays a crucial role in poor decision-making. Evel Knievel was an original, and those professional daredevils who have followed him attempt their stunts under carefully controlled conditions with numerous safety precautions in place. Trying to duplicate them in a backyard or public street is just plum crazy. So, please, for the safety of those around you, put down the lawn darts and leave the death-defying stunts to the professionals!

BADMINTON

A nice, safe lawn sport that hasn't been banned by the U.S. government. Safe enough for grandma and junior too. Once known as "battledore" and "shuttlecock," this backyard sport dates back to ancient Greece, China and India. However, once it became popular in England, it borrowed its current name from Badminton House, the Duke of Beaufort's residence in Gloucestershire, England. That is where a new version of this ancient game emerged during the 1850s.

HOT DOG EATING

Takeru "The Tsunami" Kobayashi set a record last Fourth of July by consuming 53 and a half hot dogs and buns in a mere 12 minutes, beating his own record of 50 set in 2002. Kobayashi's closest competitor was Nobuyuki Shirota, from Tokyo, who chewed down 38 dogs. Since 1996, only one American, New Jersey's Steve Keiner in 1999, has captured the coveted Nathan's Famous Mustard Yellow Belt. Eric "Badlands" Booker, a 6-foot-4, 400-pound subway conductor from Long Island, managed a mere 27 dogs last year, as one of several "big boned" Americans to come up short.

America's best hope in 2005 may be the diminutive

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Madrid might have inside track on 2012 Olympics

CIRIAN GILES
Associated Press

MADRID, Spain (AP) — King Juan Carlos is said to be using all his influence. Former International Olympic Committee chief Juan Antonio Samaranch is phoning friends for help. Queen Sofia will lead the Madrid delegation in Singapore on July 6. Memphis Grizzlies forward Pau Gasol will lead an array of Spanish sports stars endorsing the city's 2012 Olympic bid. The Spanish capital is doing everything it can in the final days of the five-city race, which also features Paris, London, New York and Moscow. In a June 6 evaluation report, the IOC praised the Madrid bid but was more complimentary of the bids for Paris and London.

"We have to keep our hopes up. We can't fall into feeling defeated just because of a vote or two," Madrid bid chief Feliciano Mayoral said. Still, Madrid officials believe they have a strong chance of winning the vote.

"A year ago they said we wouldn't make the cut and now we're in the top three," said Mayoral, though the IOC has not formally ranked the cities. "When the IOC members enter and study the candidacies they will see that it has all the virtues and fulfills all the requisites to guarantee the success of the games. And that is what they are most concerned about."

Madrid knows it lacks the enchanting lure of Paris and the confident stature of London, but claims it has some trump cards that could swing the vote.

For one, Madrid is the only major European capital that has never held the Olympics [London and Paris have both staged them twice]. Madrid lost to Munich in a bid for the 1972 Olympics, but that was when the country was run by late dictator Gen. Francisco Franco. Spain and its capital have come a long way since then.

Bid officials believe the vote will go to a third round featuring Paris, London and Madrid, and Spain's newfound moderate stance in international politics could be decisive in the final round.

Others say the IOC may be reluctant to give the games to Spain so soon after the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona. But officials in Spain note that Atlanta (1996) staged the games just 12 years after Los Angeles, and there would be a 20-year gap between Barcelona and Madrid.

Also, the bid raises security concerns: Nearly

200 people were killed last year in bombings of four commuter trains blamed on terrorists linked to al-Qaida, and Spain is still facing threats from the armed Basque group ETA.

Meanwhile, King Juan Carlos is held in high esteem worldwide, and Samaranch, who served as IOC president for 21 years until 2001, is friends with many members on the committee, some of whom he appointed.

Joining Queen Sofia in Singapore will be Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero. Also on hand will be Real Madrid soccer star Raul Gonzalez, five-time Tour de France champion Miguel Indurain, former tennis star Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and Gasol.

Politics and lobbying apart, Madrid maintains its strongest point is the closeness of the venues to the athletes' village and the low cost of its project.

Given the IOC's wish to reduce costs, Madrid's bid could seem desirable with an Olympic operating budget of US\$2.1 billion and separate infrastructure budget of US\$1.6 billion.

Twenty-two of the 35 planned venues already have been built, while two are being refurbished, five are under construction and six are awaiting a final go-ahead.

"We have 83 percent of the venues already built or in the pipeline and seven years to do the rest, no other city comes near that," Mayor Alberto Ruiz Gallardon said.

Madrid has hosted nearly 90 sports events in the past four years, including the European swimming championships and European indoor athletic championships. The city is also home to one of the world's most famous soccer clubs, Real Madrid, whose Santiago Bernabeu stadium downtown would be a 2012 venue.

In terms of popular and political support, the evaluation committee report recognized that Madrid's bid was backed by all Spanish parties and regions and by more than 80 percent of Spaniards.

Central to Madrid's bid is the plan for the main Olympic stadium and other venues to be a short walking distance from the athletes' village and about 10 minutes away from both the airport and downtown.

Madrid also boasts that spectators would be able to travel to 25 venues by public transportation. The city's cheap and modern underground metro would serve more than 80 percent of the sites.



College Baseball

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A year after watching another team celebrate at the mound, Augie Garrido's Texas Longhorns punctuated their sixth College World Series title with a pileup of their own.

"It's mandatory for us to be here and it is a relief," the Texas coach said. "If we fall short of being here, we've fallen short of our first level of expectations."

Blending power pitching from closer J. Brent Cox and starter Kyle McCulloch with an unlikely spark from No. 8 hitter David Maroul, Texas beat Florida 6-2 on Sunday to win the national championship.

Texas (56-16) won five elimination games just to qualify for a berth at Omaha and then swept five straight, including two from the Gators in the best-of-three championship round.

"We got hot at the right time. It was hard to stop us. It all came together at the end for us," said Cox, who got the final five outs Sunday, including a title-clinching strikeout to end the game. "It definitely wasn't easy. It was tough."

Maroul homered and drove in four runs for the Longhorns, who last won in 2002 and fell short last season when they lost to Cal State Fullerton in the championship series.

"It's a lot better than last year's outcome, of course. A great way to end a season," Maroul said after being named the series' outstanding player. "To come out and help your team out as much as you can feels good. I just didn't think as much. I relaxed more."

Texas is used to winning on college baseball's biggest stage, with more CWS appearances (32) and victories (78) than any other school. The Longhorns' six titles are second only to Southern California's 12.

"You can't be a national champion without the right things happening," Garrido said. "That's the spirituality of it all. You have to trust it will happen."

Maroul, who was 3-for-4, hit his second homer in as many games and finished the CWS 8-for-16 with a series-best eight RBIs. His final-game performance raised his season average to .251, lowest among Longhorns' starters.

"This is a guy that struggled all season and now is the MVP of the College World Series on a national championship team," Garrido said. "Here is a defining moment for him. It's wonderful."

It was the fifth CWS title for Garrido, who has won two with Texas and three at Cal State Fullerton. "We thought throughout the season we had a national championship-type team," Garrido said.

"We all knew coming in this team was one with experience. But it's one thing to have experience and another thing to be able to use it."

Florida (48-23) was making its fifth overall appearance at the College World Series and first trip in the championship round.

The Gators couldn't get their offense going until they were behind 6-0 Sunday. They lost Saturday night's opener 4-2 when a late rally fizzled.

Florida coach Pat McMahon acknowledged that Texas' experience, four straight Omaha appearances, was a plus.

"When your players have been here, it is a help, an asset, because you know the expectations," McMahon said. "I do think it was a factor, but we were ready to play."

But the Gators batted just .212 during their six games at Rosenblatt Stadium.

"I was disgusted with myself for not showing up these last two games," said Gators star center fielder Jeff Corsoletti, who was 0-for-8 in the championship round.

"I thought we were a better club than we showed and we got away from our usual approach," he said. "We didn't take advantage of the very few chances we did have."

McCulloch (12-4), a 6-foot-3 sophomore right-hander, struck out eight Sunday, walked one and gave up five hits in 6 2-3 innings, including a two-run homer to Brian Leclerc in the seventh.

"Once we got ahead and put up an early lead, the hitters tend to press and then I tried to extend the strike zone," McCulloch said.

Chance Wheelless, who hit a game-winning homer against Baylor earlier in the CWS, had a solo shot in the bottom of the sixth to put the Longhorns ahead 3-0 and drive out Florida starter Bryan Ball.

Taylor Teagarden doubled off reliever Connor Falkenbach and, following a walk, Maroul hit a three-run homer to left-center to put the Longhorns ahead 6-0.

--Rick Gano, Associated Press

National Basketball Assn.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Fans Antonio Spurs filled the banks of the Alamo River by the thousands to give a raucous thank you to the team for bringing home a third NBA title.

Players, coaches and their families barged along the Alamo city's famed riverfront, waving and hoisting the trophy before an estimated 350,000 people.

"Thank you, thank you, thank you," said Spurs coach Gregg Popovich. "I don't know how great you are," Star Manu Ginobili told admiring fans.

The Spurs wrapped up their triumph in seven seasons with an 80-16 record against the Detroit Pistons in Game 5 of the NBA Finals on Thursday night. The team play, poise and professionalism became the franchise's signature traits.

"They're not ball hogs, they're professionals. Even after they win, they strive to be the best," said Vanessa Martinez, 22, of San Antonio.

Hundreds of fans stood in the line for up to two hours to get into the parade at the Mall Laguna, where the parade would turn around. Even before the parade began, the crowd was yelling "Go Spurs Go!"

"You gave us the home-court advantage," said Finals MVP Tony Parker, exchanging his normal stoicism for a wide smile. "You took us all the way."

The crowd erupted once Spurs MVP Tony Parker rode through the city on his girlfriend, "Desperate Housewife" Texas native Eva Longoria, and his title trophy over his head.

"It's amazing to see how much love they bring to people," said Parker, who was in France for another parade in his hometown. Brent Barry stepped off from the parade with his wife and son, who were one of the team's three title trophies.

The moment eight months ago when the Spurs, believing it would be a long time to win his first NBA title.

"This day is for our fans," said Popovich. "This is why we played the way we played."

Other Spurs players signaled their appreciation to the crowd while fans waved their fingers to catch a glimpse of the players in the balconies and sidewalks.

The celebration continued in the Alamodome, where more than 100,000 fans were gathered.

--Abe Levy, Associated Press

Golf

CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE

— Her dream of a Grand Slam in the mile-high air, Annika Sorenstam around Cherry Hills long enough to make the final act of a U.S. Women's Open. Sorenstam being reduced to the runner-up.

So dominant in winning the tournament by a combined 11 shots, Sorenstam par for only two of the 72 holes in the 2002 Women's British Open.

It was a tough week, a week of on-and-off, something, I'm sure I will look back on and bring something good out of it.

What she likely will find in that might not get any easier. She is still miles ahead of the rest of the field, but competing in the LPGA Tour, but competing in the last two years in the LPGA Tour, but competing in the last two years in the LPGA Tour.

Teenagers were all the rage and four of them, Morgan Pressel, 19, Michelle Wie, 15, and 18, had a share of the lead at the end of the Women's Open.

Sorenstam gave Pressel a heart-breaking performance in the Open as she struck a spectacular bunker shot on the 72nd hole. She played great and to keep her mind there would be many more chances.

"If we can keep playing well, we can be tougher to win," Pressel said. "I know if you will see anybody, Annika. There's going to be a lot of people that are really, really good at this."

The Grand Slam is tough to win, proven by the fact Sorenstam is the only player to get halfway home since she reinvented golf's Holy Grail in 1999.

The biggest competition Sorenstam has at Cherry Hills was herself.

--Doug Ferguson, Associated Press

East Carolina adds powerhouse Virginia Tech to football schedule

STAFF REPORT
Associated Press

GREENVILLE, N.C. (AP) — New East Carolina coach Skip Holtz already had enough to worry about, trying to turn around a program that's gone 3-20 in the past two seasons.

His boss isn't making things any easier.

Starting in 2006, East Carolina will add powerhouse Virginia Tech to its annual schedule. Athletic director Terry Holland said Thursday he hopes playing against a team that's made of habit of post-season bowl appearances will yield a few for the Pirates.

"We feel like [Virginia Tech] is a team against which we can measure ourselves as we look toward becoming a BCS participant ourselves," Holland said.

But Holland, who started at East Carolina in October after a career as the former AD and men's basketball coach at Virginia, didn't stop with the Hokies. He also added four games against North Carolina, West Virginia, Navy, three against North Carolina State and two against Virginia to the Pirates' schedule over eight seasons, starting in 2006.

"It certainly presents our program with an incredible opportunity

and a great challenge," said Holtz, a former South Carolina assistant whose job with the Pirates is his first as a head coach in Division I-A. "It has been my opinion that the only way to reach a championship level is to play a championship or bowl-level schedule."

"Between our divisional play in Conference USA and games against six programs rich in tradition and stature, we certainly have our work cut out for us."

Holland said that ECU's Conference USA schedule already gives it national exposure, so he wanted to make the Pirates more visible in their own region of the country.

"Our focus was to play games that our fans wanted to see and that recruits would want to play in and would be significant to the media markets in the mid-Atlantic area," Holland said.

The centerpiece of the schedule upgrade is the series against Virginia Tech, which will include a game at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte in 2007. Tech will host four games, with the remaining three at East Carolina.

"There's going to be some growing pains as we go into this, but it's a challenge that I think this

program is willing to accept," Holtz said. "I think players want to play at the highest level. I think it will help build our team and our fan base, the entire Pirate Nation. They want to support the highest level of football."

The improved schedule should ratchet up interest among East Carolina fans, who still talk about 1999's upset of Miami.

"I would encourage everyone who cares about Pirate football to start thinking about getting your season tickets now, because this place [Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium] only holds 43,000," Holland said. "Our expectations are to sell this place out preseason."

If the Pirates improve on the field and start drawing fans back to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, Holland said, the next step is an expansion of the facility.

Holland said he plans to meet with some of the university's most generous athletic donors in the next year to discuss the possibility of a large investment in the building's future.

"I do believe stadium expansion is in our future," Holland said. "We've got a lot of work before that happens, but if we don't start planning for it, then we won't be ready to take advantage of it."

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Stewart wins another race

MIKE HARRIS
Associated Press

SONOMA, Calif. (AP) — Tony Stewart has set some pretty high standards for himself.

That's why the former series champion appeared as much relieved as pleased with his first victory in nearly a year. "For our whole Joe Gibbs Racing organization, this is a big win," Stewart said. "We're definitely not out of deep water yet, but we're going in the right direction."

Sounds like the words of a driver who has been struggling mightily to get his season going.

Instead, the victory in Sunday's Dodge/Save Mart 350 at Infineon Raceway was Stewart's eighth top 10 finish in 16 starts in 2005 and moved him from sixth to fourth in the standings, just 198 points behind new NASCAR Nextel Cup leader Greg Biffle.

But this victory didn't come easily.

With the fourth gear gone and third gear going in his No. 20 Chevrolet with 30 laps remaining, Stewart held his car in gear with one hand and steered with the other as he caught and passed Ricky Rudd for the lead and the win.

The former series champion took the lead when pole winner and race favorite Jeff Gordon faltered with his own transmission trouble. It was Stewart's first victory since last August at Watkins Glen International, the only other road circuit on the Cup schedule.

"I was just holding [the gearshift] with one hand in the end stages," Stewart said, grinning. "That was getting tough, especially when you're trying to pass Ricky Rudd."

Several cars, including those driven by veterans Rusty Wallace and Rudd, had pitted only a hand-

ful of laps before and stayed on the track when Stewart made his final stop under the seventh of eight cautions in the race. Stewart restarted 14th on lap 73 of the 110-lap event.

As Rudd, whose last Cup win came in June 2002, beating Stewart, caught and passed Wallace for the lead on lap 83, Stewart steadily moved toward the leaders. He took second place on lap 85, still trailing Rudd by 2.7 seconds, about half the main straightaway.

It was only a matter of time, though, as Stewart closed in. Rudd did his best to block Stewart, holding him off for a while, but the 2002 Cup champion finally got past Rudd's No. 21 Wood

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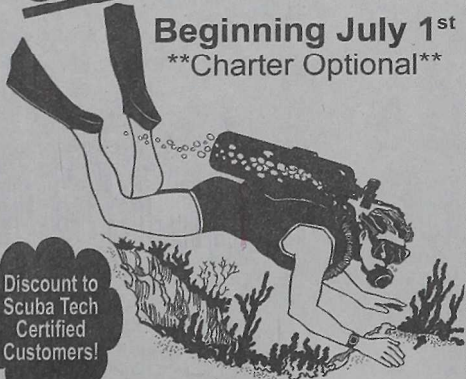
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just trying to hold him off the best I could and, obviously, we weren't able to do it. He kept coming and coming, inching up and inching up. It was just a matter of time. Then I started to make mistakes. We had nothing for Tony there at the end."

Transmission problems spoiled the day for three of the four Hendrick Motorsports entries Sunday, with Gordon, Jimmie Johnson, who started alongside Gordon in the front row, and Brian Vickers all slowed by linkage troubles.

Johnson wound up 36th and, combined with Biffle's 14th-place finish, his bad day cost him the series lead that he had held since the fourth race of the season at Atlanta. Biffle now leads by 22 points heading into next Saturday night's race at Daytona.

Gordon, NASCAR's career leader on road courses with eight victories, appeared on the way to his fifth win at Infineon, lead-

ing the first 32 laps before slowing suddenly and giving up the top spot to Stewart.

The four-time series champion hoped getting to a road course would end his recent problems that had seen him finish 30th or worse in four of the last five races, but the broken transmission relegated Gordon to 33rd place Sunday.

Stewart, who started seventh, had worked his way up to second and was pushing Gordon hard before the leader slowed. From that point to the end, Stewart was easily the fastest car on the track, leading three times for 39 laps.

His only real disappointment was not being able to race Gordon to the end.

"It was kind of a sick feeling in my stomach when I saw Jeff have his problems," Stewart said. "It was one of those situations that put an asterisk beside [the win] in my mind because I really wanted to race him for the win. That would have been fun."

DRIVE SOBER

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Thomas of Alexandria, Va., who consumed more hot dogs than any American in history with 32 in the 2004 contest.

But unseating Kobayashi would rank with Buster Douglas' victory over Mike Tyson as one of the greatest upsets in sports history.

FRISBEE

Hoping to cash in on the country's UFO hysteria of the 1950s, the inventor of the first plastic Frisbee marketed his new invention under the name "Pluto Platter." In 1955, Walter Fredrick Morrison sold the rights to his invention to Wham-O, the toy company already marketing the Super Ball and the Hula-Hoop. Perhaps no lawn toy is more prevalent than the Frisbee, and just one example of how one inventive American with an idea changed the world.

WHIFFLEBALL

David Mullany, another inventive American, got the inspiration for this backyard sport while watching his son play stickball with a broomstick handle and plastic golf ball in the backyard of their Fairfield, Conn., home. A former semi-pro pitcher, Mullany tested out several different hole patters before settling on the familiar eight-lobed-hole patterns. The first plastic Whiffle balls were produced and sold in 1953.

This weekend, a pile of dirt will be my field. A hollow plastic bat will be my weapon, and with a cold beverage in one hand I will unleash fury on the competition. I will lead my team to victory on the whiffleball diamond, defined by boundaries marked with discarded t-shirts and rocks. I will be the king of the backyard barbecue whiffleball tournament.

And to my fellow athletes who will take time away from the grill and potato salad to participate in competitive lawn sports: Good luck!

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smaller fish."

Shrimp is a good all-purpose cut bait, as is mullet, but comes off easy. Squid stays on the hook quite well. Blood worms work well for spot and croaker, and mole crabs are a good bait for members of the drum family.

Live baits include finger mullet, menhaden, moss bunker and fat backs, and should be hooked immediately behind the dorsal fin.

Because of wave action, it is usually necessary to use a heavy sinker up to four to six ounces or more to ensure that bait holds to the bottom.

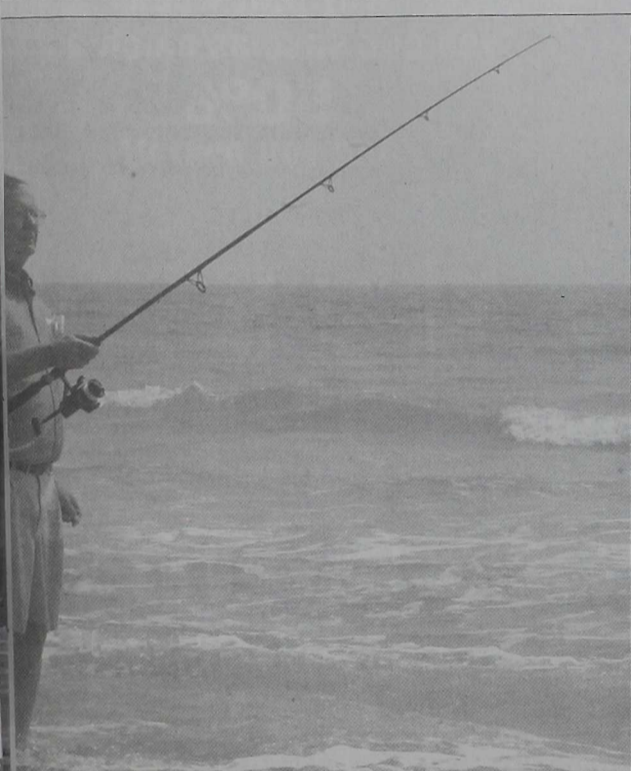
Last week, our expedition used three ounce pyramid sinkers. For bait, we relied on cut shrimp, squid and mullet.

I reeled in a one-foot baby dogfish shark using the cut shrimp at about 15 yards from the shoreline. Like many newcomers to surf casting, it was difficult to distinguish between the current of the water and a bite on the line. That dogfish might have been hooked for some time before I decided to reel-in to re-cast, only to discover the fish on the line.

While I was happy with my catch for the day, it was Jacques Tosoni, a Frenchman who now resides in Indiana, who had the most success. He found a hole close to the shore and was able to pull-in dogfish and whitefish with regularity using cut shrimp as bait. Jim Howard, a retiree and newcomer to the area, reeled in the only sting ray of the day, with the cut shrimp as well.

For the entire expedition though, the morning on the beach was relaxing and enjoyable, and far better than a day at the office.

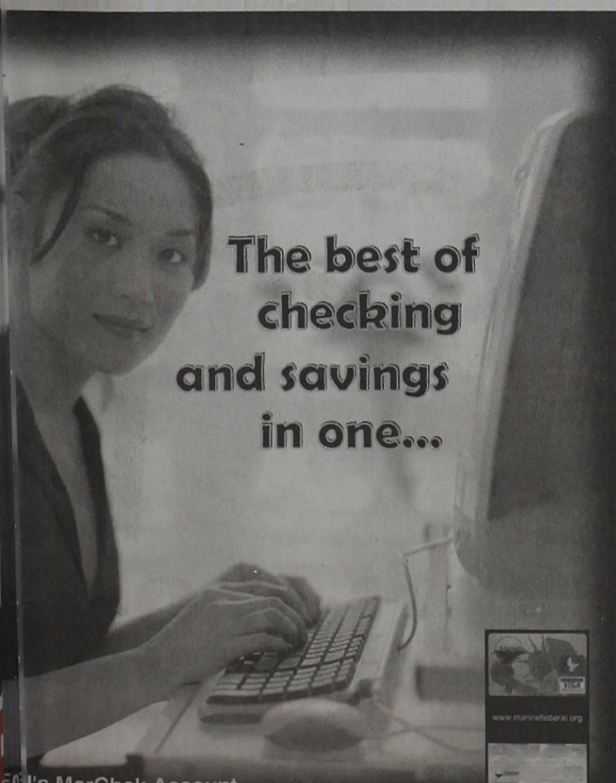
"I can't wait to return to the beach," Brian Oliver said. "Fishing in the surf is amazing."



Brian Berger

gets his feet wet while casting into the surf in Carolina Beach, N.C., near Ft. Fisher.

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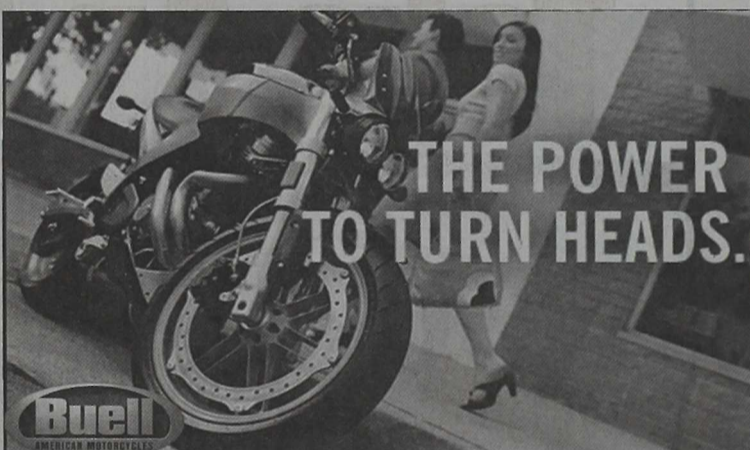
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New Helicopter Rappel Suspension Techniques masters take to the tower

Sgt. Tracee L. Jackson
II Marine Expeditionary Force

Editor's Note: This is the third story in a three-part series.

A training exercise sponsored by the Special Operations Training Group brought Marines from the 22d Marine Expeditionary Unit together to reiterate basic rappelling techniques as part of the Helicopter Rappel Suspension Techniques course June 10. The evolution was one of the last in a two-week course covering fast roping, Special Patrol Insertion Extraction, and rappelling off of the SOTG tower with aim to qualify all 19 students as "HRST masters."

Sergeant Edward L. Jacobs, an instructor of the course, explained this basic drill was conducted in order to familiarize Marines with the intricacies of loops, knots, pulleys and a few carabiners.

"This training has to do with helping these guys get into in-depth rappelling operations," said Jacobs. "We make sure they're locked and do things correctly."

When the Marines go back to the fleet, they will be qualified to lead rappelling, fast rope, and SPIE operations in their units.

Throughout the course, Marines

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Second Lt. Lawrence Ribble descends the Special Operations Training Group rappel tower using one of the 12 knots he learned during a Helicopter Rappel Suspension Technique exercise.

Refresher training for deploying Reservists

Pfc. Drew W. Barker
Marine Corps Base

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP Geiger, N.C. — Thirty-five activated Marines from the Individual Ready Reserves are participating in a seven-day combat-refresher training program at the School of Infantry [East] in preparation for upcoming deployments.

"An athlete wouldn't play the first game of a season without a few practices before hand," said Gunnery Sgt. James Hazzard, operations chief with the Reserve Support Unit, Mobilization Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base. "We don't expect these guys to go back into a combat zone without a little skills refresher."

The weeklong training, a condensed version of Marine Combat Training, will cover basic infantry skills, land navigation, first aid, crew-served weapons use and maintenance, familiarization with improvised explosive devices, combat leadership skills, scout and patrol techniques and a number of other fundamental areas, according to Maj. Shawn Flores, Mobilization and Processing Center director and Mobilization Support Battalion operations officer for the RSU.

"This is the absolute minimum training [IRR] Marines need, regardless of their military occupational specialty, to return to active duty," said Flores.

Most of the Marines participating in the training program hold a primary MOS in the

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Marines from Delta Company, 2d Tank Battalion, 2d Marine Division, guide a tank onto an improved ribbon bridge June 22. Marines of Bridge Company, 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2d Force Service Support Group, provide unique transportation service for any unit that requests its services.

Bridge Company keeps units connected

Story and Photos
Pfc. Wayne C. Edmiston
2d Force Service Support Group

Witnessing an M-1A1 Abrams main battle tank float is something that may seem to many as impossible, especially when it weighs more than 68 tons.

Bridge Company, 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2d Force Service Support Group, makes the impossible possible, and can make the largest mechanical "monsters" cross any body of water. All any unit has to do is request their services.

"We are the only active-duty Bridge Company in the Marine Corps," said Sgt. Jerry B. Griffin, a company raft commander. "When any unit needs to cross a body of water, we will be there."

The company has numerous ways to get units, equipment and vehicles across bodies of water, said Griffin, an Ashland,

Ala. native.

"Ideally in combat we [transport] tanks, but our rafts, which are comprised of multiple bridge pieces attached to two Marine Corps watercrafts, can also hold 15 personnel with a full combat load," Griffin remarked.

Bridge Company is also able to construct and build temporary floating bridges that connect large land masses together, said Griffin.

"While I was in Iraq, we built bridges across the Tigris [River], which have been there for almost two years," Griffin remarked. "Now [the bridges] are used for civilian and military traffic."

Bridge Company's services are not only tactical, but they also prove to be practical for the units they serve, such as Delta Company, 2d Tank Battalion, 2d Marine Division, which is their most recent client.

"Today we saved [2d Tanks] a lot of

time and money by moving their tanks on the rafts," said Lance Cpl. Justin L. Lester, a combat engineer with Bridge Co. "This keeps them from driving them around the entire base to get them where they need to be."

Reliability is something the Marines of Bridge Co. try to provide units they serve, the Houston native explained.

"The units know they can rely on us to get them where they need to go on time," Lester said.

Another reason Bridge Co. is unique every Marine is trained while actually performing the job, Griffin said.

"These Marines don't learn about rafting in [combat engineer school]," said Griffin. "This is something that has to be taught to them when they get to the company."

With new Marines coming in and out

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Vision ready equals mission ready

Lance Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen
Marine Corps Base

Marines have the tools to conquer almost any task, no matter how big or how small. One of their most basic tools are their eyes. A way Marines can take care of their tools and be operationally ready is by having regular eye examinations.

Marines and sailors are encouraged to have at least one eye exam every two years to check if they need to get glasses, update prescriptions and check the overall health of the eye, according to Catherine R. McCrimmon, a civilian employee with the refractive eye surgery clinic, Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune.

Eye exams are also beneficial for operational readiness, according to McCrimmon. The eye clinics can provide Marines and sailors with prescription gas mask inserts along with extra pairs of glasses for deployments.

"We don't want to send anyone out to the desert with contact lens," McCrimmon said. "Service members should have the adequate eyewear for where they are being deployed."

Each Marine is responsible for their operational readiness, and part of that operation readiness is having the correct eye-



Lieutenant David T. Brown (right), an optometrist with the Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital, examines Petty Officer 2nd Class Kristin M. Pennington's eyes June 8.

wear, according to Lt. Cmdr. Steve K. Davis, an optometrist with the Hadnot Point Clinic.

Not having the correct eyewear can impair Marines doing their job, according to Davis. This is especially true for Marines who may be deployed.

Marines and sailors can go to their unit corpsman for eye screenings and to check their vision by using a simple wall chart. It

is important for Marines and sailors to get their eyes examined if they are experiencing any vision difficulties.

Routine eye exams can also uncover many other health issues, according to McCrimmon.

"The eyes are an amazing thing. You can see if someone is diabetic and diagnose different heart diseases," McCrimmon said. "It's a way of looking at the whole health of

the body."

Another way Marines and sailors can keep their eyes healthy is by not wearing their contact lens overnight. If people wear their contacts too much, their eyes can't breathe, according to McCrimmon. This can lead to inflammation of the eye and scarring. This applies for extended wear contacts also.

"You need to give your eyes a break," McCrimmon said. "Even if you have extended wear contacts, you should at least take your contacts out for the weekend."

It is also important for Marines and sailors to wear the correct safety equipment if they are handling chemicals or other hazardous material, according to McCrimmon.

There is also a refractive eye surgery clinic at the Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune to correct different eye disorders. To be referred for refractive eye surgery, a Marine must be recommended through their chain of command and then put on a list at the hospital based on priority.

Marines and sailors who are stationed at Camp Lejeune, Marine Corps Air Station New River, Camp Johnson and Camp Geiger can make eye exam appointments at the Hadnot Point Medical clinic by calling 450-3230.

Safety fair increases awareness

Pfc. Drew W. Barker
Marine Corps Base

Marines from Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, attended the 2005 Summer Safety Fair at Marston Pavillion June 22, to take part in efforts aimed at increasing safety awareness among Marines and their families.

"Marines get so focused on the mission at hand, that it is often easy for them to lose sight of personal safety habits," said Jeanette Benson, a volunteer for the Onslow County Chapter of the Red Cross. "The main goal of this fair is to increase safety awareness for Marines and their families." The fair included informative

and interactive displays presented by the Jacksonville Police Department, the Onslow County Chapter of the Red Cross, the Camp Lejeune Fire Department, the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, the Naval Hospital, Semper Fit and others.

The individual booths were focused on aspects of personal safety that specifically apply to Marines. Some of the subjects covered included water safety, fire safety and prevention in the home and office, sexually transmitted disease prevention, alcohol and illegal substance abuse, nutrition, physical fitness and sun safety, according to Kathi Cormier, director of health and safety for the Onslow County

Chapter of the Red Cross.

"We're doing our booth about water safety, due to the recent drownings that have occurred in the area," said Cormier.

Education is the key to avoiding death and injuries. The knowledge and data given to Marines at the fair could help prevent accidents in the future, according to Jim Askins, health educator with the Health Promotion Department at the Naval Hospital.

"Personal safety is important and should be second nature," said Cormier. "The educational information and training provided here today can increase Marines' awareness of how to avoid and react to safety hazards and potentially hazardous situations."



Members of the Semper Fit team were at the safety fair June 22, to give Marines tips on nutritional fitness. This exhibit displayed the dangers of substance abuse.

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of the company keeping the Marines trained has the highest importance, Griffin said.

"This training is a good way to get a feel for each other," said Griffin. "It helps us to teach Marines this new skill before we deploy."

Even though learning the job while working

may seem strenuous and different compared to normal Marine Corps standards, the Marines of Bridge Company still enjoy getting to do something different from the rest of their comrades.

"It's great to just get out on the water," said Alvarez, a Kansas City native. "Doing it so many times, it's not even like work anymore."

Every job that Bridge Company is assigned is one they can write down in the books as another day of training.

RESERVISTS CONTINUED FROM 1C

field of basic infantrymen. There are also a number of field artillerymen, basic construction, equipment and shore party, basic tank and amphibian tractor and basic motor transportation, according to Hazzard.

All of these Marines, who have previously reached their

end of active service date, have volunteered to return to active duty in support of ongoing operations. It is the responsibility of the RSU to get them as prepared as possible, according to Flores.

"Most of these Marines haven't handled weapons since they've been out," said Master Sgt. Marty Boettcher, transition chief for the RSU.

"And a lot of them have been done with their active service

for two or three years now."

The 35 Marines will continue on to the Combat Refresher Course with 2d Marine Division for additional training in language, culture and theater specific skills, according to Flores.

"We need to make sure these guys come back alive," said Hazzard. "The more training we can get them before they deploy, the better chance we have to do that."

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learn to tie 12 different knots and how to rig rappelling equipment on various types of helicopters.

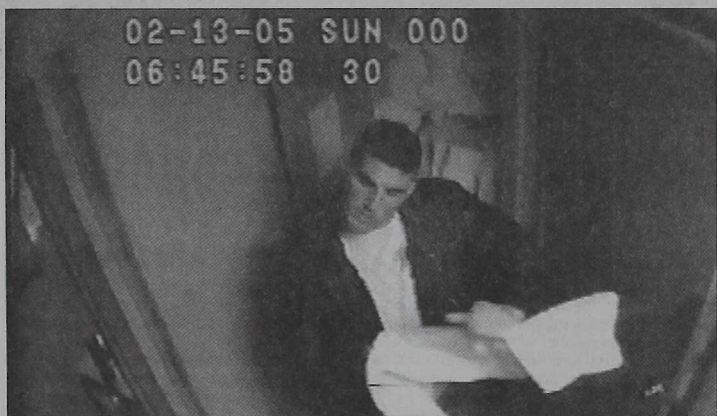
"Tying knots is all about muscle memory. Any time you try to change the way you do it or do it in a different fashion, it's a little weird," said Staff Sgt. Chris McCallister, a student of the course. "A lot of these guys have never used this type of equipment before, so it's an extra piece of gear they can use now."

Corporal James T. Mulak took part in the course and got to test the stability of his knot

first-hand. As he was half way down the tower, one of the HRST instructors told him to stop and perform 10 inverted push-ups while dangling on the wall. Mulak noted that tying the knot wasn't difficult, but the physical training on the ropes was somewhat difficult.

"I have to PT more," said Mulak, who then stated the exercise gave him confidence that the knots he ties will hold him where he needs to be, regardless of activity.

A day in the trees spent tying knots, inspecting security equipment and rappelling sounds like an afternoon with the Boy Scouts. However, as Jacobs put it, "This is the big boy club."



Crime Stoppers

The Onslow County Sheriff's Department is looking for the identification of an individual captured on video surveillance footage at a local business. The pictured male broke into the business located at 8950 Richlands Highway (Illusions). The incident occurred on February 13, 2005. During the course of the break in the suspect attempted to force open a safe then set fire to the business destroying it.

On June 16, the same suspect stole a vehicle from Bob's Quality Cars located on Highway Seventeen South in the Jacksonville then drove to the Pleasure Palace a second business located at 7381 Wilmington Highway. The suspect, upon arriving at the second business broke in. There were employees asleep in the business that were able to positively identify the suspect as the same individual that was captured on video in the first incident.

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Private Krystoffer J. Adams, Headquarters and Support Battalion, School of Infantry [East], Marine Corps Base, was convicted at a special court-martial of unauthorized absence. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 135 days and forfeiture of \$4,115.

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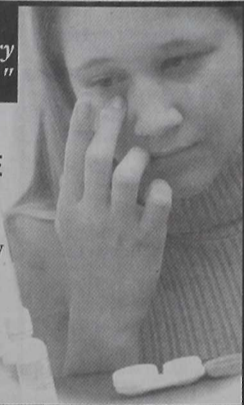
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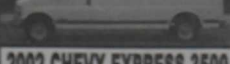
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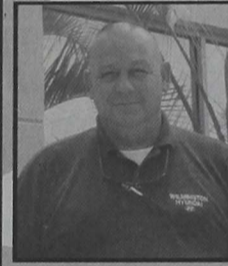
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Thousands of patriotic spectators migrate to Camp Lejeune every July Fourth to view the spectacular fireworks display in one of the most patriotic east coast settings. Organizers estimate that 15,000 - 20,000 people will gather on W.P.T. Hill Field just as in years past; however, one traditional component will be missing due to deployment - the award-winning 2d Marine Division Band.

Just as Marine spouses keep things going back at the homefront when duty calls, so do the Fourth of July Celebration organizers. They have adapted to the situation and will continue to pull off an amazing show with the help of highly acclaimed musicians in the Carolinas and in Virginia, who aren't taking their atypical duty lightly.

The 2d Marine Division Band performed each Independence Day for as long as Debbie Hoffman, base theater manager and entertainment specialist for Marine Corps Community Services, has been associated with Camp Lejeune, which has been 17 years. "We didn't know what we were going to do," said Hoffman as she reflected on news of the band's deployment to Iraq supporting Headquarters Battalion, 2d Marine Division.

News spread, and the National Endowment for the Arts caught wind of the predicament. They contacted Camp Lejeune officials, volunteering to provide musical entertainment through the Winston-Salem Symphony and Opera Carolina. "They are so excited to be on base first off and thrilled to be entertaining the Marines," said Hoffman.

The musical tradition will continue with selections from musicals, such as *Showboat* and *West Side Story*, in addition to popular pieces from American operas, such as *Susannah* and *Candide*. In addition, the artists have selected a number of traditional patriotic songs for this celebration of independence.

The event opens Monday at 5:30 p.m. for spectators to park and get their camp set up for the non-alcoholic festivities, and a D.J. will play light top 40 music until the symphony and opera take stage. Many choose to bring blankets and enjoy the Commanding General's Invitational Picnic with family and friends while they listen to the music and anticipate

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Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital Birth Announcements

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May 2 Isaac Matthew born to Kristi and Capt. Paul Bischoff
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May 3 Kadence Morgan born to Melissa and Cpl. Nickalus Raasch
May 4 Dimitri Lee born to Michele and Gunnery Sgt. David Flietstra Jr.
May 5 Barbara-Ann Marie born to Dawn and Gunnery Sgt. Andrew Lopez
May 5 Elizabeth Joan born to Danielle and Sgt. Christopher Mullen
May 6 David Nathaniel born to Delilah and Lance Cpl. Hugo Hernandez
May 7 Ezra Alexander born to Samantha and Cpl. Nelson Torres Jr.
May 7 Joseph Timothy born to Janina and 1st Lt. Michael Vasquez
May 8 Samantha Kristen born to Valerie and Master Sgt. Neal Foulkrod
May 9 Rayne Kekaulani Jacqueline born to Jeanette and Staff Sgt.

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May 9 Allyssa Anastayshia born to Seaman Anna and Daniel Koch
May 11 Bridgette Grace born to Julie and Staff Sgt. Michael Beagh
May 11 Amya Rochelle Webb born to Cpl. Alexis Smalley
May 12 Peter Earl born to Brianna and Lance Cpl. Shawn Hussey
May 12 Kathleen Marie born to Kathleen and Maj. Michael Sayegh
May 12 Zoe Olivia born to Capt. Julie and George Schneider
May 13 Genesis Kalani Michelle born to Monica and Cpl. Michael Bailey
May 13 Elijah Matthew born to Petty Officers 3rd Class Carly and Julio Garcia
May 13 Phoebe Mae born to Jennifer and Sgt. Kevin Herring
May 13 Jaden August born to Petty Officer 3rd Class Anna and Lance Cpl. Jordan Petersdorf
May 13 Jose Concepcion III born to Melissa and Staff Sgt. Jose Rubio Jr.
May 14 Elizabeth Ruth born to Lt. Deidra and Jeffrey Nimblett
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Killer enters FBI's psychological profiling course in *Mindhunters*

FROM THE FRONT ROW

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MINDHUNTERS (R) *Mindhunters* is a suspenseful thriller about an FBI's training program in which agents learn to get inside the heads of serial killers through psychological profiling.

The story takes place on a remote island where training for the FBI's psychological profiling division is in its final stages.

However, the exercise goes horribly wrong when it is discovered that one among the new recruits is a serial killer.

The training program called "Mindhunters" is used to track down serial killers. When a group of seven young agents discover that one of them is a serial killer, they have to turn their profiling skills on each other before the next killing.

Can the few that are left figure out who the killer is?

Val Kilmer (*Alexander*, *Blind Horizon*, *Spartan*) stars as Harris, the tough instructor and trainer of the FBI agents.

Costarring are LL Cool J (*Rollerball*, *Rugrats Go Wild*) as Gabe; Christian Slater (*Windtalkers*, *Masked and Anonymous*) as J.D. Reston; Clifton Collins Jr. (*Undeclared*) as Vince Sherman; and Kathryn Morris (*Minority Report*, *Paycheck*) as Sara Moore.

Director Renny Harlin (*Driven*, *Deep Blue Sea*, *Cliffhanger*, *Cuthroat Island*, *The Long Kiss Goodnight*) follows the theme of the *Ten Little Indians* reminiscent of Agatha Christie.

Mindhunters is an intense, very graphic and violent movie, and it is now playing at the Camp Lejeune theater.

BATMAN BEGINS (PG-13)

Batman Begins is an action adventure and is a darker take on the Caped Crusader, chronicling

his formative crime-fighting years. This movie explores the origin of the Dark Knight, tracking Bruce Wayne's journey from victim to vigilante.

The prequel progresses from scared childhood crime victim to scary costumed crime-fighter.

Unable to avenge the murder of his parents, millionaire Bruce Wayne instead finds a cave under his mansion where he assumes a new identity as a secret detective and guardian against the criminals who plague Gotham City.

Christian Bale (*The Machinist*, *American Psycho*, *Reign of Fire*) stars as the wealthy young Bruce Wayne, the agonized vigilante superhero, who seeks retribution after witnessing the murder of his parents.

Bruce travels to the Far East and learns martial arts from his mysterious mentor Henri Ducard, played by Liam Neeson (*Kingdom of Heaven*, *Kinsey*) who is a trained swordsman and expert martial artist.

Upon his return, the heir to the Wayne fortune finds that Gotham City is overrun by crime. With assistance from his loyal butler Alfred Pennyworth, played by Michael Caine (*Secondhand Lions*, *Get Carter*), he assumes his alter ego and exacts justice from his foes.

The Caped Crusader is facing off against the fear-monger villain Scarecrow, played by Cillian Murphy (*28 Days Later*) who is really Dr. Jonathan Crane, a brilliant but evil scientist, and Ra's Al Ghul, played by Ken Watanabe (*The Last Samurai*), one of his oldest enemies.

Katie Holmes (*First Daughter*, *Abandon*) costars as Bruce



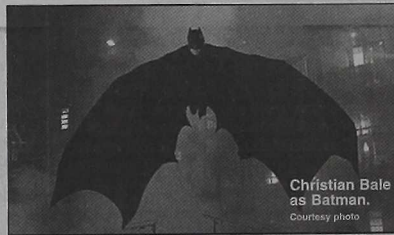
Morgan Freeman and Christian Bale in *Batman Begins*. Courtesy photo

Wayne's childhood friend, Rachel Dawes, who grows up to be his love interest and tough assistant prosecutor, who teams up with the Caped Crusader to fight crime in Gotham City.

Putting in appearances are Gary Oldman (*Hannibal*, *Harry Potter*) as young Lieutenant James Gordon, one of the few honest cops left in Gotham; Tom Wilkinson (*In the Bedroom*) as crime boss Carmine Falcone who runs Gotham's criminal element; and Morgan Freeman (*Million Dollar Baby*, *High Crimes*) as Lucius Fox, Bruce's friend, a brilliant engineer and inventor who helps Bruce Wayne come up with the Batman suit and car.

Director Chris Nolan (*Memento*, *Insomnia*) wrote the screenplay with screenwriter David Goyer (*The Blade Trilogy*) and tackled this revival of the popular comic-book hero and franchise, eight years after the last try, *Batman & Robin*.

Batman Begins has more substance and style, exposing Batman's dark roots and tackling an icon that has never been fully



Christian Bale as Batman. Courtesy photo

explained. Bruce Wayne, "Batman," is portrayed as a real guy without superpowers who is using detection, psychology and martial arts in his quests.

Talented Christian Bale makes a great bat hero, one of the best, and makes Batman his very own.

Nolan and production designer Nathan Crowley also made over the old bat mobile. They came up with the new ride, a muscular hybrid of a humvee and a Lamborghini Countach sports car that sits atop monster-truck wheels, by combining parts from toy cars and planes and telling the engineers to make it happen.

Batman Begins is a solid entertaining summer adventure, and it is currently playing at the Jacksonville theater.

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

Movie gossip, rumors

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE 3

Morpheus has had a change of subject of technology — Lauren is on board Tom Cruise's gadget thriller. We won't even speculate if Fishburne is just hoping to Italy, where the flick is (www.variety.com)

SCOTT SEEKS SHADOW

Can respected director Ridley from massive flop *Kingdom of Shadow Divers*, the water-lo divers who discovered a sunken marine off New Jersey in 1991 on whether the diving suits look armor. (www.variety.com)

DANGERFIELD GETS RESPECT

Tie-tugging comic Rodney getting a posthumous movie biopic will be based partly on comedian's autobiography, *Bein' Me*. Though he had amount of professional success (*Caddyshack?*), Dangerfield's was "a heavy-hearted one," as wife Joan. In other words, *Back to School*. (www.variety.com)

GHOST RIDER

A new, unofficial image of the most has hit the Web, and leather, studs and flying chains of like a Judas Priest concert, a Cage plays the flaming-skull, though you wouldn't know it! (Empire Online)

MOAN ME A RIVER

Foxy former 'N Syncer Just really trying to kick-start his in addition to the four movies he works, he's in talks to join Christina Ricci in *Black Snake* won't be kicking ass this time guitarist whose wife has left him trying to save a sex fiend's plays the nympho. (The Hollywood Reporter)

BUFFY IN WONDERLAND?

Presumably, there'll be no but Sarah Michelle Gellar will some equally unpleasant beast (the Queen of Hearts) in the bit of video game *American McGonagale* on *Alice in Wonderland*. Intriguing, believe it or not down the rabbit hole, Alice (Gellar) to be a somewhat twisted her parents perish in a fire Wonderland to confront her. (Hollywood Reporter)

The movie gossip column by www.movies.com

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

Midway Park

Saturday	House of Wax (1:53)	R	2 p.m.
	Kingdom of Heaven (2:25)	R	5 p.m.
Sunday	House of Wax (1:53)	R	2 p.m.

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Friday	Monster-in-Law (1:42)	PG-13	6:30 p.m.
	Star Wars: Episode 3 Revenge of the Sith (2:20)	PG-13	9:15 p.m.
Saturday	Kicking and Screaming (1:35)	PG	3:30 p.m.
	Monster-in-Law (1:42)	PG-13	6:30 p.m.
	Mindhunters (1:45)	R	9:15 p.m.
Sunday	Kicking and Screaming (1:35)	PG	3:30 p.m.
	Star Wars: Episode 3 Revenge of the Sith (2:20)	PG-13	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Unleashed (1:43)	R	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	The Incredibles (1:38)	PG	1 p.m.
	Mindhunters (1:45)	R	6:30 p.m.
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BEAUFORT FOURTH OF JULY PARADE AND COMMUNITY PICNIC

On July 4 celebrate an old-fashioned tradition in historic Beaufort. A parade starts 11 a.m. followed by a potluck community picnic at the Carteret County Courthouse at Turner and Broad Streets. For more details, call Martha Barnes, (252) 726-3917.

ATLANTIC BEACH FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS

July 4 at The Circle in Atlantic Beach there will be live entertainment from the band Jackie Gore & the Mighty Alstars at 8 p.m. with fireworks at 9 p.m. For more details, call (252) 726-2121.

EMERALD ISLE FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Fireworks will be set off from the end of Bogus Inlet Pier, at 9 p.m. on the 8500 block, Emerald Isle. For more details, call (252) 354-6350.

NEW BERN FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

The Union Point Park in New Bern will be the setting for a traditional and patriotic performance by the United States Marine Corps Anzing Band from Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point 7 - 9 p.m. Fireworks commence 9:10 p.m., and the public is encouraged to bring lawn chairs and enjoy an outstanding holiday evening in the park. For more information, call (252) 636-5781.

HAVELOCK FREEDOM FESTIVAL

Celebrate an old fashioned Fourth of July from 5 - 9 p.m. at Walter B. Jones Park in Havelock. Entertainment, food, games and spectacular fireworks.

TRAYN PLACE FOURTH OF JULY

Hear the Declaration of Independence read from the steps at Trayn Place in New Bern at 11 a.m. by costumed characters portraying famous North Carolinians from the Revolutionary War. For details, call (252) 514-4900.

BATTLESHIP BLAST

At 9:05 p.m. The Battleship North Carolina will host the 9th Annual Battleship Blast fireworks spectacular. This production by Pyro Shows, an international award-winning pyrotechnics company, is guaranteed to dazzle residents and visitors alike. For more information, call the City of Wilmington Recreation Division at 341-7855.



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Information on concerts, festivals, events and classes going on down the Carolina coast, check out 'What's Happenin'' each week. To add your event, write to: **THE GLOBE** features and layout editor, at bravo@militarynews.com limited to space availability.

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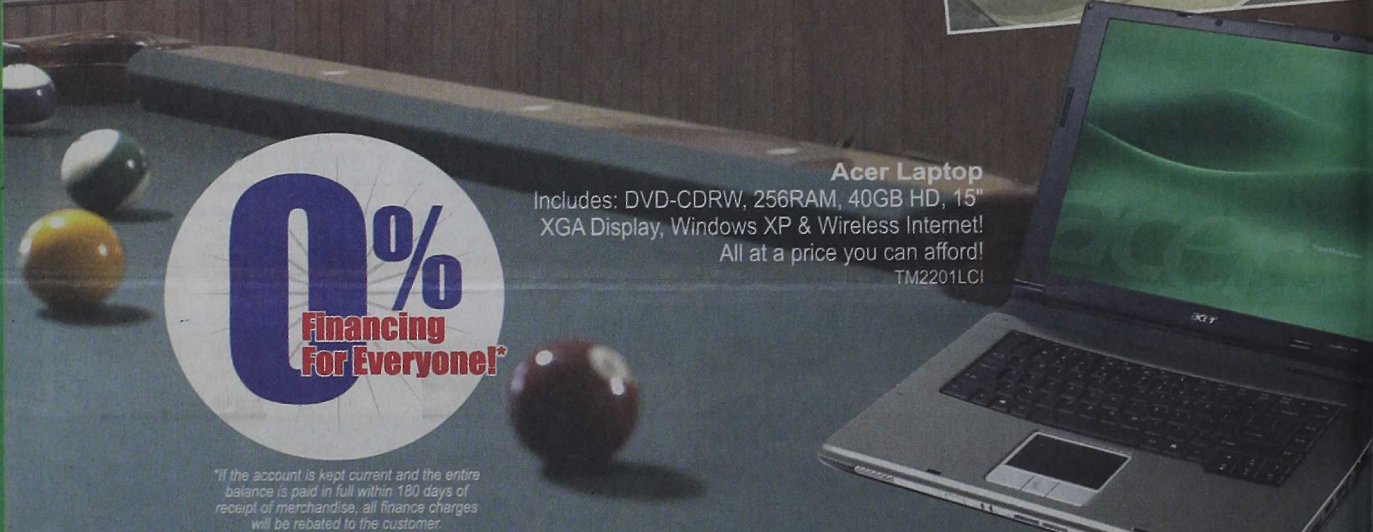


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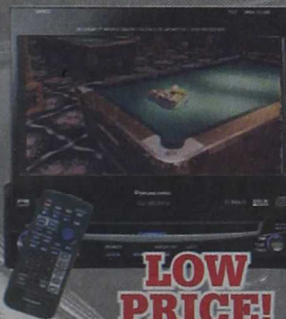


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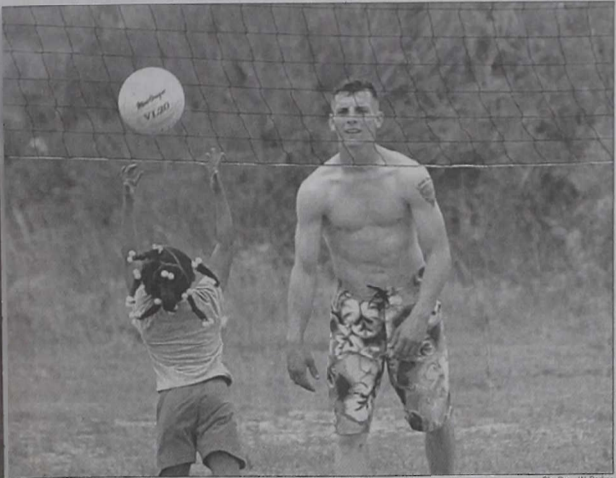


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one of the many fun games and activities that Marines and their families participated in during the 2005 Beach Bash at Onslow Beach June 25.

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the fireworks. Vendors will be on site with several food items for those who want to purchase their picnic dinner, as well as several booths selling July Fourth gear.

The Winston-Salem Symphony and Opera Carolina will begin their performance under the direction of James Meena at 7:30 p.m. According to Hoffman, the musicians have been brushing up on their musical selections, as well as learning new Marine Corps pieces for the Colors presentation, and they are a tadbit nervous about pulling it off perfectly like the 2d Marine Division Band beautifully does.

"The National Endowment is pleased to partner with Camp Lejeune to provide members of the military and their families with access to high quality American musical theater and opera excerpts," said Wayne S. Brown, director of the NEA Music and Opera Division.

Opera Carolina was founded in 1948 and has become the largest professional opera company in the Carolinas. The Winston-Salem Symphony prides itself in providing high quality symphonic music that is responsive to its diverse community.

Hoffman said they are delighted to have these musicians step up to support the Fourth of July

Celebration while the 2d Marine Division Band is away, but it won't quite be the same. "There is nobody like the 2d Marine Division Band; however, they are Marines, and when they are called to duty, they have to go," said Hoffman.

Camp Lejeune's famous fireworks display lights up the sky at 9:05 p.m. and will continue for approximately 20 minutes, making it possibly the largest fireworks event along the east coast.

This huge Independence Day celebration is open to military and civilians alike. The Main Gate, Sneads Ferry Gate and Highway 172 access gate will open to the general public at 5 p.m. Departure routes include these three gates along with the Piney Green Gate. The commanding general's invited guests and handicap placard clearly visible and use the left hand lane if entering through the Main Gate. Easily accessible handicap parking will be at Building 84 otherwise known as Hadnot Point Exchange.

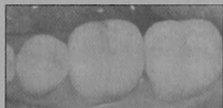
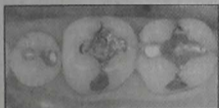
Those planning on attending need to keep in mind that alcohol, pets, personal fireworks and sparklers are not allowed and that vehicles and coolers are subject to search due to increased security measures. Organizers suggest arriving early to avoid delays.

If inclement weather threatens, the fireworks portion of the event will be rescheduled for July 5 at 9:05 p.m.

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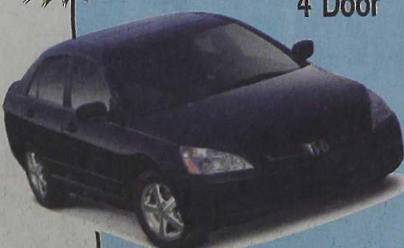


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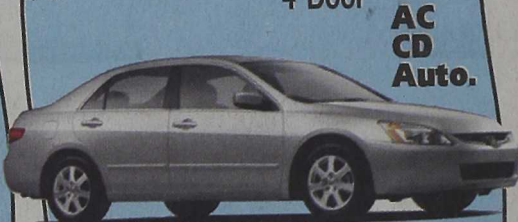


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