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nt) PFC Anthony Alvarez and LCpl Jordan Redford prepare to fire their 60mm morordar men from Battalion Landing Team, 1st Battalion, 8th Marines, 22d Marine Landing Unit (Special Operations Capable) recently took part in live-fire exercises at the Teulada training grounds.

ortars Away Cpl Matthew Kell

CAPO TEULADA, Sardinia- Most of the time the mortar men of the 22d Marine Expeditionary Unit (SOC) don't see where thier rounds land. But here, they watched

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J warriors show force in Italy

ed forces rout 'enemy'

Va. - U. S. military forces from are scheduled to wrap up "virtual" ne Joint Warfighting Center here late g an intense three-phase evolution.

4EF Commanding General, MajGen ndt, Joint Task Force 780 was pushed, tched through a computer-driven battle sted every aspect of modern warfare.

come a team," said Air Force Maj Eric exercise spokesman and former public affairs officer for his d *Thunderbirds*. "A Marine master gunny told me earlier this group was 'ready to go to war.' And I didn't get the

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Carolina Wings

Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point's "Wings Over Carolina" is right around the corner.

April 1, will highlight the Navy's Blue Angels as well as their Air Force

counterparts the Thunder-bolts. Also,

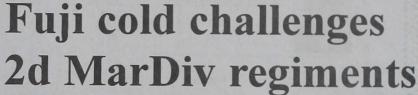
the Marine Corps will demonstrate

The two-day event normally attracts between 80,000 to 100,000

their own AV-8B Harriers.

This year's show, March 31 and

JTF 780



2ndLt Paul C. Cabellon Public Affairs Operations Office

CAMP FUJI, Japan - The 2d Marine Division's own Sierra Battery, 5th Battalion, 10th Marines recently joined Lejeune counterparts 3d Battalion, 8th Marines to participate in cold weather exercises here.

In fields of snow and patches of elephant grass, the battery practiced maneuvering and occupying fire positions in adverse conditions

just below Mount Fuji.

"Almost daily, in early February, the battery received a couple of inches of snow," said Capt Leland W. Suttee, Sierra

Tubes down, 5/10 waits in the snow for a fire mission recently in Japan. ronment, this type of training is critical, Battery commander.

"The ability to rapidly displace to a new firing position is vital to our ability to provide continuous fire support for the infantry," said the Cleveland, Ohio leader.

The Marines were also taught how to crosscountry ski as a part of the training package. For ground troops in an adverse weather envi-



ronment, this type of training is critical, explained 2ndLt Gregory Gill.

"The military skis take some getting used to. However, the skis are a critical part of our mission and we must use them effectively," said the forward observer with India Company, 3/8.

The battery, along with most of 3/8, deployed from Okinawa to Camp Fuji aboard USS Essex and will return mid-May.

Mediterranean bound Elements form for pre-deployment prep

Cpl Thomas Michael Corcoran

Four distinct elements, a Command Element, a Ground Combat Element, an Aviation Combat Element and a Combat Service Support Element will stand-up officially as one combined arms team when the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit forms Monday.

The units, which have been training separately up to this point, will be officially training together as part of the MEU pre-deployment program to prepare them for their returning presence in the Mediterranean later this year.

The significance of the MEU standup is punctuated by the increased capabilities of the Command Element, according to Col Andrew P. Frick, 26th MEU commanding officer. Prior to the official stand up, the command element stands

alone much like a skeleton missing its muscles and parts. He explained the addition of the components allow the MEU to perform its mission and that detachments the Command Element receives, such as the Radio Battalion, expand on the organic capabilities of the command.

Frick said that once the MEU has come together, the bond between the

Marines and Sailors of the separate elements becomes much stronger.

"Any business relationship becomes a social relationship to a cer-tain extent," Fri explained. "The better you

understand your counterparts, the better you understand how you can help them

and how they can help you." Before the official stand-up, the

elements are busy receiving Marines from other units and ensuring that they have their required training.

LtCol William M. Faulkner, MEU Service Support Group 26 com-manding officer said, "We're trying to come together as a team as quickly as Faulkner said the first aspect of

training actually comes before the stand-up, and is made up of annual training requirements such as the rifle range and gas chamber.

Pfc Adam E. Long, an MSSG-26 light armored vehicle mechanic, has recently returned from a Battle Skills Training course as part of his unit's preparation for the stand-up. The native of Salem, Ohio, said preparing for the work-ups not only involves getting himself ready to go, but ensuring gear and vehicles are "good to go.

See 26MEU/3A

QUICKSHOTS

week Happenings, enjoy a day at the beach with hosts Yolanda Mayo and

Command Cable

MARIN

Debbie Hoffman. Camp Lejeune Today introduces retired SgtMaj Joe Houle and his push for the likely 'Marine Corps Museum of the Carolinas.'

LtCol Tony Fazio whips up some French toast.

And the 2d Marine Division Band takes a trip to Mardi Gras.

Tax Deadline

So far this year, the Camp Lejeune Tax Center has helped more than 7,000 customers electronically file

Don't forget the income tax filing season is almost over.

The center is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and again on Thursdays and Fridays. On Saturday, the center opens at 8 a.m. and closes at noon.

Tax deadline is April 15.

Jones Visit

The Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen James L. Jones, was at the United Service Organization in Jacksonville Monday to accept the SgtMaj "Mack" McKinney Award for his professionalism and service to the country.

Gen Jones addressed assembled media about the Osprey.

During this session, he put one of the Corps' newest test uniforms on

CMC and Sgt Joshua J. Collins / 3A

Beware of Celtic mugs

Almost eight years ago when then-1stLt Daniel Patrick O'Hora (assistant logistics officer of 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion - now 3rd Combat Assault Battalion) approached me with a mischievous smile on his Celtic mug I should have had the good sense to walk briskly away in the other direction.

Alas, I did not and that was my first mistake. "Lt O" (as everycalled him) was veteran the command. I

Guest Commentary **MAJ JOHN**

CHURCH, JR.

was just a newly-minted lieutenant platoon commander and, thus, the lowly "new guy."

I knew Lt O was a staff officer, had a good reputation, and senior to me. I stopped and listened to his proposition. That was my second mistake.

With smiling Irish eyes and a lilt in his voice he asked me if I was aware of the upcoming St. Patrick's Day Engineer Field Day. I was not.

As an engineer platoon commander, I was thinking about my platoon and the innumerable ways in which I could make the engineer bible (FM 5-34 Engineer Field Data Book) come alive for my Marines. I was determined to give them spellbinding classes. was obsessed with taking them to the field and imparting upon them the immense wisdom I had gained

during my

Courthouse Bay. Hey, I was responsible for 39, 1371 warriors and I thought I did not have time for such levity. I told him that I was not familiar with the competition and had not given it much thought.

He said I would be giving it thought and preceded to tell me why.

patriotism. Then he spread a wee bit o' blarney around indicating that I could prove myself a member in good standing to miscreants of a woebegone group known as the 3rd CEB "Lieutenant's Protection Assoc-

Finally, he confessed that the battalion commander wanted his take the lead and put forth effort. Lt O's

relentless-

ness coupled with my desire to comply with the battalion commander's request was enough. I gave in and agreed to participate. That was my third mistake.

One the day of the competition I drew the least desirable challenge. The Dizzy Izzy seemed tame compared to my mission. The event involved a web belt, a traffic

> dination, cunning and supreme athletic skill. Sadly, the first two components of those listed overrode the value of the remaining

cone, blinding speed, coor-

Thus, I contorted and twisted my body with great effort, looking like a spasmodic cross

lunatic crossing guard and a drunken aardvark in search of a mate.

I was a hideous spectacle and the entire battalion found great joy in laughing at me. Upon reflection, it was what I needed.

On St Patrick's Day we Combat Engineers take pause to celebrate and honor the saint who "engineered" the snakes out of Ireland. Legend says he escaped from slavery as a boy, but that during his captivity he became closer to God. As a young

man he converted the pagans to Christianity.

Patrick was quite successful at winning converts. Sempertoons by ssg



This fact upset many so Patrick was arrested several times, but escaped

He set up schools and churches. Patrick's writings have come to be appreciated for their simplicity and humility.

It is recorded that he consecrated more than 300 bishops. He died on March 17 in AD 461

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careful.

St. Patrick and e Marine Combat Engineers share many common trait. Patrick was slave and used to working hard.

Marine Combat Engineers, whether assigned to the Division, Wing or FSSG work

hard. Patrick was creative in that he rid Ireland of its snakes.

The best Marine engineers are creative. They make things work. They solve things. They figure things out.

The best engineers make the complex tasks simple. St. Patrick, as a youth, was a liberty risk.; even the best engineers are not beyond an occasional error in judgment

1stLt Daniel Patrick O'Hora did me a grand favor. He got me to stop, and enjoy the camaraderie of combat engineer fellowship and honor St. Patrick with a day of good-

However, the day also gave me a chance to reflect on the proud history of military engineers and learn not to take myself so seriously.

Our brother engineers Seabees, Army Combat Engineers, US Army Corps of Engineers and our own Marine Corps Combat Engineers share a proud history

We are the progeny of the Pioneer

Battalions where the pick and ax see Major were used as Patrick often as rifle and O'Hora coming your demolition charge. - be In, all

You never nations battles, know what you may end up doing." engineers have kept the ground and air forces moving along to continue attacks and thus

pave the way to victory. Combat engineers are an essential part of the combined arms team.

If you see an engineer, wish him or her a hearty "Happy St. Patrick's Day" and congratulate that Marine on being a part of a proud legacy which has engineered the best fight for our beloved Corps for more than two cen-

If you wish to learn more about the role of the combat engineer and its impact upon our nations battles I recommend viewing "Weapons of War: Combat Engineers," History Channel, part of the A&E Television Network.

This 50-minute piece narrated by former Ma Scott and offers a soli story behind the comb Finally, if you see Patrick O'Hora comin week — be careful. Y

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. for the strength of the Pack is the Wolf, and the strength of the Wolf is the Pack.

> Rudyard Kipling, as cited in the 32nd Commandant's Guidance

father praises

It wasn't a good way to start a Sunday morning. My bed-side phone rang at 1:45 a.m. December 10, and I awoke to the voice of a young Marine captain telling me that my 18-year-old son, a Marine recruit in San Diego, was in intensive care at the Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital. A few hours later, I was on a plane.

Over the next month, I got to see the U.S. military, up close and personal. I lived on base among the Marines, and I spent countless hours with the Navy personnel at the hospital. The experience taught me

much about today's U.S. military, as an institution, and more about the young men and women who make it breathe.

You cannot spend time on a base and not be overwhelmed by how utterly young our military is. Even those in the upper ranks and the "seasoned" noncommissioned officers are, for the most part, twenty and thirty something.

As I traveled around the camp, the Marines' penchant for physical fitness was obvious. At the crack of dawn, it seemed that every platoon was either jogging or marching in cadence. By evening there would be pickup basketball and flag football games breaking out around the base. Calorie burning, it seems, is a sacred ritual in the Marines.

I sought assistance (be it directions or information), was accorded not only a high degree of civility, but also the utmost in personal attention to ensure that my needs were met. Manners, hospitality and respect are obviously

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elements instilled in today's enlistees, certainly

Another noticeable trait in this "young nation"

within the military is their politeness and respect. If

so in the Marine Corps. The stories about the 'Spartan life' and stern training in Marine boot camp are not exaggerations

But the story seldom told publicly is the strong feeling of personal responsibility that Marine Corps officers and NCOs have for those in their charge. The same young captain who called to inform me of m serious condition met me at the airport. He had reserved a car and found a place for me to stay at Camp Pendleton before my plane landed. He took me straight to my son and remained with us until late that night. When I told him earlier in the evening that he should go home to his wife and young child, he replied, "Your son is my responsibility, sir."

As my son went through four surgeries, the senior drill instructor for his platoon spent countless hours with us. In those tough first days, he stood at

my son's door like a centurion sta look of genuine concern on his fact and NCOs from my son's battall check on him, encourage him, and was not forgotten.

So, too, with the young Navy m who not only were expert care showed constant concern for the the condition. As fate would have leaving San Diego for a 30-day co on the same day his training compa

We went to the ceremonies th watched 400 young men do what m now be able to do; become an off the U.S. Marine Corps. When the over and mothers had finished hu Marines, I watched my son limp splints down to the parade deck a "Congratulations, Marine!" He em unsure and apprehensive, but he class and confidence. Thank the M

My own 30 days "in the Marine proud of those who serve, appre who lead, and much more confi younger generation.

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Chaplain's Call

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celebrating the Christmas and Hanukkah holidays with the memory of family and friends, love and peace, joy and friendship, still fresh in our minds.

However, the reality is that in a few short weeks we will be celebrating another festive season of Easter and Passover. For many Christians, a period of preparation that pre-

cedes Easter, known as Lent, becomes a "Season of

This time of year, this Lenten Spring, provides us with the opportunity to examine our co spiritual values. A period well suited to hearing and listening to the voice of God. During this period, a renewal of our spiritual values entails a deep personal recommitment in the virtues of faith, hope and

The virtue of faith is, in essence, a gift of God and the foundation of life. For a life devoid of faith is one

lacking meaning and direction. Faith is confidence in the spiritual capabilities of man and in the goodness and power of God. Thus, this time of Lenten preparation allows for each of

us to re-evaluate the depth of our commitment of faith in the message, meaning and purpose of God in our lives Hope is a second

dimension of our spiritual passage, from the Biblical Book of Psalms, illustrates

the significance of hope in our spiritual search and encounter with God. "Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name. Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, just as we hope in you (Psalm

In concert with faith, hope prevents us from falling into despair and despondency, and at the same time, to grow in the greatest virtue, that of love.

The feasts of Easter and Pass feasts of love, and our spiritual jou should be one grounded in love: A equally as important, a love of Therefore to truly engage in a spiri must search deep within and demon love for God and our fellow man.

In short, the primary aim of our at this time of year is to make us tr our dependence upon God. A recor values and virtues of faith, hope ar ingredient in our spiritual growth a during this "Season of Renewal."

LCDR Andrew D. Nelko is the lain from MCCSSS.

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sailed from their mortar sections and pounded Italian training range Feb 23 during the Capo ire Training Exercise 1-01.

und-lobbing infantrymen were part of a full is assault utilizing all the elements of Battalion eam, 1st Battalion, 8th Marines. After conductn-force simulated combat with Italian soldiers, men along with Naval gunfire, artillery, light ehicles and tanks blasted the Italian ranges.

ned as the "crown jewel of Italian range faciline members for the Nassau Amphibious Ready, range enabled the ARG to fire along with the avy weapons systems by accommodating coore among the blue-green team.

f the Marines on the ground agreed with the thers that the rocky, hilly terrain of the Italian ounds gave them a change of pace.

nicer than some of the other ranges we've been Cpl Steven Bellant, an 81mm gunner from lich. "You can see what you're shooting at and r rounds impact."

mortar crews provide indirect fire support and their rounds hit. Remembering the training at on Camp Lejeune, Cpl. Nathan Spoo revealed ver witnessed a round impact from his firing

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nen Bellant, squints through the mortar sights.

great for the junior Marines to see their rounds impact." Marines may enjoy watching things blow up but the

training ranges served a greater purpose.
"The Italian ranges gave the Marines a chance to get back up to par with job proficiency," said GySgt Barry

Dennis, the 81mm platoon sergeant.
The MEU has been deployed to the Mediterranean for three months. According to LtCol Gilbert Desroches, the commanding officer of BLT 1/8, the priority of the ranges was to fire the heavy weapon systems of the BLT. "This is the first opportunity since we deployed for artillery, tanks and light armored vehicles to fire live rounds."



Marines get into a safe position after the 81mm mortar fires.

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Echoing this sentiment was LCpl Greg T. Napora, ACE crew chief. "We're doing maintenance on the planes," the Marine from San Bruno, Calif., said. "We're doing tests on them, making sure there are no leaks.

We're ready to go."

The increased operations tempo has not affected safety or the safety procedures explained LtCol Kevin M. Devore, ACE commanding offi-cer. He explained Marines follow operational risk management procedures. He said just because they're busy doesn't mean they change their safety procedures.

However, something that will change is the increased responsibility of non-commissioned officers. SgtMaj William McKnight,

MEU sergeant major.
"The work-ups will test NCOs in all areas of skill and leadership, and that's what the work-ups mean to any Marine, a test," said McKnight. "What excites me the most about this deployment is seeing young Marines out there doing their jobs.

In a deployed situation, Marines "doing their job" means being prepared to carry out any type of mission they are called for. Whether it is a peacekeeping or humanitarian mission, MEU Marines are there first, SgtMaj William H. Bly, MSSG-26 sergeant major.

"I've always admired the FEBA [Forward Edge of the Battle Area], said Bly. "Floating around in the Mediterranean is the closest thing to the FEBA. I'm looking forward to

"I've been in 23 years. What made us what we are, is our ability to be there when the world calls on us,"

And many of the Marines have

been called on in the past. Long said he is definitely more comfortable having veterans aboard the MEU. Kosovo veterans make up a significant number of the ACE and there are some throughout the other ele-ments of the MEU. There's only a "sprinkle" of Gulf War veterans aboard the MEU, said LtCol Gary R. Oles, MEU executive officer.

Although many Marines agree that if called on for action, the veterans' experience will create a calming effect for the younger Marines, Oles is confident in the training of his young Marines.

The training of the young Marines is paramount. They are the Marines who receive the orders and carry them out, according to Long. He said he is excited to see how the separate elements of the MEU will come together during the standup.

Like his MSSG counterpart Long,

Napora often reflects back to historic events when he thinks of Marines deploying.

Napora explained that because he is in the ACE, his thoughts of Marines deploying go all the way back to the World War II "Island Hopping Campaign."

"I don't know if they were [deployed] before," said Napora, "but it's the first time I can think of that Marine aviators were deployed."

Devore said he is proud to be a part of the MEU. "Marines have been deploying since 1775. It's our way of life."

Another chapter will be written into the lore of the Corps Monday, when the 26th MEU, like many generations of Marines before them, come together to do what must be done and remain vigil at the tip of the spear.

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in the Department of im held later this year. award is another addiyriad of accolades and ilestones bestowed on orps premier piece of ware currently under

development—the AAAV.

Late last year the AAAV Program was approved by the DoD Defense Acquisition Board (DAB) for entry into the next phase of development, known as Engineering and Development Manufacturing

This major milestone approval placed development and production schedules far ahead of predictions.

Future plans for initial AAAV production currently are scheduled to begin in Fiscal Year 2004.

The Marine Corps AAAV Technology Center, located in Woodbridge, Va. has successfully developed and tested various new integrated systems for incorporation with its newest tactical amphibious transport vehicle.

Moving three times faster and with greater firepower than Marines could have aboard the last generation of amphibious troop carriers, its development completion and initial operational capability delivery to the Fleet Marine Forces is scheduled for Fiscal

The Marine Corps intends to equip a Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) with the new vehicles soon thereafter and field a total of 1,013 AAAV's by



reduled for delivery to FMF in 2006.

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The diverse combat arms package is centered around a robust Marine Corps Air-Ground Task Force commanded by 2d Marine Division Commanding General, MajGen Robert R. Blackman, Jr. Like their counterparts in the Army, Navy and Air Force, most of the Leathernecks have been fighting Exercise Unified Endeavor from home station, relying on liaison officers and a constant stream of state-of-the-art communications gear to communicate with

their fellow warriors.

Nearly 500 service personnel did deploy to this U.S. Joint Forces Command facility, however, bringing a blend of talent and expertise from most of the 50 states and Puerto Rico.

The heaviest representation of U.S. Army troops came from III Corps in Ft. Hood, Texas, while the USAF's 12th Air Force (Tucson, Ariz.) provided the bulk of the exercise's sky-blue presence.

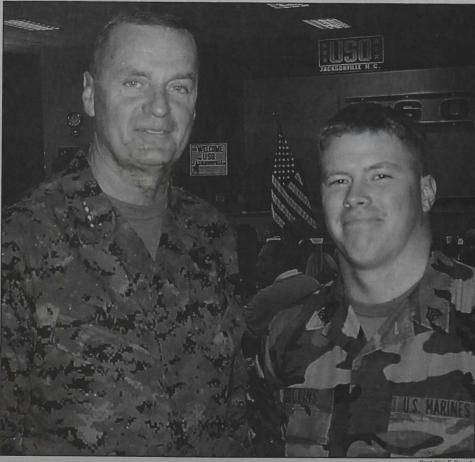
The Little Creek, Cruiser Destroyer Group 8 served as Commander Naval Forces for the

simulated operation.

Individual and small-unit augmentation came from more than a dozen other locations, including MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla., home to the Florida Air National Guard's 290th Joint Communications Support Squadron.

Typifying the squadron mindset was **TSgt Steven Boomer**. "I vol-unteer every chance I get," said the Bradenton, Fla. native and Persian Gulf veteran. "I try to tag along with whatever exercise is going out

CMC and me



The commandant of the Marine Corps, **Gen James L. Jones**, pauses for a picture with **Sgt Joshua J. Collins**, a crew chief with 1st Platoon, Delta Company, 2d Assault Amphibian Battalion, before receiving the C. A. "Mack" McKinney Award for his professional service and dedication to the country. Jones was visiting Jacksonville Monday to accept the award at the USO. Gen Jones wore the Corps' newest camouflage pattern.

Stay Marine

This story, featuring our rotary wing Marines, is the first of a three-part series about the II Marine Expeditionary Force's aviation element. Marine Corps Air Station New River is home to two Marine Aircraft Groups that provide vital support to the Carolina MAGTF.

Unraveled.

into the Corps that if this one thread is removed, the Marine garment would become unraveled and not offer the same blanket of protection and 9-1-1 responsiveness

Marine Corps Air Station New River, a stone's throw from Camp Lejeune, is the home of II MEF's helicopter inventory, the "vertical" strand

of Marine aviation. The fabric pattern was crafted by many hands... heli-copter pioneers Igor Sikorsky and Frank N. Piasecki, MajGen Alex-ander Vandegrift, then - LtCol Victor H. Krulak all had a play in the development of helicopter aviation. In the 1920s and 1930s, the Navy and Marine Corps experimented with autogyros according to Allan R. Millett's "Semper Fidelis-The History of the States A CH-53E takes part in a recent HST

January 1948, the Corps activated its first helicopter squadron, HMX-1, and later that year produced its first tentative manual for helicopter employment. Millett wrote, "Pushed by (Col Merrill B.) Twining and Krulak, HMX-1 carried sixty-six Marines from the decks of the escort carrier Palau to the piney woods of Camp Lejeune during Packard II, a command post exercise for MCS students" in May 1948. And helos have been flying to Camp Lejeune, and around the world, for 53

Marine Corps." In exercise.

"Helos have the closest relation-ship with the troops," according to Maj Doug Schueler, the assistant 2d Marine Division air officer.

don't hear the comforting thumps of helo blades for a long period of time. Helicopters represupplies, equipment, medical evacuations and a ride home. In the case Cobras, Super they also represent immense on-call firepower mission ensure

Marine combat aviation is unique, according Schueler. While Air Force pilots' missions may take out specific tar-

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gets on their own, Marine aviation has a different focus; the infantry-

"Our air element's focus is to sup-port the mission of the MAGTF," said Schueler, from Alamosa, Colo. We support and assist the troops the ground.'

When they are forward deployed with one of II MEF's three Marine Expeditionary Units, the MEF's helicopters are divided helicopters are divided between two Marine Aircraft Groups,

MAG-26 and MAG-29. Each group has seven squadrons of four types of aircraft: CH-46E Sea Knights, CH-53E Super Stallions, AH-1W Super Cobras and UH-1N Hueys. Both groups provide close-air support, whether it be delivering or evacuating Marines, carrying supplies, seeking and destroying targets. While MAG-26 and MAG-29 consist of the same number of squadrons and the same type of aircraft, they have two distinct histories.

MAG-26, currently commanded by Col James E. Schleining. was activated June 16, 1952 at Corps Marine Station Air Cherry Point, N.C assigned to the Marine 2d Aircraft Wing. In July 1954, the group relocated to Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C. and December 1965 the group was designated Marine Aircraft Group (Helicopter

Transport Light)

26. March 1, 1969, it was designated Marine Aircraft Group MAG-26 elements participated in the Cuban Missile Crisis; Dominican Republic intervention; Antilles Disaster Relief Operation in the Dominican Republic; the Iranian attempt; rescue hostage Multinational Peacekeeping Force, Beirut, Lebanon; Operation Urgent Grenada; Hurricane Hugo relief, Puerto Rico and Charleston, S.C.; and Operation Sharp Edge, Monrovia, Liberia. In December 1990, MAG-26 relocated in Jubail, Saudi Arabia to support the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force and the 2d Marine Division in the liberation



Maintenance is required to keep Super Cobras flying at their best

Shield/Storm. Since then, MAG-26 has participated in no fewer than 10 operations and countless training exercises and events.

Unlike MAG-26, MAG-29 started New River, replacing Marine disbanded in 1972. Col Ralph F. Tice commands the group. Four days after its activation the group received its first aircraft, the UH-1N, directly from Bell Helicopter in Fort Worth, Texas. In 1974, a MAG-29 OV-10A

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set a world record for straight-line distance in a Group II, Class CIF aircraft. The 4,480-kilometer journey was flown from Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Wash., to Homestead

In 1977, HMA-269 received the first AH-1T/TOW aircraft, the Marine Corps' newest and most advanced

Aviation the Combat Element of the Marine Prepositioning Force in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1983, HMM-162 evacuated casualties of the bombing of the Battalion Landing Headquarters. During 1988, MAG-29 detached personnel and aircraft to support operations in the Persian Gulf. In 1989 and 1990, MAG-29 participated in support of Operation Desert Operation Shield/Storm.

MAG-29 units supported United Nations Operations Restore Hope/Continue Hope in Somalia and Deny Flight/Provide Promise in the former Yugoslavia. During the summer of 1994, MAG-29 personnel and aircraft supported Operation Restore Democracy in

In June 1995, MAG-29's support of Operations Deny Flight and Provide Promise was highlighted when Col Martin R. Berndt's 24th

MEU(SOC), helped rescue downed Air Force pilot Capt Scott O'Grady. Most recently, HMM-162, ACE for the 22d MEU(SOC), played a key role Operations Quick Response/Assured Response in the Central African Republic and in Liberia.

The Marine medium helicopter squadrons of both MAGs are home to the twin-engine CH-46E, the Marine Corps go-to aircraft for troop insertion, according to HMM-264's CH-46 pilot Maj Travis Provost. The 46, capable of carrying up to five crewmembers and 14 combat-ready Marines, provides the Corps with allweather, day and night troop move-

"The Forty-Six is really the Corps' 'A' aircraft," said Provost, from Oklahoma City. "It's a proven helo capable of supporting a wide variety of missions.'

Wherever those 46s take the Marines, equipment must follow. Moving heavy equipment is a specialty of the

CH-53E Super Stallion, of the MAGs' Marine heavy helicopter squadrons. They are capable of hauling 16,000-pound M198 Howitzers nearly 28,000-pound Light Armored Vehicles more than fifty miles. The '53, used often for shipto-shore equipment transportation, is also able to extract downed aircraft, including other CH-53Es. Troop and equipment movement is not the

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No need to worry - 2d Explosive Ordnance Disposal Platoon, 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2d Force Service Support Group, is ready to come to the rescue.

This unit, deployed to support Marine Air Ground Task Force-6 during the recent Combined Arms Exercise 4-01 here, kept Marines and Sailors safe while they trained on the ranges.

"We are here to support the MAGTF by taking care of unexploded ordnance and clearing ranges," said Sgt Randall S. Schwandt with 2d EOD. "If a unit goes out for an operation and finds a piece of ordnance, they call us and we go out and destroy it so it is no longer a hazard to those around it.'

Schwandt added the process of acquiring the knowledge and tools needed to work with ordnance begins at the military occupational school for EOD at Eglin Air Force Base,

Destin, Fla.

"We learn about all dud producing ordnance, both foreign or domestic," said Schwandt of Monroe, Mich. "If it's made, we learn about it."

The unit was busy at work, putting the skills they learned to the test at various ranges

"So far we've cleared aircraft bombing ranges and the 400 series," said Schwandt. "The Range 400 series is important because troops run through the area, so we make sure they can do it with as little trouble as possi-ble."

Schwandt explained the importance of knowing what to do if any ordnance is found

in a training area "Ordnance kills. That's what it's made

for," said Schwandt. "Don't touch it no matter how 'dumb' or insignificant it seems.

He said the first thing a person should do when an unexploded ordnance is discovered is to back up and leave it alone.

"You should never touch it," Schwandt remarked. "The first thing you should do is move away and inform other people that are around it to stay clear of the area.

He then explained you should mark the terrain so it will be noticeable to anyone else who may come through the area.

You should mark it approximately three meters away so it is noticeable to anyone else that may be around and so we can easily locate it," said Schwandt. "The next step is to write down the name and unit of the person who found it so they can tell us what they

He added that most importantly his unit needs an accurate location so they can get to the ordnance as quickly as possible.

'They need to give us a good grid location as to where they saw the ordnance," said Schwandt. "Location is a big deal. When you are looking for something so small, you can waste a lot of time working off the wrong coordinates.'

SSgt Troy M. McNeal, also with 2d EOD, added his unit not only works with unexploded ordnance for troops during training exercises, but they work for the community surrounding Camp Lejeune as well.

'We do range work but we also work with Improvised Explosive Devices like pipe and parcel bombs out in town," said McNeal of Mattawamkeag, Maine. "We support nine counties back in North Carolina, including

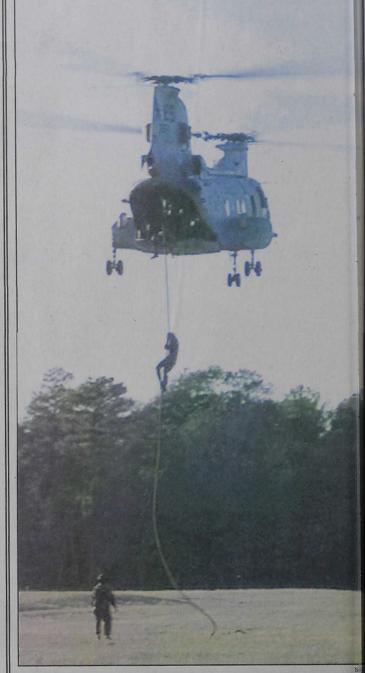
He added the hardest part about working with explosives found in town is not knowing what to expect.

'Our biggest fear is going out into town and having to play with something someone else has built," said McNeal. "What you are trying to defeat is the human mind.'

Schwandt added, his unit is always willing to teach those who are interested in learning about what it takes to work with explosive ordnance. "If people want classes on explosives, or

just want to learn about what we do, they can give us a call and we would be more than willing to work with them," said Schwandt.

Use the brake ...



Marines from HMM 266 assist Marines of BLT 2/8 in practicing their fastroping sk at LZ Sparrow. The two units are preparing to board Amphibious Ready Group. Kearsarge, USS Ponce and USS Carter Hall, as part of the 24th MEU and their cexercise "SOCEX."

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CBIRF provides response team in the event of terrorist attack



CBIRF Marine are shown here at a recent exercise in New York City. This same display of skills took place in Washington, D.C., when the president addressed Congress.

Sgt Victoria G. Gross

The Marines from CBIRF were on Capital Hill Feb. 27 in case an incident involving a nuclear, biological or chemical weapon arose.

As President George W. Bush addressed a joint-session of Congress, the Chemical, Biological Incident Response Force, II Marine Expeditionary Force, provided more than 100 specially trained Marines to react in an instant should the situation arise.

According to LtCol Scott Graham, CBIRF executive officer, the unit was capable of pro-viding chemical and biological extraction of casualties, decontamination, medical treatment of mass casualties and agent identifica-

They were also there to provide command and control, technical rescue and explosive ordnance disposal for force protection.

CBIRF supported of Joint Task Force Civil Support whose role is to provide DoD assistance to the U.S. Capitol Police, explained Graham of El Dorado, Kan. Joint Task Force Civil Support is a standing joint task force headquarters, assigned to U.S. Joint Forces Command.

The task force would provide command and control over DoD assets in a consequence management operation following a weapon of mass destruction incident in the United States.

With most of the Marines standing by in a location near the Hill, other teams of CBIRF warriors were much closer to the site, "half dressed" in level A protective gear, waiting for any sign of attack.

Their purpose was reconnaissance. They were primarily there for agent identification,

said Sgt Joseph G. Parsons, leader, 1st Platoon, React Compa

The unit planned for many p tions - How to get the CBIRF Ma building, extract victims out of and get them through the dec process as expediently as possible

Every detail was fine-tuned r what to do with personal valuable

Some Marines, like Parsons, security in the past.

"It was awesome. Most Marin a chance to go to the Capitol work with the Capital Police.

Parsons leads a five-man rec has stuck together through thick;

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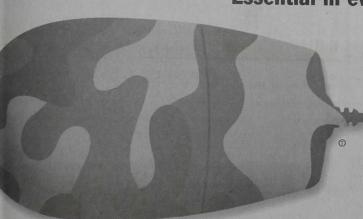
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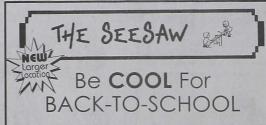
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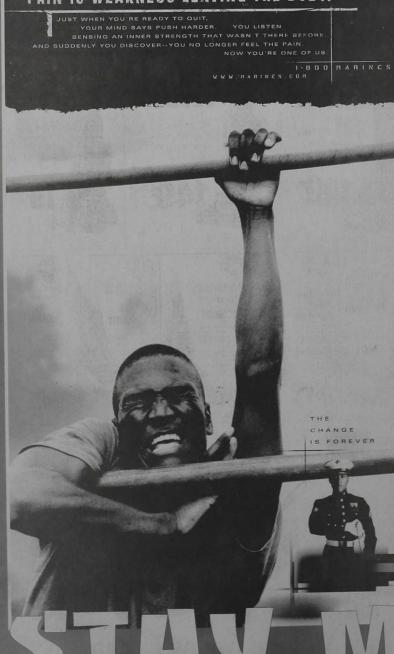
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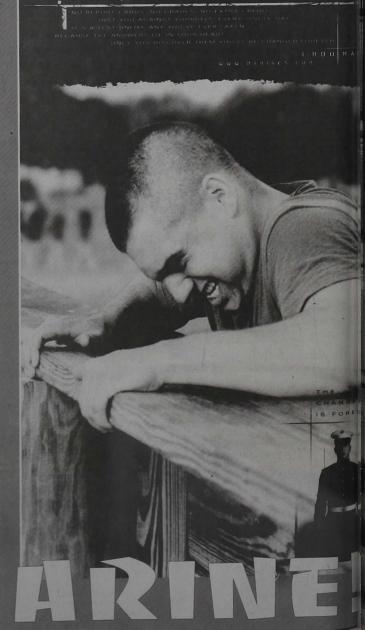
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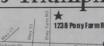


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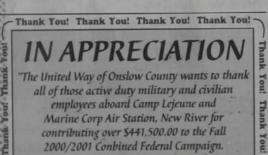
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The goal is for the future leaders to walk away with a better understanding of themselves, and the communities they live in, what direction they are headed and what awaits them in the near future.

The day began with the invoca-tion provided by CDR Donald F. Lerow, Marine Corps Base chaplain, and a welcome by the Superintendent of Onslow County Schools, Dr. Ronald B. Singletary.
Nancy Kalm, MCB, assistant

chief of staff for Logistics, shared some wisdom gained through personal experience.

This helped to set the tone for the ensuing small group sessions meant to foster thoughtful discussion.

As the participants gathered in groups of approximately 10 students each. Subjects such as leadership, prejudice, education and sexual harassment were examined as possible concerns within today's workplace

Students openly shared their opinions and experiences regarding the issues, and the first half of the day came to a close with many expressing satisfaction with the group session.

"I learned that many of my classmates share many of my thoughts, feelings and outlooks on life," said Jacksonville High School's Meg Greenslit.

(Left to Right) Cristina Franzese and Meg Greenslit, both 16-year-old Jacksonville High School juniors, receive their certificates from Janet Westerman for their participation during the conference

"The group session was very interesting. Never before have I sat down with a group of my peers and held such an adult conversation.

Following a lunch of pizza and hamburgers, the young adults gathered to take part in a question and answer forum, not unlike some of today's more reputable talk shows.

LtCol Anthony P. Fazio, deputy director of Manpower, MCB, and Marine Corps coordinator for the conference, led the session complete with audio-visual aides and

individuals with microphones.

Music and video clips from popular artists and movies alluded to many of the most important issues the future leaders may face. Fazio, also a Rotary member, effectively roused responses from the group with insightful questions.

The afternoon session garnered positive feedback similar to the earlier small-group sessions.

"I have learned to be a good leader," said Seth Thomas, a student at Southwest High School in

Jacksonville. "You have to be a good listener and respect people."

Swansboro High School's Carrie Pickett commented, "I learned that I am not the only young person who wishes to make a difference in school, the community and the world."

The day ended with closing remarks from Frank Toothman, district governor for The Rotary Clubs of Onslow County and the presentation of a certificate to each participating individual noting the successful completion of the pro-

Jimmie Autry, Rotary member and conference coordinator, read the name of each student and fellow Rotarian Janet Westerman handed out certificates.

Christina Franzese, a student, said the conference goal was achieved in her opinion.

"I benefited from this conference because it helped me look at situations with a broader vision.

As the event ended, the Rotary Four-Way Test, a guide for what good leaders think, say or do, was

"Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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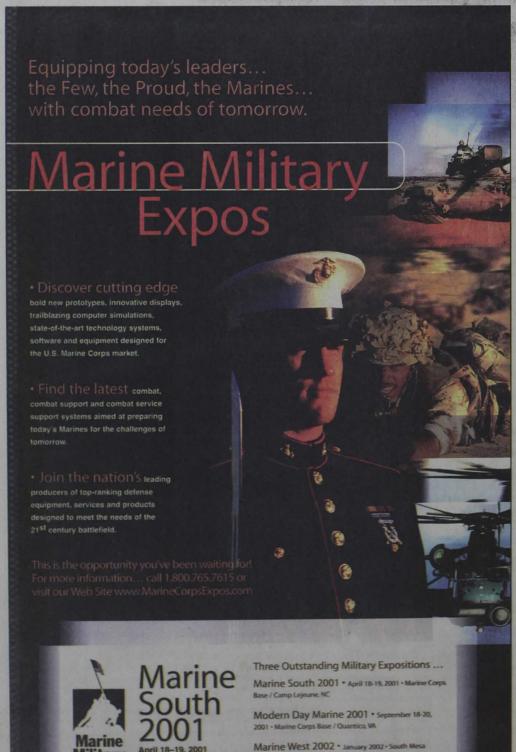
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NEWS & FEATURES

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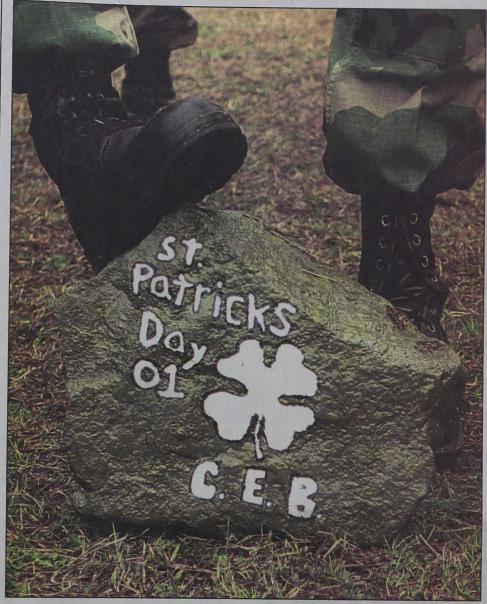
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Irish boots?



2d Combat Engineer Battalion Marines continue the tradition of the Blarney Stone. The stone was the center of festivities recently when CEB celebrated its "Irish ways

Engineers like it green

Story and photos by LCpl Charles W. Palmer IV

To some people St. Patrick's Day is a time to party and wear green. But this day means a little more to Camp Lejeune engineers ...

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James Wendt

Kirsten Holmstedt

Twelve years ago, a frustrated high school senior in Arlington, Texas, dropped out of school. Unsure of his future, he joined the Marine Corps.

As the young Marine began climbing the ranks, what he lacked in paper (the diploma) he made up for with intelli-

But eventually it became apparent to James Wendt that not having a high school diploma would be career limiting. The longer he worked for the Marine Corps, the more he realized that if he wanted to continue to advance in the military or enter the civilian workforce, he had to increase his

In 1999, he decided to take the General Educational Development (GED) exam. To prepare for the test, he completed an evaluation at Coastal Carolina Community College's Learning Lab in the Education Building at Camp Lejeune. Once he received his results, which highlighted his

strengths and weaknesses, he spent some time in Coastal's Lab under the tutelage of instructors for the Basic Skills

Not even Wendt could have predicted his off-the-chart test results. He achieved the highest GED score of 14,525 North rolina in 1999 and received the GED National Award for Outstanding Achievement.

"I knew I had done pretty well because it was easy, but I didn't expect to be number one," said GySgt Wendt, a faculty advisor for the Staff Non-Commissioned Officer (SNCO) Academy at Camp Lejeune. "That surprised me

Wendt's return to education wasn't just about achieving a higher rank. His late wife, Linda, and his position at the Academy, where he preached education to the sergeants and staff sergeants, also influenced his decision

As a faculty advisor, the 31-year-old Wendt was expected to practice what he preached and to lead by example. "I wasn't doing that," he said. "It would have been hypocritical for me to sit in the academics office and preach to these people to follow up on their education when I was a high school dropout.

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Marine thrives on being one of the fewer



Cpl Judy Hecksher examines a shipment of supplies for Headquarters Battery, 10th Marines.

Cpl Mike Vrabel

t's hard enough being one of 'the few.' We're the few of the few," says Cpl Judy Hecksher.

The 'few of the few' Hecksher is referring to are the women Marines, who play a major role in today's

Marine Corps.

In sheer numbers, the Marines Corps is a male-dominated force. The relatively small ratio of women to menin the Corps, however, is not necessarily a burden for women Marines. According to Hecksher, it's a motiva-

tion for success.

Hecksher, a supply property chief for Headquarters Battery, 10th Marines. speaks avidly about the pride of being Marine. For her, being a woman

Marine is an extra source of pride.
"I love being a female in the Marine Corps," said Hecksher, who has been a Leatherneck for more than three years. "It gives me a lot of pride to have the chance to prove myself on a daily

According to Hecksher, being a woman Marine can be challenging, but the opportunities for success are out

"The opportunities are there; we just have to go out and get them. We have to open our own doors," she said.

Being a woman in a 'grunt' regi-ment, Hecksher admits she and other women Marines don't often get the chance to interact with 10th Marines' firing batteries. When they do however, it gives these women a chance to stand out and shine. One such instance was last November's Division-wide motivational run.

"I got my girls together and told them that this was our chance to prove

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"It's hard enough being one of 'the few.' We're the few of the few."

- Cpl Judy Hecksher

NEWS WATCH

weep Results

1 653,560 pounds of trash was recovlast week's Operation Clean Sweep. scrap metal, many area Marines and a good portion of the week clearing debris. Tasked with making the area ng and training, Marines and Sailors their efforts on removing items like scrap wood, and concrete. In all, 253 f waste was discarded at the landfill. tion Supervisor Joe Powers said the nt smooth and was a success

Marine Death

The accident that killed 23-year-old LCpl James Houghton formerly of Bravo Company, 8th Engineer Support Battalion, remains under investigation.

Reports indicate a tree fell on Houghton's chest while his unit was clearing an area at Tactical Landing Zone Albatross.

Houghton graduated Engineer School at Courthouse Bay in August 1999. A memorial service is scheduled today at 2 p.m. at the MCB Protestant Chapel.

Contrary to popular belief, the Marine Corps has not yet replaced the media "doomed" V-22 Osprey. Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen James

Times Refuted

Jones, recently answered a New York Times frontpage story saying the Corps was looking to replace the aircraft. Jones' written statement said, "There has been no watershed event that has prompted me to ask for a search of options, or a study of alternatives to the Osprey, and I have not done so. Nor have I any new information that would lead me to believe this important program is 'in peril."

Range Accident

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld released the following statement about Monday's accident in Kuwait -

"I join with the president in extending my sympathies to the families of those killed and injured in today's bombing range accident in Kuwait. Tragedies such as this occur without warning and for reasons that are difficult to understand. We will work hard to take care of the families involved, and to find out how such

LCpl Jannette Klass, 2d Radio Bn receives medal / 7B

Bulletin Board

To submit your unit's (changes of command, closings, training ses etc.), contact your Information Office



2d FSSG

A memorial service will be held for LCpl James Houghton today at 2 p.m. at the Base Protestant Chapel. The 8th Engineer Support Bn field meet scheduled for today is cancelled to allow members to attend the memorial service.

 Welcome home CSSD-25! Bravo Zulu for a successful CAX.





Quick, what are the two most common dreams of an enlisted Marine?

Going to college and becoming a warrant officer.

Warrant officer monitors, from the Basic School in Quantico, Va., will be on deck May 9.

Get ahead of the game and contact the II MEF career planner today at 451-8048.





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The Single Marine Program is providing a unique opportunity for our single Marines and Sailors to become better educated on the options the commissary provides.

Products from participating sponsors will be award-

For more information Call Sgt Elizabeth Darr at 451-7014.





2d MarDiv

Do you and your pals enjoy soccer? Set up a team and come down to the Commanding General's Cup Soccer Tourn-ament Friday at WPT Hill Field.

Only two teams are allowed per regiment or one per battalion. For more information Call Joseph SSgt Landgraft at 451-8716.



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Points of Interest

Naval Hospital

Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune will host its quarterly Health Care Consumer Council Meeting on Thursday, March 22 at 1:30 p.m. It will be held at Marston Pavilion to allow for

Pregnancy Wellness

A pregnancy exercise program is available for expectant active-duty and non-active duty Wellness beneficiaries. The Pregnancy Exercise Program meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 4 p.m. The program includes aerobics, walking, water aerobics and weight training. For more information, call 451-3712.

Interested in Being A Group **Exercise Instructor?**

Semper Fit will teach you how to teach! This week-long workshop consists of both a "theoretical" phase and a "practical" phase.

The theoretical lectures are based upon the core sciences and cover key areas such as nutrition, exercise physiology, anatomy, kinesiology, biomechanics, health histories, special populations, injury prevention, motivation, and com-

The practical phase is directed toward handson skills, directly related to program design, leadership, and teaching techniques. The next workshop will be held Monday through Friday. To register or for more information, please call Terri Hort at 451-0827.

Marine and Navy Spouses

Attention Marine Corps and Navy spouses! Learn about your benefits, deployments, separations, moving finances, community and traditions of the Marine Corps in a fun, casual and friendly environment.

spouses are encouraged to attend. L.I.N.K.S. (Lifestyles, Insights, Networking, Knowledge, Skills) is the best way to get the information you need to "LINK" yourself to the Marine Corps community. Ladies Night Out is every third Tuesday at the Midway Park Chapel. For more information or to register, call 451-

Welcome Aboard

The Welcome Aboard and Information Fair is held on scheduled Tuesdays at Marston Pavilion from 7:30 a.m. to noon. It is open to all servicemembers, reservists, DoD employees, NAF employees and their families. It is designed to enlighten new arrivals to the benefits of Camp Lejeune and the surrounding Experts on base organization will host

booths to provide information on TRICARE,

human resources, housing, college enrollment, Lejeune or 450-6431, at New River. children and youth, Semper Fit and much more! Free childcare services are available, and registration is required.

For more information on attending or presenting information at one of the booths, please call 451-3212 ext. 200/201.

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament & 2 Ball Shoot Out

Register your team for the SMP 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament! 3-on-3 teams will compete for 1st and 2nd place trophies. Each team may consist of 3 players (no substitutions). The registration deadline is Friday. This is a free event open to all ranks, and each participant will receive a 3-on-3 Tournament T-shirt.

The 2-Ball Shoot Out is going to be held in conjunction with the tournament. Anyone interested in the Shoot Out must pay a \$5 entry fee per person. The winning team will receive a \$50 cash prize. For more information, call

Book Club

The MCAS New River Library is starting a group reading session on Mondays from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. This program is designed for children who read on a 3.0 to 5.9 grad level or better. Sessions will be held at the DeLalio Elementary School Library

For more information contact the New River Library Children's Coordinator, Keri Marell, at 450-6715.

Jobs

There are job openings available on base. Please contact the Human Resource Office at

SNCO Wives Club Scholarship

Deadline is Today. The MCAS New River SNCO Wives' Club scholarship forms are available at all area high schools, MCAS Family Services Center, MCAS Library and The MCAS Thrift Shop on Agan Street. Dependents of MCAS SNCO's are eligible. For more information call 455-1822.

Budget for Baby

Budget for Baby class will be held the first and third Friday from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. at Camp Lejeune and the second Tuesday of each month from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at New River.

This class is offered by the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. You will learn budgeting techniques and the impact a baby has on a fam-

A free layette is available to all Marine/Navy families who attend the class. For more information, call 451-5346, at Camp

Subic Bay Marine Reunion

The Subic Bay Marines, Marine Barracks, Subic Bay, Philippine Islands, are having their 9th annual reunion in Cromwell, Conn., Aug. 23-26. For more information, contact Jim Bassett, secretary, at 3417 Las Vegas Drive, Oceanside, Ca. 92054-3830, (760) 757-3836 or jimsbm@nctimes.net.

Scholarship Applicants Sought

Sprint Scholarships of \$1,000 are available to active-duty military and their dependents aboard Camp Lejeune and MCAS, New River attending, or accepted to, four-year colleges/universities within the state of North Carolina.

Details and scholarship applications are available at the guidance departments of area high schools, Coastal Carolina Community College, and MCCS Operations Bldg 1401. Deadline for submission of applications is March 30. For more information, call 451-

Department Workshop

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg police department is looking for you! Attend today's brief and discover the opportunities and benefits available. An exam will be offered for interested parties. For more information call 450-6110.

National Naval Officer's Assoc.

The NNOA is currently accepting applications for the annual scholarship award. Applicants must be a senior in high-school or entering an accredited college. An essay must be submitted before April 2. For an application and further information contact Maj Clements at

St. Patrick Day Party

The MCAS Youth Community Center is having a St Patrick Day Party for teens ages 13-17 this Saturday. Doors open at 7 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person. For more information call 450-

Staff NCO Wives' Club

The Staff NCO Wives' Club will hold their next general meeting Friday at 7 p.m. at the Staff NCO Club. This meeting is open to all SNCO Wives' Club members! Mark your calendars!

Immunization Clinic

The Immunization Clinic's normal operating hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Immunizations are administered on a walk in basis, no appointment is necessary.

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The Jacksonville USO now has a Marin Credit Union ATM in full use. Stop by and USO located on the waterfront in Jacksonville at 9 Tallman Street or call 45

A lance corporal from 8th Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division received a Bad Conduct Discharge, 30 days brig confinement, forfeiture of \$600 for one month and was reduced to the rank of E-1. The Marine was charged with Unauthorized Absence.

A lance corporal from 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2d Force Battalion, 2d Force Service Support Group received a Bad Conduct Discharge 45 days brig confinement and reduction to the rank of E-1. The Marine was charged with charged with possession of the drug LSD.

Transportation Battalion, 2d Force Service Support Group received a Conduct Discharge, 90 days brig confinement and forfeiture of \$675 for three months. The Marine was charged with article 86 of the UCMJ, Unauthorized Headquarters and Service Battalion, 2d Force Service Support Group received a Bad Conduct Discharge, 60 days confinement, forfeiture of \$670 for two months. The Marine was charged with three counts of UA, two counts of marijuana and ecstasy possession.

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Urologist awarded top honor

Ensign Kelly Bricko

A Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital urologist recently was awarded one of his field's top

CDR Stephen E. Mandia recently received the "Most Productive Solo Military Urologist" award for Fiscal Year 2000 during the 48th annual James C. Kimbrough Urological Seminar in San Diego

Mandia was credited with seeing more than 4,000 patients resulting in an increase of clinical productivity by more than 30 percent. In comparison to all other DoD solo urologists, Mandia completed almost double the amount of procedures.

When asked how he was able to achieve such an accomplishment, he credited his training, his work ethics, and most importantly his mentor, retired Medical Corps officer Capt John P.

Other factors, according to Mandia, was the fact he truly enjoys being a urologist and treating patients, and that he has an outstanding staff of three urology technicians to support him.

Mandia boasts that he has one of the lowest cost-per-patient

visits in the Navy; between \$100 and \$250 per visit

Seeing on average 100 new consults per month, he believes Camp Lejeune has the perfect patient population for the services he provides. He also believes there is enough demand that the hospital would benefit from having two staff urologists

Being a board-certified urologist with more than 12 years experience provides him with the unique ability to streamline his patient questions while still providing the highest quality of care. Mandia said streamlining his questions saves time during consultation appointments, thus freeing him to see more patients

Another factor that has aided in increasing the patient workload

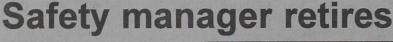
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Mandia works to support the command mission benchmark for other clinics to follow and showir done, he wants to inspire other clinics to look at the see where they can increase patient care and e decreasing revised financing.



LCpl Charles W. Palmer IV

Employees of the Camp Lejeune Base Safety Office recently bid farewell to their safety manager after 33 years of government

Tex W. Ritter of Topsail Beach, N.C., retired from the career he started as a Army private in 1967. As a soldier, Ritter reached the rank of staff sergeant in less than two

After fulfilling his obligation to the Army, Ritter was hired as a firefighter here and was later promoted to fire prevention specialist. He served in this position until 1982 when he was promoted to occupational and health safety specialist in the Base Safety Office. He stayed in the office until he progressed to his final position as the

base safety manager.

Ritter developed and wrote the standard operating procedures for six major safety programs here including gas-free engineering, confined space entry, radiation safety, asbestos control, occupational safety and health administration hazard communication, and the lock-out/tag-out program.

Ritter has accepted a part time job as a consultant and facilitator for Environmental



Tex W. Ritter

Safety Services, which gives advice on how to lower risk, and as an insurance inspector with Trans Star Services. However, he plans to spend most of his time fishing on his boat.

Why should cavitities in child's baby teeth be fill

Lt Steven J. Wingfield This question has certainly been asked most every parent faced with the dilemma of whether or not a child's cavities should be filled when they

aval Hospital Camp Lejeu

occur in baby, also known as "pri-mary" teeth. The most natural answer to the question, at least in the mind of the parent, is the apparent futility of filling a tooth that will eventually be lost and replaced by a permanent tooth.

In order to justify

why primary teeth should be filled, must first understand the significance, function, and purpose of

the primary teeth as well as the impact that tooth decay has on them.

By the age of three, most children have acquired their full complement of twenty primary teeth. The most obvious function of the primary teeth is to masticate (chew) the child's food. In addition, the primary teeth serve as space maintainers for the permanent teeth and prevent the corresponding tooth of the opposite arch from drifting. Finally, the maintenance of baby teeth acts as a stimulant to the proper growth pattern of

Tooth decay is a process of destruction of the hard crown of the tooth that results in three main

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Comm Chief Retires

LCpl Charles W. Palmer IV

Marines of 1st Battalion, 10th Marines bid farewell to their communications chief recently at the 10th Marine Landing Zone.

GySgt Charles K. Holloway of Jacksonville, N.C., retired after 20 years of

Holloway's father was a sailor, but he and his two brothers joined the Marines.

"I knew since I was a kid I wanted to become a Marine," said Holloway. He took his first step toward making his

life-long dream of entering the Corps a reality Oct. 5, 1980 when he arrived at Parris Island, After completing recruit training, he attended the Field Radio Operators Course where he

Throughout his career, Holloway had many experiences, but said his favorite time in the Corps was in Beirut, Lebanon, as part of the multi-national, peace-keeping force from October 1982 until March 1983, and again in 1984 as part of the Embassy Security Force.

After a brief break in service in 1985,

almost immediately on float in the Mediterranean. He then attended Marine Corps Recruiter School and after graduating began sharing his dream with the young men and women of

was reassigned to 3d Bn, 8th Marines and went

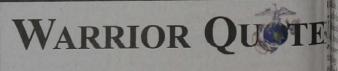
Leesburg, Fla. Following three years recruiting, Holloway reported to the 10th Marine Regiment.

He then attended the Operational Communications Chief Course and proceeded

to his final duty station in November 1998. Holloway plans to spend his retirement with his wife Carol and his three daughters Lisa, Shawnee and Catherine



GySgt Charles K. Holloway gives his final salute before retiring from the Marine Corps



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-- from The Marine's Pray

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> than 150,000 people visit Camp jeune annually. However, there is no mp Lejeune museum.

will be a venue dedicated solely to exhibiting evolution of the base as the home of expediin readiness.

ne Corps Museum of the Carolinas" proposed showcase the unique Marine Corps training in a (woman Marines, African-American Marines, and barrage balloons) and the families that owned the land prior to government's acquisition.

The heart of the museum will be the II Marine Expeditionary Force and its elements: the 2d Marine Division; 2d Marine Aircraft Wing; 2d Force Service Support Group; and the various camps and their histories.

The museum board is looking for memorabilia from Cherry Point, Beaufort and New River Air Stations as well as Bogue Field, said retired SgtMaj Joseph Houle, museum executive

MGen Ray L. Smith, retired Marine Corps Base commanding general and president of the museum's board of directors, plans to break ground early next year.

The future site of the museum is a proposed on a 7.5 acre tract of land off U.S. 17 along the New River where the Onslow Inn is located. City officials recently announced plans

to purchase the land, set aside room for the 400,000 sq. ft. museum and build a civic center, hotel and conference center. "This is a community effort. We will build it where the community lets us," said Smith.

"The Marine Corps Museum of the Carolinas" is a nonprofit organization that has been raising money since December.

"How good we make it depends on the contributions we receive," added Smith.

Construction bricks can be purchased by donors and inscribed with up to six lines of 17 characters each. Other taxdeductible donations can be sent to: Marine Corps Museum of the Carolinas, P.O. Box 32, Jacksonville, N.C. 28540.

For further information, call (910) 937-0033 or E-mail mcmuseum@wna-linknet.com.

dgets highlight b technology expo

ed room was awash in blinking lorful video screens almost cade in a shopping mall.
of teen-agers, the show March

es. And the flashy lights didn't but communication and elec-ent technology.

ompanies showed off computers iption: large and small, colorful ek and rugged at Technology n the Camp Lejeune's Staff oned Officers' Club.

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hot-swappable components so to power down the entire sy most parts," said Nicholas H. sory sales representative with

aild a mobile system to support rs or several hundred, and we them in groups of two - one system and one for an unclas-

the theme vorks display as representatives mobile computer servers, ps and hand-held computers. uipment used processors in the range because power con-e field is a major concern. The -tested from 3 feet onto con-

g at a ruggedized mobile servgt Walter Bobbitt, operations the Management Support Camp Lejeune. "It looks like

models that run off of battery

power, direct current from 10 to 30 volts, or alternating current from 100 to 250 volts and 50 to 400 hertz, giving them a wide range of options while deployed.

Operating systems were compatible to most home and office computers, such as Windows 95, 98 or NT, and one had four ports compatible with the Personal Computer Memory Card International Association, twice the number of most laptops.

Representatives from Compaq demonstrated the PCMCIA card, a hard drive the size of a credit card once reserved for laptops, that is being used as a communication device with its own antennae or to plug into a cellular tele-

the compact flashcard, which is the size of a matchbook, and the secure digital card, the size of a postage stamp.

"The SD card plugs into a compact computer," said Sean Lombardi, sales manager with Sprocket Communications Inc. "Some cards even have an imbedded antennae, within the card, so there's no external antennae to extend or break off."

In another corner was a shredder from Security Engineered Machinery for the destruction of classified material.

"You can set up a portable office and by destroying unneeded classified documents in the field they have less to worry about," said David Huzarewicz, sales representative for

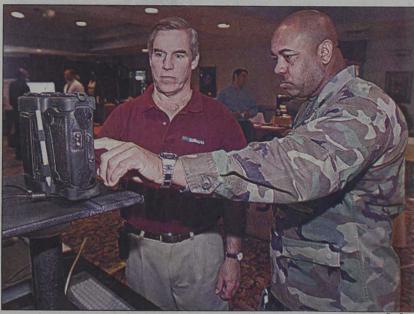
In today's world not everything is on paper. There are solutions for that as well.

At 4 inches tall, 2 inches wide, 6 inches

long and sporting a pair of rollers down the center, Huzarewicz demonstrated an apparatus designed to degauss 3.5-inch diskettes by running them through a magnetic field

There's a series of six different magnets inside to electronically degauss the disk," Huzarewicz said. "It rearranges the particles on the Mylar material on the disk, making it

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GySgt Walter Bobbitt checks out new technology while Rick Evans from Kontron-Fieldworks looks on

WARRIOR QUETES

The total professional is the Marine who exercises his mind with the same devotion and enthusiasm as he exercises his body.

- Gen P.X. Kelley

ommissary wins again!

Market Place

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Last Thursday, I had six people from the store descend on four other grocery stores to infiltrate the enemy camp. We wanted to compare their prices to the commissary. While the results were no surprise to us, they may be a real surprise to you!

While I'm on the subject of other stores, it was really difficult to find items to compare since they don't carry the large assortment we do. instance, in the Meat Department we wanted to compare "choice"

meats, but most of them only carry "select" (Choice is the better In the Grocery Department, we wanted to compare 36 ounce coffee. They only carried 39 ounce or 24

ounce. It was almost the same in every department. (By the way, in case you don't know what department HABA is, it stands for Health and Beauty Aids) If you would like to see the actual list of items we compared and the store names that go along with these figures, stop at the commis-

sary and request a copy, or send me an e-mail at .

Remember those scholarship applications we were taking in January and February? We had 57 applications turned in. That was the most in all of North Carolina! The store that came the closest to us was Fort Bragg South; the biggest commissary in the world. They turned in 34 applications. We weren't the top store in the world, but we proved once again that Camp Lejeune is the best commissary in our corner of it! Each base will get least one scholarship winner and maybe mo depending upon the funds available.

Store A

26.78%

19.52% 23.49%

27.13%

55.69% higher

should be notified by April 30.

The Defense Commissary Agency Eastern Region has come out with a new Policy that every commissary will spot check I.D. cards once a month for a three-hour period in the morning and in the afternoon. All patrons (except military in uniform) will be required to show an I.D. card during these spot checks. Anyone without an I.D. card must be accompanied by an authorized

patron or they will be denied entrance Patrons will still be required to show their I.D. card at the register when they make their final purchases and they will be reminded that any guests they bring with them are not authorized to shop.

For the past two weeks, we gave commissary tours to single Marines; feeding them breakfast and also letting them shop on us for a limited amount of groceries. All this has been part of the Commissary Awareness Program that we are holding in conjunction with the Single Marine Program to educate the single Marines on their commissary benefits. Many single Marines think they can't shop in the commissary unless they are married. Nothing could be further from the truth! As I've told them the past two weeks, I'll take anyone's money as long as they have an I.D. card. Everyone who has taken the tour has been very responsive to what they have learned and I think

Il get at most of them will be back to do their re ping. If you are interested in a tour, y tact me at 451-2172.			
Store B		Store C	Supercenter D
47.84%	higher	60.28% higher	44.38% higher
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24.62%		28.86%	15.86%
11.50%		13.34%	.47%
25.69%		26.13%	14.54%

Tilley top enlisted at 2/

Cpl Valerie Martinez

SgtMaj John G. Siniga relinquished his post as

sergeant major of 2d Battalion, 2d Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division to SgtMaj Oliver M. "Sonny" Tilley in a ceremony here March 8.

Suniga served with 2d Force Reconnaissance Battalion, 2d MarDiv, early in his career, and completed the Jumpmaster, Military Freefall Parachutist, Dive Supervisor and Crisis Entry Courses. The father of two was meritoriously promoted to both corporal and sergeant before attending Drill Instructor School in Parris Island, S.C.

He served with various units upon completing his tour as a drill instructor, spending time in Anchorage.



SgtMaj Siniga

Leaders Course. Suniga will take has gained in 26 years of service to with Weapons Training Bn. as the

Tilley of Pascagoula, Miss., Division in 1980 and served as a Assault Amphibian Bn. He served recruits as a drill instructor, battal series gunnery sergeant, and spent with the British Royal Marines.

The father of two then returned 1st Bn., 8th Marines, on a Mediter with the 26th Marine Expeditionar

Tilley's personal decorations inc Marine Corps Commendation Me and the Navy and Marine Corps Ac



SgtMaj Tilley

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Although many believe that women Service members traditionally have been used in mostly administrative billets, nothing could be further from the truth. Women have been serving this nation for years in some very dangerous positions

In 1948, the doors finally opened for women to officially join the active ranks of the U.S. Armed Forces. Before then, they served in unofficial capacities or in the Reserves.

To date, there are almost two million female American veterans. From the American Revolution to Panama, Bosnia, and Kosovo, women have served in some way in every conflict this country has

More than 33,000 women served in World War I and almost 500,000 took part in World War II.

During the Korean era, 120,000 women were in uniform and 7,000 were deployed during the Vietnam conflict.

During Operation Desert Storm, seven percent of the total U.S. forces deployed were women - more than 50,000 personnel.

Throughout history, one of the many ways women aided their country was by spying on enemies abroad and at home.

In the early days of the American Revolution, many Philadelphian women passed key information along to Gen George Washington at Valley Forge.

Ann Trotter Bailey carried messages across enemy territory in 1774, and Sarah Bradiee Fulton, also known as the "Mother of the Boston Tea Party," delivered dispatches too.

Emily George rode 50 miles through British territory to deliver a message to Gen Thomas Sumter during the U.S. War of Independence.

As early as 1811, Navy surgeons recommended that nurses be included among personnel at Navy Hospitals. United States ships' logs reflect women serving aboard as nurses the next year.

Nancy Hart served as a Confederate scout, guide

and spy during the Civil War. Her mission was to carry messages between the southern Armies. She also visited isolated federal outposts. Acting as a peddler, she reported strength, population, and vulnerabilities to Gen Andrew Jackson.

When Hart was 20, Union Soldiers captured her. During her incarceration, she gained the trust of one of her guards, took his weapon, shot him and

Confederate Gen J. E. B. Stuart employed female spies knowing the Yankees would not exe-

During WWII, the motto, "Free a man to fight," spurned women to drop their dish rags, pick up tools and help produce commodities needed for war. Thousands worked in factories building airplanes and tanks, while others sewed uniforms for front-line

Though women did not officially begin serving this country until June 12, 1948, women have been serving on both sides of enemy lines for as long as there have been conflicts. They have selflessly served their country's cause and put themselves in harms way in support of their patriotic beliefs.

The Women's Armed Services Integration Act (Public Law 625) gave American women the right to serve on active duty, but thousands of women prior to the Act, paved the way through their prowess and tenacity.

During World War II, Virgin woman from Baltimore, worked for agent and was so successful that the all-out hunt for her. The German Gestapo despised II

lated a wanted poster with the warn with the limp is the most valuable France and must be found and killed By the winter of 1941, the Na

arrest her, but she escaped on foot a Mountains into Spain. This was no who had a wooden leg due to a hunt After her escape, she trained as a transferred to the office of Strategic S

first National Intelligence Agency. In November 1943, she returne guised as an elderly, milk-maid to

and resumed her espionage duties. Singly taught herself to walk without Virginia's actions allowed her to

valuable intelligence and coordinate port of D-Day.

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The other transportation modes the Corps offers are trucks, tanks and various forms of armored vehicles, which must remain on land and be transported by aircraft. No other asset takes the fight from the Navy ships, across the beach and onto land, explained Atkinson.

With campaigns that include island hopping in the Pacific, Korea, Vietnam, Beirut, Grenada and Operation Desert Storm under their belt, the battalion could not have done it without outstanding Marines in the drivers' seats.

The technology of the vehicles

has continuously evolved the capabilities of these tracked marvels, and the Marines that operate and maintain them have also refines their warrior skills to take advantage of the new functions.

"Our Marines play an integral role." said Atkinson "The amtracker today is much more involved operationally and a much more savvy

The battalion also has Marines continuously deployed to the Mediterranean Sea with the Marine editionary Units here

That technology could further ous role.

evolve the abilities of the battalion soon. The Advanced Amphibious Assault Vehicle is currently being tested and could soon replace the current weapons platform.

The new vehicle should be much faster and have a range long enough to offer "over the horizon" capabilities.

With the further standoff of the Navy vessels, the battalion can easily sneak ashore and more effectively deliver a surprise attack. But one thing will remain constant -2d

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ourselves to the guys," she said.

Hecksher attributes this type of troop motivation to the leadership she received at her first duty station, Okinawa, Japan. Sgt Beatrice Weeks was a superb role model to all Marines, said Hecksher.

"She made sergeant in four years; always a professional," explained Hecksher, who plans to reenlist later this year. "She gave us someone we could turn to as women, but she never forgot her place as a noncommissioned officer. Hecksher pulls inspiration from

another source, as well; her 16-monthold son, Roberto. She said being a mother in the Corps is hard, but not

'The lines between being a mom and being a Marine do cross, but it's not a

handicap," she explain together in the Corps. I'
Women's History

throughout March, p Marines like Hecksher celebrate the advances made for women's rights "It gives us a chance the accomplishments of came before us," said H

accomplishments paved today, and we need to sh Hecksher hopes to

ences as a woman Mari influence tomorrow's fer

"Don't ever slow do emphasized, "Remember in [the Marine Corps] for

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Saint Patrick's Day plays a prominent role in the history and traditions of engineers. Folklore has it that St. Patrick was known for his extraordinary mechanical and inventive genius. Legend says he rid Ireland of all its snakes, but he is also reputed to have invented the swinging door, distilled the first Irish whiskey and built the first outhouse with the crescent on the door.

With so many creative, engineering feats attributed to him, it was natural for engineers to adopt him as their

"Saint Patrick was a mean, green engineering machine," said Brooklyn, N.Y.'s LCpl Errol A. Haynes, who is currently with Support Company, 2d Combat Engineer Battalion, about his patron saint.

Saint Patrick's role as an engineer was discovered by a group of engineer students at the University of Missouri in March 1903.

The students were sitting around shortly before St. Patrick's Day com-plaining about the length of time between holidays and the workload given to them by their instructors.

One student declared St. Patrick had engineered the project of getting the snakes out of Ireland and was therefore an engineer, according to the Columbia

Missouri Herald. This fact made it appropriate to celebrate his birthday as an engineer holiday. The students decided to take this

opportunity for an extra holiday and skipped school the next day.

This tradition has grown over the years and spread throughout the engineering community.

Combat engineers here also take advantage of this holiday to ease their busy training schedule.

"It's a good opportunity to take a well earned break," explained MSgt Chris D. Bordeau, the utilities chief with Support Company.

Saint Patrick's Day is not just a day to celebrate through parades and drinking green beer. It is also a day of reverence toward St. Patrick.

According to the autobiographical confession written in Latin, the "Confessio" of St. Patrick, at the age of 16 was taken from his Christian home and sold into slavery in Ireland to herd sheep. Patrick took this time to think about God. Before this happened to him he never believed in God, according to his writings. Saint Patrick felt he was being punished for his careless life by God and repented with his whole

After six years of slavery, St. Patrick

escaped and returned to his homeland He couldn't keep his newfound faith to

"I must not, however, hide God's gift which he bestowed upon me in the land of my captivity," wrote St. Patrick. Because, then I earnestly sought him, and there I found him, and he saved me from all evil because - so I believe - of his Spirit that dwells in me.

Saint Patrick decided to return to the land where he had been incarcerated and spread the message of forgiveness to the people who dwelled there.

Saint Patrick and his disciples began oreaching the Gospel throughout Ireland, converting thousands to Christianity. They began building churches all over the country. Kings, their families and entire kingdoms converted to Christianity after hearing St. Patrick's message.

St. Patrick affected the lives of many people whether through his engineering capabilities or his ministries. Either way, his accomplishments changed the world.

Saint Patrick's day is not only an Irish holiday, but was an excuse for engineers to skip class.

Factual information for this story was compiled from the following engineering and Irish history web-sites.

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Wendt's supervisor, SgtMaj Ronald D. Himsworth, director of the SNCO Academy, couldn't believe it when he learned that Wendt was being honored for his score on the GED because he assumed Wendt had graduated from high school.

"I was shocked," Himsworth said. "I thought he had a college degree. He's articulate. He doesn't speak off the cuff. When he speaks about a subject, it's with knowledge. He's a very sharp and intelligent Marine."

Wendt and his wife Linda had been discussing their shared vision of attending college. Linda was a high school graduate and had begun taking college classes when the couple was stationed in Hawaii, but her education was cut short in the mid-1990's when she learned that she would need a double lung transplant.

She had chronic lung disease caused by cystic fibrosis. She saw her husband earn his GED, but Linda died from complications to the lung transplant on December

One of his proudes was his promotion to g geant in December. been released from th but was bedridden. The took place in his home pinning her husband's c his shoulders.

While dealing with his wife, the gunnery so managed to hold on to tional and career dream

He plans to go to v school and return to h Texas, where he hopes to operate a ranch.

"I like working wil and livestock," he said ranch doesn't work out, my veterinarian profess back on.

GED completion is es Marines and civilians to door for additional treenhance their careers force skills.

"It's critical to stay your education if you advance in the Marini Wendt said. "I'm luck) hinder me early on."

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officer 1st Class Mark Easterling

2d Radio Battalion

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PFC Herman A. Davis
Pvt Donald A. Johnson
PFC Timothy G. Joseph
PFC Stephen R. Milton
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Pvt Joseph M. Rose
Stephen A. Soltez-Haughton
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Homer W. Chambers

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David G. Carter
Spencer D. Forbes
Christopher C. Henry
Edward L. Hitch Jr.
Wayne D. Hubbard Jr.
Alexander J. Jackson
Javier T. Kennedy
Matthew J. Mulliagan
Daniel A. Overin
Andre V. Robinson
Christopher D. Wilford
Lawrence W. Willoughby

Graduations

Engineer Supply Basic School

March 1

LCpl Cynthia Boveda PFC Andrew D. Chung PFC Vonterria D. Clark PFC Marcelina Cruz PFC Edward C. Daley PFC Patrlick Gilmore LCpl David Guzman Jr. PFC Brandy L. Herzog PFC Angela M. Hochgesang PFC Patrick W. Holmes PFC Paul D. Hudson PFC Mario A. Jones PFC Jenelle D. Lawrence PFC Akhaline F. Manivong PFC Linda I. Marentes Cortez PFC Kristina M. McAllister PFC Jazmin McNhishernandez PFC Edgar A. Misla PFCBrian M. Molthen PFC Hilda Y. Morales PFC Jeffery L. Morrison PFC Jeffery H. O'donnell Jr. PFC Jeremy J. Olsen PFC Andre L. Paylor PFC Benjamin L. Sanders PFC Jerome J. Uselman PFC Francisco N. Vallejo Jr. PFC Edelin J. Ware * PFC Aquilas Zephir

Sergeant's Course

March 1

Sgt Tobin P. Orr Sgt Bradford C. Bidnick Sgt Jamal K. Phillips Sgt Lakendrick D. Wright Sgt Austin G. Fitts Sgt Kendall D. Jones Sgt Terry R. Shepherd Sgt David B. McClendon Sgt Mark R. Keach Sgt Orlando C. House Sr. Sgt Juan P. Pouscordero Sgt John E. Belcher Sgt Imhotep Woodby Sgt Christopher L. Taylor Sgt Trevor K. Gayle Sgt Christopher S. Martrano Sgt John M. Rodgers Sgt Zachary S. Carpenter Sgt Larry K. Higgins

WARRIOR QUITES

Each ... became the important link in the chain ... of impeccably-molded Marine medal, varnished with Marine courage and honor.

-- Chaplain George Pucciarelli

Sgt Jason C. Stephens Sgt Curtis L. Moore Sgt Timothy J. Peterka Sgt Terry A. Erb Sgt Michael J. Eversole Sgt Jonathan A. Ellis Sgt Lane C. Riddell Sgt Darren E. Finney Sgt Timothy P. Bunnell Jr. Sgt David A. Cooper Sgt Trevor J. Barlow Sgt Torrence P. Henry Sgt Reyno J. Matias Sgt Scott F. Bolman Sgt Matthew S. Kennedy Sgt Daniel L. Williams Sgt Michael A. Mobley Sgt John Kim Sgt Jay N. Stevens Sgt Joseph H. Mendola Sgt Jarvis L. White Sgt Charles G. Fisher Sgt Christopher L. Griffith Sgt Mark R. Schmeisser Sgt Thomas J. Ryerson Sgt Thomas P. Maguire Sgt Daniel P. Ruth Sgt Jason R. Williams Sgt David Garcia Sgt Patrick M. Free Sgt Corbett L. Ouinn Sgt Samuel M. Hidev Sgt Michael W. Henderson Sgt Eric Watson Sgt Lee H. Brohel Sgt John K. Barta Sgt Kevin D. Andrade Sgt Joseph Proce Sgt Samuel L. Bright

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Sgt James D. Ballard
Sgt Timothy S. Perkins
Sgt Arthur W. Garrett III
Sgt Peter A. Haviland
Sgt David D. Patterson
Sgt Anthony S. White
Sgt Jermaine D. Alexander
Sgt Randy J. Willigar
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Sgt Kyle A. Neubauer
Sgt Christopher R. Hirt
Sgt Barry J. Dubbs
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Reenlistment



LtCol Neil E. Nelson, Regional Plans Officer, G-5 II MEF, of Yucaipa, Calif., congratulates Cpl John Smith, a basic infantry man with 2d Mar Reg, who reenlisted as a motor transport mechanic at the Base Auto Body Hobby shop March 3. Cpl Smith wanted the ceremony to be held at a place where he spends much of his off-duty time working on his car.

High Shooter



Sgt Michael E. Droberg

Sgt James R. Davis

Sgt Carlos J. Duran

Sgt James S. Davis

Sgt Richard A. Mattice Jr.

Last weeks high shooter LCpl Matthew A. Wagner from Headquarters and Service Bn., 2d FSSG shot a 60 at Stone Bay's Charlie Range



An Air Force C-17 and a Marine Corps LVS sit on the runway at MCAS, New River before the joint training mission.



A red light signals the back hatch of the plane is about to open. Safety is the priority during this type of exercise.

group of highly-skilled Marine Corps riggers and jumpmasters trained for the first time with the Air Force's C-17 Globemaster III here recently.

"Working with the Air Force really keeps us on our toes. They watch over you like a hawk," said **Sgt John W. Laverde**, the heavy drop section noncommissioned officer-in-charge. "On the noncommissioned officer-in-charge. other hand, the Marine Corps believes in the training we receive and trusts us to do it right and get the job done.

And getting the job done is what Air Delivery Platoon (ADP), 2d Transportation Battalion, 2d Force Service Support Group. The Marines rig equipment and supplies to safely drop from aircraft to ground units.

These drops give the troops on the front lines the food, ammunition and medical supplies needed to defeat their opponents.

To prepare for their support role, ADP Marines loaded two pallets with 3,000pound platforms on them and strapped them down aboard the Air Force's state-ofthe-art cargo plane to be dropped over Tactical Landing Zone Falcon near Onslow

In addition to securing the load and rigging the chutes, the platoon calculated coordinates using the aircraft's Computer Air Release Points system. The system determines when to automatically release the cargo on target and on time.

"They are two totally different aircraft," said 1stLt Patrick J. Reynolds, ADP platoon commander. "The C-17 uses a drogue chute to pull the extraction chute out.

Every other aircraft I've used didn't need that."

The drogue chute is a parachute 15 feet in diameter and is released out of the C-17 using the CARP system for correct

The drogue chute hangs from the rear of the plane for approximately 15 seconds, then pulls the extraction chute, which unfurls and yanks the cargo out the rear of the plane. The load goes from sitting motionless on the deck to flying out the rear of the aircraft in a split second.

Laverde said the only challenge was learning to use the drogue chute.

Another big difference for the platoon was the length of

parachute cords needed to clear the back of the aircraft. "The C-17 uses a longer line for extraction than we are used to. In a C-130 we use a 60-foot cord but the C-17 needs 160 feet to clear the back of the aircraft," said SSgt William C. Frazier, ADP platoon sergeant.

Because of all the differences, several members of the platoon went along for the ride so they could see first-hand how the process works and share that knowledge with their fellow

Though this airdrop was new, training with other services A forklift loads a 3,000-pound platform before take off.



Marines with Air De Transportation Ba Service Support G C-17 Globemaste drop.

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is not unusual for ADP.

The platoon takes advantage of as many opportunities for joint; tactical training (JA/ATT) as they can fit into their schedule, expla

They have to be prepared to rig precious cargo for delivery to troo of aircraft.

Also, working with other services helps keep Marines current techniques used.

According to Laverde, all of the dropped platforms hit the drop z Marines would have received the supplies if it were a real re-supp





ADP Marines watch a canopy open over Camp Lejeune's Tactical Landing Zone Falcon

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It ain't easy being green for Dyland Cronaver at the Emerald Isle St. Patrick's Festival. See 2C



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Musical

ne Crystal Coast Community estra is currently rehearsing for irst concert. While the concert ret to be scheduled, the group plans a March debut.



Interlude

The Marines and civilians who comprise the orchestra share a common goal – to make beautiful music and strengthen the bond between the military and area communities.



s perfect for the Crystal Coast Community Orchestra as they prepare for their upcoming concert debut.

Photos by Cyndi Brown

t Tony Moseley, foreground, and Sgt

Orchestra prepares for concert debut

Alison Laurio

Daily News Staff

They range in age from 14 to 81 but share a common goal.

Members of the Crystal Coast Community Orchestra wanted a chance to play and they wished to provide the community with its own group.

Currently preparing for its first concert in March, the orchestra was organized in January after Joli Brooks placed a newspaper ad to see if any musicians would respond.

Brooks is concertmaster and principal violinist and works as the orchestra director at Jacksonville High School and Jacksonville Commons Middle School.

"I love to play violin," she said. "I'm from Sanford and played in the Lee County Community Orchestra. They've had a successful community orchestra for about 15 years. I couldn't understand the reason why Jacksonville didn't have one, wondered if no one had tried to start one. So I placed the ad."

About 40 people were at the first rehearsal. With a few late joiners, they now number around 45.

"I jumped on it right away," co-conductor GySgt Kenneth Serfass said.

Serfass is senior instrumentalist with the 2d Marine Division band. He is the band's chief arranger, leader of the brass quintet and conducts the band from time to time for ceremonies and concerts. He plays the tuba with the community orchestra on some songs.

"I talked to the Wilmington orchestra manager and found out there are people living in this area that have to drive all the way to Wilmington to play," Serfass said. "Now they don't have to go so far. They can come here to us. We can make it happen here.

"We want the community to get excited about this. We have something to offer, something to give back to the community. We want to be accessible to them and play the things they want to hear. This is not just for the classical set."

Brooks agreed.



"So many people have said to me or emailed me messages saying they have been waiting so long for someone to start this," she said. "This gives people who played in high school a chance to play after high school. And it gives the community its own orchestra.

"So far, it's gone very, very well, really. It's exceeded my hopes for a beginning. It's been a lot of fun, and it's very exciting. It's a dream come true."

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CAROLINA HAPPENINGS

trick's Fundraiser

Patrick Festival, a fundraiser for the for the handicapped, will be held in 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Red Lobster Boulevard. There will be food, ammage sale, children's games, a bit and live entertainment. The Dis Boxing Team will be washing seceds go Carobell Inc., For more call 353-9454.

Cancer Survivors

In honor of your battle against cancer, a special invitation to walk the first lap of the Relay for Life, April 20 at Jacksonville Commons Recreation Center, is extended. Please arrive at the Jacksonville Commons Elementary School Cafeteria at 4 p.m. for the Survivors' Reception. Opening ceremonies will begin at 6 p.m., and the Survivors' Lap will follow the opening ceremonies.

Globeworks

Globeworks is a high-energy porduction that will showcase the excitement, beauty and acessibility of Shakespeare April 7 at 2 p.m. in the Base Theater. Professional actors will perform scenes from the most popular and studied plays to highlight the difference between a play "on the page" and a play "on the stage." Some scenes will include audience participation. Admission is \$5. Globeworks is open to the public.

Flower Show

The Onslow Garden Club will hold "Springtime on the Coast: A Flower Show and Garden Expo," Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. at the American Legion Building, 104 Broadhurst Rd. There will be door prizes each day and a Sunday raffle for \$300, \$200 and \$100. Tickets are \$2 and are available at the door. For more information, call Judy McLean at 327-1099

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Dyland Cronaver waits to hear if he won the Mr. Leprechaun title at the 1999 Emerald Isle St.

Emerald Isle celebrates charms of the 'Emerald

Maj Annita M. Best

An 8K Road Race will kick off the 10th Annual St. Patrick's Festival in Emerald Isle Saturday, and Pamlico Joe and Port City Pipes and Drums will head the line-up of entertainment.

More than 15,000 people are expected to join in the "luck of the Irish" festivities at the Emerald Plantation shopping center.

The race begins at 8 a.m. with registration and packet pick-up between 6:45 and 7:30 a.m. Call 252-354-6350 or email fpjohnson@starfish.net for more information.

A multi-talented entertainer, Pamlico Joe (Joe Swinson) will use a variety of instruments to enter-tain and educate his audience. Using recycled instruments to create music, he will show the next generation the importance of preserving the environment.

Last year Swinson had the honor of being chosen to perform at the White House for the annual Easter

His performances will be at 10 The Port City Pipes and Drumew throughout the day to shower the

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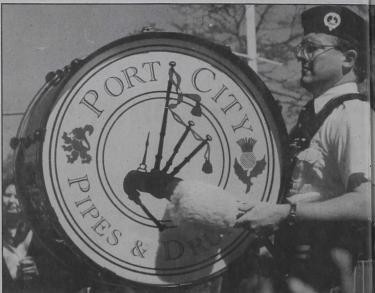
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More than 75 arts and cra exhibitors will join with food verstatic displays to ensure a fun day

the Emerald Isle Parks & Recreati D (252) 354-4153.



The Port City Pipes and Drums will be parading throughout the day to shower the crowd

St. Patrick: history of holy days behind the holid

Maj Annita M. Best

Most people equate St. Patrick's Day with green beer and "kiss me I'm Irish" buttons. However, what isn't well known is that St. Patrick's Day is a religious holiday that has been celebrated in Ireland for over a thousand years.

Before understanding the reason for the holiday, we must first discover the man behind the celebration each year.

Although St. Patrick is one of Christianity's most widely known figures, there are many areas of his life that remain a mystery or may be exaggerated stories passed from generation to generation.

What is known is that St. Patrick was born in Britain to wealthy parents near the end of the fourth century. He is believed to have died March 17 around 460 AD. Although his father was a deacon, it is thought he may have done so only for the tax incentives, and there is no evidence that Patrick came from a religious home.

When he was sixteen, Patrick was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who had attacked his family's estate. He was transported to Ireland where he spent six years as a slave in captivity

During this time in captivity, Patrick turned to his religion for solace and became a devout Christian.

After six years Patrick reported he received a revelation from God telling him to leave Ireland. He walked nearly 200 miles to the Irish Coast and escaped to Britain. He then received a second revelation telling him to return to Ireland as a missionary. He began a 15-year course of religious study and was ordained a priest. He was then sent to Ireland to minister to Christians already there and to convert the Irish.

Because he was familiar with Irish language and culture, he chose to incorporate traditional rituals into his Christianity lessons. Since the Irish were used to honoring their Gods with fire, St. Patrick used bonfires to celebrate Easter. He also superimposed a sun, a common Irish symbol, onto the Christian cross and created the Celtic cross.

One story that may be more legend than history is the story of how he

drove all the snakes from Ireland. It is said he stood on a hill and used a wooden staff to banish the snakes into the sea. Driving the snakes into the sea is probably symbolic of ending the pagan practice of worshipping serpents.

Although he was not the first person to bring Christianity to Ireland, St. Patrick encountered the Druids and abolished their pagan rights. He converted the warrior chief and princes and baptized them and thousands of their subjects in the Holy Wells.

St. Patrick was known to have used the Shamrock as a preaching tool. Before the Christian era it was a sacred plant of the Druids of Ireland because its leaves formed a triad. Preaching in the outdoors, St. Patrick used the shamrock to illustrate the existence of the Three in

One or the Trinity of the Gospel. The shamrock also symbolized the rebirth of spring in Ireland. By the seventeenth century, the shamrock became a symbol of Ireland's emerging nationalism. Many Irish wore the shamrock as a symbol of their pride in their heritage and their displeasure with English rule.

Jean Sybrant

Today, St. Patrick's day is celebrated on March 17, his religious feast day and the day of his death in the fifth century. On St. Patrick's Day, Irish families traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon with dancing, feasting and drinking.

The first St. Patrick's day parade was-n't held in Ireland, but in New York City on March 17, 1762. Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through the city with their music in an attempt to reconnect with their Irish roots.

Until 1845 most Irish immigrants in America were members of Protestant middle class. When the Great Potato Famine hit in 1845, almost a million poor, uneducated, Catholic Irish began pouring into America to escape starvation. Despised for their religious beliefs and funny accents, many of the Irish immigrants had trouble even find-ing menial jobs. They were portrayed as

drunk and violent in the newspapers.

Soon the Irish realized their great numbers empowered them with political potential and they began organizing their voting block, known as the "green

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ORCHESTRA from 1C

The orchestra is composed of a mix of professional musicians, community people and active duty and retired Marines.

Some high school students are members by invitation only. The group is about half civilian and half military.

Michael Daugherty, instructor of music at Coastal Carolina Community College and a composer, plays viola when he is not conducting.

He joined because he missed playing after leaving the Wilmington Symphony.

"What's really good about this orchestra is the built-in woodwinds and brass section from the military," he said. "You get really quality sound. The strings are most diverse in experience and

age. The mix of professional musicians and those with less experience is a good one, Daugherty said.

"The music we do is not real difficult, so it's not too challenging for the less experienced, and it gives those who are more advanced the chance to polish their sound," he said. "It's something for everyone to be proud of."

Harry Ellzey, a retired Marine, played violin regularly through his college years. He will turn 81 next month, and is playing second violin in the orchestra.

"I always considered playing sort of a hobby," he said. "It is to me a great opportunity to keep doing what I enjoy." Szee-Won Lee, a viola player, is a sophomore

at Jacksonville High School. "It's fun," she said. "It gives me a chance to play with older people, play with a good orchestra

on a regular basis Sgt Mark Reheard is a trumpeter who also

plays in the 2d Marine Division band.

"It gives me a chance to do something just for the sheer pleasure of making music," he said. "It's an opportunity to work with musicians who are not in the military but from the educational and local community.

"It also strengthens the bond between the military and the community here in Jacksonville. I'm really enjoying it.'

The first concert will be at 3 p.m. on a Sunday in March, but the exact day and location have not been set. Brooks said the music they will play is a

"Everything from classical numbers to jazz,"

Included will be works by Schubert, Bach, Henry Mancini and Duke Ellington.

After the first concert, Brooks believes the group will continue to rehearse and perform.

In fact, the group would like to add a couple of bassoonists, oboists, cellists and string bassists. Daugherty said he would like the group to play a mix that includes more classical standards as

well as some of the lighter musical fare. "Because we're right at the beginning, we've been doing this totally without pay and without a

budget," he said. "One of the things that needs to happen is some kind of funding so we can at least buy music. We have to figure out some fund-raising of sorts so we won't have to play the same thing on every program."

Anyone who is interested in joining should contact Brooks at 326-4712 by e-mail at crystalcoastorchestra@hotmail.com.

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The library celebrates Women's History Month with Dr. Pearlie M. Jones' workshops "Empowering Women to Succeed" each Tuesday in March at 7 p.m. in the Harriotte B. Smith Library conference room. Topics for discussions include: Crisis or Opportunity, Turning Life's Challenges into Opportunities, Barriers to Empowerment, Parenting in the New Millennium and Power of Networking. Women of all cultures are encouraged to attend one or all of the discussions. Registration is encouraged by calling 451-5724 or stopping at the circulation desk; however,

The Harriotte B. Smith Library is hosting an

American Girls Mother/Daughter Tea Party

Saturday from 12:30 to 3 p.m. in the Huff Room

of the SNCO Club for girls in second to sixth

grade and their mothers. Registration is limited to

is due at that time. Young ladies and their mothers are to dress "for a tea party" or in a costume similar to the era of an American Girl character. The

tea party will include a trivia contest with prizes, an American Girl history lesson, an American Girl play presented by Girl Scout Cadet Troop 44,

fashion show and etiquette instruction

Women's History Month

Refreshments will be provided by the SNCO Club

staff. For more information, call 451-5724.

the first 100 pairs, and payment of \$6 per pe

Storytime
Midway Park Community Center hosts
Storytime for preschool children Monday at 9 a.m. Two Storytimes, Wednesday at 9 and 10

Trip to arboretum on a.m., are available at Tarawa Terri Center. Storytime is Thursday at Conference room from 9:30 to 10 three-year-olds and from 10:30 to to six-year-olds. This week's Stor

preschool children is "Breakfast."

Day Trip
The Harriotte B. Smith Librated April 7 to the J.C. Raul North Carolina State Unive ans reserved for the day will library parking lot at 7:30 a.m. C son. Tours of the Arboretum will arrival, with time following to loo chase plants at the annual plant will leave for Carytown Mall a each will have lunch on his or he for browsing and shopping. Antic the library is 5:30 p.m. Registrati deadline is April 2 at the circula library. For more information,

Library Hours The Harriotte B. Smith Library i Monday through Thursday

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Camp Johnson Branch Library is Monday through Thursday Friday and Saturday Sunday and Holidays

coordinator at the Harriotte B. Sr.

Chapel Schedule

CAPT O.J. Mozon, Jr Marine Corps Base Command Chaplain



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PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship/Religious Education

Holy Communion Protestant Chapel Contemporary Service Protestant Chapel Sunday School Protestant Bldg. 67 Protestant Service Protestant Chapel Praise and Worship, Camp Geiger Chapel Camp Johnson Chapel Courthouse Bay Chapel Midway Park Chapel Tarawa Terrace Chapel (Sunday School, Religious Ed. Bldg.)

Wednesday Worship/Religious Education

New River Chapel

Wednesday Night Live French Creek Chapel 5:30 p.m. French Creek Chapel, Gospel Rock Cafe 11:30 a.m. (Wednesday) Wednesday Night Youth Group 6:57 p.m. (Middle School 6th-8th Grade) Camp Geiger Chapel

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Protestant Chapel Annex (Friday) French Creek Chapel Call Cpl Ellis

1 p.m. 451-3820

EASTERN ORTHODOX

Camp Johnson (St. Nicholas) Chapel Great Vespers (Saturday) Divine Liturgy (Sunday) Feast Day Services/Special Service

10:30 a.m. To be announced

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Camp Geiger Chapel, Sunday Service 2nd and 4th Sunday Tarawa Terrace Chapel, Gratitude Service

1st and 3rd Monday Point of contact: Chaplain Craft **Everett Sharp**

6:30 p.m.

7 p.m. 451-3517 (252) 636-8744

LATTER DAY SAINTS

Call

577-1253

Community Briefs

Lent and Holy Week Special Worship Services

7 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 9:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m. 7 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7 p.m.

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Stations of the Cross, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Chapel Compline/Akathist (For the Repose of Those Who Have Fallen Asleep), Camp Johnson Orthodox Chapel Divine Liturgy (Memorial Saturday), Camp Johnson Orthodox Chapel Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, Camp Johnson Orthodox Chapel Stations of the Cross, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Chapel Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, Camp Johnson Orthodox Chapel Stations of the Cross, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Chapel Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, Camp Johnosn Orthodox Chapel Communal Penance Service, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Chapel Stations of the Cross, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Chapel

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RCIA

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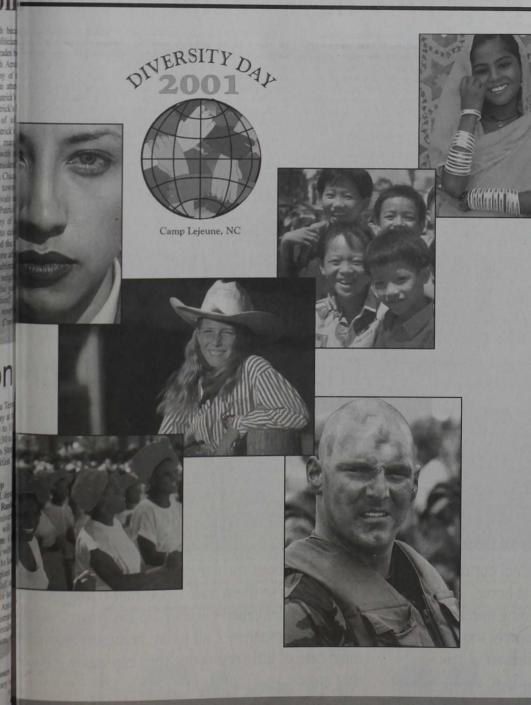
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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program designed for adults to learn about and grow in their faith. If you are an adult Catholic who has not yet received the Sacrament Confirmation or who wishes to learn more about Catholicism, then RCIA is for you. Classes are held Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Catholic Chapel Annex. For information, contact Father Dillon or Joe Harrington at the Base Chaplain's Office, Bldg. 67, or by phone at 451-3210 or 451-8636.

New Millennium Cafe

Cappuccino, movies, fellowship and good times are the foundation of the 2d FSSG Religious Ministry Team's New Millennium Cafe, which debuted with Left Behind, the first in a series of movies filled with danger, intrigue and

The Cafe will continue the third Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. The entire family is invited to this free evening of fellowship, discussion and scripture. For more information, contact Cdr Henrey Hensley at 451-5711.

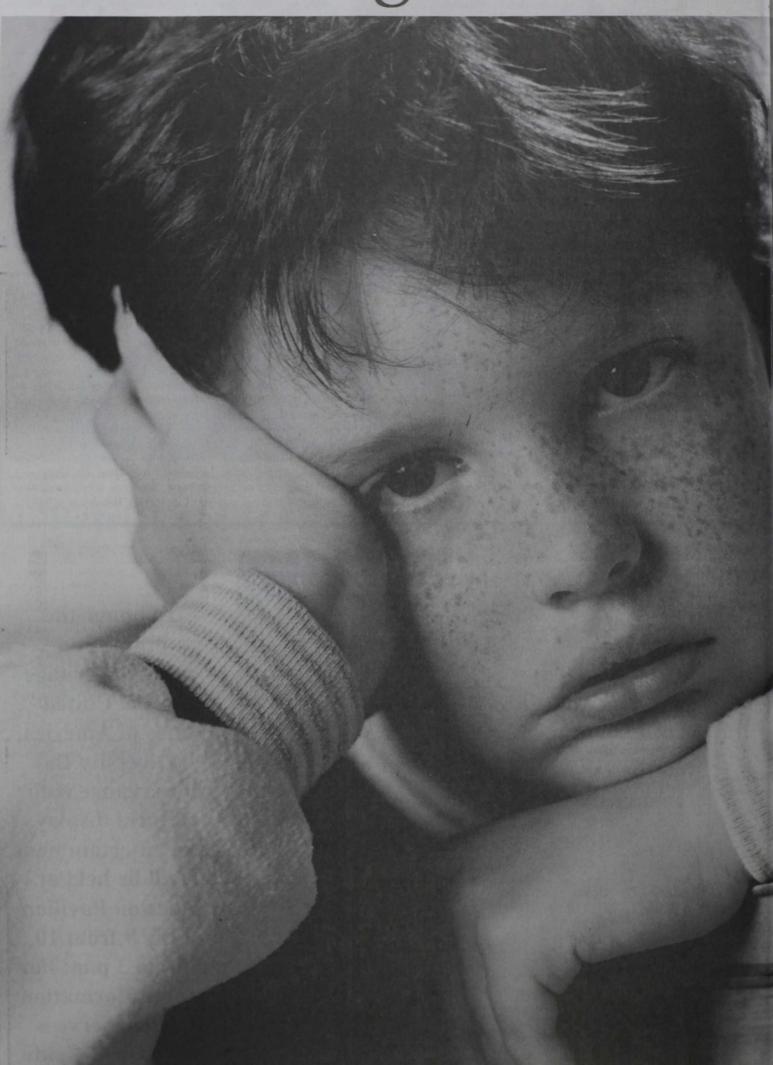


To honor the ethnic and cultural heritage of the United States of America, a Diversity Day observance with cultural displays and entertainment will be held at **Marston Pavilion** May 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information or to reserve a booth, call Heidi Anastasia at 451-2517/2518.

If we cannot now end our differences, at least we can help nake the world safe for diversity."

- John F. Kennedy

America's Drug Problem Is Not As Big As You Thin



It can start as a dare. Or youthful curiosity. Or it may be a way to escape problems at home. Whatever the reasons, studies show that an alarming number of young children are trying drugs. Unfortunately, too many parents still do not believe that *their* kids are at risk.

The truth is, it's never too early to start teaching

your kids about the dangers of drugs. If you're not how to talk to them, call 1-800-624-0100 and as a free booklet called *Growing Up Drug-Free – A Ple Guide To Prevention*. Call today, because if you do take care of little problems, they can easily grow big ones.

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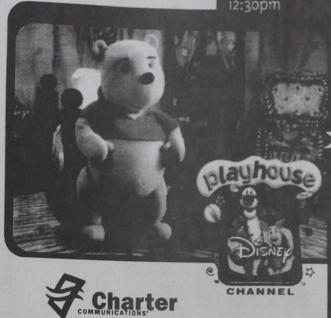
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Stay Marine!

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might seemed cold the past few days, but that didn't stop Lejeune Happenings hosts Yolanda Mayo and Debbie Hoffman from enjoying a day at the beach. Also, catch Archery Club members Maj Bob C. Graham and GySgt Wesley B. Brand as they show us what the club is all about and why more and more people are getting into the bowand-arrow action. Retired SgtMaj Paul Siverson, Jacksonville USO executive director, shows us around the

USO and tells how it MEU's TRAP missions functions within the community. Sgt Charles Taliano, poster Marine for the famous, "We Don't Promise You a Rose Garden" poster, tells us how he ended up on the poster and what he's doing now. Mike Saunders

brings you the newest and hottest music and takes

you to the recent check presentation for the Single

Marine Program. Finally, don't miss the band

Exercise and LCpl Chris 2nd LT Dennis O'Donell, a stu-Minor's report on all the excite-

dent with II MEF SOTG, fast ropes down a building during 22

This week's Camp Lejeune Today is packed full of stories from all around the Marine Corps. The Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen James L. Jones, visits the USO to receive an award from retired SgtMaj Paul Siverson. MajGen Robert Blackman takes part in the first \$250 drawing for the Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society fund drive, and retired SgtMaj Joe

Lejeune Happenings - afternoons at 12:30

Houle talks about the Marine Corps Museum of the Carolinas. Also, catch Tactical Recovery of Aircraft Personnel Training (TRAP) with the 22 MEU, GySgt Tyrone Hills and Sgt Alonzo Smith as they talk about Food Service on USS Nassau, more footage from Combined Arms

ment from Mardi Gras. Tune in to hear GySgt Richard Bean and Sgt Ignationous Keogh tell us the part the 2d Marine Division Band plays in Mardi Gras. Camp Lejeune Today is on

daily at noon and again at 5:30 p.m. Watch LCTV-10 every day at 8 p.m. to see Cooking With Tony. This week LtCol Anthony Fazio makes sweet eggs and French toast. Tune in for a delightful talks about the new Marine

LCTV-10

LCPL MATTHEW ROBERSON



Start your day with Joyful Noise at 7 a.m., Monday through Friday. It's an uplifting experience the whole family can enjoy. Joyful Noise previews twice Sunday mornings, at 7 and 9:30 a.m.

If you like to plan your vacations well in advance, tune in to Liberty Call! at 3:30 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. to see what discounts military and

DoD civilians can receive at Shades of Green. Explore this hotel that has three heated swimming pools, playgrounds for the kids and a military exchange - only two miles from Cinderella's Castle. Catch Liberty Call! to see how you can stay in this elegant hotel for only a fraction of the price.

After Liberty Call!, catch College Review to explore Humboldt University. With approximately 7,500 hundred students, Humboldt is large enough to offer all of the curric-

larger college, yet small enough qualities of a fine liberal arts colle ral sports programs and nearly 1

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Retired SgtMaj Joe Houle

You are cordially invited to The Wedding Plan

Pitt, Roberts make a run for the border in The Mexican

The Wedding Planner (PG-13) is just one of the great movies now playing on base.

In this romantic comedy, an overworked wedding planner finally finds the man of her dreams - only to discover he is a client.

When you spend most of your time as a busy wedding planner organizing other people's romances and weddings, there isn't much time left to think about your own love life. And what happens



Introduced by fate and constantly thrown together by wedding preparations, love blossoms between wedding planner

Mary (Jennifer Lopez) and groom-to-be Steve (Matthew McConaughey). when you finally meet Mr. Perfect? He turns out to be the groom of the wed-

ding you are planning! When the workaholic wedding planner, Mary Fiore, played by Jennifer Lopez (Selena, The Cell), crosses paths with the hunky Dr. Steve Edison, played by Matthew McConaughey (A Time to Kill, U-571), her veil of cynicism toward romance is lifted - but only until she discovers that he is betrothed to her latest client.

Bridgette Wilson-Sampras (House on Haunted Hill) is Fran Donolly, an up-and-coming businesswoman and Mary's most lucrative client, who just happens to be engaged to Dr. Edison. Mary is forced to put her feelings aside and do her work.

Also appearing in The Wedding

From the Front Row

REINHILD MOLDENHAUER HUNEYCUTT

Planner are Judy Greer (Three Kings) as Penny, Justin Chambers (Liberty Heights) as Massimo and Kevin Pollack (The Whole Nine Yards) as Dr. John Dojny.

Adam Shankman makes his feature directorial debut in this predictable, lighthearted romance and presents a delightful and aesthetic vision of several authentic weddings that only gives one message - hire a wedding planner!

THE MEXICAN

If you can't wait 'til it hits base, The Mexican (R) is playing in Jacksonville.

The Mexican is an action-adventure and romantic comedy rolled into one. The plot revolves around a mobster who travels South of the Border to track down a vintage pistol that may carry a curse.

Brad Pitt (Legends of the Fall, Fight Club) stars as Jerry Welbach, a dense and rather reluctant bagman who

has been given two ultimatums. The first, from his mob boss, is to travel to Mexico and retrieve a cursed but priceless antique pistol, known as "the Mexican"... or suffer the consequences.

The second, from his girlfriend Samantha, played by Julia Roberts (Pretty Woman, Erin Brokovich), is to end his association with the mob and start a new life in Las Vegas

Jerry figures alive and in trouble with Samantha is better than the more permanent



derful Gandolfini (TV's Sopranos), to ensure the safe return of

Serious trouble

Samantha is taken

hostage by Leroy, a

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"Things are seldom what they seem," could sum up the theme of J.H. Wyman's screenplay. The story splits the journey of each of the main charac-

ters and takes them on separate paths Directed by Gore Verbinski (Mouse Hunt), The Mexican is a lighthearted and hilarious action movie and is very entertaining. The instant chemistry and big comic electricity generated by these two big stars, called the dream team, is just one of the many

pleasures of this film. The pistol, which plays a significant role in the movie was built by Neotek. Inc. based on an original design from the Museum of History in Mexico, as well as sketches and design concepts from Verbinski. "My concept for the pistol is simply that love is worth fighting for," the director said.

NOTE: Look for Gene Hackman in a cameo role.



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in the history of amphibious warfare - the years between the great wars. These remarkable decades saw unprecedented experimentation and innovation. Armored warfare, strategic bombing, and naval aviation, as well as amphibious operations were the subject of intense interest and study. At the Marine Corps School in Quantico, the study of amphibious assaults grew from 2 hours over the course of the academic year in 1924 to 200 hours. by 1927. Fleet landing exercises conducted from 1935 to 1941 tested every operational aspect of projecting power from the sea. Today, these times are widely studied as a model for understanding the dynamics that spur or impede military innovation. McGee's discussion hardly touches the subject and only briefly considers one of the critical factors that affected the development of amphibious capabilities - a lack of inter-service coordination. These are crucial points for understanding the context of the launch of Flotilla 5. What is missing here is a really good explanation of why in the history of amphibious warfare, which stretches back to ancient times, it is only in the interwar years that military powers begin to develop ships and a host of ancillary capabilities specifically designed to conduct these operations. Plus, it lacks an account of why the United States entered the war after two decades of fruitful preparation and experimentation still unprepared to advance forces from the sea.

These questions are even more intriguing consider-

ing that of all the interwar innovations, amphibious

operations was the only capability for which the

available technology was already sufficiently mature to transform a new vision of warfare into a concrete capability. Yet the United States entered the war as ill-prepared to land on foreign shores as Books featured in THE GLOBE are it was to conduct preciavailable at the Marine Corps sion strategic bombing or Association Bookstore at Camp

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armored formations. Before addressing the saga of Flotilla 5, McGee provides an informative chapter on the Navy's first major effort to provide specialized troop transports for assault landings in the Pacific. In 1938, the Navy began to

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reconfigure mothballed flush-deck, four-stack destroyers into ADP - fast destroyer transports. These ships would become the mainstay of operations at Guadalcanal and Tulagi and remain in action throughout the war. Of particular interest in this chapter is the portrayal of life aboard the "four-stackers." Manning these craft required a hardy, innovative and energetic crew.

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narrative centers on America's first year of the war and the United States frenzied effort to simultaneously prepare for operations in multiple theaters and construct and deploy the craft of Flotilla 5. The problem with this portion of the text is that, as Lorelli points out, the official history of the LSTs' twomonth passage is "hardly the stuff of bestsellers." The essential element of the story is the transformation of the hurriedly assembled flotilla into a battle-worthy formation.

Most of Flotilla 5's cadre were reservists. Many had never been to sea. One of the constant themes of after-action from Americans' first amphibious efforts was the trouble caused by untrained crews and their unreliable craft. Assault operations required rapid loading and unloading and disciplined seamanship - skills that could only be gained through long hours of training and combat experience.

At the first landings in North Africa, an inordinate number of transports were lost simply to poor sailing.

Unfortunately, the tale of how the men of Flotilla 5 learned the art of amphibious warfare and dealt with their hastily built and untried crafts is not handled well. McGee's narrative of the voyage and the flotilla's initial operations is haphazard and episodic, though packed with a good deal of useful factual information and interesting anecdotes.

On the whole, the reminiscences of The Amphibians Are Coming! may appeal to veterans of the South Pacific operations, but not to serious students of amphibious warfare. It adds only a modicum of value to serious literature on the subject. The next generation of warriors needs to look elsewhere for a thoughtful case study on problems and possibilities of developing innovative methods of amphibious warfare. The increasingly expeditionary nature of contemporary military operations and proliferation of anti-access tech nologies that could be used by a skillful enemy to block access to air and sea transport hubs suggest

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that amphibious options and over-the-shore oper ations remain essential elements of global power

The legacy of the interwar years is that innovation and experimentation are laudable but inade quate if real-world capabilities do not keep up with strategic requirements. During World War II. the lack of a robust amphibious capability delayed the United States' ability to take the initiative by over a year. Inexperienced men and insufficient and inadequate equipment cost many lives and valuable national treasure. The triumph of Flotilla 5 was built on a foundation of deplorable unpreparedness. This is a history a great power should not have to repeat.

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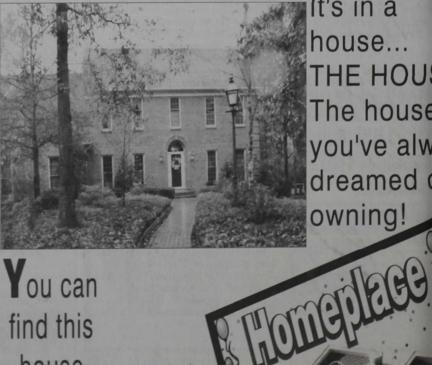


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Iso collected 2,991 rebounds and assists. He led Quantico to a 40-0-51, scoring 1,096 points. With went 25-12, including victories and East Carolina.

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ond might be forward Jack All-American at Mt. St. Mary's scored 2,672 points, including l three NCAA Small College

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antico win All-Marine titles in nd Lejeune to a 35-10 record and itle in 1961. He averaged a 1.3 points a game.

Basketball

an Danny Nee led Nebraska I postseason tournament appear-/ 6 NIT), including the 1996 on Tournament title. He took to three postseason tournaments). But he didn't have that kind his initial season at Robert nishing 7-13 in the Northeast 7-22 overall. He entered the

vith a 361-257 overall record.

n coaches' poll, the Colonials
h among 12 teams. Without a t Morris had to use 13 different mbinations and had nine differid or tie for team-high scoring en players led the squad or tied ounding honors.

knocked off Detroit, 53-38, in

the Midwestern Collegiate s tourney to qualify for the Div. ment. Athletic director of the ol is John Parry, a Marine vetch also qualified for the 1997, maments, will face Wake Forest iday in Kansas City, Mo. rgia, whose athletic director is Vince Dooley, goes against on Thursday at Greensboro, 5-14 record, the men's Bulldogs ause of their difficult schedule. schools with Navy veterans as qualified. Syracuse, whose A.D.

Crotiamel, will face Hawaii on

-See GUNN/4D

How to 'Escape from the Brig'



"Jamis" Jim Owen, comm chief with Headquarters Battalion, 2d MarDiv, heads through the Brig Trail during last year's "Escape from the Brig" race.

Sgt Andrew D. Pomykal

Step one; get a bike. Step two; join the Down East Cyclist's Club. Step three; pedal like crazy. The Down East Cyclist's Club

(DEC) has a challenge for you. DEC will host their first of three off-road mountain bike races Saturday at 2 p.m.

The "Escape From the Brig" race series will be held here on a five-mile off-road bike trails located near the intersection of Lyman and Snead's Ferry Roads, and they will be accepting registration on race day.

"This course was used for last year's 'Mud, Sweat and Gears' Bicycle Race,' said Joseph P. Baes, a maintenance officer for Small Craft Company, 2d Marine Division,

and Down Eas Cyclists Club pres-He and

several others are

ble for creating the trails on 200-acres adjacent to the Base Brig.

Baes spearheaded the effort to build the course by seeking out the area and received approval after completing an environmental impact assessment.

"We spend a lot of our weekends out here creating trails," said DEC clubmember Dave W. Howell.

"I've brought guys from Correctional Custody (Unit) out here to cut brush and build obstacles.

One of their contributions is a water

crossing called the 'Awardee Bridge.'
The club's founder **George Thurmond (ret.)** didn't have to look very far to find members. His efforts to gain members began 20-years ago with word-of-mouth invitations for ad hoc

As the number of fanatics grew, he was able to schedule races and special events. He has since passed the helm to Baes, who continues the search for other cyclists to join the fun.

The club boasts about 70 members, with ages ranging from eight to 55. They meet monthly to participate in various activities such as long-distance or night rides, bike ride/camping trips or other cycle training for fitness or com-

petition. Down East Cyclists promote the Miles for Medals Program. Road cyclists must ride 100 miles (off-road bikers log kilometers) a month to earn a bronze medal. Five hundred miles logged earns riders a silver medal and a gold medal is awarded to cycle enthusiasts who log 1,000 miles a month. The Iron Butt Award is a plaque awarded to anyone who earns all three medals in

one year. Racers of all abilities can test their skill as the 'Escape from the Brig' series con-

tinues with last two races scheduled April 22 and May 20. Categories include: Youth, Beginner, Sport (reserved for those with race experience), Expert, Womens and Masters (ages 35 and over).

Cyclists who compete in all three races will earn points toward an overall series champion title

A cash prize will be awarded to the winner of the Expert category and all racers will be recognized for their par-

Local bicycle shops have volun-

teered to provide prizes.

The club is a non-profit organization and is looking for new members. A fam-

ily membership costs \$10 a year.
You can pick up your club card at
The Bike Arcade or The Bicycle Shop.
For more information, call 577-1811 or visit racerpig.tripod.com/dec.htm

Devildogs become state champs

LCpl Charles W. Palmer IV

The Warriors of the U.S. Marine Corps Boxing Team at Camp Lejeune returned from the recent Golden Gloves Competition as the North Carolina

The team returned with both the novice and open division trophies, and also took seven gold and one silver trophy for individual weight classe

"The only reason we took a silver was because it as Marine against Marine," explained Michael F. Cline, battalion sergeant major for Headquarters and Support Battalion Marine Corps Base, who coached the team to victory. "It came down to the two Marines and only one of them could win," he

The Marines will continue on to the Division Golden Gloves Tournament in Tennessee, then head to their final destination of Reno, Nev., for the national tournament,

The boxing team will continue to train hard and give up their personal liberty to represent the Marine Corps. "We're stepping up the intensity of training to prepare for our upcoming battles in the ring," said Jawawn Hairston, assistant coach, get up early and P.T. (physical training) all morning until thirteen hundred (1 p.m.) when we start spar-

"It's all worth it. The 96 we miss, the Saturday mornings, are nothing compared to the pride you feel when you crush your opponent," said Alton Ingram, one of the seven to take home the gold.



The North Carolina Golden Gloves State Champions: top left to right, Travis Scott, Jawawn Hairston, Jake Garretson, Nathan T Eger, SjMag Kline. Bottom left to right, Wade Cotter, Alton Ingram, Thomas Jenson, Joel Torres.

SPORT SHORTS

Bas Tournament

Marina is hosting a Team Bass ment will begin at 6 a.m., and

will be 4 p.m. is \$50 per two person team or person. There will be a \$10 late fee the

purnament is open to the public, sted persons are encouraged to

formation, call 451-8307.

Softball Tournament

The annual battalion softball tournament is set for May 4 beginning at 8 a.m. at Harry Agganis Ball Field.

The tournament will feature company competition, double elimination, and trophies for the

top two teams Lunch and snacks will be served from 11 a.m.

Registration deadline is April 23. For more information, call GySgt Williams

Jacksonville Sports

The Jacksonville Parks and Recreation Department will hold youth baseball and softball registration for ages 5-17 on weekdays through March 23 at the Jacksonville Commons Recreation Center Complex between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Registration fees are \$10 for T-Ball and \$20 for baseball and softball.

Non-city residents will be required to pay an

England Half-Marathon

The MCCS Semper Fit Programs at New River and Camp Lejeune are accepting resumes for Marines to compete against The Royal Marines/Royal Navy at the Torbay Half Marathon June 18-27 in Devon County, Newton

Resumes must be submitted no later than April 1. Marines interested in competing need to contact (New River) Mr. Biedenbach at 450-5845 or (Camp Lejeune) Mike Marion at 451-

IcKay, Neller, Goudlock and more take home LHS awards / 2D

Devilpups catch spring fever, and spring formation of the proof of the Devilpups definitely have because the Devilpups definitely have

n't start until Tuesday because the Devilpups definitely have 'spring fever.' In spite of cold temperatures and gray skies, the Pups have launched into another sports season and are bringing on the heat - Devilpup style.

After a season-opening loss to the Jacksonville Cardinals (13-3) the Lady Pup's softball team faced the Cardinals again Wednesday night with a vengeance to win 20-10 against the 4-A school

The Cardinals held an 8-0 lead in the 4th inning, but the Pups grabbed some major steam producing 11 runs in the bottom of the fourth. Jennifer Miller hit a perfect 3-for-3, and an RBI; Liz Simmons went 3-for-4 (one double) with 4-RBIs; Kourtney McKay was 1-for-2 and 4-RBIs; Katie Coleman was 3-for-5 (one triple) and an RBI. Angela Bargeron went 2-for-3 with 3 stolen bases and Clare Neller was 2-for-3 and Analissa Anguiano also had 2 hits.

Strong, controlled pitches by Crystal Meares and relief pitcher Erin McNeely kept the Pups' momentum going, as Angela Bargeron, Liz Simons and Katie Coleman brought in three runs each for the win.

The Ladypups' soccer team has logged in two shut-outs in the r; Southwest, 4-0 and Croatan, 2-0. Eyes are on forward Kia Jackson as one of the Ladypups standouts. Jackson recorded a hat trick and added an assist in their season opener against Southwest. Jackson and Marie Etcho both made goals against Southwest and Katherine Cullison kicked in one against Croatan. Courtney Ballestros is the LadyPup to watch for saves, racking up three in the Southwest game. The soccer team opens a tough conference schedule at Dixon Tuesday.

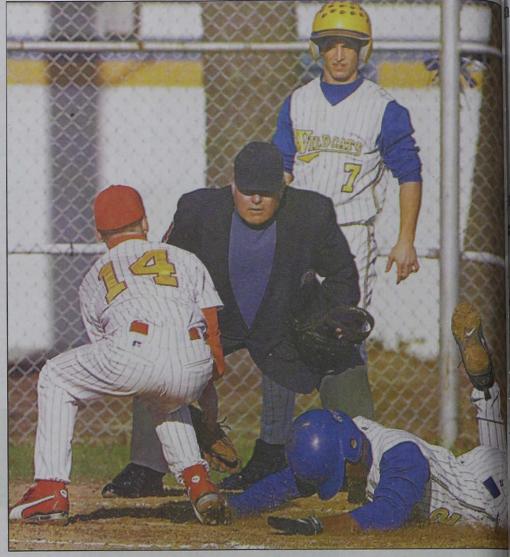
Lejeune's golf team took a big win (320) over Richlands (335) and Southwest (394) during their match at Paradise Point on Thursday. **Tom Lefebvre** shot a 71, five strokes ahead of the field (Lefebvre also grabbed a first place win at Paradise Point's annual "Intercollegiate Warm-up," (see 4D for details). The Pups open the conference Monday when they host Dixon.

The Boys and Girls track team both came in second in their season opener against the Swansboro Pirates. Freshman Regina Baily took the win in the 200-meters, clocking in at 27 minutes, 9 seconds for the girls team, Leekiesha Franklin shot in a win with the discus at 87-2; and the girls team took the win in the 400

with a finish time of 56.9.

The boys track team grabbed a win in the 200 thanks to freshman David Cherry who logged in at 22.9 and junior AdamVan Clooney also took a win in the 400 with a finish of 54.3. The boys took team wins in the 800 relay at 1:38.82; and the 1600 relay with 3:49.56. Lejeune's track teams will host North Brunswick, Dixon and Jones Thursday.

Look for the highlights each week in THE GLOBE as we keep an eye on their progress and zoom in on some key players as the Devilpups' spring fever continues



Lejeune's baseball team hit the diamond Monday against the Richland Wildcats in their third game of the season. (above) Pups pitcher first Anness attempts a tag on Wildcats Tracy Fisher at home plate. Fisher was safe. (below) Lejeune got in three runs, but took a defeat against



and close winter with awa

Go Devilpups!

Winter is gone, but the Devilpups winning season will not to be forgotten as LHS recently hosted their 2000-01 Winter

Sports Award Ceremony. Their winter sports season produced a girls basketball team that went to the second round of the State Sectional Tournament, a boys basketball team who went to the first round of the Sectional Tournament, a wrestling team that won the Conference Championship and a cheerleading squad that placed second in the Conference Competition and made it to the State Competition in Raleigh.

Congratulations to all of LHS's winter-winners!

Girls Basketball

MVP - Kourtney McKay, Most Improved - Catherine Cullison, MVP Offense - Kaitlyn Hevner, MVP Defense Angela Bargeron, Coaches Award - Katie Goodell, Sportsmanship - Lindsay McKay. All Conference - Kourtney McKay, All Conference Honorable Mention - Kaitlyn Hevner, Katie Goodell.

Boys Basketball

MVP - Brett Neller, Most Improved - Stephen Graham, MVP Offense - Terrance McDowell, MVP Defense - Darious Hill, Sportsmanship - Justin Miller, Gordan McIntosh Award -Eric Sumwalt. All Conference – Brett Neller, Terrance McDowell. All Conference Honorable Mention – Darious Hill, Lee Moore, All Tournament Team - Lee Moore.

JV Basketball MVP - Kenny Dunlap, MVP Offense - Shaun McCl Defense - John Harris, Coaches Award - Ryan Anness, Jelon Vanderp

Sportsmanship - Jason Alexander.

MVP and Coaches Award - Nicole Goudlock, Most le Marie Etcho, Sportsmanship - Jennifer Coats

MVP - Sean Ragsdale, Most Improved - RJ Jasso. Sean Ragsdale, Sportsmanship - Josh Kjer, All Col Sean Ragsdale, Daniel Arachikavitz, Thoma Mastroflippo.

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	9	2
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Female	Angie Fredrickson	233
in Female	Angie Fredrickson	633
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Male Male	Sheldon Brooks	277
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n Female	Cindy Redmond	204
in Female	Cindy Redmond	566
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Coffee & Tea League

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Male	Dennis Schroeder	230
Male	Richard Tatum	609
Female	Kristin Horsley	143
Female	Kristin Horsley	386

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Male	Charles Hughes	268
Male	R.L. Tower	674
Female	Edna Jones	209
Female	Barbara Anderson	527

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B	Female	Christina Matthews	137
	Female	Christina Matthews	366
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	Male	Andre McMichael	268
	Male	Andre McMichael	716

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Schedules:

Lejeune Grand Prix Events

The Grand Prix Series events are open to the general public - male and female participants of all ages. The series attracts nationwide competitors who collect points

Man Apr May

The athlete with the most points at the end of the series takes home the Grand Marion at 451-1799 or visit the Web site Prix Championship trophy at the awards

c	Event	Date	Event
rch 24	Tour D'Pain	Aug. 18	Lejeune 5 Miler
ril 14	EuroCross County 10K/Walk	Sept. 29	Marine Corns Half Marathon
y 12	Mud, Sweat, Gears Duathlon	Oct. 20	Beirut Memorial 10K
c 9	Semper Fi Triathlon	Nov. 14	Awards Banquet

All-Marine Trial Camps

Resumes for All-Marine Women's basketball, volleyball, softball and soccer are due 60 days prior to commencement of the All-Marine Trial Camps. Resumes can be found under policys at MCCS chapter athletic director.

www.usmc-mccs.org. They must include a command endorsement stating availability to attend and can be sent through your local

Date	Event	Location
April 15-May 8	Volleyball	MCB, Hawaii
uly 29-Aug.15	Softball	MCB, Camp Lejeune
August 19-Sept.8	Soccer	MCAS, New River

2001 Jacksonville Raiders Games

Date	Team	Location	Date	Team Roanoke Grizzlies Carolina Heat Goldsboro BullDawgs Virginia Pirates	Location
July 21	Goldsboro BullDawgs	Home	July 28		Home
Aug. 4	Virginia Pirates [†]	Away	Aug. 11		Away
Aug. 18	Raleigh Wolverines	Home	Aug. 25		Away
Sept. 8	Roanoke Grizzlies	Away	Sept. 15		Home
Sept. 22	Palmetto Pirates	Away	Sept. 13 Sept. 29	Fayetteville Cardinals	Home

Paradise Point Golf Events

Date	Event	Date	Event
Sunday	St. Patrick's Day Best Ball	April 21	Scramble
May 12	Make Your Own Tee Time Tourney	June 1	Match Play Championship
June 4-8	Junior Clinic	June 16	Scramble
June 23	Oldsmobile Scramble	June 30	Junior/Senior Tournament
July 6	Parent/Child Tournament	July 21	Scramble
Aug. 4	Make Your Own Tee Time Tourney	Aug. 17-19	Onslow Amateur

More Sports Shorts:

Semper Fit Workshop

An exercise workshop is scheduled through tomorrow at the Semper Fit Recreation Area. Registration is \$200 per person and includes study materials. This event is open to the public. For more information, call 451-0827

Camp Lejeune Rugby

The Camp Lejeune Rugby Mens' and Womens' teams are looking for new players. Practices are held on Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. on the F-Street Field.

For information, e-mail or visit www.misfitsrugby.home-

Jacksonville Raiderettes

The Jacksonville Raiderettes cheerleaders are looking for an energetic, enthusiastic coordinator to help with the 2001 season that runs from July 21-October. The coordinator will help recruit cheerleaders before the season begins, assist in choreographing dance routines, schedule practice sessions, make game arrangements, and help with uniform selection. If you would like more information, call Regina Wheeless at 577-

Carolina Hurricanes Trip

The Carolina Hurricanes will take on the Pittsburgh Penguins in a home game April 8. Those interested in attending the game using the transportation service must register by Friday at the office. You can purchase tickets for the game at the ITT office also. Prices are \$26 per person or tickets with transportation for \$35 per person. They only have 40 tickets available, so stop by now! For more information call, 450-6207.

Spinning Race

Participants will compete on stationary Spinning bikes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place during the Spinning Race Saturday. This event is perfect for avid cyclist, triathlon & duathlon athletes. Registration is \$5 and the event is open to the public. For more information call 450-5609.

Atlanta Braves Baseball

The Carteret County Parks and Recreation Department will sponser an Atlanta Braves trip for the weekend of June 28-30 when the Braves play the New York Mets. A \$75 deposit is required by May 1. For more information, call (252) 568-0048.

World's Largest Run

YMCA facilities across the nation will be holding a simultanous World's Largest Run 5K race in celebration of their 150th anniversary. The event will be held at Camp Lejeune June 2

beginning at 10 a.m. at Goettge Memorial Field House.

This event is open to the public and fees are as follows: \$15 for ages 13 and older if registered by May 18; \$18 for ages 13 and older if registered after May 18; \$5 for ages 6 - 12; and no fee or registration for children 5 and under. Tee-shirts will be provided for entrants registered by May 18th or sooner.

Hunting Safety Class

The Onslow Parks and Recreation Department and the N.C. Wildlife Commission will hold a hunting safety class at Blue Creek Elementary School March 26-28 from 6 to 9 p.m.

The class is free, but pre-registration is required. For more information, call 346-5332 or visit the Web site at

3 on 3 Tournament & 2 Ball Shoot Out

Register your team for the SMP 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Teams will compete for 1st & 2nd place trophies. Each team must consist of 3 players (no substitutions). Registration deadline is March 16.

The 2 Ball Shoot Out is going to be held in conjunction with

The shoot out requires two players per team and is limited to 10

The winning team will receive a \$50 cash prize. The events are open to military personnel aboard MCAS New River, C Geiger, Camp Johnson, and Camp Lejeune. For more information

Stallions get ugly with Devilpups

There's only one word to describe Thursday's Southwest-Lejeune baseball

The teams combined for 15 errors and 25 hits as Southwest overcame a bunch of defensive mistakes and three deficits to outslug Lejeune, 17-12.

"It's a good thing we kicked that field goal at the end," Southwest coach Eric Leary joked regarding the football-like score. "Man, but this thing was ugly. We made a lot of defensive mistakes but we didn't give up and kept coming back. That shows a lot of character on our part and Leieune's that neither team gave up.

Southwest made nine errors and sur rendered 10 unearned runs. Lejeune made six boots and also gave up 10 unearmed

But as cold as the fielders were, both teams swung hot bats. Lejeune got three hits and five RBI from Matt Good, a tworun homer from Brett Neller and two hits Thomas. Eric Sumwalt also had two hits for the Devilpups.

bases-clearing triple) and three RBI from Fabri Bonilla and two hits each from Brandon Potter and Mike James. Nick Rosch, Kendrick Brooks and Jimmy Damiano all drove in two runs for the

Damiano (1-0) was the winning pitcher as he tossed three scoreless innings of relief. The sophomore was being brought along slowly, but Leary said that's going

"Jimmy was going to be used in spots where he wouldn't throw more than 20 pitches or so," Leary said. "But he gave us three good innings and is going to be part of our pitching staff."

Damiano was the only truly effective pitcher on both sides all day. He gave up

"This was my first game pitching," Damiano said. "I just tried to stay calm nside and was able to throw strikes. When I didn't the fielders behind me made

Neller hit a two-run homer in the first inning. The Pups picked up another run in Good's sacrifice fly. But Leieune couldn't hold the lead.

Three Devilpup errors and Bonilla's o-run triple were the key moments as Southwest scored six times in the bottom of the second. The outburst gave the Stallions a brief lead at 7-6. But Lejeune kept coming back and Southwest kept

The Pups sent 11 hitters to the plate in the third inning and scored seven times Southwest contributed four boots and Thomas belted a two-run homer to put Lejeune back in front, this time at 10-6.

But Southwest kept pecking away and eventually tied the score at 12-12 five innings. The sixth would be

Pups starter Jacob Anguiano (0-2) had stayed in the game despite a lack of defensive help but he walked Joe Metz to start the sixth inning and was pulled in favor of

Anness struggled with his control as he gave up two hits and two walks while throwing a wild pitch and hitting a batter. The second hit Anness surrendered was a two-run single by Rosch.

Lefebvre warms u



Debbi Lefebvre

Tom Lefebvre, 17, is back on the greens at Paradise Point and will represent Camp Lejeune in the 30 Annual Intercollegiate Golf Tournament.

Timmi Toler Sports Editor

When we last left 17-year-old **Tom Lefebvre**, he was living in Virginia where his father, **Col Paul Lefebvre**, now the Commanding Officer of the 22d Marine Expeditionary Unit, was stationed and Tom had just finished racking up the Virginia State Junior Golf championship.

The Lefebvre's have returned to Camp Lejeune where Tom began his golf career almost 10 years ago, under the tutelage of Grant Beck, Paradise Points' assistant Golf Pro.

Tom is back on the greens and back on top. He and 84 other golfers recently hit the Paradise Point golf course to participate in the Annual Intercollegiate Warm-up Tournament where he took first place in the Championship flight.

Tom and nine other golfers will represent Camp Lejeune in the 30th Annual Intercollegiate Tournament slated for March 29-April 1.

The three day event will pit golf teams from colleges across the country and two military teams against each other in a 54-hole stroke play tournament.

The college players compete at scratch and the non college players will use their full handicap. Allegheny College (Meadville, Pa), Fayetteville State University (Fayetteville, N.C.) and Randolf-Macon College (Ashland, Va.) are just a few of the colleges registered to attend

the colleges registered to attend.

"The first tournament was in 1972, and we had just around 10 teams competing. This year we have close to 30. It's really grown and has built a name for itself in the golfing community. We offer the feel of a pro-am like tournament and give the players a chance to see what the competition is like and give colleges with new golf programs the experience of tournament play," said Beck.

This will be Tom's first time at the Intercollegiate Tournament and Beck believes the experience will be good for him.

"I was fortunate to work with Tom when he was just getting started in the sport. He has a lot of talent, and he doesn't get easily fluster by a bad shot. Tom has a great mental capacity for the game and his father has been a strong influence in that regard as well teaching him the etiquette of the game," said Beck.

"This tournament will be a great chance for Tom to see what the college competition is like as he advances in his golf career. He is tournament tough and he's going to do well."

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Friday at Dayton, Ohio, while Arkansas, whose A.D. is Frank Broyles, tackles Georgetown on Thursday at Boise, Idaho.

Lejeune formed its 1947-48 team in February and lost to the 2nd MarDiv, 52-36. The coach was Anthony Caputo (Penn). Players included Nathaniel Boone, Don Brown, Jim Byrne, Charles Gibson, Dean Hill, Bernard Johnson, Rollie Kubiskey, Bill Leishman, Jim Lippincott, Jim Monical, Ralph Nofsinger, Ray Vincent, and Jim Whelan.

Besides defeating Lejeune, the 2nd MarDiv beat Cherry Point, 72-51, for the FMF Atlantic title and downed the USS Shea but lost to SubForceLant in the Atlantic Fleet Tournament. It also fell to Bainbridge NTC, 54-46; to Quantico, 69-43, to Marine Corps Institute, 60-59; and to Southeastern Oklahoma, 64-28, in the National AAU Tournament.

The coach was Lt Swanda. Players included Commack, Haller, Johnson, Arnold Lewis, McGuire, Noble, Rader, Howard Reese (Brown), Schnupp, Strobel, Switzer, Ken Turek, Westphall and Woods.

Baseball

Gil Hodges in 2,071 games hit 295 doubles, 48 triples and 370 homers, scored 1,105 runs, drove in 1,274, even stole 63 bases and batted .273 as a first baseman, outfielder, catcher and third baseman for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1943 and from 1947-57, the Los Angeles Dodgers from 1958-61 and the New York Mets in 1962 and '63. He also batted .267 and hit five homers in 39 World Series games.

The Marine veteran also managed the 1969 Miracle Mets to the 1969 World Series title during his nine years at the helm. But that wasn't enough for the veterans committee of the Hall of Fame, which instead selected infielder Bill Mazeroski.

Hall of Famer Orlando Cepeda and Vera Clemente, widow of Hall of Fame outfielder Roberto Clemente, a Marine veteran, will throw out the ceremonial first pitches before baseball's season opener next month.

Baseball is opening its season outside the United States and Canada for the third straight season, with Texas playing Toronto at San Juan, Puerto Rico, on April 1.Baseball opened at Monterrey, Mexico, in 1999 and at Tokyo last year. Cepeda is a native of Ponce, Puerto Rico.

Vera Clemente's husband, who starred for the Pittsburgh Pirates, was killed in a plan crash while delivering supplies to earthquake victims in

Nicaragua. The March Leatherneck noted that Paige Hall, home of the Sergeants Course at the Staff NCO Academy, MCA-GTFTC, Twentynine Palms, Cal., "now hosts an impressive new historical exhibit covering more than 62 years of Martine Corps history." The exhibit, consisting mainly of WW II artifacts and personal mementos, honors Medal of Honor winner Col. Mitchell Paige. In addition to a career of heroism, Paige pitched for the Tientsen Marines, who fielded 1938-40 teams and defeated Japanese clubs, 4 games to 1, in a 1939 series.

Golf

For Rick Trevino, son of legendary golfer Lee Trevino, golf has been a hobby, a profession and now a way of life. "My mother and father divorced when I was young and I got into golf because I wanted to be close to my father," Trevino told the *Baldwin County Register* (Ala.). "I wanted to get into the game to find out who my father was."

He played golf through high school and eventually went to college on a scholarship to play golf. While there, he was on the team with present-day professional golfer Joe Durant, but after college he decided to go into business for himself. "I went into the automotive business, and I didn't play much golf after that," Trevino said.

"After I sold my business I moved back to Pensacola (Fla.) and began to play again. I played several times a week and basically fell in love with the game again."

game again."

The golfer said it was then that he decided to become a golf pro, starting from the bottom and eventually working his way to where he is now — director of golf at the Orange Beach (Ala.) Golf Center. It was there that he became part of the Trevino Golf Schools that he operates with his father, a Marine veteran. A first-round 76, in effect, knocked Marine veteran Dave Eichelberger out of contention for the SBC Senior Classic title at Santa Clarita, Cal. But he rallied with rounds of 71 and 67 for a 214 score and collected \$11,620.

Motor Sports

Marines Chevrolet placed 16th Saturday in the NASCAR Busch Aaron's 312 at Atlanta Motor Speedway. Starting in 23rd position, he collected \$10,150.

John Gunn is an independant journalist and a retired Marine intelligence officer. He has written two books on Marines and football.

Stretching out the fun



Warriors from II Marine Expeditionary Force Liaison Element accepted the recent Fun Run challenge with of a stretcher and occupant at the recent Navy Marine Corps 5-k Fun Run held at Camp Lejeune. The race port of the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society.

Local tourneys ready for big ca

GySgt Charlton E Solomon

A new year has started and the cold weather just keeps hanging on. It seems that during the week the weather is nice and warm, but on Friday it just goes downly!! windy rain and colder

downhill, windy, rain and colder.

They use to tell me if you don't like the weather here just wait a few minutes and it will change, I just never believed that it would change this bad.

Bass fishing has been slow but there are fishermen out there catching some nice limits of bass. Glen Peele has been conducting his poor boy tournaments over in New Bern since the beginning of the year and yes, they have been weighing in some nice fish. The last one was held this past Sunday

and as usual the weather turned rough.

Hawg Wild and the Onslow County
Bassmasters have both had tournaments in the past couple of months. The
fish are there you just have to figure out
how to catch them. The Neuse-Trent
Rivers still seems to be trying to recover
from the hurricane damage from
years past. I know the fish are there
because I have seen fishermen catching

I was lucky enough to have spent most of my winter down in Florida were I became spoiled with the good weather and great fishing. I spent many a weekend on the famous Stick Marsh (farm pond 13). I for one am looking forward to the warmer weather and a great year of bass fishing.

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ing MCCS Spring Splate Tournament at Gottschate Saturday. They are a second soon. If you have quest tournament please contained and I am sure they can about all your questions, will set you on the right.

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