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## Hot Topics

### MAGTFTC/MCAGCC CORPORALS COURSE

The next MAGTFTC/MCAGCC Corporals Course will take place Sept. 13-29. Prospective students should contact the Headquarters Battalion S-3 for a student checklist. If you are interested in being an instructor or class advisor, contact Staff Sgt. Simon at 830-1116.

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### THE OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB PRESENTS: "HOT DESERT NIGHTS" WELCOME ABOARD EVENT

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## COMING NEXT ISSUE

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## THIS DAY IN MARINE CORPS HISTORY

August 18, 1965  
Operation  
Starlite began in  
Vietnam. 964  
Viet Cong were  
killed in action.

## MCAGCC Celebrates 54 Years



This 1959 photo of the Combat Center's main area from east to west, shows the results of the first seven years of Marine life in the high desert. Monday will be the 54th birthday of the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center. This milestone will be commemorated today with a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially dedicate the 29 California Fan Palm trees along Adobe Road as a visual symbol of the local civilian and military communities that share the same name.



## VMU-1 named Air Command and Control Unit of the Year

LANCE CPL.  
REGINA N. ORTIZ  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 1 was recognized by the Marine Corps Aviation Association for their achievements in support of training exercises and combat operations from May 2005 until April 2006.

The squadron was awarded the 2006 MCAA Edward S. Fris Award, established in honor of Maj. General Edward S. Fris, a pioneer in the development of Marine Corps Command and Control.

"The award means a lot to all of us here at VMU-1," said Staff Sgt. Abelardo Platas, internal pilot instructor. "Not a lot of people know what we do, so it's great to receive some recognition."

The Watch Dogs, the squadron's nickname, serve as a second set of eyes for ground troops, he explained.

"We provide overhead security, support for raids, and set grid points for a fire mission, among other things," Platas said.

When the squadron is not deployed, they support Mojave Viper exercises, familiarizing infantry units with UAVs and their effectiveness on the battlefield.

During the squadron's latest deployment, from August 2005 until March, they flew 780 RQ-2B Pioneer UAV



A RQ-2B Pioneer UAV takes off from an airfield south of Camp Wilson during a training mission. Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 1 was awarded the 2006 MCAA Edward S. Fris Award.

sorties, air missions, which added up to 3,215 flight hours. It was the most flown by a squadron equipped with a Pioneer during that time period, said Platas.

Also, during their deployment, VMU-1 supported Regimental Combat Team 2 in more than two combat operations, including Operation Iron Fist, an operation to disrupt insurgent activity in various Iraqi cities.

During Operation Iron Fist, the Watch Dogs detected a cave complex the enemy used as a weapons

cache and bomb-making facility. This allowed Marine snipers to kill four insurgents and confiscate small arms, explosives and other bomb-making materials, Platas said.

The squadron also helped coordinate numerous air strikes during Operation Steel Curtain with RCT-2 in November 2005.

VMU-1 supported more than 40 types of direct actions against the enemy during the deployment and detected many improvised explosive devices that were

destroyed by explosive ordnance disposal Marines, said Platas.

"We've done so many things in the background that isn't seen, and it's good to know other people view our work as important and effective," he said.

Other Watch Dogs, like Sgt. Nicolas Padron, UAV internal operator, felt a boost of morale when told the squadron won an award.

"It feels good to get this award as a squadron," he said. "We work hard, and it's rare

to get recognized outside of your command."

The Marine Corps only has two VMU squadrons that must trade off to provide support in Iraq. VMU-1 is deployed for seven months and returns for five months before they are deployed again.

"We're consistently deployed," said Padron. "So an award like this gives our Marines something to strive for and work toward."

Cpl. Clayton Lagesse, UAV internal operator, sees the award as opening the door for

UAVs, he said.

"We are in the early stages of UAV technology and advances," he explained. "Not a lot of people, even in the military, know us and what we do. So to receive this recognition is a big step in awareness of our capabilities."

The squadron is in the midst of preparing for their next deployment, scheduled for the end of August, where the Watch Dogs will add to their list of achievements, and serve as the Air Command and Control Unit of the Year

LANCE CPL. KATELYN A. KNAUER





STAFF SGT. JIM GOODWIN

### Don't Tread on Me

Lance Cpl. Robert Kriggsman, a 20-year-old Marine from McMinnville, Tenn., replaces bolts to the tread of an M1A1 Main Battle Tank July 29, in Al Asad, Iraq. Kriggsman is a tank operator with the Twentynine Palms, Calif.-based Company C, 1st Tank Battalion.

### Sempertoons

By Gunnery Sgt. Charles Wolf



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## C.O.P. Corner

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### Does your child know what to do when he or she encounters a stranger?

It is time for the new school year to begin, and some parents may choose to let their children walk to school.

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- Shout "NO!" and get away quickly. Be sure to have a designated safe haven picked out for your child to run to along their route.
- Tell a trusted adult, or if an adult is not present, call 9-1-1 or "0" for operator.
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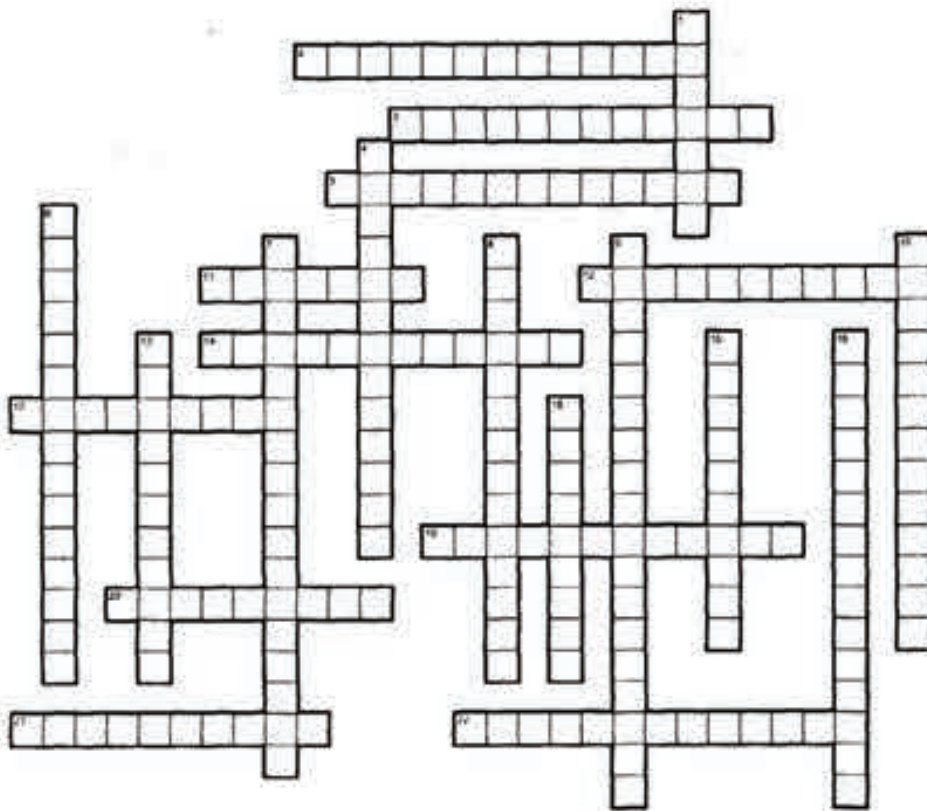
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## ACTRESSES



### ACROSS

2. Played as Gertie in "E.T."
3. Played as Sofia Serrano in "Vanilla Sky"
5. Played as Felicity Shagwell in "Austin Powers 2"
11. Played as O-Ren Ishii in "Kill Bill"
12. Played as Susan Storm in "Fantastic Four"
14. Played as Claudia in "Interview with the Vampire"
17. Starred in "G.I. Jane"
19. "Pretty Woman"
20. Played as Lysterine in "Booty Call"
21. Played as a groupie Penny Lane in "Almost Famous"
22. Starred in "Tomb Raider"

### DOWN

1. Starred in "Sleepless in Seattle"
4. Starred in "Selena"
6. Played as Rachel Green in TV sitcom, "Friends"
7. Played as Charlotte in "Lost in Translation"
8. Played as Rosemary in "Shallow Hal"
9. Starred in "I Know What You Did Last Summer"
10. Starred in "Speed"
13. Starred in "There's Something About Mary"
15. Played as gangster wife Mia in "Pulp Fiction"
16. Played as Amanda Woodward on "Melrose Place"
18. Starred in "Desperado"

[Solutions on A7]

## Centerspeak

### What was your favorite Summer movie?

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B. Co., 1st Bn., 24th Marines



GUNNERY SGT. LARRY GULICK  
Ho. Bn.



LCPL DEWAYNE BUTTERWORTH  
WEAPONS CO., 3RD BATTALION,  
7TH MARINES

"Inside Man."

"Garfield A Tail of Two Kitties, it was very relaxing."

"You, Me and Dupree, it was funny."

## What's on your mind?

Centerspeak welcomes questions or submissions from service members, Department of Defense civilians and family members.

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# 3/4 begins SASO basics at Range 215



Lance Cpl. Christopher L. Middleton demonstrates the proper procedures for searching a hostile person, using Lance Cpl. Ahmad D. Dennis as an example at the Combat Center's Range 215 Aug. 8.

**LANCE CPL. MICHAEL S. CIFUENTES**  
3RD BATTALION, 4TH MARINE REGIMENT

Third Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, rolled into their third week of Mojave Viper, a month long training evolution combining the Revised-Combined Arms Training Exercise and Security and Stability Operations training.

At company levels, the battalion began SASO training Aug. 7, at the Combat Center's Range 215, a military operations in urban terrain facility known as Wadi Al Sahara. Prior to any live runs in the mock Iraqi city, the Marines and sailors of the battalion attended classes given by Tactical Training Exercise Control Group instructors.

The instructors, nicknamed Coyotes, taught and reiterated to the Marines what they would come into contact with in the MOUT facility, which is meant to also give the Marines an idea of what they should expect in Iraq.

The majority of Head-

quarters and Service Co. Marines who underwent the training will be deploying to Iraq for the first time. The classes taught the Marines and sailors an array of material they would need to know for their upcoming seven-month deployment.

They began Monday by familiarizing themselves with the kinds of weapons the enemy uses in Iraq, and how to use, assemble and unload the weapons.

Cpl. Sam L. Minor, a TTECG instructor, deployed with 3/4 for all three of their deployments to Iraq. He now teaches Marines, using the knowledge he gained from his experiences.

"The Marines are definitely going to come across many of the weapons we have shown them here," said Minor. "Through these classes, I can share my knowledge of what I picked up the last three deployments, and share with all the Marines who can use it."

"I dealt with an AK [Avtomat Kalashnikova] at least once or twice a week

over there," added Minor.

H&S Marines and sailors were taught in depth SASO, involving role players aboard Range 215. They underwent classes Tuesday morning on vehicle checkpoint procedures, contact and non-contact searches of individuals, and a short class on customs and languages in Iraq, taught by an Iraqi role-player.

Lance Cpl. Octavio E. Campuzano, a forward observer with H&S Co., has been in the fleet since April and awaits his first combat deployment.

"Everything that the Coyotes taught is very beneficial to all of us who haven't deployed," said Campuzano. "The standard operating procedures that we were taught here in searching a vehicle, a person or a home is something I am definitely going to have to remember and follow when I get to Iraq."

"I also learned some very important words and gestures from the Iraqi role player," added Campuzano. "It's very necessary to learn. It's impor-

tant to have a key to breach the language barriers in Iraq. It is important that we are able to understand the customs, language and gestures, because we want to build a good rapport with the Iraqi citizens. The Coyotes and role players were very helpful to

us. The next step is to use this knowledge here in this city. The ultimate test will be in Iraq. There's no telling what exactly we will see there, but the Coyotes are giving us everything they know."

As the third week of Mojave Viper continues,

the Marines and sailors of the battalion will continue to hone their SASO skills. During the fourth and final week of Mojave Viper, the training will culminate with a final exercise, where the Marines apply everything they have learned.

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# Combat Center entrepreneur's recording studio offers professional audio to aspiring High Desert musicians

CPL. BRIAN A. TUTHILL  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

High Desert musicians looking to have their work professionally recorded now have the opportunity to make their dreams a reality thanks to a Combat Center Marine and a former sailor who teamed up to open a local recording studio.

Heat Rock Recording Studio, located just across Adobe Road from Santana's Mexican Restaurant in Twentynine Palms, Calif., opened in March as a joint venture between Sgt. Xavisus "Xa" Gayden, 1st Tank Battalion career planner, and William "Cuz" Campbell, a former Navy corpsman with the Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital.

The entrepreneurs saw potential here and have already turned the business into a money-maker, despite being weeks away from their Sept. 16 grand opening.

Their studio, which doubles as a clothing retail store, has already recorded and shipped one full album, recorded six others and worked on commercials for local businesses since its inception.

Although both Gayden and Campbell both have a rap and hip hop background, they said

they are completely open to any type of music.

"Right now, we are looking to reach every audience," said Gayden, who ran a recording and engineering business as DJ Xa (pronounced "Zay") while he was stationed in Okinawa, Japan. "I've already had three guys tell me they wanted to do a salsa and Latino album, a reggae album — as long as it's music, we'll do it."

"My plan is to connect the whole Inland Empire and then invade Los Angeles," said Campbell, a Panama City Beach, Fla., native, who started a similar business while stationed at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C. "My goal is for us to end up in L.A. and take over. In the meantime we'd like to get more connected and have bigger artists come here to work. I also want to work this area because it's very closed right now."

One ongoing project for the studio is to compile a mixed album of various styles of music and artists from the High Desert to put together on an album for release. It will include hip hop, R & B, rap, rock, jazz, Latin, heavy metal, country,

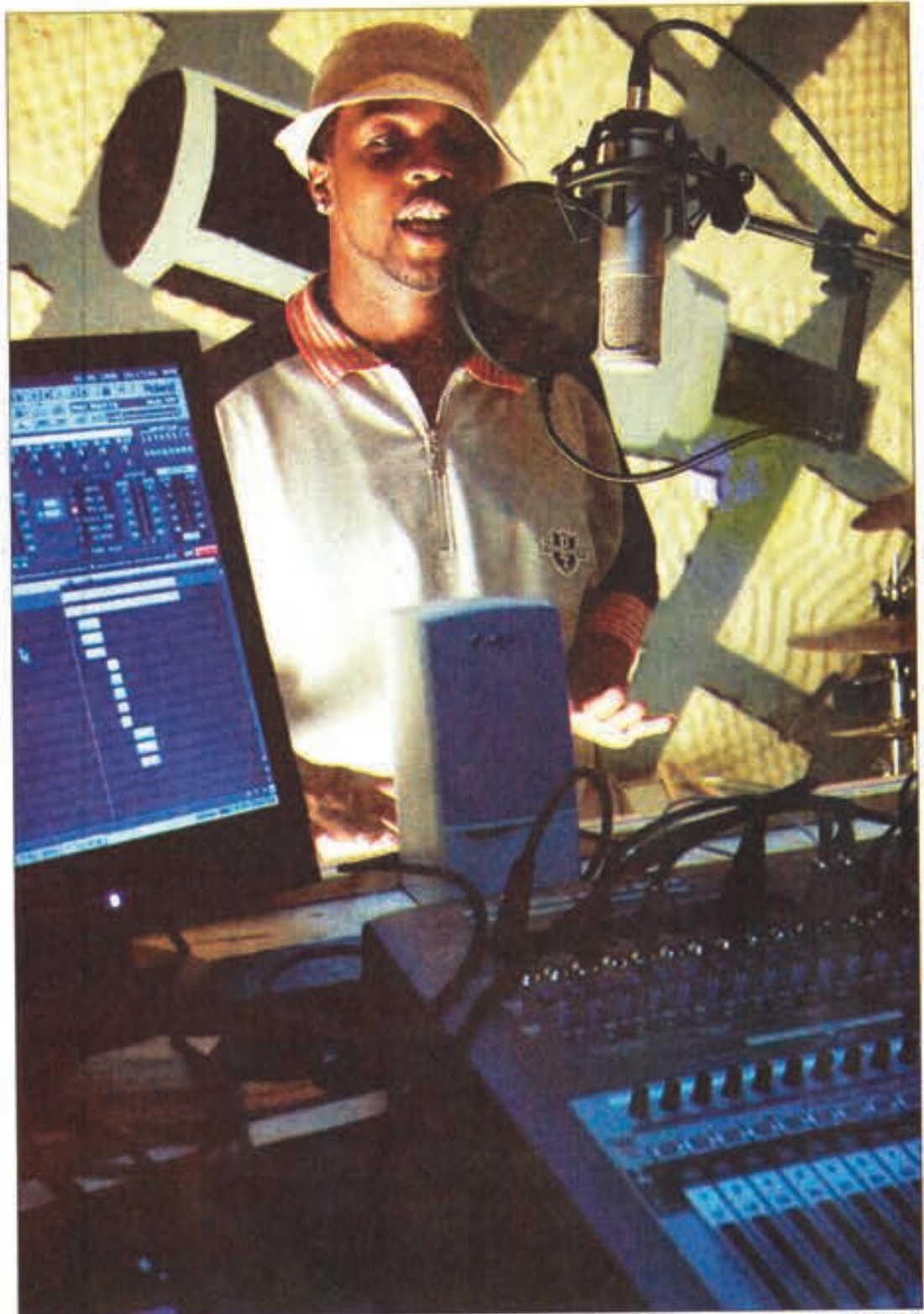
gospel and others, and will represent the variety in the High Desert, said Gayden, who hails from Monroe, La.

For Gayden and Campbell, starting the store together has been an adventure they said they weren't sure where it would lead. The two met last year while both running competing small recording businesses in the area.

"I met Xa in November when we had our rival studios," said Campbell. "I remember I snatched up some of his posters he had put up. But it turned out we live right up the street from one another. We started talking and just hooked up. I had all the artists, he had all the nice equipment."

"One of the hardest things about running the place is to stay on the same page with each other," he continued. "Everyone has their own ideas and we disagree sometimes. So, either with angry compromises or happy ones, we have to have one because the business has to keep going. But I think working with Xa will be a lifelong partnership."

Heat Rock's business has steadily picked up since March, and recently cus-



James Wilkins  
William Campbell lays down vocal tracks in the recording booth of the Heat Rock Recording Studio on Adobe Road. He and Sgt. Xavisus Gayden opened the studio in March.

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tomers have shifted from Marines to more and more local residents, said Gayden.

"I had not planned on making any profit at all for at least the first six months of opening the studio, but little by little people have been coming in, and it's picked up for us," said Campbell. "The city has started coming in."

"This is a start to a dream and going through this whole process has been amazing for me," Campbell continued. "We're always looking for advancement, but right now we're kind of the kids next door who decided to buy a studio. It's not going to move unless we move it. This is the middle of the desert, but life can

spring up if you plant it."

Campbell and Gayden both had advice for anyone trying to start their careers in both music or as an entrepreneur.

"For anyone looking to lay down an album my best advice to start is just to start," said Gayden. "The longer you put it off, the harder it is going to be to get it done."

"My advice for someone who wants to open a business of their own is to hold on to that dream and step out and make it happen," said Campbell, who has been signed twice to record labels. "Don't wait for anybody to do it for you. Don't depend on anybody because it's not going to move unless you move it. It's

hard work, but if it's your passion, you have to work harder for it."

The two also said those interested don't need to wait for the grand opening celebration to come visit the store. They are open weekdays 6 to 10 p.m. and welcome anyone to drop in.

"I invite anyone to just stop by the store and even to just hang out with us because we're just regular guys," said Campbell. "If you're interested you can see what's going on, and if you like it, we'll make it work."

For more information on Heat Rock Recording Studio, call (318) 516-6348 or visit the studio at 6011 Adobe Road.

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# American Red Cross recognizes youth volunteers

LANCE CPL. KATELYN A. KNAUER  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The American Red Cross held a youth appreciation ceremony for six youth volunteers for their participation in the Summer Youth Volunteer Program at the Village Center August 11.

The volunteers were presented with certificates of appreciation by commanding general Brig. Gen. Douglas M. Stone, and two volunteers received the presidential silver youth pin in the youth category and one a bronze youth pin in the young adult category.

"The children got a chance to choose where they wanted to volunteer based on the places that we were offering," said Elizabeth Edwards, assistant station manager.

Some of the places offered were Sandy Hill Lanes Bowling Center, American Red Cross Twentynine Palms Chapter, Vacation Bible School, 801 Vista Del Sol housing, the Armed Services YMCA, the Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital, the Lifelong Learning Library and Desert Winds Golf course.

The volunteer with the most hours, and a recipient of one of the presidential silver youth pins, was 15-year-old Victoria Perez.

"I helped out at the bowling alley, setting up lanes and passing out shoes," said Perez. "I had a blast helping out three days a week."

For her commitment and time, Perez also received a throw blanket with the Marine Corps emblem on it, and a letter from the president of the United States.

"It was shocking," Perez said. "My heart dropped because I got a letter from the president."

The other volunteer who received a silver youth pin was 14-year-old Paige King.

"I worked here in the Red Cross office filing paperwork two days a week," said King. "It feels cool to get a certificate, because I have never got one before."

American Red Cross work-

ers, along with proud parents attended the ceremony.

"She's a teenager, and it's amazing to see that she's going to get out of bed on her summer time and help out," said Jillian King, Paige's mom.

The recipient of the bronze youth pin was 16-year-old Stephen Avila-Jones for his vol-

unteer work at the bowling alley.

"It's pretty cool to have an award for volunteering," said Avila-Jones. "I helped three days a week at the bowling alley cleaning gutters, assigning lanes and giving customers shoes."

The other three volunteers, who received certificates of

appreciation, were Demetri Spencer, Gabrielle Chadee and Raven Chadee.

"I volunteered at the Thrift Store packing shelves and helping them to organize," said the 14-year-old Spencer. "I helped there on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays."

Demetri's mom also spoke

of how proud she was of him.

"This is a good way for children to give back to the community," said Jasmine Lawson. "It's great that he can get out there and socialize, and help the community. It's also good because he can be useful and gain knowledge at the same time."

At the end of the ceremony

the volunteers, Red Cross Members and family members enjoyed pizza and cake in celebration.

"It's important that we recognize the youth for their volunteer work," said Edwards. "It lets them know that their work is appreciated by both the organization and the community."



Brig. Gen. Douglas Stone presents 15-year-old Victoria Perez with a blanket and Certificate of Appreciation at a youth appreciation ceremony Aug. 11. Perez earned the award for volunteering more of her time than anyone else in the program.

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# Iraqi police keep first public sporting event in nearly three years free from insurgents

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**SAD'AH, Iraq** — Iraqis living along the Euphrates River near the Syrian border have not hosted a soccer match or any other type of public sporting event in more than three years due to insurgents' previous control of the area.

Until now.

Thanks to months of planning by Marines in this region, and security provided by local Iraqi police from Karabilah and Sad'ah, local Iraqis here held a soccer match Aug. 3, an event unheard of just months ago, according to the Marines.

Local tribal leaders say the soccer match is "a clear sign" of the changing times.

The soccer match was held on a new soccer field, constructed through local Iraqi contractors with the help of Marines from the 3rd Civil Affairs Group — a team of Marines responsible for spearheading construction projects aimed at boosting the local economy and improving Iraqis' quality of life.

The money for construction of the field was funded entirely through Iraqi contractors and the work was completed by as many as 1,000 Iraqis — a giant step in boosting the local economy while providing jobs for hundreds who are unemployed in this region, according to Gunnery Sgt. Joseph S. Mallicoat, a team chief with the 3rd Civil Affairs Group.

While Iraqi police in this Iraqi-Syrian border region are already conducting independent security operations on their own, providing security for such a large public event was a first for the police force, which is less than four months old.

"The Iraqis here never thought something like this could be possible," said Mallicoat, a 34-year-old from Vancouver, Wash. "An event like this demonstrates the police are ready to move forward and handle more types of security operations in order to make the area safer."

In several parts of the country insurgents have used public sporting events to harm and kill people. In the city of Hadhra, Iraq, 10 civilians were killed while watching a soccer game on Aug. 4, according to a Coalition Forces press release. Two days earlier in Amil, Iraq, terrorists targeted another soccer field, killing 10 more people, most of whom were young soccer players under the age of 20.

But insurgents didn't have a chance to strike at the recent soccer match here.

Local policemen, recognizable in their blue uniforms, provided security for spectators and players at the soccer field. The police chief of Karabilah, a city of about 30,000 nestled along the Iraq-Syria border and the Euphrates River, spearheaded security measures during the event, with police officers controlling the brunt of security while the Marines observed and were on hand as back-up.



Iraqi police officers from Karabilah, Iraq, a city of about 30,000 near the Iraq-Syria border, provide security at a soccer match between the western Al Anbar Province cities of Karabilah and Sad'ah Aug. 10.

The Marines of Company C, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment were responsible for providing back-up security with their up-armored Humvees and several dozen ground troops.

But overall, it was local police who handled the operation, without the intervention of U.S. military forces, according to Mallicoat.

The Marines here have been mentoring and advising police forces throughout the region for several months now. Several police stations have opened in the cities here — a first since immediately after the end of Saddam Hussein's regime.

During the game's opening ceremonies, key local leaders from the city council welcomed the more than 500 spectators in attendance. Soccer games in Iraq are only attended by men and children, according to the tribal sheikhs here. Women are not allowed to attend such public events, per Iraqi culture.

Local city leaders and the mayor of Karabilah, Abu Munder, addressed those in attendance, thanking them for their cooperation with Iraqi Security Forces and Coalition Forces in helping drive out the insurgents who just months ago made the area a base of operations.

"By staying unified we are stronger than any foreign fighters that try to take over the area," said Munder, addressing the crowd.

The Iraqi contractor who completed the construction of the soccer field lauded the work done by nearly 1,000 Iraqi locals who completed the field several weeks ago.

Soccer fans huddled on several bleachers as the game commenced, exploding in hoots and hollers whenever a goal was scored. There were concession stands serving cold drinks, food vendors sold various treats.

The soccer field here in Karabilah is just one of seven soccer fields being completed through the work of Civil Affairs Marines and local Iraqi contractors.

The Marines deemed the Iraqi police-led security operation a milestone in helping the Iraqis become a self-sustaining force as it shows the Iraqi people that they can trust the Iraqi police to keep them safe, according to the Marines here.

Ultimately, the Marines say local police forces will handle security for such public events entirely on their own — with no U.S. presence.

The game featured teams from the near-by towns of Sad'ah and JeribJib. Sad'ah won the match, 4-to-1.

The Marines and Iraqis hope the games will continue to be a regular part of the communities in this once insurgent-heavy region.

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# Housing delivers good news to Vista del Sol residents

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Combat Correspondent

The Combat Center Family Housing Office held a Vista del Sol town hall meeting Aug. 10 to answer questions and concerns residents had, as well as propose new changes regarding housing rules.

The property which the housing sits on was leased 13 years ago by the government to quickly address the need for housing. As a result, 600 units were built, with an electrical grid said to only support swamp coolers. Thirteen years later, residents are experiencing higher than normal humidity levels, spelling disaster for swamp coolers.

Although energy efficient and effective in dry heat, when the outside humidity creeps up over 25 percent with temperatures in excess of 105 degrees, the effectiveness of the swamp cooler is lost, creating hot and humid temperatures in the home.

Currently there is a \$9.4 million air conditioner project at Headquarters Marine Corps which would provide Vista del Sol residents with central air conditioning and will also include a significant upgrade to the electrical grid to support it.

"Remember, this is a leased property," said Ray Zapata, housing officer. "We pay a lot of money for that property, and we have to ask for permission to do certain things to that area, but at the same time there have always been questions about the government making capital improvements to a property they don't own."

After conducting reviews of the electrical grid in Vista del Sol, the electrical engineers at Facilities Management Division recently developed a scenario which may allow residents to use window and portable air conditioning units under strict guidelines. It would provide immediate relief and fill the gap until the planned air condition project is complete.

"About a month ago we started testing two units out there to test the electrical grid," said Zapata. "It was only last week that information got back to us that gave us an indication what we could possibly do."

A preliminary read stated the electrical grid, assuming residents do not use major appliances, such as the washers, dryer, and any other large electrical device that pulls a large amount of electricity, may in fact handle a single 12,000 BTU, 115 volt air conditioner unit downstairs and one upstairs.

The danger lies in those families who won't adhere to those rules. "Without the cooperation of all of our families in adhering to the strict use of the portable [air conditioner] units, the potential for tripping the circuit in your house or possibly in your quad-plex is real," said Zapata. "Worst case scenario could result in a much larger electrical loss."

Housing has presented various options for their residents to help improve the quality of life for Marines, sailors and their families. Option one is to await the purchase and distribution of HQMC funded portable air conditioners, which is close to happening, according to housing officials. The second option is to purchase their own air conditioner, without reimbursement, install it themselves or ask for maintenance to help. Lastly, residents can request a quarters-to-quarters move, but housing has indicated this option is not a quick fix and may involve a long wait in some cases.

"We've relaxed our restriction to allow quarters-to-quarters moves," said Zapata at the meeting. "If you're familiar with Combat Center Orders, you can't request quarters-to-quarters unless you have a change of dependency and require additional bedrooms, change of rank, and have been a resident for one year."

And for those who choose to ride out the heat with swamp coolers, family housing offers suggestions on keeping cool.

Swamp coolers will cool more efficiently if there is sufficient ventilation allowing all the air that is blown into the quarters to exhaust through a cracked window on the shady side of your quarters. Keep windows on the sunny side of the quarters closed and curtains pulled to block out the heat of the sun. If the unit is not operating properly call maintenance.

"If you feel you have a legitimate maintenance issue, don't wait for it to become a big problem," said Zapata.

# Pace addresses National Defense University

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BAGHDAD — Misdeeds by service members in Iraq, while rare, give the world the wrong impression of what the U.S. military stands for, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said during a visit here yesterday.

Gen. Peter Pace said the incidents, which include the alleged murder of Iraqi civilians in Haditha and the alleged rape and murder of an Iraqi girl and her family south of Baghdad, reflect badly on all American service members and represent only a tiny proportion of the Americans who have served in Iraq.

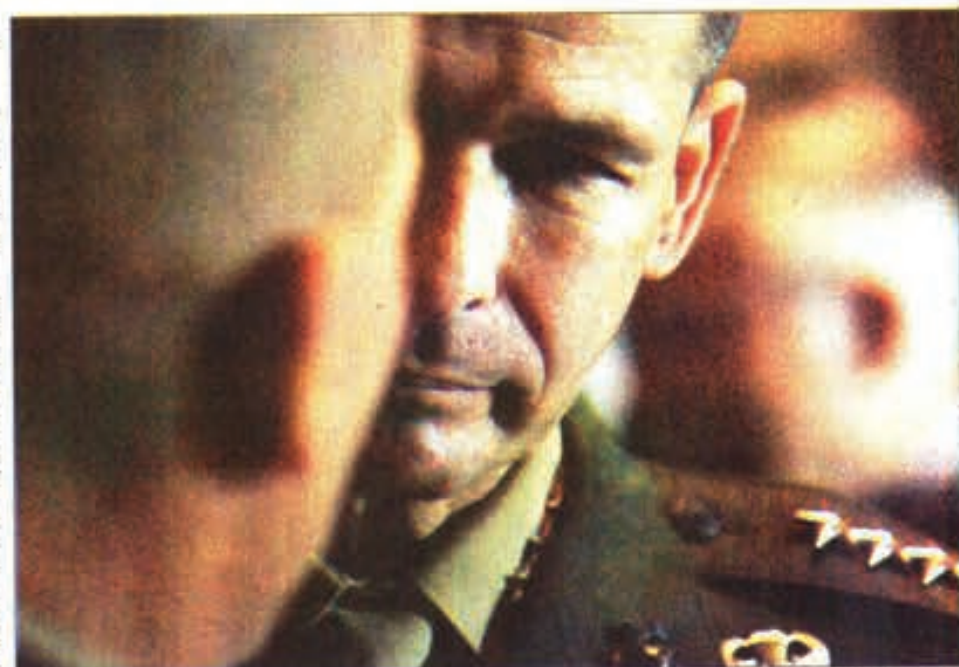
"It's not who we are as a nation; it's not who we are as an armed force," Pace said. He said that when the allegations surfaced, Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Michael Hagee visited thousands of deployed Marines to reinforce just how Marines are supposed to act.

"We've had between 1 million and 1.5 million Americans deploy to the Gulf," Pace said. "A small fraction of them have done things that we know for sure were wrong." He called such acts and those who commit them "unacceptable."

"And we will deal with that," the chairman promised.

Pace said that with the exception of the Haditha incident, all the others were reported via the chain of command. He said this proves the system works.

Pace visited with U.S. military leaders in Baghdad yesterday, including Multinational Force Iraq Commander Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr.; Army Lt. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, commander of the effort training Iraqi security forces; and Army Maj. Gen. James



Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Peter Pace speaks with a student at National Defense University in Washington, D.C., Aug. 9. Pace was at the university to address and congratulate the 215 students selected for the class of 2007.

Thurman, Multinational Division Baghdad commander. Pace said the generals discussed ongoing operations, trends for the future, U.S. troop levels in Iraq and progress in training the Iraqi security forces to shoulder the responsibility for defending their nation.

Pace acknowledged the sectarian violence in the Iraqi capital has concerned him, but said he is confident that Iraqi and coalition forces can get a handle on it. However, he said, the Iraqis themselves must decide they do not want that type of violence in their country. Only then, he said, can the coalition begin reducing its troop numbers in the country.

"The problem is not so much how much combat power you have in a country, it's more how is the governance going," Pace

said. "How are the people doing? What is getting better about their economic situation, what is getting better about their trust for each other? What is getting better about the education system and roads and the like? What gives them hope for a better future? This drives you to the understanding that to have a better future, you need to stop killing one another."

There are problems in Iraq, but there are also signs of hope, he said. "Despite all the violence, there are still between 4,000 and 5,000 tips per month reported by the Iraqi people," Pace said. "The Iraqi army is in the fight - the army is taking casualties three to four times what the coalition is. The population needs to make the fundamental decision that they have had enough."

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# 3rd LAR memorializes four killed in action in Iraq

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RAWAH, Iraq — Marines serving near this Euphrates River city memorialized four Marines who were killed in action last month on a small U.S. and Iraqi military outpost here.

3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion gathered Aug. 10, at a combat outpost here to remember: Sgt. Christian B. Williams, a 27-year-old from Winterhaven, Fla.; Cpl. Phillip E. Baucus, a 28-year-old from Wolf Creek, Mont.; Lance Cpl. Anthony E. Butterfield, a 19-year-old from Clovis, Calif.; and Lance Cpl. Jason Hanson, a 21-year-old from Forks, Wash.

All four Marines were part of the battalion's Delta Company, which arguably saw the most combat of the battalion's two infantry companies to date during the unit's current deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

For about three months, the company was attached to Regimental Combat Team 5 in eastern Al Anbar Province, where the Marines encountered daily combat in the form of small-arms attacks, ambushes, and improvised explosive devices.

Williams, Baucus, Butterfield and Hanson were all members of Company D's 2nd Platoon. Their deaths were the first four the battalion has suffered since arriving in Iraq in mid-March.

"This platoon has really been through a lot," said Staff Sgt. Blaine L. Scott, 2nd Platoon's platoon sergeant and 33-year-old native of Kellerton, Iowa. "We, meaning the whole company, had 14 types of (enemy) contact one day (in Fallujah)."

During the memorial service, Scott and the rest of 2nd platoon stood in a military formation just yards from the memorial — Kevlar helmets set atop four rifles, stuck bay-



Gunnery Sgt. Richard F. Thurston Jr., pays his final respects during a memorial service Aug. 10, in Rawah, Iraq, to four of the battalion's Marines who were killed in action last month.

onet-first into a wooden pedestal and adorned with each fallen Marine's dog tags.

Surrounded by Light Armored Vehicles, the armored, all-terrain troop transport vehicles which hallmark the battalion's function as a mechanized infantry battalion, Marines took turns speaking of each of the four Marines.

Hanson, who joined the Marine Corps in May 2005 and was assigned to 3rd LAR in November, was remembered as a "tough and hard-working Marine, who never complained about anything," said Pfc. Travis J. Henzler, a 20-year-old from

Deorah, Iowa.

Henzler said he knew Hanson "a little over a year," though it "felt like a lifetime."

"The only time I heard Jason complain was when he got shot in the chest, but even then he wasn't afraid to take point and risk getting shot again," said Henzler, speaking to the assembled crowd while the fallen's dog tags could be heard "clanking" together, caused by the light morning breeze.

Hanson was shot in the chest by an insurgent during a foot patrol through Habaniyah in May. The shot knocked him off his feet, but

left no permanent damage. Hanson's body armor stopped the bullet, which left him only with bruising.

"I saw [Hanson] on the ground, ran up to him and rolled him over," said Hospitalman Chad T. Kenyon, one of the company's Navy corpsmen and a 20-year-old from Tucson, Ariz., during an interview last month. "I saw that the round had gone through the front of his flak, so I opened up his flak and saw no bleeding. Then he looked up at me and said, 'I'm fine, Doc.'"

Pfc. Gary M. Cassen, a 19-year-old from Cofax, Calif., remembered Butterfield, who was assigned to 3rd LAR Bn. in November, as a person who could cheer up just about anyone, as well as a man fond of his friends and family.

"He always talked about two things," said Cassen. "One was his friends and the second was his family."

Cassen met Butterfield the summer before the two shipped to boot camp together in June 2004. The two were in the same platoon at boot camp, and they attended the School of Infantry together.

Butterfield spoke frequently about reuniting with his mother once he returned to the U.S. from Iraq, said Cassen.

"He had this big vision about getting off the bus, jumping over a fence, running through a crowd pushing people over, and running straight into his mom's arms," said Cassen during the ceremony.

While in the Marine Corps, Butterfield had a list of goals he wanted to achieve before leaving the service, which included teaching junior Marines about the LAV, run a near-perfect physical fitness test, become a martial arts instructor, and take as many correspondence courses as possible, according to Cassen.

Cassen said he and several of Butterfield's close friends came up with a list of words to describe their fallen comrade: "Outgoing, enthusiastic, loving, caring, honest, thoughtful, courteous, honorable, sensible and humorous."

"These words aren't really strong enough to describe the person," said Cassen. "We love you buddy, and we'll miss you."

Baucus, who joined the battalion in April 2003, was a good friend and loving husband, who did a "damn good job" when it came to teaching junior Marines the in's and out's of the Marine Corps, said Cpl. Benjamin T. Bosse, a 25-year-old from Coopersville, Mich.

Baucus' teachings to his subordinate Marines still shows today, as those very same Marines "are still alive," said Bosse.

"He knew what hard work was not only on the job, but off the job," said Bosse.

"It didn't matter who you were, whether you needed a place to go on Thanksgiving or you just needed to get off base, he was the guy who'd get you off (base), because he saw Marines as '24-7,'" said Bosse. "He was always willing to go the extra mile."

Bosse was Williams' gun-

ner on a light armored vehicle. Unlike Baucus, Butterfield, and Hanson, Williams joined the battalion from another unit, said Bosse.

Still, Williams was part of the unit, and a good friend.

Williams often volunteered to stand the dreaded "turret watch," which required Marines to stand guard duty behind one of the machine guns mounted to the eight-wheeled light armored vehicle. He did so to give junior Marines a break from the duty.

"He'd actually jump up in there and stand two hours, three hours, four hours, it didn't matter," said Bosse. "He kept to himself, but he was a Marine, and he was a friend. He, too, had a good heart."

The ceremony ended with a final benediction by the battalion's chaplain, a final role call, a gun salute, and the playing of taps.

After the ceremony, the Marines filed off in long lines, each taking turn paying final respects to each of the fallen's memorials. Several Marines stopped to take snapshots of the memorial, others stood silently staring, others made the sign of the cross, while others simply consoled one another.

"They all gave their lives for one thing — for love of their country and for the men and women back home who will never understand why we do it," said Bosse, who added that he and Baucus were going to leave the Marine Corps at about the same time to pursue college dreams.

Just a couple hours after the ceremony, 2nd platoon's members were back on the streets of Al Anbar Province, patrolling with Iraqi soldiers, looking for signs of the insurgency, as they've done every day for nearly five months.

The battalion is scheduled to return to the U.S. later this year and will be replaced by another Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion.

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# Education Fair draws crowds at MCK

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Hundreds of people attended the Marine Corps Community Service's Lifelong Learning Center's Education Fair at the Main Exchange Tuesday, to learn more about various options to enhance their education.

The third annual fair, which is usually held at the Community Center, was moved to the exchange to allow those interested, easier access, as well as allow passersby a chance to explore their options.

"This year we invited 20 schools from around the country trying to give our sailors, Marines and family members a broad view of what's available to them for their education opportunities," said Katrina Chlebik, an education services specialist with the Lifelong Learning Center. "We had about 250 people come last year, but this year we hope having it at the Main Exchange on payday will get more foot traffic for the schools."

"We have some new schools who were not here last year and others who did not make it back," Chlebik continued. "But we still have a very wide variety, which was our goal. We have some vocational schools as well as academics, and also schools who offer associates, bachelors and masters programs as well."

Coastline Community College military programs counselor Velvet Deatherage said although the event was planned to last for six hours, she has already seen her number of visitors jump from last year's event in only the first half hour.

"It's been good for me so far today," said Deatherage, whose school is offering a new PDA-based class designed with deploying Marines in mind. "I came to the fair last year and had a fairly good response. But we're doing this in a very high-traffic area so we're seeing a lot more people stop by, which is great."

"I try to get to as many Marine Corps events as I can, and I've already been to fairs

at Camp Pendleton and Miramar," she continued. "We've been involved in Navy distance learning for many years, so we have a lot of sailors taking our classes. But now we're really starting to develop a Marine program, and in the past we haven't been able to offer as much because of deployments and things like that. Our PDA program allows them to access our web content on a pre-loaded PDA they keep and can mail their tests from anywhere."

Of the Marines who attended the event, many were staff noncommissioned officers who were looking to take advantage of their tuition assistance with classes offered by the school.

One such Marine, Gunnery Sgt. Robert McGee, an instructor with the Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School here, was looking at courses which coincided with his Marine Corps training, which he could use to improve courses for his Marines.

"I came out here to look at a course from Southern Illinois University which was similar to one we offer at the schoolhouse," said the 36-year-old Hardin, Ky., native. "But this is also a chance for me to expand myself and my education. There is always a need to educate and better yourself. When you get the opportunity to further your education, you should take it."

"When a lot of Marines join they lose sight of their education because they get busy being Marines and completing the mission," McGee continued. "So they need to work and set aside time to further their education. Education fairs like this are a great way for them to get information."

One thing education counselors, college representatives and Marines said is to take advantage of the TA benefits offered by the Marine Corps, which essentially pays for college course costs while on active duty at no cost to the



Staff Sgt. Robby Peshoff, Bravo Company, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, speaks with Joyce Quartly, a University of Maryland University College representative, at the Marine Corps Community Services Lifelong Learning Center Education Fair Tuesday at the Main Exchange.

service member.

"All I can say is start now," said McGee. "Begin your education when you first come in the Marine Corps. Don't wait. Every time you don't use your TA benefits you lose it. I tell my Marines they need to educate themselves while they are in. Any time the Marine Corps offers them a chance to do that they need to take it because even if it does them no good now, it could help them out in the future."

For the Lifelong Learning Center, this event is one of their biggest of the year and allows Marines, sailors and families the chance to talk to representatives from schools they are interested in and answer any questions or concerns they may have.

"We advertised the event

and we wanted to get the word out to our sailors and Marines that even though we are this remote, they don't have to give up their education while they are here," said Chlebik. "In fact, it may be a prime opportunity to do that since there is not a lot else going on."

"We usually see over 100 people come through our door each day, and many are trying to pursue degrees they might not finish here," she added. "I think the most disappointing thing for me is when someone checks out and they ask, 'Is this the education office' because they have never been there before."

For more information on schools who attended the fair, or to enroll in college classes on base, contact the Lifelong Learning Center at 830-6881.



Staff Sgt. Larry Lerma, motor transportation operations chief, Headquarters Company, 7th Marine Regiment, gives his information to Southern Illinois University at the Marine Corps Community Services Lifelong Learning Center Education Fair Tuesday at the Main Exchange.

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## Bicycling Injuries and Deaths Do Happen

The Critical Days of Summer campaign is in full swing, and safe bicycling is a key area for reducing mishaps this year. It is important to identify hazards, plan rides, and set risk controls - like wearing the right clothes and a helmet, and mapping your route - to make sure a ride is completed safely.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that in 2005, 720 bicycle riders were killed in collisions with cars and trucks. Another 45,000 riders around the country were injured that year. These incidents aren't restricted to civilians. Each year, Navy and Marine Corps commands report several deaths and a number of injuries.

Take for example, a case of two Navy riders - one a lieutenant j.g. The lead rider was approaching a green light in Jacksonville, Fla., when he suddenly stopped without giving a hand signal. The lieutenant stopped so quickly she was ejected headfirst over the bike. She missed two ship movements because of a broken wrist and lost three teeth. It could have been worse, but these riders were smart enough to wear helmets, preventing a severe head injury.

In another case, a Petty Officer 1st Class in Leonardo, N.J., decided to ride his bicycle one night down an unlit pier - despite a base instruction to the contrary. Within 100 feet from where the ride started, the front tire lodged in a railroad track, flipping him and his bicycle. He landed on his left shoulder, breaking his left clavicle. The sailor stayed in the medical ward for four days. He went on 13 days of convalescent leave after the ship returned to its homeport.

Riding safe and being safe is a process. Like any process, planning is key. Riders can help by wearing helmets, bright clothing to make themselves more visible, ride during the day or certainly add lights or reflectors at night, use prepared bike paths whenever available, and be aware of traffic.

The Naval Safety Center has a list of tips available on their Web site at [www.safety-center.navy.mil/safetips/a-m/bicycling.htm](http://www.safety-center.navy.mil/safetips/a-m/bicycling.htm) that will help keep riders safe and provide food for thought:

- There are 85 million bicycle riders in the U.S.
- About 540,000 bicyclists visit emergency rooms with injuries every year. Of those, about 67,000 have head injuries, and 27,000 have injuries serious enough to be hospitalized.
- Bicycle crashes and injuries are under reported, since the majority of them aren't serious enough for emergency-room visits.
- One in eight of the cyclists with reported injuries has a brain injury.
- Two-thirds of the deaths are from traumatic brain injury.
- A very high percentage [estimated at anywhere from 45 to 88 percent] of cyclists' brain injuries can be prevented by a helmet.
- Direct costs of cyclists' injuries because of not using helmets are estimated at \$81 million each year.
- Helmet use in the U.S. varies by orders of magnitude in different areas and different sectors of our society. White-collar commuters probably reach 80 percent, while inner city kids and rural kids would be 10 percent or less.
- Helmets are cheap. The typical discount store price has risen from under \$10 to about \$15, but models still are available for under \$10 at major retailers.

### Additional Resources:

BicycleSafe has an excellent site called, "How to Not Get Hit by Cars": <http://www.bicyclesafe.com>

Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute: <http://www.helmets.org/stats.htm>

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): [http://www.safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped\\_bike/bike/index.htm](http://www.safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped_bike/bike/index.htm)

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# 'Hash' runs a potential cure for PT blues; excuse to work out, have fun

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"The lunatic fringe of running."

That's one unofficial motto which helps describe the lively and welcoming atmosphere of the World Hash House Harriers, an international network of people who band together simply for a good time.

The organization bases its meetings around "hash" runs, where a hare, the lead runner, leaves a trail on the ground for the hounds, or the rest of the party, to follow and attempt to catch him or her. Although each hash is competitive, "hashers" go for fun and make time after each race to socialize with one another.

Hashing began in the late 1930s in Malaysia and now more than 350 Hash House Harrier chapters exist in the U.S. alone and thousands are registered around the world including three in Antarctica, according to the Global Trash Hash House Harriers Web site.

Although each chapter is slightly different, all follow a basic set of shared rules but may have their own chapter traditions.

It's quite possible people have seen their chalk or flour marks and not even realized it. A chalk arrow on the ground, a circle with a crosshair in the middle, an arrow with three lines through it, three parallel lines or the letters "BT" are all signs hashers have passed through an area.

"Hash runs are a great way to get outdoors, get some fresh air, exercise and meet new people," said Staff Sgt. Anthony Ruffo, operations chief, Headquarters Battalion and a member of the local Twentynine Palms chapter, 69 Palms Hash House Harriers, or 69 PH3, for short. "I would not call it a club in the typical sense, because there are no restrictions on members, but we still meet and have a good time."

"It's not about running, it's about having fun and meeting people," added Ruffo, who has stuck with hash runs since first trying it four years ago in Okinawa, Japan.

For Staff Sgt. Kevin Choate, supply officer, Delta Company, 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, who confesses running outside of his normal physical training is not his strong point, the results of hashing are evident in his Marine Corps physical fitness test scores.

"Hashing helps me run when I don't want to, and you don't always have to run," said the 29-year-old Abbeville, La. "Since I started hashing I've taken about a minute off of my run time. It's not bad at all."

"This can definitely be counted as good PT [physical training]," continued Choate, who helped revive the Twentynine Palms chapter. "If done right, it can be really good. The trails we run usually go three to five miles. You could even do this for small-unit PT like on a squad size."

Ruffo said he agrees the hashes are a good form of PT because it breaks the monotony of a run when it's not just running a mile down the road and back.

"It's something that fits with the saying, 'Don't knock it until you try it,'" said Choate. "It's something you have to try because hashing is definitely that."

The 69 PH3 will conduct their thirteenth run since it was recently reestablished. For more information or to come to an upcoming hash, contact Gunnery Sgt. Chris Cox at 641-2268.

## RULES

- One person must be the hare and lay trail. They leave 13 minutes ahead of the pack.
- Lay trail to clearly lead your hounds to the finish, but confuse them enough so you get there first.
- All marks must be in line-of-sight of each other, but can be creatively placed in shadows or other not-so-obvious locations.
- Arrows with three hash marks through them mean "true trail," or the real way to follow.
- A circle with a cross through the middle is an intersection, which means a change of direction and the next arrow or mark is within line-of-sight.
- An arrow with no marks means it's a shortcut, which could be quicker unless it leads you to a "bad trail" mark, three hashes or the letters "BT." Bad trail means you must go back and find true trail in another direction.
- When the hares are nearing the end of their trail, they mark the traditional words "BEER NEAR" roughly 1/4 of a mile before the finishing point.
- If the hounds catch the hare, the hare buys drinks. If the hare wins, the hounds buy.



# So Cal Spirit stomps competition



Linda Bourgeois gives a high five to teammate Donna Runyon after their game against the Desert Divas

LANCE CPL. REGINA N. ORTIZ

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

So Cal Spirit came, saw and conquered the Marine Corps Community Services' Sports 2nd annual Women's Softball Tournament at Felix Field Saturday.

Three other teams showed up to the field to fight for the top spot, which included the All-Marine Team, the Combat Center's own Desert Divas and the Yucca Valley, Calif., team, "Confused State."

The tournament was played in a round-robin format. All teams played each other until only two teams were left to duke it out for the championship title. Spirit, Marines and Divas were all tied with a 2-1 record, and Confused State was eliminated early in the tournament with a 0-3 record.

Ultimately, it came down to Spirit and Marines at the end of the night.

"Both teams were determined to win the championship," said Randy Husted, All-Marine Team coach and MCCS sports coordinator. "The lead was tossed back and forth throughout the game, making it exciting and keeping it interesting."

The teams kept it close in the first few innings, until the fourth when Spirit scored four runs to take the lead 9-7. The Marines answered back with six runs to lead 13-9 in the fifth. Spirit cut the lead of the Marines to one in the bottom of the fifth by scoring three runs and making the score 13-12.

In the top of the seventh, the Marines scored three runs to extend their lead to 16-13, but when Spirit took their last turn at bat, they scored five runs to win the game 17-16, taking home another title to add to their legacy.

Spirit is made up of women age 50 and older, mostly from the Long Beach/Orange County, Calif., area, that have been playing together for more than five years, said Karen Honey, coach.

The team has two national championships and two Triple Crown trophies under their belt, but the women still felt they would get competition playing against younger teams.

"They're all pretty good teams," said Kevin Dugoncevic, Spirit's left fielder. "We're getting some pretty hard games out here."

The team traveled to the tournament after hearing about it from their left center fielder, Linda Earnest, who works at the Combat Center.

"She was telling us how fun it is, and how we must come out to play," said Dugoncevic. "We're glad we came."

Marines from military installations all over the world compete for spots on the All-Marine team. One of the most coveted tournaments the team participates in is the annual All-Armed Forces competition.

"This tournament was an outstanding stepping stone to prepare for the Armed Forces Softball Tournament next week," said Husted. "Our Marines played outstanding throughout the tournament. We had a couple of errors in the last inning that denied us from winning the title, but our hats go off to the Spirit and the other teams for coming out to the Combat Center to play in our tournament."



Renee Dibbs tags out Sandi Iverson at home plate during a game in the Women's Softball Tournament.

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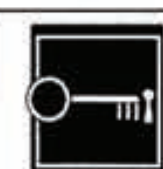
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2 Stylists Needed for space rental. Must be personable and have own clientele. Well established shop. Ask for John 365-3626

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Chimney sweep, fireplaces, masonry, waterfalls. Duda's Construction 228-0842  
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LET US CONSIGN YOUR Travel Trailers, 5th Wheels & Motorhomes, Horse Trailers, Flat Bed Trailers, Cargo Trailers & Car Haulers

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**IDEAL**  
Location on 29 Palms Hwy!!  
**WE SELL IT FAST...**  
**YUCCA VALLEY CHRYSLER**  
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### 500 APPLIANCES

**USED dryer** for sale, elec., good cond. Moving and must sell ASAP. \$115/obo. Call Jason @ (970) 768-6010 - can deliver local.

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# Summer family fun festival kicks off great sales



Clown Virginia Neal paints a design on the face of 6-year-old Taylor Schaffner at the Summer Family Fun Festival Aug. 11.

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Marine Corps Community Services hosted its annual Summer Family Fun Festival at the Main Exchange Aug. 11.

The event lasted four hours and was open to military members and their families. The festival offered entertainment for the whole family.

"We had face painters, a clown balloon artist, and a sale on selected merchandise, food catered by the Officers' Club and a drawing where customers could win a variety of prizes," said Lance Lenon, exchange divisional sales manager.

Exchange patrons over 18 years old could enter a drawing for several prizes given away every 30 minutes.

"Some of the prizes that we were giving away were portable DVD players, electronics, house ware, griddles all the way to a 20 inch TV," said Lenon.

The fair included several things that appealed to both adults and children such as face paintings by clowns Virginia Neal and Michaela Wagner and balloon animals by Jiffy the Magic Clown.

"It was a successful event," said Felicia Tanksley, exchange senior sales. "We had a good turn-out that brought in a lot of customers and it let all the kids have fun."

There was also plenty of food to go around and some sweets such as cookies for the kids.

"It gives people a chance to socialize," said Laurel Green, exchange area manager. "It's also a chance to give

back to the community and generate sales."

The event was an apparent success as parents brought their children and the lines began to stretch out across the exchange as they waited to get their face painted or get a balloon dog.

"The event was successful because of the enthusiasm of the crowd," said Lenon. "Everyone seemed delighted with the entertainment, and I received great feedback as people left the store on how nice it was."

The store was packed with people all the way up to the end as the prizes dwindled down and the food did too.

"It was excellent, because it was planned out right down to the last hour and just as the last tray of food was finished everyone was leaving," said Lenon. "It was a wonderful event and we're very pleased with how everything went."

The exchange periodically hosts family fun festivals throughout the year with a big extravaganza during winter.

"The Christmas event is a little bigger with a wider array of everything," said Lenon. "The event is longer first of all, there is also more entertainment and food. This is when we say thank you to the customers who shopped throughout the year with us."

The exchange is looking to have a big turnout for winter festivals and Family Fun Festivals in the future.




"The festivals are our way of saying, 'Hey, thanks for shopping with us,'" said Lenon.



A variety of prizes were given away in a drawing held at the Summer Family Fun Festival Aug. 11 at the Main Exchange.



Jiffy the clown entertains by making balloon animals at the Summer Family Fun Festival in the Main Exchange Aug 11.


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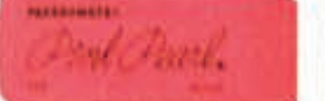
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MORONGO BASIN — "Do your teeth hurt?" It's not a question one expects to hear from a teacher trying to troubleshoot poor academic performance, but perhaps it ought to be.

Each year more than 50 million school hours are lost by students whose dental-related illnesses cause them to stay home or seek professional care. In cases where pain is not intense enough to keep children out of school, it might still distract them

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"Poor oral health is a very real distraction and can cause some children to have a difficult time

participating or concentrating in the classroom," said Ed Schooley, DDS, a

national oral health advisor for Delta Dental Plans Association.

With a new school year approaching, Dr. Schooley

urges parents and other caregivers to help children maintain good oral health.

Along with promoting the basics of dental hygiene such as brushing after every meal and flossing daily, he also suggests parents think about scheduling

that next regular dental checkup for their kids.

In between visits to the dentist, caregivers should also monitor children's oral health or changes in behavior that might signify pain or discomfort.

"Parents should regularly check children's mouths for any signs of concern," Dr. Schooley said. "They should look to see whether gums are bleeding, swollen or

bright red.

Persistent bad breath or gums that have receded from the teeth could also be signs of oral infection." Such signs warrant a discussion or appointment with a dentist.

Packing healthy lunches and limiting the consumption of sugary beverages can also help parents prevent problems associated with childhood tooth decay.

"Untreated dental diseases can cause chewing problems, which in turn could restrict a child's ability to get all the necessary nutrients from food," Dr. Schooley said. "Left untreated, cavities, gum disease or other oral infections might not only distract students in class, but could eventually impair speech development and even hinder social development," he said.

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## Invest in your child's learning

MORONGO BASIN — Children of all ages need basic tools to succeed in school, such as pens, pencils, notebooks and dictionaries, but sometimes basic supplies just aren't enough to capture a child's interest and understanding. Since math courses build upon fundamentals learned in previous courses, today's student must keep up and master concepts at each grade level to succeed in school, prompting parents to look for educational tools as an investment in their child's learning.

Texas Instruments, the nation's long-time leader in handheld graphing technology, has developed the TI-84 Plus Silver Edition, a graphing calculator that your child can use in the eighth grade and into college. Recent research shows that graphing calculators, which help students visualize and better understand concepts in math and science, significantly improve their mathematics performance. The TI-84 Plus SE can even be used on college entrance exams and select advanced placement exams.

"I saw a big difference in

the way my students learned after using the TI-84 Plus Silver Edition graphing calculator," said Jane Damaske, an educational technology consultant and former 8th grade math teacher. "I continue to see the difference in classrooms I visit across the country. Students are excited to come to class, they like seeing problems come to life, and they grasp concepts better while using graphing technology. There is a real domino effect that can happen with graphing calculators. The more interested students become in math and science, the more time they spend with these subjects inside and outside the classroom — and the more they spend time learning, the more likely they are to succeed."

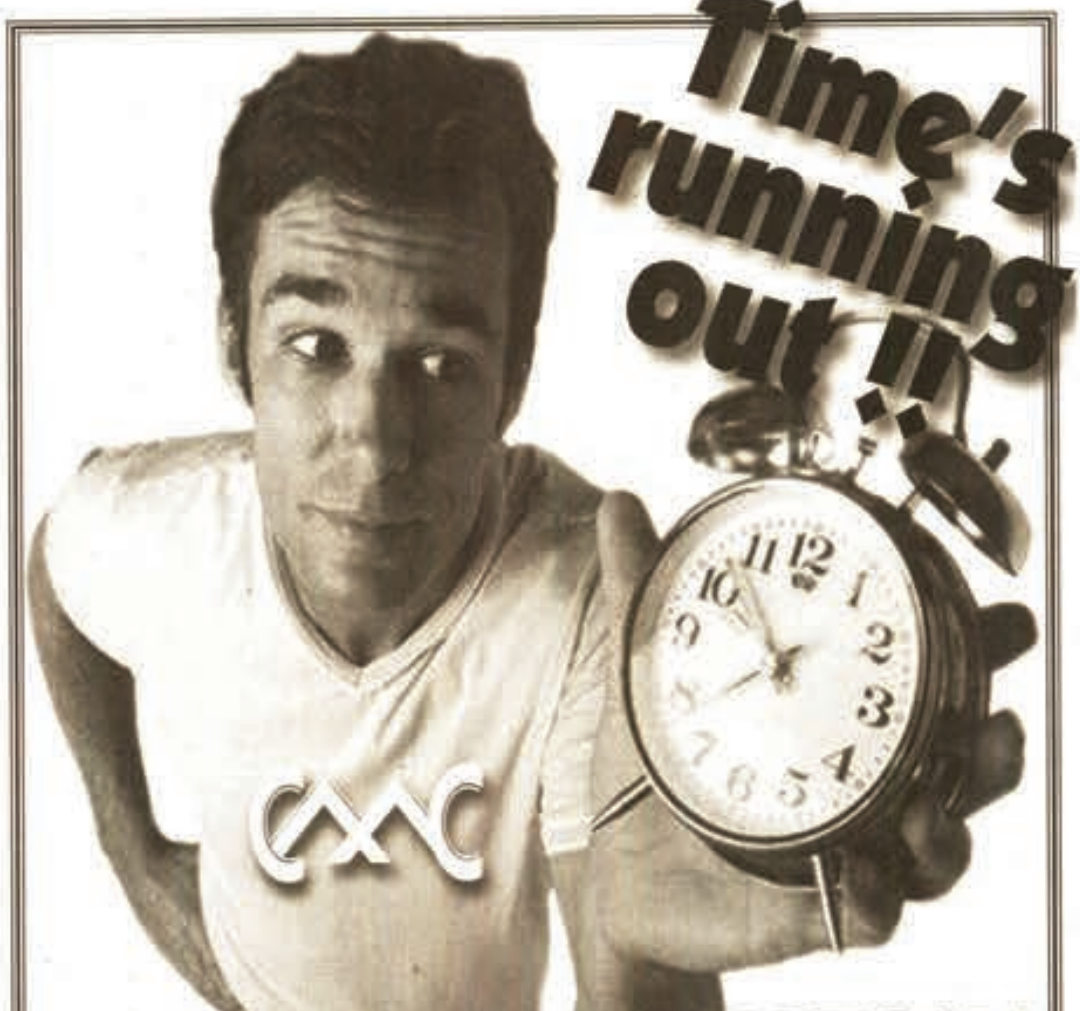
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While a learning tool like a graphing calculator requires a small financial commitment from parents, the positive results are well worth the investment. Research has proved that when students use a graphing calculator such as the TI-84 Plus Silver Edition to complete assignments and study for tests, their overall attitude about math and school can improve.

Texas Instruments offers colorful faceplates and adhesive stickers (skins) that can be used to personalize the calculator. The company is also hosting an online design contest where students and teachers can design their own personal calculator skin for the chance to win a \$1,000 shopping spree, a TI-Navigator classroom learning system and 30 TI-84 Plus Silver Edition Graphing Calculators.

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