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## Base employee celebrates life, 50 years of Federal Service

By Cpl. Mike McQuillan

BARSTOW LOG staff

"When you're driving past a mountain, do you ever take a look at how beautiful it is?"



Photo by Cpl. Mike McQuillan

Bob Izumi, director, wood/rock hobby shop, prepares a piece wood for his next project.

asks 74-year-old Bob Izumi, director of the base wood/rock hobby shop. "Do you ever tell anyone what you think of it?"

Izumi asks people such questions to prove a point – today's generation moves too quickly.

"I take the time to see beauty in everything," said Izumi.

After receiving his certificate for 50 years of federal service from the base commander recently, he solidified himself not only as a master woodworker, but also as a skilled craftsman in the vocation known as real life.

Izumi began his federal service in 1944 by following his teacher's advice and joining the Army. Although he was American-born, Izumi lost his citizenship during World War Two and was placed in an internment camp in Manzanar, Calif. Enlisting would mean his release from the camp.

"I wasn't bitter about it then, and I'm not bitter now," said Izumi. "A lot of Japanese are angry about being in the camps."

"At that time I was a teenager, and I thought it was a thrill to see a water-cooled machine gun pointed at me," he laughed. "I didn't even know what a water-cooled machine gun was until I got in the service."

Izumi's first assignment was an all Japanese-American combat team. After several months, he transferred to the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, 506<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Company G.

It has been more than 50 years since Izumi jumped with the 101<sup>st</sup>, yet he still keeps faith with them today. His hat displays the Indian word "Currahee," meaning "We stand alone," the motto of Company G.

"There are still about 25 of us left from the company," said Izumi. "We're having our next reunion in Tucson [in March]. This might be our last one, since some of the guys are very sick."

"I phone them all once a week, no matter how much it costs," said Izumi. "We're all one big family."

Izumi went on to serve 30 years in the Army and Air Force.

"When I first went in, there was no Air Force. Just the Army Air Corps," reminisced Izumi.

He spent 26 years in the Air Force as a communications specialist before retiring as a chief master sergeant (E-9). He fought in three wars – World War Two, Korea and Vietnam — and helped quell the Beirut crisis, 1958.

"I would go pretty far for our squadron. We were a big, big family. You can't explain it until you see it. Under my command I had 40 lower people. If I didn't treat them right, and if I didn't treat them equally, the same as I am, regardless of my rank, then I don't think I would have gotten along with them. There was a good rapport among my people. If I told someone to do something, they wouldn't hesitate to do it."

While in Vietnam, Izumi's heroism while rescuing an Air Force captain won him the Vietnamese Medal of Honor.

Shortly before retirement, Izumi took advantage of a program called Operation Transition, which allowed him to take up a trade while still on active duty. He attended the School of Woodworking in Fort Bragg, N.C.

"I like the wood shop," said Izumi. "I get the satisfaction of seeing faces. Customers

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## Commandant charges Marines with enforcement of traffic safety regulations

HQMC, Washington, D.C. – As I travel through the Nation's Capitol and around the country, I am constantly reminded by the many memorials of those Americans who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. In stark contrast to these honored memorials are the senseless and unacceptable deaths in traffic mishaps that are almost daily occurrences across our Corps. To date in Fiscal Year 1999, we have lost 20 Marines to traffic deaths — the highest rate among all the services. If our traffic fatalities were to continue at this rate, by the end of the year we would have lost more than an entire platoon of Marines on the nation's highways. This trend will not continue!

The circumstances of the 20 Marines lost to traffic accidents are all too familiar — excessive speed, fatigue and alcohol. Moreover, 10 of these Marines were ejected from their vehicle as a result of not wearing their seatbelts. These were 10 preventable deaths — 10 times we failed to save the life of a fellow Marine. This pointless and unnecessary loss of life must stop. MCOs 5100.19D and 5110.C, mandate the use of seatbelts by Marines at all

times—I expect these orders to be followed and enforced.

As it has always been leadership is the key to reducing our accident rate. Leadership takes the form of information, education and enforcement. I expect every commander to become deeply personally involved in traffic safety education. As a start, all units will re-familiarize themselves with the Marine Corps Traffic Safety Program (MCO 5100.19D). I expect all officers and NCOs to demonstrate their personal commitment to traffic safety. Police yourselves. Tell your fellow Marines to put on a seatbelt before driving away. The friendly reminder to buckle up should come from you; don't ever assume that someone else will catch it.

Finally, I expect every Marine Corps activity to firmly and impartially enforce traffic regulations. Everyone in a moving vehicle on board a Marine Corps installation will be wearing a seatbelt, or be cited for failing to do so. Some Marines may be accustomed to receiving a warning the first time they are

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## Women's History Month



March 1-31, 1999

# The Commander's Forum

The "Commander's Forum" is a tool the Base Commander uses to hear and address the concerns of base residents, employees and others. To contact the Commander's Forum, call 577-6535 or send your concerns via LAN to COMMANDER'S FORUM@HQTRS1.

## Why aren't civilians charged to use the base gym?

Q: [I] read the news article in the BARSTOW LOG regarding the MWR facilities. If MWR is short on funds as seems to be the theme, why aren't the civilians and guests charged for using the weight room? At one time an individual was checking for 'blue cards', the reason given was to make sure people using the gym were DoD employees because others were using it and taking away business from downtown. This was only done randomly. Civilians also take

in more than one guest, and some of the ones going in aren't even guests of base employees.

A: I appreciate your observations and understand your concern. As the article mentioned, the Marine Corps has a goal of enhancing the quality of life for our servicemembers, their families, and authorized civilian patrons. You are correct in that civilians and guests are not being charged to use the gym/fitness center facilities. The gym is a category

"A" facility which in essence provides for free usage by active duty military patrons. While a nominal fee can be assessed to dependents, civilians and authorized guests, there are no plans at this time to charge for gym/fitness center use. You indicated that unauthorized guests are using the facility.

To prevent unauthorized use, there is a sign stating that showing of ID cards is mandatory, and the recreation assistant

should be asking to verify the patron's use of the gym by presentation of a valid ID or blue card. Should you observe someone who does not appear to be an authorized guest, please notify the assistant at the front desk so he/she can verify whether the guest is in fact authorized to use the facil-

ity. While recreation assistants are given periodic training to ensure they remain current on rules of the facility and to reinforce quality customer service, any suggestions you may have to improve the service are welcomed. Thank you for your interest in fitness center operations.

## Wanted: Higher conviction rate

By Lt. Michael Michener  
Base Chaplain



I heard a spot on the Christian radio station the other day that requested a higher conviction rate. The speaker was not talking about prison sentences.

He was encouraging Americans to know what they believe based on sound biblical principals and empirical evidence rather than on popular opinion. Unfortunately, too many of us make up our minds based on media input. We often leave research up to others. Consequently, we get fed only information that someone else screens and chooses to pass on. Our opinions become formed by someone else's so called "truth."

Obviously, we don't have enough time in a day to track down every piece of information to validate its reliability. But, we have a responsibility to make informed decisions especially when we evaluate others or pass on information as though it were true.

For example; most schools teach evolution as scientific fact. Even National Geographic purports evolution as "common knowledge." The problem is that evolution is only a theory. But, the information is passed along to our

children and fed to us as though it were a proven science. It is true that creation is also a theory – at least in the scientific realm. And yet there is more archeological evidence to support creation than evolution. But it is not popular to believe creation, so many Americans concede to popular opinion rather than empirical evidence.

Another area of belief that seems to be driven by popular media concerns relationships. If you believe the influences of television, then it would be okay to scuttle a relationship with your spouse because "you don't feel love anymore." Consequently, love is reduced to only an emotional charge and when the electricity wanes it becomes legitimate to pull the plug. The reality is that love is much more cognitive than many are willing to admit. Good, life-long relationships don't happen by accident or because it feels good at the time. Love is something that happens because couples decide to commit themselves to each other through emotional highs and lows.

Do you see where popular opinion can lead? Let me give you some more examples. Back in the first half of this century, popular opinion in Germany and other countries encouraged people to believe that Jews were less than human. Consequently, more than six million Jews were slaughtered while nations

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### Good Friday Mass

Good Friday Mass will be held in the Marine Memorial Chapel, Bldg. 128 April 2, at 4 p.m. For more info, call the Chaplain's Office at 577-6849.

### Yermo Bible Study

Tue. & Thu. 11 - 11:30 a.m.  
At the Colonel's Workshop  
For more info, call Chris Moya at 577-7268.

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# News Briefs

## Easter Egg hunt

The Provost Marshal's Office, MCLB Fire Department, MWR and the Child Development Center will host an Easter Egg hunt April 2, from 9-11 a.m. at Cape Gloucester Park. All military family members age 13 and under are invited. Prizes donated by Wal-mart and the Lake Delores security office will be awarded. For more info, call Sgt. M. Dallas Miller at 577-6514.

## Salsa Contest

MCLB Fire Department Nebo will hold a Salsa Contest April 7 beginning at 11 a.m. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded.

Judging will be based on table presentation, taste and consistency. An entry fee of \$10.00 and one quart of salsa are required to enter the competition. Samples of salsa and chips will be sold for a \$1.00 donation. All proceeds will benefit Navy-Marine Corps Relief. For information call Tom Melton at 577-6865/6732.

## Spiritual advance scheduled

The Chaplain's Office is hosting a command-sponsored retreat to the wilderness of Lake Arrowhead from June 2 - 6. All active-duty military and adult dependents who live on base are welcome to attend. The theme this year will be "Becoming Strong in Christ." The advance is Permissive Temporary Additional Duty (TAD). For more info, call the Chaplain's Office at 577-6849.

## Babysitter certification class

The American Red Cross is offering Babysitter Certification class April 8 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Child Development Center. The class is open to all military or MCLB Barstow family members age 12 - 18, who are interested in babysitting aboard base. Registration - which must be paid by April 5 - is \$16 and includes the American Red Cross Babysitter's Guide and certification card. A sack lunch is also required.

For more info, call Grace Walls or Michelle Phillips at 577-6049/6287.

## March of Dimes WalkAmerica

Barstow's annual March of Dimes WalkAmerica for healthier babies will be Saturday, April 24 starting at Kmart, 510 E. Virginia

"News Briefs" is designed to disseminate information to the MCLB Barstow community. Submissions should include a point of contact, a phone number, and be received by noon, Friday for the next issue. Submit news briefs via LAN to PAO@PSD.

Way. This year's theme is 'Saving Babies Together.' Registration begins at 7 a.m. and the walk starts at 8 a.m. Walkers, strollers and runners have a choice of one and a half, three and nine-mile routes. For more info on participating, forming teams, pledge sheets, etc. contact Corky Nottingham at 252-5023 or Donna Siegel at 242-9784.

## College is for everyone

A national survey conducted by the American Council on Education showed that while the vast majority of Americans value a college education, they overestimate the cost and underestimate the resources available to help pay the cost of college.

Many Americans may be missing out on their opportunity to attend college because they lack information.

A coalition of America's Colleges has launched a new program titled **College is Possible** to combat any lack of information and resources. For further info view the coalition's website at <http://www.collegeispossible.org> or call the Department of Education at (800) 433-3243.

## Housing repair request contracts

Housing repair contracts are evaluated depending on the type of work necessary. Contractor response times will vary; however all calls will be responded to within 30 minutes. For urgent calls, the contractor will arrive at the jobsite within four hours during duty hours and within eight hours in the evening, holidays and weekends. Routine repair calls will be completed within five working days.

There is a compliant system in place and if tenants are at anytime unhappy with the services provided an action form can be filled out at the housing office. The form will be evaluated and the problem will be resolved by quality assurance in accordance with contract requirements.

Contractors will be required to leave customer evaluations with all tenants to help quality assurance ensure compliance.

For more info contact the housing office at 577-6706. For quality assurance contact Bill Kearn at 577-6012.

## Volunteer bicyclists needed

Bicyclists are needed to accompany seven physically challenged

athletes down Boll Ave. to Daggett April 13 at approximately 1 p.m., as they make their way across the nation. The 1999 Transcontinental

"Triathlon for Life" is a group of physically challenged athletes biking, running and swimming across the United States from Santa Barbara,

Calif., to New York City. To volunteer or for more info, call SSgt. Matt Olivolo at 577-6451.

# Jobs

Annc.#	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
DEA-02-99	Fire Communications Operator GS-081-03	01-11-99	03-31-99	01-25-99	Calif., Ariz.
DEA-08-99	Paramedic (firefighter) GS-640-08	01-11-99	03-31-99	01-25-99	Calif., Ariz.
DEA-78-99	Sandblaster WG-5423-07	02-19-99	04-02-99	N/A	Barstow
DEA-84-99	Preservation Servicer WG-7006-05/07 (Term, NTE one year)	03-01-99	03-31-99	03-15-99	Barstow
DEA-93-99	Management Analyst GS-343-11 (Term, NTE four years)	03-15-99	04-12-99	03-29-99	MCRD SanDiego
DEA-98-99	Electromic Measurement Equipment Mechanic, WG-2602-11	03-10-99	04-09-99	03-24-99	Barstow
DEA-100-99	Nurse Specialist GS-610-11	03-17-99	04-14-99	03-31-99	Camp Pen
OTR-11-99	Railroad Repaire WG-3545-08	02-05-99	04-02-99	N/A	Barstow

For more information contact Lucianna Wais at the Human Resources Office at 577-6484.

## Addresses released to get Cold War Service Certificates

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - Between 18 million and 22 million former and current service members and DoD civilians can start applying April 5 for certificates honoring them for their parts in winning the Cold War.

Those qualifying for the certificates can apply via the Internet at <http://coldwar.army.mil>, e-mail at [cwsr@Fairfax-emh.army.mil](mailto:cwsr@Fairfax-emh.army.mil), or fax at (703) 275-6749.

Applicants can also mail requests to:

Cold War Recognition  
4035 Ridge Top Road, Suite 400  
Fairfax, VA 22030

Applicants must present proof of service. Army officials caution applicants not to send original documents because they cannot be returned. Applicants must use fax or mail to submit supporting documents.

Persons are eligible for the recognition certificate if they have military or civilian service with the War, Navy or Defense departments between Sept. 2, 1945, and Dec. 26, 1991.

Military personnel can use any of the following documents as proof of service: DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release/Discharge from Active Duty); WD AGO Form 53-55 (War Department Separation Document); or Oath of Office — Military Personnel or Letter of Appointment. Copies of these records can be obtained by writing to:

National Personnel Records Center  
(Military Personnel Records)  
9700 Page Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100.

Qualifying civilian service can be proved with a Standard Form 50 (Notification of Personnel Action); Standard Form 2809 (Health Benefit Registration Form); an award certificate with employee's name, name of service or agency, and dates; or retirement forms with the employee's name, service or agency and dates.

Federal civilian personnel may obtain employment verification or copy of their records by writing to:

U.S. Office of Personnel Management  
Employee Service and Record Center  
P.O. Box 45  
Boyers, PA 16017-0045.

The Total Army Personnel Command is the executive agent for the recognition project. A telephone help line will become active April 5 at (703) 275-6279.

# Open house scheduled for the new Personal Services Division

## Submitted by

MCCS – Personal Services Division

The Family Service Center has a new location and a new name.

The FSC is now known as the Marine Corps Community Services – Personal Services Division.

A grand opening will be held at Building 129, the new home of MCCS – PSD, on March 30, at 9 a.m. Col. Mark A. Costa, Base Commander, will cut the ribbon, and tours of the new facility – including refreshments – will be available. Everyone is invited.

The reason for our new name and the assignment of other services to PSD is the merger of the FSC and MWR. PSD is one of the four departments under MCCS. PSD provides individuals, families, groups and leadership with programs and services to strengthen communities, promote self-sufficiency, mission readiness, and to improve the quality of life for Marines and their families. Our main office in Bldg. 129 is open 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information call, 577-6533 or DSN 282-6533.

PSD includes:

## Prevention Branch:

Career Resource Management Center assists with resumes, job skills assessments, and job searches. The

Family Member Employment Program provides employment and self development assistance for military spouses and other family members.

Transition Assistance is dedicated to equipping separating service members with the basic job-hunting skills, tools, and self-confidence necessary to secure satisfying and productive employment in the civilian work force.

Information and Referral Services support and enhance all PSD programs by expanding their resource base "beyond the gate." Crucial to this function is the ongoing exchange of ideas and resources through such media as the Internet, and the Military Information and Referral newsletter.

Retired Affairs has a variety of programs to address the needs of this growing component of the military community.

The Exceptional Family Member Program provides a wide range of educational, medical and early intervention services to military family members with special needs.

Personal Financial Management offers a broad range of financial, educational and counseling services.

Relocation Assistance provides support to servicemembers and their

families, which includes counseling, planning assistance, destination information, and hospitality lending kits.

## Treatment and Intervention Branch:

New Parent Support Program provides Parent Education Classes, Home Visits for New Parents, Information on Growth and Development, Daddy's Baby Boot Camp and Infant Nutrition Classes.

The Civilian Employee Assistance Program provides consultation to supervisors, managers and other personnel as well as confidential, appropriate and timely problem assessment. Serves as a liaison between workplace and community resources.

Counseling services are available to military members and their families, offering professional services to individuals, couples and groups. Crisis Assistance is provided in the wake of a disaster such as an earthquake, flood or fire. PSD assists individuals in dealing financially, psychologically and logically with personal catastrophes.

The Substance Abuse Counseling Center helps commanders improve mission effectiveness and readiness by countering the negative effects of drug and alcohol abuse. Substance abuse evaluations are available to military and family

members who voluntarily request it or have been referred by their command.

The Family Advocacy Program is designed to prevent, identify, report, treat and follow-up cases of child and spouse abuse. The program depends on a successful interface between social work, law enforcement, judicial and legal services, shelters, health care providers, educational programs, youth and child care services.

Victim Advocate provides assistance to victims of domestic violence such as short term emotional support, safety planning and referral services.

## Life Long Learning Branch:

Life Long Learning (formerly the Education Office) plans and administers the Off-Duty Education Program for the base. This includes tuition assistance authorization, Military Training Evaluations, CLEP testing, degree planning and on-line courses. Contact Rich Johnston at 577-6118.

The Library/Research Center provides a wide variety of reading materials including periodicals, children's books, professional reading (Commandant's Reading List),

and literature on college education, funding and grants. Internet access is available as well as a resume program and audio material. Contact Robin at 577-6395.

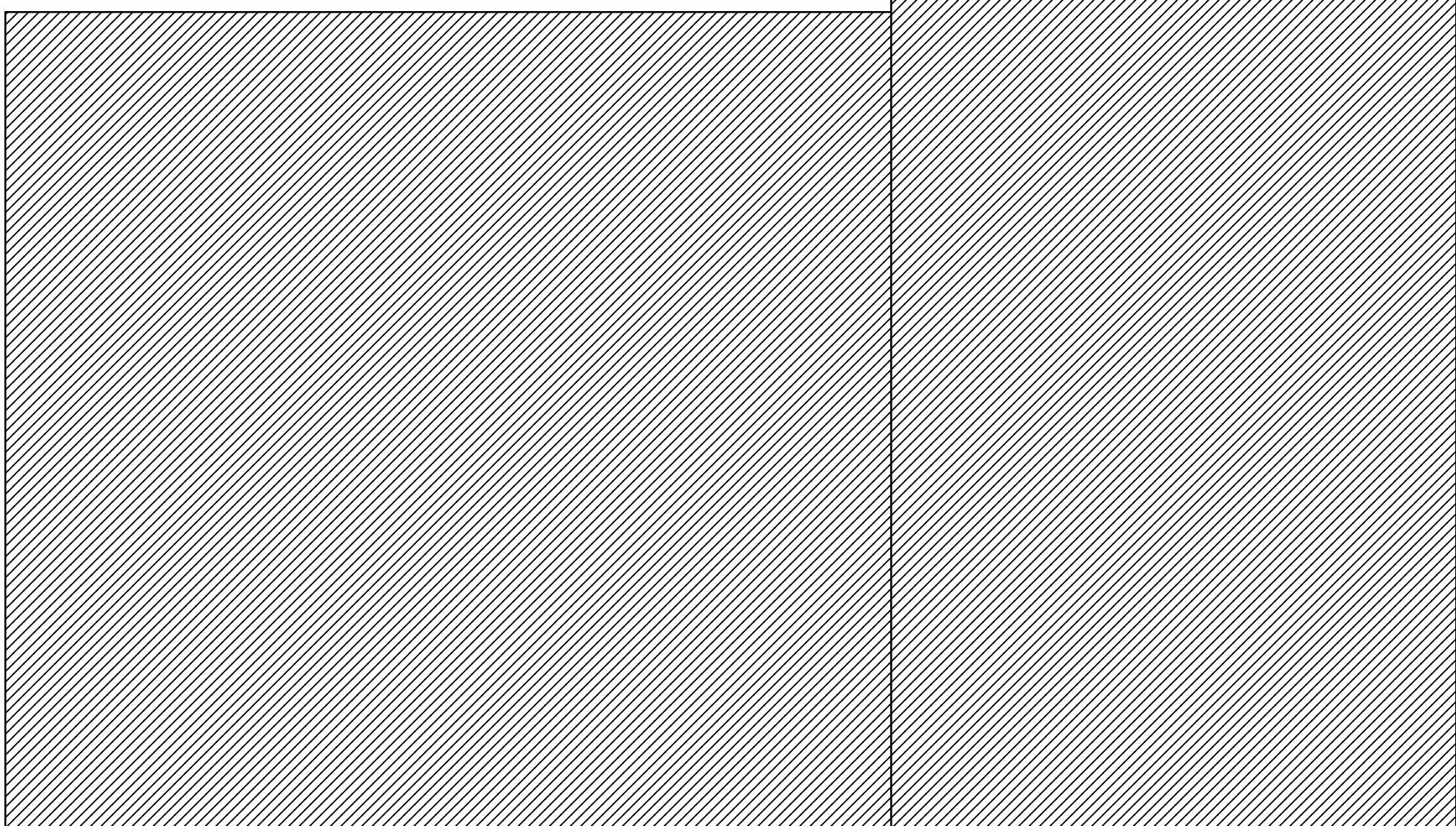
## Children and Youth Services Branch:

The Child Development Center provides quality care for children ages six weeks to 12 years. Children are provided age appropriate curriculum focusing on emotional, intellectual and physical development. The CDC is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Family Child Care provides an in-home childcare service certified and supervised by Children and Youth Services. This program allows families in base housing to operate their own business while expanding the hours and capacity of the CDC.

Supplemental programs provide hourly and extended care in activity settings.

The Youth Activities Center provides leisure time activities in arts and crafts, sports, and educational opportunities for children, ages six to 17. For information call Margaret at 577-6499.



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caught without seatbelts — consider this message that warning delivered. MCO 5110.1C provides guidance on records, motor vehicle registration and mandatory suspension or revocation of driving privileges. Enforcing this order is an essential tool to prevent mishaps.

I want to be perfectly clear on this: personal, hands-on involvement at all levels of leadership is necessary to turn this trend around. There is no delegation of authority to saving lives. Saving the life of a fellow Marine

requires courage, whether on the battlefield or on the highway. Marines are renowned for courage under fire — we must be as tenacious in our safety programs as we are on the battlefield.

C.C. Krulak, General  
Commandant of the Marine Corps

**ALCOHOL IMPAIRMENT CHART**

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUGS IS ILLLEGAL

There is no safe way to drive while under the influence. Even one drink can make you an unsafe driver. Drinking affects your BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION (BAC). It is illegal to drive with a BAC of .08% or more (.04% or more if you drive commercial vehicles or .01% or more if under 21). Even a BAC below .08% does not mean that it is safe or legal to drive. The charts show the BAC zones for various numbers of drinks and time periods.

**HOW TO USE THESE CHARTS:** Find the chart that includes your weight. Look at the total number of drinks you have had and compare that to the time shown. You can quickly tell if you are at risk of being arrested. \*If your BAC level is in the grey zone, your chances of having an accident are 5 times higher than if you had no drinks, and 25 times higher if your BAC level falls into the black zone.

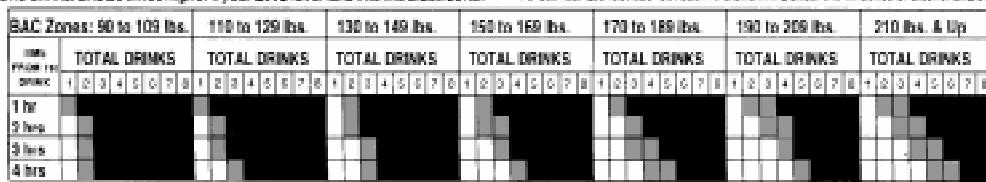


CHART SHADING MEAN: □ (.01%-.04%) May be DUI — DEFINITELY UNLAWFUL IF UNDER 21 YRS. OLD\*\* ■ (.05%-.07%) Likely DUI — DEFINITELY UNLAWFUL IF UNDER 21 YRS. OLD ■ (.08% Up) Definitely DUI \*\* NOTE: It is unlawful for anyone under 21 years of age to drive with a BAC of .01% or higher. If caught driving with a .01% BAC or higher, the driving privilege is lost for one year. D-106 (REV. 12/97)

**\*Fatal and Injury Traffic Collisions**

From the California  
Office of Traffic Safety

**Victims killed — 3,671**  
**Fatal Collisions — 3,252**  
**Victims Injured — 284,871**  
**Injury Collisions — 185,952**

**\*State Totals**

	<b>Killed</b>	<b>Injured</b>
<b>Motorcyclists</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>7,416</b>
<b>Pedestrians</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>14,988</b>
<b>Moped Victims</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Bicyclists</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>13,441</b>
<b>Vehicle Occupants</b>	<b>2,444</b>	<b>242,215</b>
<b>Caused by Drunk Driving</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>24,388</b>
<b>Involving Alcohol</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>31,189</b>

\*Statistics for 1997





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come in and ask questions and I help them along. It's a rewarding thing for me because I see the accomplishments that the customers made, either the wood or lapidary, and at the end of the day they'll say 'thanks a lot,' and then they'll come back in."

While helping others throughout the day, Izumi said he also makes room for his own projects from time to time.

"I made a pendant worth \$15,000," said Izumi. "It has 10 diamonds in it and a black opal that I brought back from Vietnam. I still have it, but it's locked up in a safe."

"One time I made a clock for the Commandant (Gen. Carl E. Mundy) when he was visiting," added Izumi. "It was nice for the general to come in here. I knew General Patton, and Eisenhower, and McNardi ... The base commander presented it to him, but then he came in to say 'thank you.'"

Izumi keeps the shop open five days a week, working eight hours on weekdays and six on weekends.

"I love it," said Izumi. "If I didn't love it, I'd quit."

Most important to Izumi, he said, is the people he's met over the years.

In the 1970's, Cpl. Greg Galvez was a military policeman who worked for Izumi in the wood shop while stationed here. When Galvez left Barstow, Izumi bet him twenty dollars that they would fall out of touch. Whenever Galvez calls these

days, Izumi asks, "Should I send you the 20 dollars?"

Galvez refuses the money but insists they stay in touch.

"We became very good friends. I gave him my M-1 Garand rifle as a gift," recalls Izumi.

He knows Col. [James] Martin pretty well. He calls Ralph about twice a week and we go visit him," said Izumi.

The diverse group of people Izumi has known include Neil Armstrong, with whom Izumi flew,

want my medals ' and she threw them out in the garbage. So I put two and two together and realized what the medals meant to her. I took them out and I still have them."

Izumi has devoted himself to the military during his own career and

you're giving up in the service. They'll say 'Wow, you're making a lot of money and you have the chow hall and you have this and that' but look at what do you give up in the meantime. You're away from home, and if a sergeant says get up you get up. It's like your mom saying 'it's time for school.' Except it's more rigid in the service."

Izumi said he looks back on life with little regret, knowing the people he's met over the years are never too far away.

"We'll all meet again when I'm gone," he said. "They're up there someplace watching. As I grow older, I see things I didn't see [and appreciate] when I was younger. One of these days I'll be gone and I won't see it no more."

He culminates decades of military and government service, raising a family and countless day-to-day adventures with one simple sentence: "It's wonderful to be alive."

***"It's a rewarding thing for me because I see the accomplishments that the customers made, ... and at the end of the day they'll say 'thanks a lot,' and then they'll come back in."***

— Bob Izumi, director, base wood/rock hobby shop

Shortly after arriving in Barstow, Izumi was approached by Maj. James Martin. Martin had found Izumi's "Ike" jacket (issued while Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower was in command) in Okinawa years after the war. The jacket had Izumi's social security number under the sleeve, so Martin was able to track him down in Barstow.

"He found me and asked, 'Is this your jacket?' It was decades later, and he still found me," said Izumi. "He was a historian and collected war memorabilia, so I gave him the jacket."

Martin is now a retired colonel who keeps close contact with Izumi.

"There's a fellow named Ralph Costis who saved his commanding officer overseas and won the Silver Star with Valor. He's pretty sick now.

and Norma Jean Baker (Marilyn Monroe), a fellow 1944 graduate of University High School in Los Angeles. "She signed my high school class picture, and I had it authenticated by Joe DiMaggio, said Izumi."

Izumi still looks to his family for support. He has been married for 25 years and has a daughter attending UCLA Medical School.

"She'll be a doctor in June," he said Izumi. "She's the love of my life."

Izumi recalled a time when he lost his temper and threw all of his medals in the garbage. His daughter responded by giving her father a dose of reality.

"She went inside and got all of her medals, because she was an honor student, and said, 'Well, if you don't want your medals then I don't

the years following.

"I appreciate most of the people in the service. Ninety-nine percent of the people don't appreciate people in uniform," said Izumi. "You can ask my wife; if I see a flag flying and I'm driving, I'll salute that flag.

"They don't realize how much



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looked the other way. You remember that even the United States chose not to get involved in WWII until we were bombed at Pearl Harbor.

Only a few years back, the world had watched idly while Hutu and Tutsi tribes in Rwanda slaughtered each other in ethnic rivalry. Currently, most nations are still relatively uninvolved while the Serbs ethnically "cleanse" people from the area in which they live. We could say that we have no control over other countries or even our own governmental foreign policies. And I would partially agree. To some extent, many of us feel our hands are tied from involvement in issues occurring overseas. Perhaps. But let me pose just one more issue for reflection.

Modern "science" and the media have attempted to persuade us that life begins at birth rather than at conception. The result is a numbed conscience that permits us to abort millions of babies every year because we have bought the bill of goods that a woman's choice to do what she will

with her body is more significant than human life. This is a conscience of convenience rather than truth. America is in the middle of a holocaust of babies because of popular opinion.

I know that there may be those who disagree with some or all of my points. I'm okay with that. I think we will simply have to agree to disagree for the sake of sane discussion. The point I am suggesting is that everyone can come to conclusions

based on a real standard of truth. If we make decisions based on the undulations of the day, rather than investigating significant issues for the sake of truth, then we risk becoming pawns of popularity. I believe we can think for ourselves without being told what to believe or think. Our beliefs can be formed by scripture, tradition, experience and reason. The Apostle Paul wrote, "*When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like*

*a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.*" (1 Corinthians 13:11). The suggestions are that when we are young, it is appropriate to follow the influence of others. As we mature, we should begin to draw our own conclusions based on reality rather than the modern mind set.

Let me give one more example where a decision was made based on popular opinion. Jesus stood before Pilate accused of a crime Pilate could

not discern. Pilate said he could find no fault with Jesus. Mark 15:15 records for us, "*Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas (a known criminal) to them. He had Jesus flogged and handed him over to be crucified.*" My hope is that each of us will have a higher conviction rate.

Blessings,  
Chaplain Michener

# MCLB Barstow Marines mold community youth

**By LCpl. Brian Davidson**

BARSTOW LOG staff

In January of '97 a group of concerned parents and a small group of fifth graders from Cameron Elementary School seeking a positive after-school outlet with snap and pop found what they were looking for, Positive Force Drill Team.

Today that small group has become nearly 150 students ranging from seven to 19 years of age.

Positive Force seeks to brighten the future of its members and to improve their communities by promoting unity and empowering its youth.

According to the programs statement of purpose created by its student members, Positive Force aims to provide a challenging, yet rewarding alternative to the many negative influences and forces that today's children often face.

Modeled after a military ceremonial platoon, the program recognizes awards and promotes its members based on their merit.

Positive Force Commander Ray Phillips said he wanted to get involved with and make a difference in the lives of youth that he could identify with.

"In school I was like many of the children now in Positive Force," said Phillips. "I was one of the invisible kids. They're the ones that need the most guidance because they're often behind the scenes. Often times they're easily influenced into doing negative things by their peers."

Phillips noted that while every child can't dunk a basketball or may not be the fastest runner, they all have the potential to be a part of a drill team; standing tall, walking proud and sharing in the *esprit-de-corps*.

One concept the drill team aspires to instill in its members is ownership of the program. Drill team members are given the opportunity to make the decisions regarding activities and day-to-day operations.

According to the statement of purpose, students should know that Positive Force is their drill team and that youth leadership equals youth ownership.

"All of the children get a chance to try their hand at leadership. Their advisers trust them more than many adults trust each other," said Cpl. Michael McQuillian.

"Getting the community involved in boosting the program's potential is the focus of its commander's latest efforts," said Phillips. "Members of the base com-



Photo by LCpl. Brian Davidson

Members of Positive Force Drill Team perform for the Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon at the recent Battle Colors Ceremony at MCLB's Sorensen Field.

munity are the best volunteers the program could hope for."

"The people who work and live here are especially good role models; they're a diverse group of people, they've been many places and they understand military structure-coaching others to be leaders. That's what they do daily," said Phillips. "The civilians here have the added bonus of stability, they're going to be here because this is where they've chosen to make their homes."

According to Cpl. Kevin Dolloson, who was a program volunteer, volunteering with the program is doing more than giving back what someone may have shared with you because you're rewarded for your efforts.

"Being a volunteer is something that everyone should do, not just because it looks good in the eyes of

others, but because it builds character," said Dolloson. "Volunteering with kids can be very satisfying. You can see their enthusiasm; their eyes light up, and you know that you're planting a positive seed in someone's life," he added.

The drill team travels throughout the state and country performing at hospitals and civil ceremonies and competing in drill competitions while teaching its members the principles of leadership through their experiences.

The Positive Force Drill Team invites volunteers and prospective members to join them at Cameron Elementary School on 801 Muriel Drive Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information call 252-1432.

**1973 MERCURY COUGAR:** 351 Cleveland auto trans, rebuilt eng., front-end, restore in progress, needs paint and interior, no smog required. \$1,500. OBO. Call 247-0286 AWH.

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**FOR SALE:** Set of 4 ultra 6-spoke, 15-inch, polished aluminum rims and 3 tires size 245x15x50, four-bolt pattern. Ideal for Civics, Corollas, Jetta. Call 252-3023 for details.

**WANTED:** Looking for drivers to drive from Apple Valley to Yermo Annex Bldg. 573. No gas payment required. Work schedule is Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 6:30 am to 4:00 pm. Call 240-4218. Ask for Phillip.

**WANTED:** Driver needed to bring boat eastward for \$1,000. Call collect (706) 867-8723.

**WANTED:** Baseball players, 35 yrs. and over, to play on a team. If interested contact Fran Roman 252-4857 anytime.

# MCCS Update ...

**By James H. Gaines**

MWR Publicity

## Exchange construction begins Monday

Construction begins Monday, March 29 for the renovation of the 7-Day Store and the gas pump installation. The approximate completion date for the 7-Day Store is June, completion date for the gas pumps is Sept. The 7-Day Store parking lot will be closed off during this time. Please use the main Exchange parking lot and store entrance.

## Sound Blast at MCX

Great buys in sound systems such as JVC ultra-compact stereo regularly \$298.99 now only \$249 also a JVC ultra-compact stereo regularly \$219.99 now only \$188. Shop early while bargains last.

The Exchange is open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more info call 256-8974.

**Family Restaurant & Cactus Cafe weekly lunch menu March 25 through April 1.**

*Tuesday* - Baked ham.

*Friday March 26* - Hoki fish and trout.

*Monday March 29* - Meatloaf.

*Tuesday March 30* - French dip.

*Wednesday March 31* - Stuffed bell peppers.

*Thursday April 1* - Roast beef.

## Family Night Dinner Menu at Family Restaurant

*Tonight*: Chili Verde, Mexican rice, beans and beef fajitas.

*Thursday April 1*: All you can eat: Pizza feast with salad bar, dessert and beverage.

## Easter Brunch at Oasis Club

Everyone is invited to the Oasis Club's annual Easter Brunch on

Sunday April 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Menu includes: Omelets cooked to order by guest chef, sausage or bacon, oven roasted potatoes, creamed beef, biscuits, butter, jelly, baked chicken, fried chicken, vegetables, pancakes and syrup, assorted fruit, pastries and beverages (punch, orange juice, milk, tea, coffee).

All welcome. \$6.95 adults, \$3.95 children five to 12 years; children four years and under free.

Reservations are requested. Call 577-6110 or 577-6418.

## 1880s Wild West Night

Enjoy live entertainment, music by Bob Fogle, the Calico gun-fighters and much more plus a great dinner on Saturday, March 27, from 6 p.m. to midnight.

Cost is \$10.95 at the door with free souvenir mugs. Advanced ticket sales ended Monday.

Dinner menu includes: Baron of

beef, chili beans, coleslaw, corn on the cob, rolls/corn bread, apple cobbler.

Event schedule is as follows: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. - Social Hour, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. - Dinner, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. - Live Entertainment, 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. - Contests.

This event is open to all military and civilian personnel and their guests.

## Spring Break special at Tees & Trees

Juniors from six to 17 years of age can learn the great sport of golf from Tees & Trees teaching professional Oscar Valenzuela. Classes are every Wednesday, Friday or Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$10 per lesson (practice base not included). Take advantage of this Spring Break special. Call 577-6431.

Tees & Trees golf course is open

(For the remainder of March): Monday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. (New hours beginning April 1): Monday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## Spring Break at YAC

April 6 -10 is Spring Break at Youth Activities Center. Special events planned are: a trip to the San Bernardino County Museum. This is a full day trip. Meet at YAC at 11 a.m. for trip, returning approximately 4 p.m. Cost is \$6 general admission, \$5 students (ages 13 to 18 years), \$4 children (ages five to 12 years).

A trip to Scandia in Victorville is planned for April 9. Meet at YAC at 10:30 a.m. for trip, returning at 3:30 p.m.

Call 577-6499 for more details on these Spring Break trips.