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## MAGTF-6 uses Nebo rails for CAX reload

By Lance Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt  
BARSTOW LOG staff

For the past week strange things have been taking place at MCLB Barstow.

For the first time in what some people estimate has been between 10 and 20 years, the railheads at

Nebo have been used for a major operation.

Combined Arms Exercise or CAX 3/4-01 has ended and all the equipment used for it needs to go back to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

To cut costs considerably, all the equipment is being shipped via railroad instead of being driven

all the way back across country.

This was the least expensive way to transport the equipment.

It also allowed Marine Air Ground Task Force-6 to replicate the loading and unloading of equipment that could be useful in a combat situation.

The operation is quite large. They are moving 23 Five-ton trucks, 133 High Mobility Multi-Wheel Vehicles, 82 trailers, and 48 Light Armored Vehicles among other things to Camp Lejeune.

The total cost of the rail car move is \$702,803, while the whole CAX costs \$1.13 million.

Moving the equipment definitely takes up the bulk of the money spent on the exercise.

Marines are performing the move. There are two units participating.

There are Marines from 1st Transportation Support Battalion, 1st Fleet Service Support Group. They are stationed at MCB Camp Pendleton.

The other Marines are attached to MAGTF-6 based in Camp Lejeune. MAGTF-6 was the unit that participated in the CAX.

Civilians that work at MCLB Barstow also participated in the railhead loading. Locomotive engineers linked the cars together and hauled cars into the loading area.

The entire loading took 82 railcars, ac-



Photo by Lance Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Private First Class Cameron Johnson, Traffic Management Specialist, 1st Transport Service Battalion, 1st Fleet Service Support Group, tightens down the cables to help hold a CONEX box onto a rail car. He is part of the team of Marines that participated in the railhead operation at Nebo.

## N/MCRS annual campaign starts Friday

By Gunnery Sgt. Frank Patterson  
Public Affairs Chief

Put on your lucky hat and buy some tickets for the 2001 Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society drawing. You might win a new car or truck or one of several other prizes being given away in one of two drawings here and at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

The odds for base residents and employees to win just seem to be getting better every year. Just ask Glenn Wyatt, base auto hobby shop, about the 2000 Ford Mustang he won in Camp Pendleton's drawing last year. He calls it his "Millennium Mustang." Or ask Kathy Petermann, Fleet Support Division, about her Lincoln Continental Town Car. She actually won the Mustang grand prize in 1999, but traded it in for the Lincoln because she liked it better.

The local base drawing also features a number of great prizes including Digital Video Disc players, televisions, mountain bikes and compact-disc players.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

**IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU TOO:** Colonel Mark A. Costa signs his Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society pledge sheet on the hood of Glenn Wyatt's 2000 Ford Mustang GT. Wyatt (Far Right) won the grand prize Mustang in the 2000 N/MCRS drawing at Camp Pendleton. Kathy Petermann (Far Left) won the Mustang in 1999 but traded it in for a Lincoln Continental.



Current VITA Participation

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## Just doing my job ...



Photo by Cpl. Cory Kelly

Frank Peters, base telephone top hat, sorts through a jumbled-up, spaghetti-like mass of phone wires inside Building 15. Peters, who has worked aboard the base for two years, enjoys his job, is always smiling and motivates everyone he meets. "I'm always bordering on fantastic," says the upbeat telephone mechanic.

# Stepping up to the plate

By Sgt. Maj. Stephen H. Mellinger  
Marine Forces Pacific

CAMP H.M. SMITH, Hawaii – I want to start off by congratulating our latest sergeant major and master gunnery sergeant selects. Well done! After reviewing the selection list, I began thinking of what Marines (generally) are made of that make it to the top of our elite pay grade. We, for years now, have clung to the meanings of words such as honor, courage and commitment.

Words such as these are what dedicated Marines adhere to every day, in or out of uniform. And I believe the same can be said for the majority of our Marines who depart our elite Corps for duty with 1<sup>st</sup> CivDiv.

It would be great if we could boast that every Marine in our Corps took those great words to heart and did their best to live by them. But we all know for a fact that there's always going to be those individuals that choose to march to the beat of a sadly different drum.

It eats at my gut each and every time I turn on the news to hear of yet another Marine, through his or her individual actions, has disgraced our illustrious Corps. Their selfish, insensitive or criminally reckless deeds inevitably stain themselves and our institution. As we all know, "One 'oh crap' wipes out a thousand 'atta boys.'"

I get so upset with Marines who knowingly screw up or break the law, not simply because they embarrass the Corps, but because their thoughtless 'oh crap,' has just wiped out a thousand orphanage visits, Toys for Tots drives, humanitarian missions and countless other selfless deeds by caring Marines.

Have you heard the saying, "It's the five percent problem Marines that require 95 percent of leadership's attention? Thus, it leaves only five percent of leadership's attention to give to the deserving 95 percent of our good Marines."

It's sad those Marines who deliberately choose to be substandard performers and lawbreakers don't seem to care about the negative effects their actions have on not only themselves, but the Corps as well. Where is their individual pride and self-respect? Where is their loyalty and concern for fellow Marines? Well, no matter whether or not they don't care about the consequences of their actions, the rest of us certainly do. And if we don't, we should!

I encourage every Marine, regardless of your rank, to step up to the plate and make it a point to "police" the actions of fellow Marines. Whether it's correcting someone's uniform or beginning legal procedures against a person for something criminal, we Marines should be the first to take action to police our own.

The problem is that too many of us have become complacent or scared when it comes to 'calling a spade a spade,' and to get involved to correct something or someone. That's just plain wrong Marines. We know that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link. For that reason alone, we need to ensure all Marines understand their need to be responsible individuals; if not for themselves, for the rest of the Corps.

You all have heard that the actions of Marines and of our Corps seem to be more under a microscope (of the American public) than other services. I believe it's true, and we should be proud of that fact.

When you're the best, more is required of you to set the right example for others to follow. And for this reason, I think we need to hold each other more accountable. Marines shouldn't want, or have to have, anyone except Marines correcting our deficiencies.

Let me ask you, "What do Marines of a unit do prior to falling out for their unit inspection?" First, each Marine prepares and corrects everything they find wrong with their individual uniform. Second, he or she nit-picks himself or herself personally and their uniform until satisfied they and their uniform are ready to be inspected.

Individuals to be inspected then gather with the rest of their platoon where everyone nit-picks everyone else. Now why do they do that? Why do all those individuals, who have already prepared themselves for inspection, willingly request and expect others (within their platoon) to look them over? We all know the answer.

Marines ask their fellow platoon members to look for anything they might have missed that would embarrass them or make them fail the inspection. Each Marine seeks an outstanding rating from the inspector not only for personal reasons, but also for the entire platoon's rating. Internal policing of Marines within that platoon, produces unit pride and mission accomplishment.

It's no different in policing or correcting any deficiency of fellow Marines. That includes actions, attitudes, uniforms, civilian attire or anything else we know to need correcting. Getting back to that platoon. They willing seek to be policed by fellow platoon members, but they would be embarrassed if someone outside their platoon found something wrong. I feel it's no different when anyone outside our Corps has to step in to correct one of us. If we as a Corps (or as an individual Marine) have a deficiency, we want it to be corrected and corrected immediately because we want always to be squared away.

So let us all step up to the plate and not hesitate to police one another and to assist a fellow Marine and ultimately our Corps look and perform with pride and dignity.

## Life, pizza and a giant mouse

By Lt. Cmdr. Elmon R. Krupnik  
Base Chaplain



This past week I took my two youngest sons to the pizza place with the giant mouse. My two youngest children are a teenager and a pre-teen. They still enjoy

going there.

I observed that all of the people that were there came to have fun, to celebrate living, and to celebrate relationships of friends and family.

It was a reminder to me that we need to take the time to celebrate the relationships that we have been given by God and have fun and enjoy the life that we have together.

Philippians 2:2 states, "Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind." For us to enjoy the relationship fully, we have to be likeminded. What peace, joy, and fulfillment we can have when we are of one love, one accord, and one mind in our relationships. We need to take and make the time to develop the relationships in our lives.

Blessings to all,  
Chaplain Krupnik

### Chapel Services

Protestant Sun. 8:30 a.m.  
Mass Sun. 10:30 a.m.

Confession services  
before Mass

### Nebo Bible Study

Wednesday Noon-1:30 p.m.

At the Chapel Office

For more info call  
577-6849.

### Yermo Bible Study

Wednesday 11-11:30 a.m.

At the Colonel's Workshop

For more info call  
Don Brooks, 577-7165.



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## Quarterly Spouses Tour

Active duty Marine Corps, Navy and Army spouses are invited to attend the free Quarterly Spouses Tour of Fort Irwin and Barstow March 13-15.

The first two days of the tour are at Fort Irwin. Informational meetings and tours introduce spouses to services available at the fort and military life in general.

The third day, hosted by the Military Affairs Committee of the Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce, begins at the Veterans Home on Barstow Road at 9 a.m. with a free continental breakfast.

After presentations by the Veterans Home Public Relations Department and the Barstow Police Department. Guests tour of Calico Ghost Town and receive discount coupons for selected shops at the Factory Outlet and Tanger Malls. A free lunch at Gil's Place is included for all participants. The tour ends at 3:30 p.m.

Participants should dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water to drink at Calico. Space is limited so registration is required.

For more information call Becky Echols, Army Outreach Center, 256-1735, or Pamela Butolph, National Training Center, Fort Irwin, 380-4991.

## ASYMCA Essay Contest

Entry deadline is April 9 for the Armed Services YMCA's annual essay contest to promote reading among children and teens of active, Reserve, Guard and retired service members and DoD civilian employees.

Co-sponsored by the U.S. Naval Institute, the essay contest is in its fifth year. Winners receive U.S. Savings Bonds ranging in value from \$100 to \$1,000.

One \$500 first-place and one \$100 second-place bond will be awarded in categories for pre-school and kindergarten, first and second grade, third and fourth grade, fifth and sixth grade, and seventh and eighth grade. High school students can win a \$1,000 bond for

first place and a \$500 bond for second place. In addition, there are four \$100 bonds for essays of honorable mentions.

Entrants in grades eight and below should submit essays of 300 words or less. Beginning writers may have their parents write their words for them. High school students should write essays of 500 words or less.

At the top of each essay, entries should include the student's name, age and grade; address; phone number or e-mail a parent may be reached; parents' names; service affiliation; rank of military member; and military installation. Include the school or youth program if that's how the student enters.

Entries may be sent by mail or e-mail. E-mail essays can be either in the message body or attached as Microsoft Word or plaintext documents. They must be sent no later than April 9 to [essaycontest@asymca.org](mailto:essaycontest@asymca.org). Libraries, schools, and other agencies on military installations with Internet access may enter essays for contestants.

Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than April 9 to be eligible. Send them to:

Armed Services YMCA  
Attn: Essay Contest  
6225 Brandon Ave., Suite 215  
Springfield, VA 22150.

All entries submitted become the property of the Armed Services YMCA and cannot be returned. For additional information, visit <http://www.asymca.org>, send an e-mail to [essaycontest@asymca.org](mailto:essaycontest@asymca.org), or call (703) 866-1260, ext. 16.

## Scrap Wood Giveaway

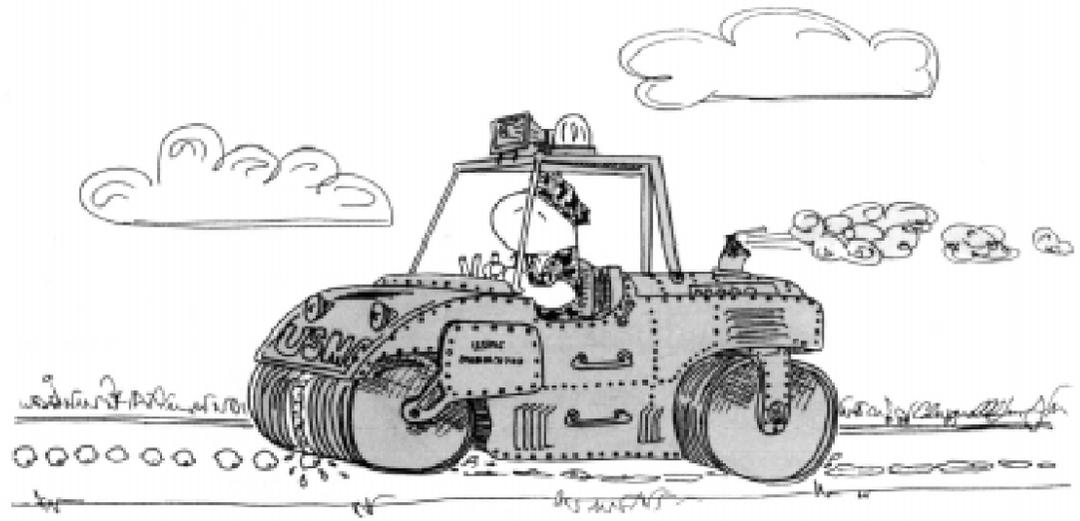
The Defense Reutilization Management Office at Edwards Air Force Base is giving away scrap wood.

The wood is available on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no limit on the amount of wood which may be taken.

For safety reasons, guests are not permitted to climb or walk on top of the woodpile. The public is reminded to wear gloves, appropriate clothing

*101 things you should never ask a Marine to do*

By E. Temple



**Never ask a Marine to make lemonade.**

and shoes. Children under the age of 16, power tools and smoking are prohibited at the site.

For more information call Ted or Tony at (661) 277-2209.

## Marine of the Year

Marine Corps Times proudly announces the inaugural Marine Corps Times Marine of the Year award.

In association with AT&T and Fisher House, MCT is annually honoring one Marine who best embodies the finest qualities of the men and women serving in today's U.S. Marine Corps.

A single winner and three runners-up will be selected by the publication after nominations are submitted by Marine Corps Times readers. Ballots and voting instructions are currently available in the Marine Corps Times. The winner of the MCT Marine of the Year award will be invited to Washington, D.C. for a special award ceremony in the U.S. Capitol.

Marine Corps Times will honor the "everyday heroes" of the Corps whose efforts unselfishly and consistently go above and beyond the call of duty,

making a difference in their communities. The MCT MOY can be someone who assists during a crisis or someone who continuously aids an important cause. Unlike other military honors, the winner will be nominated by his or her peers and not by any official office of the U.S. military or government. Nominations are open to all members of the active duty or Reserve Marines regardless of rank.

Nominees must be on duty through June 3. The submission deadline is March 26. The four finalists' names will be published in the Marine Corps Times April 30, and the winner will be announced May 7. The award ceremony is the week of May 14.

Nominations must include the following:

- Name, address, commercial phone number and e-mail address.
- Nominee's name, address and commercial phone number.
- Nominee's current unit commander's name, address and commercial phone number.
- A description in 300 words or

less of why the nominee deserves the award.

- Names and contact information of three people who can verify the nominee's achievements.

Submit nominations online by e-mail, mail or FAX as follows:

- <http://www.marinecorpstimes.com/nominations>
- [MarineOfTheYear@atpco.com](mailto:MarineOfTheYear@atpco.com)
- Marine of the Year Award  
Marine Corps Times  
6883 Commercial Drive  
Springfield, VA 22159  
- (415) 648-5296.

For more info, check out <http://www.militarycity.com/nomination/downloads>

## SATO move

The move of SATO to the Red Wing at Building 15 is complete. The SATO phone number is still 577-6135.

All official tickets will continue to be picked up at the Travel Management Office in Building 236.

For more info call CWO Jeffrey L. Clawson, 577-6994.

## The Tax Man Returneth

The tax deadline will be here before you know it. Don't be struggling to fill out that Form 1040 at the last minute. Let the trained professionals at the Staff Judge Advocate's office handle the paperwork for you and electronically file your tax return.

Contact one of the below listed personnel today:

Name	Division	Phone
GySgt. Michael Claudio	PSD	577-6347
SSgt. Robert W. Cole	HqBn	577-6916
SSgt. Jose J. Leal-Munoz	FSD	577-7052
SSgt. Johnny Garcia	SJA	577-6874
SSgt. Donna M. Knolle	FSD	577-7353
Cpl. Patrick J. Snyder	SJA	577-6874
Cpl. Jared M. Anderson	ISO	577-6197
LCpl. Eduardo H. Nuno	PSD	577-6124
LCpl. Michael T. Pirozzi	SJA	577-6874
Jacque Fadely	SJA	577-6874
Barbara Kulseth	SJA	577-6874
Terri Lloyd	FSD	577-7480
Tom Quenga	FSD	577-7545

## Job Watch

Ann. No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
OTR-016-01	Electronics Integrated Systems Mechanic WG-2610-12 (Temp NTE one year)	02-09-01	03-09-01	02-23-01	MCLB Barstow

Applicants interested in announcements beginning with DEA or OTR should submit their resume to:

**Human Resources Service Center, Southwest**  
**ATTN: Code 522 (announcement number)**  
**525 B Street, Suite 600**  
**San Diego, CA 92101-4418**

For more information concerning public job announcements visit the Self-Service, Bldg. 37, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call the Human Resources Office 24-hour employment information line at 577-6919.

If you have Internet access, browse to <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

For information regarding Open Continuous Merit Promotion announcements point your browser to <http://www.donhr.navy.mil>.

# Civil War spies Good intel knows no gender

War brings out the best and worst in most people. Meet two extraordinary women who proved that wars don't depend on just generals and armies, but the strength and will of the individual.

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

Historians agree that World War II changed life for American women in the 20th century.

The Civil War had just as great an impact on the lives of American women in the 19th century.

When the South fired on Fort Sumter, S.C., in 1861, American women wanted to do more than just wait at home for their brave menfolk to come home. North and South, women wanted to help the war effort.

In the North, women organized "sanitary fairs" to ship medical aid, food and suitable reading material to the boys in blue. Many Northern women found themselves running farms and small businesses as their men left for the front. Still other Northern women went to work in factories.

In the South, women also found themselves rolling bandages and making clothes for the boys in gray. They, too, took over farms, plantations and small businesses and went to work in armories providing the weapons of war.

In both areas, there were women who wanted to do more, and they went off to nurse those wounded in action. Some women actually enlisted using men's names and fought with Union or Rebel armies.

Finally, women aided the war effort as spies. Espionage was considered disreputable for men at the start of the war. The idea of one of the "fair sex" engaging in such activity would have been greeted by horror. But the need for good intelligence was crucial, and men overcame their revulsion when good, accurate information began coming in from women spies.

In the South, one of the most celebrated female spies was Belle Boyd. She was called "La Belle Rebelle" during stage appearances after the war. She was born Isabelle Boyd in Martinsburg, Va. (now West Virginia), in 1844. A beauty, she was presented to society in Washington, D.C., in 1860.

When Virginia seceded, Boyd threw her lot in with the Confederacy and moved back to Martinsburg. At first, she helped in more traditional roles of rolling bandages and raising money for the Confederate forces, but that changed when Union soldiers occupied Martinsburg in July 1861. Boyd mixed with Union officers and picked up tidbits of troop moves and future plans. She passed those along to Confederate forces.

Her most famous exploit was passing along the plans of Union Maj. Gen. James Shields to Gen. T.J. "Stonewall" Jackson in 1862. Learning that Shields intended to destroy Martinsburg's

bridges, Boyd undertook a hazardous journey through the Union lines and is said to have urged Jackson to move quickly. He did and, though outnumbered, drove Shields' troops from the Shenandoah Valley.

After her return to Martinsburg, Boyd continued to spy openly for the Confederates and served also as a courier and scout with Maj. John S. Mosby's guerrillas. She was arrested by Union forces and held in Washington. She contracted typhoid and was paroled in a prisoner exchange.

In 1864, Boyd was on a mission to England bearing letters from Confederate President Jefferson Davis when the Union Navy intercepted her blockade runner. She fell in love with Lt. Samuel Wylde Harding Jr., the Union officer placed aboard the rebel ship as prize master. He allowed her and the Confederate skipper to escape. Court-martialed and discharged, Harding sailed to England and married La Belle Rebelle.

After the war, she wrote an account of her life as a spy and also became an actress. She toured the United States and married again in 1869. Belle Boyd died in 1900.

Union spy Elizabeth Van Lew was a lot more effective. A Richmond, Va., native, Van Lew was schooled in the 1850s at a Philadelphia Quaker school and came to despise slavery. Before the war, she wrote, "Slave power crushes freedom of speech and of opinion. Slave power degrades labor. Slave power is arrogant, is jealous and intrusive, is cruel, is despotic, not only over the slave but over the community, the state."

She freed all the family slaves. Hearing that the children or relatives of Van Lew slaves were to be sold by other owners, she bought and liberated them as well.

When the war broke out, she did not disguise her Union sympathies. She asked to visit Union prisoners held in Richmond and began taking them food and medicines.

Many of the prisoners noted Confederate defenses and troop movements after they were captured. Van Lew set up a network of couriers and devised a code to get that information through the lines to Union forces.

Richmonders called her "Crazy Bet," and she cultivated that image. In public she mumbled and hummed to herself. She held conversations with herself. She combed her curls less carefully and wore her oldest clothes and most battered bonnets. All Richmond thought Crazy Bet's sympathy for the Union was part of her mental illness.

But Van Lew did more than just pass along tactical information she picked up from captured Union soldiers. Among the slaves she had liberated before the war was Mary Elizabeth Bowser. Van Lew got Bowser a job as house servant for Confederate President Jefferson Davis and, together, the two collected and passed information to the North.

She was among the first people Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant visited upon the taking of Richmond. When Grant became president, he appointed Van Lew as postmaster of Richmond. Once the people of Richmond realized the scope of the aid Van Lew provided the Yankees, they shunned her.

Van Lew also died in 1900. The people of Massachusetts erected a marker on her Richmond grave that read, "She risked everything that is dear to man - friends, fortune, comfort, health, life itself, all for the one absorbing desire of her heart - that slavery might be abolished and the Union preserved."

Other female spies - North and South - followed their convictions during the war. They include Confederate Rose O'Neal Greenhow and Union spies Pauline Cushman, Sarah E. Thompson and Harriet Tubman.

All these women truly expanded the range of acceptable activities for women in the 19th century.

## Women's History Month Luncheon

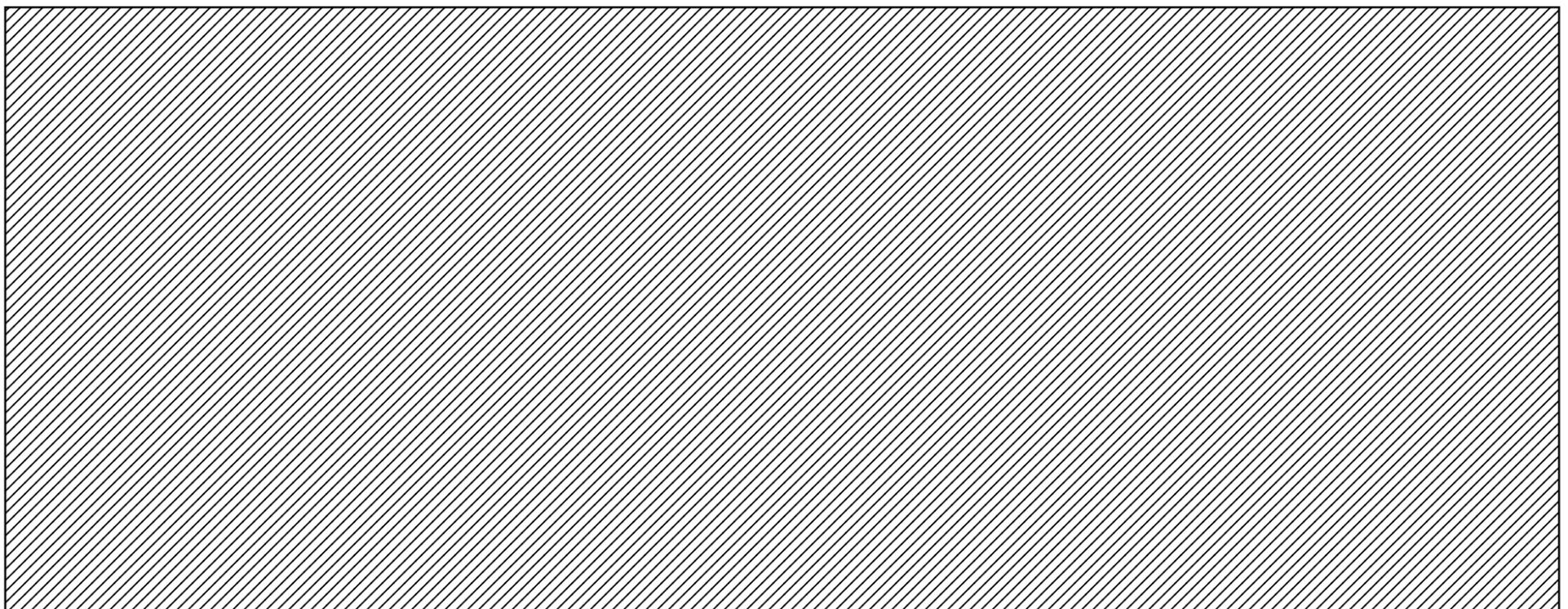
The Women's History Month Luncheon, sponsored by the Federal Women's Program, is slated for March 29, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Oasis Club.

Master Gunnery Sgt. Kim Ortamond, Staff Noncommissioned Officer-in-charge of the Mounted Color Guard, is scheduled as the guest speaker.

The menu is Game Hen in orange honey glaze or Chef's Salad. Tickets are \$6.75 each.

Contact the following ladies for tickets:

Name	Phone
Barbara Kent	577-7600
Cheryl Mathison	577-7705
Margaret Steele	577-7111
Kim Whaley	577-6508
Marva Johnson	577-6965
Susan Zagorski	577-6752
Sharon Loschen	577-6187



# Fire and forget: Lockheed celebrates 5000<sup>th</sup> Javelin

By 1st Lt. Burrell D. Parmer  
MARCORSYSCOM PAO

TROY, Ala. – Lockheed Martin celebrated its 5,000 Javelin Round Milestone at its Pike County plant in Troy, Alabama, 23 February 2001.

The Joint Venture between Raytheon/Lockheed Martin and the Department of Defense began with the first Javelin Missile rollout almost six years ago in September 1995.

The Javelin is the replacement for the Dragon Anti-Armor weapon system used by the Army and the Marine Corps.

Lockheed Martin in partnership with Raytheon attributed its success of its program to its workforce at its Pike County facility.

“The work force here in Pike County is very talented,” said Stanley R. Arthur, president, Lockheed Martin Missile and Fire Control, Orlando.

“They build world-class missiles for Lockheed Martin.”

“The real key to the success of Javelin is our skill and successful workforce,” said Rick H. Edwards, Javelin’s program director, Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control, Orlando, “The Javelin is very complex and difficult to assemble.”

The Javelin is a lightweight, man-portable, shoulder-launched, fire-and-forget medium anti-armor weapon system designed to provide high lethality against

all known and projected threat armor, to include those with explosive-reactive armor.

Javelin provides the soldier and Marine a state-of-the-art anti-tank weapon that will allow him to defeat numerically superior forces at extended ranges under day, night, and adverse conditions.

Javelin’s top attack default flight profile can engage a tank at its more vulnerable spot ensuring kill; the direct attack mode allows for engagement when a target is in a covered position, for example a tree-line or under a bridge/overpass.

After the gunner acquires a target and fires the missile, the infrared seeker guides it to the target with pinpoint accuracy, leaving the gunner free to seek cover, move to a new position, assess battlefield damage, or reload and fire again.

The Dragon requires that the gunner remain in place and keep the cross

hairs on target until the missile hits.

“The Javelin not only defeats all armor, but helps protect the Marine and soldier from counter fire,” added Edwards.

The system will be fielded to the Anti-Armor Sections of infantry battalions with 8 Javelins systems replacing the 12 Dragon systems each section currently has. The Javelin’s maximum effective range is more than double that of its predecessor.

The Marine Corps is procuring a total of 418 Command Launch Units and 2,553 Missiles.

The first U.S. Army unit was equipped in June 1996 and the first Marine Corps unit, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marines, in August 1999.

The Marine Corps has currently fielded about 50 percent of the active forces and a portion of the reserves. Full Operational Capability is scheduled for FY 03.



Official USMC photo

Marines fire the Javelin in Slunj, Croatia.

## N/MCRS from Page 1

In addition, the N/MCRS is sponsoring a trip to Laughlin, Nev., on March 24. The trip runs \$30 per person, \$20 of which is returned in drawing tickets and the other \$10 is for the buffet at the Golden Nugget casino.

The bus is picking up people at the IHOP in Victorville at 7 a.m. and at the base gym, Building 44, at 8 a.m.

Coffee and donuts are being served at 7:30 in front of Building 44. Plan to be gone for about eight hours. Contact Bertie Dailey, Ed Guz or Brenda German (all listed below) or Dan Keim, 577-6614, for tickets.

If you can't find an N/MCRS representative near you, don't worry. Ed Guz, N/MCRS chairman, is selling tickets outside the base commissary Saturday and March 17, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Contact the following listed N/MCRS key personnel for tickets:

Name	Location	Phone
Brenda German	Maintenance Center	577-7139
Staff Sgt. Larry D. Essary	Maintenance Center	577-7470
Bertie Dailey	Public Affairs Office	577-6430
Meredith Taylor	Human Resources	577-6478
Susan Durant	Headquarters Battalion	577-6969
Cpl. Kelley L. Courtney	Headquarters Battalion	577-6502
Lance Cpl. Gabriel A. Lopez	Comptroller	577-6726
Corina Bonner	Comptroller	577-6726
Barbara Kent	Fleet Support Division	577-7600
Staff Sgt. Donna M. Knolle	Fleet Support Division	577-7353
Staff Sgt. Dennis W. Owen	Semper Fit	577-7052
Heather Hahn	Public Works	577-6736
Ed Guz	Public Works	577-6183
Donnie Keeney	Maintenance Division	577-6710
Loretta Lopez	Base Property	577-6529
Carlos Albornoz	Environmental	577-6173
Jennifer Kinsey	Contracting/Purchasing	577-6246
Chuck Waters	Transportation Mgmt.	577-6219
CWO Jeffrey L. Clawson	Transportation Mgmt.	577-6994

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cording to Maj. Hugh J. Bettendorf, transport officer for 2nd Marine Division.

It provided training opportunities for the Marines involved that otherwise could not be done, said Bettendorf.

Long distance convoys are not something Marines get to do often, but moving the equipment by rail provides this opportunity.

Usually projects like this one are performed at the Yermo annex of MCLB Barstow. Since the Army was using the railhead for something similar to

this, the Nebo railhead was put back into commission.

Depending on how this operation panned out, the Nebo railhead may be considered for more regular use.

The loading process took about a week and the Marines doing the loading stayed at Barracks 302 on base.

Boll Field was used throughout the week for vehicles to park and wait to be loaded on the rail cars. It housed every vehicle used at the CAX.

Some minor inconveniences occurred because the railcars blocked the main entrance to Warehouse 13, but a back entrance was able to be used by warehouse personnel.

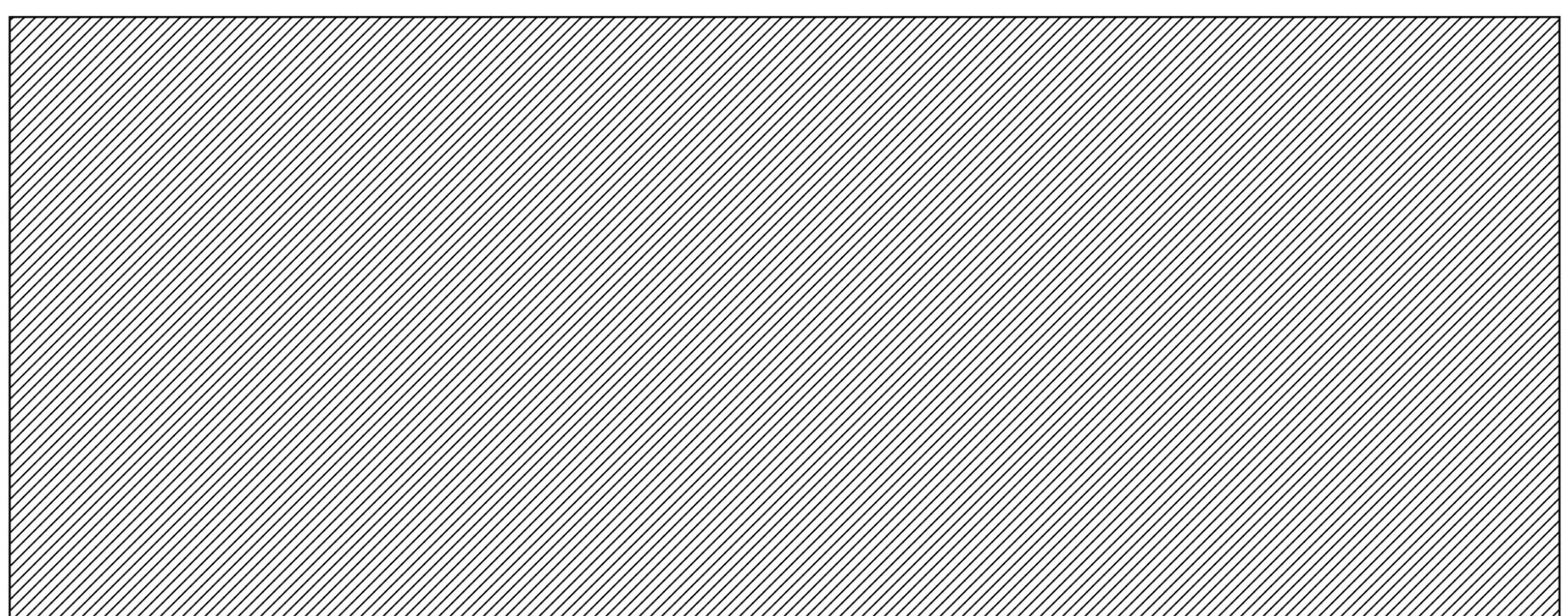




Photo by Cpl. Cory Kelly

Eighth-grader Ashley Moon gives Cpl. Yuh sien Hsieh, Los Angeles, an in-depth brief into the wild world of wind—a world she found through her research to be predictably unpredictable, at least without the proper weather calculation tools.

# Marines judge Science Fairs

## *MCLB Marines step outside the box and take a hands on approach into High Desert Education*

By Cpl. Cory Kelly  
BARSTOW LOG staff

During the last two months, base Marines have been giving High Desert students a peek into the strict standards of the Marine Corps by traveling from school to school judging local science fairs.

To end the parade, participating Marines came out for the Barstow Unified School District Science Fair March 1.

Marines have attended and judged the district event and local science fairs,

along with judges from local agencies, for almost a half a decade.

Marcia Zableckis, district coordinator for the BUSD Science Fairs and eighth-grade science teacher, couldn't express enough what it meant to the children and the schools to have the Marines come out and participate in the events.

"In the past, every school had to find their own judges," said Zableckis. "Now the Marines come out and judge at all the individual schools."

Zableckis noted that often times the old way of doing things meant a lot of headaches and heartburn because of scheduling and other inconveniences.

"It's great now. The Marines are very thorough and very professional. And scheduling is no longer a big problem," she said.

Of the Marines who attended most of the events, Cpl. Mohammed S. Huda, Fleet Support Division, spoke with the most passion about his experiences judging the science fairs.

"We represent the Marine Corps. Getting out there to do things like this lets people know we're concerned about the welfare of the community," Huda said. "And, not only that, but it is just another way for us to let everyone know how much we appreciate the Barstow Community for allowing us to be here."

Cpl. Yuh sien Hsieh, Finance Office, expanded on that with a few words of his own.

"Participating in events like [the BUSD Science Fairs] lets people know we're not here to barge in," he said in an interview.

"We are part of the Community, too."

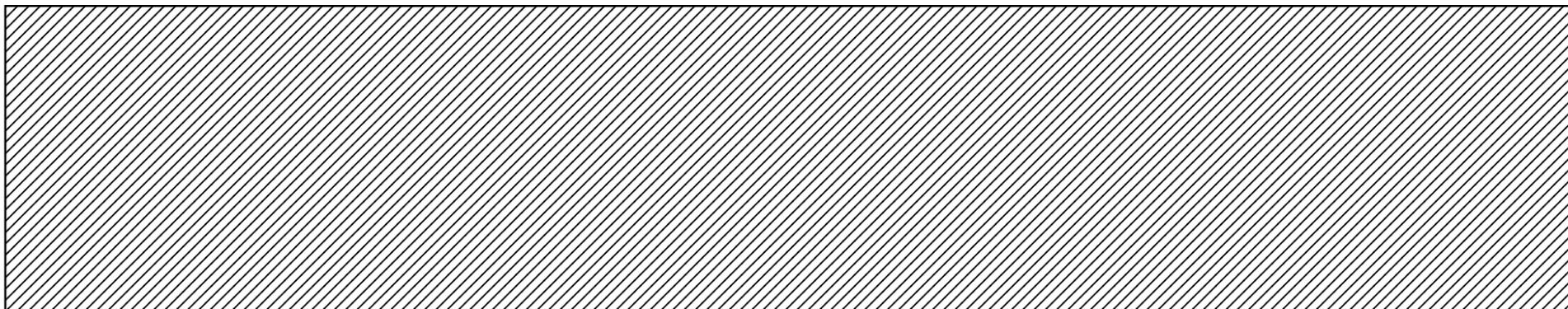
The Marines who participated in the judging of BUSD science fairs were 1st Lts. John K. Norris, Jr., and Bryan R. McClune; Sgt. Jesse A. Williams; Cpls. Marcos A. Ruvalcaba, Cory A. Kelly, Kyran O. Ramcharan, Yuh sien Hsieh and Mohammed S. Huda; LCpls. Gabriel A. Lopez and Israel G. Moreno; and PFC Samuel Reyes, Jr.



Photo by Cpl. Cory Kelly

Seventh grader Anand Padmanabha of Barstow Middle School explains his Life Science project, "How do Plants Respond to Geotropism?" to Lance Cpl.

Gabriel A. Lopez, a Pittsburg, Calif., native. Anand's project won first place at Barstow Unified School District Science Fair March 1.



# AROUND THE CORPS

## Marine Corps unveils non-lethal microwave system

Casualties may become passe in peacekeeping operations thanks to microwave technology.

By Gunnery Sgt. Frank Patterson  
Public Affairs Chief

Suppose there was a war and nobody came? Well, since that is not likely to ever happen, what about a war where no one gets hurt?

Believe it or not, thanks to the Marine Corps and the Air Force, this scenario recently took one major step closer to becoming a reality.

More and more, contemporary military operations are taking place in areas populated by civilians. And when bullets start flying, the untrained civilian is the most likely to get hurt.

Take for instance the recent U.S Army Ranger operation recounted in "Blackhawk Down" where many members of the Army and the highly trained Delta Force lost their lives.

Survivors of the incident recalled firing into a crowd because the enemy used civilians, i.e., women and children, as human shields because they knew the Rangers were reluctant to place those entities in harm's way.

Many casualties on both sides of the conflict could probably have been avoided using the kind of non-lethal technology employed by the VMADS - Vehicle-Mounted Active Denial

System.

The VMADS is a breakthrough non-lethal technology that uses millimeter-wave electromagnetic energy to stop, deter and turn back an advancing adversary from relatively long range. It is expected to save countless lives by providing a way to stop individuals without causing injury, before a deadly confrontation develops.

"Active Denial Technology uses a transmitter to send a narrow beam of energy towards an identified subject. Traveling at the speed of light, the energy reaches the subject and penetrates less than 1/64 of an inch into the skin, quickly heating up the skin's surface. Within seconds, an individual feels an intense heating sensation that stops when the transmitter is shut off or when the individual moves out of the beam," according to a Fact Sheet on the weapon.

"Despite the sensation, the technology does not cause injury because of the low energy levels used. It exploits a natural defense mechanism that helps to protect the human body from damage. The heat-induced sensation caused by this technology, is nearly identical to the sensation experienced by briefly

touching an ordinary light bulb that has been left on for a while. Unlike a light bulb, however, active denial technology will not cause rapid burning, because of the shallow penetration of the beam and the low levels of energy used. The transmitter needs only to be on for a few seconds to cause the sensation."

The Air Force Research Laboratory and the Department of Defense's Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Directorate developed this technology throughout the last 10 years at a cost of nearly \$40 million.

Other organizations and agencies involved in the project include the Air Force Force Protec-

tion Battlelab at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas; the Marine Warfighting Laboratory at Quantico, Virginia; the Air Force Special Operations Command at Hurlburt Field, Florida; and the U.S. Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida.

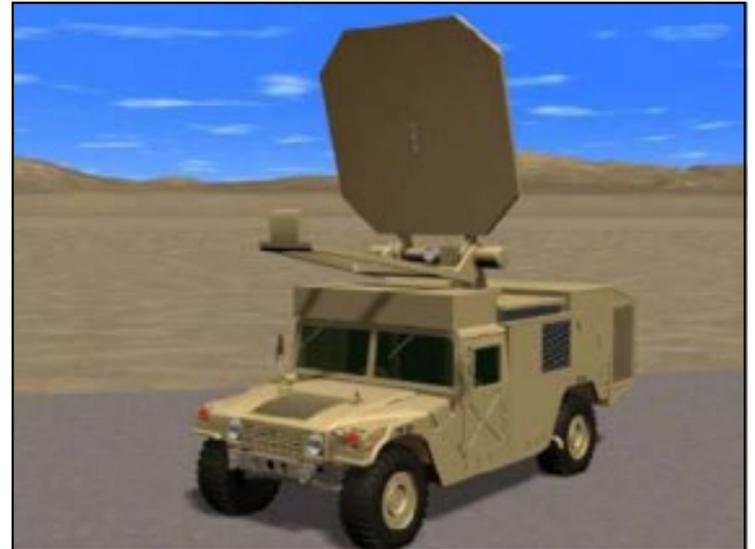


Image courtesy of Headquarters Marine Corps

Artist's conception of the Vehicle-Mounted Active Denial System on a HUMVEE. VMADS uses a beam of energy that, when directed at an adversary, causes a heating sensation without skin damage, quickly repelling the adversary from an area.

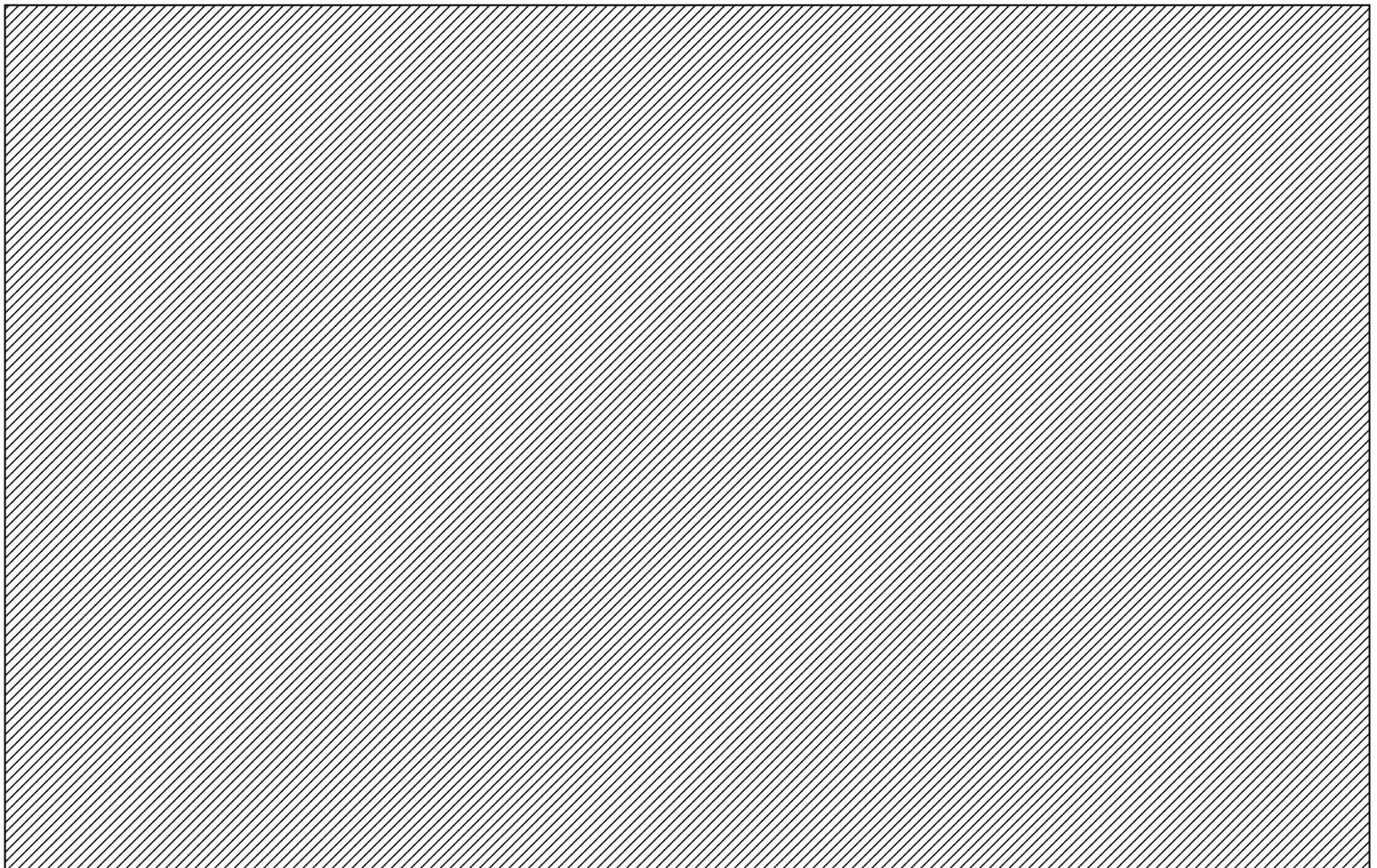




Photo by Cpl. Cory Kelly

The 24-member Silent Drill Platoon shows their unique way of forming for inspection. Every member of the Silent Drill Platoon is a trained "0311" Infantryman, except for one. That Marine is

an "0331" Machine Gunner. The Silent Drill Platoon members are hand-selected out of the Infantry Military Occupational Specialty using strict performance, height and weight standards.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Silent Drill Platoon Inspector Corporal David K. Binkley, from Salt Lake City, flawlessly snatches an M-1 Garand rifle out of mid-air. The 10.5-pound weapon was thrown to him by another member of the Silent Drill Platoon.



Sergeant Michael D. Coleman, Capital Heights, is a member of the United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps. He says they play, because everyone gets involved. He says they are so connected. Aside from several hundred performances, the United States Drum and Bugle Corps also perform in several countries in Europe.

# MCLB Battle Color Ceremony

By Cpl. Cory Kelly  
BARSTOW LOG staff

With a perfected blend of thunder and silence, the United States Drum and Bugle Corps and the Silent Drill Platoon sent more than 1,500 people into explosions of emotion Monday at MCLB's Sorensen Field.

Veterans, friends and family of the Marine Corps, and children from 12 local schools, gathered for the hour-long Battle Color Ceremony.

The ceremony began in silence as the United States Drum and Bugle Corps marched onto the field in their ceremonial scarlet and white uniforms.

Slowly the voice of the crowd died to match the silence on the field, and moments later the silence was no more.

The resonance of baritones and sopranos filled the air as the Drum and Bugle Corps exploded into a uniquely choreographed pageantry of contemporary songs and perfected drill movements.

As the Drum and Bugle Corps portion of the show came to a close, the Silent Drill Platoon took the field and the crowd's attention as well.

The 24-member platoon mesmerized the throngs with the faultless precision of their beautifully orchestrated routine.

The faces of children in the audience strained with fear as the platoon navigated in unison through motions with their M-1 Garand rifles bearing bayonets.

The Silent Drill Platoon marched through each others ranks, without commands, twirling their rifles which, according to Capt. Justin Dunne, parade commander for the Battle Color Detachment, "... pass within inches of each other.

"The entire sequence is memorized on a set cadence," he noted.

Marines in the Silent Drill Platoon, train for four months annually to perfect the drill movements.

The platoon's turnover rate is almost 50 percent annually, because the regimen is so hard on the body.

Dunne, a Pound Ridge, N.Y., native, explained the platoon begins training every year in November at the Silent Drill Platoon's home in Washington, D.C.

They train for three months there before packing off to Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., for four more weeks of training before beginning their West Coast tour in March.

Members of the platoon are selected using strict height and weight standards, as well as other determining factors, from the Marine Corps Schools of Infantry at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Although only 24 Marines take the field at each event the platoon retains a total of 40 to participate in performances.

"We try to [recruit] 35 to 50 Marines annually [for training in November]," Dunne said. Of the lot recruited every year, he said, "we keep 15 to 20."

The Drum and Bugle Corps works a little differently. More often than not, potential members of the Drum and Bugle Corps try out before they go to boot camp.

Dunne said, "If they're accepted, they go through Marine Corps training, and then are assigned to the Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C."

After the West Coast tour, the Silent Drill Platoon and the Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps will return to the East Coast for the parade season.

The Drum and Bugle Corps performs hundreds of times a year, traveling up to 50,000 miles annually, touching almost every state and various countries around the world.

The parade commander said the pride, esprit de corps and dedication his Marines share, "works on the parade field – and on the battle field."



Photo by Cpl. Cory Kelly

More than 1,500 people attended the Battle Colors Ceremony Monday. Among the throng were 61 veterans from the Veterans Home of California – Barstow and children from 12 area schools.



Photo by Cpl. Cory Kelly

Md., is the second soprano section leader for Coleman said Barstow is one the best places it is nice to see the community and the base performances each year in the United States, the internationally. Last year they toured several



Photo by Cpl. Cory Kelly

In the heat of their performance they produce more sound than an artillery barrage, a Harrier, and almost anything else one might imagine, except for maybe a passover by an F/A-18 Hornet. Members of the Corps know this because they spend four weeks at the beginning of every year practicing at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz. Mem-

bers of the United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, known as, "The Commandant's Own." play a selection from their program, "Music in Motion." The DBC has grown from a small group of drummers and fifiers who served during the Revolutionary War. The unit grew and served until 1934, when the official Drum and Bugle Corps was formed.



By Jim Gaines  
MCCS Publicity

**Weekly Lunch Menu**

*Today* - Mushroom-stuffed chicken.

*Friday* - Hoki fish.

*Monday* - Swedish meatballs.

*Tuesday* - Lemon pepper steak.

*Wednesday* - Fajita Beef & chicken.

*Thursday* - Prime rib.

Lunch price is \$3 military, \$4.50 civilian. A la carte and sub sandwich menus are also available for lunch as a substitute or in addition.

Lunch is served Monday-Friday at the Family Restaurant, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and at the Cactus Cafe, 10:30 a.m.-noon.

**Family Night Dinner Menu**

*Tonight* - Western Night.

*Next Thursday* - Italian Night.

Family Night dinners are served Thursday evenings at the Family Restaurant, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Prices: (military and civilian) \$4.50 adults, \$2.50 children (5-11 years), children 4 years and under are free. Everyone is welcome.

**Aerobics Classes**

Get in shape. Summer is not far away, and you want to look your best. Two classes are available:

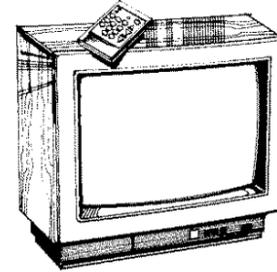
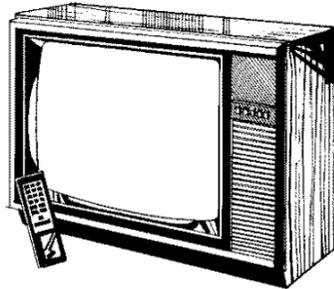
Gina Galbraith's class: Monday-Thursday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per month or a \$2 walk-in fee.

Stephanie Jeffery's class: Monday-Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per month or a \$2 walk in fee.

For details on the above classes call 577-6898.

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# Spring Super Sale



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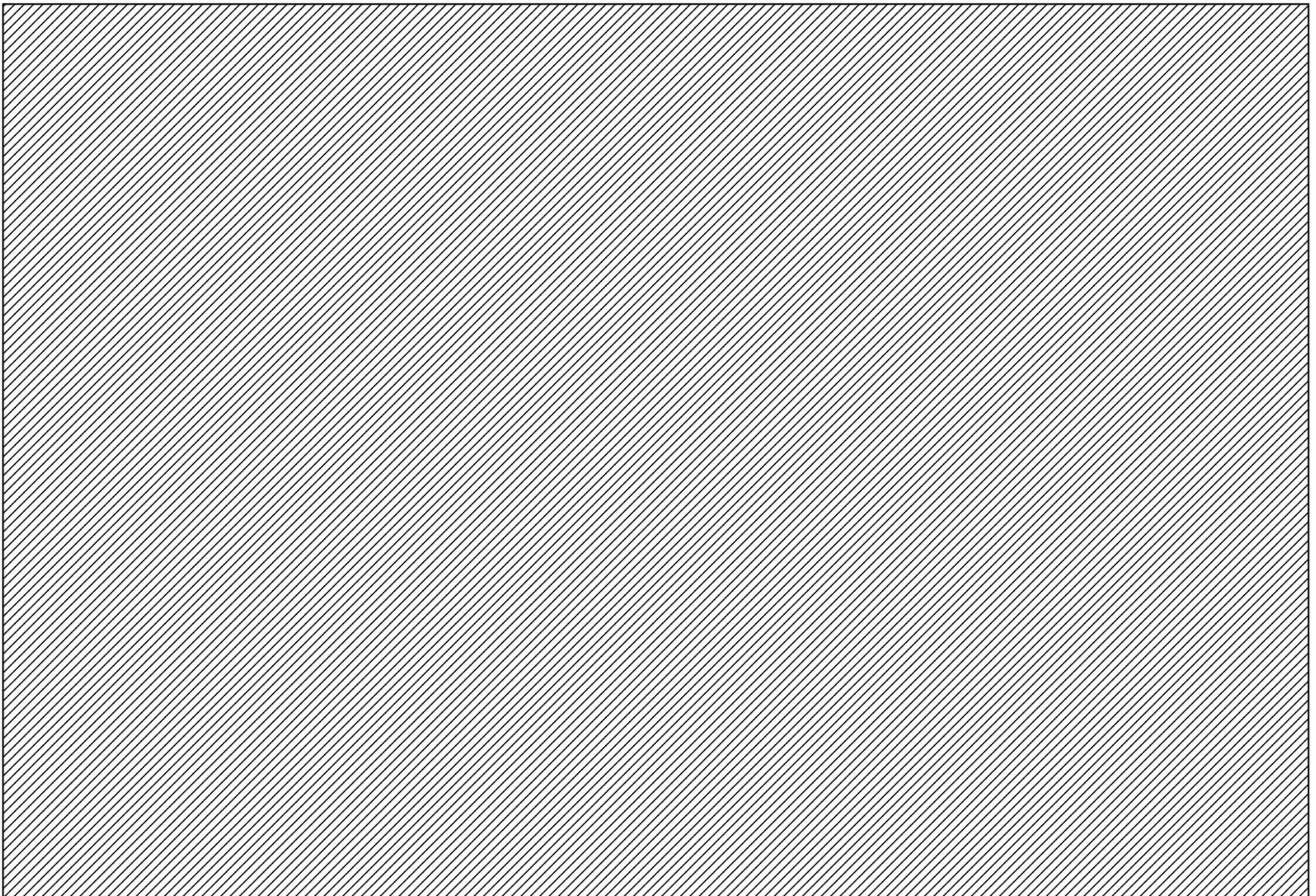
**RCA 32" PIP TV**  
**\$479.<sup>99</sup>**

**JVC 27" TV**  
**\$279.<sup>99</sup>**

## MCLB EXCHANGE

The Exchange/7-Day Store is open Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Call 256-8974 for details. The Railhead Exchange at the Yermo Annex is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., closed Saturday and Sunday. During troop rotation the Railhead Exchange is open Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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**Oasis Club Open Thursdays**

The Oasis Club is now open Thursdays at 4 p.m with emphasis on the military club members. Friday night (Family Night) remains the same, starting at 4 p.m.

The club is open for the monthly Social Night the first Friday of each month.

For more information call 577-6432.

**Th' Wearin' o' th' Green**

That's right; wear something green on St. Patrick's Day, and you can bowl for only 50 cents a game, and the shoe rentals are free.

You can bowl any other time this month for only 75 cents a game for adults, and children can bowl three games for a \$1. All shoe rentals are just 50 cents.

You can't beat a deal like that. Come on down to the Bowling Center and have some fun.

The Bowling Center is open Wednesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. It is closed Monday and Tuesday.

Call 577-6264 for more information.

**Learn to Golf**

Spring is a matter of days away, and it is a perfect time to be out on the greens playing this wonderful sport.

Let Tees & Trees Golf Course's golf professional, Oscar Valenzuela, teach you the rudiments of the game or help improve your game.

Lessons are available six days a week. The cost is \$15 adult, \$10 youth.

Call Tees & Trees at 577-6431 for more information. Tees & Trees Golf

Course is open Monday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and Tuesday-Sunday, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Spring and the Outdoors**

With Spring almost here, you may be thinking of enjoying the great outdoors up close - going camping in the nearby mountains.

If that is your plan then here is some good news: The Equipment Issue Room at the Base Gym has all sorts of camping equipment you can check out for free.

Check out camping tents, sleeping bags, rechargeable lanterns, camping stoves, backpacks with frames, and the list goes on. Drop by and see all that's available.

The Equipment Issue Room in the Base Gym is open Monday-Friday, 5 a.m.-9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 577-6898 for more information.

**SeaWorld Unlimited Passes**

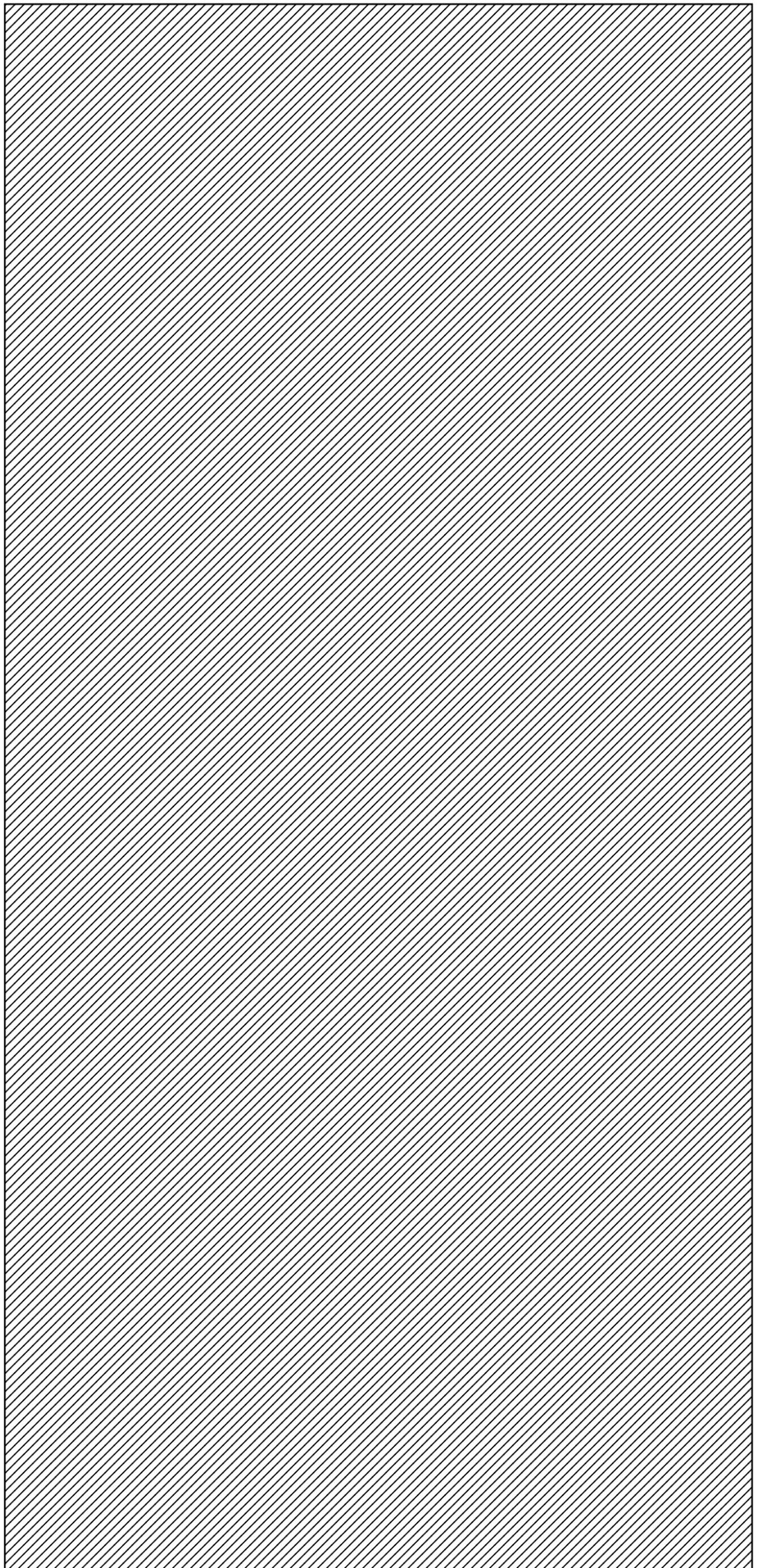
ITT has new SeaWorld unlimited passes which are good for the rest of 2001 (with a few holidays blocked out). The cost is \$42 adult, \$32 children.

These unlimited passes must be validated by March 31.

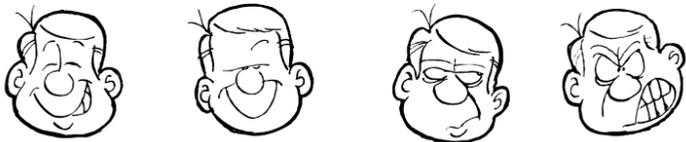
ITT also has regular daily SeaWorld tickets for \$34.75 adults, \$26.75 children.

For more information on these or any other ITT tickets, passes or trips, drop by ITT. It is located in the Bowling Center or call them at 577-6541.

ITT is open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., and closed Saturday and Sunday. You can also pick up your tickets after hours at the Bowling Center Wednesday-Friday, 4-6:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. The Bowling Center phone number is 577-6264.



**WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?**



MCCS has a Hot Line phone number you can call to voice your comment, suggestion or complaint regarding MCCS services, products or operations.

This is an automated phone, simply leave your message on the recording. You don't have to give your name if you don't wish. Your concern will be reviewed by MCCS, and taken into consideration in the planning and review of our services to you, our patrons.

We value your patronage, and sincerely desire to hear your concerns. We urge you to make use of this Hot Line whenever you need to let us know when we're doing something you like or something you dislike ... and we're always open to suggestions and comments. Let us hear from you.



**MCCS HOT LINE  
577-6968**

# SPORTS

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Sports Program Expands

Headquarters Marine Corps is providing funding for three additional All-Marine teams this year and will add additional sports in the future.

The new All-Marine teams for 2001 are the All-Marine Skeet Team, All-Marine Ironman Hawaii team and the All-Marine Ultra Distance team. Events supported last year include powerlifting, bicycle motocross racing, fencing and rodeo.

The All-Marine Skeet team will compete in the Armed Forces and World Skeet Shooting Championships.

The All-Marine Ironman team will compete in the Hawaii Ironman Championships.

The All-Marine Ultra Distance team will compete in the John F. Kennedy 50-mile Run in Washington, D.C.

Competitors in all events will be chosen by resume. Marines should be nationally ranked in the event for which they are applying. Marines exhibiting great potential in the sport but do not have a national ranking are not precluded from submitting a resume. They will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

### All-Marine Skeet Team

Semper Fit seeks resumes from Marines who wish to participate in the Armed Forces Skeet Team Championships in Phoenix, Ariz., May 10-19. A five-man All-Marine team will be selected to compete. Entrants must be National Skeet Shooting Association members and classified in 12-, 20-, 28- and .410-gauge with a minimum of 500 targets per gauge.

Submit resumes to the Semper Fit officer by March 26 in accordance with Marine Corps Order P1700.29. Resumes must contain a command endorsement stating the Marine will be available to attend the championship.

### English Half-Marathon

Semper Fit seeks resumes of Marines interested in running against the Royal Marines/Royal Navy at the Torbay Half-Marathon, June 18-27, in Devon County, Newton Abbot, England.

The All-Marine team will be comprised of four men and two women.

Submit resumes to the Semper Fit officer by April 2 in accordance with Marine Corps Order P1700.29. Resumes must contain a command endorsement stating the Marine will be available to attend the championship. Resumes must also list dates, places and finish times of 15K, 10K, 10-milers and half-marathons which have been run in the past two years.

# Baseball signals start of Spring in writer's mind, body, soul, spirit

By Lance Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

BARSTOW LOG staff

Spring is in the air.

What does spring smell like anyway? When I was growing up, spring smelt of the crispness of a Saturday morning.

My uniform, just coming out of the wash, had that distinct fabric softener scent as I put it on carefully, making sure it looked just right.

As I got to the ballpark, I could smell the freshly mowed outfield and the dust rising off the dirt infield.

After warming up I could smell the sweaty leather aroma from my baseball glove.

I cherished playing Little League baseball. It is what I lived for as school drew to a close.

I played on a couple of teams as a child. When I was 10, I played for the Blue Jays. We went undefeated with Todd Gibson, the coach's son, and

me as the pitchers. I had a distinct advantage because I was left-handed and for most 10 year olds, left-handers were hard to hit.

When I turned 11, I moved up to the next level and played for the Angels. That is back when the Major League team was the California Angels, not the Anaheim Angels, and their uniforms were not utterly atrocious.

We won the league two out of the three years I was on the team. My last year we were 16-0.

I remember those days like they were yesterday.

I fell in love with baseball at an early age. My parents say that when I was two years old, we would watch the Atlanta Braves on television, and I would cry if they turned the channel.

I guess I was a fan from the womb. As soon as I came home from the hospital, I had a Little Slugger baby hat.

As every spring rolls around, I watch Spring Training with anticipation of the beginning of April. Opening Day is truly one of the best days of the year.

I went to an Opening Day game at Comiskey Park to watch the Chicago White Sox host the New York Yankees. It was Bo Jackson's first game back since he dislocated his hip playing football for the Los Angeles Raiders.

He had been out of action for quite some time, and his return to professional sports was greatly anticipated.

He came in the game as a pinch hitter and hit a home run. It

is one of my favorite memories.

Just going to the stadium is awe-inspiring.

I remember the first time I walked into Wrigley Field in Chicago. It was one of the most beautiful sites I have ever seen. In the middle of a busy city sat this little piece of heaven. As I came out of the dark tunnel leading to the stands, I saw the ivy on the outfield wall and the picturesque green grass.

I have seen some great people play in person.

I can always say I have seen Sammy Sosa play, as well as Mark McGwire, and Cal Ripken, Jr. in person. All are true Hall of Fame candidates when their playing days are over.

Some say I live vicariously through these players, and they are right. They act like it is pathetic though, and that is where they are wrong.

Baseball gives me a break from life, if just for the couple of hours a game typically lasts.

So I'm addicted to baseball, big deal. At least I don't deny it.

I would give my right arm (I couldn't give my left because I throw with that one) to play one inning of a major league game.

Just getting to the next level of play is hard enough.

My brother is a pitcher for a college team in Arkansas. It is a small college, but a college nonetheless. I feel extremely

proud knowing he plays college baseball. It is a dream I never could fulfill.

Baseball is truly America's pastime. It is what created a very special bond between my father and me. Many times he took my brother and me to the park to throw and for batting practice. I don't know of anything I remember better than those moments.

Baseball is a thinking man's game. With every pitch, a new situation arises that calls for action and reaction. It is the only American game where the defense has the ball. The game is not governed by time - each team gets a fair chance.

Baseball is a game you can watch while having a conversation, and not miss anything.

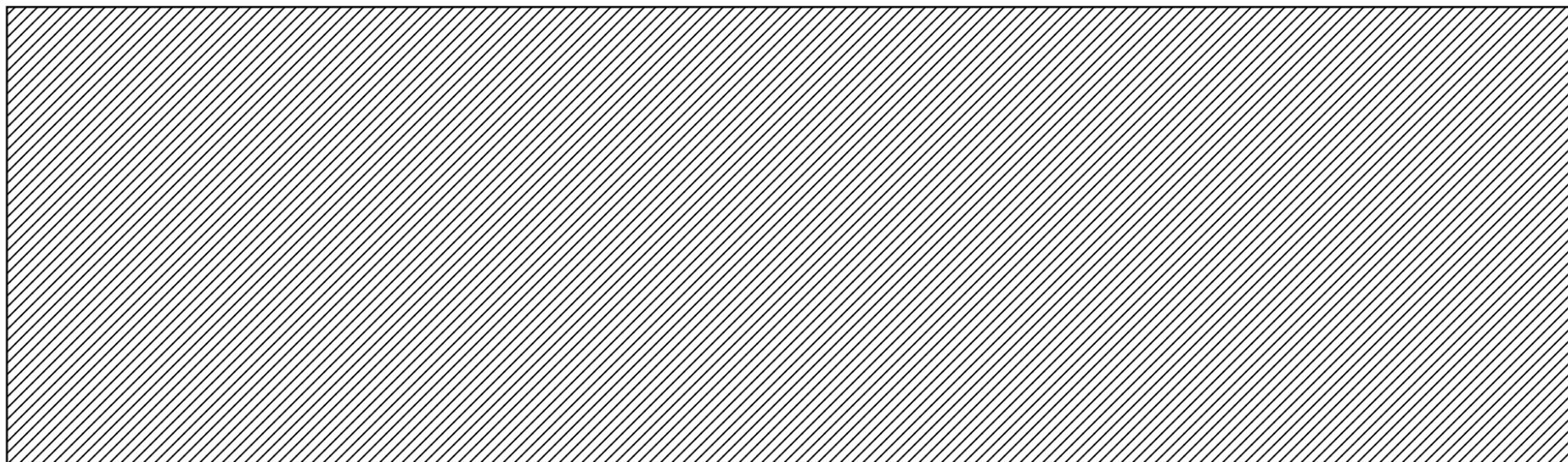
I am getting all emotional just thinking about the upcoming season. I can't wait to go to the ballpark and see the boys of summer at play. Even Little League is fun to watch.

There is something about baseball. It soothes my soul. I can smell it already.

Spring is in the air.

**"Baseball gives me a break from life, if just for the couple of hours a game typically lasts."**

- Lance Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt



## Fire douses FSC in 'shootout'

By Lance Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt  
BARSTOW LOG staff

If missed shots are called bricks, then both of these teams were certified masons in their game Monday night in which Fire beat FSC 47-20.

Greg Breiner led Fire to victory with a team high 11 points. The game started out with Fire taking a 3-2 lead. The game continued with Fire holding that 3-2 lead. It went on some more and still Fire was up 3-2.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Anthony Bledsoe, Fire, shoots for three in the second half of their game with FSC. Fire won the game handily 47-20.

Just when it seemed like the final score was going to be 3-2, Fire added a bucket to take a blistering 5-2 lead with 10:56 left in the first half.

After that Fire added five more points in a row which equated to dropping 20 straight points in this game. With a 10-2 lead, Fire seemed poised to take over the game with their "outstanding" shooting.

Finally FSC broke the lid covering their basket and started trading buckets with Fire. The score was 18-9 when Fire put the game away for good by scoring nine straight points to end the half. Fire led 27-9 after both teams shot the lights out in the first half.

Included in the first half were two air balls by Luke Ratcliff from outside, which actually helped FSC's shooting percentage since the ball has to hit the basket apparatus to count as shot attempt. Also FSC finished the half with nine points and six team fouls. Unofficially they had more turnovers than their points and fouls combined.

The second half continued with the same high quality play as the first half. Dennis Owen added two air balls of his own for FSC. Brian McClune added to the fun by virtually tackling a Fire player to get the ball.

Craig Posey of Fire made sure FSC knew the game was over by throwing down a dunk to open the second half.

Then another scoring drought started. After Fire scored five second half points and FSC added four, the scoring stalled at 33-13 until 9:47 in the second half. Paint dries quicker than they were scoring. Finally Posey knocked down a lay-up and got fouled in the process to unfreeze the scoreboard. Holding true to the games theme, Posey missed the free throw.

FSC did have a second half highlight. Peter Parker hit a three-pointer to give FSC 20 points. That's right, they reach the 20-point plateau.

The game ended mercifully at 47-20, giving Fire a much needed win.

Posey added 10 for Fire while McClune and Tigree Thomas both had six for FSC.

## Comm outlasts Officers

By Lance Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt  
BARSTOW LOG staff

Comm barely hung on to escape with victory over the Officers 47-40 Monday night in intramural basketball action.

Walter Olenderski scored 13 to lead the way for Comm. Comm was without the two top scorers in the league for the second time this season. The first time they lost to the Clinic.

The Officers had no such luck as Comm rallied around Olenderski, their center, to put the game away.

The first half proved to be an even battle as Comm and the Officers traded point after point.

Comm was up 20-18 when it seemed they might lose control of the game. Bryce Catlett was called for carrying the ball. He disagreed with the call and received a technical foul.

The Officers missed both free throws, but they scored on the ensuing possession to tie the game.

Comm added four points to end the half and escape with a 24-20 halftime lead.

The second half was more of the same as the Officers just would not die.

The game remained close going into the final minutes. The Officers started getting into foul trouble as Paul Zacharzuck fouled out and their center, Leroy Fearon, picked up his fourth.

Comm attacked the weakened middle by driving to the hole. Catlett and Quentin Jackson both made lay-ups and earned trips to the foul line late in the game.

Comm was able to use this to pressure the Officers into fouling late in the game hoping to mount a comeback.

Knowing they were going to get fouled, Comm broke the Officer's press and scored two easy baskets at the end of the game to pad their lead. The game ended with Comm pulling out a close one 47-40.

Jackson added 11 and Catlett had 10 points for Comm. Brian McClune led the Officers with 15 points and Fearon had nine. Zacharzuck also added eight points in a losing effort.

## First Place slump continues against PMO

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PMO handed First Place their second loss of the season 61-41 Monday night at the base gym.

Travis Dilk and Jason Grimes both had 18 points to pace PMO to victory.

PMO started the game like they were going to take it to First Place. After establishing a 6-1 lead though, First Place came right back to tie.

PMO wasn't scared as they answered right back with six straight points. PMO kept expanding their lead to nine at 17-8 and had First Place on the ropes early.

PMO could not be shaken as they had all the bounces fall their way.

On one play, Dilk was freed for a wide-open lay-up. He lost control of the ball momentarily, got it back and jumped to put it in for two. When he got in the air though, it seemed he couldn't make up his mind with what to do with the ball. He let go of it only for it to barely graze the rim. Michael Budabinmquown was in the right place at the right time to clean up the play and lay the ball in.

Dilk laughed about the play and came by the scorer's table to give out "high-fives" for his efforts.

Later in the game, James Daly, Jr., grabbed a rebound close to his own basket. He put up what was supposed to be an easy shot only to watch it go very short. Right there again was a PMO teammate to catch the ball and lay it off the glass for two. Daly got an unusual assist on that play.

First Place however, crawled back into the game and was only down six at halftime with the

score 25-19.

Both teams started the second half scoring quick. With the score 34-29 in favor of PMO, Grimes caught a pass on the block and went up for an apparent lay-up. He surprised everyone in the gym by showing off his leaping ability and slamming it home over two First Place players.

First Place closed the lead to six again at 38-32, but watched PMO extend the lead to 10 at 43-33.

From there PMO went on an 8-1 run to take a commanding 51-34 lead. That is when the fun started.

Dilk had an amazing sequence when he pulled a Larry Bird by following his own missed shot, catching the ball in mid-air and in one fluid motion, putting it back in for two.

When First Place brought the ball down the court Dilk held his position and took a charge.

As PMO got fired up, a fracas ensued. While Dilk was still on the ground from taking the charge, a First Place player threw the ball at Dilk. The player received a technical foul for his actions.

Dilk took offense to the actions and got in the player's face and had to be restrained by his teammates. Dilk also received a technical foul.

Both benches poured out on the court, and the referees took over and straightened things out.

When play resumed, First Place was out of sync. They had three consecutive travelling calls at the end of the game killing any chances of a comeback. Grimes sealed First Place's fate with a slam dunk.

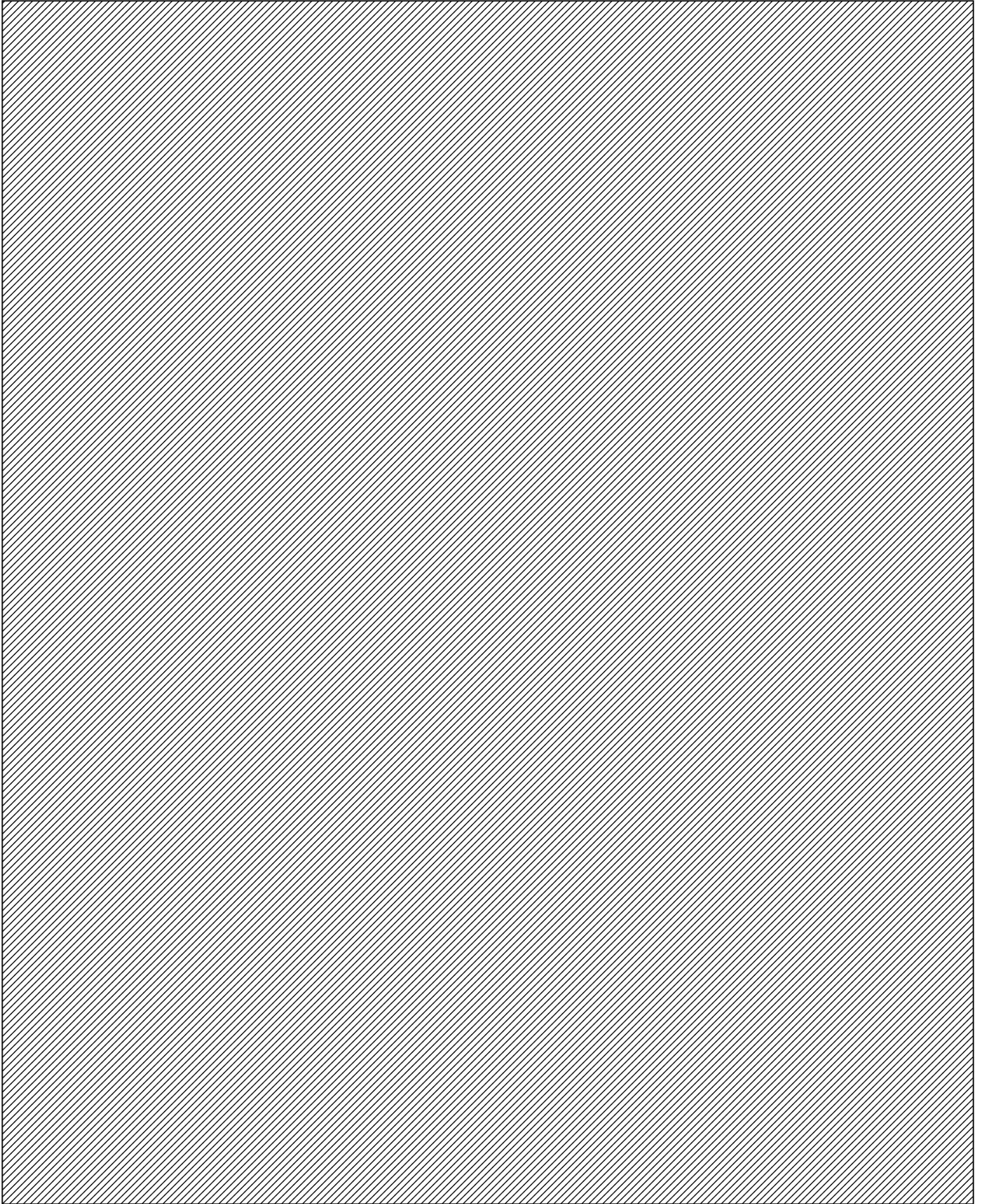
Budabinmquown added 12 points for PMO.

Marcus Jones had nine points and Chris Smalls added eight for First Place.



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Jason Grimes, PMO, surprises everyone including his teammate Travis Dilk, lower right, by slamming home two points against First Place.



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