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Photo by Cpl. Joseph Lee

FINDERS KEEPERS: Stephen Parrish, the son of Army Capt. Stephen Parrish Sr., pops open an egg to see what he got. Stephen was one of many children participating in the base Easter egg hunt Friday at the playground located on Cape Gloucester.

Children enjoy base Easter Egg Hunt

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
BARSTOW LOG staff

the physical security/crime prevention office.

The Easter Egg Hunt has become an annual event for the base.

"It is a continued tradition we have here for the children of MCLB Barstow," said Meeden.

The egg hunt was divided by age groups. The three children with the most eggs in the 1-4 age group received Easter baskets, and the child with the most eggs in the 5-9 and 10-13 age groups each received Easter baskets.

"This year I was able to get more Easter baskets, so I was able to give three to the youngest age group," said Meeden.

An Easter Egg Hunt was held Friday at the playground at the end of Cape Gloucester here, for all the children aboard the base.

The event brought out the youthful faces of children ages 1 to 13, who scoured the playground, looking for eggs to put in their baskets. The MCLB physical security/crime prevention office and fire department coordinated the event.

"We do the Easter Egg Hunt every year as part of our crime prevention program," said Sgt. David Meeden, who works in

The baskets were partially donated by a local business and the eggs were bought with base funds.

"Wal-Mart donated \$50 to the baskets this year," said Meeden. "The eggs were purchased through MCLB, who funds the event every year."

Meeden said he has enjoyed putting on the event every year since he has been here. He said he gets enjoyment out of seeing the youth of the base have a good time.

"It was a lot of effort that went into a few minutes of fun and enjoyment for the kids, but

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Exam scams

Some college-level testing prep packages selling headaches, not cure alls

By Rob L. Jackson

BARSTOW LOG staff

Seems like everyday some for-profit company is offering a seemingly great deal that can save time, money and the headaches of preparing to take a College Level Examination Program or other college preparatory test – don't believe it.

Some of these companies are legitimate while others make promises they cannot keep and sell products and services that aren't needed.

Two people from MCLB Barstow have already been conned out of their money to a tune of \$2,700 because of the most recent scams, according to according to MCLB's education officer.

Recently the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support and several of the national testing programs such as the CLEP, Chauncey Group International, and Excelsior College have received numerous complaints regarding test preparation companies selling highly questionable products and services.

Before investing hundreds or thousands of dollars for these preparation programs, beware of:

- Attempts to sell prep services for many tests at once, with payment up front or on credit.

- Credit arrangements with a company other than the one selling the prep service.

- Direct sales contact at home.

- Promises of college credit without enrolling in college.

- Book lists that include dictionaries or encyclopedias.

Before buying any test prep service, contact the Lifelong Learning Education Service Officer at 577-6118. Numerous free and low-cost test preparation alternatives are available at the Lifelong Library and Research Center in Building 218, or through local used college textbook stores.

"You have to be careful of the company you're dealing with," said Francis Villeme, MCLB Barstow's education officer.

"If the company you're dealing with starts pitching a high-pressure sale saying 'you have to do this now,' tell them you need to sleep on it," said Maj. Brent Cherry, Staff Judge Advocate.

The next step is to gather all the information and make an appointment with legal assistance, by calling 577-6874, to get advice and have the company offering this great deal checked out.

There are also several Web sites available for information regarding recent scams. They are: The College Board at <http://www.collegeboard.com>, DoD Volunteer Education Program at <http://www.voled.doded.mil>, and the Federal Trade Commission's website <http://www.ftc.gov>.

A glimpse of the future: *Technology that takes the prefix off of the word 'disability'*

By Randy Meyer
Office of the Comptroller

A glimpse of the future was given to the base's Disabled Employee Awareness Program committee members at the 17th Annual International "Technology and Persons with Disabilities" conference in Los Angeles on March 21.

Vendors from all over the world came to display work-assistive technology that helps disabled employees improve their productivity.

Imagine replacing your computer with a pair of oversize glasses that has a

small microphone attached. The glasses are designed to stimulate a monitor that adjusts to your vision capacity, and the microphone allows you to vocally enter your commands or work directly into the computer.

Such technology helps a visually or mobility-impaired employee to work more efficiently.

Imagine a video camera so small that it fits on top of a microphone and broadcasts the images of a speaker's lips to a hand-held monitor, so a hearing-impaired employee can read the lips of the speaker.

Imagine being blind and having a

computer vocally read your work as you edit and proofread the words it translates into Braille in a specially designed glove.

Imagine logging onto your computer by simply pressing your thumb on your monitor and having the network recognize you and allow you in.

Or teleconferences in 3-D technology for disabled employees to work out of their homes.

No, this writer isn't watching too many Star Trek reruns but actually saw such technology being demonstrated, and in some cases readily available for the disabled employee in use in the

workplace.

The Department of Defense originally sponsored the Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program in 1990. Its mission was to provide assistive technology and accommodations to ensure people with disabilities have equal access to the information environment and opportunities in the Department of Defense.

The program proved to be so successful that in October 2000 CAP became a federal government centrally funded accommodation program for all federal employees. Furthermore, in June 2001 President Bush directed

CAP to work with the Social Security Administration in providing accommodations for Disabled Social Security recipients to put them in the workplace.

Dinah Cohen, director of CAP, stated at the conference, "Our mission is simple, we will buy it, we will pay for it and we will get it to you."

Accommodations will not cost the employer and employee anything; CAP will pay for it all.

CAP goes one step further; it also

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Carrying out the intent

By Lt. Cmdr. Elmon R. Krupnik
Base Chaplain



The last couple of weeks MCLB has been visited by military and civilian dignitaries.

These visits are an acknowledgment of the great value the base and the Barstow community has in our national defense. One of our visitors addressed the officers about his desire to have his intent and purpose as a leader carried out at all levels in his command, both military and civilian.

We also have just completed religious holidays that have given God's intent and purpose for us spiritually.

Are we as individuals and as a community carrying out God's intent and purpose?

The religious holidays that we have just celebrated express God's desire for us to be free from bondage, both physically and spiritually. The intent from God is for us to take that message and make it a part of all that we do in our lives.

Our response can be found in a parable that Jesus told.

In Matthew 21:28-31 we read, "What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.'

"I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

"Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing.

"He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did what his father wanted? 'The first,' they answered."

The first son appeared to be disrespectful but actually went and carried out the intent and purpose of the father and, by his actions of service, was actually respectful of his father's command.

The second son, although appearing to be respectful, was disrespectful of his father's command by not carrying out the intent and purpose of his father.

We make daily choices about carrying out God's intent and purpose.

If you are like me, many times I will say "no", but after the Spirit of God helps me think about it, I say "yes" by my actions.

Let us do our best this week by saying "yes" to God as His Spirit leads us.

Blessings to all,
Chaplain Krupnik

Just doing my job ...



Photo by Cpl. Cory Kelly

Clarence R. Green, computer specialist, delves into the interworkings of a malfunctioning printer in Building 15. Green has been working in civil service for 15 years, first as a welder, then as a painter and now in his current position fixing the ominous "blue screens of death" that plague Window's workers. He noted that his position now is by far the cleanest job of the three.

Chapel Services

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

Confession services before Mass

Catholic Rosary

First Saturday of every month.
3 p.m. at the Base Chapel.

For more info call 577-6849.

Nebo Bible Study

Wednesday Noon-1:30 p.m.
At the Chapel Office.

For more info call 577-6849.



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Sprint Triathlon

The 4th Annual Sprint Triathlon will be held at Fort Irwin April 28, at noon. Registration for the event starts at 11 a.m. at the Troop Pool, Bldg. 325. The events are a 200-meter pool swim, a 10-mile bike ride and a two-mile run. Participants can perform as a team or as an individual. For more information, call (760) 380-3046.

Earth Day

The Environmental Division of MCLB is having an Earth Day event April 18, at the McKinney Youth Center from 1 to 4 p.m.

The County of Los Angeles Depart-

ment of Parks and Recreation/Devil's Punchbowl Natural Area will bring wildlife to show at the event.

In addition to the animal exhibit, the Environmental Division will have literature to give away to the public.

For more information, call Elizabeth Sena at 577-6839.

Disney honors Armed Forces

Disney's Armed Forces Salute Program honors the men and women in active military who are fighting for freedom today by offering complimentary seven-day admission into Disney's United States theme parks, as well as ticket dis-

counts for family members and friends until April 30, 2002, by all four of the Walt Disney World Resorts – Orlando, Florida, Anaheim, Calif., Paris, France, and Tokyo, Japan.

Honored men and women will also receive a packet of special offer tickets.

The complimentary seven-day admissions passes and special offer tickets can be obtained only at the four Walt Disney World Theme Park ticket windows.

These tickets cannot be obtained at Shades of Green or military base ticket offices.

For more information about tickets for shows or other theme parks call the Information Ticket and Travel office, 577-6541.

Twilight League

The Tees & Trees Golf Course is starting a twilight league April 9 at 4 p.m. The entry fee is \$20. Sign up at the Golf Course.

Barstow Head Start Day Care

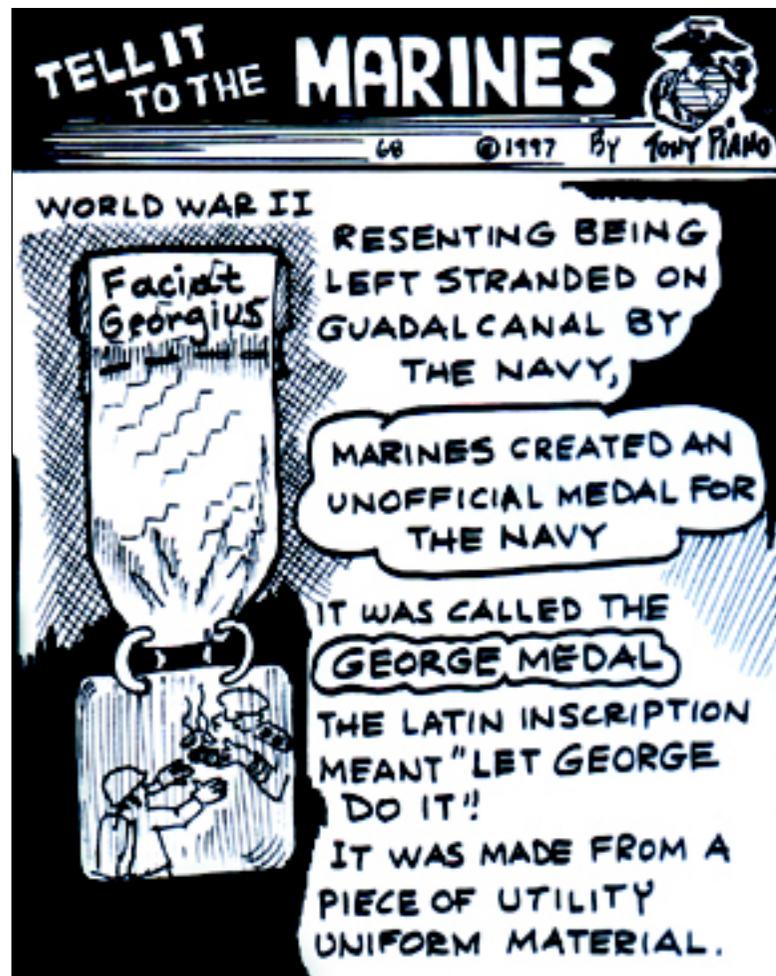
Barstow Head Start is a free comprehensive child development program available to low-income families, families receiving CalWORKS/TANF and children with special needs. They are now accepting applications for children 3 and 4 years-old.

Barstow Head Start serves families regardless of citizenship status, children of domestic violence, and foster children.

To enroll a child, parents or guardians must provide, verification of birth, immunization record, and verification of income. For more information, call Lucille Stanson at 253-2957.

OU offering master's

The Marine Corps and the University of Oklahoma have developed an agreement to provide Master of Business Administration degrees through Cameron University to the Marine Corps. This agreement allows OU to use the Marine Corps Satellite Education Network to offer classes to Marines stationed at 19 bases worldwide.



Cameron University's M.B.A. is currently offered in Europe and provides military students the opportunity to obtain their degree in an intensive format that fits their active duty schedule.

The M.B.A. is a 33 credit hour program, providing students resident credit and is regionally accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and nationally accredited by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs. Courses will begin on the East Coast and West Coast within one year.

Changes to airline travel

The President recently signed into law the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002. Section 1116 of this law authorizes military members and government employees to retain promotional items earned on official travel.

This includes frequent traveler benefits such as points or miles, upgrades or membership/access to carrier clubs or facilities. Promotional items such as frequent flyer miles may be used for personal travel, regardless of when the mileage was accrued.

Troops to Teachers

The Department of Defense is resurrecting the Troops to Teachers Program, which gives retiring or separating service members a chance to become teachers.

Servicemembers who are retiring or separating after six years of service will receive a \$5,000 stipend to help pay the cost of receiving a Teacher Certifi-

cate Program.

Participants who decide to teach in a high needs school district will receive a \$10,000 bonus instead of the stipend. A high needs district is defined as more than 50 percent of the students come from low-income families.

Participants in the program must teach at least three years. For more information, visit the base education office in Bldg. 302.

MECEP program

The MECEP Program is now accepting applications from enlisted Marines who are interested in becoming officers.

The program gives the Marine a chance to go to college while on active duty status and receive a degree. The Marine will then go to Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Va. after completing a degree.

For more information about the program, contact 2nd Lt. Casey Taylor, the base adjutant at 577-6155.

BOOST program

The BOOST program is now accepting applications from enlisted Marines who want to become officers, but need educational enhancement before enrolling in college. BOOST is a demanding 10-month academic improvement course, which prepares Marines for the rigors of a college level education.

Once the course is completed, BOOST members will go on to college to receive their degree and then be commissioned as officers in the Ma-

N/MC Relief Society

The society's fund drive closes out on April 12, so there is plenty of time left for contributions.

For answers to any questions re-

garding this year's event contact Ed Guz at 577-6183 or contact a unit representative from the following list:

Name	Office	Phone
Bertie Dailey	Public Affairs	577-6430
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Gunnery Sgt. Norman A. Tuzon	C & P	577-6506
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Carlos Alborno	Environmental	577-6173
Ed Guz	Public Works	577-6183
Gunnery Sgt. Bruce Raymond	HqBn	577-6364
Brenda German	MCB	577-7139
Staff Sgt. Ronald Johnson	FSDB	577-7774

With just a few more days remaining before the end of the annual Navy/Marine Corps Relief fund drive, activities are still

going full stride to support the event.

Here are some activities on tap to close the end of the fund drive:

Cow Pasture Pool

A Cow Pasture Pool Desert Terrain Golf tourney is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at the MCLB Stables.

For details contact 2nd Lt. Michael Smith at 577-6726 or Master Gunnery Sgt. Kim Ortamond at 577-7302.

Free throw contest

A basketball free throw shooting contest is set for April 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the base gym.

For more information contact 2nd Lt. Michael Smith at 577-6726, or Sgt. Thomas Robbins at

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Job Watch

Annc No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
DEU-141-02-NR	Fire Protection Inspector GS-0081-07	03-01-02	04-05-02	03-28-02	MCLB Barstow

Applicants interested in announcements beginning with DEA or OTR should submit their résumé 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 Center, Building 37, Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call the Human Resources Office, 577-6357.

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>.

This is not an official list. Please see the Websites listed for a complete list.

Labels for Education

DeCA
Press Release

FORT LEE, Va. — Who knew eating soup could be an educational enterprise?

It certainly is during March 25 to April 24, thanks to the Campbell's "Labels for Education" program. By eating soup and other participating Campbell products, saving the labels and donating them to local schools, day cares or churches participating in the program, they can redeem them for certificates good for classroom computers, software, books and other educational tools.

Since 1973, more than 400 million labels have been redeemed, resulting in schools and churches receiving more than \$90 million in free educational equipment.

Commissaries will receive a share of the 1.6 million "Labels for Education" certificates to be donated to local schools, which can then be redeemed for free educational equipment.

Campbell's will be offering a

wide variety of top-selling brands. Customers in each commissary will have an opportunity to win a schoolhouse pop-up tent.

With headquarters at Fort Lee, Virginia, the agency operates a worldwide chain of 281 commissaries to provide groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families.

Commissary patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5 percent surcharge, which covers the construction of new commissaries and the modernization of existing stores.

Patrons save an average of 30 percent or more on their purchases compared to commercial prices.

These savings, worth more than \$2,400 a year for a family of four, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families.

A valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries help the United States recruit and keep the best and the brightest men and women in the service of their country.



Photo by Curt Lambert

(Left to right) Col. Liz Bergman, base commander, Lawrence Dale, Barstow mayor, Brig. Gen. Bradley Lott., commander of Marine Corps Materiel Command, Chris Moya, president of AFGE Local 1482, watch as Maj. Domingo Salazar, director of Fleet Support Division, cuts the first piece of cake signifying the beginning of the road to ISO 9001:2000 certification.

DEFY

Drug Education For Youth

By Gunnery Sgt. Bruce Raymond
Substance Abuse Control Officer

What is DEFY? Don't be misled by the title. DEFY is a proven catalyst for increasing community participation and commitment to youth.

Children ages 9-12 gain the character, leadership and self-confidence to engage in a positive and healthy lifestyle.

The curriculum taught during DEFY focuses on life skills training in areas such as: goal setting, team building, conflict resolution and decision-making.

DEFY also provides youth with the tools and knowledge to stay drug free and to stay away from gangs.

Substance abuse prevention and refusal skills learned by DEFY participants, help them to develop positive social skills.

DEFY is a year-long two phased program. Phase 1 is a structured, two-week non-resident summer camp, which include classroom learning, educational field trips, competitive sports, games, swimming, bowling, etc.

Aside from the education and training the youth receive, Phase 1 enables them to interact with adult

mentors and staff to enhance the effectiveness of Phase II.

Phase II is designed to reinforce the concepts and expand on skills and training received in Phase I.

During the school year, mentors and staff provide positive support during group mentoring sessions and interactive workshops.

DEFY youth also participate in activities that promote civic responsibility in the local community.

Command commitment is critical to the success of the DEFY program. Volunteers and mentors that are willing to work with young children throughout the next year are needed in order to have a successful program. Military personnel and civilians are invited to join the DEFY team.

Participation from all levels is highly encouraged.

For further information on DEFY and how you can volunteer to participate in the two-week Phase I program, and/or mentor Phase II contact RP2 Julie Dennison from the Chaplain's office at 577-6849 or Gunnery Sgt. Bruce Raymond from Headquarters Battalion at 577-6364.



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

NOT-SO-GRIM FACES ALL ROUND: A group of 4 year-olds snack on carrots and ranch dressing as Grace Walls, training and curriculum director for the Child Development Center, keeps watch.

Month of the Military Child

In support of the Month of the Military Child, the Children and Youth Programs will be having and attending a number of events.

From Saturday to Wednesday children of the CDC will be studying transportation with the help of Transportation Support Branch. April

11 the pre-school children will take a field trip to the Western American Railroad Museum in Barstow and on April 12 they will be exploring a motorboat.

April 18 the Environmental Division's Earth Day Fair will be at the Youth Activity Center from 1 to 5 p.m. Children from both the CDC and the

YAC will be presenting projects. April 26 will be the annual Month of the Military Child family barbeque from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the YAC. April 27 will be the YAC's second annual Family Fun Day from noon to 5 p.m. at the YAC.

AROUND THE CORPS

Warfighting Lab tests 120mm mortar

By Sgt. Ken Griffin
OBSERVATION POST staff

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER, Twentynine Palms, Calif. (March 29, 2002) — A team from the Marine Corps Warfighting Lab was aboard the Combat Center March 14-22 testing the Rifled, Recoiling, Mounted Mortar (2R2M), in conjunction with 1st Marine Division's Desert Scimitar 2002 exercise.

The MCWL team worked closely with 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines and other 1st Mar. Div. units to determine the feasibility of developing a similar version for the Corps, and to help refine what the requirements for that system might be. The MCWL is currently experimenting with a similar, towed version called the Mobile Fire Support System and nicknamed "Dragon Fire."

The 2R2M, developed by Thomson-Daimler Armaments, is a 120mm rifled mortar internally mounted in a French Mowag Piranha Light Armored Vehicle. It uses a French army mortar as well as am-

munition.

It is contained in a powered traverse, elevation and loading system, using computerized vice conventional sights.

The experiment involved day and night firing, employing the system for coordinated illumination and Suppression of Enemy Air Defenses (SEAD) missions, which are used to mark anti-aircraft targets for fixed-wing aircrafts.

Alpha Company, 3rd LAR provided a mortar team of four Marines to assist with the ammunition and loading portion of the testing.

"It was challenging, but the crews developed the skills to keep up very well," said MCWL senior engineer Rick Lindsey, retired lieutenant colonel and artillery commander. "We fired a total of 87 rounds in a short period of time for the SEAD missions and received good reports about the effects on target."

"From our viewpoint, this was an exceptionally valuable experiment and employed the 2R2M over varied terrain and situations."

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Photo by Sgt. Ken Griffin

Marines from Alpha Company, 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, assist a team from the Marine Corps Warfighting Lab during a fire mission with the 120mm Rifled, Recoiling Mounted Mortar March 20 in the MCAGCC training area.

HIV/STD Awareness Month

HIV is the Human Immunodeficiency Virus. The HIV virus deteriorates immune system over time.

AIDS is the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. AIDS is the advance stages of infection with the HIV that results in the body's inability to fight infection.

STDs are Sexually Transmitted Diseases. They are caused by either viruses or bacteria and are some of the most infectious diseases.

How HIV is Spread

HIV is spread from an infected person to an uninfected person through:

- Sexual contact
- Sharing a Hypodermic Needle
- Contaminated Blood
- An infected woman can pass it along to her baby before, during, or after birth (possibly through breast-feeding).

How the Virus is NOT Spread

HIV is not spread through casual social contact. These are common everyday activities such as:

- Shaking hands,
- Hugging
- Social kissing
- Sharing utensils while eating
- Sharing office equipment
- Sitting next to an infected person
- Being served by an infected person

Information submitted by Jennifer Patterson, Semper Fit health promotions coordinator

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it is always worth it just to see the kids happy to be out there and the smiles on their faces," said Meeden.

The Easter egg hunt is used as a time when the crime prevention office can stress the importance of staying out of trouble. Meeden said

he likes his job because it gives him a chance to help the people on base be safe and keep the area free of crime.

"I like doing crime prevention because I like working with people," said Meeden. "Crime prevention lets me interact with people and make sure things are safer in their households or at work."



Photo by Cpl. Joseph Lee

Sgt. David Meeden gives an Easter basket to Logan Eads, who was one of the winners in the 1 to 4 year-old age group at the base Easter egg hunt Friday at the playground on Cape Gloucester.

MCLB Gold Team finishes 3rd

Story and photos by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
BARSTOW LOG staff



Alma Fragoso runs out the first part of her leg of the race as members of the Scarlet Team cheer her on.



Randol McKenzie and Michael BudabinMcQuown line up at the starting line and prepare for the race to start.



Mary Collins runs the last of her leg of the race as Jimmy Hill and Thomas Maxwell run with her.

The MCLB Gold Team finished third overall and second in the military division of the Veteran's Home Relay Race Saturday.

The race covered the 40-mile stretch of road from Fort Irwin to Barstow and up Barstow Road to the Veteran's Home of California - Barstow.

The race was run in 2-mile legs. The Gold Team had 12 members, eight of which ran two of the legs.

MCLB also had another team of runners who weren't as fast, but wanted to run the race for fun, called the Scarlet Team. They had 14 members on their team, and six of them had to run an extra leg.

The Gold Team got off to a fast start and was in fourth place until the dreaded Jackhammer Pass, which is a steep incline on Fort Irwin Road that lasts four miles. Chris Jurgensmeyer and Jeremy Webb ran the two legs up the hill and passed up the third place team. They never looked back and finished in third place overall at 4:24:10.

The Scarlet Team did not break any land speed records, but made up a lot of ground on the competition, having Jose Mendoza and Johnny Garcia do the two legs. Garcia passed many teams, whose racers were walking up the steep incline because they were worn out.

The Scarlet Team also had some Navy competitors join the Marines. Michael Ramos, Mary Collins, and Karen Guzman gave a boost to the Marines and were a vital part of the Scarlet Team's effort.

They were also joined by Ervin Rivers, the Maintenance Center Barstow commander, who led the Scarlet Team to the veteran's home by running the last leg for the team.

As Rivers reached the road to the veteran's home, he was joined in formation by the Gold Team and the Scarlet Team. Alma Fragoso called cadence all the way to the finish line for a time of 5:22:17 for the Scarlet Team.

The State-Champion Barstow High School Cross Country Team finished in first place with a time of 3:51:

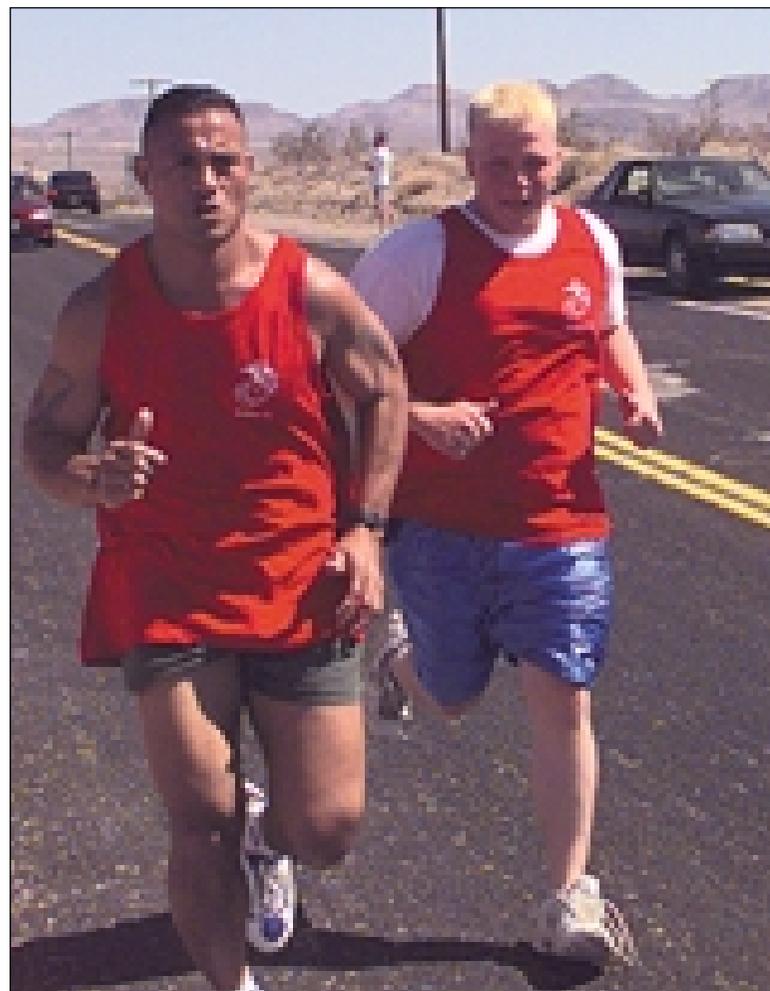
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211 ACR from Fort Irwin finished second with a time of 4:07:24.

"I like the competition," said Jurgensmeyer. "This is my third year running it and I always have a good time."

Garcia, the captain of the Scarlet Team, said he was happy with his team's performance.

"I was proud of the effort put out by everyone who ran on my team," said Garcia. "We definitely weren't the fastest team out there, but I don't think any team tried harder than we did."



Chad Gecht runs with Taulago Tautua as Tautua finishes the 14th leg of the race.

MCLB also brought their own cheering section of family and friends, who followed the runners. Col. Liz Bergman, base commander, was at the finish line to cheer on the MCLB teams.

After the race, the teams were treated to a barbecue dinner, served by the veteran's home staff.

MCLB has competed in the race in years before, with the highest finish of first overall in 1998.



Ervin Rivers leads a platoon of runners into the Veteran's Home of California - Barstow. The Gold Team finished at 4:24:10 and the Scarlet Team finished at 5:22:17 in the 7th Annual Veterans Home Relay Race Saturday.



By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity

April Sale at MCX

Enjoy great savings right now at the Marine Corps Exchange at Nebo and Yermo, for example: 10 percent discounts on flat screen TVs and home entertainment systems. Buyers get a 10 percent discount on a VCR if a 27 inch or bigger TV is purchased.

For more information please call 256-8974.

Lunch menu

Note: Unless otherwise stated, the menu for the Cactus Cafe is the same as the Family Restaurant. Prices: \$3 military, \$4.50 civilian. Lunch served 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Today – Family Restaurant: Baked potato and salad bar. Cactus Cafe: Honey-Stung fried chicken, potato salad and cole slaw.

Tomorrow – Breaded red snapper and rice pilaff.

Monday – Beef Stroganoff.

Tuesday – Stuffed pork chops, stuffing, mashed potatoes and apple sauce.

Wednesday – Foot long pastrami sub sandwiches and fruit cup.

Thursday – Chicken fried steak,

gravy and mashed potatoes.

Family Night Dining

Tonight - Beef and chicken fajitas, refried beans, Mexican rice, fountain drink & dessert.

Thursday - Chicken Cacciatore, Italian vegetable, mashed potatoes, tossed green salad, french roll, fountain drink and dessert.

Twilight League starts Tuesday

Sign ups for the Twilight League at Tees n' Trees Golf Course are still going on. The league meets every Tuesday afternoon. The fee is \$20 for 12 weeks.

The Twilight League is for fun and gives participants a chance for some great golfing.

Tees n' Trees Golf Course offers cart rentals, a club house and a pro shop. Golf lessons are available. Call Susan at 577-6431 for more information.

LA Clippers

The Semper Fit Single Marine Program will be making a trip to see the L.A. Clippers on April 16. If you would like to sign up call Sgt. Chris Jurgensmeyer at 577-7157.

Semper Fit Health Promotions Classes & Events

The MCCS Semper Fit Health Promotions Department invites you to participate in our classes and event scheduled for this month.

Classes:

Join us on Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. when Planned Parenthood of San Bernardino County presents a class entitled "STD and HIV Awareness."

Yoga classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the aerobics room at the base gym.

Event:

Take part in the fitness challenge. "Spring Break: Run to Lake Havasu". This will be a 190 mile walk/run from the base here in Barstow to Lake Havasu (on the gym treadmills).

New weekly schedule at Oasis Club

Mondays - The club will be closed until football season returns.

Tuesdays - "Burn your own" will now expand to offer steak, halibut, hamburgers and hot dogs.

Wednesdays - Pizza and a movie - fresh pizza available by the slice.

Thursdays - "Wild Wings" and members Happy Hour.

Fridays - Family member TGIFamily Night. On first Fridays, food will be back starting April 5. Bring the family and enjoy.

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rine Corps.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Casey Taylor, the base adjutant, at 577-6155.

Dental Tech. B-Day

The Navy Dental Corps is celebrating its 54th Anniversary of achieving the dental technician rating.

Dental technicians have provided Marines, Sailors and their families with quality dental care for over half a century.

They have exceeded the established goals of operational dental readiness and are always increasing levels of dental health.

USMAP program

The United Services Military Apprenticeship Program is designed to give Marines and Sailors in a designated Military Occupational Specialty an opportunity to earn national certification as journey workers.

To qualify for the program, enlisted members must have a high school diploma or a GED, and meet the registered requirements of their trade.

For more information, call the Base Education Office at 577-6118.

Semper Fit Yoga

The health promotions coordinator, Jennifer Patterson, is teaching Yoga classes at the base gym.

The classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the aerobics room of the gym.

For more information call Patterson at 577-6817 or stop by the base gym.

Volunteers needed: Barstow baseball leagues

The West Barstow Little League, celebrating its 50th year of baseball, is looking for volunteers interested in umpiring the minor league, little league, junior or senior leagues.

The season begins April 6 and ends June 17. Each league will have about 15 to 20 games playing Monday through Friday evenings.

Weekday games begin at 5:10 p.m. There will be a free umpires clinic held in Hesperia.

For more information call Jim McCall, West Barstow Little League president, 256-1265 or 486-1265.

Mounted Color Guard

The Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard is seeking members.

There are no prerequisites, other than being an active duty Marine. Previous experience with horses is not necessary.

Mounted Color Guard Marines represent MCLB Barstow at parades and events throughout the country.

To join or find out more, visit the base stables at the rear gate of the Yermo Annex during normal working hours, or call Master Gunnery Sgt. Kim Ortamond at 577-7302 or 577-7003.

Play Mornings

Every Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. the New Parent Support Program holds Play Morning at the McKinney Youth Center for parents with children ages 5 and under.

Among the numerous activities are crafts fun for children and parents alike.

For more information call Sharon Wallace, 577-6332.

Search and Rescue

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Volunteer Force is looking for volunteers for various search and rescue teams in the area.

Areas in need are: Barstow, Big Bear, San Bernardino, Colorado River, Morongo, Needles, Phelan, Twin Peaks, Chino Hills, Yucaipa and Victor Valley.

To volunteer or for information on qualification requirements and duty requirements contact the nearest sheriff's station, call (909) 387-0641, or visit the volunteer forces Web page at <http://www.co.san-bernardino.ca.us/sheriff/voluntrs>.

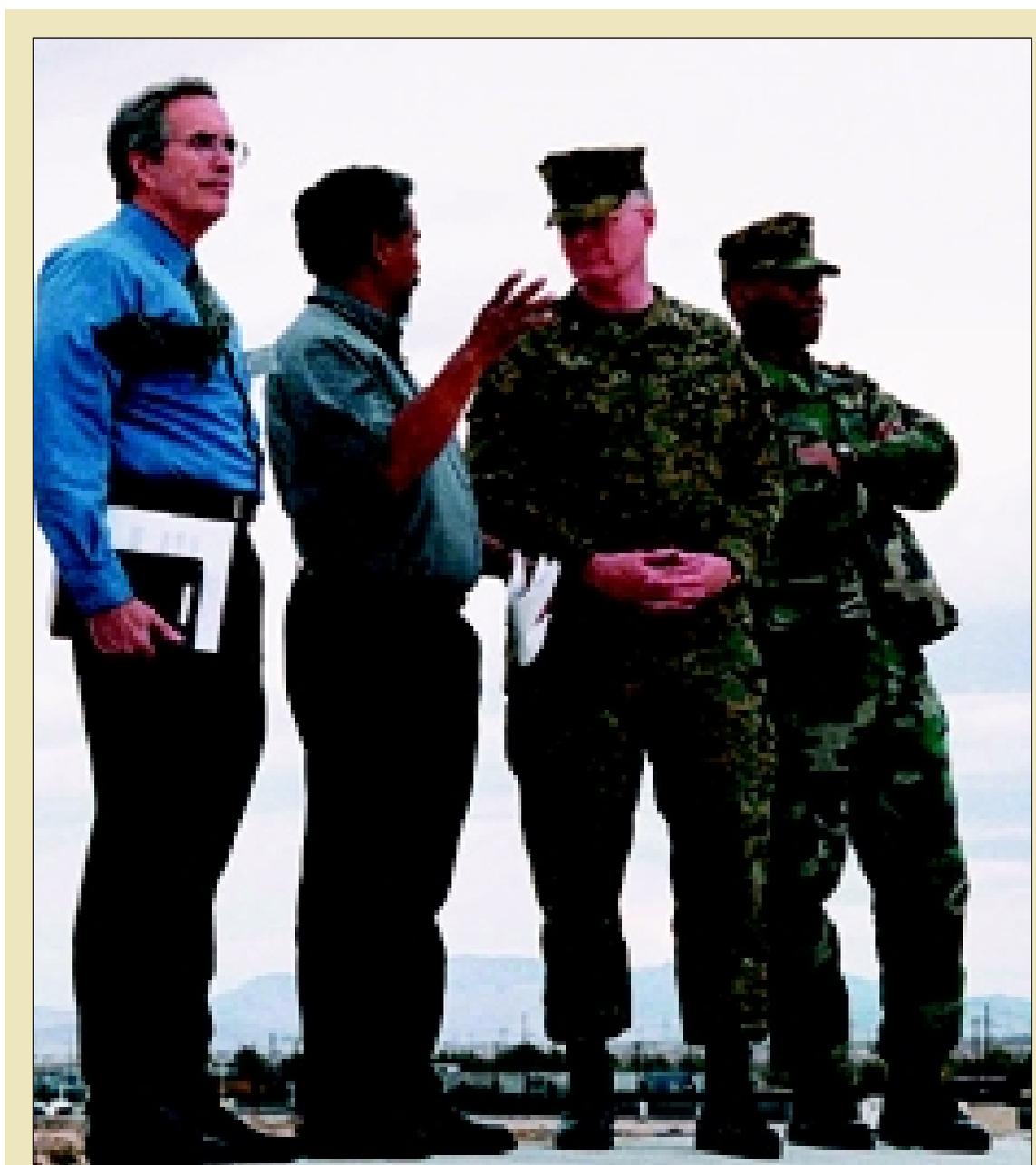


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CHECKING OUT THE VIEW: Steve Baisa, Cost Work Center 713 supervisor, briefs Brig. Gen. Bradley Lott, commander, Marine Corps Materiel Command, on vehicles being put through their paces at Maintenance Center Barstow's test track March 28. Also viewing the demonstration are Col. Ervin Rivers, commander MCB, and deputy commander Gary Baker. Lott joined the command for an orientation briefing—this was his first visit to Barstow since he took over Materiel Command.

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577-6623.

Thrift Shop bag sale

The Navy/Marine Corps Relief Thrift Shop is scheduled to have a bag sale from April 9 through April 25. The sale does not include military clothing items. This sale is in preparation of the store's upcoming move to Building 204. For more information call 256-0444.

Ice cream

"Ice cream, Ice cream, we all scream for ice cream." The Administrative Support Division is scheduled to serve up ice cream sundaes and root beer floats on April 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the ASD office in Building 15.

Dunk the Gunny's

Communication Division will sponsor a "Dunk the Gunnys" event, Horseshoe Pitching and an Egg Toss contest today from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Beer Garden. For more information call Sgt. Pete Martinez at 577-6181.

Barbeque

Communication Division will be serving barbeque beef or pork on a bun Friday from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Building 170. For more information contact Vonnice at 577-6780.

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The outcome of the experiment found the 2R2M to be an excellent fire support system, extremely mobile, responsive, powerful and accurate, according to Lindsey. The testing found the weapon could be de-

ployed quickly and effectively despite the Marine crew's limited experience with the weapon.

"The support we received from the LAR battalions, from the commanders on down, was exceptional, and we could not have had better gun crew members, fire direction person-

nel, ammunition handlers and drivers," said Lindsey. "They were professional, hard working and a real pleasure to work with. We are particularly grateful for the support of 1st Lt. Scott MacIntire from A. Co., 3rd LAR; he was everywhere with support, ideas and enthusiasm."

GOT NEWS? *If you think you've got something newsworthy call the public affairs office at 577-6430.*

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conducts needs assessments for disabled employees, and provides for installation, integration and training requirements for the procured accommodations.

Disabilities can range from Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, to age- and disease-related fading sight, hearing and mobility to deafness, blindness and loss of limbs. No disability is too small for ac-

commodations if it can help a federal employee work more efficiently or longer.

MCLB Barstow sponsors the Disabled Employee Awareness Program whose mission is to promote and help disabled employees on base.

Its members work closely with CAP to help initiate the accommodation process on behalf of disabled employees.

DEAP members have catalogs, resource material and points of contact

to help disabled employees seek the accommodations they need.

If you need a CAP application or if DEAP can be of any assistance to you, contact:

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| Name: | Phone: |
| Lucianna Wais | 577-6487 |
| Randy Meyer | 577-6366 |
| Richard Kastner | 577-6179 |
| Michelle Noice | 577-6988 TDD |
| Colleen Donnelly | 577-7303 |
| Jack Stormo | 577- 6937 |

Please submit all Trader Ads to editor@barstow.usmc.mil.

2001 HONDA CBR 929: Low mileage, xlt cond \$9,500, OBO. Call 252-1502

2000 MUSTANG: Mint condition, 25K miles, V-6 std. trans, A/C, P/W, locks, keyless entry, dual exhaust, \$14,900, OBO. Call Donna, 257-1055 or 954-1732.

1987 HONDA PRELUDE: 2.0 SI, 5spd, clean inside, and outside, fully loaded, CD player, premium wheels, \$2,400, OBO. Contact Tom at 559-8461 during the evening.

1987 NISSAN SENTRA: 5 speed, new engine, new tires, A/C and heat. \$1,200. Call 255-4339.

1983 EL CAMINO: 305 engine, AT, A/C, PW, PDLK, rear air shocks, CC, camper shell, good tires and wheels, body in good cond \$2,500. OBO. Call 255-4205 lv. msg.

MOTOR HOME: 1978 Motor home, Dodge Winnebago, Minni, Winni, stove, fridge, roof A/C, generator, sleeps 6, runs good, needs some interior/exterior work, priced to sell \$2,250. Call 252-5365 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: 16ft. car hauler trailer, extra wide with 4 ft., mesh ramp, diamond plate deck, elect. brakes, good tires w/spare, and heavy duty jack, good condition, used very little, \$1,100. Call Ron 252-5365 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: 5 polished 15 x 7, six-lug steel wheels from 94 Nissan 4x4, \$100. Call 253-3081 lv. msg.

MISCELLANEOUS: Dining room set, table with six chairs xlt cond \$300, OBO. Must see to appreciate. Call 256-1430 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: Pageant dresses, sizes 2-7, worn only once. Make offer. Call 252-1311 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: Sofa, color is gray and white w/delicate yellow flowers, xlt cond, \$250, OBO. Call 256-1430 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: Metal detectors, White's Surfmaster, P.I., fully waterproof, \$425; Fisher 1266X, xlt cond, \$400; White's Goldmaster 4B, nearly new \$450; refrigerator G.E. frost free, 18 cu. ft. xlt cond, \$175. Call 256-6629 for more information.

MISCELLANEOUS: Bundy Flute, xlt cond, \$150; Yamaha Piccolo, used 3 months, xlt cond, \$220. Call 256-0924.

MISCELLANEOUS: 700R trans, \$125; turbo 400, \$100; Chev. Overhead air hoist half ton \$50.

MISCELLANEOUS: Chair, computer desk, black leather, \$20; rocker chair, teal green and recliner, beige, \$20. Call 256-2434.

MISCELLANEOUS: Bed twin size, wooden frame with two drawers for clothes at bottom, \$60; chair, computer desk, black leather, \$20; chair, swivel rocking, teal green \$20, rocker/recliner, beige, \$20. Call 256-2434.

MISCELLANEOUS: Dining room

table w/4 chairs and 1 leaf, Oak and white finish, \$75. Call 256-0924.

MISCELLANEOUS: Golf clubs, bag and accessories, new, \$125; Corvair engine, \$125; Volkswagen, all 4 Mag rims, \$55; aluminum awning for carport or patio \$110, Ford Ranger tailgate, \$55. Call 254-1913.

MISCELLANEOUS: RCA DVD Player with remote \$100; external 250 meg zip drive parallel \$150; 15 " computer monitor SVGA \$30; bed frame steel, queen size \$15. Call 252-7789 AWH.

