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# MCB employee dies in accident

**By Gunnery Sgt. John Cordero**  
Public Affairs Chief

A Maintenance Center Barstow employee was killed Friday in an electrocution accident at the Yermo Annex.

Barstow resident Robert O. Lanzer, 57, an electronics mechanic in the Maintenance Center's Radar Shop, Cost Work Center 735, was pronounced dead on arrival at 8:03 a.m. at the Barstow Community Hospital.

Public viewing is scheduled for Friday at Mead's Mortuary from 1 to 3 p.m., and services will follow immediately. A memorial service at MCB is planned for Tuesday at 8 a.m.

Lanzer, who had been employed at MCB since October 1999, was working on an AN/TPS-63B radar system when the accident occurred at 7:18 a.m.

The cause of the accident is under investigation.

"The entire Maintenance Center is deeply saddened that this accident occurred," said Col. Rob Gerlaugh, Maintenance Center Barstow commander. The accident investigation will leave no stone unturned in an effort to prevent

an accident like this from happening again. Our profound condolences go to ... the Lanzer family.

This command stands ready to support them in any way that we can."

Lanzer was an Army veteran with 12.5 years of service. He had worked at Allied Bendix, Goldstone Deep Space Tracking Station for 18 years prior to his employment at MCB.

He and his wife, Michelle, met while in the Army and married in 1974 in Bisbee, Ariz. They have two children, Robert and Michael.

Robert and his wife, Nicole, have three children, Courtney, Bailey and Breanna.

Michael and his wife, Danielle, expect a child in December.

Lanzer spent countless hours devoted to civic events, including president of West Barstow Little League, paid call fireman, Miss Barstow Pageant volunteer, and Barstow Days and fireworks display volunteer.

As a result of his civic duties he is known and respected by town citizens and his co-workers. He was very proud of his service to the community, according to his family members,

## New security will be added to gates

**By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt**  
Editor

The Provost Marshal's Office is installing a new security feature in the outgoing lanes at the gates at the Nebo base and the Yermo Annex starting Friday.

The \$71,618 project should be completed by Tuesday.

The new feature will be a rising barrier similar to the ones at the gates of airport parking lots and tiger teeth that can pop out of the ground to puncture tires. There will also be a flashing red light, signaling a stop.

The barrier will always stay up and the tiger teeth will always stay underground unless triggered by the gate sentry on post, said Gunnery Sgt. Nicholas Betlewicz, physical security chief with the Provost Marshal's Office.

The purpose for the new safety feature is to prevent someone with criminal intent from entering the base by using the outbound lanes, said Betlewicz. It can also be used to keep all outbound traffic on base.

The teeth and barrier will take about two seconds to fully deploy once the button is pushed, said Betlewicz.

The added feature is being installed by All Cities Inc., said Betlewicz. He also said that the company has installed many of the security features that have been added to this base over the past several years.

All Cities is currently installing 3.5-inch aircraft cable underneath the fence line around both Nebo and Yermo where PMO has determined to be weak spots, said Betlewicz.

The cable will keep the fence intact should a vehicle run into it, said Betlewicz.

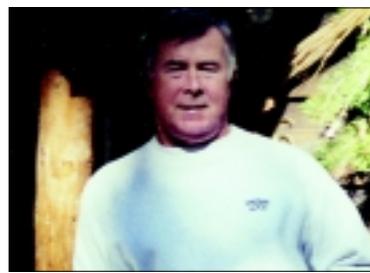


Photo courtesy of the Lanzer Family

This photo was taken Sept. 30 when Robert O. Lanzer was camping in Red Rock with his family.

who said they are proud of him for his service.

### Editor's Note:

*The following is a note Col. Rob Gerlaugh, Maintenance Center Barstow commander, sent to the MCB workforce Friday.*

Team Barstow,

This morning we lost Bob Lanzer in a tragic accident in our Radar Shop. I know I speak for all of us in the Maintenance Center in expressing our sorrow and condolences to Bob's wife, Michelle, and to the Lanzer family. I ask that all of

us pull together, whether or not you knew Bob, and offer your support to his friends and colleagues in our Radar Shop and Comm-Elec Branch.

We have lost a good man and a valuable member of our Team. We owe it to him, his family and our Team here to ensure that we learn precisely how this happened and what, if any, actions can be taken to prevent this from happening again. To that end, the following actions are being taken:

The Naval Investigative Service will collect the facts as best as those on the scene this morning can give them. This investigation is a normal Marine Corps requirement in any case of a death or life threatening injury and may help us understand how this accident occurred.

Also, we have convened an accident board made up of Base, Maintenance Center and Naval Safety Center safety experts, together with our technical experts on the radar systems and maintenance procedures. The purpose of this board is to examine every aspect of the mishap and make recommendations to me for any actions we can take to im-

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Photo by Lance Cpl. Andy J. Hurt

Ed Mann, electronics technician at Cost Work Center 680, Calibration Lab, prepares a mounting bracket for the TS-3620GVS-5 laser range finder test set. See related story and photo on Page 5.

# England sworn in as 73rd Navy Secretary

## News Release Department of Defense

Gordon R. England was sworn in Oct. 1 as the 73rd secretary of the Navy. England becomes only the second person in history to serve twice as the leader of the Navy-Marine Corps Team and the first to serve in back-to-back terms.

England had served as the 72nd Secretary from May 2001 until January 2003 before President George W. Bush tapped him to serve as the first deputy secretary at the newly created Department of Homeland

Security. John Mason served as the 16th Navy secretary from 1844-1845 and 18th Navy secretary from 1846-1849.

"Our sailors and Marines are indeed the world's finest and I appreciate the president giving me the opportunity to again serve our men and women in uniform and their families. Working with the Congress and our great Chief of Naval Operations Vern Clark; Commandant Mike Hagee and Secretary Rumsfeld's team we will continue to transform our naval services and wage the global war on terrorism," said England.

Hansford T. Johnson, who served as acting secretary following England's move to Homeland Security earlier this year, has also served continuously as the assistant secretary of the Navy (installations and environment). He will continue to serve America's sailors and Marines in that role.

"I welcome Gordon home to his Navy-Marine Corps family. It has been a distinct honor to serve as acting secretary during this important time in our nation's history and I am grateful to President Bush for the opportunity to serve. I also ap-

preciate the outstanding work of our sailors and Marines and the support of Secretary Rumsfeld, Adm. Clark and Gen. Hagee," said Johnson.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark praised both leaders, "Our institution is honored to welcome home Mr. England as secretary of the Navy. His leadership, focus on mission accomplishment, and commitment to improving both our business practices and the quality of service for our sailors and Marines are valued and needed qualities as we build the future Navy. "We owe a debt of gratitude to

H.T. Johnson for his remarkable service as acting secretary of the Navy. With his steady hand and commitment to sailors and Marines, the Department of the Navy never missed a beat. We will undoubtedly continue to benefit from his continued service as assistant secretary of the Navy for installations and the environment."

Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps Gen. Mike Hagee said of the two leaders, "The Marine Corps is honored and pleased to have

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## Do good for right reasons

By Lt. Cmdr. Randel Livingood  
Base Chaplain



In the military environment we have regular evaluations that are supposed to quantify our performance.

As supervisors, we are supposed to know our people well and also know what kind of

work they are doing for us.

Then when it is time to evaluate them we are supposed to be able to draw on our memory or our notes and write an appraisal that clearly defines strengths and weaknesses in several different categories. I'll let you in on a little secret; most of the time we end up writing our evaluations and forwarding them to our seniors who then look over them and make changes for good or for ill.

This harkens back to the old saying about "blowing your own horn." I believe the general rule is that when we do something well we should not attract attention so that people can see us and tell us how wonderful we are.

Instead, we should simply do our jobs and let people notice the quality of our efforts and the integrity of our work ethic. In fact, the connotation of the phrase "don't blow your

own horn" is quite negative indeed.

Another phrase you may have heard goes something like this, "He/she is really a great angler, just ask them, they'll tell you." In other words, people often do not appreciate a person touting his or her own qualities and successes.

Rather, people seem to prefer a little more self-deprecation. In other words, someone who is a little humble and lets people see for themselves the type of work produced. To get back to the military evaluations, when we write our evaluations it is really an art form.

There was a time, not too long ago, when evaluations were so over inflated that it was absolutely impossible to differentiate individual performance traits. Frankly, no one even sounded human. If everything that had been written about the individuals had actually been accomplished no one would be sick, hungry, or jobless any longer.

That is where the saying came from which suggests, "When you start believing your evaluations you might want to consider therapy." Of course that is often said tongue in cheek, but you get the idea that evaluations say lots of things that are just a little bit over the top.

The fact is, that if a person is outstanding you don't need superfluous language to discuss

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## Just doing my job ...



Photo by Pfc. Jenna Lassandrello

Leon Kauth, heavy mobile equipment mechanic with Cost Work Center 713, works on the engine and transmission of a light armored vehicle. Kauth has been working at the Maintenance Center for 15 years.

### Chapel Services

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

Morning Prayer in the Building 15 Administration Office Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.

### Catholic Rosary

First Saturday of every month.  
3 p.m. at the Base Chapel.  
For more info call 577-6849.

### Episcopal Mass

Tuesday at 4 p.m. at Building 406 in Yermo.  
Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Base Chapel.

For more info call 577-6849.



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"News Briefs" is designed to disseminate information to the MCLB Barstow community. Submissions should include a point of contact and phone number, and be received by noon Thursdays for the next week's issue. Submit news briefs via e-mail to [editor@barstow.usmc.mil](mailto:editor@barstow.usmc.mil).

## Lunch Menu

Unless otherwise indicated lunch menus for the Family Restaurant and Cactus Cafe are the same. Lunch menus are subject to change.

**Today:** Cornish game hen.

**Friday:** Grilled mahi-mahi.

**Monday:** Holiday hours 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with menu service.

**Tuesday:** Barbecue sandwiches.

**Wednesday:** Sliced sirloin.

Active duty military \$3.25, all others, \$4.75. Lunch entrees include roll/butter, vegetable, coffee, tea or soft drink.

Lunch is served at the Family Restaurant from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. At the Cactus Cafe from 11 a.m. to noon.

Cactus Cafe serves hamburgers, subs, salads and other line items available for walk in lunch – for other Family Restaurant lunch menu items, call in orders before 9:30 a.m. to the Family Restaurant at 577-6428.

## Breakfast

Breakfast at the Family Restaurant is from 5:30 to 8 a.m. At the Cactus Cafe from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.

## Family Night Dining

**Tonight** – Family night buffet. Roast baron of beef, squash, mashed potatoes, and German chocolate cake for dessert.

The Family Restaurant is open Mondays through Wednesdays and Fridays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. for dinner. They offer a dinner menu as well as regular menu service.

the following morning. The closure is necessary for bridge deck cleaning and deck treatment.

Preparation work is also scheduled for today and tomorrow, but will not require a full closure. One-way traffic control will be utilized to allow traffic on Cape Gloucester.

For further information, contact CalTrans at (909) 721-9746

## Marine Corps Ball tickets on sale

The 228th Marine Corps Birthday Ball will be celebrated by MCLB Barstow Nov. 7 at the Flamingo in Laughlin, Nev. Tickets are now on sale and can be bought until Nov. 1.

Cocktail hour will start at 6 p.m., the ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. and dinner will be served at 8 p.m.

The prices for tickets are:

Civilians and officers, \$25; staff non-commissioned officers, \$20; non-commissioned officers, \$15; and lance corporals and below are free. It will cost \$15 for lance corporals to bring a date.

Tickets can be purchased in the Green Wing of Building 15 from Danielle Heinze. Her phone number is 577-6307.

Anyone interested in child care for the night can contact Gunnery Sgt. Nohelia Fritz at 577-6459.

For room reservations, call the Flamingo in Laughlin at 1-800-662-5825. The code for the special room rate is SLBMA03. Let them know you are with the Barstow Marines.

Room rates are \$49 for a regular room, \$150 for a junior suite and \$350 for a two bedroom suite.

## CFC still going

The annual Combined Federal Campaign kicked off Sept. 15 and is scheduled to run through Oct 17. This year's coordinator, 1st Lt. Michael Smith, of MCLB Barstow's Finance Office, is looking forward to another successful campaign.

The goal again this year is to make 100 percent contacts with all of MCLB Barstow's Marines and civilian Marines. The CFC contacts are:

Name	Section	Ext.
Agnes Bialkaski	Base Safety	6266



Barbara Rodriguez	C&P	6247
Merideth Taylor	HRO	6478
James Brown	Utilities	6512
Viola Edwards	I&L	6294
Michelle Eichler	MCB	7811
GySgt. Cherry	PMO	6666
GySgt. Green	I&L	6183
Staff Sgt. Johnson	HqBn	6851
GySgt. Jones	Housing	6871
Bertie Dailey	PAO	6430
Heather Hess	MCCS	6963
Maj. Wesely	SJA	6879
Ruby Adams	Comm	6211
1st Lt. Kut	FSD	7611
Beverly Short	OGC	6249
Carlos Alborno	Environ.	6856
CWO Charles	ASD	6727
Dallas Harris	DDBC	6434
Billie Reed	FSD	7857
Patty Geary	Commissary	6404
HM2 Corcoran	Medical	6491

## Calico Days

Calico Ghost Town is celebrating Calico Days Friday through Sunday. There will be a barbecue to kick off the days Friday. There will be a parade and

gunfight Saturday and a burro race and rockrolling, muckraking and arm wrestling competitions Sunday.

There will also be a Native American village, Indian dance exhibitions and 1880s style contests featured all weekend long.

The hours are Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The prices are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 15 years old and under. For more information, call 1-800-TOCALICO.

## Sato Travel turns 50

Visit your the base Sato Travel office in the Red Wing of Building 15 at 10 a.m. today to join in the celebration of Sato Travel's 50th birthday anniversary. There will be cake, refreshments and prizes including a grand prize drawing for an all-inclusive vacation in Antigua. No purchase necessary. For more information, call 256-0277. Sato's normal business hours are from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

## YAC open house

The Youth Activities Center will have an open house today from 2 to 6 p.m. in celebration of Fire Prevention Week. People may meet Sparky the fire dog, tour the fire safety house, and be able to view various fire equipment. Free hot dogs, punch, snow cones and cotton candy will be served.

## Power Outages

Due to an upgrade of the Nebo electrical system, there will be scheduled power outages on the following dates at the listed locations: Sunday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Warehouse 8. Monday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at

Building 15. Note: The Emergency Operation Center has a backup generator. Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Warehouse 12

Wednesday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Nebo sewer plant.

For additional information, please call Joseph Lloren, Public Works Division, at 577-6911.

## Golf tournament

Twenty Marines here may sign up until Oct. 15 for a golf tournament scheduled to be held at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton on Oct. 20 to raise funds for the Marine Corps ball. Although the entry fee is \$85, MCLB Barstow Marines will not have to pay the entry fee, only the greens fees and cart rental. For more information, contact Gunnery Sgt. Nohelia Fritz at 577-6459.

## DEAP luncheon

The Disabled Employee Awareness Program Luncheon is scheduled to be held Oct. 30 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Oasis Club. The guest speaker will be Elisa Sedlacek, with the Community Advocate Center on Deafness

High Desert (CODHD). Tickets cost \$7.50. Lunch will include grilled chicken salad and roll or Salisbury steak with mashed potatoes and gravy. Everyone is invited to attend, with supervisors approval. For tickets, contact one of the following by Oct. 19.

Marva Johnson, HRO	577-6965
Richard Kastner, MC	577-7037
Jack Stormo, I&L	577-6937
Ed Tintos, MC	577-7193
Michael Olguin, FSD,	
e-mail: <a href="mailto:olguinmf@barstow.usmc.mil">olguinmf@barstow.usmc.mil</a>	
Michelle Noice, Comm Div,	
e-mail: <a href="mailto:noicemr@barstow.usmc.mil">noicemr@barstow.usmc.mil</a>	

# Job Watch

Ann No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
DEU-321-03-NR	Industrial Maintenance Sprntendant GS-1601-14	09-15-03	10-14-03	09-19-03	MCLB Barstow
DEU-320-03-NR	Heavy Mobile Equipment Repairer WG-5803-08 (Term NTE 4 years)	09-18-03	10-29-03	09-22-03	MCLB Barstow

Applicants interested in the above positions should submit résumés online at the following Web sites: <http://www.donhr.navy.mil> and/or <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

For information regarding open continuous announcements go to <http://www.donhr.navy.mil>

For more information concerning public job announcements visit the Self-Service Center, Building 236, Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call the Human Resources Office, 577-6357, 577-6279, or 577-6481.

This is not an official list. See the Web sites listed for a complete list.

# Building relationships through communication

By **Cindy L. Martinez M.F.T.**  
Personal Services Division

## Editor's Note:

*The following article is part of a four-part series of articles dealing with interpersonal communication. The first article was published in the Barstow Log Sept. 18, the second was published Sept. 25, and the third was published Oct. 2.*

This is the fourth and final article on communication skill building that I will address.

Healthy relationships require having good communication with spouses so you can establish trust and help maintain marriages and families. Healthy relationships need constant attention coupled with a desire to invest strength in the marriage. Commitment to a healthy relationship will help facilitate a strong marriage and family bond. Modeling commitment, fidelity and love in your family will give your children the security that they need to have a happy and healthy life.

Make time to have "talks" with your spouse to stay in touch or to work out problems. Tell your partner exactly what you need. Do not hint, but be direct

with loving respect. Be free from distractions that can interrupt your communication time. Go behind closed doors and take the phone off the hook.

Be an active listener with increased awareness of the verbal and the non-verbal content of the communication occurring. Don't throw in the towel when things do not go your way. We all make mistakes. Work toward unconditional love and understanding while learning to accept differences. Try to see what your spouse sees from his or her perspective.

Start off by telling your partner what you like or love about her or him. Try not to start out on a negative subject. To build trust always be honest by following through and keeping your word. This commitment is a two-way street. Spouses need to develop the ability to receive each other and to give back to each other.

Communication skill building is a tool used by many counselors, in therapy as well as couple workshops. I have used it in my practice for 10 years, and my couples have had great success with it. It must be practiced every day to some extent for the rest of your marriage. For further information or help, call Personal Services Division at 577-6533.

# War had roller coaster effect to budget

By **Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt**  
Editor

Fiscal year 2003 was a year of ups and downs with regard to the Base Operating Budget.

"We began the year under a Continuing Resolution Authority commonly known as CRA," according to Margaret Carter, base comptroller. "What that means is because Congress had not yet passed an appropriation by Oct. 1, 2002, the beginning of Fiscal Year 2003, by law they had to pass a stop-gap measure or CRA for the government to stay in business."

The rules under CRA basically say you will conduct government business only to the level of necessity with no new spending. This means it wasn't really known how much funding would be authorized eventually in fiscal year 2003.

After six consecutive CRAs the Department of Defense Appropriation, Public Law 107-248, was signed on Oct. 23, 2002, and defense activities had an approved appropriation.

Funding that was received locally, after being allocated through various layers, was considerably less than what was budgeted for originally. This was due to a

number of reasons but the biggest was the nation was preparing for war. This meant sections at MCLB Barstow had to tighten their belts. Spending was reduced initially by 25 percent of original estimates across the board on the base operation side. Maintenance Center was impacted differently as its operating funds are not single year appropriation.

When the United States did go to war in Iraq there was no appropriation to cover those significant costs. Therefore more money was withdrawn from the base to pay for operations in the gulf.

Pending the passage of a \$75 billion supplemental budget increase for Operation Iraqi Freedom, money was taken from MCLB Barstow to help pay for the war.

A sizable chunk was taken from the logistics bases in the Marine Corps.

"The total amount from Marine Corps Logistics Command including all of Log Bases was \$4.3 million, and MCLB Barstow 'loaned' \$900,000," said Carter. "I say loaned because the money was taken pending passage of the supplemental by Congress and signed by the President to pay for the war."

The budget process starts with the sections on base submitting a report of how much money they think they will need to operate for the next fiscal year.

"We provide them with a baseline of what we anticipate we are going to get," said Carter. That is based on what comes down from Headquarters Marine Corps and higher, said Carter.

Once money is received, it can only be spent on what it was intended for.

"No money can be spent by the federal government, except that which is appropriated by Congress," said Carter. "The entire appropriations process is based on the Constitution."

There are three constraints on the money received by Congress.

"The main governing rules of appropriated funds are purpose, time and amount," said Carter.

The purpose comes from what Congress decides to allocate to the military, said Carter. They decide how much will go to the Marine Corps, who decides how much goes to Marine Corps Logistics Command, who decides how much goes to the two Marine Corps Logistics Bases for base

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# Calibration Lab 'sets standard' in combat success

By Lance Cpl. Andy J. Hurt  
BARSTOW LOG Staff

Without an accurate listening device, a Marine hears no evil. Improperly calibrated night vision goggles could mean a Marine sees no evil. And without accurately calibrated weapons systems, a Marine kills no evil. But that just isn't the case, thanks to MCLB Barstow's Calibration Lab.

The Calibration Lab, consisting of Cost Work Centers 680, 681, 684 and 685, hides in the looming shadow of MCLB Barstow's Building 573, the Maintenance Center building. It's not much to look at from the outside, but like the old saying goes, "You can't judge a book by its cover." Such is the case.

The "Cal" lab, as its dedicated employees commonly refers to it, is consistently supporting and maintaining breakthrough technology in democracy's war on terrorism. Marines in the trenches, fighting holes or separated from their units as "forward observers" can all trace their combat specialties back to the Cal Lab.

"We handle almost everything dealing with accuracy," said Staff Sgt. Perry Sikes, Cal Lab supervisor.

Sikes compared the shop's role to a mathematic equation.

"Calibrated equipment and a fast supply train are a formula for success to the end user, or grunt," Sikes proclaimed.

The formula begins in the shop, when test equipment from shops around the Marine Corps is shipped

to the receiving section. Equipment is sorted and problem areas are identified.

A common piece of equipment in the shop is the revolutionary TS-4317 Test Device. The TS-4317 is a Single Channel Ground Airborne Radio System (SINCGARS) tester. A SINCGARS radio is known around the U.S. armed forces as a frequency hopping radio.

The TS-4317 jumps into action as a trouble-shooting device, testing encryptions and operating conditions on SINCGARS systems.

According to Sikes, the Army first implemented the system in the late 1980s, and the Marines caught on shortly thereafter. It replaced many late-model Test Measurement and Diagnostics Equipment (TMDE) systems, boasting its ability to perform the functions of many pieces of TMDE in one compact cell.

"You can use it for a multitude of functions," Sikes quipped.

After receiving the TS-4317, it is moved into the calibration phase.

John Gilbert, a retired Marine gunnery sergeant and now a calibrations technician in the Cal Lab, is responsible for most of the TS-4317 calibrating and testing. Gilbert has let his hair and beard grow a little since his days as a Leatherneck, but his work ethic hasn't waned a bit.

Gilbert said the systems are first checked to ensure they are running on up-to-date software. The test sets are then taken through a nine-hour series of tests ranging from frequency checks to voltage and amp regula-

tions. Gilbert references a 13-page checklist consisting of up to 25 verification checks per page.

Because of the laws of nature, delicate electronic equipment can corrode, interrupting normal function and causing system failure.

If the equipment fails a test, electronic pots are carefully twisted and turned to get the systems back up to par, said Gilbert. It's a process that requires a steady hand.

"In calibration theory, they teach that calibration is a science as well as an art," stated Gilbert, noting that sometimes adjustments can mean only a hair of a rotation in the sensitive belly of the TS-4317.

But radioing enemy positions back to the front lines is a weak strategy if grunts cannot tell the difference between 1,000 meters or 5,000 meters. Range finding has progressed since the days of counting fingers between prominent land features, and properly calibrated laser range finding devices play a crucial role in the art of war.

The TS-3620GVS-5 test set is a device used for calibrating GVS-5 Laser Range Finders. Actually, according to Ed Mann, electronic technician in the Cal Lab, the TS3620GVS-5 test the GVS-5, ensuring range finders on the battlefield have been calibrated accurately before forward observers in artillery batteries and aircraft attack squadrons risk their lives in support of combat operations.

The range finders work by sending out lasers by the push of a button, which bounce off of enemy



Photo by Lance Cpl. Andy J. Hurt

Cost Work Center 680 Calibration Lab employee Fred Molino, performs page after page of verification checks on a TS-4317 test device. Molino said he has worked in the shop for 19 years.

targets, such as tanks and strategic positions, and are sent back to the device as an electronic pulse, giving a reading of distance to target.

"They have to know their equipment is reliable," said Mann.

Test sets sent to the Cal Lab are placed on a standard test set and "fired" on target simulations.

"That's where the (TS-3620) comes in," said Mann.

The equipment checks to see if the laser systems in the device are working by reading the laser output, utilizing custom-made one-of-a-kind equipment engineered by the Navy, and sends signals back to the TS-3620, providing an accurate reading of the lasers function. Adjustments are made and the test sets are given stickers indicating when they were calibrated, said Mann.

"If you've ever been to a gas station and noticed the sticker showing a date on the pump, that's how you know it's been certified and you're not getting gouged," said Sikes.

With an accurate location radioed on properly encrypted frequencies back to Marines looking down range through the bore sight of a TOW missile, Marines can kill evil, given the TOW system sights have been properly calibrated.

In order for the missile to strike a 36-inch target from roughly 3,750 meters away, a Marine's sights have to be guided true.

Bill Hanify, a Cal Lab technician, is responsible for allowing this glorious devastation to happen.

Hanify maintains the Target

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# National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrated

By Lance Cpl. Andy J. Hurt  
BARSTOW LOG staff

With more than 125,000 Hispanic Americans serving in the U.S. armed forces, approximately nine percent of active-duty service members, daily sacrifices, countless acts of bravery and 38 Hispanic Medal of Honor recipients have proven Hispanic Heritage Month a more than appropriate yearly observance.

From Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, President George W. Bush, commander in chief, has proclaimed National Hispanic Heritage Month. Bush cited America's diversity as a great strength of the nation, adding that the celebration of Hispanic Americans is a time to recognize and applaud the extraordinary accomplishments of these great people.

Such accomplishments include business leadership, government, law, science, athletics, the arts and many other fields.

In 1822, said Bush, Joseph M. Hernandez became the first Hispanic to serve as a member of Congress, representing the newly established territory of Florida.

Roberto Goizueta, a Cuban refugee, is a motivating example of what immigrants to America can achieve through hard work and strong character, when he rose to the ranks of CEO of one of America's largest corporations.

Hispanics have also shown dedication to the American dream.

With service in every major conflict, working to advance peace, freedom and opportunity abroad, said Bush, "we are grateful to all of the brave men and women who serve our nation, and to their families."

One such example of the contribution Hispanics have made to defending freedom took place in the Korean autumn, 1950, when 19-year-old Pfc. Eugene A. Obregon, a Leatherneck once stationed aboard MCLB Barstow, gave his life when he shielded a fellow Marine from a hailstorm of enemy fire armed with only a pistol. Obregon received the Medal of Honor.

Most recently, Hispanics have defended democratic ideals on the battlefield in places like Somalia, Afghanistan and Iraq.

Even down to the heart of the Marine Corps, the drill instructors,



Photo by John Galayda/Desert Dispatch

Decolores Dancers Lacey Moon and Jose Cruz perform at the Hispanic Heritage Month Luncheon Sept. 30 at the Oasis Club. The dancers are students at Hinkley Middle and Elementary School.

nearly every Marine can recall his or her own personal experience.

"I had a (Hispanic) drill instructor," said Cpl. Amy L. Hadeen, a traffic court clerk at the

Provost Marshal's Office here. "She was the toughest one, and the littlest."

And beyond the 15th of October, it will be nearly impos-

sible to forget the invaluable contribution of Hispanics as they have chosen to adopt the ethos of the Marine Corps and ultimately strengthen the Corps and nation.

## Park dedicated to Hispanic Medal of Honor winner

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There is a little known area at the MCLB Barstow Yermo Annex, where all base personnel can congregate and enjoy the high desert atmosphere, seldom discussed.

A park just inside the main gate at Yermo that is dedicated to the memory of a great American hero, Pfc. Eugene A. Obregon, just one of the countless Hispanic Marines who gave his life for his country, and one of 38 Hispanic Medal of Honor recipients.

Obregon, an East Los Angeles native, joined the Marines at the tender age of 17, along with four friends. He was stationed aboard MCLB Barstow from 1948-1950. He was a member of the Base Fire Department.

After the breakout of the Korean War, Obregon received orders to the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade, then being formed at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, for further assignment to Korea.

It was on the streets of Seoul, on a cold September morning, when Obregon committed an uncommon act of bravery that cost him his life and earned him the Medal of Honor. His citation reads in part: "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving with Company G, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy aggressor forces at Seoul, Korea, on September 26, 1950.

"While serving as an ammunition carrier in a machine gun squad of a Marine rifle company which was temporarily pinned down by hostile fire, Pfc. Obregon observed a fellow Marine fall wounded in the line of fire. Armed only with a pistol, he unhesitatingly dashed from his covered position to the side of the casualty.

"Firing his pistol with one hand, and despite the great peril to himself, dragged the wounded man to the side of the road. Still under enemy fire, he was bandaging the

man's wounds when hostile troops of approximately platoon strength began advancing toward his position.

"Quickly seizing the wounded Marine's carbine, he placed his own body as a shield on front of him and lay there, firing accurately and effectively into the hostile group until he himself was fatally wounded by enemy machine gun fire."

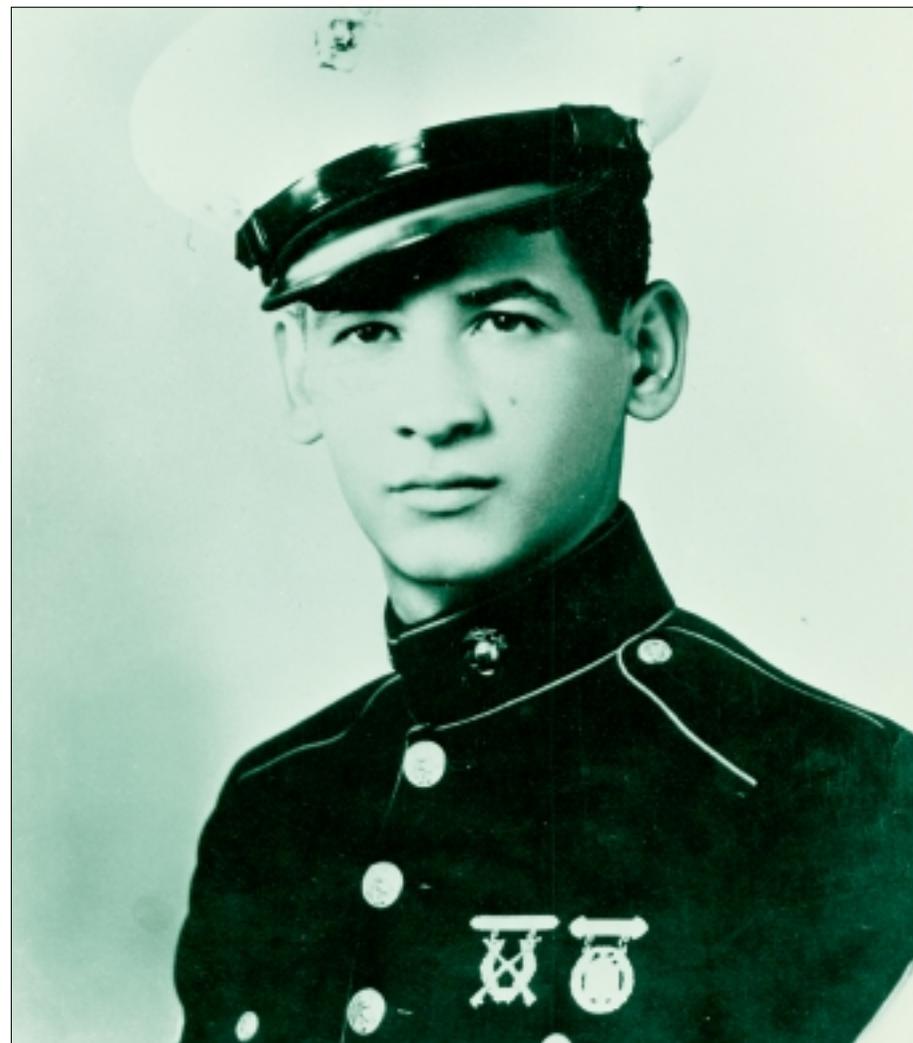
Obregon's mother, Henrietta, in later years, told a reporter the man whose life her son had saved confessed that before the incident he was prejudiced against Hispanic Americans.

Obregon Park here was dedicated 15 years after Obregon was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, on Nov. 12, 1965.

To get to Obregon Park, travel East on I-40 to the Dagget Road exit.

Go left at the stop sign and follow Dagget Road to the main gate at the Yermo Annex.

The military policemen will direct visitors according to a recent map.



Official USMC photo

Pfc. Eugene A. Obregon

# MCLB civilian Marine fourth quarter awards

## 40 years length of service

Lupe Flores Jr.

## 35 years length of service

David M. Anilao Jr.  
Louie L. Banworth  
Duane E. Holmes Jr.  
Harry Horswil  
Willie Wright

## 30 years length of service

Michael B. Anderson  
Paul V. Church  
Timothy O. Davie  
Susan M. Erdmann  
Kenneth W. Graham  
Bernadine Kimmerling  
Fidel A. Jabines  
Joe Marano  
Ricardo Robinson  
Isac Sanchez  
Donald Smith  
Thomas A. Yagla

## 25 years length of service

Anthony Abeyta  
Loretta M. Becknall  
Lorenzo W. Begay  
Bobby Benvidez  
William R. Brust Sr.  
Thelma L. Canterbury  
Joe R. Florez  
Ronald Gaudette  
Charles Johnson  
Gregory M. Johnson  
Michael Klemmer  
Amber Luna  
Dennis R. Moore  
Margot Padilla  
LouAnn M. Presley  
Michael L. Schmidt  
Kenneth Speas  
David A. Stimson  
Glenn Stoops  
John Vasquez  
James L. Walker  
Robert Waterhouse  
Debra J. Wise

## 20 years length of service

Kariam G. Arges  
Richard G. Baca  
Alexander Caldwell  
Shirley J. Dessasure  
Mary Dube  
Grant C. Fargon  
John F. Ferretti  
Edward C. Franco  
Thomas P. Gates  
Larry G. Henry  
Marion Hudson  
Manfred F. Krick  
Floyd Lopez  
Andrew R. Maestas  
David P. Madrid  
Andrew Maestas  
Michael S. Milender  
Frank Montano

John E. Mooers  
Phillip Peralta  
Judith L. Rairden  
Robert J. Relanzia  
Jesus Rodriguez  
Layton J. Walker III

## 15 years length of service

Clifford A. Acles  
Walter J. Easterling  
Gene E. Hunt  
Ricardo Perez  
Donald R. Simard

## 10 years length of service

David A. Jones Sr.  
Cindy L. Martinez  
Henry Manglona Jr.  
Bryan E. Ruble  
Anthony Sanchez

## Performance award

Robert E. Allen  
Michelle S. Bledsoe  
Maria F. Bonner  
Oceola Bradley  
Gregory P. Breiner  
James L. Brown  
Leonard P. Brumund  
William R. Brust  
David J. Burcham  
Steven N. Buroff  
Samuel C. Callejo  
Thelma L. Canterbury  
Kirk S. Carron  
Margaret L. Carter  
Robert L. Cavalli  
Todd A. Chambers  
Barbara J. Chelsea  
Larry L. Creek  
Robin E. Crosswalker  
Johnnie M. Curtis  
Bertie A. Dailey  
Kenneth W. Davenport  
Timothy G. Davie  
Ricahard A. Davis  
Alicia E. DeGriffith  
Michael L. Dennis  
John R. Deroian  
Nancy J. Derryberry  
Shirley J. Dessasure  
Kathleen A. Dunham  
Rickie B. Dunham  
Domingo J. Duran  
Susan E. Durant  
Viola A. Edwards  
Richard L. Elrod  
Jerry R. Enaligo  
Susan M. Erdmann  
Tito Escobedo  
Josh D. Estes  
Michael L. Eustice  
Jacqueline L. Fadeley  
Grant C. Fargon  
Donald L. Fearon  
Jean L. Flint  
Eric M. Fortin  
Erin K. Foster  
Edward C. Franco  
William T. Frye

Giovanni I Galacgac  
Lorella A. Garcia  
Esther V. Gonzales  
Mark D. Gonzales  
Jack A. Gonzalez  
Charles B. Good  
Larry T. Graves  
Clarence R. Green  
Holly F. Greer  
Jesse R. Griego  
Henry Gutierrez  
Nancy S. Gutierrez  
Mitchell D. Guzman  
Raymond D. Hammond  
Ryan D. Hanify  
William K. Harris  
Michelle A. Harrison  
Ruth L. Hartshorn  
James L. Hayes  
Danielle M. Heinze  
Harry E. Helvie  
June R. Henley  
Larry G. Henry  
George E. Henshaw  
Wiley L. Hilliard  
Hedy M. Hines  
John W. Hines  
Claudia P. Homes  
Timothy R. Hutzley  
Robert L. Jackson  
Nova C. Jaleco  
Keith Q. Jenkins  
Terence B. Jenkins  
Marva J. Johnson  
Colleen S. Kamiyama  
Lynda Kay  
William J. Kearl  
Daniel G. Kein  
Lance W. Kemock  
John R. Kinser  
Jennifer D. Kinsey  
Margaret M. Koceski  
Curtis L. Lambert  
Dianne M. Langevin  
Rafael M. Langston  
John P. Lee  
Conni L. Lewellyn  
Anita Lewis  
Linda M. Lingren  
Troy M. Livingston  
Joseph R. Lloren  
Stephen B. Locke  
Agustin V. Lopez  
Loretta Lopez  
Sharon M. Loschen  
Susan G. Louis  
David P. Madrid  
Cheryle R. Magorno  
Raymond J. Magorno  
Armida M. Mandap  
Joey Marin  
Josephine Marquez  
Cindy L. Martinez  
Brenda L. Mathews  
Pamela J. Matteson  
Veronica J. McClintock  
Donna R. McCormick  
Vickie R. McDougall  
Constance L. McGowan  
David C. McKee  
Thomas D. Melton  
Anthony B. Mesa  
Theresa K. Meugniot  
John J. Mihalko  
Peggy A. Moitoso

Rena M. Montano  
Matthew F. Montoya  
Dennis R. Moore  
Keven K. Moore  
Monica L. Moorman  
Stephen W. Mulcare  
Scott K. Mullikin  
Donna J. Mumford  
Mickey Mundy  
Betty A. Murphy  
Kevin J. Murphy  
David A. Nieman  
Bella D. Nies  
John E. Noxon  
Joe D. Ochoa  
Yolanda Ojeda  
Patrick O'Neal  
Orlando J. Ortega  
Frank L. Otero  
Sharon R. Ott  
Purificacion S. Pasco  
William D. Payne  
Dale W. Peabody  
Donna M. Peacock  
Angelina D. Pedregon  
Steven J. Phalon  
Aricia L. Phillips  
Darlene M. Piper  
Bette J. Poe  
Craig H. Posey  
Louann M. Presley  
Bobby J. Proctor  
Paul A. Purdy  
Sandra D. Quinones  
Dave C. Ramsey  
Gregory P. Ramsey  
David J. Rapponotti  
Bonita R. Rasmussen  
Michael C. Rasmussen  
Magdalena J. Richardson  
Albert A. Rickwalt  
Jo Ann Riley  
Betty J. Roberts  
Barbara V. Rodriguez  
Lynda S. Rodriguez  
Anthony R. Rose  
Anthony R. Salas  
Emelia M. Sanchez  
Leroy W. Sanchez  
Ricardo R. Sanchez  
Ryan J. Sanderson  
Steven L. Santiago  
Richard L. Sardeson  
Jack E. Schlemmer  
Jeffrey S. Shaw  
Shirley A. Sherrod  
Beverly K. Short  
Ray Silva  
Monica M. Sims  
Alvin Singletary  
Sheri L. Smith  
Heather C. Snell  
Robert M. Springer  
Jerry W. Stapp  
Thomas A. Stickleby  
Juanito G. Sto Domingo  
Joseph C. Stopyak  
Meredith A. Taylor  
Sam L. Thomas  
David L. Tillery  
Mary H. Trujillo  
Preciliano Trujillo  
Tyrone E. Turner  
David R. Unruh  
Rose A. Vargas

Francis Villeme  
Lucianna P. Wais  
Cody W. Wall  
Bobbie L. Walton  
Sarah E. Warta  
Norma L. Watson  
Steven F. Waugh  
Steven M. Weinrub  
Kim B. Whaley  
William F. Whyde  
Donna M. Wilder  
Richard T. Wiley  
Artha J. Willaims  
Myron G. Williams  
Sandy A. Williams  
Janet E. Wilson  
Robert B. Wyman  
James S. Yarbrough  
Lani M. Yates  
Susan G. Zagorski  
Constance M. Zamora

## On the spot award

Guillermo Abarco  
Cheryl Anderson  
Michael Dokie  
Albert Harden  
Robert Hart  
Gary Heidorn  
Dennis Hill  
Gregory Langston  
Kevin Mintun  
Gerald Morgan  
Matthew Nowicki  
Thomas Perez  
Walter Provart  
Kimberly Rairden  
Edgar Thomas

## Special act

John C. Bailey  
Bruce T. Rowe  
Joseph D. Barela  
Alexander D. Saiz  
Kenneth Breckenridge  
Margaret R. Sorell  
Vincent Chavez  
Sondra J. Thomas  
Kristine L. Diehl  
Danielle B. Torrance  
Robert K. Doxey  
Artha J. Williams  
Ruthie M. Espinoza  
Janet L. Wilson  
Jerry L. Guerrero  
Barbara J. Holt  
Lora M. Isaacks  
Dale C. Jones  
Barbara J. Kent  
William E. Lane  
Daniel P. Lavoie  
Juan A. Marquez  
Corene L. Martin  
Jolyn F. Mendez  
James F. Mickle  
Dorene R. Millar  
Cheryl A. Mitchell  
Lori H. Mobley  
Alfredo F. Morales  
Lamont H. Pease Jr.  
Darrell G. Richter  
Deborah D. Romero



By Jim Gaines  
MCCS Publicity

**Customer survey at Super Seven Day Store**

Take the customer survey in the October issue of the MCCS Events Guide and get a five dollar gift certificate from the Super Seven Day Store. You must be 18 years of age, and MCCS employees are not eligible.

Make use of the coupons in the guide for discounts on video rentals, barber shop services, and laundry/dry cleaning.

For more information, call 256-8974. The Super Seven Day Store is open Mondays through Fridays from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**MCCS Columbus Day hours**

MCCS facilities open Columbus

Day are as follows:

The Super Seven Day Store will be open Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Open Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The gym will be open from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday.

The Family Restaurant will be open for holiday hours from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with menu service.

Tees n' Trees Golf Course will be open from 7 a.m. to dusk.

All other MCCS facilities will be closed Columbus Day. The Hobby Shops will be closed Sunday and Monday.

**Fall golf specials**

After 1 p.m. every day, single players pay \$15, two players pay \$20. These prices include green fees and cart.

Tees n' Trees golf course is open 6:30 a.m. to dusk. For details call 577-6431.

Come out and welcome home our troops at the  
**Fall Family Fiesta**

at Sorensen Field

Oct. 16

from 4 to 8 p.m.



Enjoy these free fun attractions  
adults and children

Kids Fire Safety House  
Bounce House  
Obstacle Course  
Kiddie Train  
Rock Wall,  
Space Ball  
Lazer Tag

Plus .....  
Free Sno-Cones  
Free Cotton Candy  
Free face-painting  
for the children  
All provided by YAC



Food will be available, sold by the  
Marine Corps Ball Committee



**SECNAV from Page 2**

Mr. England return as secretary of the Navy.

"His efforts in leading the Navy-Marine Corps team into the 21st Century are especially welcomed because of his impressive and established record of accomplishments, particularly with respect to improving our combat capability and readiness. We look forward to continuing our role as the world's preeminent fighting force under the direction of Mr. England."

Since January 2003, England has served as the first deputy secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

The Department of Homeland Security was established on Jan. 24, 2003, to integrate 22 different agencies with a common mission to protect the American people.

England first joined the administration of President George W. Bush as the 72nd secretary of the Navy and held the position from May 24, 2001, until he joined the Homeland Security in January 2003.

As secretary of the Navy, England leads America's Navy and Marine Corps and is responsible for an annual budget in excess of \$110 billion and more than 800,000 people.

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their merits; they stand on their own.

You don't have to fluff up the phrases to describe what the people do; their actions will speak louder than any words you could write.

The reading from the Gospel of Matthew 6:1-18 talks about people who do things only to be noticed.

In fact, they actually go to the trouble of blowing trumpets before they do some "benevolent" act so that people could see them.

There are others described who go out of their way to attract attention by putting on a sad face so that people will ask them what is wrong and they can tell about the "great sacrifice" they are making.

The difficulty there is that you don't have to tell people that you are doing something well, they will figure it out for themselves.

That is true in many aspects of life, everything from sports figures to people of faith. Babe Ruth never had to tell people that he was great. Vince Lombardi

never had to tell people that he was great.

The Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. never had to tell anyone that he was great.

Mother Teresa never had to tell anyone that she was great. In fact, if you had asked any of these people, they would have told you that they were just being themselves and that they were no better than anyone else.

The fact is that you do not have to tell anyone you are great, they will just know it.

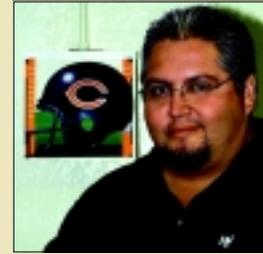
The lesson here is a simple one and I believe the Scriptures said it best. I'll paraphrase it here, "for those who attract attention to themselves and tell others that they are doing something sacrificial, they already have their reward."

Those who do things in secret for the good of others will reap the real reward of giving of themselves and will over time be well thought of and blessed because what they accomplished they did not do for their own glory but for the good of those around them.

Peace,  
Fr Randel

**Gunny's Picks**

Week 6



Congratulations Michael Luna, electronics mechanic, Special Weapons Section, Maintenance Center Barstow, the winner of this week's Gunny's Picks. Luna, a long-time Chicago Bears fan, went 11-2 without the Monday Night game. The highlight for Luna this past weekend of course was seeing his Bears do the smack down on the Raiders. His prediction for

this week is Da' Bears continuing to win with a victory over the New Orleans Saints. A couple of other games to key on this week include the Chiefs and Packers, and an NFC East battle between the Cowboys and Eagles. Here are the rest of pairings for Week 6.

To submit your choices for Gunny's Picks, fill out this section of the newspaper and drop it off at the Public Affairs Office in the Green Wing of Building 15, or e-mail who you think will win each game to [editor@barstow.usmc.mil](mailto:editor@barstow.usmc.mil).

- \*Kansas City at Green Bay
- Houston at Tennessee\*
- Carolina at Indianapolis\*
- NY Giants at New England\*
- \*Chicago at New Orleans
- Oakland at Cleveland\*
- \*Philadelphia at Dallas

- \*Tampa Bay at Washington
- \*Miami at Jacksonville
- Pittsburgh at Denver\*
- \*Buffalo at NY Jets
- \*Baltimore at Arizona
- San Francisco at Seattle\*

**Monday Night**

Atlanta at St. Louis\*  
Total points: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, work section and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Monday night's game is a tie-breaker and must include a total score.