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Rumsfeld, Myers discuss military global posture

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Services

WASHINGTON – If approved, the U.S. military will bring back 70,000 service members and 100,000 family members and DOD civilians from bases overseas, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told the Senate Armed Services Committee recently.

The transfer is part of the proposed changes to the U.S. military's global posture. Rumsfeld and Joint Chiefs Chairman Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers discussed the changes.

Rumsfeld put the restructuring in perspective for the senators. He said rearranging U.S. global posture is an integral part of "undertakings essential to transforming our military into a more agile and efficient force."

The secretary said it is part and parcel with transformation of the military along with increasing the joint capabilities, the lethality and the agility of

the military. Another part of this transformation is the re-balancing between active and reserve forces, he said.

From a basing point of view, Rumsfeld said, little has changed for the last 50 years. "It's as if, for example, Germany is still bracing for a Soviet tank invasion across the north German plain," he said.

In South Korea, U.S. troops are based in the same camps and locations as they were when the armistice was designed in 1953, Myers said.

Rumsfeld said U.S. troops should be "in places where they're wanted, places where they are welcomed and where they're needed."

In some areas – such as Okinawa, Japan, or Seoul, South Korea – U.S. forces become an irritant to local governments, Rumsfeld said.

At the same time, the United States

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Photo by Master Sgt. James M. Bowman, USAF

From left, Marine Gen. James Jones, commander of European Command; Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld; Navy Adm. Thomas Fargo, commander of Pacific Command; and Army Gen. Leon LaPorte, commander of U.S. Forces Korea, appear before the Senate Armed Services Committee to testify on global posture Sept 23.

Three wars and 27 years of civil service, MCCS employee bids adieu

By Rob L. Jackson
BARSTOW LOG staff

He shared school classes with Marilyn Monroe, endured the harsh living conditions of an interment camp, lived through three wars, communicated with astronauts Neil Armstrong and Robert White, then spent the next 27 years managing one of the Marine Corps Community Services' hobby shops.

Robert Izumi, Wood/Rock Hobby Shop manager, will close this chapter of his life after nearly 60 years of combined federal service as he retires from a very storied career today.

Considered somewhat of an icon aboard MCLB Barstow, he has been recognized in recent years as the oldest civilian Marine, on the Nebo side of the base, at cake cutting ceremonies during Marine Corps Birthday observances.

While sitting down and speaking

with Izumi one would soon find out that his career with the federal government, both military and civil service, and his life experiences in general could make an ideal segment for the History Channel.

He was born in Southern California Sept. 18, 1924, one of five sons, and attended school in Beverly Hills. One of his classmates at that time was future actress Marilyn Monroe.

"I sat next to her in homeroom and English class. She was kind of a homely girl, not very pretty. But she started blossoming out in about the 11th grade," he said jokingly.

However, his friendships with his classmates were soon cut short. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066, which permitted the military to circumvent the constitutional safeguards of

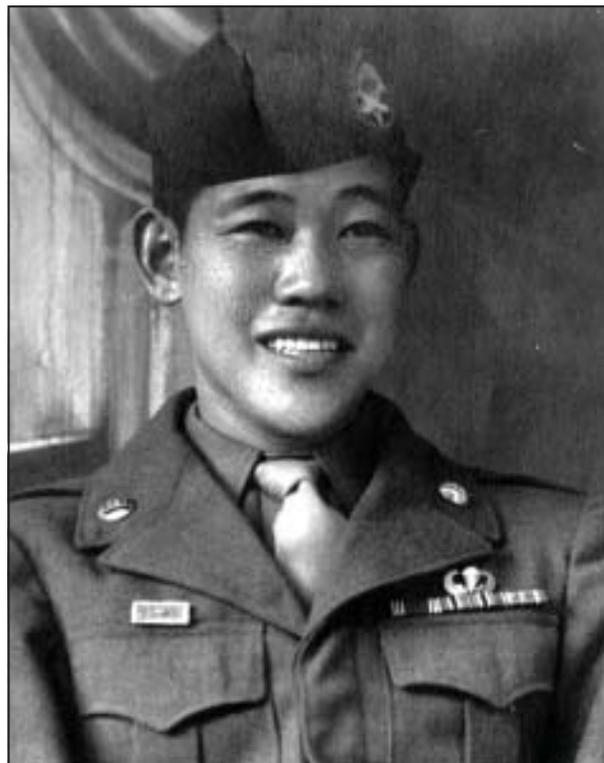


Photo courtesy of Robert Izumi

A very happy Pvt. Robert Izumi after becoming a member of the U. S. Army's 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, during World War II in 1944.

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Fire Prevention Week: test your smoke alarms

By Lance Cpl. Jenna Lassandrello
Combat Correspondent

On October 8, 1871 the Great Chicago Fire burned through the night killing more than 250 people, destroying more than 17,400 structures and leaving more than 100,000 people homeless.

Fire Prevention Week originated as a result of this fire disaster and is commemorated every October to bring awareness about fire safety. This year Fire Prevention Week is observed October 3-9.

The 2004 Fire Prevention Week

slogan is "It's Fire Prevention Week: Test Your Smoke Alarms"

Smoke alarms are the first step in fire prevention and can be the difference between life and death. Roughly 70 percent of home-fire deaths result from homes without smoke alarms, or inoperable smoke detectors. Here are some smoke alarm tips:

- It is important for every member of the household to be able to recognize the sound of the fire alarm and know how to react in case of a fire.
- Smoke alarms should be installed on every level in the home, and espe-

cially near sleeping areas.

- Smoke alarms should be mounted high on the ceiling or walls because smoke rises.

- Batteries in a smoke alarm should be checked frequently and replaced once a year.

- Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.

- Never "borrow" a battery from a smoke alarm.

- Never decorate or paint a smoke alarm, this could cause a malfunction.

- Any time a smoke alarm goes off it should be taken seriously, and everyone should evacuate.

Families should have a specific escape route as well as a secondary route, in case one path is blocked by fire. Escape routes should be practiced during the day and nighttime to avoid panic and confusion. Here are some tips to ensure a safe escape route:

- Escape routes should be reevaluated every time furniture is moved to ensure paths are not blocked.

- A meeting point that is far away from the house should be designated for family members to go to after escaping.

- Anyone who needs assistance, such as an infant or a grandparent

should be factored into the escape plan.

- All family members should memorize emergency numbers so that after escaping, help can be called.

- Escape drills should be practiced at least twice a year to ensure everyone is prepared for the real thing.

- Practice crawling low when escaping to help prevent smoke inhalation.

More fires start in the kitchen than in any other place in the home and unattended cooking is the number one cause for cooking fires. In 1999, there

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Tolerance is not always good

By Lt. Cmdr. Randel Livingood
Base Chaplain



"Tolerance." There's a word that we have heard quite a bit lately.

A word that has taken on a life of its own recently. As a society, a nation, and a people we have been asked to become more tolerant about all kinds of things.

Don't get me wrong; tolerance is a good thing. I can tell you that if my parents hadn't been tolerant I would have been kicked out of the house early on in my rebellious young life. If my professors in college had not been tolerant, I would have been asked to leave because I asked far too many difficult questions about the administration.

So for me, tolerance is a good thing. The challenge in being tolerant is deciding what you

will or will not tolerate. It is interesting that society as a whole seems to go through cycles of more or less tolerance but always with a trend toward greater acceptance of behaviors previously thought to be completely intolerable.

Obviously, this works out well for some people within our society. For those who steal, when stealing is tolerated their lives become ever so much easier. For those who lie, when lying is tolerated their lives become ever so much easier. For those who cheat, when cheating is tolerated life becomes easier. So the question becomes not whether toleration is good, rather it becomes what should we tolerate.

In other words, when do we decide that there really are some things we should not tolerate? If we care to, we can look at the results of our tolerant society. We can ask ourselves why so many children turn out to be drug users. We can ponder why so many

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Just doing my job ...



Photo by Lance Cpl. Nich R. Babb

Jim Shockley, a heavy mobile equipment repairer for Cost Work Center 723, Maintenance Center Barstow, removes a refueling tray on a M-970 refueling trailer. Shockley is a Barstow native who has been working at MCB for one month.

Chapel Services

Protestant Sunday 8:30 a.m.
For more information, call 577-6849.

Religious Events

Morning prayer, Building 15 ASD 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays
Lunch time episcopal mass, Building 128, Blessed Sacrament Chapel 11 a.m. Thursdays.
Seekers Bible Study, Building 126, Religious Ministries Center 5 p.m. Wednesdays.

Religious Services off base

Catholic Mass:
St. Joseph's Catholic Church
505 E. Mt. View
Barstow
Sundays, 7:30 a.m. Misa En Espanol
9:30, 10:30 a.m. English

or:
St. Philip Neri Catholic Church
25333 Third Street
Lenwood
Sundays, 9:30 a.m. English

Jewish Services
Congregation Bamidar
Shel Ha-Am
130 Eastgate Road
Barstow
Saturdays 10 a.m.



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Leave Sharing Program

Jennifer D. Kinsey of the Contracting and Purchasing Office has been affected by a medical emergency. Anyone desiring to donate leave under the Leave Sharing Program may obtain a leave donor application through their department administrative officer.

For more information, contact Kelly Woodford at 577-6369 or Johnnie Curtis at 577-6734.

Customer Complaint Line

For complaints about the services received from the Work Request phone line, call the Most Efficient Organization complaint line. The MEO compliant line number is 577-5159.

Flag Football

Come on out and participate in the new Flag Football League starting for all military personnel, dependents and civilian workers of MCLB Barstow.

There will be a coaches meeting today, in the base gym at 5 p.m. Players are welcome to attend. The season is scheduled to begin Oct. 12.

A minimum of six teams is needed to start a league. A maximum of 12 players will be permitted per team. A team roster should be brought to the meeting.

More information will be provided at the coaches meeting.

If you have any questions, contact Capt. James Boerighter at 577-6801 or Gunnery Sgt. Tad Snidecor at 577-6686.

Calico Days

A mining town party, paying tribute to Calico's Wild West past, is scheduled for Oct. 8 through 10.

Attractions include an Old West character hall of fame dedication, music, a barbecue and costume contests begin at 6 p.m., Oct. 8. A Wild West parade is scheduled for Oct. 9 at noon and on Oct. 10, a burro race takes to the streets at 11 a.m. A gunfight stunt competition is scheduled for both weekend days along with an egg tossing, greased pole climbing and bucket brigade contests.

A complete schedule on Calico Days is available at the Web site at www.calicotown.com or by calling Calico at 1-800-To-Calico. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for youth ages 6 through 15. Children and parking are free.

Fire Prevention Week

In honor of fire prevention week, there will be a barbecue, hosted by the Marine Corps Ball Committee, Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Nebo Fire Station.

The price is \$5 a plate, which includes a hamburger, hotdog, scoop of potato salad, beans, and water or soda.

Safety information and door prize will be presented. The safety house will also be on display.

For tickets, contact Master Sgt. Richard Holman at 577-6858, Staff Sgt. Perry Sikes at 577-7269 or Danielle Heinze at 577-6408.

Fall Theater Production

The Barstow Community College Performing Arts Department is scheduled to perform "The Last Night of Ballyhoo" during October in the college's Norman Smith Center.

The play focuses on a Jewish family exploring their faith while living in a primarily Christian neighborhood in Atlanta.

The college is staging the play in a "black box" setting, meaning the audience will sit on stage with the actors.

Performances are scheduled for Oct. 15, 16, 22 and 23 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 17 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 for general admission and \$5 for local students.

Tickets are limited. If interested in attending, it is recommended that reservations are made by calling Amy Ross at 252-2411.

MCLB Gas Station Closure

The MCX service station will be closed beginning Monday for environmental compliance upgrade work. The service station will reopen upon completion, with a target date of Oct. 26.

During this time the Seven Day Store will remain open.

Gun Club

The base is exploring the establishment of a Gun Club, and the possibility of utilizing the MCLB rifle/pistol range for recreational shooting and National Rifle Association sponsored matches.

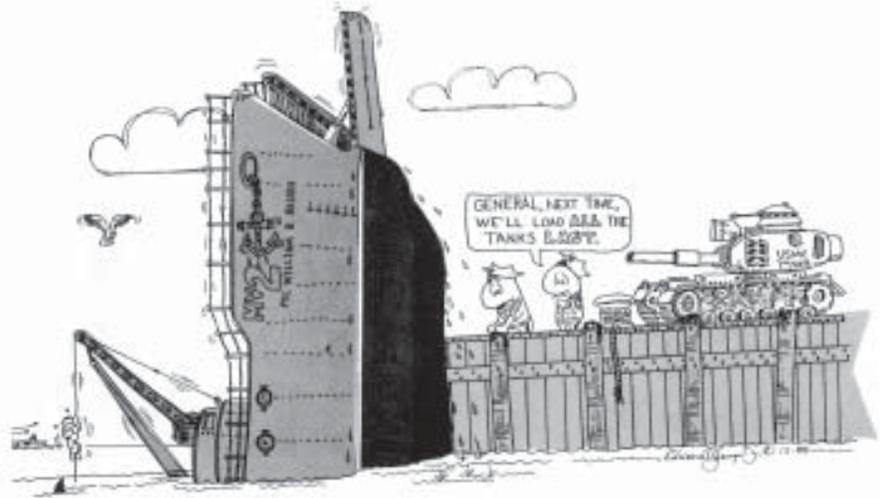
If interested in becoming a member, contact David Vanhovel at 577-6373.

Restricted Parking

The west end of the parking lots for Buildings 236, 190 and 170 will be restricted intermittently due to the painting of the adjacent water tank. To prevent

101 things you should never ask a Marine to do

By E. Temple



Never ask a Marine to load a ship.

over spraying, personnel are asked to park on the east side parking lot.

Questions can be directed to Bill Kears at 577-6214 or 578-1559.

Iwo Jima Commemorative Service

A memorial service and banquet commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima is scheduled to be held at the South Mesa Staff Noncommissioned Officer Club, Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif., commencing at 4:30 p.m. on March 26, 2005.

The men, wives and friends of the 3rd, 4th and 5th Marine Divisions, supporting units involved in the landing and the general public are invited to at-

tend.

For more information, contact the Iwo Jima Committee, 308 Aqueduct Court, Placentia, Calif., 92870-5469.

Marine Corps Ball

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's 229th Marine Corps Birthday Ball will be at the Primm Valley Resorts, Nev., Nov. 10.

Attire for active duty military is dress blue "A" or "B", service "A" or equivalent. For civilians black tie or equivalent is suggested.

Ticket costs are:

Officers, civilians, and guests; \$30 each. Staff noncommissioned officers; \$25 each. Sergeants and corporals; \$15 each. Lance corporals and below;

FREE. Guests of lance corporals and below; \$15 each.

Ticket sales are Monday through Friday from 7 to 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the base duty office in Building 15 or S-1 in the Red Wing of Building 15. Ticket sales end Nov. 1.

If you have any questions, contact Staff Sgt. Perry Sikes at 577-4360 or Danielle Heinze at 577-6408.

For room reservations, call 1-800-386-7867 and use code SCM1110.

Be sure to use your credit card or an advance deposit to guarantee a reservation.

Regular rooms cost \$25 and it is recommended to make reservations before Oct. 27. Check out time is noon Nov. 11.

Job Watch

Ann. No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
SW0318-04-204216-DE	Secretary (OS) GS-0318-05	09-22-04	10-05-04	09-24-04	MCLB Barstow
SW5736-04-206684-DE	Braker-Switcher WG-5423-07	09-22-04	10-04-04	09-27-04	MCLB Barstow
SW5803-04-204347-DE	Heavy Mobile Equipment Mech. WG-5803-10	09-24-04	10-04-04	09-28-04	MCLB Barstow

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

For information regarding Open Continuous announcements point your browser to <http://www.donhr.navy.mil>. For more information concerning 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 at 577-6357/6279/6481.

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

Don't be scammed out of an education

An old trick returns, learn who is out to get your college money

By Lance Cpl. Ashley Warden
Combat Correspondent

Over the years, the cost of college education has been on the rise. Since 1969, tuition costs have risen to more than 600 percent. Is it any wonder that students and their families are often looking for ways to finance their education cheaper?

Catering to this need, test prep companies often have the same goal: to sell study materials and practice tests for the College Level Examination Program and other college credit exams for profit and promise quick, easy fixes to getting a degree through testing.

These companies frequently target the military, especially younger members, and give misleading information, make false promises and conduct false sales at exchanges, malls or members' homes. Some salesmen claim they are authorized to sell encyclopedias and educational material in the Navy Exchange and the Army/Air Force Exchange System. Some will even claim to be from the base education center and make appointments to visit the military member at home.

Information on specific schools with external degree programs, such as Thomas Edison State College, Excelsior College and Charter Oak College, is included or companies imply they represent one of these schools. Sales materials may

even include a sample degree from one of these schools.

Scam artists such as these are oftentimes hard to catch because they move from one part of the country to another and change names. Salesmen of these companies scour bases on the east coast one year, move to the central United States another year and finally end up on installations on the west coast and overseas.

Scanning the literature disseminated by the companies for terms such as "best available" or "60 credits earned easily," can help customers determine if it is the real thing or not. The literature may also state that all colleges grant college credit for CLEP or Defense Activity Non-Traditional Education Support Subject Standardized Tests and that Tuition Assistance or the Montgomery G.I. Bill can be used. The material will also say that the company's encyclopedias or dictionaries are essential.

Unfortunately, the materials offered by the company, costing as much as \$3,900, are inadequate for preparation and available elsewhere. Tuition assistance or the Montgomery G.I. Bill cannot be used to pay for the exams. The military member may be required to sign a contract with a down payment and monthly payment. When service members realize they have been cheated, they are told that they are obligated to reimburse or threatened with the destruction of their credit rating.

"If service members are well informed about their education benefits and opportunities, they are less likely to fall for something that sounds too good to be true."

Before signing anything, service members should see their base education officer or financial officer. If service members feel they have been misled into signing a fraudulent contract, they should contact the base legal office.

"You have to be careful of the company you're dealing with," said Francis Villeme, base education officer, in a previous interview, after two people from MCLB Barstow were conned out of their money because of the scams.

Recently, Marines in the Camp Pendleton and San Diego areas were the targets of such scams.

"The only way to keep, usually very young, service members from being taken in by this type of operation is through education," stated Mary Jo Watlington of the Service Members Opportunity College. "If service members are well informed about their education benefits and opportunities, they are less likely to fall for some-

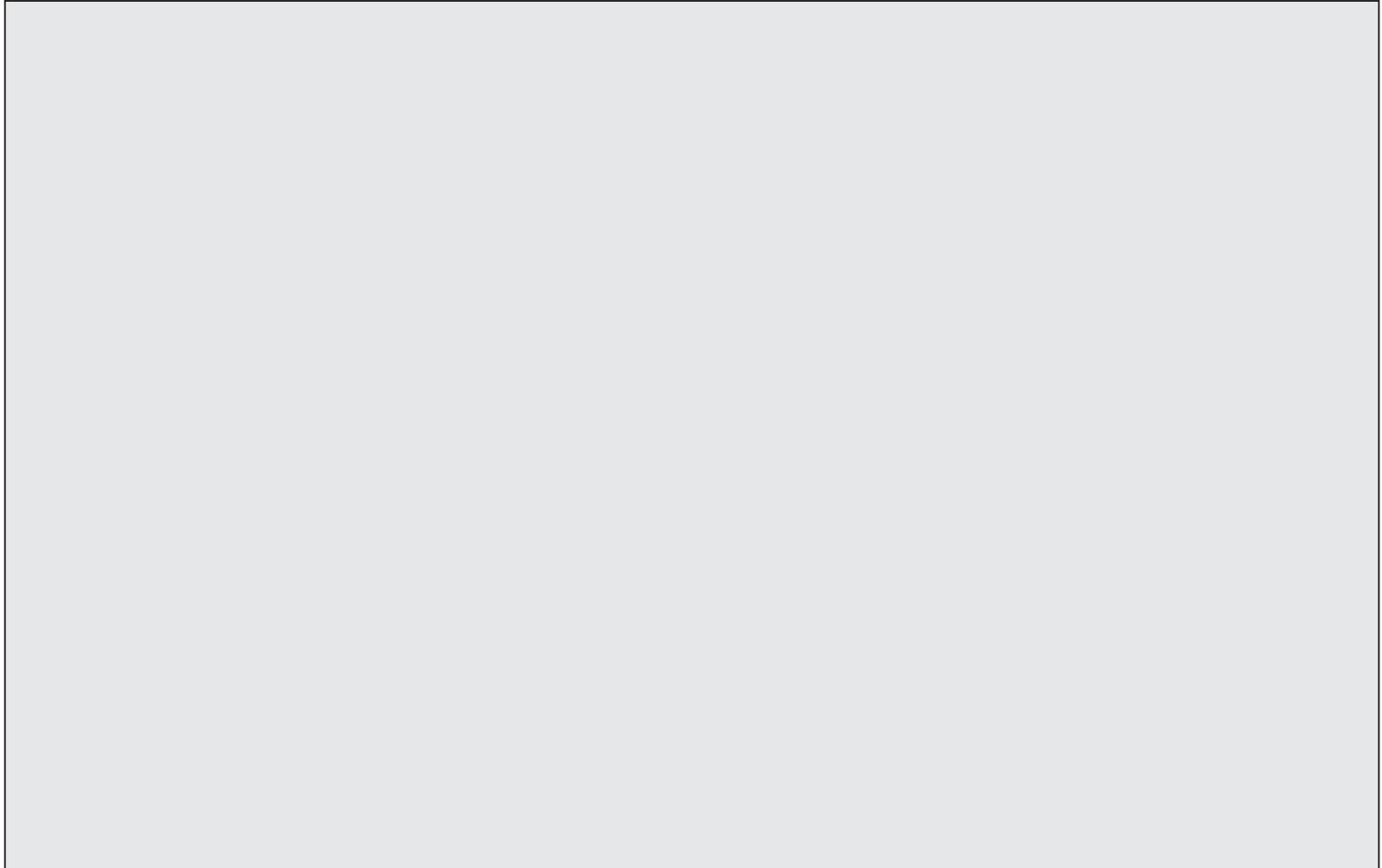
thing that sounds too good to be true."

If the company is selling CLEP preparation materials, contact the College Board through Jeff Hiller, who is in charge of tracking education scams, at (212) 713-8064 or e-mail him at jhiller@collegeboard.org. The Federal Trade Commission, which monitors predatory scams and frauds nationally, is also interested in companies that sell materials using unfair and deceptive procedures. Individuals can file a complaint at www.ftc.gov.

There are a variety of free or low-cost alternatives for acquiring needed study references for CLEP and other credit-by-exam programs available. CLEP sample tests are distributed to all DANTES test centers, available for test control officers to download from the DANTES Web site, and are free to any service member. DANTES Subject Standardized Tests and Excelsior College Exam study materials are available to anyone on the DANTES Web site at <http://voled.doded.mil/dantes/exam/index.htm>.

"If they are in the Pendleton area, it is just a matter of time before they migrate to the Barstow area and our Marines are the targets," stated Villeme.

Editor's Note: Information used in this story can be found in DANTES consumer alert articles on test prep scams and an article by Theresa Radi of the Detrick Center for Training and Education Excellence.



MECEP makes getting a commission easier

By Lance Cpl. Nich R. Babb
Combat Correspondent

There are various ways to become a commissioned officer in the United States Marine Corps, and if you are currently an enlisted Marine, the Marine Corps Enlisted Commissioning Education Program is one way to earn that bar.

According to MARADMIN 036/04, the MECEP was started as a resource for outstanding enlisted Marines to earn a commission as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve, and a bachelor's degree.

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Headquarters Battalion Commanding Officer Maj. Wayne O. Cox II, said that when an enlisted Marine is deciding on a commissioning program to use, they should use the program that gets the individual their commission the quickest. Some programs are designed for Marines that do not have any college credits, and others were implemented for Marines who might have a couple of college years completed already.

Marine Corps Order 1560.15L states that a person must first be a Marine on active duty or a

reservist assigned to the active reserve to be eligible. They must be the rank of corporal or above, between 20 and 26-years-old and must have scored more than a 75 percent on all GED tests or been in the top 50 percent of their graduating high school class.

According to the order this may be waived in cases of otherwise highly qualified applicants.

There are some test scores an applicant should have before applying to the MECEP. A score from the Scholastic Aptitude Test, American College Test or Armed Forces Qualification Test are required, states the MARADMIN. Depending on the school you plan on attending, your individual test scores must exceed the minimum score wanted for all applicants. For MECEP approval, however, a Marine's SAT score must be more than a combined math and verbal of 1000, the ACT score must be more than a combined math and verbal of 45, or their AFQT section score on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery must be more than 74.

Through the MECEP a Marine is paid and receives full benefits while attending college, but they must pay their tuition and other education expenses

by their own means. In college, there are many financial expenses that a student must pay for, and it is important that the Marine is in a suitable financial situation before they attempt to pay for these expenses.

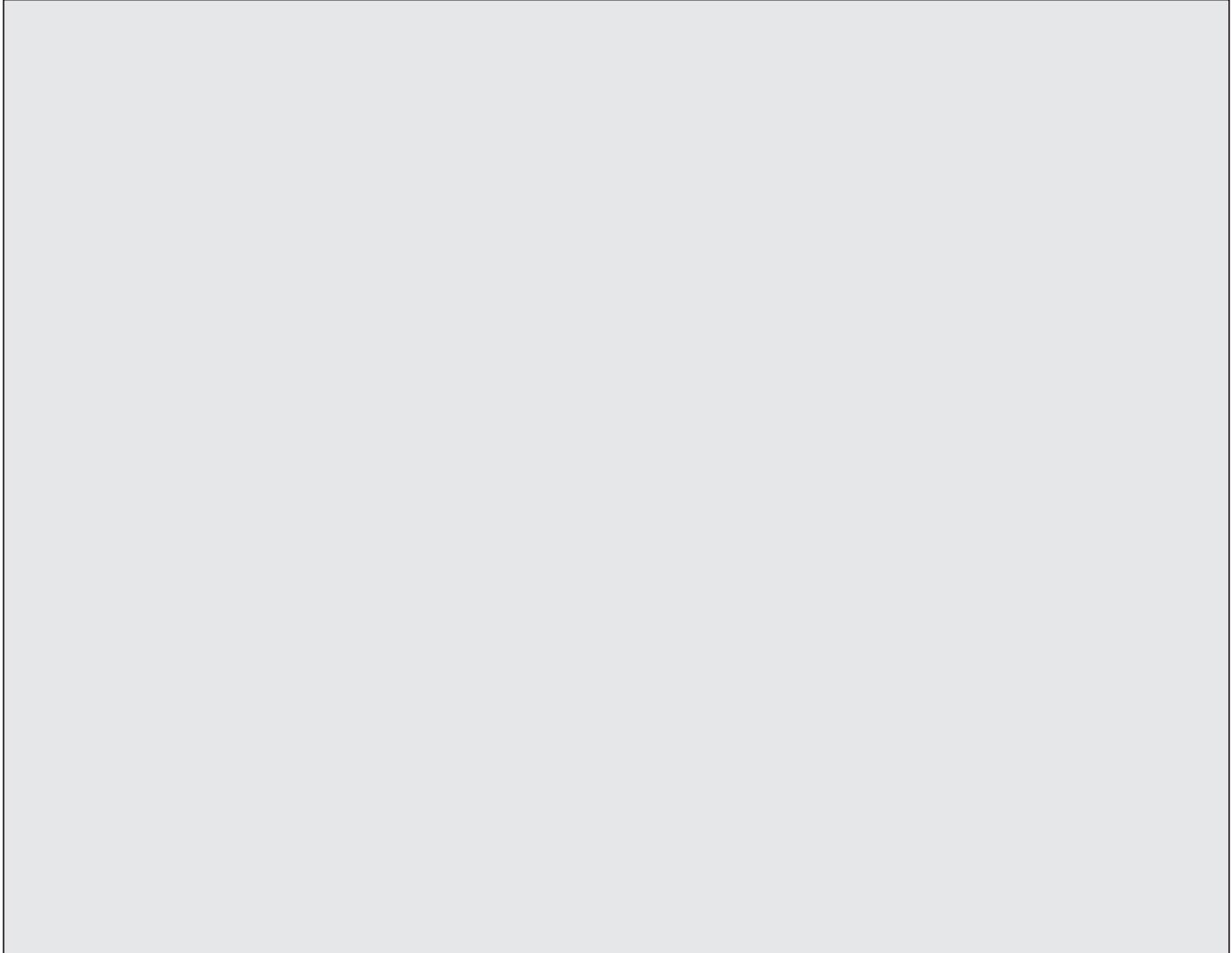
Marines who are selected for MECEP are not allowed to spend five years in college in order to obtain their bachelor's degree. Some engineering and business degrees take five years to earn, and are not allowed for those Marines who have not accrued any credits before the beginning of the program.

Marines selected also attend a MECEP preparatory school at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego before they start their first day of school.

With MECEP, an enlisted Marine can go to college full time while still receiving full benefits from the Marine Corps.

After completion of the program, an individual comes out with a bachelor's degree and a commission. To obtain a commission through the MECEP, make sure it is the best route before making a decision.

For more information contact the base career retention specialist, Sgt. Joseph Janez at 577-6684.



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American citizens in the name of national defense.

The order set into motion the exclusion from certain areas, and the evacuation and mass incarceration of 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry living on the West Coast, most of whom were U. S. citizens or legal permanent resident aliens, according to www.children-of-the-camps.org Web site.

For the next two years Izumi spent his days at the Manzanar interment camp, one of ten located in California, until he was "rescued" by a school teacher from Iowa.

"She came in asking if anyone wanted to volunteer to go to Iowa to finish their education," Izumi said. "A lot of guys didn't want to go but I volunteered to go."

He finished his education and later volunteered to join the U. S. Army in June 1944.

"The military was still segregated at that time so I had to join the 442nd, an all Japanese unit" he revealed.

The 442nd Regimental Combat Team's motto during World War II was "Go for Broke," in gambling terms it means risking everything to win big, and they had to win big. It was one of the most decorated units, for its size and length of service in military history, according to the Go for Broke Educational Foundation.

But for as much action as the unit saw, Izumi was only attached to the unit until September 1944 when he transferred to the 101st Airborne Division.

"I wanted to be a pilot but it wasn't al-

lowed. The closest I could get to flying was jumping so I became a member of G Company, 506th PIR (Parachute Infantry Regiment)," he said.

While with the 506th Izumi's unit made jumps into Italy, France and worked its way to Berchtesgaden, Austria, in the Bavarian Alps, the location of Hitler's Hideout.

"We went into Hitler's hideout, which wasn't much by the time we arrived, and down to Zell am Zee to liberate some prisoners there, and then on to Uttendorf," Izumi explained. "We went into the Alps to look for prisoners and liberated quite a few. After that we had to get out of the Alps because winter was coming in so we went into Joigny, France, after that. Our division made its last jump in Joigny."

At Uttendorf the 506th, which included not only G Company but also Easy Company, the unit in which the television series and novel "Band of Brothers" is based on, established its com-

mand post. The regiment remained there until November 1945 when it was deactivated and its few remaining members were assigned to other units.

Izumi remained with his unit in the European Theater until just after Gen. George Patton was killed in an auto accident; the outfit departed Frankfurt, Germany, in 1945 and returned to the United States.

Before he left Europe, Izumi said he got to meet Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and other top generals and emphasized that they were wonderful people. He even stood special guard for the eventual president of the United States as well as Patton and Gen. Joseph T. McNamery who was commander of the Mediterranean Theater of Op-

erations, USA and deputy Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean at the time.

Upon his return to the states Izumi transferred into the Army Air Corps in 1945 and

in 1947 as a staff sergeant he decided to join the Air Force just after its establishment in 1947.

His first Air Force assignment, as a communications specialist, took him to Kunsan Air Force Base Korea during the Korean War.

"(In Korea) we built the Shinguan Orphanage outside of Kunsan," he said. "We would go into the mountains and find unwanted kids, that their mothers would have from the GIs and then wouldn't take advantage of the local hospital. We would find out where the babies were and take them back to the orphanage."

For his efforts he received a Humanitarian Certificate from the president of South Korea.

Izumi found himself in Turkey for his next assignment and was there when Francis Powers, a Korean War veteran who worked for the Central Intelligence Agency, was shot down over the USSR while piloting a U-2 spy plane in 1960.

During the Vietnam War, in which Izumi said he did "one too many" tours from 1966 - 1967, he helped save a downed American pilot and for his efforts received the South Vietnamese Armed Forces Honor Medal and a Bronze Star. This came as a result of coordinating with the village chiefs to get approval to cross their land to get the pilot. After getting the ok from the different chiefs he scrambled a helicopter to go in and retrieve the pilot.

"They came down from Saigon and gave



Photo courtesy of Robert Izumi

Robert Izumi is awarded the South Vietnamese Armed Forces Honor Medal in 1967 for coordinating the rescue of a downed American pilot.

17th Annual Barstow Rodeo Stampede ropes in a crowd at MCLB Stables



Photo by Lance Cpl. Ashley Warden

A cowboy holds on as his horse tries to buck him off during the saddle bronc competition at the Barstow Rodeo Stampede Sept. 26. The event evolved from the task of breaking and training horses to work the cattle ranches in the Old West.

By Lance Cpl. Jenna Lassandrello
Combat Correspondent

Crowds made up of around 5000 rodeo fans from all over Southern California and farther came to enjoy the sights and sounds of the 17th Annual Barstow Rodeo Stampede this past weekend.

The MCLB Barstow base stables hosted the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association event put on by the Barstow Rodeo Group.

The rodeo opened with the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard from MCLB Barstow and the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment's Mounted Color Guard from Fort Irwin.

Featured events were bareback riding, steer

wrestling, tie-down roping, saddle bronc riding, bull poker, barrel racing, bull riding and more.

Another highlight from the event was the Rodeo Queen pageant. The queens were crowned on Sunday: Anne Marie Ellis as the Little Miss Teen Queen, Heather Marie Philpott as the Teen Queen and CherRae Anne Steiner as the Queen.

Children joined in the time honored rodeo tradition of mutton bustin', where contestants try to ride a runaway sheep for as long as possible. "The kids mutton bustin' excites the crowd the most," said Mal Wessel, the chairman of the Barstow Rodeo Group.

"It was probably the best rodeo we have had in the 17-year history, the first one was exciting but they keep on getting better," said Wessel.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Nich R. Babb

The Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard stationed at MCLB Barstow, holds their position during the playing of the National Anthem during the opening ceremony. From left to right the riders are Lance Cpl. Jason Jordan, Master Gunnery Sgt. Kim Ortamond, Sgt. Phillip Moses and Lance Cpl. Devon Cantrell, Lance Cpl. Ashley Warden holds the reigns of the riderless horse.

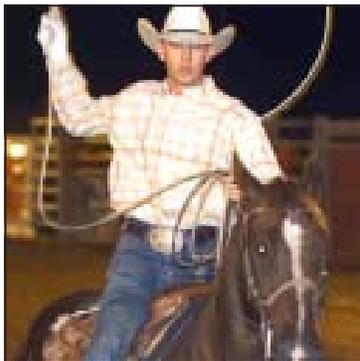


Photo by Lance Cpl. Jenna Lassandrello

A competitor practices roping before heading out to the arena to try his hand at team roping.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Ashley Warden

Right: A cowboy throws a rope around the horns of a calf as his partner tries to catch the back legs during the team roping competition Sept. 26. The event came from a procedure used to secure a steer so it could be branded or doctored.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Nich R. Babb

A cowboy jumps off his horse in the steer wrestling competition at the 17th annual Barstow Rodeo Stampede held at the Yermo annex of the Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Sept. 25-26. In this event the cowboy is supposed to tackle and wrestle a running steer to the ground as fast as possible.



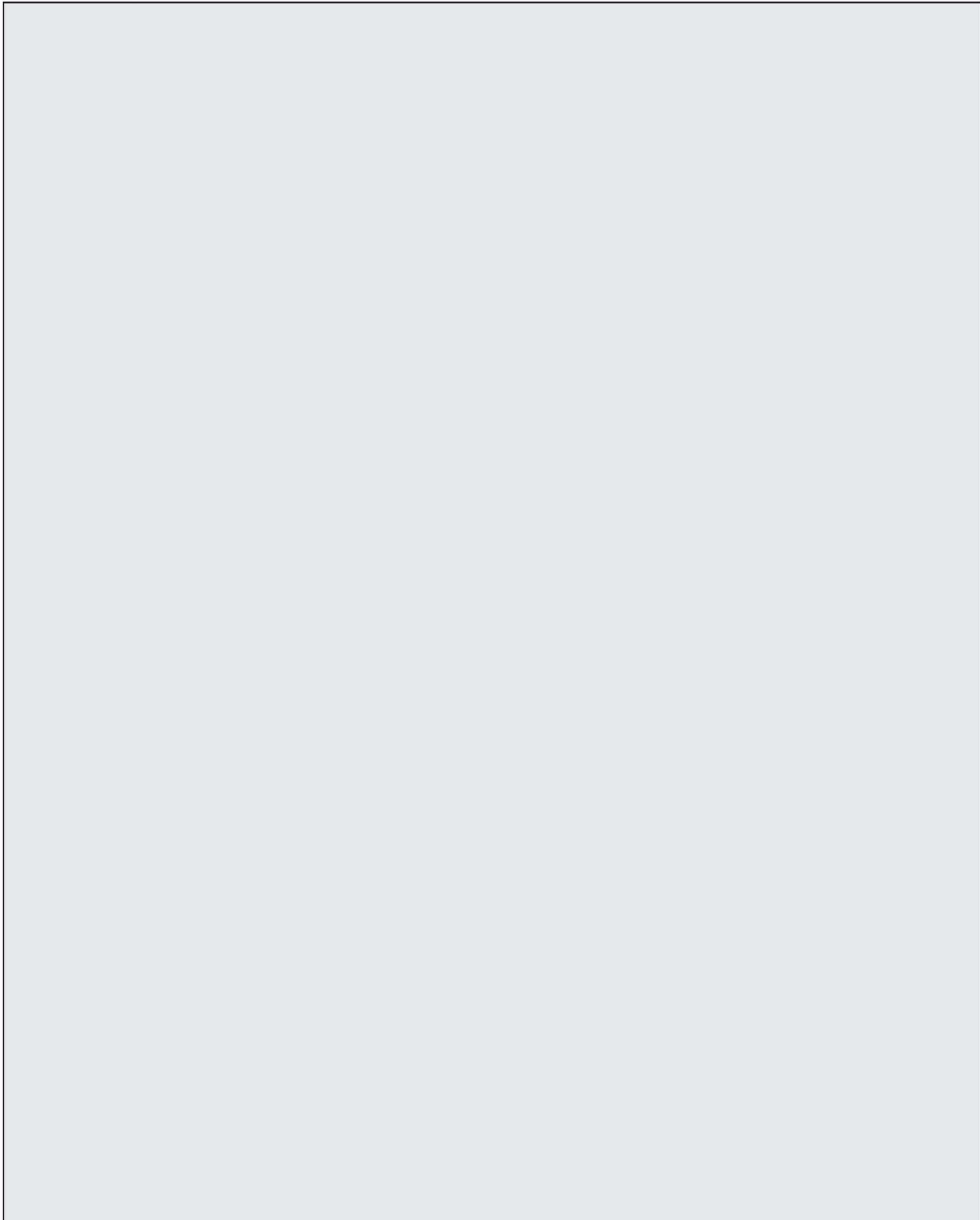
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A cowboy bends to flip a calf over to tie its legs together as fast as he can in the tie down roping. The calf has 6 seconds to disqualify the cowboy by getting free after the cowboy is finished.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Ashley Warden

"It's muttin bustin' time!" Children, 10 years and younger, were allowed to participate in the rodeo festivities and ride sheep bareback during the muttin bustin' competition.



Gunny's Picks

Week 4



Congratulations to Clarence Green, a computer specialist with Communications Division, winner of this week's Gunny's Picks. Green went 11 – 3 to include the Monday Night game between the Cowboys and Redskins. This die-hard Cowboys fan said that all Ravens and Redskins fans should put their money on the Da' Boys. Green's dark horse pick for the

weekend is Arizona over the New Orleans Saints. Good luck and good pickins'. The Cowboys, Lions, Vikings and Seahawks have the week off. Here are the rest of the match ups for Week 4.

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 your picks to editor@barstow.usmc.mil.

- Cincinnati @ Pittsburgh*
- *Indianapolis @ Jacksonville
- *Oakland @ Houston
- *New England @ Buffalo
- *Philadelphia @ Chicago
- *Washington @ Cleveland

- NY Giants @ Green Bay*
- Atlanta @ Carolina*
- *New Orleans @ Arizona
- *NY Jets @ Miami
- *Tennessee @ San Diego
- *Denver @ Tampa Bay
- *St. Louis @ San Francisco

Monday Night

Kansas City @ Baltimore*

Total points: _____

Name, work section and phone number: _____

Monday night's game is a tie-breaker and must include a total score.

FIRE from Page 2

were 96,200 home structure fires associated with cooking equipment resulting in 331 deaths, 4,183 injuries and \$511.3 million in direct property damage. Here are some kitchen safety tips:

- Always use cooking equipment tested and approved by a recognized testing facility.
- Never leave cooking food on the stovetop unattended, and keep a close eye on food inside the oven.
- Keep cooking areas clean and clear of combustibles.
- Keep children and pets away from cooking areas.
- Turn pot handles inward to prevent bumping into them.
- Don't wear loose clothing while cooking.
- Never use a wet oven mitt.

The second most likely cause of fire is home heating, and heating is the lead cause of home fires in the months of December, January and February. There were 48,800 home fires related to heating equipment reported in 1999, resulting in 301 deaths, 1,383 injuries and \$606.5 million in property damage.

Two out of every three heating fires, and five of every six related deaths, were attributed to equipment.

Common causes of space heating home fires are:

- lack of regular cleaning

· failure to give space heaters space or placing them too close to combustibles

· basic flaws in construction and fueling errors involving liquid or gas fueled heating equipment.

Electrical distribution equipment (i.e., wiring, switches, outlets, cords and plugs, fuse and circuit breaker boxes, lighting fixtures and lamps) were the third leading cause of home fires and the second leading cause of fire deaths in the U.S. between 1994 and 1998. There were 38,300 reported home electrical fires in 1998, resulting in 284 deaths, 1,184 injuries and \$668.8 million in direct property damage. Here are some electrical safety tips:

- Replace or repair loose or frayed cords on all electrical devices.
- Avoid running extension cords across doorways or under carpets.
- In homes with small children, electrical outlets should have plastic safety covers.

· Avoid overloading outlets; consider plugging in only one high-wattage appliance into each receptacle outlet at a time.

· If outlets feel warm, shut off the circuit and have them checked out by an electrician.

· Place lamps on level surfaces, away from things that can burn and use bulbs that match the lamp's recommended wattage.

Smoking materials such as ciga-

rettes, cigars and pipes are the leading cause of fire deaths and the third leading cause of fire injuries in the United States. Roughly one of every four fire deaths in the 1999 was attributed to smoking materials. In 1999, there were 167,700 fires associated with smoking materials resulting in 807 deaths, 2,193 injuries and \$559.1 million in property damage. Of the fire deaths, 776 occurred in residential properties. Here are some smoking safety tips:

- Keep smoking materials away from anything that can burn.
- Never smoke in bed or when drowsy, intoxicated or medicated.
- Use large, non-tip ashtrays and do not rest ashtrays on sofas or chairs.
- Completely douse butts and ashes with water before throwing them away.
- Keep lighters and matches out of children's sight or reach.

MCLB Barstow will be having a Fire Prevention Week Open House and Safety Training on Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Nebo Fire Station. The Marine Corps Birthday Ball Committee will host a BBQ with hamburgers and hotdogs. For tickets contact Master Sgt. Richard Holman at 577-6858, Staff Sgt. Laura Sikes at 577-7269, or Danielle Heinze at 577-6408. Tickets should be purchased by Friday.

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October 1981 by the National Coalition Against

Domestic Violence. In October of 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. During the month of October, purple ribbons are displayed to raise awareness of domestic violence, remembering those lost to domestic violence, and to celebrate those who have survived.

In observance of Domestic Violence Month, the Family Advocacy Program (FAP) is offering an informative presentation on domestic violence. This video-assisted presentation is designed to assist military families and civilian Marines to recognize domestic violence and the effects it has on the family as a whole.

All who are interested in learning more about domestic violence are welcome to attend. The presentation will be held Oct. 21 from 1 to 2 p.m.

FAP will be offering an informative presentation on the Transitional Compensation Program (TCP) for military and their family members. TCP is designed to assist victim-survivors of family maltreatment with the transition out of domestic violence. This presentation will be held Oct. 13 at 1 p.m.

Presentations will be held at the training room inside Marine and Family Services Building 129. Call 577-6533 for more information.

New Barber Shop Hours

MCCS has heard your request and now you can get that "Fresh Cut" on Sundays! Starting Oct. 3, the Barber Shop will be open 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays! This is a one month trial period and will continue if successful!

Attention: Parents, You're Not Alone!

The New Parent Support Program (NPSP) is designed to help you get through those first few years! From pregnancy to toddler, NPSP offers programs and classes to help

parents cope with everyday occurrences. Build strong foundations and know that you don't have to do it alone.

The Expectant Parents Basic Training Class will be offered Oct. 5 at its new time from 12:30 to 4 p.m. in the FAP classroom in Building 319. This is a 3-1/2 hour class that includes all of the information given at the Fort Irwin Prenatal Classes with the exception of the Anesthesia and Hospital Tour. At the end of the class, participants will be automatically signed up for the Anesthesia and Hospital Tour given at Fort Irwin. Save three evening trips to Fort Irwin!

Making toys for your child is a great way to get to know other parents. Enjoy learning toy safety and age appropriateness as well as creativity. Create that special gift that is sure to bring a smile to your child's face.

Toy making classes are held on Oct. 12 and Oct. 19, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the FAP Classroom, Building 129.

On Oct. 12, NSPS will be hosting a "Wooden Paper Doll" toy making class.

Sand, paint and varnish the doll, then add personality to it by cutting out colored felt clothes to attach to it.

Learn the concept of extending play to build your child's brain development by making flannel story boards for the toddlers or texture boards for the babies! Class will be held Oct. 19.

Classes and materials for the toy making classes are free for one project!

Since craft tools will be used, NPSP requests that you do not bring your children to the toy making classes (except for babies in car seats).

For these and other great classes provided by NSPS, call 577-6332 or 577-6533.

What Do You Do With Your Spare Time?

There is more to do aboard MCLB than most people realize. The Hobby Shops are an outstanding way to get to know your skill set and find new interests that you may not have even known that you had. The Hobby Shops are continuously upgrading services provided our Marines, Civilian Marines and their families. So what's new at the Hobby Shops? Read on!

Auto Skills Center

The Auto Hobby Shop has taken on a new name. The "Auto Skills Center" has had a technological shift and will now be offering classes to assist with the needs of those who would like to "do it themselves," but may not have the know how to get the project started. Learn how to operate the Sun 450 Analyzer (diagnostic machine) and the Bear Wheel Alignment System on Oct. 27 from 12 to 7 p.m. at the new Auto Skills Center. This class is only \$20, call 577-6441.

Although the shop has a new name, the same great staff is intact. Jason, the Auto Skills Center manager, will help individuals get their projects moving. His expertise will assist with individual auto repair needs.

Ceramic Hobby Shop

With all of the holidays coming near, the ceramics shop is a fabulous way to give those one of a kind, hand made gifts

Patrons can choose from several molds or order pre-poured Greenware. Marke is back to help patrons get their projects underway. Marke will be happy to show how to turn creativity into an heirloom!

Wood/Rock Hobby Shop

Now you can make those one of a kind holiday gifts with the new Lapidary equipment!

The staff will help you learn a new skill, and is anxious to show you how to use the new equipment!

Whatever your interests, Wood and Rock, Auto or Ceramics, the Hobby Shops are there to satisfy your creativity.

The Hobby Shops are open Wednesdays through Fridays from 12 to 7 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 to 5 p.m.

DINE OUT
Look for the weekly Lunch Menu for the Family Restaurant, Cactus Cafe & Lanzer's Lounge in the E-News and the Events Guide! You can find Events Guides throughout MCLB!

2nd Annual Fall Family Festival at McTurons Hall (Base Library) Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004 4 to 8 p.m.
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
ALL ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY, RETIRED MILITARY, ALL PERSONNEL ON MCLB BARSTOW AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE WELCOME!

Super Seven Day Store

Congratulations to Miguel Alcaraz, USMC Retired. Alcaraz is pictured with his wife, Lynn, and the Rolling Rock Cruiser Beach Bike that he won from MCX Aug. 25 2004. The Alcaraz's reside in Victoria, CA.

Information, Tickets & Tours
It's time again for those Ghosts & Goblins to show up at the theme parks!
Call ITT to get your Knight's Scary Farm Tickets and other great amusement park tickets at 577-6541.

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

RUMSFELD from Page 1

has built new relationships with countries involved in the global war on terror, the secretary said. He said the United States has worked well with the countries of Central Asia and developed strong partnerships with the countries of Eastern Europe.

"We believe it makes sense to work out arrangements with countries that are interested in the presence of the U.S. and which are in closer proximity to the regions of the world where our troops are more likely to be needed in the future," Rumsfeld pointed out.

American troops also should be in places from which they can deploy. U.S. troops in Europe that deployed to Iraq, ended up taking the long way around when Austria denied permission to cross its territory, for example. "U.S. soldiers may be called to a variety of locations to engage extremists on short notice. We need to be able to deploy them to trouble spots quickly," he said.

The readjustment also must take advantage of the new capabilities of the U.S. military. "In this century we are shifting away from a tendency to equate sheer numbers of things – troops, bombs, tanks – with capability," Rumsfeld said. Precision bombs allow one aircraft to kill a number of targets, rather than the old paradigm of a number of planes dropping dumb bombs to take out one target.

Rumsfeld said the main operating bases will be consolidated, but retained. "In Asia our idea is built on the current ground air and naval access to overcome vast distances, while bringing forward other assets to the region," he said.

In Europe, the United States will deploy more flexible and agile ground forces and beefed up special operations forces. They will deploy to other regions as needed, he indicated.

"In the broader Middle East we propose to maintain what we call warm facilities for rotational forces and contingency purposes," the secretary said. The United States will build on the cooperation and access provided by host nations during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

"In Africa and the western hemisphere, we envision a diverse array of smaller cooperative security locations for security access," he said.

Both Rumsfeld and Myers said the moves will also make life easier for service members and their families. Once in place, deployments should be shorter and less frequent. Families should move less during a military career.

"This plan is in the best interest of national security and our troops," Myers said. "This plan will leave us better positioned to engage with our allies and promote regional stability and better positioned to prevail in combat when war cannot be prevented."

CHAPLAIN from Page 2

people have behavior problems that land them in trouble with civil authorities. We can ask why the median age for teens engaged in active sex lives seems to get lower every year.

I think at least part of the answer is tolerance. As a society reduced to the family unit we have become more tolerant than ever before. We allow our children to "explore" themselves, and to "make their own decisions." We

"don't want to stifle their creativity." We seem to have become tolerant of almost any behavior maybe because our children are not as bad as the children next door.

If you want to know why our society seems to have lost its' ability to see right and wrong the answer may be that we have learned to tolerate almost everything so that nothing is wrong anymore. The standards of what it means to be a decent human being have eroded because we were afraid of being labeled "intolerant."

I realize that this article is probably going to be viewed as "insensitive," and "intolerant" by some, but I would suggest that those persons should try to tolerate me. You see, it is not so much fun when you are one being asked to be tolerant of something you really dislike or don't believe in.

That takes us back to an old principle of life that has flowed through our culture from the earliest days even until now. "Do unto others as you would have them do to you." Yes, the golden rule. Maybe that rule has gotten a little tarnished over the years but I believe it is a good rule nonetheless. Toleration goes both ways and yes, the fact is that there are some things that we should not tolerate.

That questi on however is one that each of us must answer and then be brave enough to defend that answer and live it out.

Peace,
Fr Randel

IZUMI from Page 6

me the Medal of Honor, I don't know what

for," he mused. "It was just our duty there; other guys did more than I did. Besides, other people picked him up I didn't."

After serving in Vietnam Izumi returned to the states and was assigned to Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., and worked with the astronaut program from 1967 to 1969.

"In 1969 I went back to Okinawa and helped the Japanese government take over after that," he said. "Then I returned to the states to Travis Air Force Base and remained there until I retired from active service in 1975 as a chief master sergeant."

Izumi revealed that he had five brothers, all of whom served in the Army and fought in World War II.

"My oldest brother served in Vietnam the same as I did," he said. "He did three tours. He's passed away now along with my youngest brother."

During his last three years before retiring from the Air Force at Travis, Izumi worked for then what was called Special Services. When a billet for a hobby shop manager opened at MCLB Barstow he applied for and got the position and has been here since. Why Barstow?

"It was the only position opened at the time and I took it," he said, "and I have no regrets about my decision to come here. It's been great, and I've met some wonderful people. It's been great working with the Marines too."

Izumi concluded by happily announcing that upon his retirement from federal service, he will have left the Wood Hobby Shop with 8,517 days without an accident.

1963 CORVAIR: 8-passenger van, \$1,500. See at 317 Second Street in Yermo. Call 254-3569.

1988 TOYOTA: Pick-up truck, 4X4, new paint, new tires, vehicle over heated needs new engine, \$1,500. Call 256-2434.

MISCELLANEOUS: Overhead camper, 8 foot, stove, two way Fridg, gas – electric air conditioner, \$600, see at 317 Second street, Yermo. Call 254-3569

MISCELLANEOUS: Sofa and loveseat, South West design, both for \$175; dryer, Maytag \$75. Call 256-2434.

MISCELLANEOUS: Large washer/dryer; 20" TV; daybed; Papa San chair; size 8 women's rollerblades; 80-CD organizer; full mattress and box spring, first offer sells. Call 885-9977.

MISCELLANEOUS: King bed and frame, good condition, \$350; dining table with leaf and four upholstered chairs \$125; Couch, upholstered and 8' in length, \$100. Call 247-3871.

MISCELLANEOUS: Two new 205/75R15 tires, \$25 each; two new 225/75R15 tires, \$25 each; large dog carrier (airline approved), \$30. Call 954-1674.

