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Pictured from left to right are 1st Lt. J.D. Dunivant, USMC; Ensign Steve Parrish, USN; Ensign Kate Parrish, USN; Seaman Rachel Benner, USN; and Sgt. Jennifer Payne, USMC.

### PPV residents to pay gas, electric

by Ensign Katie Inde, Wingspan Contributor

Starting Nov. 1, the on-base housing residents of NAS Corpus Christi will be required to pay for their own gas and/or electric utility usage. This is due to a Public/Private Venture (PPV) agreement that was established when construction on new housing began on base.

Residents with existing leases will not have to pay for their own utility usage until their current lease expires after the November 1, 2007 cutoff date. On-base residents will continue to pay their full BAH; however, once resident-paid utilities take effect, a portion of the BAH they already pay will be set aside to pay their utility costs.

This "utility allowance" is based upon the size of the house each resident is occupying and was determined using the average utility consumption for the houses during FY07, grouped by size. If residents' utility cost exceeds their allowance, they will have to pay additional money to cover these costs. If, on the other hand, their utility costs are less than their allowance, they will be refunded the difference.

An evaluation of utility charges  
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### Jeanne Itture



March 26, 1944 - October 4, 2007

Mary Jeanne Iturre, who served as the Naval Air Station Commanding Officer's Executive Secretary, passed away Oct. 4 of cancer.

Jeanne, a native of Philadelphia, Pa., began working at NAS Corpus Christi in 1977 at Ground Electronics Division. After working in the Administration department of the Naval Hospital, she took the position of Executive Secretary for the commanding officer in 1982. She served for 12 commanding officers, including the present commander, Captain Tim Coolidge.

She will be missed by all who knew her.

Photo by Lt. j.g. Caleb Booher, Asst. Public Affairs Officer

# Skipper's Column

by Capt. Timothy Coolidge

In Hawaii, a Marine Master Sergeant would convert his detached garage on base into a haunted house during the month of October.



Coolidge

The house was never set up the same each year, so even if you had visited the year before, you couldn't navigate the place the same way. The house was ingeniously designed. The Master Sergeant would move hallways and rooms every hour or so. Early visitors might have warned their friends of what to expect, but that wouldn't really help. Sometimes, he'd lay in a makeshift coffin dressed as Dracula, waiting for unsuspecting visitors and then leaning forward, he'd scare the bedevil out of them.

In the dark, with background music making screechy sounds, as a person walked into

Have a fun and safe Halloween!

one of the passageways, they would feel something tickle their cheek. Often the unexpected experience resulted in a scream or moment of frozen quietness until the guest realized that it was simply the drapes blowing from the fan.

That "haunted house" was the talk of the base for both adults and children because it brought such fun entertainment. It was good clean fun and I'm sure that for some children, that moment of "Horror in Hawaii" will always be something to remember!

But some things have changed. There are things that we need to be careful about today. We've all heard horror stories about the items our children collect when Trick-or-Treating. Folks, I hate to say it, but there are people out there who think nothing about harming an unsuspecting child. Because of this, I ask that everyone take precautions as the witching season approaches.

I don't mean to spoil any fun - far from it - but there are some things you can do to keep

your children safe without damping out the fun. Go Trick-or-Treating with your children! They're all dressed up, excited and ready for fun! What better time to hang out with the kids and enjoy the antics as they zoom from house to house, gathering momentum as fast as they do candy!

Grab a flashlight (or two) and travel with other family friends. Hey, it's always more fun for both children and adults when you're with friends.

Trick-or-Treat in well-known neighborhoods at homes where there the porch light is on. Do your best to stay around well-lit streets. It's much easier for drivers to notice the monsters and ghouls if the streets are well lit. If you don't have a sidewalk, walk at the furthest edge of the roadway facing the traffic.

On that note, do your best to have the children remove their masks or items that limit their vision before crossing a street, driveway

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# Chaplain's Message

by Chaplain Chin Van Dang

Two boys are begging in Mexico City. One is holding a cross and one a Star of David. Both are holding hats to collect contributions. People walk by, lift their noses at the boy with the Star of David, and drop money in the hat held by the boy with the cross. Soon the hat of the boy with the cross is filled, and the hat of the boy with the Star of David is still empty. A priest approaches them and says to the boy with the Star of David, "Son, don't you realize that this is a Catholic country? You'll never get any contributions in this country holding a Star of David." As the priest walks away, the boy with the Star of David turns to the boy with the cross and says, "Moishe, can you imagine, he's trying to tell us how to run our business?"

We often demonstrate our intelligence, but we don't apply this intelligence to the

Enterprising for our future

one thing that really matters: our eternal salvation. We should be as enterprising about our future in God's kingdom as were the boys about their shrew business.

An enterprising kingdom stewardship entails prudent use of wealth, day-to-day fidelity and trustworthiness in the management of earthly goods, and putting absolute priority on the spiritual reality over material goods.

In the sight of God, we are only stewards in regard to all that we have received from our Creator. For all we have received, including body, health, time, life itself, we have to render an account. The time that each of us has on this earth will end by our rendering an account of our stewardship.

Ambrose, a fourth century bishop said, "The bosoms of the poor, the houses of widows, the mouths of children are the

barns which last forever." True wealth consists not in what we keep but in what we give away. Possessions are a great responsibility. The Lord expects us to use them honestly and responsibly and to put them at his service and the service of others. We are God's servants and all that we have belongs to him. He expects us to make a good return on what he gives us. God loves generosity and he gives liberally to those who share his gifts with others. The lovers



Dang

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# From the Fire House

by John Morris, Fire Chief

By the time you read this article, Fire Prevention week will be in full swing. A number of our firefighters have also recently completed an additional 60 hours of technical training that contributes to our goal of providing an extensive array of services to the community that we serve.

Additionally, the "official" functional transfer of Pre-Hospital Emergency Medical

services transitioned from BUMED to Fire and Emergency Services. This shift, already in place at other Navy installations, simply aligns with community standards and provides emergency services to meet stringent response times. Our

stated standard puts a team of highly trained firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician's at the patient's side within seven minutes following the activation of the 911 system.

We firmly believe that Fire Prevention is the keystone to our ability to ensure that the base can meet mission requirements. Navy fire loss is consistently much lower than the surrounding community, and much of that is due directly to a safety culture fostered by the military community. Our piece of that equation includes many elements in the "Fire Prevention" lane such as public education, the training of fire wardens in each work center, fire inspections, plans reviews, permit issuance and fire extinguisher training. Our commitment to education has recently resulted in the addition of a fire safety public education trailer that brings realistic fire safety training to our younger children, both on and off base, as part of a cooperative partnership with the Flour Bluff ISD.

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For more information, please call the Fire House at (361) 961-3491.



Morris

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## Leading Ladies: Adhamiyah women join Volunteer Guard Force

Photo and article by Sgt. Mike Pryor, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division Public Affairs

In a well-lit meeting room in a government building in the Iraqi capital, 20 Iraqi women were sitting in a circle, intently watching the demonstration in the center of the room. They were dressed modestly but with some flair: bright pink and blue headscarves mixed in among the black chadors, chunky, designer purses resting on the floor beneath their seats.

The friendly, casual atmosphere in the room looked similar to a suburban book-club meeting, or maybe a Mary-Kay cosmetics party. Except that these women were not learning how to apply foundation, they were learning how to lock and load an AK-47.

"Who can show me how to do it?" asked the instructor, an Iraqi Army sergeant, holding up the weapon.

One of the women jumped up and took the automatic rifle, expertly disassembled it and put it back together. When she cocked it by loudly slamming the charging handle back, the rest of the women applauded.

They might well have been applauding themselves. As members of the first class of female security volunteers in Adhamiyah, all 51 women in the class were groundbreakers. The women will join hundreds of male residents that are already helping secure Adhamiyah by guarding important public sites like schools, hospitals, and government buildings.

The four-day course running from Oct.

8 to Oct. 11 was organized by the 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, and taught by U.S. and Iraqi Soldiers. The training focused on security procedures, proper search techniques, and weapons familiarization.

"I think it shows these women that, 'I, too, can make a difference in my community,'" said Los Angeles native, 2nd Lt. Lauren Cabral, the officer in charge of the training.

The necessity to have female security guards became clear earlier this month when a female suicide bomber was able to enter a public building without being searched in nearby Fadhil and blew her explosive vest up, killing several people, said Maj. Ike Sallee, the 3-7 Cav.'s operations officer.

"Insurgents can come in any size, shape, or gender," Sallee said.

In Iraq, cultural sensitivities preclude men from searching women. But there is nothing stopping a woman from searching another woman. For that reason, it was important to give women in Adhamiyah the chance to assist with the security effort.

"It's their lives that are in danger, too," said Kalamazoo, Mich., native, Pfc. Paula Cook, a military policewoman with the 108th Military Police Company and one of the instructors in the class.

In a culturally conservative society like Iraq's, there are some who might criticize the female security volunteers for stepping

outside their traditional roles. But Mervat Hussein, a single mother enrolled in the class, said no one has the right to criticize the women for trying to protect their community.

"What is the substitute they have? Nothing," Hussein said. "Should we just stay in our houses, suffering?"

However, while women like Hussein had the motivation to take part in security

efforts, they lacked the know-how. The class was designed to remedy that by giving them a basic, working knowledge of several skill areas they will need in order to be effective as security volunteers.

Proper search procedures are one such skill area. On the second day of training, Cook demonstrated search techniques for

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2nd Lt. Lauren Cabral, maintenance officer, helps an Iraqi woman get comfortable with the AK-47 automatic rifle during a weapons familiarization class on Oct. 10 that was part of the training for the first group of female Iraqi security volunteers in Baghdad's Adhamiyah neighborhood.

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**Fire Prevention Week visits Flour Bluff Elementary**

Photos contributed by the Fire House



(above) Firefighter Roy Gonzalez helps a future firefighter with his suit while another student secures his classmate's helmet. (above right)



Under the watchful eye of the NASCC's Fire and Emergency Services staff, children crawl through a "smoky" kitchen and safely experience realistic emergency situations with the Fire Safety and Severe Weather Vehicle. (below) Captain Joel Davis speaks with the students before they enter the trailer.



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versus allowance will be made each month, and residents will either receive a refund or be required to pay additional money at that time.

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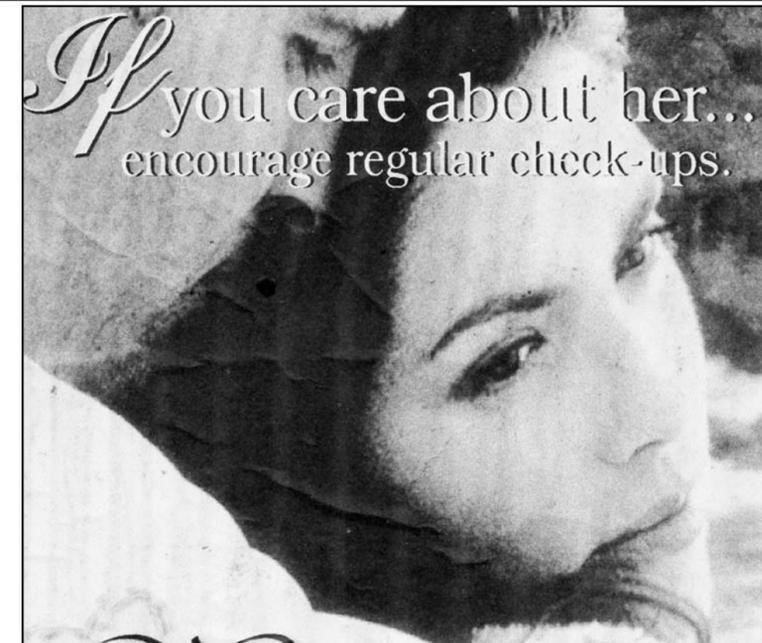
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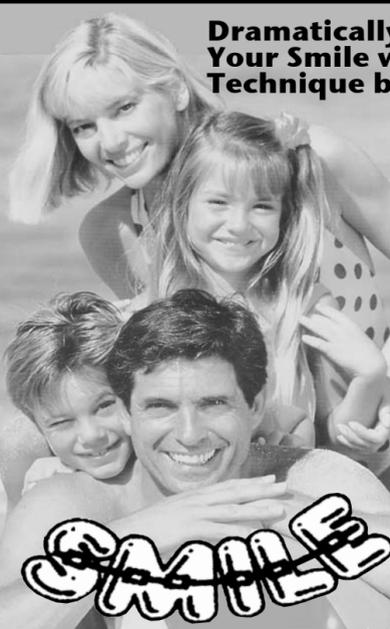
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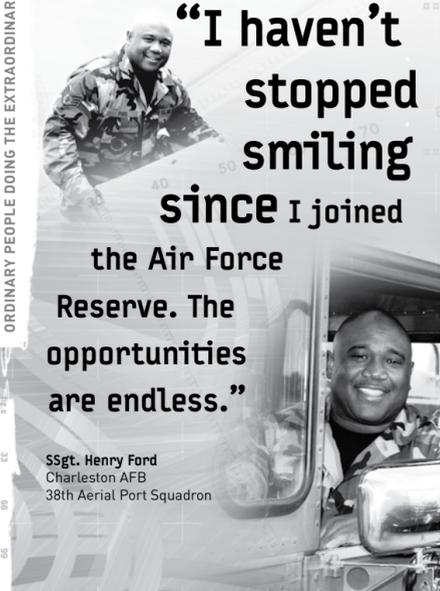


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the group. The class began with nervous titters among the Adhamiyah women, who blushed and looked away when Cook showed how to search sensitive areas.

The women were definitely operating outside of their comfort zone, Cook said.

"At first they seemed a little nervous, a little wary," she said.

But when Cook showed them how easy it is to hide a weapon if a thorough search isn't conducted, the women stopped being timid and started really shaking each other down during role-playing exercises.

"Once we got it across to them that it's for their security as well as everyone else's, I think they got it," she said. "Towards the end they were really catching on."

Cabral, who was supervising the entire program, said she felt a responsibility to the women in the class to make sure they received the best training.

"As a female, I definitely feel responsible. I want to teach them everything I know that could help them out on the street," she said.

After only a few days of training, many of the women were already feeling more confident and better able to protect themselves. Hussein said she had gained a lot of knowledge from the training, especially about the AK-47.

"I really learned many things. I knew nothing about weapons before this," she said.

She said she was looking forward to putting her new knowledge into action after she starts working.

"I am happy because now I am taking a part in protecting the community," she said. "I am nervous, but happy."

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of money had no room for God or others in their hearts. Love of money and wealth crowd out love of God and love of neighbor.

Two women met for the first time since graduating from high school. One asked the other, "You were always so well-planned in school. Did you manage to live a well-planned life?"

"Yes," said her friend, "My first marriage was to a millionaire; my second marriage was to an actor; my third marriage was to a preacher; and now I'm married to an undertaker."

He friend asked, "What do those marriages have to do with a well-planned life?"

"One for the money; Two for the show; Three to get ready, and Four to go."

Our hearts must either be possessed by God's love or our hearts will be possessed by the love of something else. Wealth and talents can serve God's purposes, but they must never replace God as the center of our attention in life. We need to make prudent use of our time, our wealth and our intelligence to plan for our eternal life in God's kingdom.

## The predator becomes the prey

by MC2(AW/SW) Marcel A. Barbeau



Photo by Anne Booher, Editor

When Congress realized predatory lending was having a negative impact on mission readiness, they did something about it.

The Military Lending Act, which caps annual interest rates at 36% on all payday loans, refund anticipation loans and vehicle title loans for military members, took effect on Oct. 1. Congress passed the law last year to protect military members and their families from predatory lenders who normally charge interest rates of 300-400%.

Lt. Cmdr. Jeffrey Sutton, director legal assistance for region legal service office southeast, supports the Military Lending Act fully and feels it's important to protect those in the military.

"The legislation is vital to protecting service members," said Sutton. "My biggest hope is that this will be a wake-up call for predatory lenders and they will understand that times have changed, as has their ability to negatively affect the lives of service members."

According to Cmdr. Kristin Kubas, Staff Judge Advocate for Commander, Navy Region Southeast, predatory lenders target the military.

"You probably notice that if you go outside almost any military installation, there are payday loan places set up all over the place," said Kubas. "They seem to particularly prey on military members."

Kubas says that many Sailors who run short on money turn to payday loans for help and get more than they bargained for.

"More of our Sailors are short of money toward payday and they go in to get a payday loan to help them get by," said Kubas. "During that short time, whether it be a few days or a few weeks, they pay exorbitant interest rates. This creates a never-ending cycle of debt."

With the new regulation in place, service members are better protected from high interest rates which create a mountain of debt that eventually could affect their mission readiness.

"This new regulation puts into effect a maximum cap which is still high, but much more manageable," said Kubas. "It gives huge protection to our Sailors which in the end, increases their readiness when they're not worried about financial problems and exorbitant debt."

Sutton agrees and says that payday lenders are not the answer to unmanageable debt. There are ways to avoid the financial problems ahead of time.

"Prevention is important. Usually by the time I see someone, it's too late," said Sutton. "People just don't always know enough about

what they're doing or that a payday lender will have long term effects on their credit. Legal Assistance offices offer a lot of free services. Seek out guidance before you sign a contract."

In addition to legal assistance, there are other resources available to help with financial problems. Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is available to provide financial assistance to service members.

"Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society has always been here with interest-free loans and grants for those who qualify," said Dave Faraldo, director of the Jacksonville office of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. "Clearly for military personnel, a counter to payday loans has always been Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. We're looking out for your best interest. We're really here to try to help service members understand financial planning and understand how to get ahead financially."

According to Faraldo, out of the 14 years he's been with the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, payday lenders have been around for 10 and there are now more payday lenders than McDonald's and Burger Kings.

"The problem with these predatory lenders is they get service members caught in a trap, and it's difficult to get out," said Faraldo. "When you borrow \$500 from a payday lender, you have to pay the entire \$500 back plus the fee in two weeks. When you don't have \$555 two weeks down the road, that forces you to take out a second loan, then a third loan, etc. The average person takes out a dozen of these loans a year."

According to Kubas, service members need to be willing to ask for help from either Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society or their command if they are facing financial troubles.

"A lot of people go to these places because they're embarrassed, and they don't want to let anyone know they are in financial trouble," said Kubas. "You need to find one person in your command that you trust, whether it be your LPO, or your chief, you need to let them know you need some assistance with financial planning or some sort of financial assistance."

With the new CAP in place, many payday lenders are refusing services to military members, and the hopes of some supporters of the Military Lending Act is the predatory lenders will eventually perish. But with options like Legal Assistance offices and Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, service members still have options open to them for financial assistance. Free, confidential counseling and financial planners are also available 24/7 at Military OneSource at 1-800-342-9647.



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**Q:** *As a marriage therapist, what do you consider to be the break up of today's marriages?*

**A:** That is an excellent question. If you were to ask that same question to a non-professional, the typical response would be extra-marital affairs. The truth is, research indicates that financial problems, not infidelity, are the cause of today's divorce rate. One issue that is just as problematic in a marriage is domestic violence. Coincidentally, battered victim's advocates, government officials, corporations, unions, health care providers, and faith-based groups have been participating in activities and events to raise consciences about domestic violence. These events take place throughout the whole month of October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Although anyone can become a victim of domestic violence or intimate partner violence (IPV), women are still more likely to experience IPV than men. People from all economic and cultural backgrounds can be subjected to domestic violence. According to a resource gathered by the American Psychiatric Association, the National Violence Against Women Survey found that 22 percent of women are physically assaulted by a partner or date during their lifetime and nearly 5.3 million partner victimizations occur each year among U.S. women ages 18 and older, resulting in two million injuries and 1,300 deaths. The survey also noted that more than 1 million women and 371,000 men are stalked by partners each year.

Sadly, children are often the direct or indirect victims. Just witnessing violence impacts children's lives, especially as it usually takes place at home, a place where children should feel safe. If children have been exposed to domestic violence, it increases the chances that they will take on the role of either a "batterer" or a "victim" in their adult relationships. Abuse can seem "normal" to youth who witness it in their own homes.

Alcohol and illicit drugs play a part in domestic violence. The link between substance abuse and violence has been clearly documented in numerous studies. Partner history of alcohol and drug abuse is a strong risk factor for domestic violence. Violent behavior can also interfere with treatment for substance abuse and substance abuse can impede interventions to change violent behavior. Drugs or alcohol can impair both the batterer's and victim's ability to make sane and safe choices. Substance abuse can distort communication, aggravate resentments, and exacerbate tempers.

*Dr. Garcia recently opened the Healing Institute, his private practice, for Marriage and Family Counseling. If you have a question for Dr. Garcia, please email [trobador55@hotmail.com](mailto:trobador55@hotmail.com) or call (361) 814-4556.*



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The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence created Domestic Violence Awareness Day in October 1981. The goal was to bring together advocates working to end violence against women and children. The first observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month took place in 1987, and was subsequently endorsed by Congress in 1989. Every October since then, the issue of domestic violence has been highlighted in local and national venues all over the country.

In conjunction with Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the American Medical Association (AMA) is observing the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Stop America's Violence Everywhere (SAVE). Created in 1995 by the AMA's volunteer arm AMA Alliance, SAVE provides battered women and their families with financial and emotional support as well as education in conflict resolution. SAVE established SAVE-A-Shelter, offering assistance through state and county alliances for domestic violence shelters across the Nation. Having a place to go is key to many victims' decision to leave a battered home. SAVE-A-Shelter alliances also organize fund raisers; supply toiletries, clothes and over-the-counter medications; improve shelters; and teach conflict resolution classes in the shelters.

So how can someone in a relationship know if they are being abused? There are a number of risk factors for domestic violence in relationships that include marital conflict, marital instability, male dominance in the family, emotional dependence and insecurity, belief in strict gender roles, desire for power and control in the relationship, and exhibiting anger and hostility toward a partner.

Many researchers have developed innovative measures to assess pro-social changes in knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors, but the lack of reliable and valid indicators of effectiveness across studies has hampered the usefulness of much of the research on violence prevention. Despite the weakness in the existing literature, however, the field of violence prevention has advanced enormously in the past decade.

## Red Cross volunteers needed

by Quentin Masters, Red Cross of the Coastal Bend

The American Red Cross, Coastal Bend-Texas Chapter, is looking for volunteers who want to get involved in their community and assist others in times of need. Red Cross volunteers assist in so many ways. They are trained to become caseworkers for families dealing with crisis following a fire in their home. They are trained CPR and first aid instructors who educate the public, making sure the citizens of the Coastal Bend know what to do if an emergency arises at home or at work. Volunteers are trained to be military caseworkers and lend a hand to the families of deployed service members who are dealing with emergencies while their loved ones are away. They even volunteer in various departments of NASCC's Naval Hospital.

Administratively, volunteers can also serve on the Red Cross board that guides policies for

the local chapter and assist with local fund raising efforts.

The work of the Red Cross is people helping people. The Red Cross offers a flexible schedule, training and travel opportunities for those willing to give of their time and talents.

Red Cross volunteers with experience in the military bring expertise, talent and a caring spirit to their volunteerism as a result of their ability to

work with a team. For years, retired military couples have traveled to disaster operations across the USA to assist those in need. The freedom that retirement affords allows the couples to provide empathy and sympathy to those most affected.

For more information on the Red Cross or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call (361) 887-9991.



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or alley. I know, this will be a tough one depending on the costume. Another reason to go out with them, though!

It's a good idea to inspect all treats before letting your children dig into them. I encourage all parents to inspect everything in the bags so that there are no unpleasant surprises.

As I look back at the experiences of my childhood, Halloween was one of those care-

free times that I could be out with my friends at night. It was a special time, and yes, there were times when I got too much candy and even had to share it (who wants to do that!?). But they were good times. Let's make sure that our children come away with wonderful memories of this Halloween!

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## Acute care at NHCC Nov. 9, 10 & 12

by Bill Love, NHCC Public Affairs Officer

Naval Hospital Corpus Christi will conduct an All Hands safety stand-down on Nov. 9. While commands usually shut down on safety stand-down days, the facility will be open for acute care. Appointments will be available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This service is also scheduled for the holiday weekend, November 10 & 12 (Veteran's Day).

According to Captain Robert B. Sorenson, MC, NHCC Commanding Officer, when the host installation observes holiday routine, NHCC will adjust services, but not necessarily close the facility.

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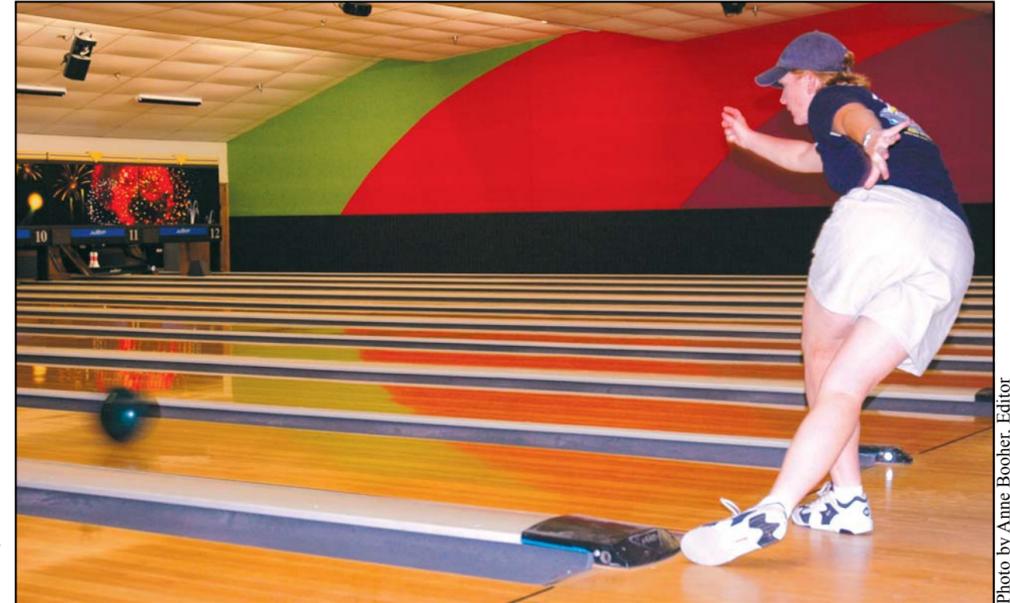


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*(opposite page, clockwise from left)* Sunfish Boats await their launch before the Regatta on Friday morning; Ensign Michael Inde, with VT-28, goes up for a block against NMAWC's MN1 Bill Newberry as Capt. Matthew Romoser looks on; Naval Hospital's Grant Wallace competes in the 50 yard Breast Stroke at the Oasis Pool; Representing the Naval Hospital, Lt. Cmdr. Jay Woelkers, blue jersey, attempts to block VT-27's goal.

*(top)* A golfer warms up at the Gulf Breeze Golf Course.

*(top right)* Chief Boatswain's Mate Andrea Martynowski bowls for the Coast Guard Sector South Padre Island. A native of Cleveland, Martynowski says, "When you're born in Ohio, they either hand you an accordion or a bowling ball. I got the bowling ball."

*(right)* NASCC Security was hot on the trail of Cmdr. Bruce "Omar" Emero, Executive Officer for NAS Corpus Christi, as he crossed the finish line of the 5K run.

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Softball	CCAD	5K Run	VT-28
Regatta	USCG-AS		

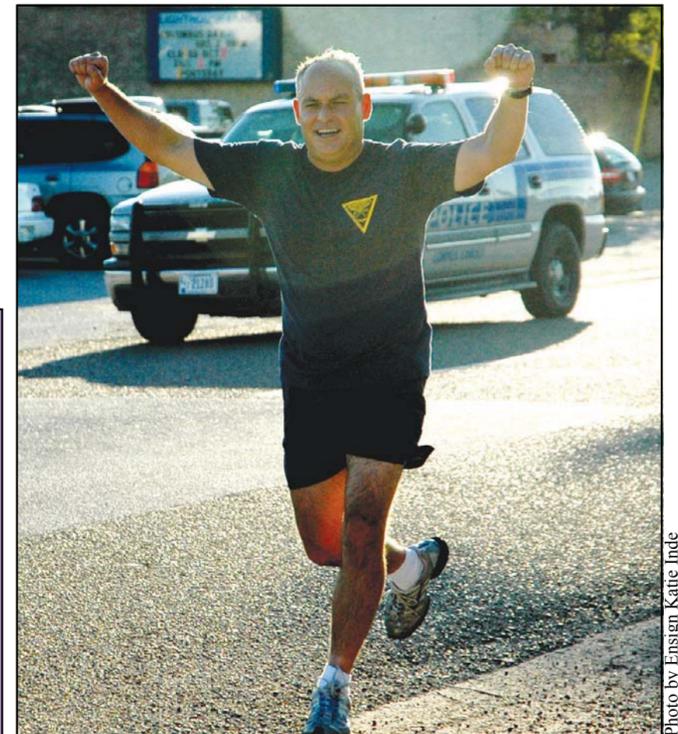


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