

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI, JAPAN

Satellite service down; Station loses Television and Radio

PEC. MARK FAVLOGA Combat Correspondent

Dacific-region American Forces Network satellite service was disrupted Friday, resulting in the loss of AFN television and radio programming services to Station residents

All AFN television and radio programs are broadcast from the Defense Media Center in California by means of international communications satellites. Iwakuni receives the signal for broad-

during monthly comedy showcase. Page 5

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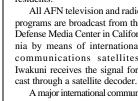
Lucky Red Lions stalk

onto Station Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363

arrives here for

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six-month deployment.



A major international communications satellite, INTELSAT 804, lost its ability to AFN News are currently available. FM transmit anything at 3:10 p.m. Friday. The radio channels are unavailable at this cause of the satellite failure has not yet time, said Sgt. Brian J. Griffin, AFN been determined and an estimated time Iwakuni radio noncommissioned officer for service to return has not yet been es- in charge. tablished. Technicians are actively workan AFN website, www.myafn.net.

known as DTS, and AFN will continue to use this satellite feed until the DMC restores regular services.

munity with more program choices, 6 Communications/Electrical Mainte-Presently the AFN network here has Marine Corps Community Services is nance.

Tsunami scam targets those who wish to help

CPL. DAVE BONI Combat Correspondent

According to recent reports from the Associated artists pretending to be tsunami victims soliciting funds through e-mails and letters worldwide.

ters and e-mails have been circulated. The first fraudulent claim was sent out Dec. 26 - the day the disaster stated that a number of Web sites that purportedly sure that he is giving to a legitimate charity," said 1st

Andro-based substances banned from shelves throughout Pacific

LANCE CR. L YDIA DAVEY Combat Correspondent

As of Saturday, all products containing androstenedione - commonly referred to as "andro" - are no longer legal for use by U.S. citizens. Any products containing andro will be classified as controlled substances.

President George W. Bush recently signed a bill that rendered androstenedione

The report stated that more than four million let-

be helping victims of the disaster. With these scams in

vigilant when deciding to donate.

as one of 18 anabolic steroids banned in Section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 USC 802). According to Marine Administrative Message 011/05, "Over the counter sales of anabolic steroids on Marine Corps installations is prohibited.'



restored three television channels and showing back-to-back movies on MCTV regained a signal for AM radio. Channel 8 AFN Sports, 9/10 AFN Pacific and 11 until further notice, said Griffin.

AFN services are doing everything that regular services have not been reusing is the Direct to Sailor feed, better Bowl will still be aired on AFN Sports, said Griffin.

channel 19 beginning on the half hour,

"Unfortinately, off-Station subscribers with Direct to Home service will be unable to recieve full service until the satillite is fixed," he added.

The problem with AFN services can only be repaired by the Defense Media ing to resolve the problem, according to they can to fix the problem. In the case Center in California, but if Station residents have other questions or concerns The current satellite feed AFN is stored by Super Bowl time, the Super they may contact Sgt. Griffin at 253-5661 or by e-mail at griffinbi@iwakuni.usmc. mil. This problem is AFN specific, and In order to provide the Iwakuni com- Station residents are asked not to call S-

assist with the collection of supplies and relief efforts Lt. Adam J. Workman, Station Judge Advocate legal to aid survivors are really stealing money, spreading assistance officer. "The Web sites www.consumer.gov computer viruses and stealing personal information. and www.give.org are good places to start when There are at least 15 variations of the claims, in- searching for a legitimate charitable organization. We Press, South African police have warned against scam cluding one stating that the writers are residents of a recommend that individuals follow a few simple guidedestroyed Indonesian village, and another claiming to lines when solicited to donate money to charity."

If approached to donate funds, an individual should mind, Station officials warn residents here to remain ask what percentage of the donation would support the cause described in the solicitation. Verify that the "If an individual desires to make a charitable dona- charity has authorized the solicitation. Workman said struck. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has also tion to those affected by the tsunami, he should en- a charity can be checked out by contacting the Better see SCAM Page 5

The MARADMIN also warns that abusers of anabolic steroids will face disciplinary action and may be processed for separation.

world. That is certainly true of the life

of Dr. King, and his dream lives on in

the lives of so many people - for it did

ended, but it continues to speak to the

hearts of those who believe the same

world, but it is still in the process and

Although I wasn't one of those

who 41 years ago stood and heard the

words from Dr. King, I am thankful

those words have been preserved for

future generations to reflect upon. No

matter if I was in that audience or not I

need to make his dream my own and

act upon it each day of my life.

His dream has indeed changed the

not die when his life so tragically

truths

not yet complete.

close down the sea wall. With concern for station person-

The seawall is not the property of Marine Corps Air

Japan. The government has set aside funds to survey and repair the seawall within their fiscal year 2005, which begins

this April. We are presently repairing the hole created by

the cavern, which is scheduled for completion by mid-

February. We were requested by the government to do

Prior to the typhoon, the Government of Japan had

planned to survey the wall. The money had to be budgeted

and that fell into FY2005. We have addressed our concerns

to the government with getting the survey and repairs done

We are currently assessing the seawall for any visible

changes. This will be conducted and completed in con-

Facilities department will make the recommendation to the

Station commanding officer as to whether the seawall can

If you have a question or concern, you can contact the

Station Inspector at 253-3100 or by email at RazvillasMD@

now, but their timelines and budget did not allow it.

junction with the ongoing repairs. At that time, the

be open to foot traffic only and what sections can be

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Dr. King's dream lives on CHAPLAIN'S CORNER equality didn't just happen and Cmdr. Donald P. Fix cannot be taken for granted, nor are

world would be

I'm reminded of one of Mother

Teresa's sayings - that one drop of

water changes the whole ocean and

close it down.

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opened.

one person can change the whole

we anywhere near to where we need to When I think about the events in be in meeting those goals in this the history of the world that I would country or throughout the world. have liked to witness, many come to In the conclusion of his opening remarks, Station Commanding Officer mind. One that would go well on the top of my list would be that great Col. Michael Dyer challenged each of event on 28 Aug. 1963. I would have the ceremony's participants to have a loved to be one of the 250,000 people dream and live out that dream. If each who attended the March on Washingof us takes that charge seriously and ton, D.C. What an experience of a begins in his or her own way to lifetime to have heard Dr. King's participate in and believe in a dream for a better world, how different this famous, "I Have a Dream" speech.

Last week at the Chapel many gathered for a commemorative service in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and it is always good to remind ourselves that freedom and

Ask the inspector needed. Based on these findings, it was recommended to close down the sea wall. With concern for station person-



MAL MATTHEW D. RAZVILLAS Station Inspector

Q: What happened to the seawall and when will it reopen? A: The effects of typhoon Songda weakened several areas of the seawall. The resulting holes in the asphalt were caused by the earth below seeping through cracks in the side wall creating a cavern. The site investigations lead to a safety concern. The station does not have the equipment to thoroughly investigate the integrity of the wall as

CHATTERBOX-

Ouestion: "What will you be doing for the Super Bowl?"



"I'll probably go to the Marine Lounge and watch it on the big screen." have fun." Petty Officer 3rd Class

Tien D. Nguyen Fort Worth, Texas Louisville, Ky. "I live in a house full of men so I'm sure we will be watching it. I'll get some earplugs and warn the neighbors that it will get loud at my house."

Canton, Ohio

Katie E. Miller

"I will probably just have

some guys from my shop over to enjoy some food and the game. My team is not in it so I'll just be watching."

Staff Sgt. Andrew G. Eldridge Decatur, Tenn.

Tax program brings rewards

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program saves Marines millions

PFC. LUKAS J. BLOM Combat Correspondent

The time to file income taxes is upon us, and the Office of the Station Judge Advocate is preparing the the tax filer and all depenannual Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program for Station residents

The VITA program is designed to facilitate electronic tax filing for all Marines. Sailors, Department of tax statement), accord-Defense civilians and Status of Forces Agreement sta- ing to the SJA office. tus employees. Volunteers will prepare mail-in returns Other documents may be as well.

"This program continues to be a major quality of life benefit enjoyed by our military community, noted a Marine Administrative message by Gen. Michael W. Hagee, Commandant of the Marine Corps. "Through this program last year, more than 64,000 federal returns were prepared and electronically filed, saving Marines and their families over \$9.9 million in tax preparation and filing fees, an

average saving of nearly \$120 per Marine."

tification number for both dents claimed on this vear's tax return as well as their W-2 (wage and needed on a case-to-

case basis. Furthermore, if residents prefer direct deposit to a paper check.

the tax center will also need the resident's checking or savings account num- on Saturdays in February from 8 a.m. to noon. bers.

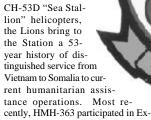
"Refunds should be in your savings or checking

Lucky Red Lions stalk onto Station

PFC. LUKAS J. BLOM Combat Correspondent

The Lucky Red Lions of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 landed aboard the Station Dec. 12, from Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, to support the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force heavy lift needs and provide tactical helicopter assault support.

"We plan on increasing our Core Skill Proficiency (CSP) by flying flights (that are summarized by) our Training and Readiness Manual while stationed here," said Lt. Seth F. Gibson, HMH-363, ground training officer. "The manual identifies what skills are necessary to perform our mission, so we'll practice those flights that we will actually be doing in combat." On the blades of the



ercise Rim of the Pacific, and Hawaii Combined Arms Exercise and received their third consecutive Chief of Naval Operations aviation safety award.

The mission of HMH-363 is to provide assault support transport of combat troops, supplies and equipment during expeditionary, joint or combined operations. The squadron will employ six Sea Stallions aboard the Station, said Gibson, Each Helicopter has a capacity to carry 24 combat loaded

Marines, and requires two pilots and two crew chiefs to operate

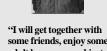
Alongside the Marines in the air, many Marines from Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 are on hand for maintenance and support. "The Marines from MALS-24 integrated directly into MALS-12; they're certainly doing a great job supporting the Red Lions," said Gibson.

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causing severe damage and loss of life. Joint Task Force 535 was immediately assembled and sent to aide the country. Two CH-53Ds and personnel were assigned to JTF-535. These assets operated in the Quezon province, and flew in direct support to move 202,500 lbs

of food, water and clothing in 10 days. "The Red Lions stand ready to execute real world operations and continue to set the standard for assault support in the Pacific," said Gibson.







adult beverages and just

Ensign Charles F. Bell



account within two weeks if you choose direct de-Station residents are asked to bring proof of a valid posit, in about three weeks if you choose a paper social security number or an individual taxpayer iden- check," said 1st Lt. Randy W. Stone, Headquarters

> "Through this program last year, more than 64.000 federal returns were prepared and electronically filed, saving Marines and their families over \$9.9 million in tax preparation and filing fees, an average saving of nearly \$120 per Marine."

> > Gen. Michael W. Hagee Commandant of the Marine Corps

The current Unit Deployment Program 18month rotation has the Red Lions spending approximately six months at the Station then returning to Kaneohe Bay for 12 months

"We are happy to be back in Iwakuni," said 1st Lt Seth Gibson, pilot "The squadron has always enjoyed its time over here."

After the arrival of the advanced party on Nov 9 2004 a real world contingency arose in the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force area of responsibility. Multiple typhoons struck the Republic of the Philippines

and Headquarters Squadron tax and legal assistance

officer Visits to the Station tax

center last 30-45 minutes on average. The tax center is scheduled to open Jan 31 2005 and will be located on the first deck of building 608 (the Provost Marshal Office/Joint Law Center).

The center will be staffed Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and

For more information about the VITA program contact Lt. Stone at 253-4398 or the SJA at 253-5591.

News Briefs

ENLISTED SPOUSES CLUB TO HOST TEA. COFFEE PARTY

The Enlisted Spouses Club is hosting a coffee and tea party at Building 658 Community Room Jan. 29, 2-5 p.m. Call to reserve free daycare. For more information, call 253-2534 or 253-2614.

MAKING PARENTING FUN

Marine & Family Services is offering a parenting class Monday, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Call 253-6553 for further details

SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM HOSTS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Single Marine Program is hosting the Madden Football Tournament Jan. 29, 6 p.m. Prizes will be offered for first, second and third place winners. For more information, contact the Single Marine Program at 253-3585.

INTERCULTURAL COUPLES GROUP

This group is open to all intercultural couples and is intended to be a fun, positive atmosphere in which to explore cultural differences and/or challenges in relationships and learn how to turn these challenges into possibilities for creative change and communication. The group meets every other Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. Call 253-4526 if interested.

Government seeks to prevent identity theft

STORY COMPILED BY TORII TELLER STAFF

Locks bars and chains can't help protect an individual's identity, but the Department of Defense is taking steps to protect service members, their families and civilian employees from being victimized.

Several cases of identity theft are reported to the Station Judge Advocate's office here each quarter, said 1st Lt. Adam Workman, Station legal assistance officer.

Identity theft is a crime that involves an unknown person using an individual's name, address, social security number, bank number, credit card number or other identifying information illegally.

"Often a service member has no idea who stole his ID or how the theft occurred," said Workman. "In some cases we see Marines who have fallen victim to an unscrupulous employee at a credit card company, but more often than that a sibling or parent has taken out a credit card in the service member's name."

According to Workman, relatives often intend to pay back the money they have taken, but fail to do so.

Identity theft, branded a federal crime by the Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act of 1998, caused more than \$50 billion in loss by businesses and consumers in 2003 according to the Federal Trade Commission.

Five years ago, the number of complaints to the FTC was almost 20.000. By 2001, the rate had more than tripled, reaching nearly 90,000. Since then, the numbers of complaints of identity theft have increased even more, nearly topping 215,000 in 2004. The DoD is seeking new and better ways to protect service members, their families and employees from identity theft in response to the crime's rising notoriety.

Stolen identity?

Consumers who think their identity has been

stolen should follow several immediate steps.

• Contact the fraud department of any one of

Experian or Trans Union, and place a fraud alert

• Close the accounts that you know or believe

have been tampered with or opened fraudulently.

• File a police report. Get a copy of the report

• File your complaint with the FTC. The FTC

maintains a database of identity theft cases used

by law enforcement agencies for investigation.

For more information from the FTC on

index.html. For legal advisories for Marines,

identity theft, visit www.consumer.gov/idtheft/

to submit to creditors and others that may

the three major credit bureaus, Equifax,

according to the FTC:

on your credit file.

require proof of the crime.

visit www.usmc.mil.

Kas someone taken over your good name? photo illustration provided courtesy of U.S. Postal Service

Marine Corps Legal Assistance Offices joined a group of federal, state and local agencies and national advocacy organizations to launch the 6th Annual National Consumer Protection Week highlighting consumer protection and education efforts around the country in January 2004.

"It's vitally important for Marines to make themselves better financial planners and more aware of their rights as consumers," said Capt. Brian Keller, deputy head, Marine Corps Legal Assistance. "Every time you consider purchasing life insurance, try to understand a credit report or plan for your

retirement or your child's education, you are entering territory that requires keen awareness of vour consumer rights. Every financial decision has some impact on your quality of life."

In February 2004, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service announced they would begin dropping the first five digits of a person's social security numbers from all pay statements and checks namely the Leave and Earning Statements issued to all service members, military retirees and DoD civilians. Marines, Sailors and other service members often use their social security numbers as their primary means of identification; this can make them an easy target for identity thieves.

The change was made for all hard copy LESs. It does not apply to electronic copies of statements found on myPay, the online system for access and control of customers pay information at http://mypay.dfas.mil. In November of last year, the

Department of Veterans Affairs undated the Veterans Identity Card to closer reflect the Armed Forces

Identity Card and safeguard confidential information in the battle against identity theft.

A veteran's social security number, date of birth, control number and service-connected disability is recorded on an encrypted magnetic strip on the back of the card

"The new VIC ensures the security of veterans' personal information as well as ensuring that only eligible veterans receive the benefits and services they've earned," said Kristin Cunningham, business office official, VA health-care system.

While no one can know exactly when an identity theft occurs, there are precautionary measures a service member can take, according to Workman: 1. Match credit card receipts against monthly hills

2. Keep track of receipt times for financial statements Contact sender if not on time 3. Notify credit card companies and financial agencies in advance of address/phone number changes.

4. Always beware of solicitations, especially of those offering prizes or promotions. 5 Get your photo on your credit card

6. When disclosing information online, make sure the padlock icon is on "locked" on the bottom

of the browser 7. The following website explains the "active

duty" alert which may be beneficial to service members.http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2004/10/ facataidtheft.htm

While any of these indications could be a result of a simple error, the FTC advises consumers to not assume there's been a mistake and do nothing. Their advice is to always follow up with the business or institution to find out. The FTC listed identity theft as the number one fraud reported by consumers in 2003

Like any crime, there is no guaranteed safeguard against identity theft. However, consumers who make themselves aware of their rights and guard against identity theft will be able to navigate calmer seas in the financial ocean.

Two stand-up guys provide comic relief for Iwakuni

STORY AND PHOTOS BY PEC. MARK FAVLOGA Combat Correspondent

FEATURE

Service members laughed it up in the Club Iwakuni Ballroom during a comedy showcase here Jan 12

The show featured two Lone Wolf Entertainment comedians: Mo Amer (Mohammed M Amer) and White Chocolate (Ronald Moore). The two had performed in Iwakuni previously and this was their third time aboard the Station but their first time working together.

"I like performing in Iwakuni because it's a Marine base," said Amer. "My brother was a Marine from 1996 to 2000, so I know what the Marine Corps is all about."

The crowd enjoyed the show as Amer scored laughs at the expense of the American Forces Network, his childhood and differences between American and Asian cultures

"Amer was really funny last time I saw him here, and I thought he was great this time," said Leilani Nutting, Station resident,

Moore took the stage after Amer, and the bulk of his comedy related to his childhood. relationships and what he calls "a black man's view of the world through a white guy." However, Moore scored his biggest laughs when talking about the Station's "sacred cow" - the liberty card program. "I came down to Club Iwakuni to get

some food - I didn't even know they had comedians coming but I'm glad I stayed; they were both hilarious," said Lance Cpl. Scotty W. Riddle,



edy Showcase here.

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Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance: 4200 Wilson Blvd., Suite 800, Arlington, VA 22203; 703-276-0100; www.give.org.

"Do not give out personal or financial information - including Social Security. credit card and bank account numbers - to anyone who solicits a contribution from you. Scam artists can use this information to commit fraud against you," he said. "Ask for a receipt showing the amount of the contribution and stating that it is tax- deductible and do not give cash. For security and tax record purposes, it is best to pay by check - made payable to the beneficiary, not the solicitor."

Donators should also ask for identification if approached in person. Many states require paid fund-raisers to identify themselves as such and to name the charity for which they are soliciting.

For any questions contact SJA at 253-5591.

Mo Amer scores some laughs during a comedy showcase Jan. 12 in the Club Iwakuni Ballroom. This is Amer's third time performing in lwakuni

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron postal clerk

fifth grade as he watched Bill Cosby. When he got older he won a comedy contest and was invited to perform at a comedy club. Since then, Amer has appeared regularly on Comedy Central and has toured the United States, Europe and Asia, he said.

raised by a black family, first acquired an interest in comedy while watching Steve Martin in "The Jerk" (a movie where Martin is raised by a black family). Then one day. Moore competed in an open mic contest and won \$500. After that, Moore decided to stick with comedy he said

Since his decision to stay with comedy, Moore has appeared on Black Entertainment Television's

According to the report, using any andro-based substance - even if purchased before Jan. 20 - is illegal.

White Chocolate hams it up during the Com-



Amer first gained an interest in comedy during White Chocolate, a white comedian adopted and "Comic View" seven times, has toured the United States with "Def Comedy Jam," written for "Chapelle's Show" and is currently head writer for "Steve Harvey's Big Time Challenge" (a comedic variety show on the Warner Brothers Television Network), and the radio broadcast of the "Steve Harvey Morning Show'

"I enjoy performing on Marine bases because I know the history of the Marine Corps," said Moore. "I appreciate the entire military, but especially the Marines because they're the most hard-core; they're the best we've got.'

The Club Iwakuni Ballroom will host another comedy showcase entitled "He Said, She Said" on Jan. 25, at 9 p.m. The event is sponsored by Marine Corps Community Services and is free to all personnel ages 18 and older.

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During early December, the Station's General Nutrition Center vitamin and supplement store pulled all andro-based products from its shelves, said Rie Johnson GNC supervisor

"The andro-based supplements we carried [in December] included Animal Stack, Andro Stack, 1AD T/Bomb and 19 Norandrostack," said Johnson. "As soon as we received word of the change in policy, we sent the supplements back to the warehouse'

The Station's Marine Corps Exchange joined Army and Air Force Exchange services throughout the Pacific region in removing the supplements, according to a Dec. 22 report by the Pacific edition of the Stars and Stripes.



ABOVE: A statue of a child, one of the Peace Park's many monuments, stands in remembrance of the thousands of children who lost their lives in a single moment nearly 60 years ago. RIGHT: A woman gazes at the Cenotaph for the Atomic Bomb Victims. From the Cenotaph, the Atomic Bomb dome and Flame of Peace can be viewed. Dirt from the ground where the bomb exploded sits in wooden pedestals to either side of the structure.





Two Japanese men stand on a bridge spanning the Motoyasu River, and perform songs advocating peace. Hiroshima is considered a center for education and arts, as well as a city of peace.

Station Marines visit Peace Park

STORY AND PHOTOS BY PFC. LUKAS J. BLOM Combat Correspondent

A Marine stands with his head bowed in front of the skeleton of a building consumed by an atomic bomb almost 60 years ago. To his right stands an old Japanese woman, her head also bowed, and tears trickling down her face. The beauty of this scene is not immediately apparent, but it is there.

The two figures standing in front of the ruble each belong to different cultures that were enemies almost 60 years ago. Now they remember the devastation of war and reflect on it side by side as allies.

The Single Marine Program hosted a sight-seeing and shopping excursion to the Hiroshima Peace Park and shopping districts for Station Marines and Sailors, Jan. 16.

The 17 Marines and Sailors began their cultural journey at 10 a.m. outside of the Hornets Nest, boarding a bus destined for Hiroshima's Peace Park. Once they arrived, they were encouraged to visit the park's monuments and museum, as well as tour the many shops and restaurants nearby.

The Hiroshima day-trippers started out the day's adventure by touring the Peace Park. The Atomic Bomb Dome and numerous other monuments commemorating the destruction of the Japanese city left a true impact on Marines and Sailors.

"Seeing the damage that the A-Bomb caused helped me to realize the true effects," said Cpl. James A. Scott, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 ground support equipment representative. "I wasn't reading about it or looking at photos in a book anymore. Seeing it first hand gave me a whole different

perspective; it was just so devastating."

After viewing the monuments and museum exhibits, the Marines and Sailors hit the town for some food and shopping.

"They've got everything here, great food and tons of places to go shopping," said Scott. "We had a lot of fun out here."

Although Hiroshima is a bustling metropolitan area, there is an ever-present sense of traditional culture through out the city.

"While we were sitting down to eat at a little restaurant, we saw a Japanese woman dressed in a Kimono and other pieces of traditional Japanese clothing," said Sgt. Antonio Gonzalez, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 microminiature technician. "We went over and talked to her. She was so nice; she even let us get our picture taken with her."

Modern day Hiroshima is considered a city of peace and a center for education and the arts, according to a Peace Memorial Museum representative.

Walking through the streets of Hiroshima it is not uncommon to see musicians performing on sidewalks or citizens handing out leaflets endorsing world peace.

The Single Marine Program continues to offer unaccompanied Marines and Sailors a chance to get off base and socialize with each other.

"I've been to a lot of Marine bases," said Gonzalez. "This is the only place that I've been to that does trips like this. Marines are just missing out if they don't take advantage of these opportunities. They should take advantage while they can

For more information on Single Marine Program trips, call the Hornet's Nest at 253-3585.



The Atomic Bomb Dome, located in the Peace Park, has stood for nearly 60 years as a reminder of the devastating effects of nuclear war. The Single Marine Program toured the park Jan. 16.

Station residents gather to honor a dream

PFC. MARK FAYLOGA Combat Correspondent

The diversity of the crowd gathered in the Station chapel Friday was something that was rarely mentioned. That alone seemed tribute enough to the man station residents had gathered to honor. All races came together Friday for a commemorative service in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"Dr. King's remarks resonated through the souls of those listening." said Station Commanding Officer Col Michael A. Dyer. "Dr. King was on a quest for true democracy, with freedom on top of the agenda, and for that we celebrate him today.'

The event included opening remarks by Dyer, scripture readings, a slide presentation titled "A Reflection on the Life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King" and a music selection which included a song by Willis Barry, the National Anthem and the Black National Anthem sung by Sgt. Shelvie R. Edmonds, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron information assurance noncommissioned officer in charge.

Master of ceremonies for the event was Gunnery Sgt. Collette Solomon, instillation pay administrative center chief

"I really enjoyed this year's event because everything went so smoothly. said Gunnery Sgt. Ronald Mix, H&HS career retention specialist. "It had a very warm atmosphere. I think that Gunnery Sgt. Solomon did a wonderful job '

The event, sponsored by the Station equal opportunity office, was coordinated in the hope of teaching the audience about the life and struggles that King endured to bring freedom and equality to all Americans, said Staff Sgt. Sherrina A. Thomas, combat service support detachment 36 logistic's chief Thomas assisted in putting together the ceremony. The event succeeded in

informing audience members about King's life, and helped them remember what the holiday was for

"I thought the event was outstand ing," said Mix. "I enjoyed all of the speeches and I really liked the two songs by Sgt. Edmonds, he's got a great voice."

Although Thomas considered the event a success, she said she hopes for a bigger turnout and more involvement with the international community next

Today, thanks to the efforts of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and people like him, Americans enjoy equality, said Dyer. In honor of his memory, service members are asked to remember celebrate and act on his dream - a dream he spoke of in his famous "I Have A Dream" speech on Aug. 28, 1963. The speech was given in our nation's capital on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial to more than 250,000 civil-rights support-

"When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children. black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"" said King.



Station Commanding Officer Col. Michael A. Dyer gives the opening remarks Friday at the Station chapel during the commemorative service in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

OUT THE GATE

Garden now until Feb. 3, 9 a.m. to 4

p.m. An admission fee is required.

more details, call 082-922-3600.

The garden is closed on Fridays. For

A market is scheduled Sunday

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Spring Plants Display

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FEATURE

Audience members enjoy a "Reflection on the Life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King" slide presentation during the commemorative service Friday

Instant Expert — Martin Luther King Jr.

1929- Michael Luther King Jr. is born Jan. 15. King later has his first name changed to Martin.

1944 - King graduates from Booker T. Washington High School and is admitted to Morehouse College at the age of 15.

1955 - King joins the bus boycott after Rosa Parks was arrested on Dec. 1. On Dec. 5, he is elected president of the Montgomery Improvement Association, making him the official spokesman for the boycott. **1956** - On Nov. 13, the Supreme Court rules that bus segregation is illegal, ensuring victory for the boycott.

1958 - On a speaking tour, King is nearly killed when stabbed by an

1963 - The 'March on Washington,' held Aug. 28, is the largest civil rights demonstration in history. Nearly 250,000 people were in attendance. At the event, King makes his famed 'I Have A Dream' speech. **1964** - On Jan. 3, King appears on the cover of Time magazine as its 'Man of the Year'

1964 - On Dec. 10, at the age of 35, King is the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize. King turns over the prize money of \$54 123 to the furtherance of the civil rights movement

1968 - On the evening of April 4, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tenn., King is assassinated.

1986 - On Nov. 2, a national holiday is proclaimed in King's honor.

Information compiled from the following sources: http://www.nobelprize.org/peace/laureates/1964/king-bio.html http://www.lib.lsu.edu/hum/mlk/srs218.html http://www.lib.lsu.edu/hum/mlk/srs216.html

and Jan. 30, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at New Year's Decorations Exhibi-Harumi Daiichi Park, next to You Me tion

> A display of historical new year's decorations takes place at the Mori Museum now through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. An admission fee is requinedCall0835-22-0001fordetails.

Animal Origami Display

There will be a display of 42 animal origami crafts at the Asa Zoo Sunday through Feb. 13, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Instruction of displayed crafts will also be shown. The zoo is closed on Thursdays. An admission fee is required. Call 082-838-1111 for moreinformation

TORII TELLER CLASSIFIED ADS

accepts ads/announcements from nonprofit organizations *Teller* reserves the right to edit to fit space. Stop by Building 1, Room 216 to fill out a form.

AUTOMOBILES

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4WD van. includes roof racks, ski racks, chains, Call Gary Gilmour at 253- 7229.

Tovota Surf, 1992, turbo

or 253-2634 awh

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at 080-5235-7229

Pizza Hut breaks one million

Misc., sofa bed & double recliner loveseat with storage \$200 obo; oak dining table with 4 chairs \$100 Tony E. Taylor, Pizza obo: child's bunk bed unit Hut manager, prepares to with desk bookshelf & deliver some cheesy gold drawers, \$200 obo. Call to Station residents. The MSgt. Biggs at 253-3918 Pizza Hut here topped dwh or 253-2880 awh

the \$1 million mark on Jan. 12. Taylor credits his team of employees for acieving this goal. "They did it all; they're the

team," said Taylor. "They work when they're supposed to be off, and stav longer than they're supposed to and never complain while they do it. Thev're great." The Hut celebrated its achievement by serving pizza and ice cream cake to the **Crossroads Mall lunch**

MOVIE SCHEDULE

SAKURA

FRIDAY 7 p.m. Blade Trinity (R) 10 p.m. Alexander(R) SATURDAY 1 p.m. FatAlbert(PG) 4 p.m. Christmas With The Kranks

(PG) 7 p.m. Blade Trinity (R) 10 p.m. Seed Of Chucky (R)

SUNDAY 4 p.m. After The Sunset (PG-13) 7 p.m. Alexander(R)

MONDAY 7 p.m. Bridget Jones: The Edge Of Reason(R)

TUESDAY

7 p.m. Lemony Snickets: A Series Of

11 a.m./5 p.m. The Day After Tomorrow (PG) 2 p.m./8 p.m. Shanghai Knights (PG-13) 11 p.m./5 a.m. The Order (R)

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times call the Sakura Theater at 253-5291

7 p.m. Alexander(R)

crowd.

Unfortunate Events (PG)

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

7 p.m. Meet The Fockers (PG-13)

Pfc, Lukas J, Blom

11 a.m. 2 p.m This schedule is submitted by the Sakura 11 p.m Theater and is subject to change. For show

Misc., washer, Whirlpool. commercial/super capacity, 8 cycles, 2 speed combination, super load size; drver, Whirlpool, commercial quality, extra large capacity, 3 cycles, both available on Feb. 8, \$475 for both. Call Dizon at 253-6529 dwh or 253-2263

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WIC (243-9426) A part time position as a nurse/nutritionist is open -Material Handler Super

To submit your ads or announcements: ToriiTeller priority basis. Deadline for briefs is noon Thursday. Torii

4256 dwh or 253-2579 awh.

Hi-Jet Truck, 1979, JCI until Feb. 2005, free, Call diesel, \$2,200, Call Lt. SSgt. Picklo at 253-6947 Pedden at 253-4319 dwh Oct. 2006, \$2,550, Call Mark dwh or 253-7566 awh.

Mitsubishi, Delica, 1993, excellent condition_ICL__until March 2005 \$2 200 until April 2006. \$2.000 obo. Call Mark at 080-5235-

Subaru Domingo, 1996, excellent condition, runs perfectly, midsize van, JCI

Misc. 2 adult cats 1 male (black) 1 female (white)

Misc., double stroller, \$50; OTHER ITEMS swing, \$15; walker, \$10; MCCS: Boppy, exerciser, \$20; boy clothes, 3-6 mo; baby item, new in package; porboth fixed and litter box table bassinet, car seats. Call Nancy at 253-2455.

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Town, Otake. Booths will be set up

be held Jan. 30 at the same time.

Women In Ukiyo-e Paintings And

A display of 135 Ukivo-e paint-

ings and Japanese woodblock prints,

is to be held at Hiroshima's Museum

Of Art in Hiroshima City now

through Feb. 6, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. An

admission fee is required. For fur-

ther information, call 082-223-2530.

Call 53-7175 for details.

Note: Japanese who do not to sell fresh vegetables, fish and

Prints

speak English may answer the more. An Oyster Festival will also





Toyota Starlet, 1998, 2 dren, both love the outdoor, hatchback, excellent doors, want to keep tocondition inside and out, gether. Call Samantha or runs perfectly, JCI until leave a message at 253-

> Misc., Yamaha piano with stand, must sell, \$3,200. Call Dave Naseer at 253-3428 dwh or 21-7957 awh.

JOB OPENINGS

at the WIC Overseas Program in Iwakuni. Position requires a BS in Nursing, Nutrition, Dietetics or Home Economics, and experience in prenatal, maternal or infant nutrition E-mail vour resume, cover letter and copy of your driver's license to williamsd@nhvoko.med. navy.mil or fax it at 243-2614 attn: Denise Williams

CHRO (253-6828)

- -Supervisory Education Services Specialist, world wide
- -Substance Abuse Coun selor, world wide
- Facilities:
- -Interdisciplinary Engineer, world wide
- -Architect world wide

Logistics:

- Supervisory Contract Specialist, world wide
- Clinic:
- -Occupational Health Nurse world wide -Speech Pathologist
- world wide -Secretary (OA), Iwakuni
- wide Commissary
- -Secretary (OA), Iwakuni
- wide

MCCS (253-3030)

(The following jobs are open at MCCS Personnel) MCCS Job Listing:

- -Material Handler, Ware house, civilian only
- -Duty Manager, Bachelor Housing -Retail Area Supervisor
- Sound Shop
- Procurement Assistant Merchandising
- -Senior Sales Associate,
- Main Complex

2 a.m. Kill Bill: Volume II (R)

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11 a.m./5 p.m.	Looney Tunes: Back In
	Action(PG)
2 p.m./8 p.m.	Three Musketeers (PG)
11 p.m./5 a.m.	The Mexican (R)
2 a.m.	WildThings(R)

SUNDAY

./5 p.m.	Miracle (PG)
./8 p.m.	13 Going On 30 (PG)
n./5 a.m.	Walking Tall (PG)
2 a.m.	Memento (R)

MONDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Mean Girls (PG) 2 p.m./8 p.m. Sum Of All Fears (PG-13) 11 p.m./5 a.m. The Notebook (PG) 2 a.m. Down And Out In Beverly Hills (R)

TUESDAY

11 a.m./5 p.m. Doctor Dolittle 2 (PG) 2 p.m./8 p.m. The Others (PG-13) 11 p.m./5 a.m. Face/Off (R)

11 a.m./5 p.m. Kangaroo Jack (PG) 2 p.m./8 p.m. Chronicles Of Riddick (PG-13) 11 p.m./5 a.m. Blue Steel (R) 2 a.m. Tomcats (R)

- 2 p.m./8 p.m. Behind Enemy Lines
- 11 p.m./5 a.m. EternalSunshineOf The Spotless Minds (R) 2 a.m. The Wash (R)

visor Warehouse civil ian only

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- -Assistant Club Manager, Club Iwakuni, civilian only
- -Food Court Operations Assistant, Food Court -Recreation Assistant
- Youth Sports -Sports Specialist, Ath
- letics
- -Supervisory Computer Technician, I.T.
- Continuously Open Jobs Announcements (FT, PT, FLX)
- MCCS Executive Administration Office
- Loss And Prevention
- -Security Guard (Loss And Prevention Agent) **Business Operations Di-**
- vision **Retail Branch:**
- -Laborer
- -Sales Clerk
- -Store Worker
- Food & Hospitality:
- -ID Checker
- -Waiter/Waitress
- -Food Service Worker
- Services Branch:
- -Car Rental/Service Sta tion Attendant
- -Car/Washer/Laborer
- -Recreation Attendant Marine And Family Ser-
- vice Division
- Library Branch:
- -Library Aid
- -Library Technician
- Child Development Cen ter/School Age Care Branch:
- -Program Assistant
- -Operations Assistant
- Youth/Teen Center Branch:
- -Recreation Attendant

-Operations Assistant Go to www.mccsiwakuni com for a complete job listing.

2 a.m. Cold Mountain (PG-13) WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY 11 a.m./5 p.m. Envy (PG)

(PG-13)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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mail: griffinbj@iwakuni.usmc.mil) ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? AFN? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?





Lunch Menus Week Of Jan. 24-28

Monday – Chicken Tenders, Crispy Potato Wedges, Cinnamon Toast, Applesauce, Fresh Fruit, Milk Tuesday - Cheese Pizza, Carrot & Celery Sticks W/Ranch Dressing, Seasoned Green Beans, Fruit, Milk Wednesday - Sloppy Joe on Bun, Tomato, Cucumber, Onion, Curly Fries, Seasoned Corn, Chilled Mixed Fruit, Milk Elemen-

COMMUNITY BRIEFS MCCS

Club Iwakuni (253-3727)

■ Mardi Gras Party: Ballroom, Feb. 5, 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Free and for adults only. Enjoy New Orleans tunes and the blues from a live band. Caiun style food available for purchase includes Crawfish Fettuccini Seafood Gumbo and more

Youth & Teen Center (253-4803) ■ Mardi Gras Parties: Feb. 5. Youth ages 10-12, 6-8:45 p.m. Teens ages 13-18, 9-11 p.m.

School Age Center (253-4803) ■ Mardi Gras Party: Ages 6-12, Feb. 5, 6-10 p.m

Child Development Center (253-5584) ■ Childcare: \$3 per hour is available Feb. 5, 6:30-10 p.m. Registration is required by Jan. 28.

School Age Center (253-4769)

 Monthly Birthday Party: Tuesday, 4-5 p.m. Celebrate your birthday this month with friends. Members born this month receive a coupon redeemable at Iwakuni's Route 2 McDonald's. ■ Power Hour Party: Feb. 4, 4-5 p.m.

MCFTB (253-3754)

Souses of Deployed Service Members Get-Together: Today, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bowling Center. Key Volunteer Coordinator Luncheon Monday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Using Credit Wisely

Wednesday, 3-4:30 p.m. Attend this workshop to learn the basics of establishing, using, and shopping for credit.

Survival Japanese Class

Monday through Jan. 28, 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. Learn key phrases for shopping, ordering food, and more. Call 253-6165 for details.

OTHER

Four Sunday Course For Japanese Language Otake International Exchange Assoc. is hosting a four Sunday fundamental course for volunteers-to-be Japanese language instructors for foreign students in Otake. Call the association at 59-2180 or e-mail dantai@crocus.ocn.ne.ip for sign-up. Leaflets are available at PAO.

Australia Travel Club Yard Sale

This club will sponsor a yard sale Jan. 29, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the triangle. Club members will pick up all donated items. The last day for donations is Jan. 27. Contact numbers for donated items are 253-2417 and 253-5029. The club consists of some of the seniors graduating with the 2004-2005 class. The Travel Club is in no way associated with any school.

tary early release 10:45

Thursday - Chicken Nuggets, Crispy Potato Wedges, Garden Salad W/Ranch Dressing, Applesauce, Milk Friday - Hot Dog on Bun, Carrot & Celery Sticks W/Ranch Dressing, Baked Beans, Cheddar Crackers, Chilled Peaches, Milk Elementary-No School

Gym patrons kick it into shape

STORY AND PHOTOS BY PFC. MARK FAYLOGA Combat Correspondent

SPORTS

Currently, Station residents are trying one of today's most popular trends in fitness: Cardio kickboxing. This form of training provides all the benefits of cardiovascular exercise with the added bonus of gains in strength, agility, balance and coordination.

Cardio kickboxing is a combination of kicks and punches strewn together with dancing, push-ups, jumping jacks and other exercises. The instructor will show the students a move then the students will follow and perform combos in a series of movements, said Tracy Morgan, IronWorks Gym fitness coordinator.

"Cardio kickboxing is a big rage in the States because it brings men and women together for exercise," said Morgan. "Cardio kickboxing is a great class because it's not a traditional aerobics class so men don't shy away from it; they get to punch and kick. For women, it's a great class because it's a good way to build upper body strength, which is an area of the body most women have trouble improving." IronWorks Gym added the cardio kickboxing

class to give students a fun option for increasing strength and cardiovascular endurance, said Morgan.

"After a cardio kickboxing workout, you feel like



Katrina D. Alexander takes students through a kick and punch series during an evening session of cardio kickboxing at IronWorks Gym.

IWAKUNI SPORTS SCENE

YOUTH BASKETBALL

The season starts Saturday, 9:30 a.m. at the IronWorks Sports Courts. Call 253-3239 for more details

INTRAMURAL VOLLEYBALL

Coaches meet Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. in the IronWorks Gym Wellness Room. For more information, call 253-5051.

UNIT PT KICKBOXING KICK-OFF (PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE)

Feb. 4, 5:30-7 a.m. Enter your unit in this kickboxing event and earn 20 points towards the Presidential Challenge. The military unit with the most fitness points in the challenge wins \$500 for their unit PT party fund. All participating units receive 20 points towards the President's Challenge. Call 253-5051 for further details.



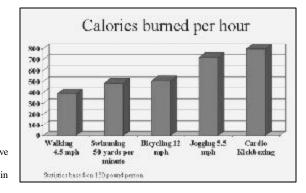
Katrina D. Alexander, IronWorks Gym aerobics instructor, gives her students an intense workout during an evening session of cardio kickboxing at the IronWorks Gym Jan. 5. Alexander said she enjoys helping her students reach their personal fitness goals.

vou've really worked hard, but during the class you don't feel tired because you're having so much fun." said Katrina D. Alexander, IronWorks aerobics instructor. "The class is more upbeat than most aerobics classes. I give a lot of motivation to my students so they want to workout'

Students choose cardio kickboxing over other classes offered because it's an effective way to get started for those who are just beginning to get in shape, and a good way for seasoned gym junkies to maintain their level of fitness, said Morgan.

"Cardio kickboxing is a self-paced class. You can join any class as a beginner and you'll be able to keep up. If the class becomes too easy, there are multiple options to increase the difficulty," said Morgan.

The class is also believed to be effective in helping Marines and Sailors score higher on physical fitness tests. "I absolutely believe that my class can improve a service member's PFT score. If a



student can do cardio kickboxing for a solid hour he will definitely improve his run time as well as other areas," said Alexander. "I've had students come up to me and tell me how much they've improved their scores.'

IronWorks Gym offers a cardio kickboxing class every Monday at 5:30 p.m. and every other Monday at 5:30 a.m. The class is also offered on Wednesday at 11.45 a m in the aerobics room. The class will go on as long as there are at least two students. The class is offered to all station residents free of charge.

LAST MAN STANDING PAINTBALL TOURNAMENT

Jan. 29, 8 a.m. at the MCCS Paintball Range. Register for \$35 at the IronWorks Gym front desk. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 253-3822.

THINK LIGHT WEIGHT MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Every Monday, 5:30-7 p.m. Feb. 7 through April 4. Participants meet in the IronWorks Wellness Room. They will receive an eating plan (menus). recipes, an online Companion Guide workbook, biweekly educational and motivational e-mail support, and more. The workshop is led by Charla Truesdale, MA. Certified Health Education Specialist. The cost is \$100 per person or \$175 per couple from the same household. Registration must be made prior to Jan. 31. Call 253-5051 for more information.

Japanese, Americans take swings at goodwill

STORY AND PHOTOS BY PFC. L UKAS J. BLOM Combat Correspondent

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The third annual Japanese and American Goodwill Golf Tournament was held at the Torii Pines had the lowest stroke-Golf Course here Jan. 9, promoting goodwill between count for the hole. Iwakuni's business community and the Station.

Competing golfers were split into 16 teams of four golfers apiece. Each team consisted of two American and two Japanese players that were paired

A golf ball lies just outside of the fairway, waiting to be struck into it's "home," the hole, nual Japanese and American Golf Tournament here, Jan. 9

together in an arbitrary manner. On each of the course's 18 holes, the teams took the scores from the two golfers who

"It's a very random way of picking partners, but it seems to be working," said Gary M. Groff, Torii Pines Golf Course manager. "It's amazing to watch them play through the language barrier."

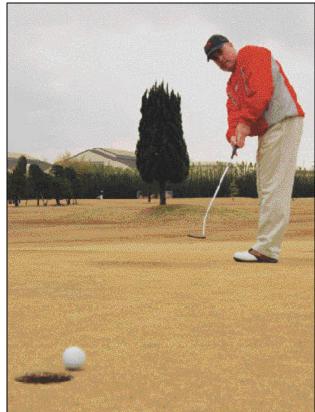
Taking home the award for lowest combined score was Ronald J. Nash, Vasco Sutton, Horikawa Koji and Hironaka Yoshimi, who shot a combined round of 21 strokes under par. The competition

kicked off at 9 a.m. with each team starting at randomly selected holes.

Through the first nine, everything was going well for the teams and it looked as if it was anybody's tournament, until one team pulled ahead of the pack on a single hole.

"On the 5th hole. [Vasco Sutton] thought he hit the ball out-ofbounds," said Nash.

"Turns out he ended up being about a foot away from the fence. From there he chipped it about 80 at Torii Pines Golf Course during the 3rd an- yards and landed it two feet from the hole. He ended up making the putt for a birdie. It was a very memorable shot."



Dave Allison sinks a 20-foot putt on the 9th green. Allison also won the Close To Pin Competition on the 2nd hole, placing the ball 3'9" from the pin.

Then the rain came

"When it started to rain, we were like, 'uh-oh'," said Nash. "Things started to get a little slippery, but when it stopped we started playing better again.'

The play continued without pause until the teams finished their rounds and turned in their scorecards.

The group then proceeded up to the Club Iwakuni Ballroom to discuss the day's competition and eat lunch.

Groff took the podium to announce the winners, silencing the buzz of golfers exchanging scores.

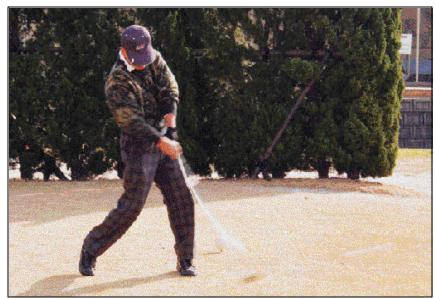
He first read off the winners of the Close To Pin Competition (the golfer who got closest to the hole from his drive): Dave Allison on the 2nd hole. Takeuchi Mikio on the 6th hole, Wayne Gilmore on the 11th hole and James Clark on the 13th hole. Hideki Grondin was named the winner of the Longest Drive Competition, leaving only one category left.

The golfers anxiously awaited the announcement of the winning team.

Applause erupted as the winning team was announced and presented with its prizes; each member received a new Nike golf bag.

All the participants, however they performed, received a commemorative hat for participating in the event.

"The great thing about this tournament is that everyone walks away a winner," said Groff. "Whether it was a hat or a golf bag, everyone walked away with something."



Mitsukuni Odagawa hammers a drive from the tee box of the 10th hole during the 3rd annual Japanese and American Goodwill Golf Tournament, Jan. 9, at the Torii Pines Golf Course here.