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Go all Buster Poindexter and have at some of Sue Ade's recommended spicy island dishes. **Page 10**



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LOCAL



Lionesses purr

The Moss Creek Marines have done it again, this time "adopting" an all-female fighting unit. **Page 5**

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Disney's wonderful world

Annelore Harrell once laughed at Walt's vision for Florida, but she happily admits she was wrong. **Page 7**

► **Lowcountry residents Doug and Lue Ellen Robertson are in St. Paul, Minn., this week at the Republican Party National Convention to confirm John McCain's nomination for president. Doug is a South Carolina Republican Party alternate delegate to the convention.**



Trumpeters for McCain

Lowcountry residents join GOP presidential nomination launch in Minnesota.

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NEWS

Hanna's heading this way

The newest hurricane might make landfall right here, models show.

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A compilation of weather models puts the Georgia-South Carolina border in the cross-hairs of Hurricane Hanna, the National Weather Service said Monday afternoon.

If the storm stays on its current track, it could hit the mouth of the Savannah River packing 92 mph winds by Friday morning or early afternoon, said Steve Rowley, forecaster for the National Weather Service in Charleston.

As of Monday night, the

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We say ...

Time means
nothing to
Marine vets

Semper fi.

For most folks, that's just something they've heard Marines say to each other, a verbal fist bump between armed college fraternity members. An entomologist might even recognize its Latin roots as "always faithful."

For Marines, though, it's a lifestyle, a way of life. Once a Marine, always a Marine. You've probably heard that, too.

Thing is, it's all true.

In some cases 60 years removed from active duty, the collection of Marine veterans, Navy corpsmen and their spouses that make up the Moss Creek Marines still live by that motto. They're still faithful to the Corps, always faithful to the Corps, and to their young descendents in the ranks.

The proof is in the pudding — or, more specifically, the fruit snacks, beef jerky and Xbox systems they've sent over (and over and over) to active-duty Marine units in Iraq and Afghanistan in the past few years.

The most recent "adopted" group, to use the Moss Creek Marines' terminology, is the Lionesses, an all-female training squad tasked with readying women for duties with Iraqi-based units.

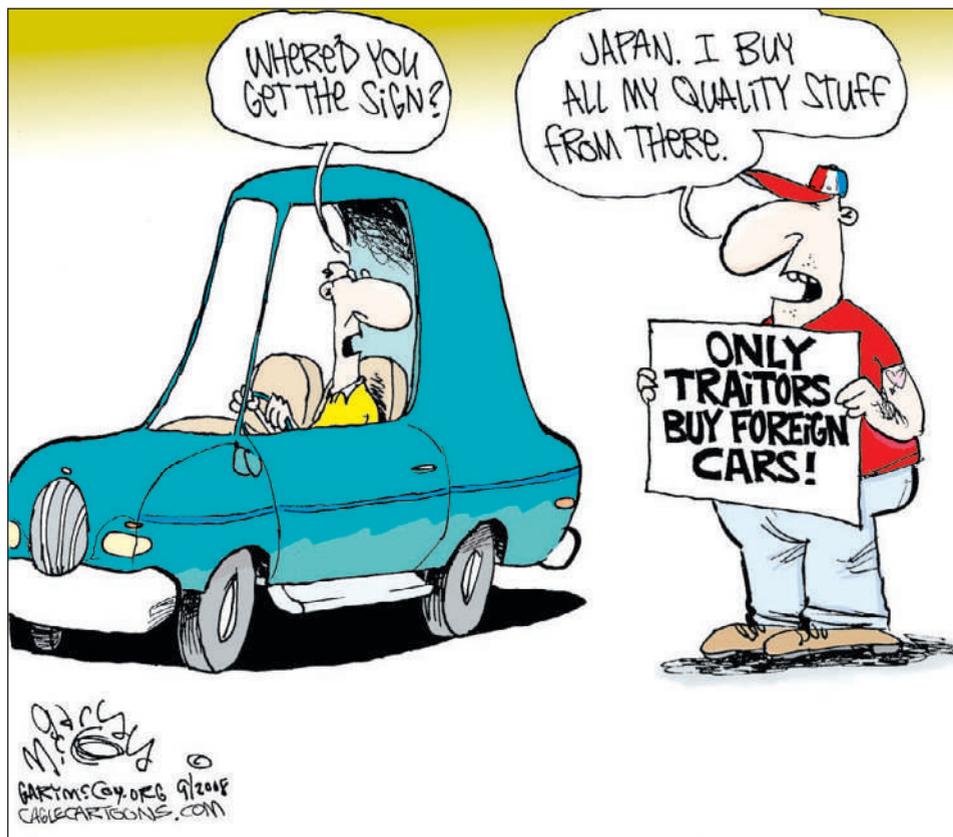
Believe it or not, the women requested Xboxes just like their male counterparts. So they got them, just like their male counterparts.

The women also requested the basics, like toiletries and snacks. They got them, too.

The Moss Creek Marines even added a surprise — one 60-minute calling card per Marine. Little things like that matter when you're chewing windblown sand for six months at a time.

"Thank you for all you do for our great country and Corps," Moss Creek Marines adjutant/secretary Roger Garreau wrote the Lionesses' commander in an e-mail. "As a group of Marine veterans, we truly appreciate your sacrifices and contributions."

Can you guess how he signed it? "Semper fi." Because the Moss Creek Marines are.



You say ...

Letters to the editor

Let's have real change

Now that the candidates for change on both sides have been selected we need to find out what changes they plan and how they will accomplish them. Now is the perfect time for all of us to demand real changes.

I propose that the following items (if passed by Congress) would be real change. By the way, none of these will be popular with the career politicians.

- (1) Establish term limits for both the House and Senate. After all, the presidency is limited. Why not the Congress?
- (2) Pass the Fair Tax. Then everyone will pay his or her fair share. Those who buy more will pay more.
- (3) Limit spending by lobbyists and require openness.
- (4) Return immigration limits back to what they were before 1965 and enforce that limit.
- (5) Require that all spending bills in Congress be voted on as stand-alone bills, no more so-called earmarks.

There are now related bills before Congress for each of these, but they need

public support. That support and the corresponding results will only come when we the people demand it. That we can do by each of us informing our congressmen that their continuing in office depends on their support for real change.

Joe Elam
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Next letter will be original

I must apologize to Vox readers (for my Friday letter, "Why I'm voting Democrat this year").

It was the first time I submitted anything. I should have somehow let you know it was not original with me. I just appreciated the message so much I just wanted to pass it on.

If and when I submit anything else I will be more explicit. Thank you for making it clear that the message wasn't original. God bless you.

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