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EDITOR'S LETTER

When I first learned I was pregnant with my son, I was fairly apprehensive – particularly regarding my road ahead as a single mom. Then I met a man, nearly 40, who shared his story about his and his wife's sad struggle with infertility. They had already invested years and thousands of dollars in an effort to have a baby – with no success. He informed me that they were awaiting the results of yet another painful and costly fertility treatment his wife had just undergone, and his eyes

were glassy when he touched my shoulder and told me how lucky I was. I knew I'd never forget meeting him or the renewed sense of appreciation he'd instilled in me. This month, I'm grateful to the Struna family for sharing their own heroic battle with infertility (p. 20) and I'm certain it will inspire others to believe that they too can achieve baby bliss.

Thanks also to Lance Cpl. Debbie Szpanka, of the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, who took time away from important BCSO duties to share expert insight regarding kids' law and safety. See page 30.

Please enjoy your kids, pets and this issue! Sincerely,

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JACKSON TOMASZEWSKI WITH MACY

LETTERS

Congrats on this top notch piece ("Troops in Iraq Update," July '05 issue). It really places *Monthly* at the top of the game (as usual). I hear

Mr. North on the Shawn Hannity radio show and have always been impressed with his willingness to get into the thick of things regardless of the obvious danger. Our July issue makes me remember why I have been proud to be part of Frey Media for the past six years.

– Toni Thomas, Bluffton

Always enjoy my "armchair vacations" when reading the travel articles in the *Hilton Head Monthly Magazine*. Keep them coming!

– Barbara Ulrich, Sun City, Hilton Head

Editor's note: Thank you. We enjoy travel and are glad our readers do too!

The following was a response to our Readers Poll re. water quality...

Yes, I am most concerned about the drinking water. I believe that most if not all of the water comes from the Savannah River. Have you ever looked at the river, it is very filthy. Some months ago there was an article in the South Carolina paper showing an old radon plant which was leaking into the river. The builders in our area are building more and

more homes for thousands of people. Why can't they build a reservoir to provide clean water for all the thousands of people?

– Patricia A. Coffey, Sun City

READERS POLL: Are you concerned about local water quality? Have ideas regarding solutions? We want to hear from you!

EXTRAORDINARY WINNER! Diana M. Korinek won the *Extremely Extraordinary Makeover* and, upon completion of her \$5,000 program, *Monthly* will introduce the transformed Ms. Korinek. Stay tuned!

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