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Corps releases guidance on prohibited political activity

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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, YUMA, Ariz.

— In guidance released by Headquarters Marine Corps Sept. 16, Marines and federal employees were advised to avoid violating

political activity policies in the upcoming November elections.

Federal employees and service members are prohibited from official involvement or the appearance of official involvement in partisan political activities, ac-

cording to Marine Administrative Message 534/08.

Service members are subject to more restrictive rules concerning political activities. They cannot participate officially in partisan political fund-raising activities or perform clerical or

other duties for a partisan political committee or candidate during a campaign.

Additionally, service members cannot use their official authority to influence or interfere with an election, march or ride in partisan parades, speak

before a partisan political gathering in uniform or display a partisan political sign, poster, banner or similar device at their residence on a military installation to include privatized housing.

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Coalition has entered 'Endgame' in Iraq

John J. Kruzell
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Amid an 80-percent drop in violence and with further withdrawals of U.S. forces in sight, the coalition in Iraq has reached the "endgame," Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said Sept. 23.

"I believe we have now entered that endgame — and our decisions today and in the months ahead will be critical to regional stability and our national security interests for years to come," he told the Senate Armed Services Committee during a hearing on Iraq and Afghanistan.

Highlighting success in Iraq are reductions in U.S. casualties and overall violence, and the handover of Anbar province this month to Iraqi authority. Anbar, the 11th of 18 provinces now under Iraqi control, was once a hotbed of the Sunni insurgency and the scene of some of the war's most contentious fighting.

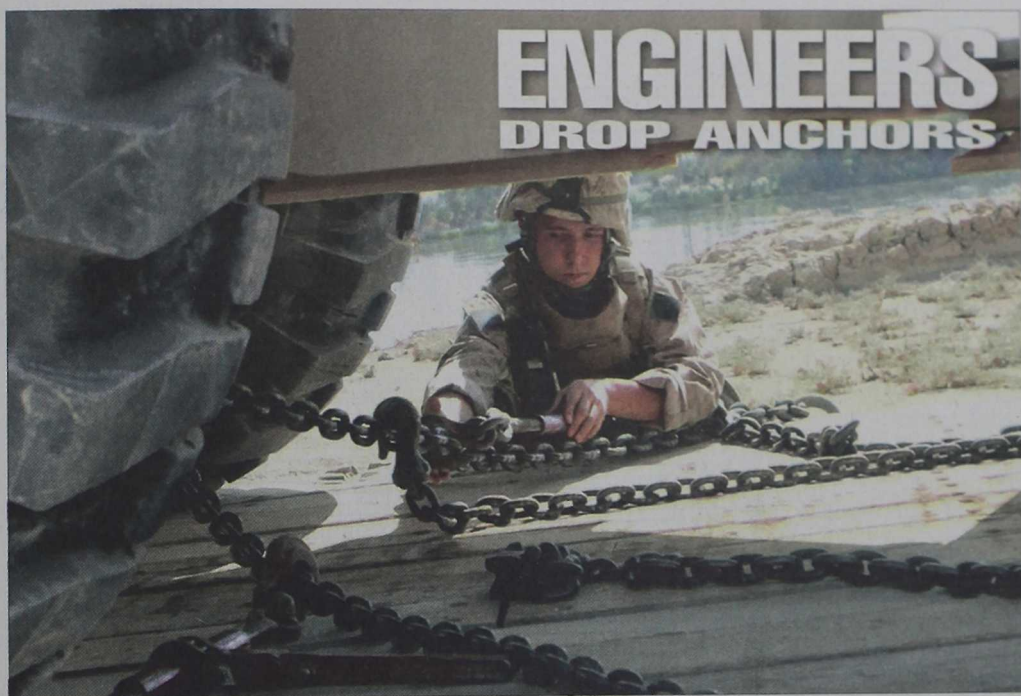
During testimony the secretary submitted to lawmakers, he cited other measures of progress, including "incremental but significant" progress by the Iraqi parliament and, with the exception of Iran, an increased willingness on the part of Iraq's neighboring countries to engage with Baghdad and help stabilize the country.

But Sec. Gates tempered his analysis, saying serious challenges remain, including the failure of Iraq's parliament to pass an election law, which likely will delay a planned election until December and could increase the possibility of politically motivated violence.

"Our military commanders do not yet believe our gains are necessarily enduring, and they believe that there are still many challenges and the potential for reversals in the future," he said.

The secretary characterized the situation in Iraq as fragile, but said current conditions mark vast improvements since early 2007, when Sec. Gates became Pentagon chief.

See **ENDGAME**, 2A



Lance Cpl. Adam C. Hennig, a mechanic with support platoon, Company A, 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion, Regimental Combat Team 5, unhooks chains as he helps unload a forklift off of a flatbed in Anbar, Iraq, Sept. 17.

Story and photos
Lance Cpl. Paul Torres
Regimental Combat Team 5

AL ANBAR PROVINCE, Iraq — The lifeblood that helps rebuild the Iraqi infrastructure is commerce, and Iraq's roads and bridges are the veins through which the lifeblood flows.

This makes the Wahid Bridge, which connects the two towns of Jubbah and Jubbah Ria, extremely important. It is a direct connection between two Anbar locations.

"The bridge is basically a shortcut to cross the Euphrates," said Sgt. John A. Esquivel, the utilities chief section head with support platoon, Company A, 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion, Regimental Combat Team 5. "The bridge

was originally installed back in May and has since developed some problems due to the heavy presence of algae in the river. The algae have caused the anchor and buoy cables to sink below water level and have produced a curve in the bridge."

Iraqi Army engineers assisted the Marines from Company A to dig four extra anchors along the river banks to give the floating-panel bridge extra support. The anchors will later be tied to the bridge by another team of engineers.

Having IA engineers assist the Marines showed the Iraqis are making progress toward conducting operations such as this without the assistance of coalition forces.

"By the IA engineers being out there and using their equipment to help us



Capt. Chad Morgan, company commander for Company A, 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion, Regimental Combat Team 5, looks out across the Euphrates River Sept. 17 as he estimates the distance from the newly dug anchors along the bank and the spot on the Wahid Bridge where they will be tied.

install the anchors, they were able to show they are capable of supporting their people," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 John H. Walter, 37, the platoon commander for support platoon.

The one-day mission took some onsite coordination between the Marines and the IA engineers.

To avoid using heavy

See **ENGINEERS**, 7A

Iraqi police discover cache; largest find to date

Lance Cpl. Joshua Murray
Regimental Combat Team 5

HADITHA, Iraq — Almost 9,000 pieces of ordnance lined the recently excavated trenches. Iraqi Police officers and Marines smiled and congratulated each other on preventing such a large cache from falling into the enemy's hands.

The IP officers discovered the large ordnance cache near Haditha on a combined patrol with the "Warlords" of Second platoon, Company E, Task Force 2nd Battalion,

2nd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5, Sept. 22.

"This is the biggest cache we've ever found," said Muhammed Jasim Muhammed, a member of the National Iraqi Intelligence Agency. "When we arrived, there was a 70-meter wide hole dug, but the insurgents had not finished burying everything."

"We are extremely happy to find this cache," Muhammed said. "We scored a victory on the bad guys



Marines with Task Force 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 5 and Iraqi Security Forces stand near a weapons cache near the city of Haditha, Iraq, Sept. 25. Photo by Lance Cpl. Joshua Murray

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News Watch

Defense Department Announces Incoming Iraq Deployments

Defense Department announced replacement units scheduled to deploy next year to Iraq. About 26,000 troops from Army corps headquarters, an Army division headquarters, a Marine expeditionary force headquarters, an Army fires brigade and six Army brigades and six Army brigades combat teams are scheduled to rotate into Iraq between this winter and next summer, Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said.

Units receiving deployment orders are:

Marine Corps Headquarters, Fort Meade, Md.;
Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas;

Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters, Camp Lejeune, N.C.;

1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, Texas;

82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.;

Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Lewis;

82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg;

Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Lewis;

1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan.;

1st Fires Brigade, Fort Wainwright, Alaska;

Wyoming Army National Guard's 115th Fires Brigade is made up of army battalions and battalions and will be assigned to ensure freedom of movement and continuity of operations throughout the country. This includes

clearance operations, searching for roadblocks and escort security for supply convoys, Whitman said.

"There are no dwell-time issues," he said, referring to the amount of time at these units will have had since their last deployment. Today's announcement is consistent with President Bush's

recent announcements to reduce Iraq troop levels, Whitman added, though possibility exists for

of the brigade combat teams to be re-tasked for Afghanistan deployments.

Based on future decisions and recommendations from ground and combat commanders, Iraq troop numbers and security efforts will be adjusted accordingly, he explained.

2nd Tanks Roll



The 2nd Tank Battalion intra-mural football team had both offense and defense on full blast in recent game. Learn more by turning to 1B.

Parachute Training

Reconnaissance Marines recently trained at Camp Davis to prepare for future missions. To learn more, turn to 1C.



Elmo Visits Lejeune

Elmo and his Sesame Street friends recently visited Lejeune to the delight of many children. To find out more, turn to 1D.



Combat casualties surviving at higher rate

By Kevin M. Beebe Jr.
Headquarters Marine Corps

WASHINGTON — The ratio of casualties dying from combat wounds in the Long War, less than one in 10, is lower than that of recent 20th-century wars, including Operation Desert Storm, according to a recent comparison study.

The Center for Strategic and International Studies has shown 9.7 percent of wounded American service members died in Operation Iraqi Freedom, a contrasting figure to 22 percent during Vietnam and 17 percent during Desert Storm.

Rear Adm. William M. Roberts, medical officer of the Marine Corps, said vast improvements in combat casualty care are to thank for present-day survivability; moreover, Marines and sailors not in the medical field are doing a welcomed share of the lifesaving.

Prevention, training and education, as well as actual battlefield treatment, are saving lives.

In Iraq, medical treatment has moved closer to the fight and on a grander scale than in the past, staying available within one-hour rings around combat operations. Known as the "golden hour," this time of opportunity is the first 60 minutes after a severe trauma injury. If the wounded can receive swift medical attention during this time, they have the greatest chance of survival.

Marines and field corpsmen alike know and administer "buddy" first aid.

"I think (the survival rate) has a lot to do with the quickness in which medical attention is received," said Seaman Greg Norman, a corpsman with 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment. This immediate, onsite treatment is

the difference maker, said Norman.

Casualties sustained by first aid survive their wounds or injuries 90 percent of the time, said Roberts.

The enroute care is just as critical, Roberts said. Shock trauma platoons and forward resuscitative surgery systems, which are fast-acting emergency response teams that can administer medicine and surgery, are keeping more casualties alive and seeing them transported to the next level of care.

Designated helicopters that also fly combat missions are evacuating casualties from danger zones. No Marine or naval helicopter fleet is dedicated solely to emergency evacuations, but Roberts insists that does not mean lifesaving is compromised.

"I do not know of a single case," said Roberts, about helicopters not being able to

retrieve a wounded Marine or sailor.

Shock trauma platoons, in essence, are rolling emergency rooms consisting of 25 people, including emergency physicians, physician assistants, nurses, corpsmen and Marines. A forward resuscitative surgery system is a mobile unit that deploys as Marine combat service support and is staffed with two surgeons, a nurse, an anesthesiologist and four corpsmen. Casualties still alive in this care have a 97 percent chance of surviving, Roberts said.

From these small emergency rooms, casualties are transported to hospitals in Iraq cities such as Al Asad, Baghdad or Balad, and if necessary, to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany, for advanced surgeries and re-evaluation.

Marines and Navy corpsmen

See SURVIVING, 7A



Pictured is the hospital corpsman emblem, worn by Corpsmen, who are the Navy and Marine Corps' enlisted medical specialists. Battlefield corpsmen are largely responsible for the decreased number of casualties dying from combat wounds in the Long War, a ratio lower than that of recent 20th-century wars, including Operation Desert Storm. Photo by Gunnery Sgt. Scott Dun

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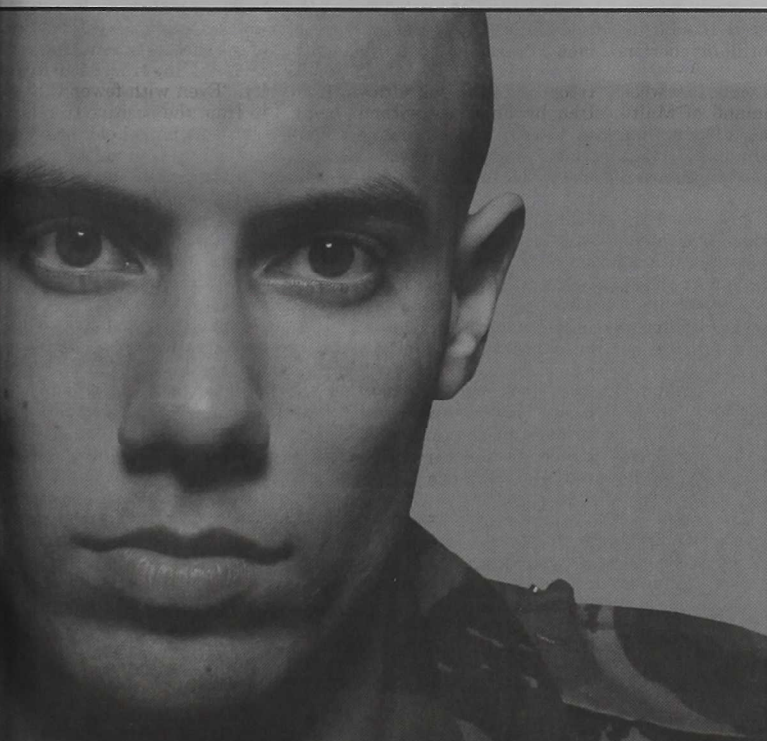


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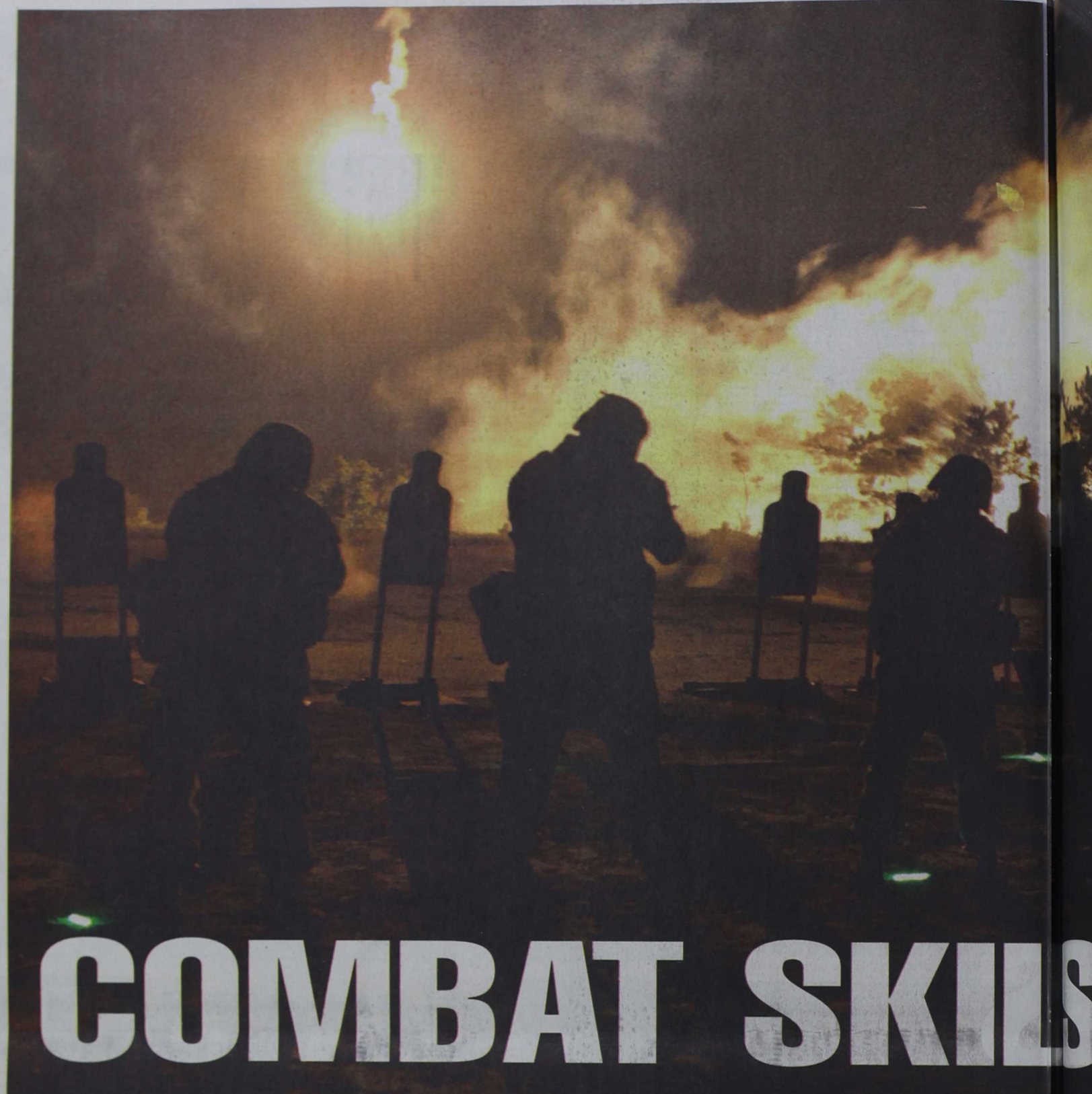
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COMBAT SKILLS

II MEF (Fwd) Marines hone skills

Cpl. Meg Varvil
II Marine Expeditionary Forces
Forward

Marksmanship has long been the Holy Grail for all Marines, and annual, known-distance qualification courses have helped them achieve this goal.

However, the dynamic nature of urban combat, which became prevalent after the 2003 invasion of Iraq, demanded another style of marksmanship. To

satisfy that need, traditional marksmanship training has been supplemented by the Combat Marksmanship Program, which teaches Marines to fire while pivoting and on the move.

The CMP has long been a requirement for ground combat Marines, but has only recently become a training requirement for all Marines deploying to combat zones.

To meet this requirement, Marines with II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) must take to the rifle ranges

to complete the CMP before deploying to Iraq early next year.

"I've done a couple of these CMP shoots already," said Cpl. Tommy Sengdao, a field radio operator with 8th Communications Battalion. "It's so much better than a regular range, because instead of lying in the prone or sitting, we're shooting and moving. It just makes sense."

Shooters participate in both day and night qualifications. At night, targets are illuminated with flares

or floodlights, but the firing drills remain identical for both qualifications.

Even first-time participants understood the importance of the training.

"This is combat shooting," said Col. Daniel Lecce, staff judge advocate for II MEF (Fwd). "It's more relevant to what we might encounter while deployed."

The CMP provides practical training for Marines, regardless of rank or military occupational specialty.

"A lot of men but the Marines don't have a down a opportunity to practice shooting types of combat skills also in Cpl. Steven Sessa. I'm a team specialist with the individual F manship Training which a MEF Headquarters combat "Also, senior Marines only one thirteen or more yet we p no longer required down ran the rifle range, the train re-familiarizes new comar the rifle."

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A shooter watches as Cpl. Lewis Shao, a range coach for the Combat Marksmanship Program, grades his target during day qualification, Sept. 9. Photo by Master Sgt. Keith A. Milks

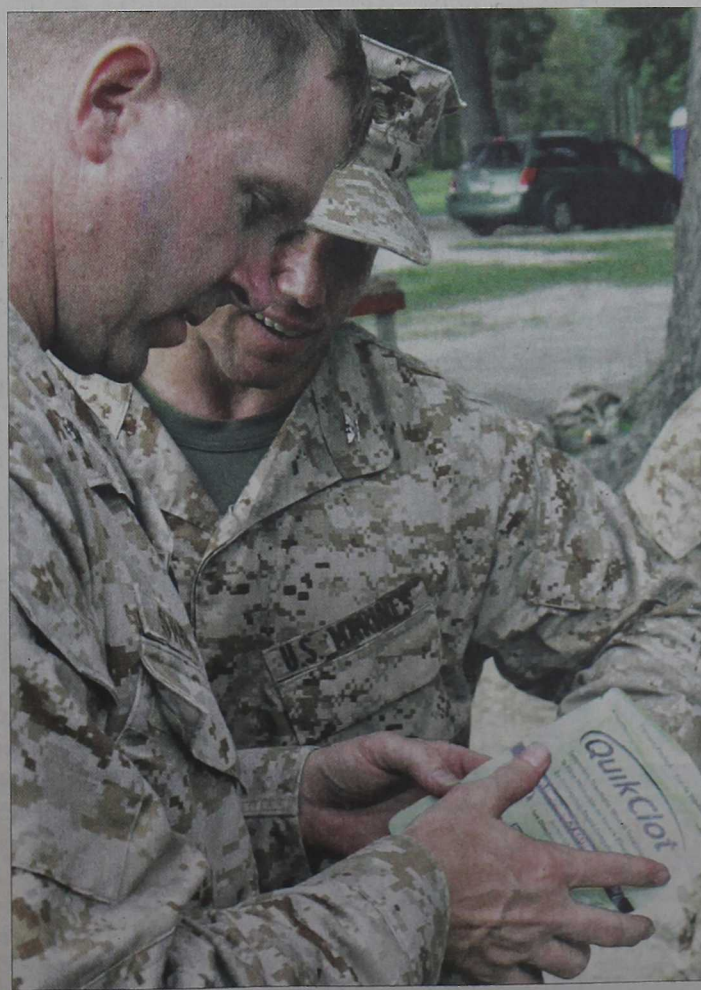
Marines with II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) fire controlled pairs while using the combat glide to move from the 25 to 15-yard line during day qualification of the Combat Marksmanship Program, Sept. 9. Photo by Master Sgt. Keith A. Milks



Combat Marksmanship Program participants fire a hammer pair from the 10-yard line while flares illuminate their targets during night qualification, Sept. 9. Photo by Cpl. Meg Varvil



Marines with II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) take a knee at the 10-yard line to reload during the Combat Marksmanship Program day qualification, Sept. 9. Because of the dynamic nature of urban combat, CMP, which teaches shooters to fire while pivoting and on the move, is a pre-deployment training requirement for II MEF (Fwd) Marines slated to go to Iraq early next year. Photo by Master Sgt. Keith A. Milks



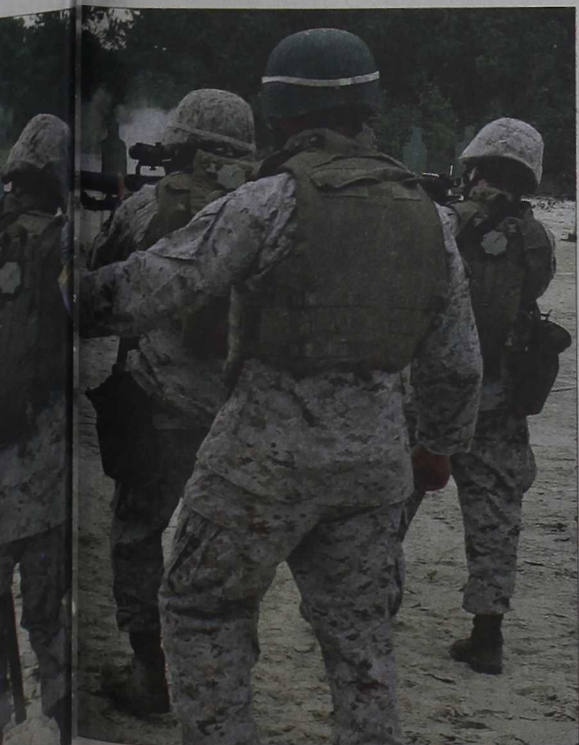
Lt. Col. Scott Stebbins (left), communications operations officer with II Marine Expeditionary Force (Fwd), and Col. Daniel Lecce, staff judge advocate with II MEF (Fwd), examine medical supplies in the individual first aid kit after receiving a first aid class between their Combat Marksmanship Program day and night qualifications, Sept. 9. Photo by Cpl. Meg Varvil

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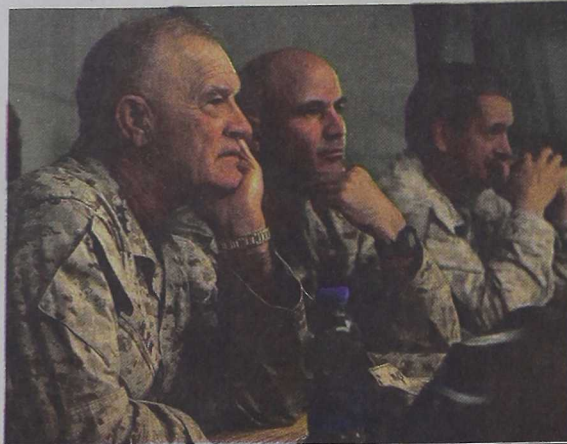
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For more information
on II MEF (Fwd), visit the
unit's Web site at www.imefpublic.usmc.mil/imef-fwd,
and to learn about the
ongoing mission in Iraq, go
to www.mnfwest.usmc.mil.



II MEF commander visits Marines in Afghanistan

Lt. Gen. Dennis J. Hejlik, commanding general, II Marine Expeditionary Force, listens to a briefing on the current and future operations of Task Force 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, part of Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix. The task force, which is serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, is currently operating throughout the Helmand and Farah provinces. Comprised of approximately 1,300 service members, the reinforced light infantry battalion deployed to Afghanistan from the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Training Center at Twentynine Palms, Calif. Its mission is to conduct counterinsurgency operations with a focus on police training and mentoring within assigned boundaries to set the conditions for the successful integration and future assumption of authority by Afghan National Police and to extend Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan authority and influence over security and regional development. Photo by Cpl. James M. Mercure



POLITICAL, from 1A

For example, at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., a relatively small base, an average of approximately 800 prohibited e-mails have been sent over the local network regarding political support recently, said Jack Neely, air station information technology director.

They may encourage others to vote, display one partisan bumper sticker on their vehicle and make financial contributions to partisan parties or candidates.

Rules service members and federal employees must adhere to regarding political activities can be found in Department of Defense Directive 1344.10.

"There are certain things a person of influence, whether he is a sergeant or a general, can't come out and do, like saying he supports this candidate and you should support him too," said David James, Marine Corps voting action officer.

"The intent is that we don't want undue pressure on individuals from their seniors," said James. "You can support your candidate, you can do what you need to do, but you shouldn't have that feeling of someone forcing you to vote a certain way."

Federal employees can't wear campaign badges or buttons, display campaign materials or distribute campaign materials on government property or over government e-mail. However, federal employees, unlike service members, can actively participate in political activities off government property.

Those seeking more information about voting rights and limitations should contact their unit voting information officer or their local staff judge advocate.

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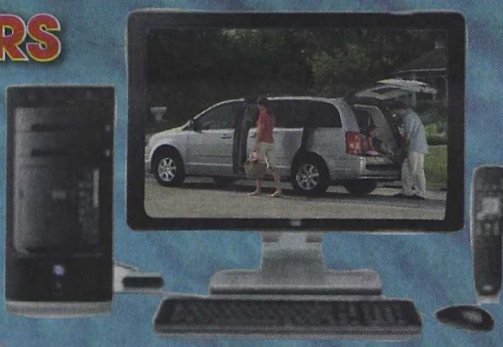
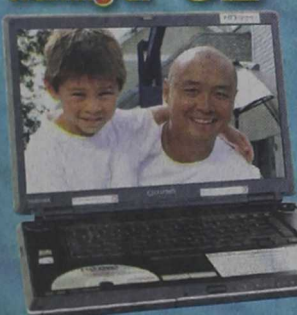
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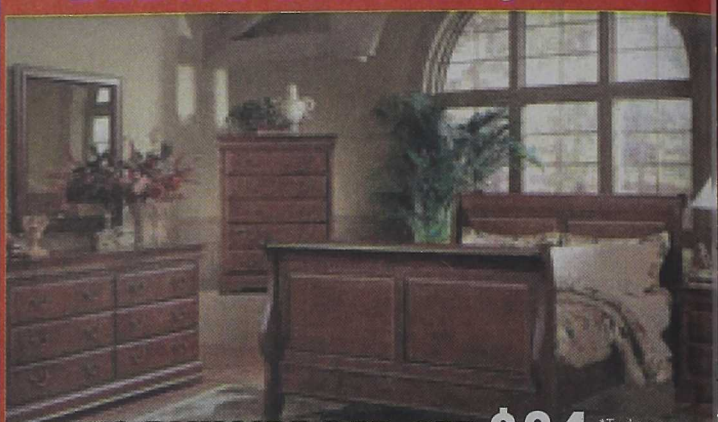
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Triathlon for kids

Pre-register by Monday for the Tri It On Triathlon, scheduled for children ages 5-16 Oct. 13. The non-traditional triathlon will include bike, run and obstacle course stages, both on and off-road. The event starts at 8 a.m. at the Tarawa Terrace Community Center. Race day registration will take place from 7:30 until 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 450-1687 or 451-7002.

5K fun run

The Columbus Day 5K Fun Run is scheduled for Oct. 9 at the corner of Ash Street and Holcomb Boulevard. The race starts at 8:30 a.m. and participants only need to show up, sign a waiver, get a number and run. For more information, call 451-0092.

Hope for the Warriors' Marathon team

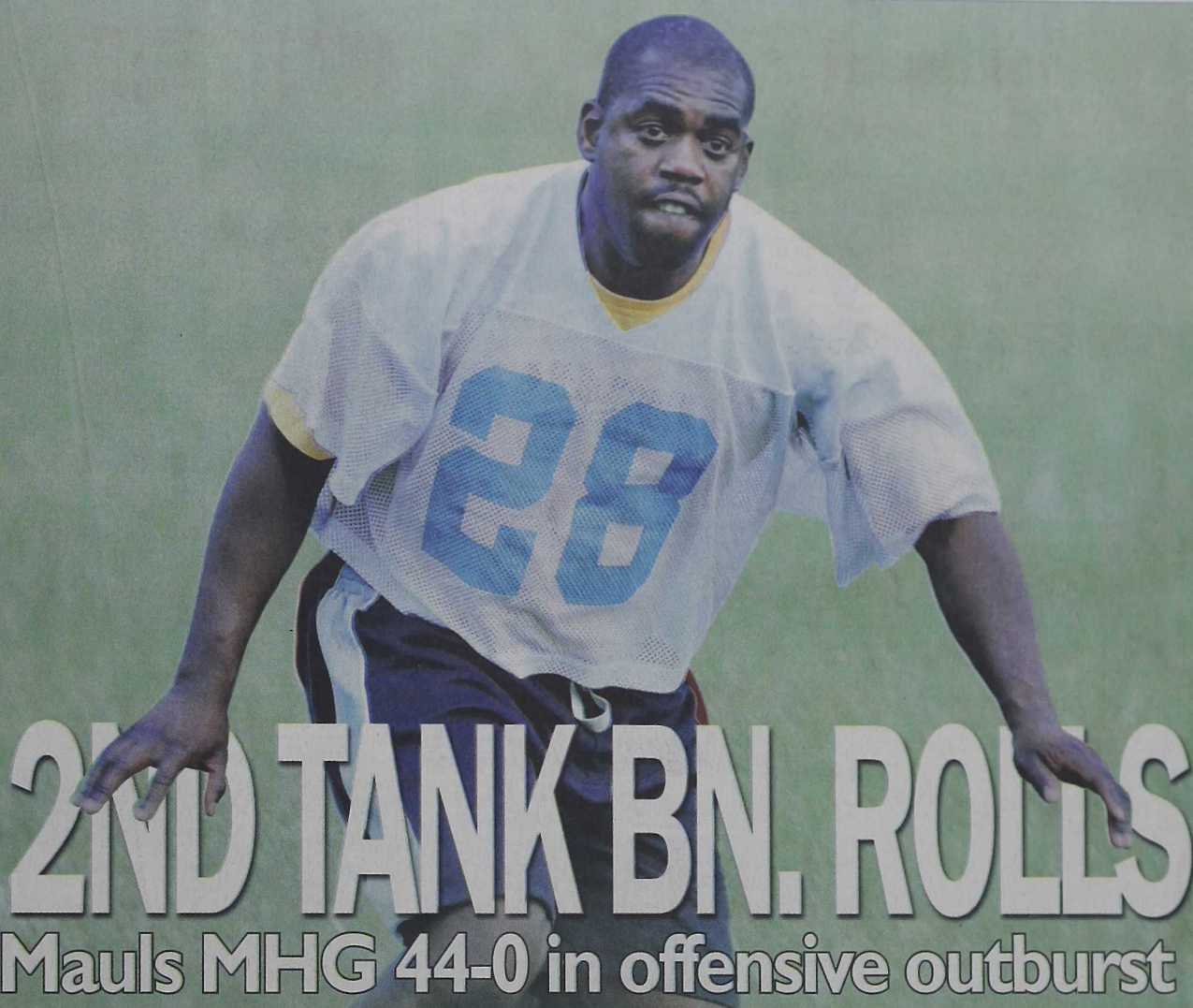
Join the Hope for the Warriors' 2008 Marine Corps Marathon team and support wounded service members. The event is scheduled for Oct. 26 in Washington, D.C. The \$90 team registration fee includes a Team Hope for the Warriors T-shirt and race bag, online fundraising ideas and education materials. For more information, call 546-1050.

Marine Corps Grand Prix

The Jacksonville Trails and Greenways Commission 5K Road Race and 1-Mile Fun Run is scheduled for Nov. 1. The event is a leg in the 2008 Marine Corps Grand Prix Series. Participants will receive a T-shirt and points toward their Grand Prix Series total, depending on where they finish. For more information, call Mike Wetzel at 938-5307 or visit www.ci.jacksonville.nc.us.

Fall Fun Bass Tournament

The Fall Fun Team Bass Tournament is scheduled for Nov. 1. Two-person teams will fish for large-mouth bass on New River and its tributaries. The average cash purse for these one-day events is \$2,500, based on 50 boat entries. There are \$1,000 in cash prizes guaranteed, regardless of the number of entries. Active-duty teams may participate through the usage of unit funds, with permission of the unit's special services officer. Entry forms are available at Gottschalk and Courthouse Bay marinas. The event is open to the public. For more information, call 451-8307.



2ND TANK BN. ROLLS Mauls MHG 44-0 in offensive outburst

Story and photos
Jamie Cameron
Assistant managing editor

The defense for 2nd Tank Battalion pitched a shut-out while the offense racked up 44 points in its intramural flag football game against Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group.

The game was one of three regular season tilts played Monday night at Cross Street Field aboard Camp Lejeune.

After opting to receive on the deferred coin toss, 2nd Tanks didn't take long to get the scoring started. After running an option on first down, quarterback Raymond Jones looked downfield for his star receiver, Doc Shedrick. Shedrick caught the pass in the mid-level of the MHG defense and simply outran the cornerbacks and safeties to the end zone. He also caught the extra point try, giving 2nd Tanks a quick 7-0 advantage.

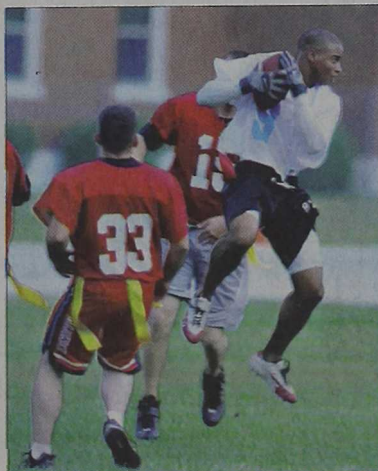
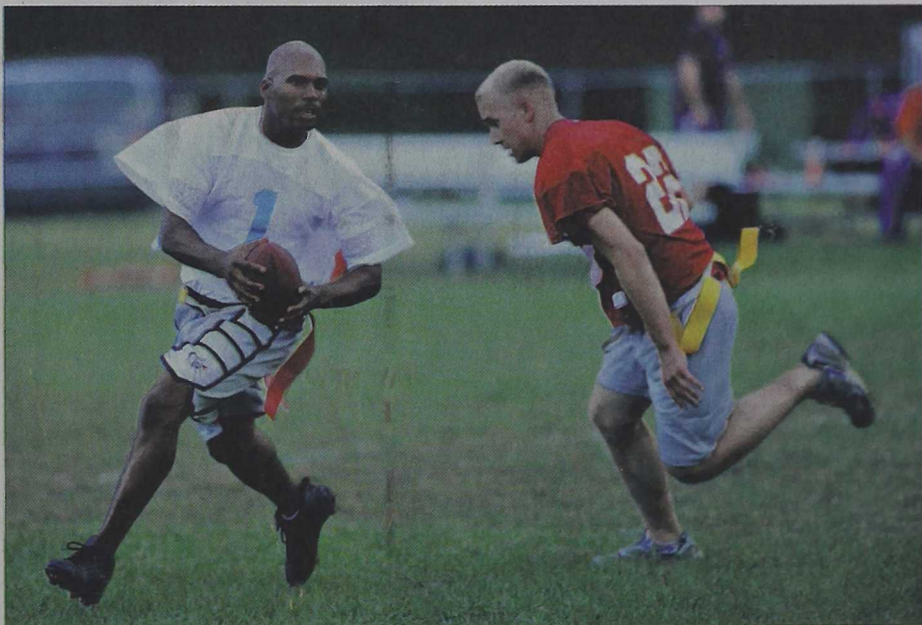
In its first possession of the game, MHG's offense, led by quarterback Ryan Bassett, found itself beset by the aggressive 2nd Tanks' pass rush. Bassett had little or no time to get rid of the ball, forcing MHG to settle for short yardage over the middle, often amid several defenders.

Corey Perryman snatched an interception and returned the ball down to the MHG 10-yard line. After a couple of miscues, Jones connected with Shedrick for the duo's second touchdown and extra point to increase the margin to 14-0.

The 2nd Tanks' defense forced MHG to give the ball back on downs — a theme that would be replayed over and over again as the game wore on. Just as familiar was the sight of Shedrick sprinting past MHG defenders on his way to pay dirt after catching another long pass from Jones.

With the deficit at 20-0 by halftime, it was obvious MHG's quarterback needed more time to drop back and find open receivers, as well as cut down on offensive penalties that were killing any semblance of momentum the team may have generated.

Unfortunately for MHG, the 2nd Tanks' offensive and defensive effort did not slack off in the second half.



At the top of the page, James Gibbs puts pressure on the Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Support quarterback. Middle, 2nd Tank Battalion quarterback Raymond Jones scrambles as he looks downfield. Above left, Justin Howell beats three MHG defenders for a touchdown. Above right, MHG quarterback Ryan Bassett sprints toward the sideline.

On MHG's first possession, Perryman snagged his second interception of the game, setting the table for Jones and the rest of the 2nd Tanks' offense. From the MHG 30-yard line, Jones threw into triple coverage in the end zone and found Justin Stippick, who tipped the pass to himself and added to the growing rout, 26-0.

After getting the ball back on downs, Jones distributed the wealth with a touchdown strike to Justin Howell.

The situation never got better for MHG, who gave up another interception to Stippick and then had to suffer yet another score by Shedrick, his fourth touchdown catch of the game.

With time ticking away, the offensive clinic came mercifully to a close on Jones' second hook-up with Howell for the 44-0 final.

"This team is a good group of guys," said Jones. "We're playing both flag and tackle football, so we're out here a lot. This game was a good opportunity to run our offense and prepare for the playoffs."

Deer season's fast approach demands leg work



Lejeune Outdoors
By Jamie Cameron

It happens around this time every year — I get so excited about the upcoming deer season that I jump the gun and spend a hot, sweaty day in the field, scouting for new trails,

potential tree stand locations and early rubs and scrapes.

I'm actually proud of myself this time around. I managed to ignore the pre-hunt jitters all the way until the last weekend of September and, though the high temperature for the day was 85 degrees, I held off leaving the house until 3 p.m. under a cooling layer of cloud cover.

First things first. I am unbelievably fortunate to have a friend with more than 300 acres of prime hunting land less than an hour from my house. The landowner happens to be the guy who introduced me to hunting, some seven years ago. I remain his eager student when it comes to deciphering the mysterious ways of the white-tailed deer.

We decided to start the afternoon sighting in our rifles and learned a valuable lesson in doing so. My gun, a Remington Model 7 in 7mm Short Action Ultra-Magnum, was shooting about an inch high at 100 yards — just right. My partner's gun, an older

model 30-06, came out shooting a whopping eight inches low and four inches right at the same distance. Mind you, this gun has always kept its zero from season to season in the past. My buddy didn't even bother sighting in last year and took two deer with it without issue. Now, all of a sudden, the gun was out of whack and we spent a fair amount of time walking it back into alignment.

The lesson for everyone is; always spend at least one session at the range before taking your firearm into the woods expecting it to hit where you're aiming. I would hate to think of a big old mossy horned buck popping up in front of my pal on opening day, only to have him shoot under and behind it because we hadn't put in the time zeroing in.

Our walk around the farm indicated the season, at least in our section of Jones County, has a little way to go in terms of bucks thinking about breeding. We scouted the edges of several big fields, some with harvested corn and some allowed to grow with native vegetation. We saw no evidence of any rutting activity. That is not unusual for such an early date, but I won't be surprised to start finding the first rubs and scrapes after the cooler weather takes hold late in the week.

We did find enough tracks to get the old heart pumping with anticipation. There were even a few sets of prints that I might go so far as to guess belonged to respectable deer that would go a long way toward filling my freezer.



I still have to prepare a few stand sites before the opener, but at least I have sated my enthusiasm for the next couple of weeks.

Fishermen, on the other hand, don't have to wait one minute to scratch their itch.

The fall fishing season is in full swing and anglers up and down the coast are cashing in with catches of speckled trout, Spanish mackerel, red drum, bluefish and spots.

In the surf and along the ocean piers, black drum, pompano and other bottom dwellers have been providing much of the action. According to Richard Ehrenkauser, a.k.a. Dr. Bogus, there have been flounder, but most of them are short of the state minimum.

The Spanish mackerel bite has been excellent of late, especially for big, 2- to 5-pounders.

In addition to the mackerel, bluefish are running strong, along with false albacore.

In the sounds and coastal rivers, red drum have carried the day, with fish found around the Haystacks area in the Newport River and the marshes behind Bogue Banks.

It's been a little too breezy of late to expect many offshore reports, but those who have made it out there are coming back with fish boxes of wahoo.

Stay sharp out there. You never know when the greatest outdoor moment of your life is going to happen.



The gun season for white-tailed deer is just around the corner. Hunters who put in the time scouting will be rewarded ... maybe. Photo by Jamie Cameron

Tide tables for New River Inlet

National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration

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High tide	11:30 a.m.	11:45 p.m.
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High tide	12:34 a.m.	1:14 p.m.
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Tuesday		
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High tide	2:38 a.m.	3:16 p.m.
Low tide	8:32 a.m.	9:54 p.m.

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Kayak/canoe clinic

The Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department, along with White Oak River Outfitters will sponsor a kayak/canoe clinic, scheduled for Oct. 11 at the White Oak River Campground in Maysville, N.C. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call 347-5332 or visit www.onslowcountync.gov/parks.

Youth basketball, cheerleading registration

The Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department has scheduled registration for Oct. 12 and Oct. 19, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. and Oct. 18, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the following locations; Dixon, Hunters Creek, Southwest, Swansboro and Trexler middle school gymnasiums. Participants must be 7 years old before Jan. 1, 2009 to be eligible. For more information, call 347-5332.

All-Marine rugby training camp

The all-Marine rugby team training camp is scheduled to take place aboard Camp Lejeune Nov. 15-21. Players interested in participating must submit a completed sports application to the athletic director at Goettge Memorial Field House no later than Oct. 1. For more information, call 451-2710.

Trout fishing tournament

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JMTC	3	1
Base Food Service	2	1
IPAC Untouchables	1	2
2nd Tanks T#2	2	3
Military Police Company 2nd Marine Division	0	3
Naval Hospital	0	4
Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group	0	4

Intramural outdoor soccer standings

As of Sept. 24

	W	L
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New River	5	0
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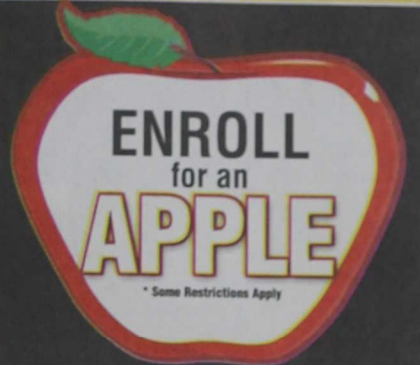
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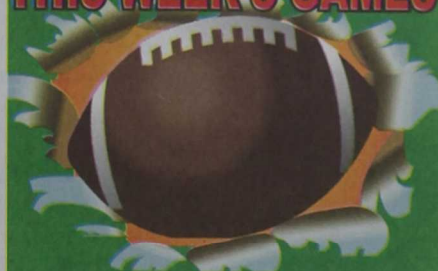


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CLR-27 defeats 2nd Medical Battalion in season opener

Pfc. Melissa A. Latty and Pfc. Michael E. Stoecker
2nd Marine Logistics Group

It was the first night of the fall season, but more importantly it was the first night of Marine Corps league tackle football. Two teams from 2nd Marine Logistics Group battled each other on O Street Field, Sept. 22.

Combat Logistics Regiment 27 defeated 2nd Medical Battalion in the first game of the intramural season, with a final score of 20-0.

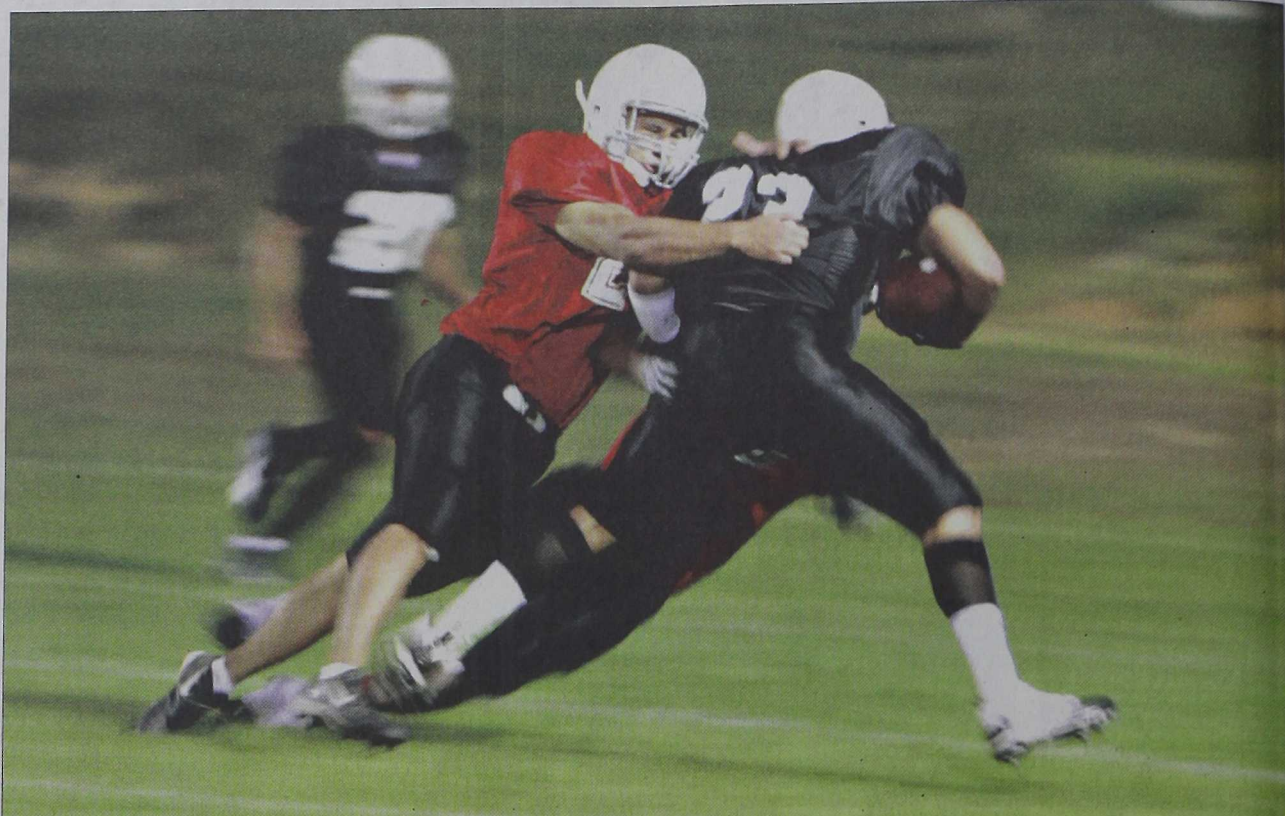
Early in the game, Med. Bn. displayed a strong defense. In the second quarter, however, a fumble recovery gave CLR-27 the opportunity to get familiar with the end zone, resulting in the first touchdown of the game. The extra point attempt was successful.

Both teams continued to fight. In the second quarter, once the ball was back in its possession, Medical Battalion's offensive side showed good cohesion when they were able to recover their own fumble.

Shortly afterward, Med. Bn.'s running back ran for a four yard gain, but the team's momentum was quickly cut short when William Rogers sacked the quarterback.

Recovering from the sack, Med. Bn. ran for five yards and attempted to put up points by throwing a touchdown pass that was intercepted by James Olivera in the end zone, resulting in a touchback. The play put the ball in CLR-27's possession and left them with a seven point lead at halftime.

In the second half, the teams traded turnovers until finally, Austin Feavel sprinted 35 yards in between defensive players



A player from Combat Logistics Regiment 27 tackles the 2nd Medical Battalion running back in his attempt to gain yardage in the intramural season's first tackle football game, Sept. 22. CLR-27 defeated 2nd Med. Bn. 20-0. Photo by Pfc. Melissa A. Latty

scoring CLR-27's second touchdown of the night, leaving Med. Bn. trailing by 14 points.

Medical Battalion didn't give up — showing intensity with a kick return of 25 yards. But CLR-27's desire to dominate became known when Joseph Ford intercepted the ball at the opponent's goal line. Unfortu-

nately, time expired for that set of downs. A strong punt by Ford left the ball at the Med. Bn. 10-yard line.

John A Spaulding released a devastating sack on Med. Bn.'s quarterback, forcing a fumble recovery by CLR-27 at their 5-yard line, which led to their determined victory.

Although he was playing injured, Jayson L. Durden, the CLR-27 head coach and stand-in quarterback for this game, scored the final touchdown. With an unsuccessful extra point attempt, the scoreboard read 20-0.

An interception thrown by Med. Bn.'s quarterback crippled their chances for points in the

final seconds of this blow out of a game.

"Medical Battalion played a good game and gave 100 percent," said Ryan P. Hatch, a comptroller with CLR-27, who plays left tackle for the team. "They were worthy opponents, but I feel that our devastating defense and teamwork played a role in our success."

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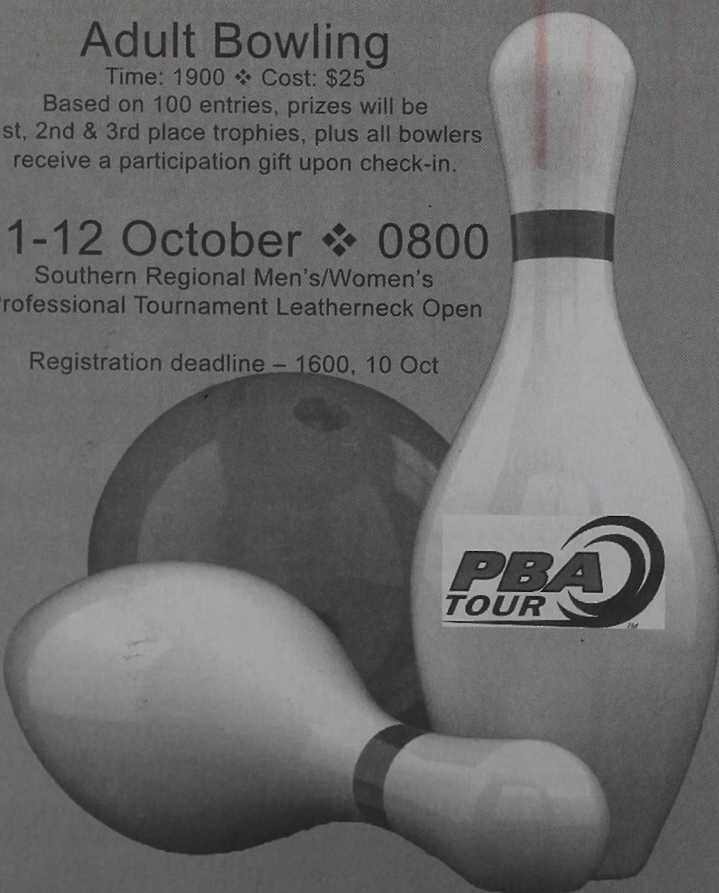
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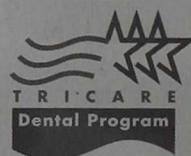


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uru expects season of upsets to continue in NFL's Week 5



Ridiron GURU

with Jamie Cameron

I felt like I was watching the "Bizzaro" episode of Seinfeld this weekend whilst taking in the NFL's slate of games Sunday. Suddenly, up was down, black was white, Washington was beating Dallas, Kansas City was beating Denver, Brett Favre was

ring six touchdown passes and a conversion — it was wild. Guess what I'm trying to do here is set up for some sort of excuse as to why I did not pick a single winner in last week's recap.

In the battle of the beaten, I picked Cincinnati to win at home against Cleveland. I based my prediction on the Bengals' valiant overtime loss to the defending Super Bowl champion New York

Giants in Week 3. I thought the Bengals were on the verge of getting their high-powered offense to finally click, and what better place to do so than at home against their hated in-state rivals. What I neglected to consider was Cleveland's inevitable breakout game. The Browns barely missed the playoffs last year, and it was only a matter of time before their own, high-powered offense got back on track. I learned my lesson. Cincinnati's ills go much deeper than Carson Palmer and Chad Johnson.

I fell into a similar trap in picking Minnesota to even its record with a win at Tennessee. The Vikings looked good in Week 3 as they beat a resurgent Carolina Panther squad. Before this game I was having trouble taking the Titans, headed by aging journeyman quarterback Kerry Collins, seriously. The fact is, the Titans' defense is so good, they don't need to score any points. The fact that they did score 30 against the Vikings only added insult to injury for my football psych. You see, I have Collins as my starting quarterback on my fantasy team. The Titans may have scored 30, but Collins did not throw a single touchdown pass — ouch.

Finally, there wasn't any way I could see the Chicago Bears upsetting Philadelphia, but it happened. A word to the viewers: if you haven't watched the Eagles play defense this season, please make every attempt to do so in the future. The constant blitzing is joyful to behold, unless of course it's your quarterback the Eagles' linebackers are coming for. In spite of the fact Brian Westbrook wasn't playing, I thought the Bears would wither under the pressure. I was wrong. Chicago really has something with young quarterback Kyle Orton. After a couple of years in limbo, this kid is proving he can be the leader the Bears need. He can make all the throws and looks calm in the pocket. I won't take the Bears lightly again — at least until they lose two in a row.

It's time to turn my record, now an anemic 4-8, around with this week's picks. Check them out.

Kansas City (1-3) at Carolina (3-1)

C'mon, I need a gimmie to start things off. Besides, the Chiefs did beat Denver last week, so it's not like there isn't any risk at all. Seriously, the Panthers are a good team and the Chiefs are

not. The only thing that gives me pause is Carolina's history of winning big games and then going out the next week and laying an egg against a bad team. That could happen, but I don't think so. Pick: Carolina

Buffalo (4-0) at Arizona (2-2)

Call me crazy, but I smell an upset. The Buffalo Bills are not this good, not 5-0 good. Kurt Warner will have his hands full, especially in running the offense without his most potent receiver this season, Anquan Boldin, but I think he does enough in this game to end Buffalo's unbeaten streak. That said, I'm rooting for the feel-good Bills. Pick: Arizona.

Pittsburgh (2-1) at Jacksonville (2-2)

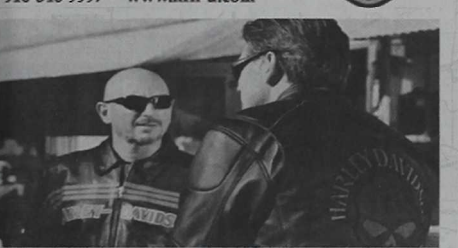
This will be the best game of the three I'm highlighting. Pittsburgh was exposed before the bye week by the Philadelphia pass rush. Ben Roethlisberger was sacked eight times and has to be feeling a little woozy still. After starting 0-2, the Jaguars appear to be adapting to life without a decent offensive line. Watch for David Garrard to throw the ball around a little more than he has been. Pick: Jacksonville

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Riley settling into new role with Heat, again

Tim Reynolds
AP sports writer

MIAMI — The Miami Heat gathered on their practice court, the squeaks of sneakers and the bouncing of basketballs echoing off the walls. It was like countless workouts before. This time, however, Pat Riley wasn't the coach.

The new era of Heat basketball — with Erik Spoelstra the coach — opened with the start of training camp Saturday, and Riley insists he couldn't be happier.

A Hall of Fame coach with 1,210 wins, seven championship rings and an iconic legacy in the league, Riley decided five months ago that the time was right to turn the keys over to Spoelstra, who worked his way from the video room to the coach's chair in 13 years.

Riley is still around, but will lead from the front office, not the front lines.

"My role is that I'm the president of basketball operations and my job is to try to build this team back to where we want to become a championship contender again," Riley said. "I want to do that as

quickly as I can. But I'll do it from behind my desk. I'm not going to be out there in front. I think it'll be a lot like it was the last time. ... I know where my place is."

Almost to a man, everyone in the Heat locker room, even those who never played for him, still call him "Coach Riley."

The fact that he isn't coaching anymore won't change that.

His office is a short walk from the practice floor, he'll almost be a fixture at most games — whether he's visible or not — and still has a powerful voice in every Heat personnel decision. Plus, Spoelstra isn't shy about saying he's a product of the Heat culture, the one Riley installed when he arrived in South Florida in the mid-90s.

"All I've experienced in my two years prior to this is coach Riley running everything," third-year point guard Chris Quinn said. "But coach Spo was my summer league coach for two years, so I kind of have a little taste of it. It's exciting, kind of a new beginning, especially after last year. It's exciting to have another year and to get things going."

Riley met with Spoelstra constantly during the offseason, talking about how to revamp the roster while keeping salaries below the luxury tax threshold; the Heat did that with a mere \$415,000 to spare.

But their chats were about players, not plays.

On that point, Riley is clear: It's Spoelstra's call.

"I know he's an X-and-O coach. I know that part of the game, from that standpoint, he's very knowledgeable," Riley said. "He's going to be organized. He's going to be disciplined. And I think he'll bring it out on the court, every single night."

Riley will be watching closely, of course. His role is still, in many ways, patriarchal within the Heat, having spent years grooming Spoelstra for this opportunity.

That doesn't mean that if Riley disagrees with something Spoelstra does, he'll necessarily chime in with his opinion.

"I'm not going to be up and down with him on anything that I see, that I might not agree with," Riley said. "Everybody does it differently. I trust that he's going

to do it in the nature that he feels comfortable in doing it in, so I'm going to give him a free rein here."

Riley retired once before, tapping former top assistant Stan Van Gundy to be his replacement in a stunning move days before the start of the 2004 season, Dwyane Wade's rookie campaign.

Van Gundy eventually stepped down as well, citing family reasons 21 games into the 2005-06 season. Riley returned to the Heat to that season's NBA Finals and stayed for the last two injury-plagued years.

He insists that this time, his coaching days are done for good.

"One day I was driving to work and then all of a sudden my mind went there, and I just said, 'Thank God I'm not in there doing film and doing playbooks and doing all these things that would overwhelm your mind,'" Riley said. "Even though I'm a little overwhelmed with my desk duties, that's behind me. And I love watching Erik work."

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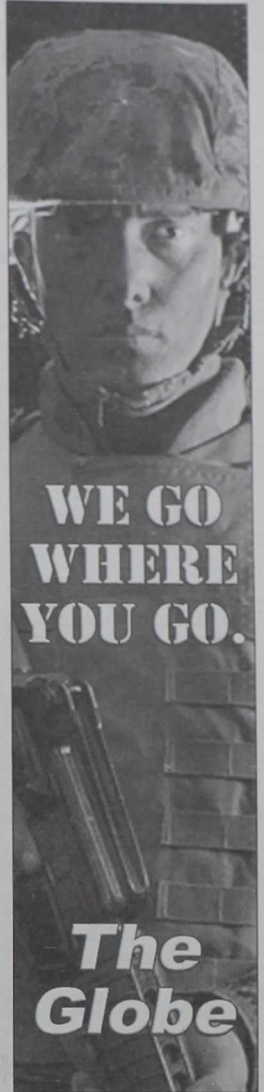
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Lady Devilpups struggle against Dixon High School

Story and photos
Jamie Cameron
Assistant managing editor

The Lejeune High School volleyball team found itself outgunned against conference rival Dixon in a Sept. 25 home match.

The Lady Devilpups fell in straight sets, 25-10, 25-5, 25-17, to their division 1A Coastal Plains Conference foes.

Head coach Jackie Wagner said her team showed heart in coming back from a 17-1 deficit in the third and final game before losing by eight points. "We had some really good sparks out there — some great rallies," said Wagner. "They just have to believe in themselves a little bit more."

This year's Lady Devilpup squad is led by veteran Ashley Robertson and newcomer Anna Coots. Coots' natural abilities, combined with a year-round volleyball training regiment, have made her a valuable addition to the Lejeune team. "(Coots) is keeping a volleyball in her hands throughout the summer by participating in camps,"

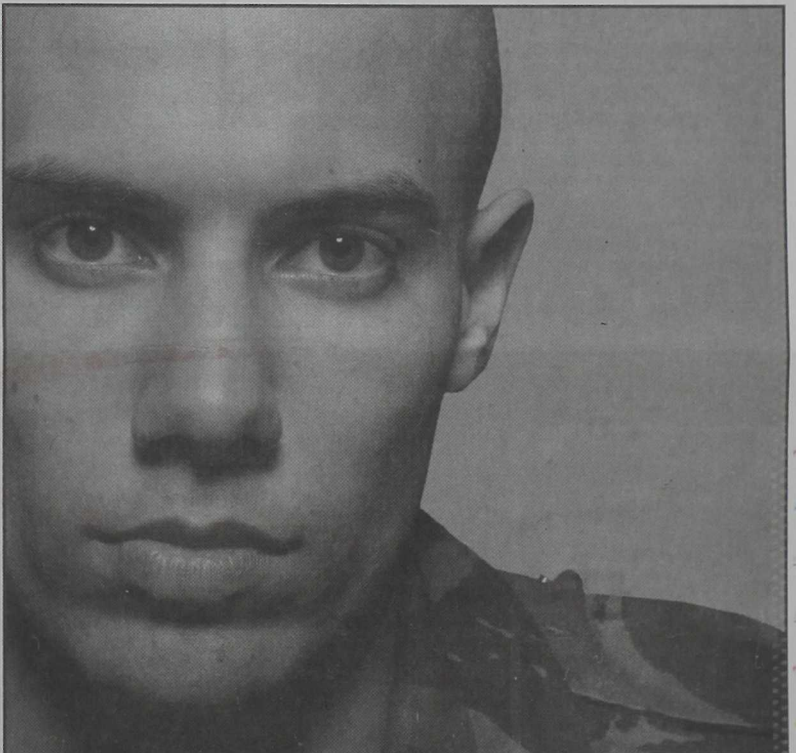
said Wagner. "She's a great kid and she's got great hand/eye coordination."

The girls' team benefited during training camp from a 4-day visit by Peter Cruz, head coach of the all-Marine women's volleyball squad. "He's fantastic," said Wagner of the all-Marine skipper. "We spent a phenomenal four days with him and the girls learned a lot."

In spite of not having won a match this season, the Lady Devilpups are solid in most aspects of the game and excel in communication, according to their coach. "They communicate on the court a lot better than some of my past teams," said Wagner. "They are so close to beating some of these teams in (the Coastal Plains Conference). I know they can play and win."

The first win may come Thursday, with the Lady Devilpups hosting Jones Senior High School — a team they nearly beat earlier in the season. The junior varsity match, scheduled for 5 p.m., will start the action off, followed by the varsity tilt.

"We've got four more games left, so we'll see what happens," said Wagner.



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At the top, Lejeune volleyball players, Anna Coots, left, and Ahrielle Jackson, go up strong for a block in their Sept. 25 match against Dixon High School. Above, Ashley Robertson zeroes in on returning a serve.

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The Marines with 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, practice low static-line parachute jumps from a C-130 Hercules airplane above Camp Davis, N.C., Sept. 11. As the Marines exited the rear of the airplane, leaping into the wind, they locked themselves into a bent-over position they had rehearsed many times.



Marines with 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, walk away unscathed after practicing low static-line parachute jumps from a C-130 Hercules airplane at Camp Davis, N.C., Sept. 11. The practice jump simulated a basic airborne operation for combat support, which keeps the Marines familiar with the skill. The purpose of the low-level static-line jump is to move Marines into an area at low altitude so they can quickly move to an objective unnoticed.

Jumpmasters put Marines through paces, preparation

Story and photos
Lance Cpl. Brian D. Jones
Combat correspondent 2nd Marine
Division

A reconnaissance Marine's mission may sometimes require him to parachute from various types of aircraft. The Marines of 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, believe in always being prepared for the possibility.

Marines with the unit practiced low static-line parachute jumps from a C-130 Hercules airplane, landing at Camp Davis, N.C., Sept. 11.

"There always has to be that ability," said Cpl. Wayne Clark, a team lead-

er for the jump. "(We) never know where we are going, so the capability always has to be there. If we continually train for it, we will be ready for it."

The group of 16 Marines was a mix of relatively new jumpers and experienced ones. The day started on the ground, practicing jump maneuvers, hand signals, safety and emergency procedures and team leader control.

Marines fastened on their parachutes and strapped 40-pound assault packs to their thighs to make the jump more effective as combat training. Jumpmasters

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2/9 deploys in support of OIF

Destination: Al Anbar province

Lance Cpl. Brian M. Woodruff
2nd Marine Division Combat Correspondent

Marines and sailors from 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division deployed to the Anbar province in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom Sept. 23.

As the Iraqi security forces take primary responsibility for safety and security in the province, the battalion will provide support for the transition.

"We'll be supporting the Iraqi Police and Iraqi Provincial Security Forces and continuing to improve the security situation in (Al Anbar)," said 2nd Lt. Nicholas White, second platoon commander, Company G, 2nd Bn., 9th Marines.

The families of the Marines and sailors were sad to see them go, but happy for them, at the same time.

"I'm proud," said Bryan Billings, father of Lance Cpl. Shane Billings, an M-249 squad automatic weapon gunner with Company G. "This has been a goal his whole life, and we're supporting him. But at the same time, I'm nervous."

The younger Billings, said that although his parents are worried, he is eager to go.

"I'm a little bit nervous, but I'm excited," he said of his first deployment. "Every grunt signs up to go to Iraq, so it's kind of a motivating thing for me."

Before they loaded their gear and boarded the buses that would take them to their port of departure, the service members enjoyed food and the company of their loved ones. Those who had friends and family there said their send off helped make the departure easier.



Cpl. Matthew J. Chapman, a rifleman with Company G, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, spends his last few minutes saying goodbye to his wife before leaving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Marines from 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, are deploying to Al Anbar province to support Iraqi forces in security operations. Photo by Lance Cpl. Brian M. Woodruff

"It helps me mentally prepare for deployment, spending the last couple minutes with my girlfriend and with my mom and dad," said Seaman Steve Mondary, a hospital corpsman with Company F. "There are a lot of emotions."

Mondary's father, Mike Mondary, a former Marine and sailor from Rising Sun, Ind., wished his son the best of luck. "Hopefully they'll have a really good deployment, and they'll come home safe."

See DEPLOYS, 2C



The new construction at Tarawa Terrace is moving forward at a rapid pace. Photo by Ena Sellers

Tarawa Terrace housing gets ready to shine

Construction moves at furious pace

Lance Cpl. Randall Little
Marine Corps Base

The Tarawa Terrace housing community has been taken over by heavy machinery as Actus Lead Lease works to complete construction of houses by August 2011.

"Houses are coming down fast," said Michael Lane, director of public private venture liaison branch, family housing division. "And the way everything is moving along now, about 16 houses should go each month."

Lane said that Actus Lead Lease is currently demolishing old houses in the phase five sector of the project, while 156 new houses are almost complete in phase three. There are six phases total.

"Once phase three is completely built, there will be 374 new houses with 404 more houses to go," said Lane. "Ten percent of those houses will be for military members with exceptional family members."

As the new houses are built, Marines and their families, who haven't changed duty stations or left the Marine Corps, move from the old to the new, freeing up the old houses to be demolished and rebuilt for more families.

"Once phase one was complete, we moved our first families into the new houses and began working on phase two," said Lane. "That's how the process works."

The houses constructed on Tarawa Terrace are two, three or four bedrooms, and although more than 300 houses have been built so far, the waiting list is still quite lengthy, said Lane.

See HOUSING, 2C

Conference educates professionals on child abuse

Lance Cpl. Jessica L. Martinez
Marine Corps Base

The Community Counseling Center hosted a conference on child maltreatment for multi-disciplinary professionals Sept. 29 and 30 at the Russell Marine and Family Services Center auditorium.

The conference was conducted by the Armed Forces Center for Child Protection, Naval Hospital Naval Medical Center Bethesda, Md. All civilian and military personnel who work with children were invited to attend the conference.

"The conference gave information on recognizing, diagnosing and treating child abuse and neglect," said Wilbert S. Artis, a so-

cial worker associate with the counseling services center. "It was a wonderful training opportunity for our military and civilians in the community."

Topics covered during the conference included shaken baby syndrome, child pornography and adult outcomes after adverse childhood experiences.

Retired Navy captain and child abuse pediatrician director, Dr. Barbara R. Craig, said the conference was conducted partially in response to a study conducted by the North Carolina Child Fatality State Prevention Team. The study looked at all child abuse homicides in N.C. from 1985 to 2002. Eighty-five percent of the homicides in chil-

dren were younger than 12 years old and were due to child abuse by their own families.

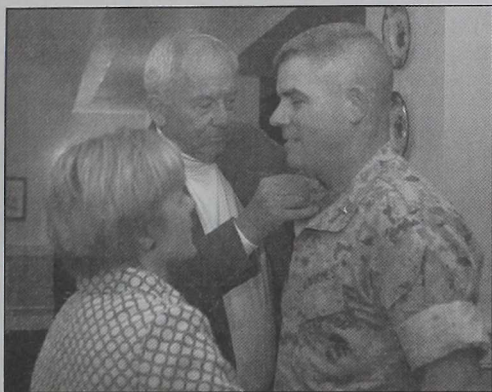
During the 16-year period, 378 children were killed before the age of eleven. The state average for N.C. was 2.2 children killed per 100,000. In Onslow County alone, 4.3 children were killed per 100,000.

"Many referrals have been made in this area, and I felt it was important to come," said Craig. "The conference was free for attendees because it's so imperative to get the word out, inform and educate people about what's going on. By doing so, more people will be able to recognize, report and do a better job of treating child abuse."



The Community Counseling Center presented a conference on child maltreatment for multi-disciplinary professionals Sept. 29 and 30 at the Russell Marine and Family Services Center auditorium. Photo by Lance Cpl. Jessica L. Martinez

Assistant division commander promoted to general



Colonel Joseph L. Osterman, the 2nd Marine division assistant division commander, joined the ranks of general Friday, when he was promoted to the rank of brigadier general at the Camp Lejeune officers' club. With the rank advancement, Brig. Gen. Osterman plans on further supporting 2nd Marine Division commanding general Maj. Gen. Richard Tryon with the carrying out of division tasks and controlling the rear element while Maj. Gen. Tryon is forward. "I am very glad that I have the opportunity to move up into the general ranks," said Brig. Gen. Osterman about pinning on the first star. "I would have had to retire after thirty years if I had not moved up, so I am very glad I get to stay in and work further with Marines." Reflecting back on his career as a Marine, one of Brig. Gen. Osterman's favorite memories is the drive and motivation the enlisted Marines showed constantly. "I was always surprised with what the enlisted Marines could do in such harsh environments, with so little," said Brig. Gen. Osterman. Photo by Lance Cpl. Thomas J. Hermesman

DEPLOYS, from IC

and sound, every last one of them."

The deployment comes at the culmination of a long series of training exercises to prepare the Marines.

"We've done the typical assault ranges here on Camp Lejeune," said

Billings. "We went over to Mojave Viper in California and worked with the role-players to get a feel for what it's going to be like in that society and that kind of culture."

White echoed the feeling. "My platoon is ready to go and are looking forward to the job they have ahead of them," he said.

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Naval Hospital gets clean bill of health

Raymond Applewhite
Public Affairs Office

Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune continues with full accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations after a five day review of practices and procedures. The three year accreditation validates that the hospital meets the national standards of care.

In late August, the hospital was visited by an 18 member team comprised of inspectors from Joint Commission and the Navy Medical Inspector General. The Commanding Officer received a short a five day notice that they would be arriving.

"We did well, and I am pleased that the surveyors chose our hospital to visit at this time. We know that we always have room for improvement

and they pointed out some areas that we can improve on. Our hospital has a very dedicated and hard working staff who works together as a team to meet the mission. I am pleased with their overall efforts," said Capt. Gerard Cox, commanding officer, Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune. Cox had been onboard for a little over a week when the survey teams arrived.

The Joint Commission, an independent, not-for-profit organization, is the United States' largest and oldest health care accrediting body. Their primary mission is to look for opportunities to improve the safety and quality of care hospitals provide to patients. The survey teams travel throughout the U.S and outside of CONUS and have evaluated more than 15,000 healthcare organizations and programs and more than 8,000 hospitals and home care organizations.

During the combined visit, the surveyors did not focus solely on the hospital main building, but also visited the six hospital branch clinics. They evaluated medical and military unique programs and processes that included the quality healthcare, training programs and staff education.

"We are committed to providing superb family centered care to thousands of Marines, sailors, retirees and their family members living in the Camp Lejeune area. The simultaneous visit by the Joint Commission and the Medical Inspector General means that our programs were carefully evaluated and our hospital is safe," said Cox.

The hospital has enjoyed years of continual accreditation and last underwent the accreditation process in the fall of 2005.

RECON, from IC

thoroughly inspected the rigging of everyone's gear.

As always, safety came first and the Marines waited for the day's heavy fog to lift and the skies to clear before boarding the aircraft.

The aircraft took to the skies, heading toward their objective — the drop zone. Parachutes began to fly out six at a time in quick succession on each pass over the zone.

The Marines exited the rear of the airplane, leaping into the wind, locking themselves into a bent-over position they had rehearsed many times. After the successful deployment of the canopy, the Marines gained control and maneuvered, mid-air, to avoid collisions with one another. Once safely descending to the ground, the most important objective was to land as a team, close to each other.

The practice jump simulated a basic airborne operation for combat support, which keeps the Marines familiar with such a skill. The purpose of the low-level static line jump is to move Marines into an area quickly at low altitude with the ability to go unnoticed.

"When it's too (dangerous) to drive in with cars, we have the ability to come in airborne under the radar," said Sgt. Alexander MacDonald, a team leader for the jump. "There are always dangers doing this, that's why we routinely practice it."

With approximately one minute to think during a 1,750 foot jump, falling at the rate of 18 feet per second, thoughts race through each Marine's mind before reaching the ground, said MacDonald.

Each Marine has to consider safety, standard procedures, reacting to the direction of the wind, landing in the designated landing area while avoiding the trees, and maintaining situational awareness at all times.

Once the Marines reached the ground, accounting for the safety of each Marine automatically became the priority.

"The strength of execution is rehearsals, and recon is known for its rehearsals," said Sgt. Maj. Stephen A. Thomas, the battalion sergeant major.

Staying prepared for any mission is what the reconnaissance Marines rely on for their success. The capability of parachuting provides the Marine Corps with the ability to place Marines in strategic places swiftly and silently.

HOUSING, from IC

"As of Sept. 1, we had 646 families waiting for housing," said Lane. "A majority of them are waiting for two-bedroom homes."

Another obstacle facing families with houses is the influx of Marines who are supposed to be coming to the base throughout the next few years as part of the 202k plus-up plan, enacted by Gen. James T. Conway, the commandant of the Marine Corps.

However, Lincoln Military Housing, another military housing construction company, is scheduled to begin building this January to make up the deficit.

"Actus was only hired to build enough housing for service members currently on station, but due to the commandant's 202k plan Lincoln was hired to build

even more houses," said Lane. "Lincoln is scheduled to build 340 more houses during fiscal year 2009."

Another topic Lane touched on was the Department of Defense Education Activity plan to build another military school in the area. Lane said he did not know the full extent of that plan.

With more and more Marines, sailors and their families being stationed at Camp Lejeune each year, one thing is evident: the need for family housing continues to increase. Actus Lend Lease, in partnership with Atlantic Marine Corps Communities, is meeting the need. The Department of the Navy is on track to complete the housing project on Tarawa by August 2011.

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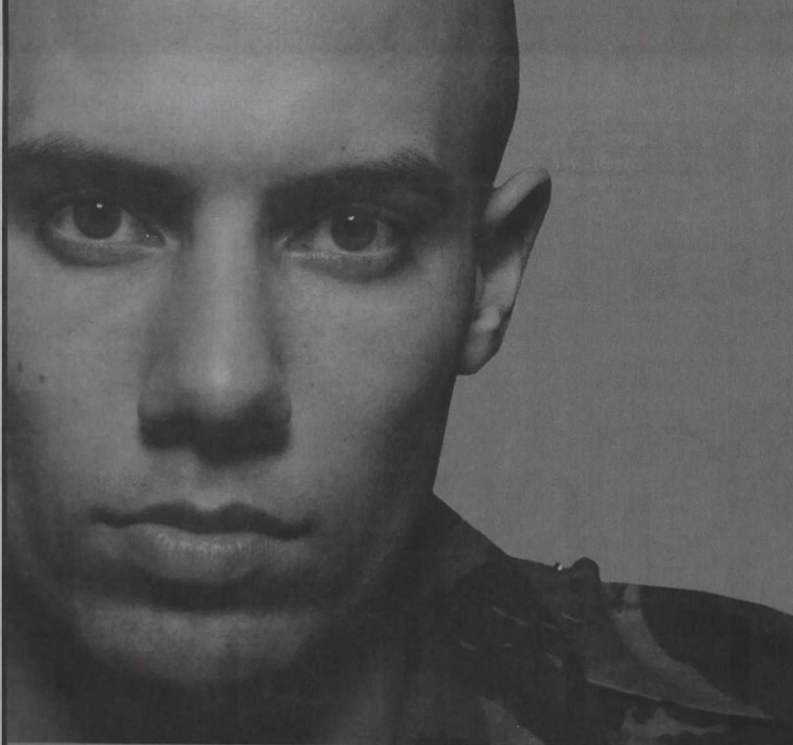
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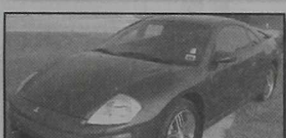
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Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence is everyone's problem and as people, should feel compelled to help. In addition, in domestic violence situations, it is often the children who suffer most. For more information, call the national domestic violence help line at 1-800-795-SAFE.

Chaplain Spouse Association's picnic

The Chaplain Spouse Association annual picnic, which was rescheduled due to inclement weather, is now scheduled for Saturday at Hubert Bypass Park from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided, and guests are asked to bring a dish to share. The event is open to all chaplain families. For more information, call Judy St. Martin at 275-8025.

College registration

Webster University registration for Fall 2 classes board Camp Lejeune is going on now through Wednesday. The term begins Oct. 20. For more information, visit the Lifelong Learning Web page www.mccslejeune.com/LL/index.html.

Health classes

Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune is sponsoring several classes to promote health and wellness. A five-session Healthy Heart Course provides patients with information on cardiac disease progression and lifestyle modifications necessary to self-manage heart disease. The class is offered Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The course is left during 2008. It is scheduled to run from Oct. 23 through Nov. 20. For more information, call 451-3712. Several diabetes management course sessions are scheduled as well. This course is designed to help patients gain a better understanding of what diabetes is and how to control it. Courses remaining for 2008 include Oct. 14 through Nov. 1 and Nov. 18 through Dec. 5. The four-session classes run from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Bldg. 4. For more information, call 451-3712.

Grief support

The Foundation for Hospice has scheduled grief support workshops to be held Wednesdays beginning Wednesday and ending Oct. 29. The workshops will be held in the Educational Building of Onslow Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville. Each session starts at 6:30 p.m. and will end at 8 p.m. The workshops are open to the public. Pre-registration is not required. For more information, call 989-2682.

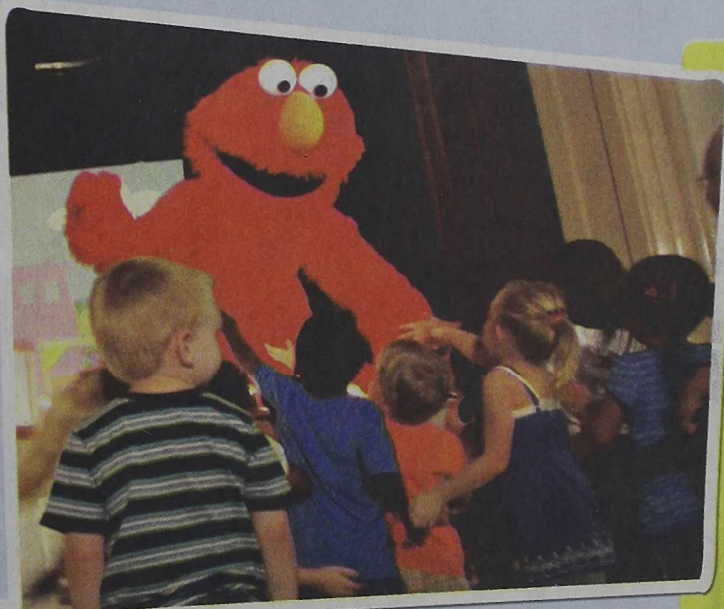
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SESAME STREET:

Characters delight military youngsters



Lance Cpl. Randall Little
Marine Corps Base

Everyone has a memory from their childhood that sticks with them for the rest of their lives. Service members had an opportunity to give their children memories to last a lifetime here, Saturday.

The popular children's show Sesame Street partnered with the Jacksonville, N.C., United Service Organization, to bring Elmo, Cookie Monster, Zoë, Rosita and Grover to the Russell Family Service Center auditorium to perform for 1,700 military families.

The event, which was first come, first served for seating had families so excited that some woke up extra early to wait hours before the doors opened.

"Some families were waiting since 8 a.m. for a show that started at 11 a.m.," said Shirley Weaver, supervisory recreation specialist for the Semper Fit, recreation branch. "Because the event was so popular and we had families waiting all day just to get turned away, the people with Sesame Street agreed to have a fourth show Sunday."

Although the fourth show was added due to popular demand, many families didn't get to experience the excitement. The children who were able to enjoy the show were in awe of Elmo.

"I never realized Elmo had such an impact on kids' lives," said Weaver. "All of the characters came down from the stage and interacted with kids. The kids went nuts from being able to touch and hug the characters."

Weaver said being able to have the Sesame Street gang interact with the children was the reason they decided to have the event at the Russell Family Service Center auditorium.

"If we would have held the event at the base theater, we would have been able to have more families attend, but the characters would not have been able to interact as much with the children," she said.

Weaver said watching the kids scream for Elmo in particular, made her extremely emotional.

"Experiencing the children's excitement showed me that kids still believe in things," she said. "There are no words to express how I feel being able to be a part of this event. Watching the kids waving their glow-in-the-dark lights and screaming for the characters reminded me of adults at a Led Zeppelin concert."

Weaver said because of the popularity of the event and because so many families were unable to attend, the Semper Fit recreation branch asked the Sesame Street crew to come back to the base for another performance once they finish their tour.



Characters from the popular Public Broadcasting Station's show Sesame Street delighted military children in several free shows last weekend. Photos by Katherine Hutman, age 11, New Bridge Middle School, 6th grade



Sesame Street partners with the United Services Organization to bring The Sesame Street Experience to children of military families across the country. Courtesy photo

Entertainment

Feel the force: 'Star Wars' unleashes fun

Brian Bowers
Stars and Stripes

Did you know Darth Vader has a secret apprentice? Well, duh, no — 'cause if you did know, he'd have to kill you. At least that's the story line in "Star Wars: The Force Unleashed," a new T-rated action game from LucasArts.

The action takes place while Vader and the emperor are consolidating their power after establishing the Galactic Empire at the end of what we Earthlings call "Episode III" of the "Star Wars" saga.

In the intro, you play as Vader, who's hunting a fugitive Jedi on the Wookiees' home world. You get a taste of the action to come when you use the force to push those mangy fur balls off cliffs or fling them in to each other. It's pretty impressive.

After beating down the Jedi, Vader discovers someone who's even stronger in the force — a son. Vader decides to tutor the youngster in the ways of the Dark Side and keep him secret, even from the emperor. The boy grows into Starkiller, your character in "The Force Unleashed."

Starkiller definitely rates high on the cool meter. He's young, athletic and holds his lightsaber in an unorthodox behind-the-back grip. His sidekicks are a hot starship pilot and a droid that's programmed to try to kill him — just to keep him on his toes.

Your main job as Vader's apprentice involves hunting Jedi. However, one of your early victims looks into your future and sees something more than the path of an assassin.

In fighting your battles, you'll discover that your lightsaber is

very handy but it's usually much more effective — and fun — to unleash the force. Examples:

- Force push emits a focused wave of energy that can smash through barriers or send objects and opponents flying.
- Force grip lets you pick up and fling objects and enemies, or bend things into useful positions.
- Force lightning is a visually spectacular way to stun foes — or kill them if they're small.
- Force repulse emits a shockwave that can topple most things in its path.
- Lightsaber throw lets you hurl your weapon. It will strike your target and return to your hand.

You won't have all of these powers at the beginning. As you progress, you'll gain new abilities and strengthen old ones. You'll also unlock force combos

that let you pull off cool maneuvers if you hit the right buttons.

The controls are efficient and easy to use — although you're likely to end up simply mashing buttons in battles that require more than a few combos.

The graphics are quite good, with excellent character rendering and animations and some impressive environments. The levels are diverse and generally well constructed, offering plenty of opponents, secondary missions and a few puzzles. Some of the action gets a little repetitive, but not any more than in similar games.

The biggest problems are a few glitches that can trap you in corners, abrupt transitions between action and cut scenes and an occasionally wonky camera angle during boss battles.

In the Wii version, which I tested at the E3 Media and Busi-

ness Summit, the controls were smooth, intuitive and very fun. However, those still yearning to wield their Wii remote like a lightsaber and have the action precisely duplicated onscreen will have to wait for another title. Control movements are still very stylized, with small swings and jabs translating in major onscreen action.

"The Force Unleashed" should please anyone who likes action games. However, "Star Wars" fans should find it especially interesting since it offers key insights into the events leading up to "Episode IV."

Platforms: Xbox 360, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 2, PlayStation Portable, Wii

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'Righteous Kill:' Psychological crime thriller about serial killer



From the front row

With Reinhold Mildenbauer Huneycutt

"RIGHTEOUS KILL" (R)

"Righteous Kill" is a psychological crime thriller about two veteran New York City detectives who are trailing a vigilante serial killer.

Robert De Niro ("City by the Sea," "Men of Honor," "Raging Bull") stars as Turk and Al Pacino ("Two for the Money," "The Recruit," "Scarface")

stars as Rooster. The pair of highly-decorated veteran New York City police detectives is hot on the trail of a vigilante serial killer.

The murderer, who walks the streets of Manhattan, is targeting violent felons who have fallen through the cracks of the judicial system.

The killer is taking the real bad guys off the streets, after the courts set them free, something the cops cannot do on their own.

Turk and Rooster are called in to investigate when a notorious pimp becomes the killer's latest victim. This could easily become one of their biggest cases in their 30 years on the force.

With the help of Spider, a local drug dealer, played by Curtis Jackson, better known as rapper 50 Cent ("Home of the Brave"), Turk and Rooster follow the few clues they have.

However, when their search takes an interesting turn, they realize that the killer may be one of their own.

Donnie Wahlberg ("Dead Silence," "Annapolis") costars as Detective Ted Riley and



'Righteous Kill' is an intricately plotted mystery starring Robert De Niro as Turk and Al Pacino as Rooster. Photo courtesy of movies.com

John Leguizamo ("Assault on Precinct 13") is the hot-headed Detective Simon Perez, the younger and more eager cops on the same case.

Also appearing are veteran actor Brian Dennehy ("10th and Wolf") as Lt. Hingis,

their boss; and Carla Gugino ("Night at the Museum," "American Gangster") as Karen, a crime scene investigator and Turk's girlfriend.

Jon Avnet ("88 Minutes," "Up Close and Personal," "The Red Corner," "Fried Green Tomatoes") directed this supposedly adrenaline fueled psychological thriller. However, the script, written by Russell Gewirtz ("Inside Man"), does not quite provide the necessary dialogue for these fine actors to shine.

"Righteous Kill" is an intricately-plotted mystery that just falls short on delivery.

"MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL" (R)

"My Best Friend's Girl" is a so-called romantic comedy about a girl who falls for her ex's best friend.

Kate Hudson ("Fool's Gold," "You, Me and Dupree," "The Skeleton Key") stars as Alexis, a smart, headstrong and beautiful girl.

Jason Biggs ("American Pie," "Eight Below") co-stars as Dustin, a cute nerd, who thinks Alexis is the girl of his dreams.

However, their relationship only lasts five weeks. Dustin comes on so strong that Alexis, who enjoys her carefree life, decides to call it quits.

When the love struck Dustin gets dumped by Alexis, he is devastated and plots to win her back.

Desperate Dustin enlists his best friend,

Tank, played by Dane Cook ("Dan in Real Life," "Good Luck Chuck"), who is considered a rebound specialist.

Tank is a master at seducing and offending women and is often hired by guys who have been dumped to take their ex-girlfriends on horrible dates, so that they might realize what they have left behind and come running back to their beaus.

However, when Tank works his magic on Alexis, he is confronted with the challenge of his lifetime. Alexis seems to be the first girl who knows how to call his bluff and match him word for word.

Tank soon finds himself torn between loyalty to Dustin and his attraction to his best friend's girl.

Also appearing is Alec Baldwin ("The Departed") as Professor Turner, Tank's father, who sets a terrible standard for his son.

Howard Deutch ("The Whole Ten Yards," "Grumpier Old Men," "The Odd Couple") directed this crude and raunchy comedy romp.

"My Best Friend's Girl" contains graphic and crude dialogue, obscene actions which are meant to be shocking and is directed at the same audience that enjoyed "Knocked Up" and "Superbad."

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Fall festivals highlight area's culture, community

As in most states, Eastern North Carolina features many fall festivals for residents and visitors to experience community and culture. Upcoming festivals for October include two popular and long-standing events:

22nd Annual North Carolina Seafood Festival
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Saturday, 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Sunday, 10 a.m., Blessings of the Fleet, North Carolina State Port Sunday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

This annual festival features a children's area, rides, fireworks, food, arts and crafts, commercial vendors, sporting events, free tours of a Navy ship and much more. Admission, parking and entertainment are all free. For more information, visit www.ncseafoodfestival.org.

Onslow County Agricultural Fair
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Monday, 6 p.m. – close
Tuesday through Friday, 4 p.m. – close
Saturday, noon – close

The Onslow County Agriculture Fair is a location tradition which reaches back nearly 60 years. Closing time for each evening is variable due to crowd size and weather conditions. For Monday through Friday, closing time may be as late as 10 to 11 p.m. On Saturday, the fair may close as late as midnight. The admission price is \$5. Children under 4 years old and adults over 60-years-old gain free admission. This year, 32 rides ranging from children's rides through major fair-type rides are scheduled to be on hand. The price for a ride armband is \$15. The fair will include food, games, displays and vendors. For more information, call 346-0818.

Riverfest celebrates life, culture on Cape Fear River

Donnie Nelson
Wilmington/Cape Fear Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau

Friday through Sunday, Riverfest in Wilmington, N.C., celebrates a milestone — 30 years of family fun.

From its humble beginnings in 1978 as a small event to bring people to downtown Wilmington, Riverfest has grown into a 3-day festival celebrating life and culture on the Cape Fear River.

This year's action-packed schedule provides fun for everyone, beginning tomorrow evening with a Great Pumpkin Carving Contest from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the riverfront. Also tomorrow, at 8 p.m., the main stage rocks the riverfront with beach music legends, the Fanastic Shakers. Best of all, most events are free; though some competitions may require registration fee.

On Saturday and Sunday, a

street fair winds its way through downtown Wilmington. The area's rich heritage is demonstrated by more than 200 arts and crafts vendors selling art and handmade crafts and more than 30 food vendors serving festival edibles. Military and special exhibits will be on display. Visiting ships include the 179-foot USS Squaw from Norfolk, Va.

Continuous live entertainment is another hallmark of Riverfest, featuring a variety of performances that underscore the influence of arts and culture on the Cape Fear lifestyle. On Saturday and Sunday, the main stage showcases beach music, blues and jazz bands. The Gospel Revue and Folk Fair stage at features uplifting spiritual and folk music. Saturday evening concludes with a dazzling fireworks display at 9:05 p.m.

This year's featured events include the classic car show, which is scheduled for all day

Saturday on Market Street, a BMX Bike Show at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m., shag dance contest at the Hilton from 11 a.m. through 5 p.m. and the 6th Riverfest wakeboarding competition, which is set to be held Saturday and Sunday starting at 9 a.m. behind the Chamber of Commerce at Estell Lee Drive. Registration for the wakeboarding competition is at 8 a.m. For more information, check out the Web site at www.carolinawakeseries.com.

A Wham Bam Mini skateboard Jam Competition is also set to take place Saturday and Sunday, from 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. and a Rail Jam is on tap at Cape Fear Community College riverside parking lot.

Sunday's special events include the 18th Run the River 8K Race, which is scheduled to step off at 8 a.m., the Great Waiter's Wine Race which is set to commence at the CFCC park-

ing lot at 3 p.m. and the antique car show, which is scheduled for all day on Market Street.

Once again, kids rule at Riverfest with the return of the ever-popular Kids Zone at the Cotton Exchange, with a Nickelodeon Game Lab at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., family entertainment and other activities such as face/hair painting, games, amusements, arts/crafts, clowns, rides, pirate performances and much more. The action-packed Adventure Zone features martial arts and gymnastics demonstrations, a rock climbing wall and many other surprises. It is set to take place at the CFCC parking lot.

On Saturday, two children's costume contests are scheduled. From 4:45 - 5:45 p.m., free registration begins in the Cotton Exchange parking lot for a children's "Wizard of Oz" costume contest. Winners of the "Oz" costume contest will be

announced at 6 p.m. from the Kids Zone stage. Earlier in the day along the riverfront, from 1 p.m. through 4 p.m., there will be a pirate treasure hunt and costume contest, with costume judging from 4 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. on the Riverwalk at the foot of Market Street.

Festivals and events provide a fun and affordable way to experience a region's arts and culture. An estimated 200,000 tourists and locals gather each year at Riverfest to celebrate the life and culture of the Cape Fear River. Riverfest is a supporter of the CFCC's "Marine Technology Scholarship Program." For more information about Riverfest 2008, visit www.wilmington-riverfest.com or call 452-6862.

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Base veterinarians pamper service members' pets



The Camp Lejeune Veterinary Treatment Facility offered free vaccines and discounted micro-chipping during a pet fair held Saturday. The pet fair gave pet owners who live on base the opportunity to comply with base policy by having their pets properly vaccinated and micro-chipped. Above, Cpl. Joe Lightsey waits in line with his three dogs, Boston, Baylee and Baxter. At right, Teea relaxes while Cpt. Karen Weekes of the Camp Lejeune Veterinary Treatment Facility gives her a rabies vaccine. Photos by Kelli Huffman



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Nov. 8	II Marine Expeditionary Force Ball	Goettge Memorial Field House
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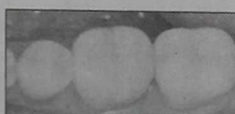
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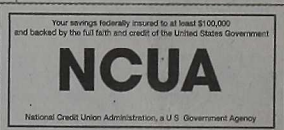
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Disney offering free birthday admission in 2009

Beth J. Harpaz
AP travel editor

Walt Disney Parks and Resorts recently announced a new promotion to admit visitors free of charge on their birthdays next year.

"Every guest gets in free to one of our parks on their birthday in 2009," Jay Rasulo, chairman of Walt Disney Parks and Resorts, said at a news conference in Manhattan.

Visitors will have to show valid identification and proof of birthdate to qualify. Details are available at www.disney Parks.com, where birthday visits can be registered in advance.

Mike Lynn, a professor of consumer behavior at Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration, said admitting guests free to the parks on their birthdays could very well make money.

"The only thing they lose is the revenue from those people whose birthdays it is who might have come anyway," he said. "Having an extra customer in the park doesn't cost them anything. Those people are still a benefit because they have to buy food and drinks, and their friends and family are accompanying them."

The birthday offer is part of a larger Disney promotion called, "What Will You Celebrate?" It includes a 30-city tour with public events featuring Disney costumed

characters, beginning in Minneapolis Sept. 25 and ending in Phoenix in February. Soon Disney will also start running "What will you celebrate?" television ads featuring kids blowing out candles and brides in limousines.

In addition, the parks will offer buttons to wear that identify guests with phrases such as "Just Married," "Just Graduated" and "First Visit."

"Our goal is to mark the special moments in your life in a way that your family will remember forever," Rasulo said.

Peter Yesawich, a consultant on lifestyle trends, said at the Disney news conference that Americans often arrange vacations around personal milestones such as anniversaries and birthdays. He called the phenomenon "celebration vacations."

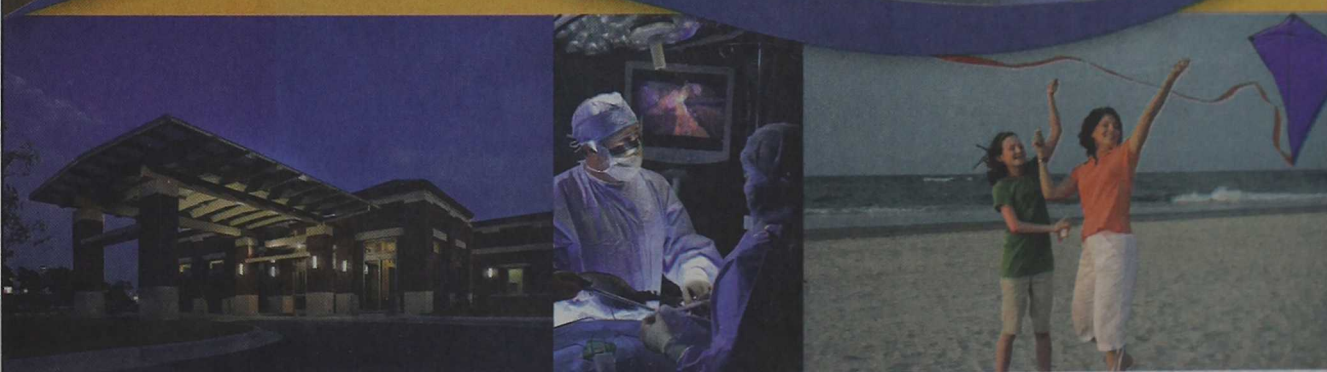
Miley Cyrus, star of the Disney show "Hannah Montana," plans to celebrate her 16th birthday at Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif., Saturday.

The birthday promotion is only good at U.S. parks. Visitors with multi-day passes or who are otherwise already ticketed on their birthdays can either get a one-day one-park ticket for use in the next year; a "fastpass" for four rides for up to six people; or a card with a dollar amount equal to the free ticket, usable toward merchandise and other purchases.



Erma Cooke, a neonatal nurse practitioner at Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune, recently visited Disney World to celebrate earning her masters' of nursing degree. Peter Yesawich, a consultant on lifestyle trends, said Americans often arrange vacations around personal milestones such as anniversaries, graduations and birthdays. In 2009, Walt Disney Parks and Resorts plan to promote such celebration vacations. Photo by Heather Owens

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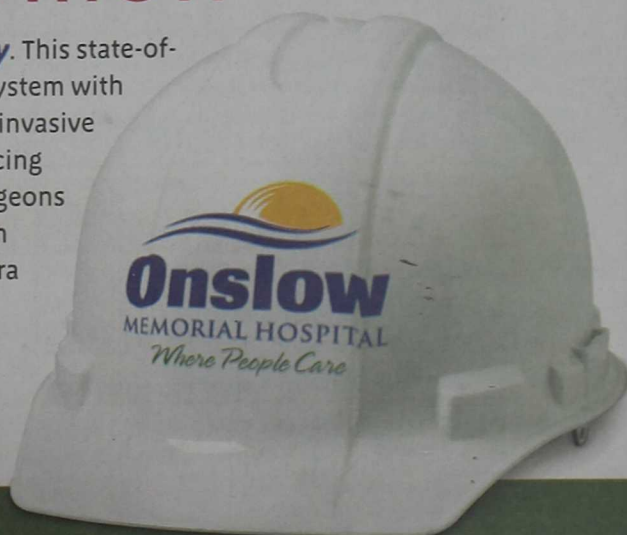


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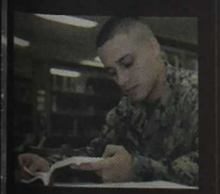
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Kayak lessons, tours a great way to enjoy Lejeune's waterways



A Marine flatwater-kayaks during one of the tours offered by Semper Fit Recreation, Outdoor Recreation of Marine Corps Community Services. The event is free for anyone who wishes to participate and all gear is provided. No experience is required. Participants are taught hands-on how to stabilize and balance themselves in the kayak, as well as paddle. Photo by Marybeth LeMaire

Lance Cpl. Jessica L. Martinez
Marine Corps Base

Kayak tours are a great way to kick back and enjoy scenery and wildlife found along local waterways of North Carolina and still get some exercise.

Kayak tours first started in May. The program is made possible by Semper Fit Recreation Division, Outdoor Recreation of Marine Corps Community Services. The division plans events for all military and family members. Participants must be at least 12 years of age or older. The lessons are free and no experience is necessary. Even if attendees are unable to swim, they can still participate in the kayak tours.

Space is limited to 11 spots, so authorized patrons must call to reserve a spot for kayak tours.

All gear needed for kayaking, including the kayak, paddle and life vest, is provided.

"The majority of people who sign up are beginners at kayaking," said Marybeth LeMaire, the recreation outdoor specialist with the division. "The waters here are shallow, which makes it good for beginners."

Patrons who participate in kayak tours are shown hands-on how to maneuver. They learn how to hold the paddle, use the foot rests for stability and balance while in the kayak. They also learn how to get back into the kayak if they capsize.

"The tours last around an hour to an hour and a half," said LeMaire. "We paddle out for about 30 minutes and then turn around and paddle back. Kayaking is a great way for people to relax, yet also get a workout. It

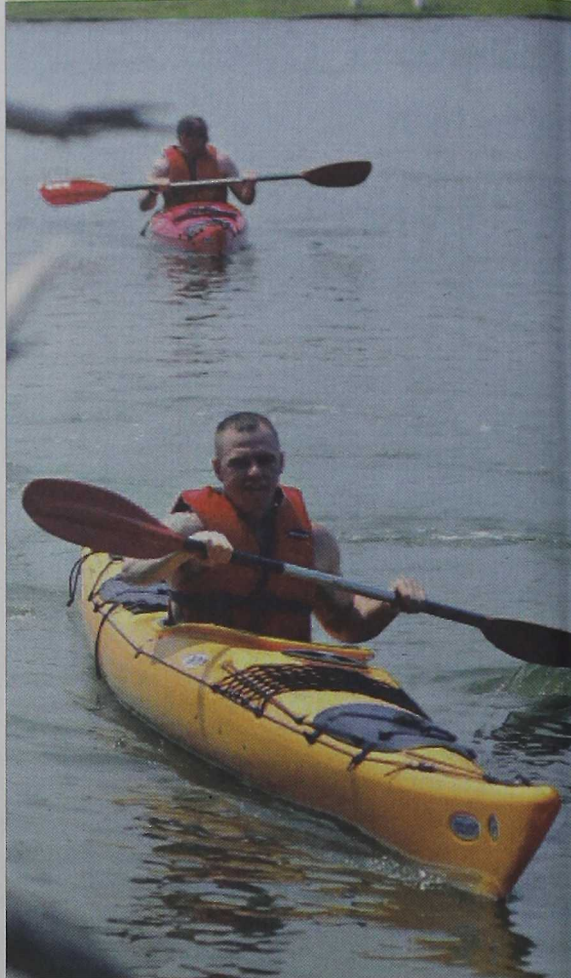
mainly works the core and upper back and it's a good change instead of running. It's a low impact sport."

There are several different types of kayaking, but the type the tours conduct is flatwater touring, which is meant for longer trips on smoother waters such as a lake, rather than a river or ocean.

Kayak tours usually cover three to five miles, depending on wind, water and current, said LeMaire. It takes the mind off things and allows participants to see different wildlife and scenery they couldn't see if they were ashore.

Starting during October, kayak tours will be meeting Tuesday evenings.

For more information on the kayak tours and to reserve a spot, call 451-1440.



Camp Lejeune patrons flatwater-kayak, using touring boats provided by Semper Fit Recreation, Outdoor Recreation of Marine Corps Community Services. The kayak tours, which started in May 2008, are free for all military and family members. The kayak tours take participants through the waterways of the local area. Photo by Marybeth LeMaire

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More new albums in stores means more music to love



By Bobbie Allen

His record rotates. His song writing changed. In his earlier material, he described women catering to his needs. Now explains his appreciation for the opposite sex. In the song, "My Life, Your Entertainment," the M.C. muses over the real reality of fame and the public's attention as an opinionated bystander witnessing all the ups and downs of his life. The title of the new album was inspired by a new artistic process; where he was

T.I. "Matures musically and still maintains the top spot on the charts"

Showing signs of maturity with his new album, Paper Trail, T.I. continues to evolve

once spontaneous, now T.I. writes lyrics down and thinks through his ideas. As he said, "My writing is a little more structured and thought out, but it's still art at the end of the day. It's still free-flowing." T.I.'s process may have changed, but his music is still drawing a crowd. The first single from Paper Trail, "Whatever You Like," is No. 1 on The Billboard Hot 100. T.I. is calling this his most important album to date and with the topics and lyrical consistency of the new record, he is correct.

Favorite track: Slide Show (featuring John Legend)

James Morrison

"Gives us more the second time around"

With intelligent and honest songs like "Wonderful World" and "This Boy," it's no wonder James Morrison has created such a stir. He doesn't disappoint on his second album, "Songs For You, Truths For Me." Morrison's first album was a cathartic documentation of his own troubled childhood, with a positive outlook of having it all

behind him. If only all our problems could sound so beautiful. Morrison articulates the feelings and thoughts we all have in a way we never could and that is part of his appeal. The messages in his songs aren't deeply shrouded in metaphors and it's his simple poetic style, paired with his raw, bluesy voice that keeps his audience coming back for more. His sophomore release maintains the same lyrical methodology, but on a larger budget, which means more instruments and more outlets for musical expression which is truly music to our ears.

Favorite track: Please Don't Stop the Rain

James Taylor

"A legendary troubadour sings other artists' songs"

A five time Grammy award winner, James Taylor has topped the charts with his own original songs and musical works since the 1960s. After releasing over 16 albums, Taylor has decided to sing the songs he has come to love and treasure.

He displays his range and versatile sound, further evidence of Taylor's infinite talent. His interpretation of these songs, regardless of their genre, is distinctive and far beyond copying another artist's work. Taylor lends his rich voice to Buddy Holly's "Not Fade Away," and truly creates a new way of hearing the famous tune. Taylor has done these familiar songs justice and given us another reason to love them all over again.

Favorite track: It's Growing

Editor's note: Allen is a self proclaimed music junkie. Why has she given herself this title? After attending more than 100 concerts and accumulating an extensive music library that includes all genres of music, from obscure indie to mainstream pop, Allen has only become more obsessed with the music scene. She loves discovering new artists and creating an awareness of them far and wide as well as listening to the established and seasoned artists. Regardless of genres, good music is good music and the aforementioned artists are producing just that.

Single Marine Program posts October events

By Andrew Owens
Living editor

The Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Single Marine Program has announced its October activities.

We have some great events coming up in October. We are going to Kings Dominion, the North Carolina Seafood Festival (then we are going to state fair," said Chris Simmons, SMP activities coordinator.

The first excursion for the month is Saturday's trip to the North Carolina Seafood Festival. Only spaces are available for this trip. This event is free of charge. The bus is scheduled to leave the Marine Corps Exchange parking lot at 8 a.m. For more information regarding the trip, visit its Web site at www.ncseafoodfestival.com.

In keeping with October being the month of Halloween festivities, the SMP has planned to travel to King's Dominion's Med Forces Fearfest on Oct. 18. This trip is also limited to 44 Marines and sailors, and it costs \$32 per person. The bus is set to leave at 5 a.m. from the MCX parking lot.

The third Saturday of October brings some outdoor activity. Single Marines and sailors are invited to join the SMP for paintball competition. This event is limited to 18 people. Participation will be \$23 per person



Marines and sailors with the Single Marine Program recently visited Washington, D.C. and the Marine Corps Museum at Marine Corps Base Quantico. The trips help single service members meet people with similar interests and make new contacts, said SMP coordinator Chris Simmons. Photo by Josefa Cordero

and a van is scheduled to depart the MCX parking lot at 10 a.m.

SMP's final trip for the month is an outing to the North Carolina State Fair in Raleigh. The state fair trip is limited to 44 people and will cost \$10 per person. The bus is set to leave the MCX parking lot at 8 a.m. More information regarding the state fair may be obtained by visiting the fair's Web site at www.ncstatefair.org/2008.

Single Marines and sailors may sign up for any of the October trips at their local recreation center. Early registration is suggested.

"All of our trips have been really successful and have been filling up," said

Simmons. "A lot of it is because we can offer our trips at a low cost."

As always, each of the area recreation centers has special activities planned for the month. For more information, Marines and sailors may click on the SMP tab at the Marine Corps Community Services Web site at www.mccslejeune.com.

Whether attending a recreation center event or going on an SMP trip, Simmons said that single Marines and sailors are able to get out of the barracks and recreate. "They get to meet people who are interested in the same things they are interested in. So they get to meet new people and make contacts," he said.

Harriotte B. Smith Library announces upcoming events

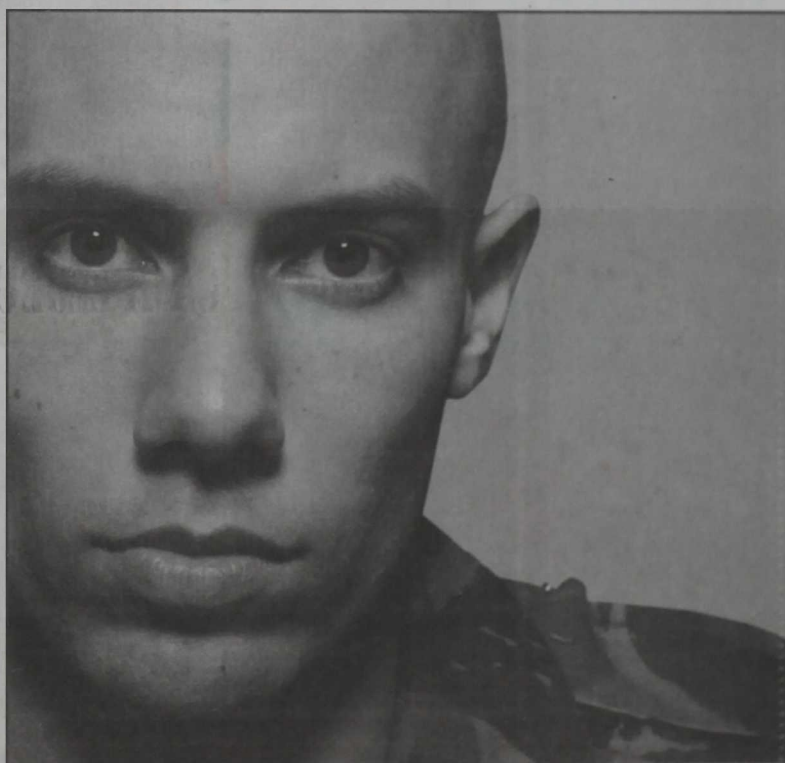
Friday, 10 a.m., Tarawa Terrace Community Center — The Harriotte B. Smith Library, in conjunction with the TT Community Center, has scheduled the Sparky the Fire Dog Puppet Show. The Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Fire Department will present this puppet show to help youngsters know what to do in case of fire. No reservations are needed. For more information, call 451-3026.

Saturday, 2 p.m., Harriotte B. Smith Library — Adults, ages 18 years old and up, are invited to learn to draw Japanese animation art. Once again, Jana Guitar teaches the adult, basic Manga Art class. Registration is required for this popular class. For more information or to register, call 451-3026.

Sunday, 2 p.m., Midway Park Community Center — The Harriotte B.

Smith Library, in conjunction with the Midway Park Community Center, features its monthly Sundaes on Sunday ice cream social and story-time event. Participants are able to make their own sundaes and enjoy story-time through books and arts and crafts. Registration is required for this popular event. For more information or to register, call 451-1807.

Monday through Oct. 15, Harriotte B. Smith Library — The Teen Advisory Group is sponsoring a food drive to collect non-perishable items for local charities in need, including the Onslow Community Ministries Soup Kitchen and the Salvation Army Food Bank. Anyone may drop off items at the Harriotte B. Smith Library during library hours. For more information, call Judy Bradford at 451-6196.



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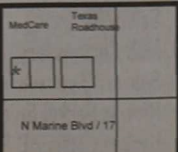
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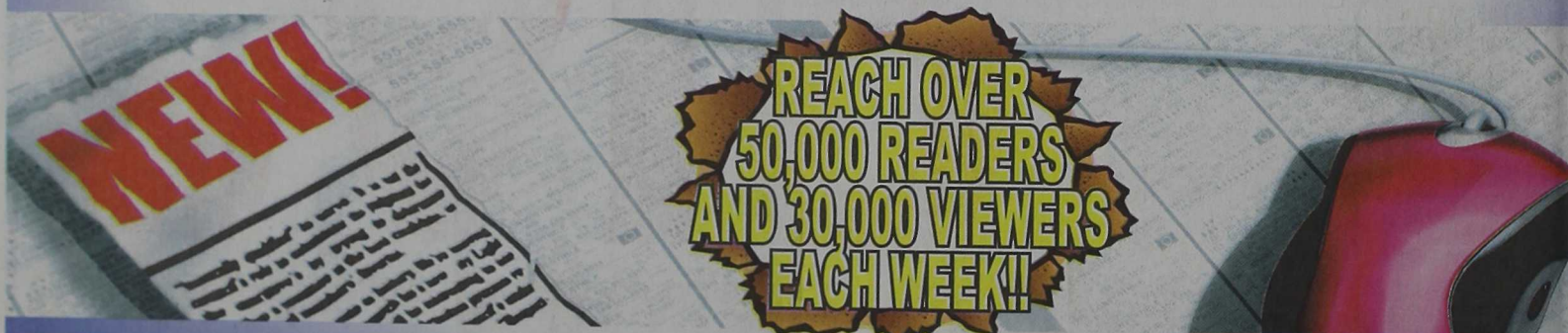
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