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Courtesy photo

Tragic accident: Fire and Emergency Medical Technicians examine the accident scene that killed the driver of this car. Service members are urged to use caution when driving during the holidays.

Motor vehicle accidents are 2nd largest killer of Marines

Staff Sgt. A.C. Mink
 MCAS New River

The shadow of the flag-draped coffin moves across the ground, as the mother's tear-streaked face lowers into her hands ... hands that held her child numerous times throughout life. As the burden disappears from view, a Marine in dress blues passes the flag into those same hands ... hands that now have had to let go.

"Any time you lose a Marine, you feel that loss immeasurably," said Sgt. Maj. Himsworth, II Marine Expeditionary Force sergeant major. "In combat, the loss of life is

tragic, but there's honor. But when you see or hear of a Marine killed in a motor vehicle accident ... a preventable, negligent death ... it was useless."

The deaths leave friends, family and even fellow service members, lost, angry, bewildered and looking for someone to blame. Often, they blame themselves, according to Himsworth.

"He was family and it just feels like a waste," said Yolanda Mayo, II MEF protocol officer and reserve first sergeant, of a young Marine recently killed in a vehicle accident. A Santa Ana, Calif., native, dubbed "O.C." by his fellow

Marines, Lance Cpl. John Armendariz was straight off deployment when he went to work for the II MEF Staff Secretary's office. "It's hard to get your mind around someone so young, with so much promise, just gone. You just want to look into your Marines' eyes and say 'wake up! It's time to make the right decisions.'"

With tears evident, Mayo, a veteran of multiple pumps in Iraq said, "He came back from deployment, and now to have to tell his parents their Marine is gone because he made a bad decision. I can't even imagine how they feel," she added.

At every level, it seems, the loss is palpable.

Sgt. Maj. Tim McCurry, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Sergeant Major spoke candidly saying, "It's a useless waste of human life. You just have to ask why?"

Both the MEF and Base sergeants major mentioned a Marine with 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, who after two successful combat tours, returned to the states and "wrapped his car around a tree."

"Second only to combat, motor

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Christmas spirit brings Trees for Troops

Lance Cpl. Patrick M. Fleischman
 Marine Corps Base



Lance Cpl Patrick M. Fleischman

Tree tossing: Pvt. Chad Bullock and Cpl. Patrick Riley both company clerks for Headquarters Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd Marine Logistics Group unload trees from FedEx trucks during the free Christmas tree give away by the 'Tree for Troops' program Dec. 11.

As soon as they came — they left.

The Christmas SPIRIT Foundation gave more than 800 free Christmas trees to service members and their families as part of the Trees for Troops program in front of the Defense Commissary Agency Commissary here Dec 11.

"This is a really great program, and it'll be a huge help for the troops whose families are left behind from deployment," said Staff Sgt. Cecil Pettis, electronics technician, 2nd Electronics Maintenance Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group. "I really appreciate this kind gesture of these organizations."

For the second consecutive year, the program will deliver trees donated by tree growers, retailers nationwide and regular

people' trying to help out, according to Steve Drake, a member of the CSF.

During this holiday season, the program is expected to collect and deliver more than 11,000 trees from 27 states to be distributed to military families across the United States, as well as to service members serving overseas, said Drake.

"Our military and their families have been providing a real service to our country," said Beth Walterscheid, president of the National Christmas Tree Association and a Christmas tree farmer from Elgin, Texas, in a press release. "And, as Christmas tree farmers, we want them to be able to experience a traditional Christmas with a real tree."

Last year Trees for Troops with the help of the FedEx Corporation delivered more

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Building good credit during the holidays

Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen
 Marine Corps Base

As Christmas approaches and people start to spend money on gifts, it is important to keep finances under control — especially when it could affect a person's credit.

Credit is about trust, said Roy Ells, the financial specialist, with Marine Corps Community Services Health Promotion Branch. Building credit is essential in this economy but a person needs to know how to manage their debt and spend wisely.

One good way to build credit is to get a general-purpose credit card through a person's credit union or bank, said Ells. A person

should use the card on small items and pay the bill right away so the balance remains at zero. This will show the lender usage of the card and a good payment history.

A credit card can be better than a personal loan because a person must resist the temptation to spend beyond their means and make regular payments, said Ells. This will show the lender that they are responsible.

Another way to build good credit is buying a car, said Ells. If a service member buys a car he can afford and sets up an allotment so that payments will never be missed. This ensures that his credit score will remain in good standing.

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Gates to take office Monday

Jim Garamone
 American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Robert M. Gates will take over as defense secretary Dec. 18, and the department will wish current Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld farewell at a Pentagon ceremony Friday, a Defense Department spokesman announced.

Gates and Rumsfeld have met a couple of times to handle transition issues and will meet again in the coming week, spokesman Bryan Whitman told reporters.



Robert M. Gates

Whitman also spoke about the recommendations of the Iraq Study Group. He said DoD officials are looking closely at the group's report. "We take very seriously the recommendations that they have made (and) the thoughtfulness behind this effort," Whitman said. "We certainly want to give it the kind of review and analysis it deserves."

He said the coalition effort to embed trainers with Iraqi units is working well. "Clearly, we have found that embedding trainers in Iraqi units is something that has a tremendous

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Man on the street

What are you doing for the holidays?



"I'm staying here and spending time with my family before I deploy."

Staff Sgt. Lloyd Beason
Motor-transportation chief
Communications Detachment, Headquarters
Battalion, 2nd Marine Division
Easley, S.C.

"I'm going on terminal leave next month so I will be spending time with my family then instead of during the holidays."



Cpl. James Bolduc
Heavy equipment operator
General Support Company, Combat Logistics
Regiment 2, 2nd Marine Logistics Group
Santa Rosa, Calif.

"I'm going to my in-laws for Christmas Day and other than that I'll be spending time with my family."



1st Lt. Trent Fensler
Fire direction officer
Company F, 2nd Battalion, 10th Marine
Regiment, 2nd Marine Division
Blacksburg, Va.

"I'm going home to West Virginia to spend time with family."



Seaman Joshua Keffer
Corpsman
Mother Baby Unit, Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune
Mineral Wells, W.V.

"I'm not doing anything special. I'm just going home."



Cpl. Jason S. Mollwain
Artilleryman
Company C, 1st Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment,
2nd Marine Division
Lancaster, S.C.

Pet care for the holidays

The holidays are fast approaching and many have plans to visit family and friends near and far. If you have pets, remember to plan care for Rover and Fluffy this holiday season.

Board your pet: Many veterinarians offer boarding services or can recommend reputable businesses to do. Boarding services can range from basic to luxurious. They may offer playtime, grooming or even pet sitting. Ask for a tour of the facility to see how your pet will be cared for during its stay. Once you choose a business, find out what vaccinations they require and bring a copy of your pet's shot record with you.

Get a pet sitter: Whether you ask a friend or hire a professional pet sitter, make sure your sitter knows what level of care you expect for your pet. Each person has his own ideas about pet care: some may prefer to let your pet sleep on the couch. Take the time to explain your pet's regular routine and ask your sitter to maintain that routine as closely as possible. If you are a base resident, pets cannot be left alone in the quarters more than 24 hours. Your pets would need to stay with your pet sitter or your pet sitter would need to be with your pets. Either way, keep your pets inside — harsh weather with freezing temperatures can harm or even kill your pets.

Take your pet with you: Whether you are driving, flying or taking the bus or train, do your research. Does your pet get motion sickness? Does the carrier accept pets? How much advance notice is required? How much will it cost? What are the risks? Does the Holiday Inn accept pets? What about Auntie Anne's? These are the types of questions you need to ask.

Choose what is right for your pet and your budget this holiday season and whenever you travel. Visit the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Web site at www.ASPCA.org for more information on any of these topics.

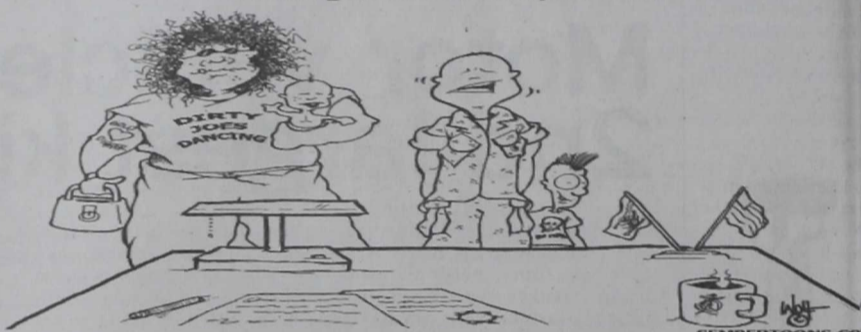
If you lose your pet, call Animal Control at 451-2695/5143 during working hours or the PMO Sergeant at 451-2455 after working hours. If you are interested in adopting one of the many pets available, please call Animal Control at the number listed above.

• Reduce the pet population: **SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR PETS!**

Sempertoon

by Gunnery Sgt. Wolf

"We met on Friday, dated on Saturday, got married on Sunday. She's a dancer dreaming of Broadway, her kids call me their Cool 3rd Daddy, I also bought a camper/house with a new used car with my pre-approved credit card. I'm all good and totally in love!"



WHY WE DREAD MONDAY MORNINGS

Automobile and Motorcycle Fatalities

- Dec. 10 A petty officer 1st class from Recruit Training Command was killed in a single vehicle mishap.
- Dec. 8 A senior chief from Strike Fighter Squadron 1 was killed in a head-on motor vehicle mishap.
- Nov. 30 At 1:30 a.m., a staff sergeant from the School of Infantry - West slammed into the rear of a tractor-trailer near San Diego. The staff sergeant suffered fatal injuries.

Jacksonville and Camp Lejeune partner on new trails

Groundbreaking: Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune commanding officer Col. Adele E. Hodges and Nick Itrera, member of the Jacksonville Trails and Greenways were just two of the dignitaries at the Rails to Trails groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday.

This program will convert old railway corridors to walking, jogging and bicycle trails and is expected to be completed in 12 to 18 months. The 5.2 mile asphalt trail will begin at the intersection of Bell Fork Rd., Knox Rd. and Lejeune Blvd. near Tarawa Terrace and run to Camp Lejeune's main gate. Motorized vehicles will not be permitted.

It is hoped that construction on the trail will extend past Tarawa Terrace and across Lejeune Blvd. via a pedestrian overpass out to Hwy. 17. The trail will not only provide recreation and fitness opportunities for base residents, but for residents of the surrounding community as well. For residents of Tarawa Terrace, the new trail will offer an opportunity to travel to the heart of Jacksonville in one direction or the commissary/exchange complex at Camp Lejeune in the other. Similarly, Jacksonville residents will be able to enjoy the trail as it leads through their city.



Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen

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Toys for Tots campaign in full swing

Capt. Paul L. Greenberg
Marine Forces Reserve

NEW ORLEANS — As the 2006 holiday seaches, Marines are engaged in a wide operations throughout the world. home or abroad, our individual sacroviding an important service to our

units from Marine Forces Reserve ing patrols in the streets of Fallujah, ng peace and stability, Marines and lunteers in every state across our orking with the Toys for Tots a to make dreams come true for children at home.

teering to support your local Toys for aign, you are helping to maintain the ie Marine Corps, making positive con- to your local community and enhanc- ilitary career.

ie demands on the military of the r on Terror, one might think that pro- h as Toys for Tots detract from mis- and should be put on the back a while so that the Marines can focus ar-fighting mission. On the contrary; or Tots program directly supports the orts of the Marine Corps.

democratic nation, citizens have free- eech and the power to directly infla- tion's international policy. The Toys rogram helps rally the support of the eople for the Marine Corps and our ighting terrorism overseas.

ine Corps' biggest challenge in build- onships with the American public is are not a lot of Marine bases, accord- Eric R. Lucero, a Defense Information rmalism instructor who has worked oys for Tots program for several years. one time of the year that we can actu- at there, get in uniform, and be recog- is our one time of the year to really id Lucero.

s and civilians in the New Orleans ot realize that there is a large-scale ots campaign in the area. If they are the program, they may think the work n the campaign is already complete or re too busy to help.

6 Toys for Tots campaign in the New rea has been underway since October. duty and reserve Marines from rters Battalion, Marine Forces and 3rd Battalion, 23rd Marine t, have led local efforts with fund rais- and logistical support, but more help l, according to Gunnery Sgt. Keith L. he Greater New Orleans area Toys for dinator. cal campaign is doing well, but dona-

tions are lower than in the past. Fortunately, we have a lot of toys left over from last year that were turned in late because of logistical issues resulting from Katrina and put in storage. That will help us meet our current goals, according to Pruski.

In spite of serious infrastructure problems throughout the region, the New Orleans Toys for Tots campaign in 2005 distributed more than 80,000 toys to needy children. This year, they are shooting for 120,000, and that will likely be achieved if local Marines, family members, retirees and other civilians pitch in to help.

The bulk of the work that volunteers face in the next several weeks involves transporting, unloading and sorting toys, as well as facilitation at collection and distribution centers, according to Sgt. Guy Saucedo, the Greater New Orleans area Toys for Tots assistant coordinator.

Marines might not realize that volunteering to help out with the Toys for Tots program can positively impact their careers. However, volunteering can enhance a Marine's career in several ways.

Volunteer work can be annotated in Marines' fitness reports or can reflect positively in their proficiency and conduct markings. Extensive volunteer service can also qualify a Marine for the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

Helping with Toys for Tots can also provide leadership opportunities as officers and non-commissioned officers supervise junior Marines and civilians at fund raising and distribution events.

Additionally, Toys for Tots can enable Marines to develop professional interpersonal skills and establish important career relationships by giving them the chance to work with senior military, political and business leaders in their communities, according to Saucedo.

Several local volunteer opportunities are available throughout the month of December, such as a Christmas party hosted by Louisiana Senator David B. Vitter and a community distribution event.

Marines, other service members, retirees and civilians who want to volunteer at these or other events should contact Saucedo on the Toys for Tots hotline at (504) 208-6331.

Volunteering to help ensure the success of the New Orleans Toys for Tots campaign can help maintain the Marine Corps' positive image with the local public. Those who volunteer can have the satisfaction of doing something meaningful for needy children, and in doing so they will further their own professional development.

"This is your one chance to give back to the New Orleans community," said Saucedo. "You can show that Marines really do care."

Marine discusses Corps with commandant

Lance Cpl. Eric Schwartz
2nd Marine Division

Matthew Harris, Headquarters
Company gunnery sergeant.

The Marine Corps has appointed 34 commandants since November 28, 1775, but to one Marine, meeting the newest commandant allowed incomparable mentorship.

The Atlanta native listened attentively to his new commandant, Gen. James Conway, speak to the sea of Marines at the Goettge Memorial Field House, while mentally taking notes on the general's key points; future deployments, the Marine Corps role in Iraq and abroad, and even a possible uniform change concerning physical-training clothing.

"I've seen only a few change of commands since I've been in the Marine Corps," explained Lance Cpl. Joshua D. Galle, an infantryman with Headquarters Company, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, "but I haven't ever gotten to meet someone as important as him."

"I felt he answered everyone's questions ... no matter how unimportant, or important they may have seemed," the 2001 Old Suwanee Christian High School graduate continued.

Galle felt it was important the commandant addressed concerns about Marines recovering from combat stress while in Iraq.

"The privates and privates first class' are my heroes because they've been to Iraq already," explained Galle, "but then I see them getting punished for making bad choices while unwinding from their tour."

Galle was chosen, out of dozens of other Marines, to represent his company because his supervisors felt he was the proper candidate.

"One of the big keys as to why we chose Galle, is he's well spoken and has the composure to address senior officers," explained Gunnery Sgt.

Harris, a Victor, N.Y., native, explained that not only is Galle able to speak tactfully to his superiors, he also is a diligent worker.

"He was a real go-getter and hard worker from the start," Harris explained, "so I wanted to give him a little face time with all of the senior Marines."

Hundreds of Marines stood at attention as Conway walked up to the podium in a casual but fatherly manner. With a hand on his hip, he explained the future of Marines in Iraq.

"As long as there's a fight, as long as there's an insurgent, the Marines will be there," Conway stated.

Galle sat up in a very Marine-like manner while listening to his commandant talk about a possible change in the Marine Corps' outdated green-on-green physical training gear.

"We're looking at adding some reflective gear to it," Conway said, "so we won't need to use reflective belts anymore."

The discussion about PT gear wasn't the main topic during the open forum as many Marines asked questions about Iraq, new tattoo policies and the future replacement to the Humvee.

"We have a name for it, but we aren't sure which model we are going to choose yet," explained Conway, when asked about the possible replacement.

Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps John Estrada explained how full-sleeve tattoos could possibly hurt a Marine's career. "Marines with sleeves can lose chances at B-billets just because of their appearance," Estrada explained, "It lacks professionalism."

Conway and Estrada thanked the crowd of Marines at the hall that day. One Marine, Galle, stood especially proud, while his new commandant exited the building. ■

Merry Christmas, Baby

For some little ones in the family who will be celebrating their first Christmas this year? Show them off in our "Merry Christmas, Baby!" page.



This is a great way to commemorate the first Christmas of your baby, grandchild, niece, nephew or other special baby in your life.

We will post these ads on our website through Jan. 4, giving your deployed loved ones a chance to take part in the celebration!

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'SeaBees' repair runway at logistics 'hub'

Lance Cpl. Ben Eberle
1st Marine Logistics Group

CAMP TAQADDUM, Iraq — Camp Taqaddum is considered the logistics "hub" of Iraq due to its existing infrastructure and proximity to major supply routes, but the base's single runway has presented somewhat of a logistical challenge.

Navy construction workers, or "SeaBees," and Marine combat engineers have responded by repairing 10 miles of concrete on Camp Taqaddum's flight line. They plan to have both base runways operational by Feb. 1, 2007.

"It's the largest SeaBee project in Iraq," said Chief Petty Officer Anthony Chance, operations manager for Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74, 3rd Naval Construction Regiment, I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward).

Many factors have contributed to the runway damage, including American ordnance.

Allied forces initially attacked Al Taqaddum air base in January 1991 during Operation Desert Storm. They struck again at the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom, crippling Saddam Hussein's logistical and offensive capabilities through precision air strikes on the airfield.

Since the coalition takeover in 2003, indirect fire from insurgents and heavy air traffic going through the base has resulted in more damage, said Chance, a 41-year-old from Long Beach, Miss.

Inferior construction is also contributing to the airfield's gradual



Lance Cpl. Ben Eberle
Special delivery; Staff Sgt. Calvin Brown, head supervisor for freight operations at the Material Distribution Center, Supply Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, pries open a delivery at the MDC Nov. 28.

deterioration. Chance said European contractors used low-grade concrete when they built the runways in 1985.

Regardless of what caused the damage, pilots currently flying into Camp Taqaddum can use only one of its runways. Because they can't use any of the taxiways either, planes make a U-turn after landing and use the same runway to drive back to the

terminal area.

This monopolizes the base's only functional landing strip and has delayed or cancelled incoming flights, said Chance.

Repairing the inoperative runway and the conjoining taxiways will help end the delays and increase airline traffic from places around the world, such as Kuwait, Germany, Turkey and the United States. This will increase the flow of supplies into the Iraqi theater and boost the war fighters' effectiveness, said Chance.

More than 60 SeaBees and Marines work in shifts — day and night, seven days a week — to repair the airfield.

Working with heavy equipment through inclement weather requires constant safety awareness, said Petty Officer 1st Class Jeffrey C. Littlefield, a quality control/safety supervisor for NMCB-74.

"If one man is injured the whole project would be delayed," said Littlefield, a 34-year-old from Portsmouth, R.I. "Safety is paramount and we look out for each other."

Another consideration is maintaining the heavy equipment, and the SeaBees have plenty of it. The unit uses 96 pieces of "rolling stock," such as bulldozers and forklifts, and 11 concrete saws.

"Heavy equipment is made for running (nonstop), but our equipment is older," said Chief Petty Officer Tyler A. Watters, mechanics supervisor with NMCB-74.

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21st Secretary of Defense U.S. troops in Iraq for last

Cpl. James B. Hoke
3rd Marine Aircraft Wing

AL ASAD, Iraq — U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld visited service members at Al Asad, Iraq, Saturday.

With the last few remaining days of his second term and the yearlong deployment of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) coming to a close, Rumsfeld spoke with more than 400 men and women from various units deployed to the air base.

"As I complete my second tour, I leave with understanding the true strength of the U.S. military," Rumsfeld said to the troops. "It's in the hearts of the men and women who serve, the appreciation, the professionalism. There's not been a day since our country has been in this long struggle that I've not thought about those of you deployed far from home ... I wish it were possible for every American to see first hand all that you do every day, the lives you touch and the lives you save."

During his stay at Al Asad, he also stopped by the hangar of Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack



Cpl. James B. Hoke
Farewell tour: U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld speaks with Marines and sailors of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) at Al Asad, Iraq, Saturday.

Squadron 242, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Reinforced), 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) speak with the Marines and sailors there.

Rumsfeld, the youngest person in the history to serve as the Secretary of Defense during his term, and the oldest one in his current term, took time to meet several of the service members at the air base. He was seen in a photo taken with the

Robert Gates on Dec. 1, but until the formal ceremony to name the 21st Secretary of Defense, Gates will remain in office.



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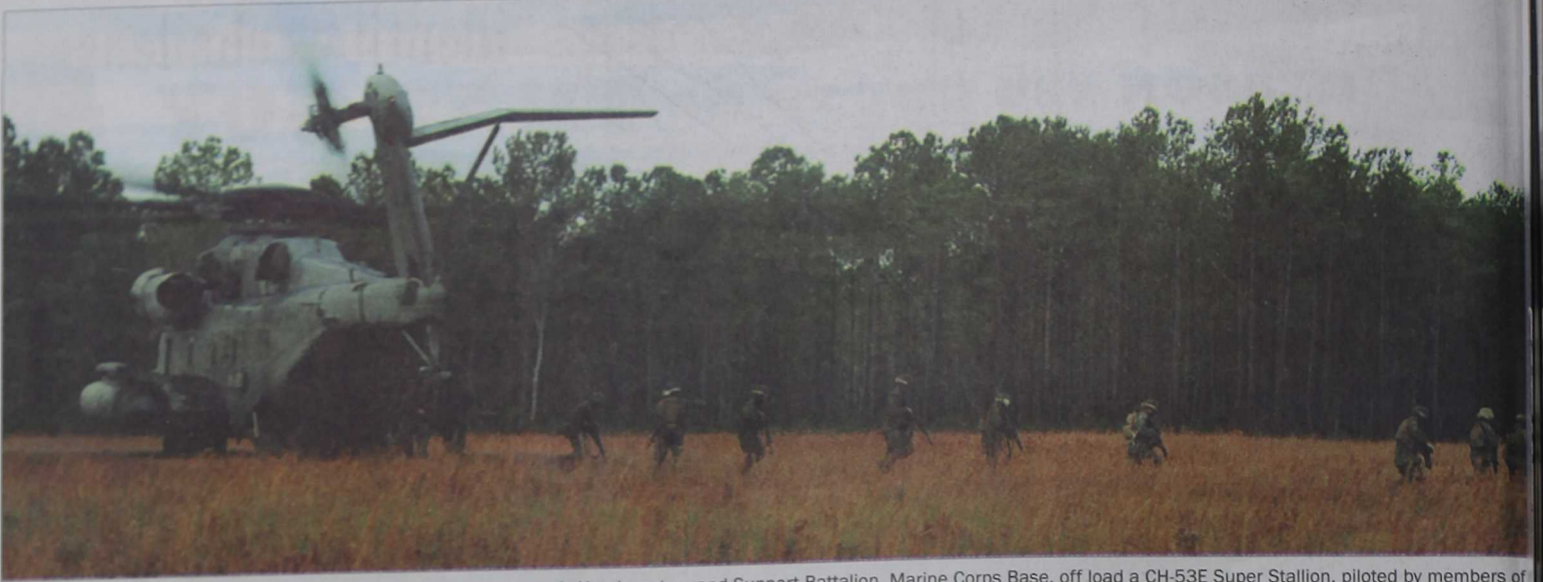
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Disembarking: Twenty Marines with the Disbursing Office, Company A, Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, off load a CH-53E Super Stallion, piloted by members of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-461, and secure the perimeter during a field training exercise Dec. 7 at Landing Zone Snipe.

Disbursers take charge

Story and photos by
Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen
Marine Corps Base

Twenty-two Marines with the Disbursing Office with Company A, Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, conducted a field exercise to refresh their Marines' basic infantry skills Dec. 7.

The Marines were inserted by CH-53E Super Stallion flown by members of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-461, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, where they received classes on helicopter operations, security, hand and arm signals and squad formations, said Sgt. Evan M. Schwend, the travel services noncommissioned officer in charge with the Disbursing office.

"It gives them a little more of an edge and it keeps them fresh," said Schwend. "You never know when you could deploy and if they do go they will be a little more prepared."

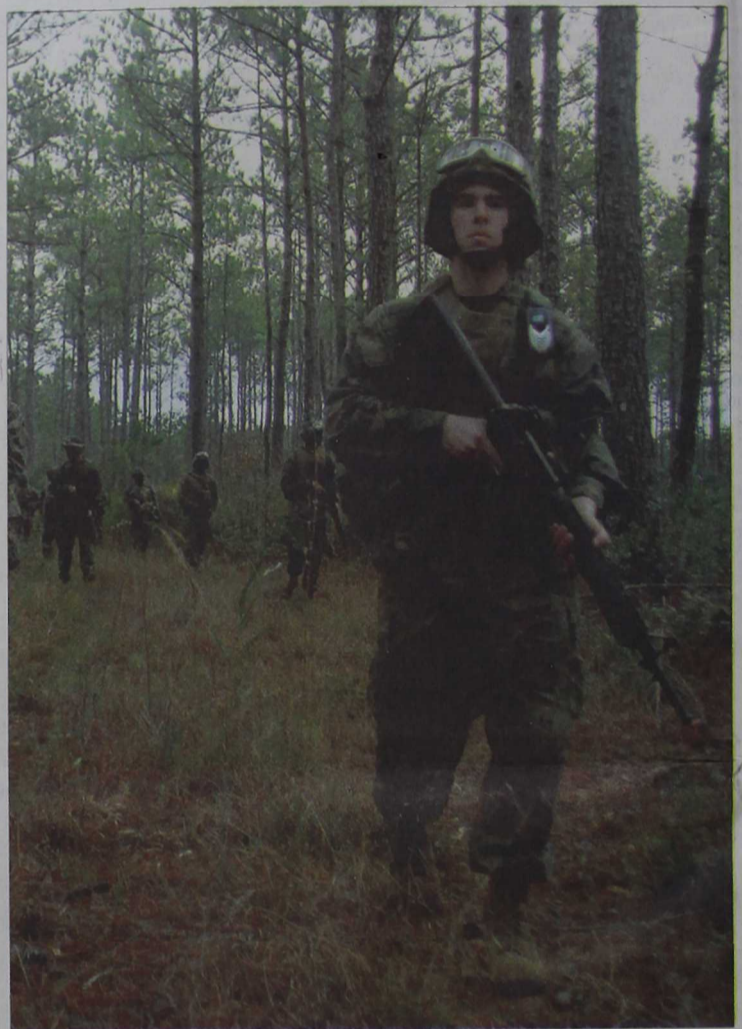
The Marines went on patrol, conducted a simulated mission to rescue a downed pilot and got back to the landing zone for extraction, said Schwend.

Not only was the training good for the enlisted Marines, it was also good for their officer in charge.

"This training gives me a chance to observe my small unit leadership and it gives those Marines a chance to step up and take charge," Capt. Thomas Sims, assistant disbursing officer for Marine Corps Installations-East. "This training also gets the Marines out of their normal environment and gets them where they need to be."

During the simulated mission the Marines received small-arms fire from aggressors, while they carried the injured pilot back to the landing zone. The Marines' small unit leadership was also tested when their squad leader was taken out of the picture and learned a valuable lesson about communication and teamwork, said Schwend.

"I think it's great that we get to come out and do stuff like this," said Cpl. Nolen Dice, a travel NCO with the Disbursing Office. "This is the kind of stuff you join up for." ■



Providing cover: Sgt. Aaron L. Alexander, a permanent change of station noncommissioned officer with the Disbursing Office, Company A, Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, leads a patrol during a field training exercise Dec. 7. The training was meant as a refresher of basic infantry skills.

Loading up: Blank ammunition was used during the Disbursing Office, Company A, Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, field training exercise to create a more realistic environment for training Dec. 7.



War paint: Cpl. Donald Winfree, a business noncommissioned officer with the Disbursing Office, Company A, Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, patrols with 20 of his fellow disbursers during a field training exercise Dec. 7.

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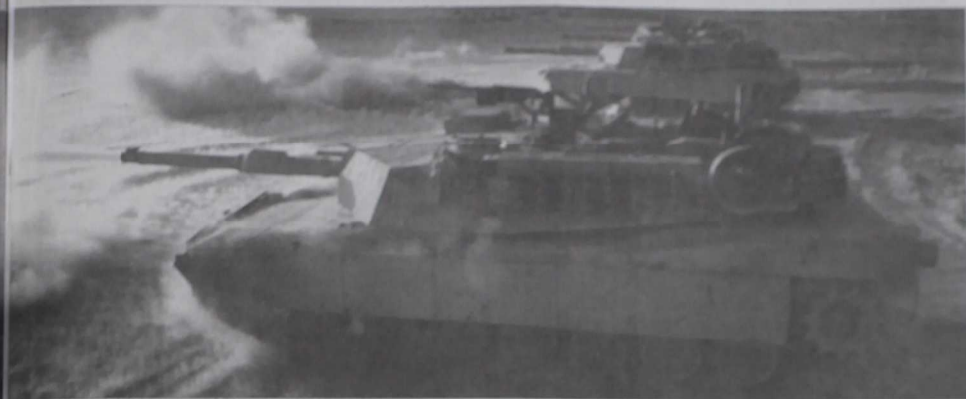
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Marines from Company C, 2nd Tank Battalion, Regimental Combat Team 5 let loose with the M-1A1 Main Battle Tank's main gun.

Tankers lead team in RCT-5 sweep

Gunnery Sgt. Mark Oliva
Regimental Combat Team 5

NORTHERN REGIMENTAL SECURITY AREA, Iraq — Tankers from Regimental Combat Team 5 made tracks in deserts north of Fallujah in weapons caches and insurgent

from Company C, 2nd Tank Battalion along with Team Gator's tubed optically tracked wire-guided tank and Marines from the 8th Marine Regiment, out across the Northern Security Area recently, uncovers caches and discovering a training area. The multi-day was designed to disrupt insurgency in a region where Marines little presence in the sparsely region.

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scoured open swaths of desert, stopping to speak with Iraqi farmers and inspecting possible weapons caches.

"For us to put guys on the deck is a big thing," explained Silvio, from Pittsburgh. "They were going house to house. They did a real good job given the short amount of time they had."

Marines spoke with local Iraqis at their small farmhouses. Farmers stood at their doorways, welcoming Marines into their homes and out of the cold, desert morning air. At other locations, Marines swept over the large, looming wells scraped from the desert floor. And still other locations, they stopped and searched vehicles.

"This is completely different than what we would usually do," said Staff Sgt. James M. Sturla, a 27-year-old master gunner for the tank company from Pompton Plains, N.J. "For many of us, this is our first time being in a truck instead of a tank. We were out there disrupting, going through houses, talking to people and conducting snap vehicle checkpoints."

The Marines' efforts were rewarded. Marines uncovered several small caches, including munitions that could be used for making improvised explosive devices. Neighboring Marines from 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment discovered an insurgent training area, with spent brass and targets where insurgents apparently were practicing before moving into more popu-

lated areas to carry out attacks.

"It's real satisfying," Sturla said of finding the buried caches. "Just getting that ammunition off the street is one less weapon they can use to make an IED."

The tankers' adaptability was tested even further as they were moving south after the mission was over. Lead elements of their convoy were attacked by an IED and small-arms fire. Marines at the front of the column maneuvered to return fire on insurgents in two vehicles.

Following the attacks, Company C's tankers turned their trucks around and started conducting searches on vehicles that matched the description of those that attacked the convoy. Marines stopped drivers, systematically searched vehicles, uncovering one with an empty AK-47 magazine before another Iraqi flagged down the Marines.

The Iraqi driver had his brother in the truck who suffered an open gunshot wound he claimed was the result of insurgents attacking them. A corpsman on the scene treated the wound, while Marines questioned his brothers and called for a medevac for the wounded Iraqi.

"I think they did exceptionally well," said Capt. Charles W. Fretwell, C Company commander. "They did the tactical missions we should all be familiar with. It showed tanks are more than capable as any unit out there." ■

MFR's top enlisted identifies challenges

Pfc. Mary A. Staas
Marine Forces Reserve

MARINE FORCES RESERVE, New Orleans — Sgt. Maj. Jimmy D. Cummings assumed duties as the Marine Forces Reserve sergeant major Nov. 2, and as with every leadership change, he brings with him a different perspective.

Though he's only been in his current job a month, he sees many of the same challenges he did as the Marine Aircraft Wing sergeant major.

One of those challenges is the process of junior Marines blossoming into well-rounded, well-trained warriors.

"The biggest challenge I see here is, because of the shallow depth of personnel we have, there is very little opportunity for headquarters Marines to deploy," said Cummings. "Deployments really help Marines grow, and sometimes, it's not easy to take that one Marine out of the shop. At the same time, however, that Marine really needs an opportunity to get outside of their desk."

Deploying may be a welcome rain in the growing of Marines, but it's not always possible due to manning issues. But that's not to say a Marine who can't deploy can't grow.

"Professional military education helps all Marines grow," said Cummings. "Things like correspondence courses and distance education programs — our Marines need to be thoroughly engaged in those. Every day, our Marines need to be improving their professional military education."

There are also situations neither deployments nor education can fully prepare Marines for. Hurricane Katrina and the wake she left destroyed many lives, and she tested Marine Forces Reserve on many fronts.

"[Hurricane Katrina] showed us all that the status quo is not part of the Marine Corps," said Cummings. "We must always be ready for new challenges. With those new challenges, MFR adapted well and is in a great position to continue to provide the active forces with trained Marines and prove that we are still a viable part of this country's defense."

Cummings is uniquely positioned as the highest enlisted leader to the largest command in the Marine Corps, to see exactly how viable MFR is to the country's defense. But he says his last billet was not much different from this one.

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He said the coalition effort to embed trainers with Iraqi units is working well. "Clearly, we have found that embedding trainers in Iraqi units is something that has a tremendous amount of value in terms of helping them develop," he said. "It is one of those areas where, for some time now, we have been reinforcing success by adding to the number of people embedded in those units."

Some 5,000 U.S. trainers are assigned to 400 transition teams in Iraq. These teams work down to battalion level. Local U.S. commanders augment these teams with troops from their units, Pentagon officials said. In addition, squads of Iraqis work inside U.S. platoons in some units. ■



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vehicle accidents kill more Marines here on our shores than any other cause of death," said Peter J. Hill, ground safety engineer, Headquarters Marine Corps Safety Division. It comes out to approximately 214 Marines in 219 automotive mishaps since 2003, according to Hill. "It is particularly distressing when other Marines were in the same car and didn't speak up when their buddy failed to buckle up or got behind the wheel after drinking."

More than numbers, these are vital members of an extended family — the Marine Corps family, according to Himsworth, and the family, be it blood or Corps, are the ones who feel the loss.

"For the Corps, it's like losing ammunition ... firepower... capability. It's a strain on the force and a strain on the individuals," said Himsworth. "Not only do we have to replenish that force, training someone new; we have to reinstall the trust and confidence of the young Marines and the leadership."

According to McCurry, the death of the NCO may not be as significant as the actions that lead up to that death.

"Now hear me out," he said. "This is rarely a first incident. There are usually a series of habits, not just one thing. A series of hazardous behaviors has the tragic result of death, and culminates in a long-range negative effect on every Marine he or she has been in contact with."

"As Base Sergeant Major I can talk all day about cause and effect, but what we need to focus on is Prevention," he added.

That begs the question, what are we doing to prevent these deaths?

"We are constantly working on prevention reminders, safety briefs, mentorship," said McCurry.

II MEF's Force Preservation Order disregards the "hit it and forget it" mentality that may have been prevalent in the past. Instead, it places the responsibility on leadership, from the lowest echelon, stressing the concept of "know your Marine."

The numbers say we're consistent with the average for young men in the same age group — We are right in the demographic with the rest of the country, according to Hill. Overall, over the last few years, our numbers are improving, very slowly, but we do have spikes.

So what else can we do?

"The only thing that came to my mind, which has been in my mind all the time, is that we need leaders to lead by example," said Sgt. Maj. William H. Bly, Marine Corps Air Station New River sergeant major. "We need people to be frontational leaders. Our society says don't make a leader don't be unpleasant, be nonconfrontational. If a leader did what they are supposed to do when it comes to enforcing regulations the percentage of Marines being hurt and hurting others would drop drastically."

"... It's easy to tell a Marine he's done a good job," continued Bly. "It's hard to tell a Marine he's done a bad job. If you fail to confront your Marine when you see they have done wrong, like drinking and driving, you have failed as a leader."

Hill agreed.

"It's accountability and leadership," said Hill. "...Getting it into the head of that lance corporal is not off-duty when he leaves the gate."

Bly suggested publishing blotters, making them available to all. That would let the commanders see what's happening out there, and in return those commanders would say "leaders, you are on report to get this under control."

"Constant reminders to do the right thing are important," said McCurry, who himself has an 18-year-old driver's license. "We all have to remember that our Marines are somebody's kids."

Himsworth agreed with them all and added a poignant message to our Carolina Marines and Sailors.

"We ARE family. We love ya, we need you, we're counting on you. Do the right thing, and slow down." ■

Fightertown West Point grads fly-over Army/Navy game

Lance Cpl. Monique Smith
MCAS Beaufort

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION BEAUFORT, S.C. — Two pilots from Navy Strike Fighter Squadron 86 flew over the 107th Army/ Navy football game last Saturday. As two Navy pilots, it may be assumed that they were cheering for the Naval Academy Midshipmen, but in reality, these two West Point graduates were rooting for the opposing team, the Army Black Knights.

The journey has been one that is not often heard of for two Navy pilots currently serving here with VFA-86. The uniqueness of their story began after the two graduated from the United States Military Academy, otherwise known as West Point.

Lt. Cmdr. Paul Campagna, a department head for VFA-86 and Lt. Cmdr. Bobby Baker, the maintenance officer with the Sidewinders became good friends while attending flight school at Fort Rucker, Ala., while training to become Army helicopter pilots.

Campagna, who graduated in 1993, says he decided to go to West Point because he wanted to be a helicopter pilot.

"I read a book in the 8th grade and ever since then, I wanted to be a helicopter pilot," Campagna said. "My family didn't have a lot of money so, West Point seemed like a good choice because I would be able to train to fly helicopters."

Baker, who also graduated in 1993, says he wanted to go to West Point to follow in his family's footsteps of serving in the Army.

"I come from a family of Army men," Baker said. "My dad was a Green Beret in Vietnam and my granddad was a World War II hero with field artillery, so they pushed me in that direction when I was a senior in high school."

While they were both in flight school the Army decided it would be phasing out all of the Vietnam-era helicopters they had been training to fly. Soon after, the Army realized they had too many pilots. Both Campagna and Baker sought aviation opportunities elsewhere and ended up finding those opportunities in the Navy.

"I had never flown planes, only helicopters," Baker said. "But an opportunity to fly came up and I took it."

"I was done flying in the Army, but I still wanted to serve," Campagna said, "I chose to take a longer contract to get out of the Army and join the Navy so I could still fly."

This past Saturday, both Campagna and Baker were given a chance to rekindle their Army pride, as they were part of a four-jet formation that performed a fly-over before the start of the Army/ Navy game. The other two Navy pilots were Naval Academy graduates.

"[The fly-over] was a great experience," Baker said. "We got to go down on the field and meet some West Point grads."

Both Campagna and Baker said they get teased by Naval Academy graduates all the time, but while they are both Navy pilots they have not forgotten their Army roots. "I am grateful to be in the Navy," Campagna said. "But I went to West Point, so that's who I root for." ■

Road closure

Due to ongoing live-fire training aboard the USS Zumwalt, both Lyman Road and the section of Hwy. 172 passes through the installation will be closed Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. During this time, Camp Lejeune's Triangle Outpost entrance will be closed to all vehicular traffic, and its Snead's entrance will be limited to those vehicles displaying a Department of Defense decal on their windshield. Throughout the training period, northbound traffic without DoD decals heading to Swansboro Morehead City should take Hwy. 17 north to Hwy. 24 east. South bound traffic heading to Wilmington should take Hwy. 24 east to Hwy. 17 south. ■

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ers said that running simple checks, such as checking oiler fluids, helps avoid break-out he added that the unit's can also make major repairs. or minor problems, we take hem," said Watters, a 30-year-old Destin, Fla. "I have a young they do a really good job."

young crew" benefits greatly joint-service environment, said St. Chris J. Haggerty, heavy-t operations supervisor with inier Support Battalion, 1st ogistics Group (Forward). en a good experience for every- d Haggerty, from South Bend, lot of the junior sailors have

never worked with Marines before." The reason for this is simple: Navy and Marine Corps construction units usually have different missions while deployed. "(The SeaBees) are trained in more deliberate, or permanent, construction. Ours is more expedient, whatever it takes to keep the front moving," said Haggerty. "A lot of my guys have picked up (skills) from the sailors."

The job can be messy, and trudging through wet concrete isn't very welcoming when wind chills approach 20 degrees, but the team welcomes the challenge and continues to work through increasingly harsh conditions. "We have a job as SeaBees. We build, we fight - in that order," said Chance. "We owe it to the war fighters to get them every tool necessary to accomplish their mission out there, kicking down doors and getting the bad guys." ■

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budget their finances, find out where their money is going and redirect those funds to pay off their debt, said Ells. When they finally dig themselves out of debt, it will still be another 18 months to two years to get their good credit score back.

Debt and credit is also a big issue around the holidays where people spend large sums of money and incur more debt than they probably should, said Ells. It is important to remain realistic on what you can afford.

A good way to have money for the holidays is to set up a holiday savings account at the beginning of year and put a regular payment into it so when December comes a service member will have enough money to buy presents for friends and family.

"All of us have to learn that this is a life time process," said Ells. "It's not just young people that get in trouble with debt." ■

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"The only real difference is the information coming to me," Cummings said. "My job is still to advise the commander on every aspect of the unit's mission and the welfare of the Marines who make up the unit."

Cummings learned the troop welfare part of his job early in his career.

"One of the most influential people on me when I was a junior Marine was Staff Sgt. Penix," Cummings said. "He was my first staff non-commissioned officer. He knew everything about us - what we were doing for the weekend, about our families. He got that through talking to us, and I never realized, until I became a staff NCO, how important that is."

While he can lead his Marines and look out for their welfare, Cummings feels Marines are in charge of their own destiny, no matter their background, race, religion or sex.

"The Marine Corps is a great organiza-

tion ... it's up to the individual to seek and grab hold of success," he said. "Marines promote themselves. Individual accomplishments are awarded through various accolades, but their hard work and pursuit of excellence is what shows where a Marine really wants to be."

Many Marines attribute their ability to be successful to having a strong family, and in MFR, family is just as important.

"Our Marine families are another extremely important and challenging element," said Cummings. "I say important, because they are the foundations and pillars which make our efforts successful. I say challenging, because we're spread all across this great country and being able to reach out to those families with information and support is a huge task, but it is a task worthy of the challenge."

"Marines and families of Marine Forces Reserve, thank you for what you do for the defense and success of this country and our way of life. Because of you, Americans can go to the movies, sporting events and such and not worry about their freedoms or safety." ■

TREES
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than 4,300 Christmas Trees to five U.S. military bases, as well as an overseas shipment to the Middle East all free of charge, according to a CSF press release.

"Trees for Troops was a huge success," said Christmas SPIRIT Foundation chairman Nigel Manley, a Christmas Tree grower in Bethlehem, N.H. "It really resonated with our industry and the military."

This year's program kicked off on Nov. 14, with international shipments leaving from Ohio and Indiana and going to soldiers in Afghanistan, Iraq, the Middle East and the 5th Fleet in the Gulf, according to a CSF press release.

The sense of community struck home to one Springfield, Mass. native, Cpl. Harry Dejesus, a military policeman with Military Police Company,

Headquarters and Support Battalion here, who received one of two trees from the towns of Groton and Dunstable Massachusetts.

Included with the tree was a card signed by some of the citizens of those towns.

"I feel great knowing that this beautiful tree came from home, and that the people of Groton and Dunstable took the time and effort to sign this card just to show their support," said Dejesus.

Helping off load four 28-foot trucks full of trees to reload awaiting cars and trucks were Marines from the Single Marine Program and nine FedEx volunteers from the Wilmington FedEx freight delivery office.

"We see these Marines everyday and some of our employees are married to Marines and family on base. This is a great opportunity for us to give back something to our service members," said

Jim Mowrer, manager Wilmington FedEx freight delivery office.

For more information about the 'Trees for Troops' program or the Christmas SPIRIT Foundation logon to their Web site www.christmasspiritfoundation.org. ■



Lance Cpl. Patrick M. Fleischman
Special surprise: The Springfield, Mass. native, Cpl. Harry Dejesus, a military policeman with Military Police Company, Headquarters and Support Battalion, reads a card signed by members of the towns Groton and Dunstable Massachusetts. The card was included with a Christmas tree donated specifically from the towns as a part of the free Christmas tree give away by the 'Tree for Troops' program Monday.



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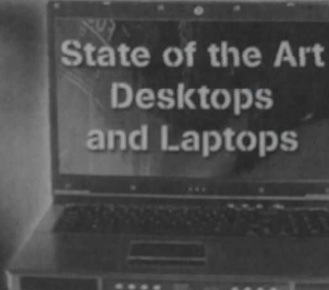
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2nd Marine Division meets II MEF under the Thursday night lights



Heather Owens

Battling it out: Players from the 2nd Marine Division (in the blue jerseys) and from II Marine Expeditionary Force (wearing the black and red jerseys) fight for the ball in a pileup during Thursday night's game.

Heather Owens
Staff reporter

They came to battle it out on the gridiron under the Thursday night lights.

Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division met the II Marine Expeditionary Force on Liversedge Field for Camp Lejeune's intramural tackle football league.

The game opened up on a safety by Desmond Wright. The score was then 2-0, 2nd Marine Division.

Then, with 2:58 left in the first quarter, Daryl "Smitty" Smith ran in a punt return to put another six on the board. Denis Couture converted the extra point.

Later in the half, William Harris ran the ball in for 2nd Marine Division's final touchdown of the game. Again, Couture converted the extra point and the score was 16-0.

In the fourth quarter, things got interesting when II MEF's Tyrone Anderson ran 30 yards to set up Bryant Brinker for a left sweep run to goal.

Robert Rendall of II MEF made a two-point conversion, putting the final two of II MEF's eight points

on the board.

Thus, the game ended 16-8 with all of the 2nd Marine Divisions points being scored in the first half and all of II MEF's in the second.

"I'm definitely happy with the performance of our defense and the performance on the ground of our offensive line," said 2nd Marine Division's head coach Frank Bellini, the operations chief for the Maritime Pre-Positioning Program. "We have guys with a lot of heart; some guys haven't even played organized football before."

As with many other teams in the intramural league, the 2nd Marine Division's team has been hit hard by deployments and temporary duty assignments. Bellini lost the whole left side of his offensive line when they went on temporary additional duty out of state.

Despite the loss of players, Bellini's team battled on. "It was very even on the field," he said. "You just have to monopolize on the big plays."

In fact, II MEF did monopolize on a few big plays. Bellini highlighted Travis Jensen for recovering a key fumble. "He definitely had an impact in the game," said

Bellini. "As did Michael Gibbs."

Additionally, said Bellini, his assistant coach Chip Hayes "knocked down some pretty big passes."

"It was a very well played game on both sides of the ball," said Hayes. "I'd say the story of the game is that both defenses kept the offenses from moving."

"They fought to the last play. They didn't give up. And that's what this is all about," said Bellini.

For Coach Cletis Evans, the G-6 electronics maintenance officer for Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, the story of the game was something else entirely — like four something's entirely.

First, there was his new kicker, Couture, that he recruited the week before the game. "Though he played soccer in college, this is really his first time playing organized football of any type," said Evans.

Second, there was the success of a trick play that resulted in a gain of 40 yards. A trick play born two years prior while Evans was sitting in a meeting. "It worked, it definitely worked," said Evans.

Third, there was the success of his quarterback and a couple other key players. "I want to highlight the quarterback, Tim Holt of Chelmsford, Mass. He threw the ball extremely well. He was 'on' during the game, making some great plays."

Evans went on to explain that Holt had shades of greatness of a certain National Football League player when he would "just stiff arm them and look at them."

"He was doing some Michael Vick moves during the game," said Evans. "The combination of him, William Harris and Curtis Proctor was definitely on during the game."

Finally, there is Evans' own "retirement" — for now — from intramural league play. He, along with several members of his team, will be deploying. Though he may settle down some day to coach high school football somewhere, Thursday's game was his last as a head coach, at least for now.

Evans' assistant coach, Bijl Barlow, will take over. "And he will finish out the season, into the tournament and on through the tournament," predicted Evans. ■

Swimmer receives award from base commander

Heather Owens
Staff reporter

Cortney Quinn was born to swim.

The 26-year-old recently completed swimming 8,800 laps or 500 miles at the Camp Lejeune base pool. That's like swimming from here to Philadelphia.

She was diagnosed as being profoundly deaf at 18 months and as having mild to moderate autism at age five.

"We have Marines sometimes join her in the pool but they don't stay as long as she does," said Cortney's father Paul Quinn. Besides being the father of a distance swimmer, Quinn is the Marine Corps Community Services director aboard Marine Corps Air Station, New River.

In recognition of her swimming feat, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune Commanding Officer Col. Adele E. Hodges presented Cortney with a certificate and a shiny, red Camp Lejeune Swim Club jacket at a special ceremony at the Headquarters Building aboard Camp Lejeune Friday.

"You have probably swum farther than anyone else on this installation," Hodges told Cortney while presenting the award. "We would like to present you with a certificate for your tri-



Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen

Receiving Award: Col. Adele E. Hodges presents Cortney Quinn with a swim club jacket.

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Sports

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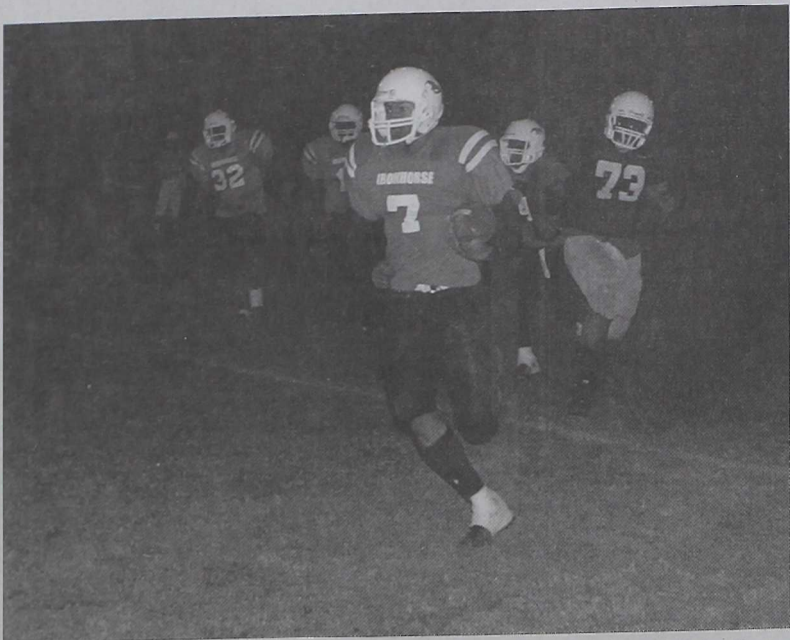
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2nd Tank Battalion defeats 2nd Maintenance Battalion in teaching, rebuilding game



Ball Carrier: Brandon Mitchell of the 2nd Tank Battalion carries the ball down the field.

Heather Owens
Staff reporter

Through positively frigid temperatures and possibly the loudest cheers ever to be heard at an intramural game aboard Camp Lejeune, the 2nd Tank Battalion and the 2nd Maintenance Battalion met under the lights of the Intramural Field Thursday evening.

The result was a decisive 32-0 win for the 2nd Tank Battalion.

"Despite the fact that we lost, my Marines and I were having a lot of fun out there. We had a lot of fun teaching the game to Marines who have never played organized football before," said Head Coach Eddie Carpiobran, tank mechanic for Headquarters and Service Company, 2nd Maintenance Battalion.

Carpiobran named two factors for the loss — deployment tempo and injuries that cut into the line up.

As for the 2nd Tank Battalion, they scored five touchdowns and converted two extra points. Of the three TDs in the first half, Jeron Richardson made two. Later, Brandon Mitchell and Chanda Sok each scored touchdowns in the second half. Kicker Harold Nance converted both extra points leaving the game at its final score.

Head coach Thomas Ruppert of the 2nd Tank Battalion gave props to his defense for their outstanding play. "My defensive coach, Matthew Chandler, has worked a lot with the defense, and they were at the top of their game," he said.

Ruppert also praised his offense for their steadily-improving performance.

"We made a lot of adjustments to the offense from prior games and they continue to work well together and improve every game," said Ruppert.

Besides the offense and defense as a whole, Ruppert praised Sok for snatching four interceptions. "He's definitely the highlight of the day," Ruppert commented.

Additionally, Ruppert mentioned Mitchell for his play. "He had an outstanding game," Ruppert said of Mitchell. "He's reading defenses well and making adjustments on the field quickly."

Carpiobran named two players for their excellence in Thursday night's game.

The first was Rickey Tucker, Jr. "He was a leader out there. He stepped up to every position that we needed him to. He played like five different positions out there," said Carpiobran. "And that was very impressive for him to be able to perform excellently in every different position."

The second was James St. Onge. "He was given the reign of the defense. He made a lot of the calls in the second half. Overall, he's my defensive leader out there. I gave him the playbook and he ran with it," said Carpiobran.

As for the final results of the game, Carpiobran credits his team for having fun playing the game and learning their roles.

"The overall story here is the players that never played before, got to play. And they made sure that our Marines were having a good time and learning for next week," said Carpiobran. ■

Devilpups drop one at home against Wildcats

Heather Owens
Staff reporter

The Devilpups and Wildcats faced off on the hardwood Friday night.

The Camp Lejeune boys' varsity basketball team took on the Richlands High School boys at home in a non-conference match-up.

Unfortunately for the Devilpups the Division 2A Wildcats were on a roll and just kept rolling to the tune of a 60-41 road win.

"We played better perimeter than we had been, though Richlands had eight three-pointers, and that's really a credit to them," said Lejeune High's head coach Doug Erny.

Indeed, the larger school had a real three-point threat and a small lead in the first quarter kept growing.

Yet the Devilpups kept battling. Junior Curtis Brooks scored 12 points during the game and had six rebounds. Sophomore Darryle Davis scored 10 points. Chris Etienne scored six points and brought down five rebounds to boot. Brandon Jones also scored six points and contributed four rebounds.

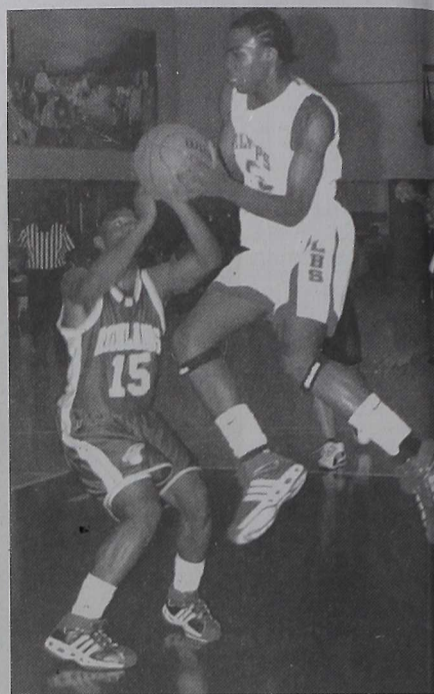
A few adjustments for this game also drew positive results. "We moved

Curtis Brooks, who is our best post player, down to the basket," said Erny.

Erny also credits two players for their tough work on defense. "Brandon Carter and Corte Thompson drew

the assignment of ing Richlands' shooters."

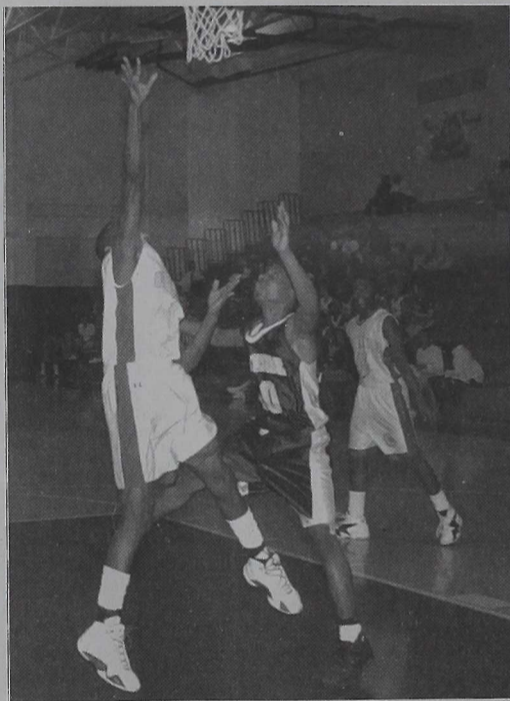
Lejeune is now the season. The next game for the boys is against Jones High School on Jan.



Jamming to the hoop: Devilpup Junior Curtis Brooks goes to the hole during Friday's match up with Richlands.

Heather Owens

Driving to the Hoop



Heather Owens

Lay-up drill: Devilpup Damian Taylor (in white) beats a Northside High School player to make up while teammate An Wilson looks on during Camp Lejeune High School junior varsity boys' game Nov. 29. Camp Lejeune the game 62-51. The Devilpups are now 2-5 the season.

THE WILD WORLD OF LEJEUNE SPORTS

Intramural Indoor Soccer

Today

The Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune intramural soccer coaches' meeting will take place today at 6 p.m. at the Goettge Field House. The season will run from Jan. 6, 2007, through Feb. 10, 2007.

Intramural Football

Today

The Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune intramural football schedule for this evening is as follows: 6 p.m., II Marine Expeditionary Force takes on the Medical Battalion at Liversedge Field; also at 6 p.m., Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division takes on the 10th Marines at the Intramural Field; at 8 p.m., Cherry Point takes on the 2nd Tank Battalion aboard MCAS Cherry Point; and also at 8 p.m., the 2nd Maintenance Battalion takes on the Marine Corps Combat Support Schools at

Liversedge Field. After these games, the intramural football program will be on hiatus until Jan. 9, 2007.

Camp Lejeune High School Basketball

Friday

The Camp Lejeune Devilpups take on Richlands High School on Friday at Richlands High School. Junior varsity begins at 4:30 p.m., girls' varsity starts at 6 p.m. and the boys' varsity is at 7:30 p.m.

Golf Scramble

Dec. 16

On Saturday, Dec. 16 the Paradise Point Golf Course will be hosting a Toys for Tots scramble. The price for admission is \$10 plus a new, unwrapped toy. Registration is from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. and the tee time is at 8 a.m. Participants can register on the day of the event, but must do so prior to 7:30 a.m. Additionally, all participants must have an established handicap as play will take place on the gold course. Play will be in a scramble format with a shotgun

start. For more information, please call 451-5445.

Jingle Bell 5K Run

Dec. 21

Camp Lejeune's Semper Fit Fitness is hosting the Jingle Bell 5K Run Thursday, Dec. 21. The run is for both beginners and advanced runners. The race will start at 11:30 a.m. beginning at the corner of Ash and Holcomb Blvd. The run is free. Show up, sign the waiver, get your number and run. For more info, call 451-1210/8209.

Christmas Skate

Dec. 21

Open to the public, Thursday, Dec. 21 Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department are sponsoring the "Christmas Skate." Including skate rentals, cost per person is \$4.00 and last from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. First 300 guests will be given a free laser tag game. For more information call 347-5332 or visit www.co.onslow.nc.us/parks.

Intramural Basketball

Dec. 21

The Marine Corps Base Camp

Lejeune intramural basketball coaches' meeting will take place Dec. 21 at 6 p.m. at the Goettge Field House. The season will run from Monday, Jan. 8 through Thursday, March 8, 2007.

Camp Lejeune High School Basketball

Dec. 27

The Camp Lejeune Devilpups boys' girls varsity teams are participating in high school basketball tournament Dec. 27-29. The boys' varsity takes on White Oak at 7:30 p.m. at White Oak High School on Dec. 27. The girls' varsity will duel it out with North Lenoir at Dixon High School at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 27.

Polar Bear Plunge

Jan. 20, 2007

The Onslow County Special Olympics will sponsor a Polar Plunge at North Coxville Beach Jan. 20, 2007 to raise money for the Onslow County Special Olympics. For more information to volunteer, contact Onslow County Special Olympics Coordinator Dot Hochstrasser at (910) 388-1462.

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College football needs a playoff system to find the true No. 1 team in the Nation

By Sgt. Justin Smith
Special to THE GLOBE

I wanted an NCAA playoff to determine the national champion. I can remember. I don't know when it was, but I know it was not until this year that I put it in how a simple man might suggest such a system. The reason I finally was because of the NCAA football situation after Ohio State and Michigan remained No. 2 and possibly set for a rematch with the winner of the National Championship. In the past few years, things have changed. I really do not know how that game has taken place. It is why the BCS does not work and is in need of replacement by

think Michigan is the second best in the nation next to Ohio State, but they lost to Texas. What would happen if they would have won the national championship and Ohio State won? What if the winner was 42-41 with Ohio State as the winner (Ohio

State won the first meeting 42-39)? Michigan would have been the national champion. That would have been an injustice. But, what if a playoff were set and Michigan could still make it in? Maybe Michigan plays through and wins it all. That would seem more just.

I have a suggestion for this. Knowing that NCAA football is big in our country, I am trying to be part of the solution and not another enraged fan being part of the problem, not doing anything about it but whining.

Okay, here we go. NCAA football conferences can continue the process that they use to create seasonal scheduling.

The scheduling committees need only to ensure that each team within their respective conference plays the same amount of inter-conference games and that at season's end, all their teams have played the same amount of regular season games — 11 total games for all conferences would be perfect.

With an 11-game season, all teams within Division 1-A NCAA football would be able to begin their seasons at the same time. Currently, the college foot-

ball season kicks off at the end of August through the first week of September. With about 13 weeks available to play games, an 11-game schedule is very doable.

An 11-game schedule would allow teams the opportunity to evaluate their progress, utilize "bye weeks" to their advantage and continue the educational requirements demanded of the student athletes.

In addition, if all current 119 NCAA Division 1-A schools played an 11-game schedule, it would be easier to evaluate their abilities against other programs.

On the first Sunday in December, all regular season games would have been completed. On this day, the final regular season rankings would be released and the Conference Championship Series would be announced as well as the rest of the bowl games. This is how it could work:

All Division 1A Conference Champions will be guaranteed a position in the Conference Championship Series. Each conference will be represented, to include the Independent Conference.

This equals 12 teams. Four other "at large bids" will be selected according to the final AP rankings in the first week of December.

The four highest-ranked teams that are not conference champions will gain the at-large bids. The final regular season rankings will be complete the first Sunday of December in order to organize the bowls

and allow adequate time for the 4-week CCS. This will total a 16-team playoff.

All 32 bowl games will still be played. The CCS will require 15 games to complete. This leaves 17 other bowl games for the season's end.

Teams deserving of a bowl appearance, but not a national championship opportunity, will be selected to play in these games.

As it stands now, you see a system that has expected teams from different conferences pitted against one another by their placing within their conference.

Once the CCS is set with the 16 teams vying for the national title, the remainder of the games will be set by placing within conferences, leading to head to head match-ups between conferences, similar to how it is now.

In the event of ties in a particular conference (overall record, then conference record), the tie breaker goes to their AP ranking.

The higher ranked team will earn the spot in the bowl game or the higher ranked bowl game as necessary.

With that being said, an expanded AP ranking will be needed to cover the 119 teams currently within Division 1-A.

The following is an example of the process, shortened for understandability. The dates, teams, records, and rankings are of course for instructional purposes only. ■

Snowmaking science keeps ski resorts going

Wilson Ring
Associated Press

KILLINGTON, Vt. — Last Monday there was about four feet of snow at the gondola station at the top of Killington Peak, more than enough for the early season skiers and riders eager to test the slopes without a hint of a lift line down below.

Seventy-two hours earlier, following a spate of near-record temperatures and heavy rains, the trail was a mud pit and the slopes closed. But over the weekend temperatures dropped and Killington put its snowmaking system into high gear.

Within a day, the resort had 11 trails open, by Monday 14. With continued cold weather through much of the week, Killington expected to have 30 trails open for the weekend.

"It's not a matter of catching up, it's a matter of utilizing every minute of cold," said Killington's Dave Lacombe, the snow surfaces manager. "The idea is to put the most water on the hill."

Over the past half century, most ski resorts gave up depending on the vagaries of nature for the snow that is their livelihood. At its most basic, snowmaking is water forced through a nozzle that mixes with air and turns to snow. But like so much else, snowmaking has gone high tech.

In a December that followed a record warm November, Vermont ski areas are using that technology to make up for lost time. On the top of Killington and along the trails marked for snowmaking, skiers hear the roar of snow guns that can cover an acre of trail with a foot of snow in an hour. Trails that hadn't been targeted for snowmaking, were covered with brown grass.

At the base of Killington Peak, the resort's snowmaking system, which can cover 70 percent of the skiable terrain, is run by a bank of computers that calculate temperature, humidity, and the mix of water and compressed air needed to make snow at different points on the mountain. There are a variety of different nozzles for the snowmaking guns that are used in different circumstances.

Every day during ski season, the snowmakers meet to plan which trails will be covered and the best method for doing it. Under the right conditions snow can be made when it's as warm as 39 degrees.

"We can open the entire complex with snowmaking," said Killington Vice President Jeff Temple.

At the Stowe Mountain Resort, a fully automated snowmaking system has been installed at Spruce Peak and officials hope to expand that system to the full resort next year. ■

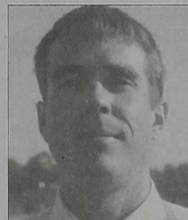
Tide tables for New River Inlet

National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration

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Low tide	2:44 a.m.	2:49 p.m.
High tide	9:01 a.m.	8:57 p.m.
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Low tide	3:33 a.m.	3:38 p.m.
High tide	9:57 a.m.	9:39 p.m.
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Low tide	4:17 a.m.	4:20 p.m.
High tide	10:48 a.m.	10:20 p.m.
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Low tide	5:00 a.m.	5:10 p.m.
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High tide	12:25 a.m.	1:39 p.m.

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Speckled trout remain active



Hook Line & Sinker
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Jamie Cameron

As the water temperature continues its steady spiral downward, the number of fish species available to the recreational sport angler decreases. This is not to say that the fishing is slower than it is at other times of the year, but the variety is not as great as it is in late spring through early fall.

You can still fill your cooler with speckled trout, as long as you're in the right place at the right time. Richard Ehrenkauer, a.k.a. Dr. Bogus, was there Saturday at the Bogue Inlet Fishing Pier when a school of 16- to 19-inch trout decided to camp out among the pilings. Dr. Bogus had the pier (and the trout) to himself and busied himself with the capture of several nice fish using white curly-tailed *Gulp!* grubs. The trouble with winter angling is the fish are highly mobile and don't stay in one spot for very long. When Dr. Bogus went back to the pier Sunday, there was nary a trout to be found.

Other trout hotspots in Bogue Sound and elsewhere include

Brown's Inlet, New River Inlet and the Cape Lookout jetty.

Don't be surprised if, while you are trying to snag a few trout for a fish fry, you find yourself in hand-to-fin combat with a red drum or two. The redfish are still active at many of the same locations that you'll find trout and take the same baits and lures. Think of them as a bonus to your creel if you land one in the 18- to 22-inch slot limit.

As the surf continues to cool, it is not unreasonable to think of catching a striped bass or two. Stripers are normally thought of as a northern fish, but a few do find their way into some of the southern inlets during the winter. If you really want to take advantage of some superb striped bass (or rockfish, as they are known in the mid-Atlantic) book a trip with a charter captain sailing out of Oregon Inlet or Hatteras Inlet on the Outer Banks.

Bluefin tuna have arrived, but they are on-again, off-again when it comes to willingness to bite a bait with a hook in it.

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Marco Andretti to test Formula 1 car in Spain

Test part of winter development program

Press Release
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Marco Andretti, the 19-year-old grandson of Mario Andretti, will test a Formula One car this week in Spain as part of the Honda Racing F1 winter development program.

Andretti, the son of Michael Andretti, will test Friday in Jerez, Spain.

"It will be a pleasure for us to give him the chance of his first experience of Formula One," Honda team sporting director Gil de Ferran said.

Andretti, the Indy Racing League's rookie of the year and runner-up in the Indianapolis 500, still plans to drive for his father's Andretti Green Racing team in the IRL next season.

"I've said all along that I'm a racer," the younger Andretti said. "I'll drive anything with a motor. ... I still have my sights set on the IndyCar Series. There are still some things I need to accomplish. But to have the opportunity to put in some laps in an F1 car is an opportunity that you don't pass up."

Michael Andretti raced in F1 for McLaren in 1993 and was the last American driver in the series until Scott Speed this year. His grandfather, Mario Andretti, was the 1978 Formula One champion.

Marco Andretti joined his grandfather, father and uncle, Jeff Andretti, as Indianapolis 500 rookies of the year. He was the IndyCar series top rookie, finishing seventh in season points. ■

Speedy Appalachian State one win away from title

Mike Cranston
Associated Press

BOONE, N.C. — Appalachian State may not have a lot of size, but no one in National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I-AA has been able to keep up with their speed.

It's why the Mountaineers are a win away from repeating as national champions.

"Everyone we play is way bigger than us, but we have that passion, that heart and that fight," running back Kevin Richardson said. "We're the smaller guy, but we come out and push and get around those guys."

Richardson rushed for 145 yards and two touchdowns in a little over two

quarters before leaving with a shoulder injury in Saturday's 49-24 rout of Youngstown State in the semifinals. Freshman Armanti Edwards rushed for 110 yards and three TDs and threw for another score in Appalachian State's 13th straight win.

It marked the third straight week that Richardson and Edwards have each rushed for over 100 yards. Richardson said the injury is not serious and he expects to play in Friday's title game in Chattanooga, Tenn., a sobering thought for Massachusetts, which will try to contain the speedy duo.

"We just hit them in the mouth. We watch the tape and read the game plan and we usually know what's going to

happen," guard Kerry Brown said.

In the playoffs, Edwards and Richardson have taken advantage of any small hole Brown and the offensive line have opened up. On Saturday, Edwards became only the fifth player in Division I history to pass for 2,000 yards and rush for 1,000 in the same season.

"He's got a great knack of seeing things and he's got tremendous quickness," coach Jerry Moore said. "Armanti is a tough football player. For his size, he's extremely tough. I like to think our whole football team is like that."

The defense has been stellar as well. Marques Murrell had two sacks and forced a fumble

Saturday against the Penguins, and has two sacks on the season.

Murrell is also part of a senior class that has lost at home, winning consecutive games in seasons at Kidd Brewer Stadium.

"It means a lot of hard work and a lot of dedication to make sure nobody comes in your house and beats you," Murrell said.

The Mountaineers (11-1) are confident as they prepare for UMass (13-1) which won at Mountain State 19-17 in the other semifinal.

But the Mountaineers haven't reached the title game since 1998, when Appalachian State knocked what to expect after beating Northern Iowa 21-14 last year in Chattanooga, Tenn. ■

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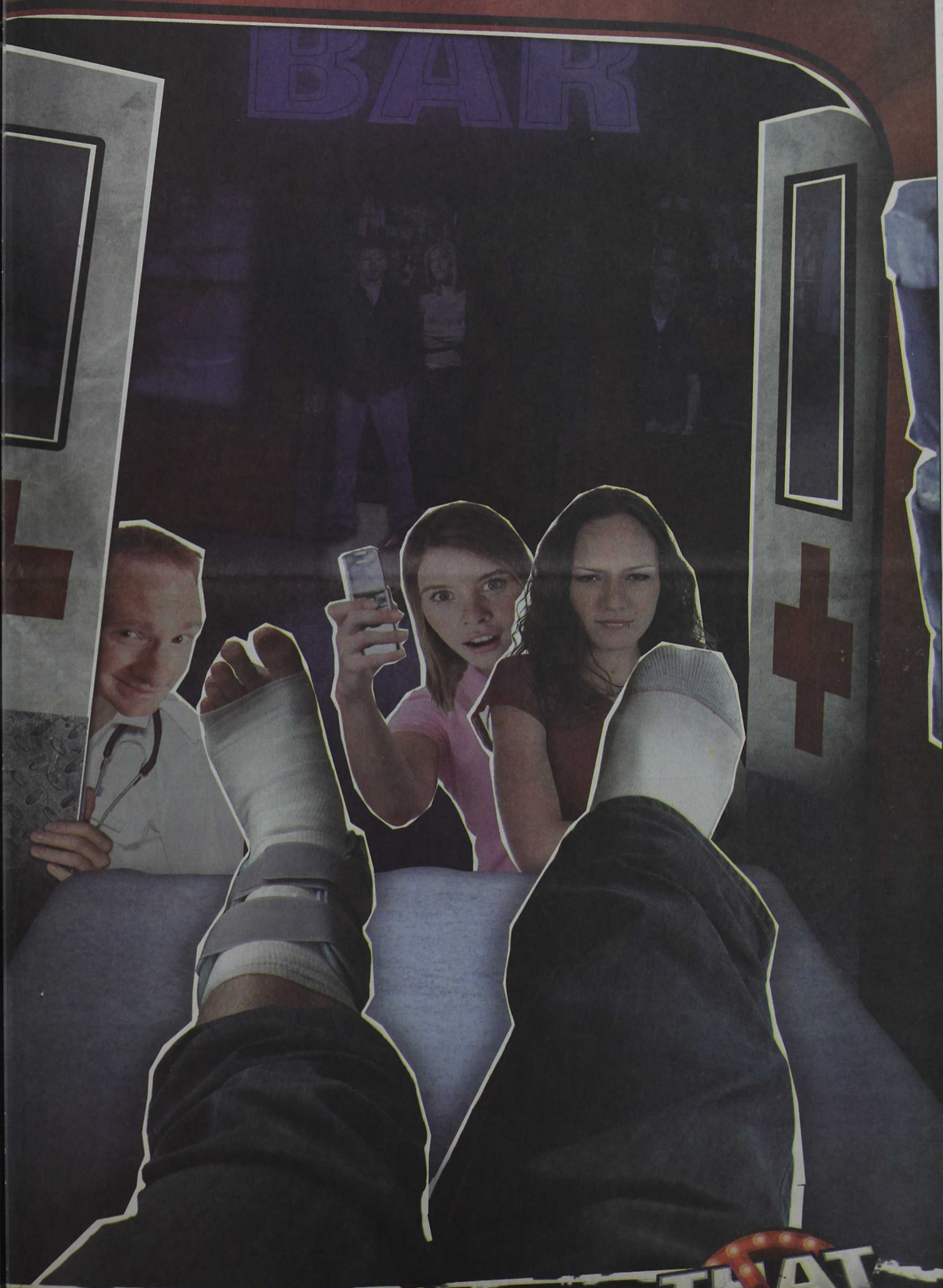
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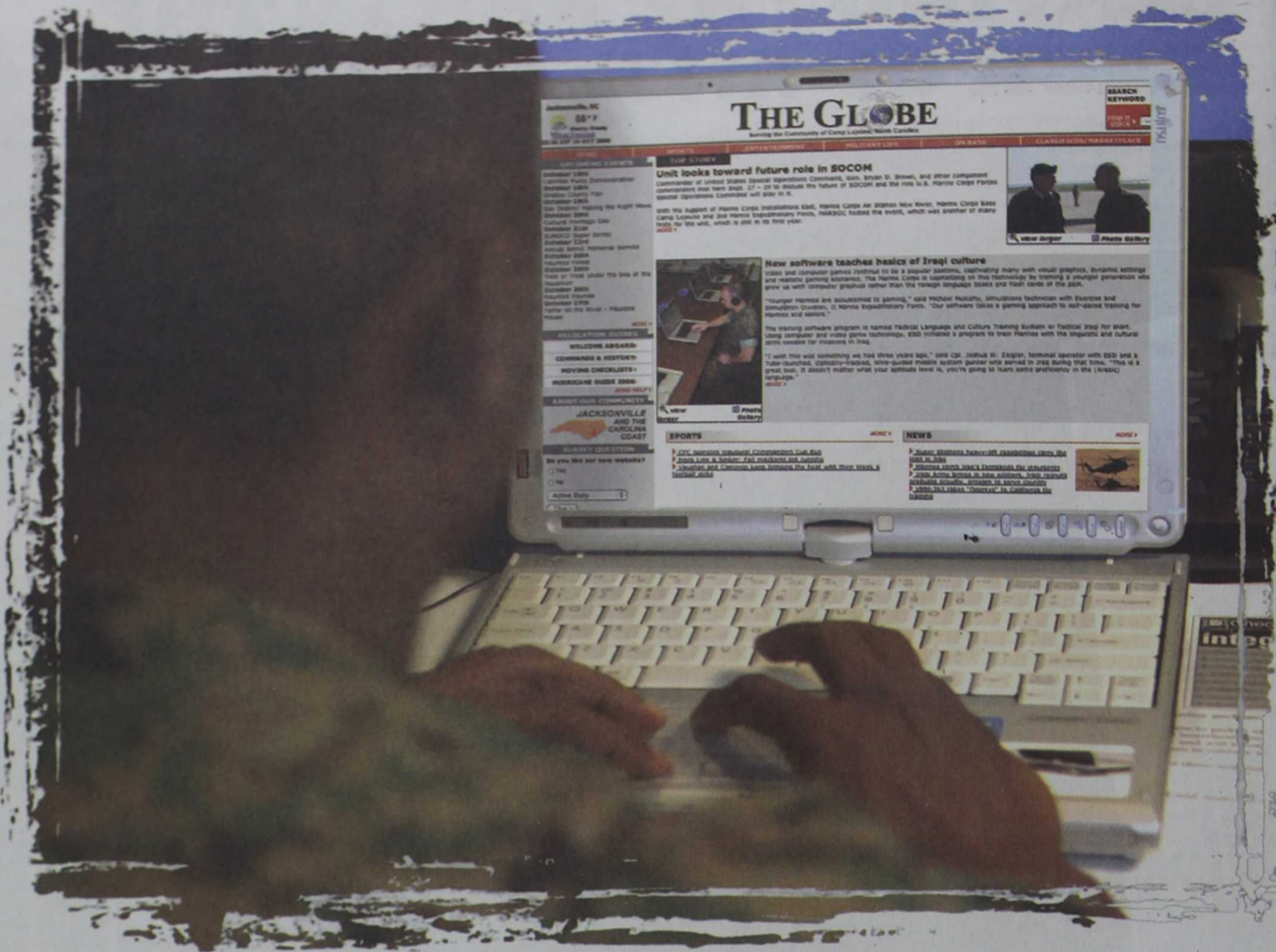


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was the first woman for Special North Carolina to compete and medal in the 800 meters and then a few years later she woman to compete and win a medal in the 1,500 meters and her mother, Laura Quinn.

ly, she was selected by Special North Carolina to be one of two (one male and female) from North Carolina to be part of the USA swim team at the World Championships in October 2007 in Shanghai, China. She also competes for the Special Olympics in basketball, bowling and soccer and even bicycled for a few years.

enjoys swimming at Camp Lejeune because of the friendly lifeguards who are so nice to her and joke with her," said her mother. "Many

of the lifeguards have learned sign language in order to communicate with her."

The woman who taught Cortney how to swim all those years ago, Stephanie Brown, attended Friday's ceremony. Twenty years ago, Brown was a lifeguard and swimming instructor at Tarawa Terrace. Now she is the aquatics director at Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point.

"It feels good to know that I helped with at least setting the foundation of her skills," said Brown. "I'm just really proud and happy for her."

The swimmer's mother explained that Cortney has been working on her distance swimming for quite a while. "We started keeping track of Cortney's swim laps for the Camp Lejeune Swim Club in the year 2000," said Quinn. "Cortney has already received a t-shirt for swimming 50 miles and a sweatshirt for swimming 200 miles."

She now swims three times a week and usually swims 30 to 32 laps each time, according to her mother.

What's Cortney's next goal?
"She is working towards her 1,000 mile goal, which will reward her with her own lane (at the Camp Lejeune swimming pool)," said the proud mother. ■

German soccer president promises crackdown on surge of racism in the country's stadiums

Press release
Associated Press

HEIDELBERG, Germany — German soccer president Theo Zwanziger promised Holocaust survivors a crackdown on the surge of racism in the country's stadiums.

Zwanziger said Monday that a new task force will use the Internet to track incidents, with offending clubs facing the threat of fines, point penalties and playing in empty stadiums if they can't control their fans.

"With a new tracking system we want to know every weekend where there were problems with fans at the 80,000 matches, and which clubs have to be held responsible for the unbearable and sometimes open racism," Zwanziger said.

Zwanziger met with the Central Council of Sinti and Roma in Heidelberg — which included Holocaust survivors — after racist chanting was heard recently at nearby stadiums in Ulm, Kaiserslautern and

Karlsruhe.

Since hosting the World Cup in June, Germany has had an alarming series of violent incidents, from the professional level down to youth and amateur matches played each weekend.

Racist and anti-Semitic chants have been widespread and the targets include dark-skinned Germany player Gerald Asamoah of Schalke and Ellery Cairo of Hertha Berlin.

"It's unbearable when I have to hear that dark-skinned players are insulted, or that right-wingers call fans or players 'gypsy band' or 'Jew hand,' or that police officers are attacked after matches," Zwanziger said.

Zwanziger told the Holocaust survivors that the more time that passes since 1945 and the end of the Nazi era, the harder Germany has to fight racism. He also said the "integration" shown by the country at the World Cup can't be ruined by the current problems. ■

Qatar grapples to host Summer Olympics

Bassem Mroue
Associated Press Writer

Qatar — If at first Qatar's bid for the 2016 Summer Olympics does not succeed, the Persian Gulf country may try again.

Qatar is proposing its capital, Doha, as a candidate for the 2016 Olympics, Sheik Saoud bin Abdul Aziz Al Thani, secretary general of the Qatar Olympic Committee, confirmed again Monday, and is holding meetings since the Asian Games in Beijing last Dec. 1 with organizations including the International Olympic Committee for Beijing 2008 and London 2012.

Qatar is really very important for Qatar now to learn experience from hosting cities of next games in Beijing and London," Al Thani told a news conference. "We already have a lot of cooperation with them and I think this will increase in the coming years, especially if Qatar in 2009 wins the bidding."

Al Thani said that the Qatari committee had received a letter of interest from the International Olympic

Committee specifying the rules for applying as a candidate city for 2016.

The 15-day Asian Games, being held for the first time in an Arab state, have given the Qatar organizers confidence that they're equipped to host an Olympics in years to come, Al Thani said.

One setback will not dent Doha's enthusiasm, he said. London won the 2012 rights in a tight vote from Paris, New York, Moscow and Madrid.

"Many major cities, or big cities, or big countries already have done so and they failed but nothing happened. I mean they still try again," Al Thani said. "We will try again. We will keep trying until maybe we win one time."

"But, God willing, we will win from the first time and we are confident of this."

This desert city spent more than US\$2.8 billion building venues and preparing to host the Asian Games and is in the process of building new roads and dozens more hotels, making Al Thani confident Doha will be ready in two years for another major event.

"We still have about two years to go so we can do

many things to solve this problem. If it has been done in Athens, the Olympics can be done anywhere in the world," he said, making reference to the Greek capital's frenzied late preparations for the 2004 Olympics.

"We are in the process of making more highways," he said. "We still have 10 years to go."

Sheik Talal al-Fahd Al Sabah, the Kuwait Olympic Committee Chairman, said last week that the current infrastructure for the Asian Games in Qatar is 90 percent of what is needed to host the Olympics.

Al Thani said that if needed, Qatar is ready to build more sports facilities. He also suggested that the Olympics be held in May or in October because the weather is very hot in the summer in Qatar.

Holding the games later in the year, outside the northern hemisphere summer, is not without precedent.

The 1956 Olympics in Melbourne, Australia were held from Nov. 22 to Dec. 8, Mexico City in 1968 from Oct. 12-27, the Seoul Games of 1988 from Sept. 17-Oct. 2 in South Korea and the Sydney Olympics in 2000 from Sept. 15-Oct. 1 in Australia. ■

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Gridiron Gurus



Gridiron Gurus struggle going into the home stretch, Week 14 away

Jamie Cameron
Assistant managing editor

Here's the thing — either I'm going to continue on the worst bad luck streak there has ever been for a moderately knowledgeable football fan picking straight up or, I'm about to embark on the greatest run of pigskin prognostication that has ever been. Over the past two weeks, I've gone 2-10 in this endeavor. I'm pretty sure that you could get better odds on being right by picking with a lab rat — and I can name at least five players on every team in the NFL and I know their season records, go figure. I'll leave it up to you to decide if you're picking with me or against me this week, but I'm not making any promises either way. Oh, and my overall impression of the league after Week 14? San Diego is poised to go to and win the Super Bowl in February — watch 'em.

On a Limb:

Indianapolis at Cincinnati — Now that every team in the league knows how to beat the Indianapolis Colts, it would seem logical for the Cincinnati Bengals to follow the same blueprint that served the Cowboys, the Titans and the Jaguars so well. The trouble is, the Bengals are not a ball-control offense, they're all about hitting the home run to wide-outs Chad Johnson and T.J. Houshmandzadeh. I realize that the Colts are reeling right now and that Cincinnati appears to be on their way to the playoffs, but this is just the sort of team that the Colts were made to beat. Pick the Colts in a shootout.

Comfort Zone:

New Orleans at Washington — Reggie Bush has finally arrived and just in time for the Saints' playoff run. This team is a poor man's NFC version of the San Diego

Chargers — they're infinitely beatable, but they also have the most-complete package in the conference. For Redskins fans, this is yet another season to forget. The 'Skins have nothing left to play for but pride. I see the Saints rolling through this one as more and more folks jump on the New Orleans bandwagon. I've been onboard since Week 2.

JamCam Special:

Pittsburgh at Carolina — Let it be known that I am a Bill Cowher fan. I like his style. I like his intensity. I like the way he coaches the Steelers. The defending Super Bowl champs fell on hard times during the 2006 season, but I know that Cowher will never let them quit. I am also a John Fox fan. The head coach of the Carolina Panthers seems to be my kind of guy, at least on television. I know that Fox will never let his team quit either. How do I pick a game between two under-achieving squads that aren't going to make the playoffs? I go with the AFC team as a representative of a better conference, but I root for a good game. Pick the Steelers.

Random Picks:

The Denver Broncos playing the Arizona Cardinals would have been a laughable match-up three weeks ago, but now it's an intriguing game. Cardinal QB Matt Leinhardt is the real deal so I'm going with Arizona. St. Louis at Oakland — who really cares at this point? Pick the Rams to score at will and win this one easily. The New England Patriots laid a duck egg last week against Miami, but they'll take out their frustrations on an ever-improving Texan team.

Last week: 1-5 Season record: 35-43

Shane Suzuki
Military editor

All in all, it's been a good December for me. I've gone 13-5 so far this month and am finally coming through on my big money picks. This year's NFL season has been quite a roller coaster ride with teams like the Bengals and Dolphins starting off slow and finishing the year on amazing winning streaks. But, with the Colts faltering at the end and the Chargers looking unbeatable, the only thing we know for sure is that we know nothing for sure. On to the picks!

The \$5 picks...

Philadelphia (7-6) at NY Giants (7-6) — This game will be one of the more interesting games of the week. Can Eagles quarterback Jeff Garcia keep up his stellar play and lead the Eagles to the playoffs? Which Eli Manning will show up? Will the Giants finally give up on head coach Tom Coughlin? Not this week. The Giants win behind their stellar running game in a low scoring affair.

NY Jets (7-6) at Minnesota (6-7) — Two teams following opposite trends. The Vikings started off hot and were a chic pick to make the playoffs. The Jets were a team everything thought would be in a rebuilding year and now look like a legitimate playoff contender. It's amazing the difference a healthy Chad Pennington makes. Jets win, Jets win.

The \$10 picks...

Detroit (2-11) at Green Bay (5-8) — Two things going against the Lions in this one. 1) They are a bad football team and

2) the Packers almost never lose at home in December. The Packers win.

Miami (6-7) at Buffalo (6-7) — I thought Joey Harrington would be the savior for the Dolphins? Well, he went out and skipped over MVP candidate Drew Brees to sign Drew Brees, who immediately made the Dolphins look like the worst team in the league. Insert Joey Harrington and they are 5-1 and looking like a built for the future. Except for never wins in the cold, and Buffalo is cold this time of year win.

The \$20 pick...

Kansas City (7-6) at San Diego (7-6) — Game of the week! Game of the week! The two best running backs in the league will be facing off against each other. Except that the Chargers clinched a playoff spot and will be looking to rest key skill players like LaDainian Tomlinson and LaDainian Tomlinson and Rivers. Still, the Chargers defense has been amazing this year and they are an inconsistent team at best. San Diego wins.

The \$50 pick...

Cleveland (4-9) at Baltimore (4-9) — Baltimore's defense suddenly looked did when they won the Super Bowl. They are making plays and scoring touchdowns, while the offense manages to turn the ball over and score just to win. While they are not an elite team, they play basic, hard-hitting ball and make enough plays to win. The Ravens win big as they test San Diego for home field advantage. Season stats 18-11, plus \$90

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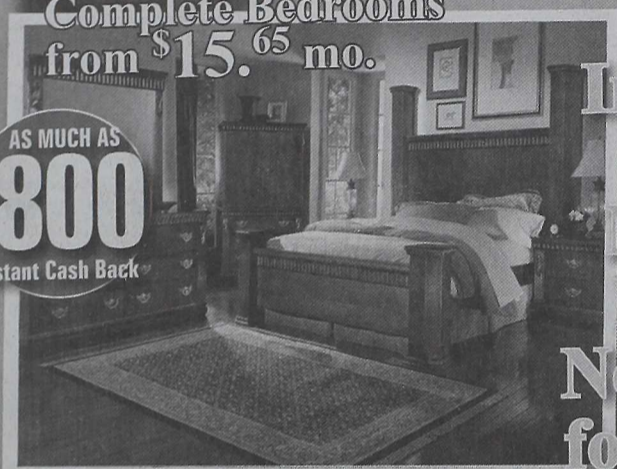


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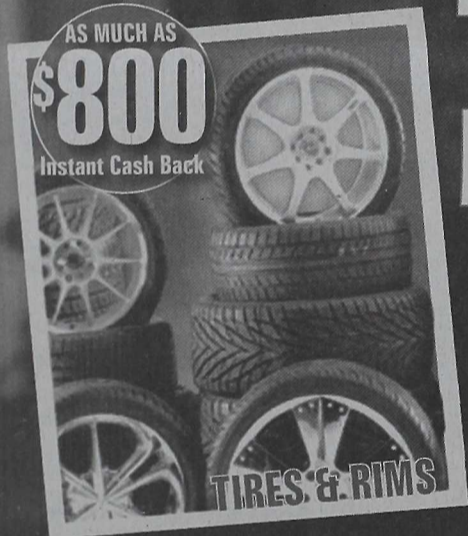
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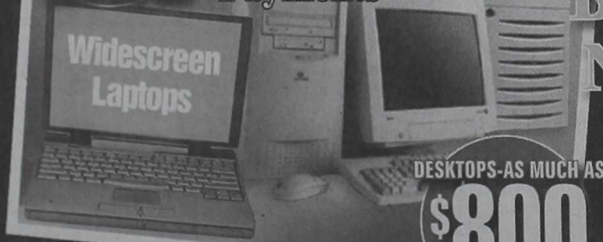
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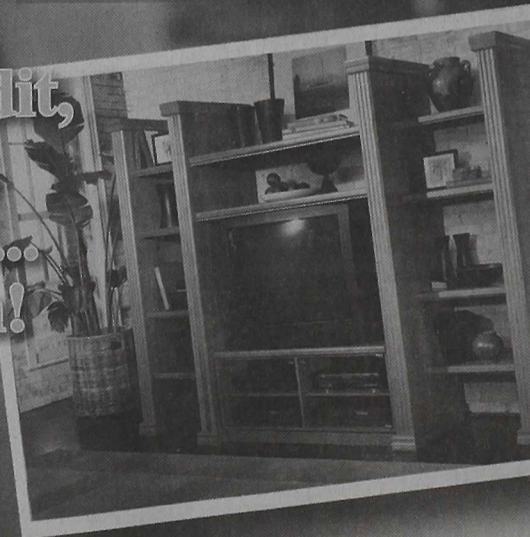


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Free camping offered to service members

Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen
Marine Corps Base

The Brewster Campgrounds has opened its gate to service members for free camping from now until the end of January.

The 14 campsites, which normally cost \$12 a night to camp, are being offered for free to give service members who are about to deploy a cheap and easy place to spend quality time with their family, said Bill Moore, the outdoor recreation coordinator for Marine Corps Community Services.

The offer is also an opportunity for MCCS to show off the nearly \$10,000 of improvement they have made to the campgrounds, said Moore. Each of the sites has been equipped with brand new picnic tables, trash cans and repairs have been made to the pavilions.

Even though the offer is during the winter, it can still be a good time for camping, said Moore.

"My favorite time to go camping is now," said Moore. "There are no bugs, you don't sweat and you can build a good fire."

The Outdoor Recreation Department has been making an effort to return many of the campsites to

its natural state by limiting automobile traffic to certain areas of the campground, said Moore. This leaves the old roads to be used for biking, hiking, walking and horse-back riding.

The department is also planning on releasing a map of the trails on base by the end of the year, said Moore.

A draft copy is available by calling or emailing Bill Moore at moorewi@usmccs.org and 451-7420.

The campground follows the rules of leave no trace, said Moore.

Leave no trace has seven principles, according to the Leave No Trace National Center for Outdoor Ethics Web site. They are: plan ahead and prepare, travel and camp on durable surfaces, dispose of waste properly, leave what you find, minimize campfire impacts, respect wildlife and be considerate of other visitors.

Leave No Trace is an international program whose mission is to educate outdoor enthusiasts on the impact they have on the environment and teach them techniques to reduce those impacts, according to the Web site. Campers should pack out everything they pack in, to keep the area pristine for others. ■



Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen

Bedroom view: The Outdoor Recreation Department with Marine Corps Community Services has offered camping at the Brewster Campground for free from now until the end of January. The free camping is being offered so families can spend quality time together.

Medal of Honor recipient speaks to 2nd MLG Marines on leadership

Cpl. Matthew K. Hacker
2nd Marine Logistics Group

On March 2, 1971, President Richard M. Nixon awarded a Herndon, Va., farmer who never completed the eighth grade with the distinguished Medal of Honor for his actions of bravery and valor in the Quang Tri Province during the Vietnam War.

On Nov. 30, 2006, this recipient of the highest award in the history of the military spoke to members of the 2nd Marine Logistics Group at the Paradise Point Officer's Club about his experiences in leadership.

Combat Logistics Group 2, 2nd MLG, in conjunction with the



Cpl. Matthew K. Hacker

Sage advice: Wesley Lee Fox, a 43-year veteran of the Marine Corps, speaks to members of the 2nd MLG.

Marine Corps Association, planned and coordinated the event and hosted retired Col. Wesley Lee Fox, a 43-year veteran of the Corps. He is uniquely distinguished

by having held all enlisted and officer ranks from private to colonel with the exception of the ninth enlisted rank.

See MEDAL page 2C

Safety fair warns Marines against 'hot-dogging and beer goggles'

Lance Cpl. Patrick M. Fleischman
Marine Corps Base

What do beer goggles, hot dogs, and strapping yourself into a car have in common? Answer: keeping Marines safe during this upcoming holiday season.

Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune hosted their first 'Winter Safety Fair' at Marston Pavilion Dec. 7.

"We're here to better educate our Marines regarding operational risk management, situational awareness, emergency procedures and action plans, off-duty safety with an emphasis on personal motor vehicles including motorcycles and seasonal weather safety," said Sgt. David J. Edger, logistics chief for Headquarters and Support Battalion.

In the pavilion parking lot, Marines were greeted with free lunch, simulated-drunken driving course that uses goggles with altered lenses to reproduce the effects of driving drunk and the 'The Convincer', a machine that simulates a five-mile-an-hour-crash.

"Once you put the goggles on you feel like you're drunk. I can't believe someone would actually drive in this state," said Lance Cpl. Christopher Kinney, corrections guard for Brig Company, Headquarters and Support Battalion.

Also in attendance at the event, each with a booth in the pavilion, were the base chaplains, the Hearing Protection Program, Army Veterinary Treatment

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New state laws affect seatbelts, cell phones and alcohol rules

Lance Cpl. Patrick M. Fleischman
Marine Corps Base

New North Carolina laws taking effect Dec. 1 will require young drivers to hang up, backseat passengers to buckle up, and prevent judges from turning down more drunk-driving cases as well as bolster current alcohol-related laws.

"These new laws protect our service members off base, but we have some of these policies already in effect on base," said Richard L. Knight, traffic safety specialist for Camp Lejeune Base Safety Division.

There is already a base order requiring all drivers to use a hands-free device while driving on base, but under the new North Carolina law, drivers under the age of 18 are barred from talking on a cell phone while driving even with a hands-free device unless they are

talking to police or parents, said Sean Magill, a traffic sergeant with the Jacksonville Police Department Traffic Division.

Teenagers who break the law can face a \$25 fine and have their probationary driving period extended for six months, added Magill.

"Teenagers already have so much on their minds. This new law tries to make them focus on the task at hand - driving," said Magill. "Cell phones have become a staple in teenager's hands and they can forget that it's dangerous to use while driving."

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for 15-to-20-year-olds, causing roughly one-third of all deaths for this age group, according to the 'Teen Unsafe Driving Behaviors Focus Group Final Report' from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Also released on Dec. 1 is house bill 1048, the 'Motor Vehicle Driver Protection Act', which seeks to ensure prosecutors and judges handle impaired-driving cases consistently across North Carolina's counties, according to the bill.

According to the NHTSA between 2004 and 2005, alcohol-related fatalities increased 1.7 percent from 16,694 to 16,972.

There are also new penalties for drunken drivers whose accidents cause serious injuries or death and breathalyzer data showing a driver's blood alcohol content at or above the legal limit of 0.08 percent will be considered evidence of impaired driving, according to the new law.

"This new law will better protect the public from the dangers of drunk drivers by strengthening existing DWI statutes and making sure they are applied fairly and consistently throughout the state,"

said Gov. Mike Easley. "I commend the task force for its efforts to keep drunk drivers off North Carolina highways and make safe travel a top priority."

The law limits judges' discretion to find a DWI defendant not guilty if the breathalyzer test results show a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or greater according to a press release by Easley's office.

Easley's press release continues to explain that it requires prosecutors to document and report reasons for dismissing DWI cases, which the Administrative Office of the Courts can post on its web site. It also expands the definition of impaired driving to include the presence of any amount of illegal drugs in the blood.

Adding new categories the new law stiffens penalties for those with DWI convictions who injure or

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Quick Shots

Lockout pro-
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effective Jan. 1, 2007, the Provost Marshal's office will no longer provide routine lockout services to Family Housing residents.

For emergency lockouts, emergency services will still be provided.

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For assistance, contact the locksmith at the resident's own expense.

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events:

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Wilmington
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Food Service Company wins best field mess in Marine Corps

Cpl. Matthew K. Hacker
2nd Marine Logistics Group

In light of their Oct. 4 first-place finish in the Marine Corps-wide Maj. Gen. W. P. T. Hill Memorial Award for Food Service Competition, Food Service Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, celebrated the well-earned victory and prepares for next year's event.

Having beaten the other three finalists to include Marine Force Reserves 4th

MLG, New Orleans, 6th Engineer Support Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan, and Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, 1st Marine Air Wing, for the win, the company as a whole felt a great sense of pride and accomplishment.

"I feel ecstatic because it showed the capability and knowledge that is possessed by the Marines in the company," said Sgt. Jarvis Dixon, a food service specialist with the com-

pany. "Winning the W.P.T. Hill Awards were proof to our leaders that we retained a lot of training, and it gives them confidence in our abilities."

Every Marine in the company was proud of the end results, said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Lakendrick Wright, company commander, which impressed upon them the values of their training for the last few months.

"I'm proud to be a part of the best Field Mess in the Marine Corps, and I'm

enjoying this moment for all the Marines that worked with me," Lance Cpl. Darnell S. Ham, also a food service specialist.

This win definitely showed the company, the regiment and the MLG our capabilities, added Wright. This in turn enables all food service Marines within the MEF to enhance their knowledge and learn from each other.

"The Hill Competition is the biggest food service event inspection for every branch of service so it's

always an honor to be considered 'the best of the best,'" said Wright.

They decided to keep their award winning structure plan the same, but added a few decorations to acknowledge its proximity to the Halloween holiday, Wright said.

Site layout includes the security element and people flow, meal preparation includes recipe accuracy and speed, and administration records deals with official publications and their standard operating

procedures. The company will receive a plaque or trophy from MEF, and will receive a Trophy from Headquarters Marine Corps and International Food Service Executive Association March.

"They are some of the best Marines the Corps to offer," said Wright, definitely an honor to work with the Marines of Service Company and continue to impress only me but the Marine Corps." ■

MEDAL CONTINUED FROM 1C

Having talked about being to Korea twice and injured once and serving as both a drill instructor and recruiter, Fox directed his focus on Vietnam and his personal experiences in 1968.

On Feb. 22, 1968, when Fox was with Company A, 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, in Okinawa, Japan, as the commanding officer, he led his Marines into battle in the Quang Tri Province in Vietnam and began to make history.

His official award citation reads: "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as commanding officer of Company A, in action against the enemy in the northern A Shau Valley. Capt. (then 1st Lt.) Fox's company came under intense fire from a large well-concealed enemy force. Capt. Fox maneuvered to a position from which he could assess the situation and confer with his platoon leaders. As they departed to execute the plan he had devised, the enemy attacked and Capt. Fox was wounded along with all of the other members of the command group, except the executive officer. Capt. Fox continued to direct the activity of his company. Advancing through heavy enemy fire, he personally neutralized one enemy position and calmly ordered an assault against the hostile emplacements. He then moved through the hazardous area, coordinating aircraft support with the activities of his men. When his executive officer was mortally wounded, Capt. Fox reorganized the company and directed the fire of his men as they hurled grenades against the enemy and drove the hostile forces into retreat. Wounded again in the final assault, Capt. Fox refused medical attention, established a defensive posture and supervised the preparation of casualties for medical evacuation. His indomitable courage, inspiring initiative and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of grave personal danger inspired his Marines to such aggressive action that they overcame all enemy resistance and destroyed a large bunker complex. Capt. Fox's heroic actions reflect great credit

upon himself and the Marine Corps and uphold the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service."

"There were a number of Marines deserving of the Medal of Honor during that battle," said Fox. "But they couldn't receive it because of the lack of two eye witnesses because they didn't make it out alive. But in my opinion, when 90 men take out enough men to kill 105, every Marine is deserving of recognition."

Fox continued to speak about leadership and how the Marine Corps has developed over the past 50 years.

"They definitely make a better Marine today than we did in the past," said Fox. "They still have the same heart, but now we've tied family values into the Corps. I believe we have a better Marine Corps than we ever had in the past and now we have the equipment to get the job done."

Having recently finished eight years as the deputy commandant with Corps Cadets at Virginia Tech, Fox now travels the country speaking at schools about setting and achieving goals and making life choices.

"I tell the kids to plan to be the president of the United States and then if they end up being the commandant of the Marine Corps they're still doing okay," he said.

Fox has also recently authored a book entitled, "Marine Rifleman," which includes his memoirs on his experiences in the Marine Corps.

There is a chapter on each rank he held during his career with experiences and points of view from all.

"The book is an exceptional read," said Col. Thomas Collins, commanding officer, CLR-2, 2nd MLG. "It's a great book on leadership and I suggest (staff noncommissioned officers) and officers pick up a copy."

"There's no question Colonel Fox is a real Marine Corps legend, but one of the reasons I really like him is because he's a very humble person," Collins said. "He's a Marine's Marine and he doesn't wear his award on his sleeve."

In addition to the Medal of Honor, Fox's awards include the Navy Commendation Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, a Bronze Star with "V" for valor and four Purple Heart Medals. ■



Lance Cpl. Patrick M. Fle...
Drunk driving: Cpl. Robert Faidley, safety non-commissioned officer for Company A, and S David Martinez, staff non-commissioned-officer-in-charge, Brig Company both part of Head and Support Battalion, drive a golf cart using 'beer goggles', which simulate drunk driving.

SAFETY CONTINUED FROM 1C

Facility, Base Installations and Environment Department, Marine Corps Community Services Community Counseling Center, MCCC Health Promotions, North Carolina State Police, SemperFit, Navy, Marine Corps Relief Society, Base Safety Division booths explaining sexual health and responsibility, tobacco cessation, nutrition and weight management.

The vendors were chosen to provide information on a variety of different from personal health and fitness to financial management, said Edger.

"Being a part of this event is important because it gives us a unique opportunity to directly communicate with the Marines. We want the Marines to enjoy their season, but they need to know their limits and think ahead when it comes to drinking at events and parties," said Christy Alvarez, health promotion prevention educational promotion specialist for MCCC.

The entire event was preceded by a morning lecture hosted by Col. Andrew Hodges, commanding officer, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune and Col. David Leppelmeier, commanding officer, Headquarters and Support Battalion, Dec. 6 base movie theater where Marines were spoken to about topics such as substance abuse, drunk driving, suicide awareness for both themselves and their fellow Marines and stress management.

Forty-one percent of people consider the holiday time somewhat stressful so it is important to control the factors of stress such as overspending, poor time management, said Lt. Cmdr. David Shirk, battalion chaplain, Headquarters and Support Battalion.

"The bottom line here is that we're talking about taking care of Marine sailors. I'm not asking you to look for people to help that'd be nice, but just to look out for the people around you," said Shirk. ■

Courts-Martial

Lance Cpl. Ash W. Beaver, Anti-Terrorism Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, was convicted of one count of unauthorized absence ended by apprehension. He was sentenced to confinement for a period of four months, forfeiture of \$3,396, a bad-conduct discharge and reduction to private.

Lance Cpl. Richard S. Jerome, Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, was convicted of one count of unauthorized absence, one count of wrongful use of marijuana and one count of larceny. He was sentenced to confinement for a period of 90 days, a bad-conduct discharge and reduction to private.

Pfc. Kyle R. Stone, a member of 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, was convicted at a special court-martial of one count of unauthorized absence. He was sentenced to confinement for a period of 100 days, forfeiture of \$2,100 and reduction to private.

Pvt. Lindsay K. Lundberg, Combat Logistics Battalion 2, Combat Logistics Regiment 2, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, was convicted of three counts of larceny. She was sentenced to confinement for a period of five months, forfeiture of \$5,088 and a bad-conduct discharge.

Pvt. Logan J. Brownlee, a member of 2nd Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 25, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, was convicted of one count of a failure to obey a lawful order, one count of wrongful use of an amphetamine and one count of restriction breaking. He was sentenced to confinement for a period of four months, forfeiture of \$3,200 and a bad-conduct discharge.

Pvt. Andrew C. Paul, 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, was convicted of one count of unauthorized absence. He was sentenced to confinement for a period of 60 days and a bad-conduct discharge.

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The new penalties are going to hold drivers more accountable, make the courts more diligent for prosecution and will help law enforcement be more effective due to the possible felony that might receive and all of these will lead to a reduction of drunk-driving deaths," said Magill.

Included in the new laws is a section that makes it unlawful for people under

21 to drink alcohol. Prior to the ban this only applied to possessing alcohol, and beer keg purchases will now require a permit. Supporters say this will discourage adults from obtaining alcohol for minors, according to the press release.

"This will hold the person purchasing a keg for underage drinkers personally responsible criminally or civilly for anything that happens," said Magill.

Lastly a new seatbelt law, starting Dec. 1, requires all passengers, not just young passengers or those in the front seat, to buckle up, according to North Carolina Senate Bill 774.

More than 43,200 people died on the nation's highways in 2005, up from 42,636 in 2004. Injuries dropped from 2.79 million in 2004 to 2.68 million in 2005, a decline of 4.1 percent while 55 percent of vehicle occupants who died in 2005 were not wearing a seatbelt, according to a preliminary report from the NHTSA.

"Every year this country experiences a national tragedy that is as preventable as it is devastating," said Norman Y. Mineta, secretary of the NHTSA in a press release.

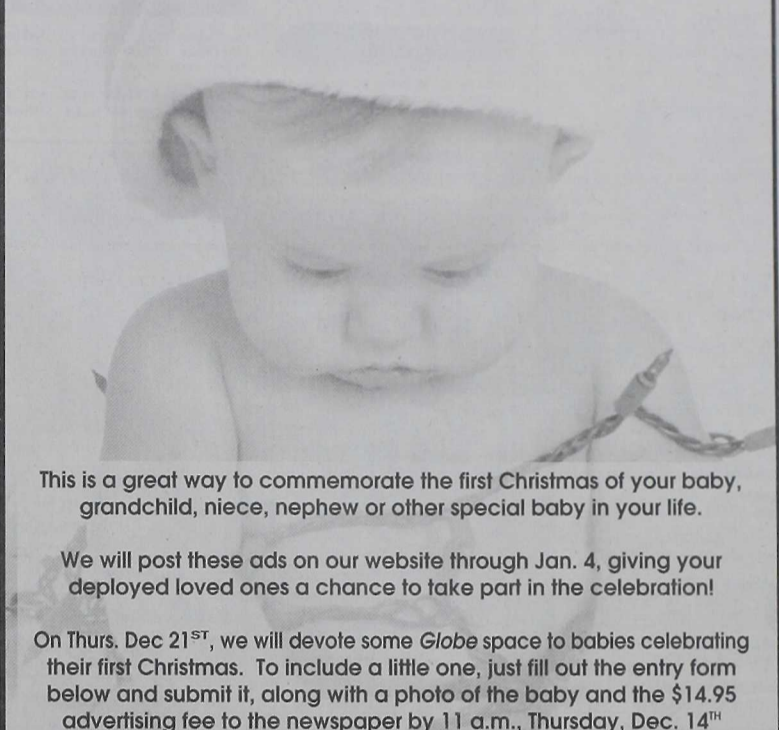
"We have the tools to prevent this tragedy - every car has a safety belt, every motorcycle rider should have a helmet and everyone should have enough sense to never drive while impaired."

The inconvenience this new law may cause is far outweighed by the potential for injury or death from an accident, added Magill.

"These new laws are giving us the tools to combat some of the major problems in this state and were glad to know that these problems are being recognized and responded to," concluded Magill. ■

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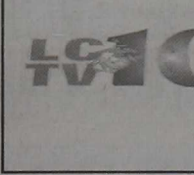
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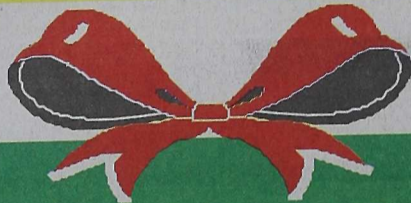
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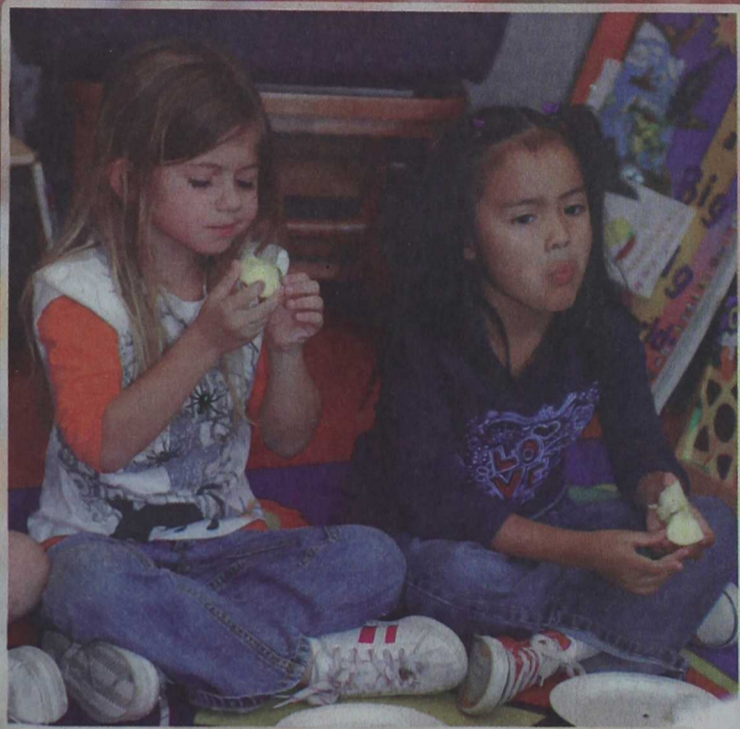
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USDA grant helps Lejeune schools start Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program



Tarawa Terrace II Elementary School kindergarten students Katelyn Guice and Cassandra Lopez enjoy their grapples — apples that smell and taste like grapes.

Story and photos by
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Carolina Living Editor

"I ate it all, even the core!" boasted Peter Twist, a second-grader at Tarawa Terrace II Elementary School.

The 8-year-old wasn't excited about junk food, but instead a grapple, one of many new exotic fruits being introduced to students at both TTH and Johnson Primary schools aboard Camp Lejeune thanks to a \$124,280 grant to provide fresh fruits and vegetables for the schools.

Besides grapples — which are Washington apples soaked in grape flavoring without added calories — students and parents are now able to sample a variety of fruits and vegetables at the schools, including kumquats, Alabama satsumas (similar to tangerines), starfruits, asparagus, pomegranates, eggplants and pluots, a cross between a plum and an apricot and also known as a "dinosaur egg."

"We are so lucky," said Jan Holt, Director of Child Nutrition Programs at Camp Lejeune. "Yes, more labor is involved, yes, it's more costly, but it's so beneficial for the students. It's worth every second."

It is TTH's third year and Johnson Primary's first year receiving the grant, which comes from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The USDA gave the grant to 25 North Carolina schools of various economic backgrounds. However, a requirement of the grant was that 50 percent of the students be qualified for reduced-price meals.

Students at both schools now receive an additional serving of fresh fruit or vegetable every day during morning or afternoon snack time. Extra fruit and vegetables are made available at lunch and at the front entrance of the schools.

This Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program is in addition to the school's Farm to Fresh program, which allows Holt to take locally grown fruit and vegetables and put them on the school's menu.

"We try to work with the farms and buy surplus and incorporate it into our menus. This way we're also putting dollars back into the local community," said Holt.

An integral part of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program is nutrition education. In the warmer months, children are taken to local farms to learn about different varieties of fruits and vegetables.

"Most kids who live on base don't realize how close the agricultural side of it is," said TTH Principal Mike Starrett. "We want to show them the producers instead of the consumers."

In-school nutrition lessons teach the children what they're eating and, according to Holt, it appears to increase student's desire for the particular fruit or vegetable. "The beautiful thing is that children begin to understand it from an educational perspective," said Holt.

At lunch time, Holt says more children are choosing healthier options. "The food we get here is phenomenal. Very few children bring a lunchbox anymore," said Holt.

The move to healthier eating also carries over to the TTH cafeteria kitchen, where very few items are fried. "Frying is out and baking is in," said Holt. Three quarters of the lunch food is prepared at the school — they even make their bread from scratch.

"I personally don't believe everything should come out of a box," said Holt. ■



Cafeteria worker Theresa Foy shows students the proper way to eat a kumquat.

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After inheriting a vineyard in the south of France from his late uncle, played by the great Albert Finney ("Big Fish," "Erin Brokovich"), Max travels to Provence to tend to the small estate. Here, he finally has to learn how to relax and enjoy his leisure time.

Max, who grew up partly under the wing and spell of his colorful and free-thinking Uncle Henry, reconnects with his past and mellows after he moves out to the country and occupies his uncle's farmhouse.

Freddie Highmore ("Charlie and the Chocolate Factory") plays the young Max.

Beautiful French actress, Marion Cotillard ("Big Fish," "A Very Long Engagement"), costars as Fanny Chanel, a flirtatious café owner who captures Max's interest; and Abbie Cornish ("One Perfect Day") plays Max's American cousin who also tries to claim ownership of the farm.

Director Ridley Scott ("Kingdom of Heaven," "Black Hawk Down," "Hannibal") teams up once again with his "Gladiator" star and brings us this relaxed and charming comedy about a life changing time and a romp in the wine country of Provence.

The story is adapted from the 2004 novel by Peter Mayle (*A Year in Provence*), an English author, who made his permanent home in this region.

"A Good Year" is a magical and delightful, beautiful and serene film with the added pleasure of seeing the wonderful and irresistible charm of the region's countryside.

"BORAT" (R)

"Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan" is a hilarious, raunchy and shocking satire.

Sacha Baron Cohen, aka Ali G, ("Talladega Nights," "Madagascar") stars as Borat Sagdiyev, a Kazakhstani TV commentator who is dispatched to the U.S. to report on the greatest country in the world.

Along with his producer Azamat Bagatov,



Photo courtesy of DreamWorks

'A Good Year.' Russell Crowe stars as Max Skinner, an investment expert who falls in love with a flirtatious cafe owner, played by Marion C

played by Kenneth Davitian ("Holes," "A Man Apart"), Borat takes a cross-country trip where he meets real people in real situations with hysterical consequences.

Trying to understand Americans and making screeching faux pas along the way, Borat becomes fascinated with locating and marrying Pamela Anderson, who plays herself.

Director Larry Charles ("Masked and Anonymous") brings us this insanely offensive and strangely likeable satire. He also helped write the screenplay.

"Borat" is crude, tasteless, politically incorrect and probably very offensive for most people; however, this movie is endearing and wildly funny.

One note of caution: Do not bring your children to this film, it has pervasive strong crude and sexual content, including graphic nudity and offensive language.

"FLUSHED AWAY" (PG)

"Flushed Away" is an animated feature from Aardman Animation, the company that gave us "Wallace and Gromit."

This new comedy involves a rodent who gets flushed out of a penthouse apartment and finds himself in the sewers of the rough end of London.

Hugh Jackman ("X-Men") lends his voice to Roddy St. James, a high-class pampered house pet who thinks he's got it made. He lives the sweet life in a luxury apartment until he is accidentally getting flushed down a commode.

Due to a foiled plan with a sewer rat named Sid, voiced by Shane Richie ("Shoreditch"), Roddy goes waste water rafting when he is swept from his penthouse bathroom into a scary trip through London's sewer system and finds himself suddenly living in the sewers.

While discovering a different kind of life

underground, Roddy meets the feisty Rita, voiced by Kate Winslet ("Titanic"), a self-reliant and street-wise scavenger rat, who has a mission of her own.

If Roddy has any chance of going home, he and Rita need to escape the clutches of the villainous Toad, the underworld's evil crime boss, voiced by Ian McKellen ("Lord of the Rings").

Toad despises all rodents and has dispatched two hapless henchrats, Spike and Whitey, whose voices belong to Bill Nighy ("Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest") and Andy Serkis ("King Kong"), as well as his cousin, the dreaded mercenary, Le Frog, voiced by none other than the fabulous Jean Reno ("The Da Vinci Code").

David Bowers, who has worked on such wonderful animated features as "Roger Rabbit," "Chicken Run" and "Shark Tale", makes his directing debut with the help of Sam Fell, who also had a hand in writing the story.

"Flushed Away" is another one of those many animated critter features of this year. This one, at least, is witty and clever, humorous and inventive, and wonderful entertainment for an outing with the entire family.

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"THE NATIVITY STORY" (PG)

"The Nativity Story" presents the two year period of Mary and Joseph's life, which culminates in their leaving Nazareth and journeying 100 miles to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus.

The movie retells the familiar story of the birth of Jesus, but is told with more detail of the gritty realism of Jewish life under the oppressive Roman rule.

"The Nativity Story" chronicles the arduous journey of two young people, a miraculous pregnancy and the history-defining

birth of Jesus.

Keisha Castile-Hughes ("Whale" stars as Mary, the young girl who was a vision that she will give birth to the Messiah.

She must confront the doubts of her band, Joseph, played by newcomer Isaac ("Blood Diamond"), and take the journey to Bethlehem.

Shohreh Aghdashloo ("The House and Fog") costars as Elizabeth, Mary who becomes the mother of John the Baptist. Ciaran Hinds ("Miami Vice") is Kim and Alexander Siddig ("Syriana") is Gabriel.

"The Nativity Story" is directed by Catherine Hardwicke ("Lords of the Desert," "Thirteen," "Laurel Canyon").

Screenwriter Mike Rich ("The Finding Forrester") combined the story from the bible looking between the doubts, fears and faith.

The filmmakers were committed to the authenticity of this story and every detail with regards to location, props, look and feel, culture and tradition. They also had assistance from historical theologians in the creation of this film.

Because the original location of Bethlehem and Nazareth have been modernized over the years, the producers chose the location of the village of Nazareth in Italy which is virtually unchanged over centuries and was previously used for the Passion of the Christ.

Additionally, they also shot scenes in Quarzate, Morocco where "Gladiator" and "Kingdom of Heaven" were filmed.

"The Nativity Story" is a dramatic and compelling story that comes to life on the major motion picture with an intense cast.

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SUNDAY	"The Santa Clause 3," G, 3:30 p.m.; "Flicka," PG, 6:30 p.m.
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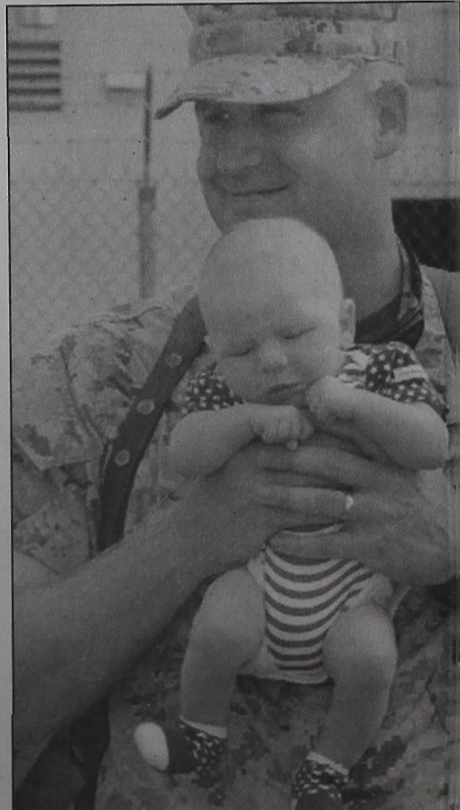
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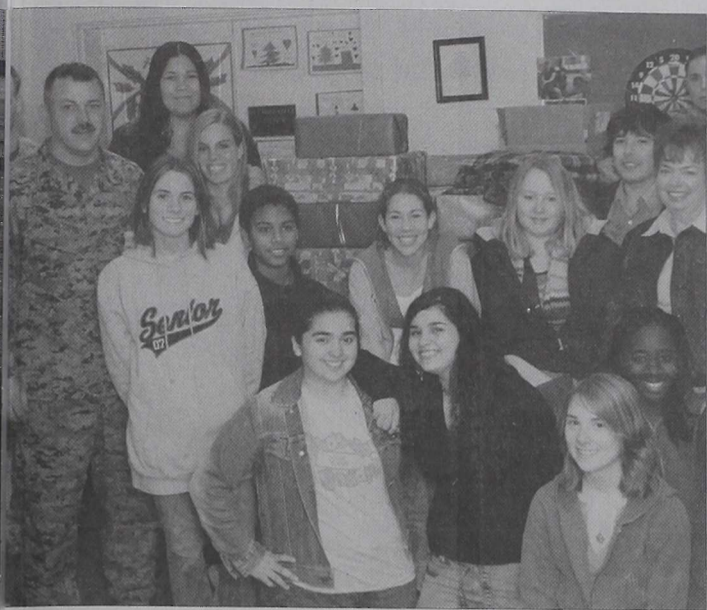
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Stay Marine

Camp Lejeune Schools give holiday gifts to Wounded Warriors



Jamie Cameron

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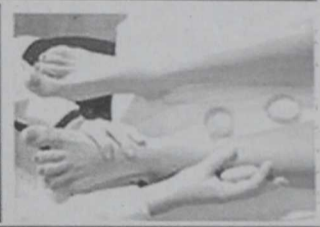
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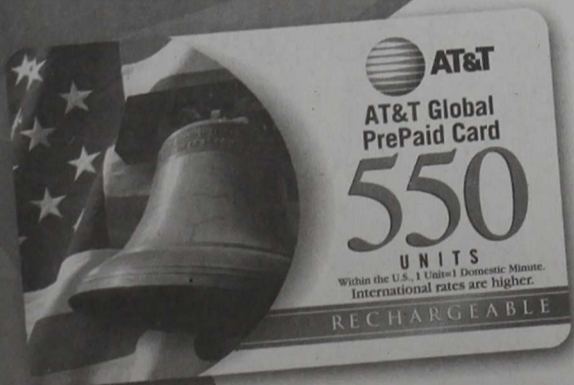
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Ben & Jerry's presents gift to Wounded Warrior Barracks at ribbon cutting

Story and photos by
Amy Segreti
Carolina Living Editor

The new Ben & Jerry's at the Main Exchange takes the cake for not only providing tasty treats on base but by directing their efforts toward positive causes.

they give back to the community," said Marine Corps Community Services Director Jay Sollis.

At a ribbon cutting ceremony Dec. 7, Ed Barber, local franchise owner, presented a \$300 check to the Wounded Warrior Barracks.

"We're about a lot more than cutting the ribbon and eating ice cream," said Sollis.

Gunnery Sgt. Barnes accepted the award on the behalf of the wounded warriors.

Other programs Ben & Jerry's is participating in include the Read It and Eat program, in which students are encouraged to read in order to receive a coupon for a free ice cream cone. Details are available at the base library.

Ben & Jerry's has partnered with the

Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune to create a Give a Pint program. If donors give a pint of blood, they receive a coupon for a free pint of ice cream.

Barber also holds monthly non-profit nights, in which 30 percent of the sales of all of the tips go toward charities.

For more information about any of the programs, call 451-4557. ■



A scoop of generosity: Main Exchange store manager Catherine Bruggeman, Chris Barber, Ed Barber, Jane Barber, Commanding Officer of Camp Lejeune Col. Adele E. Hodges, Jon Blackwell, Cameron Blackwell, cut the ribbon at the ceremony Dec. 7.

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3-D Archery Tournament

Saturday, December 16, 9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON, Archery Range, Parachute Tower Rd.

3-D Archery Tournament in support of Toys for Tots. Bring an unwrapped new toy valued at \$5.00 or more as your entry fee. Visit mccslejeune.com for more information or call CWO3 Todd Croft at 910-449-7331, or CWO3 Neil McNulty at 910-451-7811.

Comedy Show

Saturday, December 16, at 9:00 PM, French Creek Recreation Center
Doors open at 8:00 PM

The Single Marine Program presents a Christmas Comedy Show. Featured acts include Patrick DeGuire, Dan Swartwout, Butch Bradley, all of whom have been featured on Comedy Central, HBO & Showtime.

Area 5 Pool Open / Area 2 Pool Closed

The Area 2 Pool is closed for scheduled maintenance and is expected to re-open in March 2007. The Area 5 Pool and Camp Johnson Pool are open for regular swimming. Call 910-451-2513 for more information or visit mccslejeune.com/pools.html

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A musical production of "Always Patsy Cline" will be performed in January and February. Call 910-451-3535 / 2106 for more information or visit mccslejeune.com/patsycline.html

Piano Lessons

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Free Campsite at Brewster Recreation Area

Brewster Recreation Area will be offering a free campsite to Active Duty and their families through January 28. Register at the Brewster Recreation Lodge. For more information call 910-451-1440.

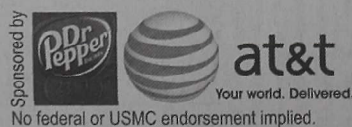
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Take a break from holiday shopping and re-visit the great outdoors

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The fort is open 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. seven days a week, but is closed on Christmas Day; the gates to Fort Macon State Park open at 8 a.m. For more information, call 252-726-3775.

Less than half a mile away from the park is where you'll want to grab lunch at **Amos Mosquito's Swampside Café** (614 E. Fort Macon Rd.). Don't let the name fool you — the café provides an excellent casual dining experience featuring delicious seafood platters and sushi. The swamp atmosphere is played out in a fun and tasteful way. Try the coconut shrimp or keep it simple with one of their 1/2 pound burgers with fries. Reach the café at 252-247-6222.

Driving back towards base, don't miss the **North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores**. The aquarium closed in December of last year and reopened this past May after expanding to triple its previous size. It is 93,000 square feet and arranged in five galleries: mountain, piedmont, coastal plain, tidal waters and ocean. The aquarium's highlights include touch pools, shipwreck exhibits, a mountain waterfall, a jellyfish gallery and a cypress swamp display. A feature starting Jan. 4 is the **Succulent Seafood** class where participants learn about conservation as well as how to properly select and cook fresh local seafood with flair. The aquarium is located at 1 Roosevelt Blvd. in Atlantic Beach and open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. except for Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and \$6 for children ages 6-17. For more information, call 252-247-4003.

Heading back through Emerald Isle, enjoy the gorgeous scenery and take advantage of events specifically geared toward beating the chill. This Saturday, **Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation** is holding a scrap



booking workshop, where you can make a holiday gift out of memories for friends and family. Linda Phelps will hold the workshop, and packages for 7x7 and 12x12 albums will be available along with the use of Linda's tools. Snacks are provided, but be sure to pre-register by calling 326-6164. The workshop will be at the Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation Community Center on 7500 Emerald Dr.

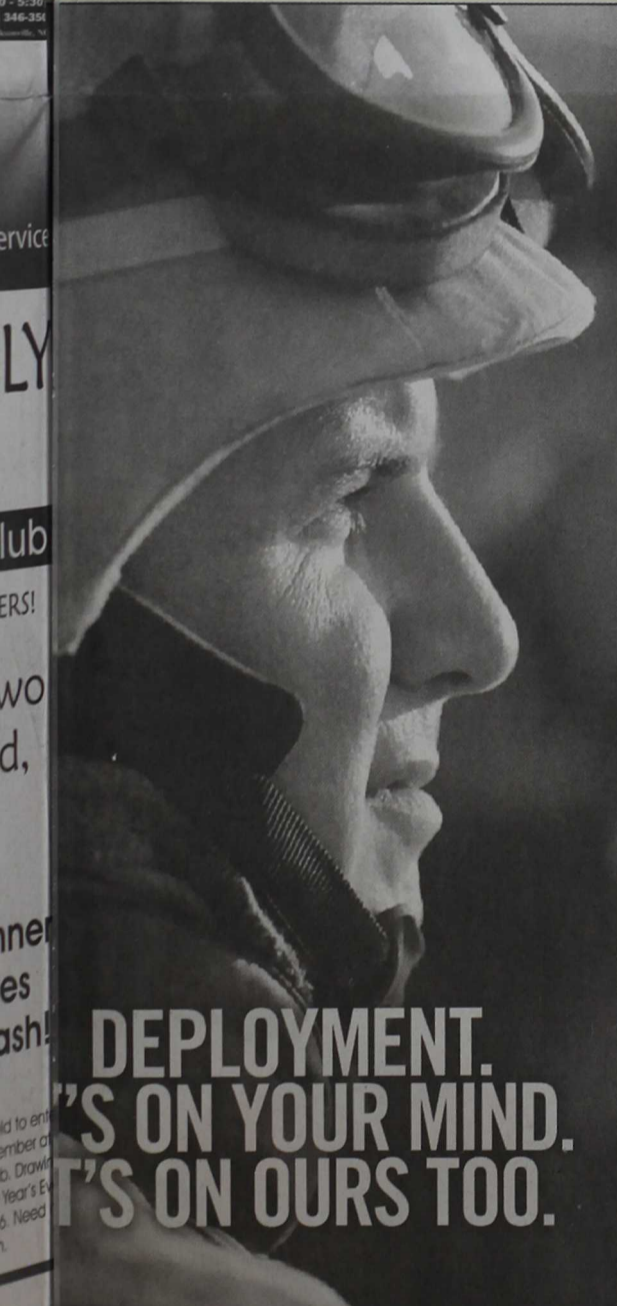
Another way to defeat the cold is by physical activity. This Friday and Monday, **Tony Pereira** will hold a **winter tennis clinic** at the Emerald Isle Community Center from 1 - 2:30 p.m. both days. The cost is \$10 for non-members and the clinic is open to ages 14 and up. Send an e-mail to [Dena Julius at djulius@emeraldisle-nc.org](mailto:djulius@emeraldisle-nc.org) for more information.

If you're looking for a place to eat a hearty meal in a warm atmosphere, look no further than **Kathryn's Bistro and Martini Bar** (8002 Emerald Dr.). Much more than just a cocktail lounge (although it certainly qualifies for that too), the restaurant has a personable yet stylish atmosphere. Try some Stuffed Tempura Soft Shell Crab appetizers — one of those excellent appetizers that can double as a meal due to its large size. Call them for reservations at 252-354-6200.

Amy Segreti is the Carolina Living Editor and would be beset with grief if she couldn't travel. ■



Around the southern Outer Banks: In the photo above, young visitors to the North Carolina Aquarium in Pine Knoll Shores check out the touch pool which houses several stingrays. Above left, this mannequin representation of soldiers is one of eight historical sites showcasing the history of Fort Macon.





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









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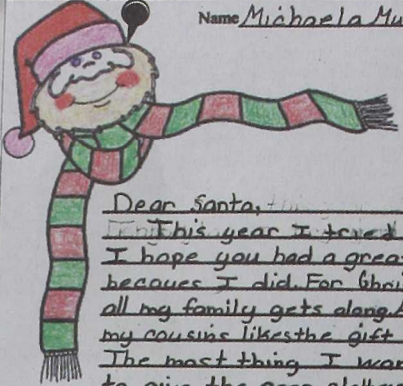
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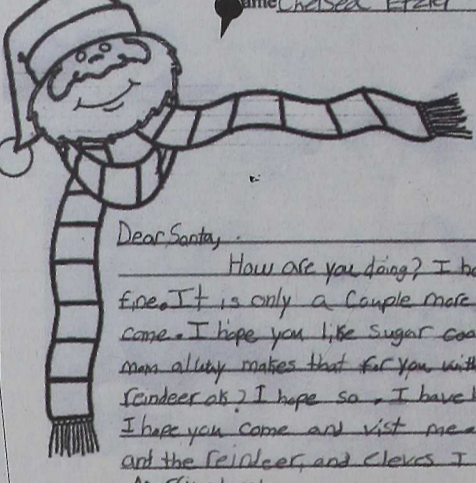
Dear 
 My name is  Christopher, I live in , I am nine years old, I live in a  on base. I would want a new  ball, I don't have a . So you have to go through the . How are you? My  is Indiana. My  address is 5572. I hope you have a good Christmas. I would also like to have roller . I would want  a game. Love Christopher.
 From Christopher to Santa Clause

Name Michaela Murray Date Dec 7 2006



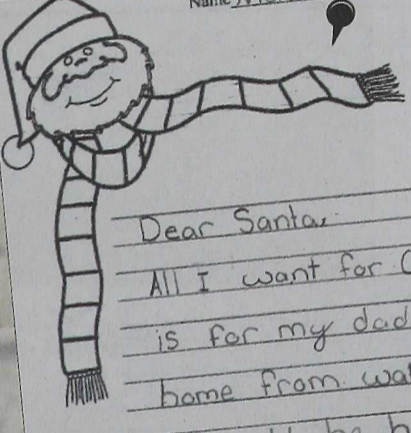
Dear Santa,
 This year I tried to be good. I hope you had a great summer because I did. For Christmas I hope all my family gets along. And I hope my cousin likes the gift I bought them. The most thing I want is for you to give the poor clothes and food and other good things I hope you can do that Santa thank you for the last 8 years you got me candy and toys and other things.
 Love,
 Michaela Murray

Name Chelsea Etzler Date Dec 8









Dear Santa,
 How are you doing? I hope you are fine. It is only a couple more days until you come. I hope you like sugar cookies because my mom always makes that for you with milk. Is all reindeer ok? I hope so. I have been good this year. I hope you come and visit me. Tell Mrs. Clark and the reindeer, and elves. I said hi!
 Merry Christmas
 Love,
 Chelsea Etzler

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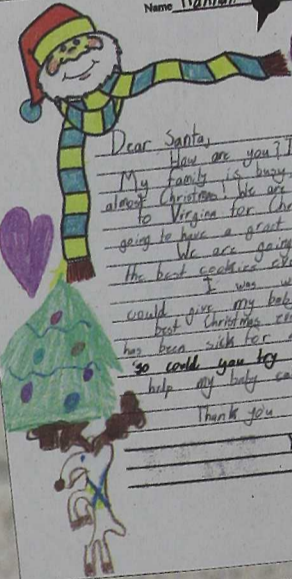


Dear Santa,
 All I want for Christmas is for my daddy to come home from war. I know it might be hard but atleast pray for him and the other men and women.
 Merry Christmas!
 and thank you

Dear Santa,
 I was wondering if you could have a picture of your Elf's and reindeer. I just want you to prove to people that you exist. I have Santa I would like to have for Christmas. I would like to have for Christmas is a digital camera, storm launcher, game boy games, Harry Potter movies and books, Star Wars 1-2-3, Normie and movie, Star Wars 1-2-3, Near F guns, Pip gun, a Robot.
 Your friend,
 David Housh

Dear 
 How are you? My name is Becca. This year for Christmas I want a , and a Chapter , I want a little more stuff like a , and a  for my papers. That is most of what I want. Oh one more thing I want. I said hi to all the .
 Love,
 Becca

Name Hannah Date 12-8



Dear Santa,
 How are you? I'm doing great! My family is busy because it's almost Christmas! We are planning to go to Virginia for Christmas. We are going to have a great time. We are going to make you the best cookies ever! I was wondering if you could give my baby cousin the best Christmas ever because he has been sick for a long time and so could you try your best to help my baby cousin.
 Thank you
 Your friend,
 Hannah

Dear Mr Claus,
 I know you are probably busy but I just wanted to tell you what I want for Christmas. You know + might be impossible or crazy by what I really want for Christmas is for my Daddy to come home. I mean why did they have to start a war? Why couldn't they just stop the war for Christmas? Thank you so much for listening.
 Love
 Barbara Garcia

Dear Santa,
 I know that I have been naughty and I'm fairly sure you hope you still know that I will believe in you for the rest of my life.
 Your friend,
 Caitlin Perry
 Bite Intermediate school thirdgrader
 PS: Have a merry Christmas.
 And what are the elves



Third-graders from Bite Intermediate School wrote the letters. Jo Moreno's, Bea Shore's, Sue Potter's and Janice Redford's classes participated.

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 ... is crafty. She do...
 ... holiday assault with...
 ... of pumpkin pie. She...
 ... to hold her guns...
 ... so after Thanksg...
 ... if I am not living...
 ... seems to know the...
 ... have the refrige...
 ... open with my kn...
 ... on my tongue an...
 ... puzzle poised over...
 ... will you get me...
 ... lists?" she asks...
 ... never too early to...
 ... days!"
 ... to choke. Because...
 ... minute, I think w...
 ... the Turkey Zone...
 ... is comfortably fa...
 ... I didn't even ge...
 ... This year mom st...
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she could e-mail me to make sure the package arrived — and drop in a little message that the Christmas list would be welcome any time.

Now I love Christmas as much as the next guy, but the demand for the Christmas wish list makes me feel very un-Christmasy indeed.

For one, I'm not thinking about Christmas yet. I'm not seven years old poring over the Sears catalogue in August marking up an entire notebook with every Barbie item I still need. Coming up with a list now isn't about getting stuff down. Instead it has the air of thinking stuff up.

For two, I don't actually know what I want until the week before Christmas. It is then that I realize that I must have a Calphalon pan that is exactly the size meant for one grilled cheese sandwich. It is only when I pass by a display of red wallets on Dec. 23 that I am actually reminded that I need one.

Which is so typical, I know. But most importantly, I hate to be rushed on the production of this list because I know my mom and my mother-in-law better every year. I know that my mom hates to buy CD's, DVD's, computer games, computer accessories or anything that has to do with "Demon Television." She can't stand to buy online. She says she doesn't mind gift cards, but secretly she wants to touch something. Wrap something.

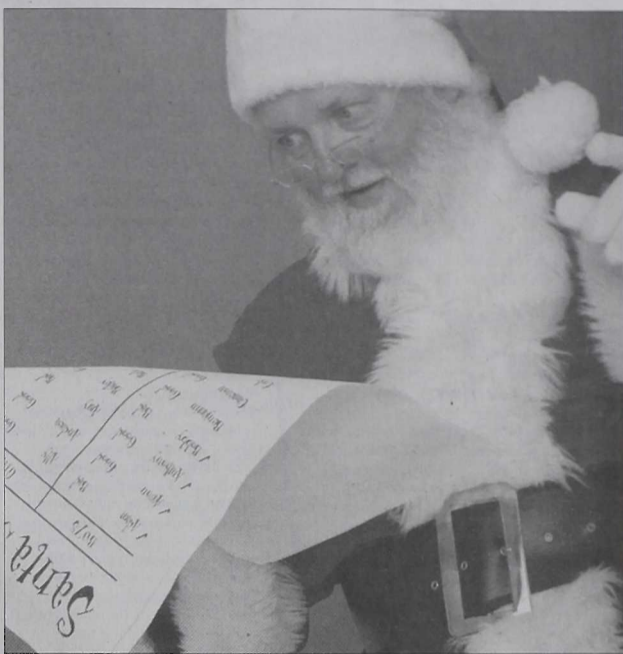
Imagine a kid in Batman pajamas. My mama ain't happy unless she spends half of December in the festive line at the post office.

On the other hand, my mother-in-law lives in a mall-free town. She has plenty of big box retailers which would make toy buying easy, but she doesn't quite approve of getting more Batman figures or duplicate Thomas the Tank Engines. She thinks the kids have enough already. So think up something else, won't you, dear?

My mother-in-law also has this uncanny habit from year to year of giving you a gift you wouldn't have thought of yourself, but you wanted all the same. Once she bought me this DVD of an obscure English movie "Cold Comfort Farm." It's one of my favorite movies of all time now. I turn it on once a month to cheer myself up. But would I have put it on a list? Never. I wouldn't want to hamstring the master with a list if she gets a great idea.

Which is why the list itself is so difficult. Because most of all I want my mother — and my mother-in-law for that matter — to be happy with this process. To take some pleasure in it. To feel connected and accomplished and even festive with their shopping.

Producing the right list is part and parcel of being in the sisterhood of women — understanding that the joy of Christmas is pictur-



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Check it twice: Santa isn't the only one who benefits from making Christmas lists.

ing ourselves making the people we love feel happy, which is a pretty big order indeed.

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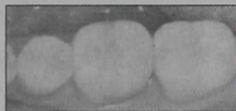
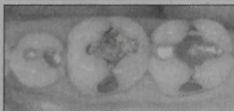
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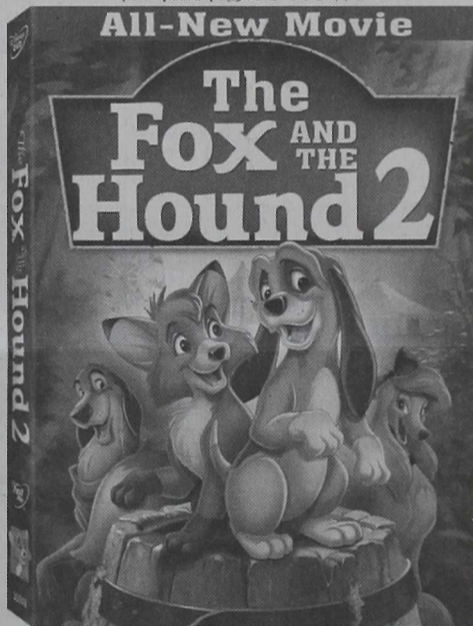
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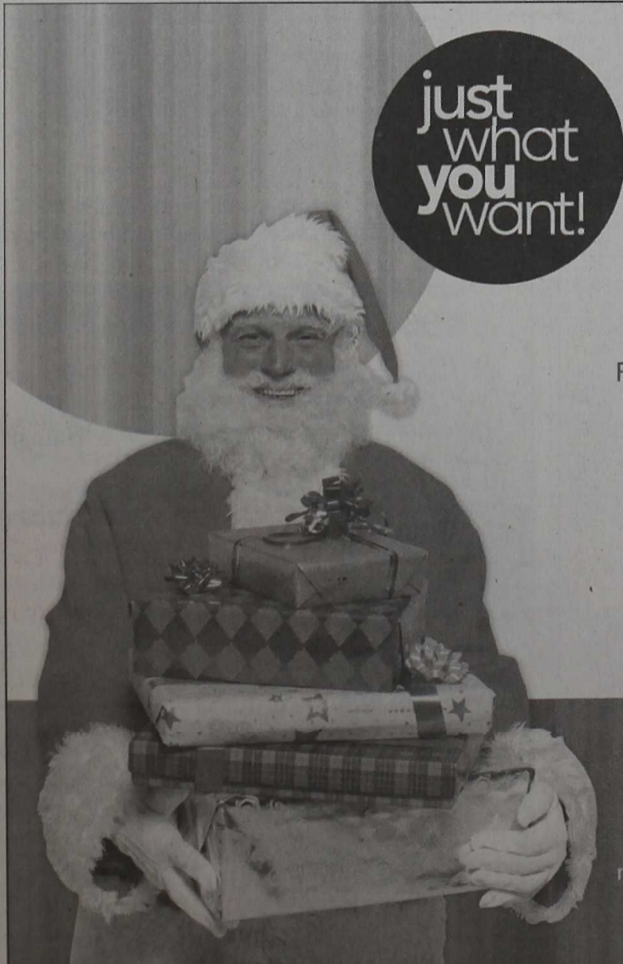
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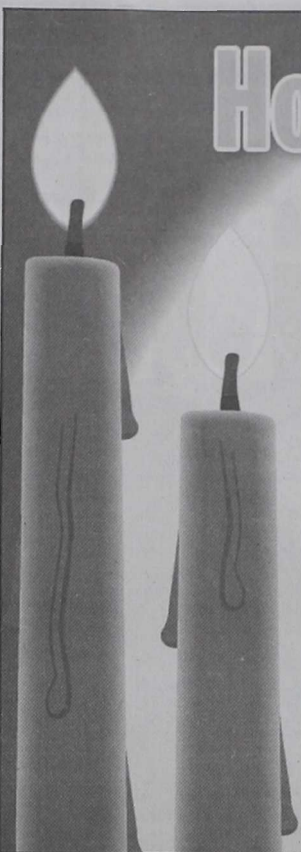
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Jewish Chapel

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