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News Watch

Warriors

Department of Defense announced the death of Sgt. Van I. Wilson, 27, of Sealake, Calif., on July 21 while on a combat operation in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Pakistani Minister Visits White House

George W. Bush and Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani discussed greater cooperation in the war on terrorism and economic matters during a White House meeting Monday.

Senators Visit Troops, Officials in Afghanistan

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U.S. NCO Delegation Visits China

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II MEF Changes Hands

Lt. Gen. Keith Stalder, the commanding general of II Marine Expeditionary Force, relinquished command to Lt. Gen. Dennis Hejlik during a ceremony Friday.

Warfare Training

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National Night Out

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MV-22 Ospreys with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 162, Marine Aircraft Group 16, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward), land at an airport in Amman, Jordan, July 22. Four aircraft from the squadron transported Senators Barack Obama (D-IL), Jack Reed (D-RI), and Chuck Hagel (R-Ore) from al-Anbar province, Iraq to Jordan July 22. Cpl. George J. Papastrat

SENATORS VISIT troops, officials in Afghanistan

Fisnik Abrashi
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan

— Sens. Jack Reed, Barack Obama and Chuck Hagel met Sunday with Afghan President Hamid Karzai, whom Obama has chided for not doing enough to rebuild his war-torn country.

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U.S. NCO delegation visits China

Gunnery Sgt. Demetrio J. Espinosa
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII

— During August, China will welcome the world to its country as it hosts this year's Summer Olympics. Amid Beijing's last-minute preparations, the country's military took a big step and welcomed a first of its kind visit from a delegation of American military members.

The delegation, composed entirely of enlisted service members from the U.S. Pacific Command and component commands, visited China June 14 to 21. The visit was the first enlisted delegation hosted by China, and a large step toward greater transparency between the two countries and increased understanding of their militaries.

The trip began with a visit to the U.S. Embassy in Beijing where the delegation met the Defense Attaché, Army Brig. Gen. Charles Hooper. Brig. Gen. Hooper spoke to the delegation about the significance of their visit and his hopes for its success.

"This is historic, what you are doing here," Brig. Gen. Hooper said. "To have a senior (noncommissioned officer) delegation here is unprecedented. This is historic."

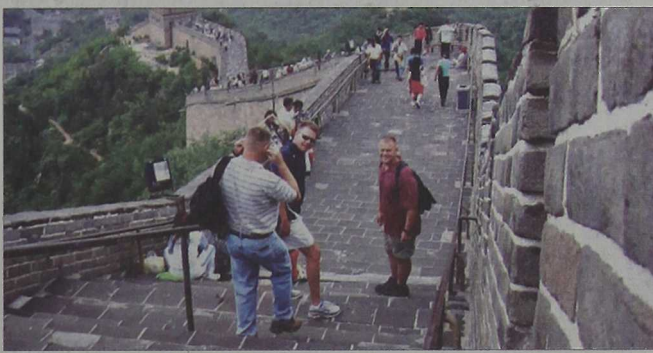
The delegation's first stop was a visit to one of China's most recognizable symbols -- The Great Wall.

The delegates drove from downtown Beijing to the Great Wall. As they neared their destination, they were able to see small portions of the wall emerge, delicately clinging to the rolling mountains like a spider-web

stretched along a bush. It followed sharp contours as far as the eye could see.

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MAN on the street

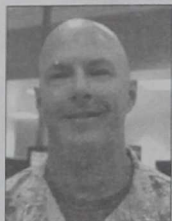
The base has hired civilian police to help out the MPs. Now there are 22 cars on patrol instead of 11. What do you think about that?



"It's definitely better because more police is always better than just a few."

1st Lt. John B. Dotto
2nd Marine Division
Berkeley Heights, N.J.

"I think it's a good thing. A greater presence of police and MPs hopefully will keep crime down on base."



Col. James A. Davidson
US Central Command
Boca Raton, Fla.



"I think it's good. Now they can spread out across the base and have a quicker response time because they have more vehicles."

Sgt. Javier Vazquez
2nd Marine Division
Fulton, Calif.

"It's a really good thing. It's always better to have more patrols out. It makes it safer. I'm really proud of our military. They do a wonderful job."



Nancy L. Rash
Retired Louisiana State Police
Prairieville, La.



"It's a great idea for more security force for protection on base, especially after 9/11."

Joe B. Concepcion
Retired Marine
Hubert, N.C.

MCCS CAMP LEJEUNE FUEL SALES AND PRO

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| Net Profit (loss) | \$(801) |
| Expenses | \$1,033,155 |
| Fed fuel taxes | \$1,391,459 |
| NC fuel taxes | \$2,280,027 |
| Cost of fuel | \$16,897,519 |

Fuel sales
\$21,601,360
7,562,279 gallons

Marine Corps Community Service brings relief as gas prices increase

Cpl. Billy Hall
Marine Corps Base

The uneasy concern regarding gas prices is a constant consideration for all drivers pulling up to the pump. It's an unavoidable financial hindrance that has caused a reassessment in the purchase and usage of the fundamental fuel.

The concrete quest to "fill 'er up" is causing drivers aboard Camp Lejeune to keep a keen eye on the posted prices of gas both on base and off. This observation leads to a confusing question as to why on-base gas prices are usually a hint higher. There's a rhyme to this rising reason.

Common misconceptions lead drivers to believe higher prices must mean higher profits for gas stations on base. Marine Corps Community Services, under the guidance of Col. Richard P. Flatau Jr., the commanding officer of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, has been combating rising gas prices to the point of taking a hefty loss in revenue.

Last year, MCCS sold nine million gallons of gasoline on base. In its attempts to keep prices competitive with off-base gas stations, MCCS ended up losing \$800. This year, they're predicting to lose nearly \$700,000.

Several factors cause MCCS to absorb these losses at the pump to

keep prices competitive and best serve its customers. Tax misconceptions, volume of consumption, and local gas stations using gas as a loss leader play a pivotal part in on-base pricing.

"The biggest misconception regarding gas prices are taxes," said Carlton Mencer, the MCCS retail division director. "People assume sales tax free means tax free. We pay all federal and state excise taxes, but consumers don't notice because it's included in the cost. So when it comes to taxes on gas, the playing field is already leveled between on base and in town."

The level of gas consumption on base has the most direct influence on what is paid at the pump. Base gas stations do three to four times more business than stations in town, said Mencer.

"We empty the tanks at the Main Side C-Store every three days," said Mencer. "So when prices go up, we're paying current market prices, while smaller stores in town could be selling gas they bought several weeks ago at a cheaper price."

Another factor that allows gas stations in town to lower their gas prices is a strategy called loss leading. In this approach, stations accept a loss in gas profits by lowering their prices to lure consumers into the store

to buy marked up goods.

"The largest gross profit town now is from within," said Mencer. "That's why a lot of convenience stores with these large food buildings are remaining competitive and willing to drop prices. Three months ago, we dropped the extra cent found posted on gas station price signs. It seems insignificant, but a month of implementation lost nearly \$50,000."

"Still people think a nickel or dime change Mencer. "But a nickel is \$500,000 in losses and a million. There's only so much we can absorb until we see serious problems."

MCCS has developed a strategy that ensures a competitive and has little regard for profit. Eight gas stations in town are surveyed on a daily basis. The three highest and lowest prices are thrown out, and the remaining two station's prices are averaged out to determine the price of gas on base.

"We know we're going to have significant losses," said Mencer, "but we're not about making money. We're taking care of the customer."

Semper Safe

Distracted driving, road rage: Dangerous risk

Staff reports

Camp Lejeune's Marine Corps Base Safety Division

More than 40,000 people are killed each year in motor vehicle crashes, with another 3 million injured. Half these crashes are due to distracted driving, with road rage contributing to at least 200 deaths a year and another 12,000 injuries when drivers lose control and get angry.

Drivers are most often distracted by something outside their vehicles, followed by adjusting a radio, CD, talking with passengers, adjusting climate controls, eating, drinking or using a cell phone. If you take your eyes off the road for only three or four seconds at 55 mph, the car travels the length of a football field, thus making distractions even more deadly.

Aggressive driving or road rage can quickly become a criminal offense. Dangerous on-the-road behaviors, like following too closely, driving at excessive speeds, weaving through traffic, obscene gesturing and physical assault describe the angry and violent behaviors of motorists who lose control of

their emotions. Anxiety and frustration are usually at the root of aggressive or careless driving. Occasionally, drivers find themselves in unpleasant situations with other drivers who take issue with how you are driving. If people drive responsibly, they reduce the risks of conflict on the road and managing distractions to a minimum helps make our roads safer. Here are some tips to assist you.

Preventing Driving Distractions and Aggressive Driving:

- Avoid the newspapers, or day planner while driving, stay focused on driving.
- Pull off the road and stop in a safe place before using your phone.
- When the phone rings in traffic, let it ring. It's better to use your phone's voice mail or even to miss a call than to put yourself, your passengers or others at risk. Use a hands free cell phone, driving and handling a cell on speaker mode is dangerous.
- Don't wait until you're driving to plan your route or to attend to personal grooming; do that before you go. Leave

a little earlier—you'll be less stressed.

- Buckle up the children, and give them books, games or other items to occupy their time.
- Be courteous and don't cut other drivers off, always use your signal well in advance.
- Don't use the left lane for driving slowly, this causes congestion and tempers to rise.
- Avoid tailgating, this causes some drivers to get angry when followed too closely.
- Don't use or return obscene gestures, almost nothing makes drivers more inflamed.
- Adjust your attitude, put yourself in the other driver's shoes, remember mistakes happen.
- Apply Operational Risk Management in all driving situations, especially to avoid distracted driving and road rage.
- For more information go to the following Naval Safety Center "Traffic Safety Tool Box" Web site; www.safetycenter.navy.mil/toolbox/traffic/distractions/default.htm.

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Physical activities help Marines combat stress

Ryan Tomlinson
Infantry Combat Team 5

OUTPOST AKASHAT, Iraq The stresses of a constant operational tempo make Marines the need something to balance the tension. Some Marines have found a way to relax by participating in outdoor sports activities. Company D is a rear light-armed infantry element attached to the 2nd LAR Bn. in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

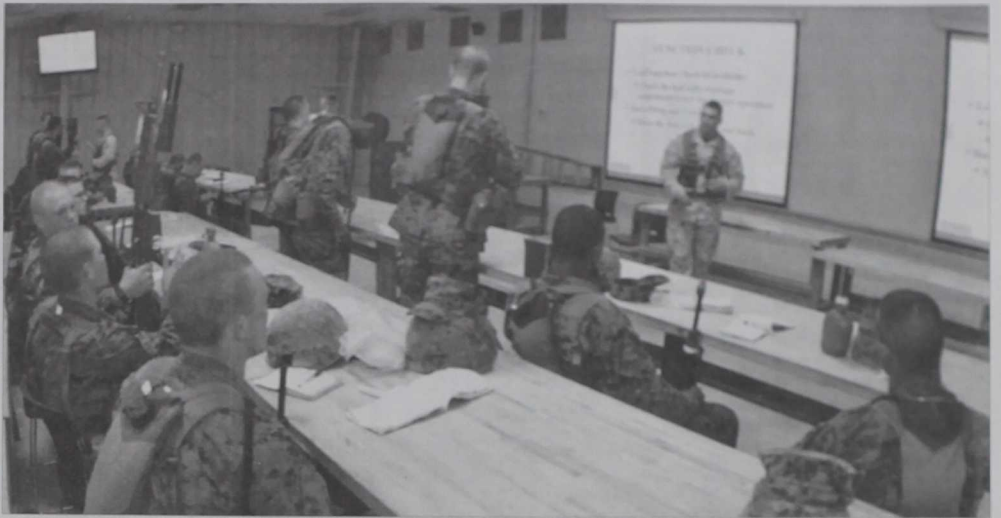
families. According to the Marines, the activities help pass the time and keep morale up in their small combat outpost in western Al Anbar province.

"The activities make you feel better because you're with your fellow Marines," said Lance Cpl. Scott J. Baish, a scout with Company D. "Whenever you're exercising, you go into your own world where the stresses melt away."

The Marines play these games as often as they can. Although the exercise is a paramount factor in the activities, the service members utilize the experience as an opportunity to bond and maintain relationships despite the hectic schedule.

"It's good for the Marines to relax, establish camaraderie and hang out with others you haven't seen in a while because of the tempo," said Sgt. Will Taylor, a light-armed vehicle mechanic with Company D from King George, Va. "It's downright fun, and that causes Marines to unite through friendly competition."

Operations won't cease for these Marines until they return to the United States, but with activities like these, they will remain vigilant.



Sgt. Caleb Little, a combat instructor for the School of Infantry at Camp Geiger, instructs his students on how to use the M-203 grenade launcher using new audio and visual equipment recently installed. The main screens at the front of the room, and 52-inch screens around the room, allow the Marines to see what the instructor is teaching. Lance Cpl. Randall Little

Camp Geiger Marines fight battle on different front

Lance Cpl. Randy Little
Marine Corps Base

The School of Infantry at Camp Geiger is receiving new audio and visual equipment to better instruct the influx of Marines due to the 202k plus-up plan by Sept. 15.

In conjunction with Gen. James T. Conway's 202k plus-up plan for the Marine Corps, Marines at Camp Geiger have been trying to improve the school's audio and visual equipment for the students.

Replacing 8 to 12-year-old visual and audio classroom equipment with new-age gear will provide a more professional learning environment for incoming Marines, said Capt. George Camia, a supply officer for Camp Geiger.

"Our peak of inbound Marines begins in October," said Camia. "We expect to receive more than 24,000 Marines."

Prior to the technology boost, combat instructors taught their classes using outdated equipment. Old clear-projection screens at the front of the room

required a Marine to stand behind it and manually change the slides as the class progressed through the lesson.

"It's difficult to instruct a large room of Marines who can't see the screen because they are sitting in the back," said Staff Sgt. Rajendra Singh, an instructor at Camp Geiger. "Sometimes all they have for reference are books provided to them."

"The televisions in the classrooms didn't work," said Pfc. Ryan Willibey, a student at the school. "There were problems with the computers and projectors forcing the instructors to improvise."

In place of old equipment, 75 new 52 inch screens are being installed throughout the 34 classrooms along with new audio equipment such as wireless microphones and new speakers.

Before, instructors had to interrupt the class to write out the material on a white board. Using the new podiums and computer tablets, they're able to write erasable comments, which show up on every screen in the room.

Sgt. Matthew Francis, a squad instructor, said the new technology keeps the students interested and allows him to explain weapon systems in a way Marines can understand.

Victory Enterprises, the contractor, estimates the installation will be complete before the bulk of new Marines arrive.

Cheryl Harvey, operations manager for Victory Enterprises, said it should take up to five days per room.

Camia added the project was a team effort and all personnel involved were working together to ensure the upgrade would be complete before the influx of Marines arrive.

"Through teamwork with our higher headquarters and base contracting, we were able to get the funding and contract we needed to improve the audio visual equipment as well as have the flexibility to improve the system as time progresses," concluded Camia.

The project began June 23 and Harvey said her company is right on schedule to complete the work by Sept. 15.

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A Marine with Marine Special Operations Advisor Group, Marine Forces Special Operations Command, practices drawing and sighting in on targets with an M9 service pistol during a dry fire exercise as part of the Defensive Pistol Course at the Military Operations In Urban Terrain Assault Course, June 30 through July 1. The Marines practiced drawing on targets in the morning during dry fire exercises to build muscle memory before shooting live rounds.

Marines carrying concealed weapons

Using unconventional tactics to combat unconventional threats

Story and photos
Lance Cpl. Richard
Blumenstein
MARSOC

Wearing camouflage uniforms and carrying rifles is not always the most practical approach for Marines trying to blend in with a local population.

But rifle or not, some areas of the world have risks lurking in the form of terrorists, gang members and other criminals, produced from impoverished surroundings; and Marines still need means of protection while remaining inconspicuous.

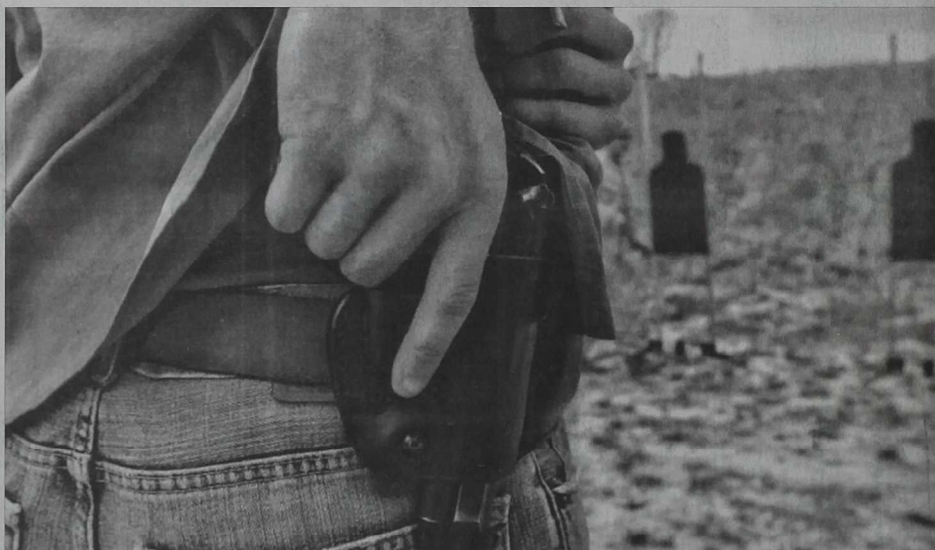
To gain skills needed to protect themselves from possible harm in those situations, a group of Marines and

sailors from Marine Special Operations Advisor Group, Marine Forces Special Operations Command, took part in the Defensive Pistol Course at the Military Operations Urban Terrain Assault Course here, June 30 through July 1.

The course curriculum centered on defensively employing the M9 service pistol from a concealed holster against enemy threats, said Capt. Joe Clemmey, the force protection officer in charge.

The Marines, dressed in civilian clothing, rotated through three stations at the assault course. Each station focused on a different aspect of defensive

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A Marine with Marine Special Operations Advisor Group, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command practices drawing an M9 service pistol from a concealed position.

Assault Amphibian Battalion Marines prepare for combat

Pfc. Michael C. Nerl
Marine Corps Air Ground Task Force
Training Center

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. — Marines with Company D, 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, honed their skills as riflemen by conducting raids and urban warfare training along with dismounted security patrols at night recently.

The Marines of the company have changed their role as amphibious warriors and have taken up new training to prepare them for their role as a weapons company, and now must adapt and overcome obstacles presented to them by this change, said 1st Lt. Eric Benjamin, a platoon commander with the company.

They operated as infantrymen in their last deployment and will repeat that role in the upcoming one.

The company conducted night security patrols as rifle platoons in preparation for

their deployment to Iraq during October, said Benjamin.

"We're doing nothing with amphibious assault vehicles on our next deployment, as so, we're training as a grunt platoon now, because that is how we're being utilized," said the Daventry, Iowa native.

The Marines are adapting well, learning from their training and preparing to succeed in a combat environment, said Benjamin.

"Our mission lately has been as an extra infantry company attached to any deployed infantry battalion, and we serve as an extra company for the battalion commanders to utilize to accomplish their mission as they see fit," said Master Sgt. Donald Vick, operations chief for the company.

"This sort of training is becoming more and more useful for us, a good mixture of our operations on deployment are done at night," added Vick, a Saginaw, Mich. native.

The Marines adapted to their new role through the series of urban warfare training, learning the basics of what an infantry company does.

"The training we've been conducting has been pretty simple stuff, such as security patrols and urban terrain warfare training," said Cpl. Raymond V. Dellapenta, a Company D fire team leader and an Eatontown, N.J., native. "Also, I think that it has been beneficial to the younger Marines who have never deployed with this unit before or even trained the way that we are right now, which is as infantrymen."

The Company D Marines have gained experience from their exercises and systematically break down what they have done in each exercise to improve and provide themselves knowledge in the tactics they are using, which ensures a greater likelihood for success during future deployments, added Dellapenta.

Marine returns to Corps for Iraq deployment

Lance Cpl. David A. Weikle
2nd Marine Division

Millions of people across the world watched the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks unfold in New York City and Washington, D.C. One young college student in particular noticed how his friends and classmates were affected by the attacks as they watched from nearby New Rochelle, N.Y., and decided to do something about it.

Sgt. James Crowley enlisted in January 2002 as a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, defense specialist after completing his first semester at Iona College, and began his nearly five years of active-duty service. He was assigned to a Marine air unit after completing his initial military training and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom during July 2003. After serving in Iraq, Crowley served on Marine Security Guard detail, before leaving active duty during August 2006.

Crowley's active-duty military service had ended, but his time in the Inactive Ready Reserve had immediately begun. Like all service members, Crowley signed an eight-year contract when he enlisted that obligated him to serve time on active duty as well as the IRR. The IRR places Marines in an inactive duty status, which allows them to return to civilian life and places them on standby to be called up in times of

need. Crowley received a recall notice about 14 months into his IRR.

"The letter came in October last year," explained Crowley. "I had almost finished college and had already submitted job applications. It really came as a shock."

Although this meant he would have to put his future plans on hold, Crowley was determined to face his reactive status with an optimistic attitude. His job back to active duty began with a weekend of health, legal and administrative screening in Kansas City, Mo. Crowley returned home to await initial orders and continued his college education. During May 2008, Crowley completed his bachelor's degree at Wilmington University and reported to Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, to await further orders. His assignment is tentative, although it appears he will be responsible for radio communication with an Air Force unit.

"I think it'll be an eye-opener, working with another service in a different job and will provide a positive life experience," said Crowley. "It put an abrupt halt to everything and I'll have to start over again, but I'm looking forward to another deployment."

Crowley's reasons for wanting to deploy are simple.

See IRAQ



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Two little Afghan girls in brightly colored dresses peer shyly at the camera.
Cpl. Alex C. Guerra



An Afghan worker pulls up to a Marine checkpoint as he transports his shipment from the point of collection to where it will be sold. Marines with Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 24th MEU, set up checkpoints to halt the resupply of insurgent fighters in the area. Cpl. Randall A. Clinton

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A Marine with Company B, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, rests his legs while playing with Afghan children in a village in his company's area of operations. Cpl. Andrew Carlson

Marines on 'LEADING EDGE' of change in Afghanistan

By Lewis
on, 7th Marines

ADmiral BARBER, Afghanistan — "You are on the leading edge of positive change in Afghanistan," said Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff U.S. Gen. Mike Mullen during his recent visit with Marines serving in Afghanistan.

Admiral, who spoke to approximately 400 Marines, sailors, airmen and other personnel assigned to Task Force 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, Marine Division, Combined Joint Task Force, personally thanked the members for their wartime service.

After briefly explaining some of the issues confronted by the U.S. military in Afghanistan, the admiral held a question and answer session at the main front of the camp's entrance. After taking a moment to officially thank Maj. Rory L. Nichols, the task force's operations officer, to his presence, the admiral handed out hundreds of his signature coins to the members of the troops in attendance.

Admiral Mullen serves as the principal military advisor to the President of the United States, Secretary of Defense, National Security Council and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He was sworn in as the 17th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Oct. 1, 2007. A Los Angeles native, he graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy during 1968.

As he departs the area, Adm. Mullen commended the task force on the progress accomplished in only a few months. Although he acknowledged the challenge to train, mentor and advise the Afghanistan National Police is a "difficult mission" for Marines, he also noted the significance of their efforts in bringing peace and prosperity to the Afghan people.

The task force, which deployed here during early April, is currently operating throughout the Helmand and Farah provinces of Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



Cpl. Mathew Hutson, 1st Combined Arms Platoon, Weapons Company, Battalion Landing Team, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, signals for a vehicle to stop at a checkpoint in Helmand province, Afghanistan. The Marines of Weapons Company set up a vehicle control point to deny Taliban fighters a key supply route. Cpl. Randall A. Clinton



A Marine with Company A, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 24th MEB, takes cover in rubble that was once a house, while advancing to an enemy position in Garmsir, Cpl. Alex C. Guenz

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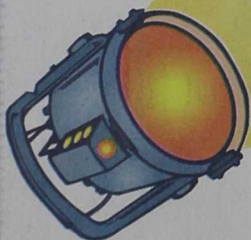


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Cartwright returns home to dedicate Korean War Memorial

Master Sgt. Adam M. Stump, American Forces Press Service

LOVES PARK, Ill. — Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff returned to his hometown to help dedicate the Korean War Memorial at Loves Park, Ill. Gen. James E. Cartwright, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, served as the speaker at the ceremony.

Gen. Cartwright, speaking to an audience of dozens of War veterans and hundreds of others, said the conflict in Korea will never end. The Korean War was

hardfought and a great sacrifice," the general, a graduate of Rockford West High School, said.

Gen. Cartwright said the sacrifice included the thousands of men who died, including more than 50 from the tri-county area near Rockford.

"It is often said a nation's greatest treasure is its youth," Gen. Cartwright said. "We commit our youth every time we commit ourselves to war. Many of that great population of youth perished."

The general said he's seen a lot of the battle sites in Korea, having served five tours in the Pacific. Gen. Cartwright said he once took a Marine general on a flight parallel to the demilitarized zone, showing him the valleys and other areas where armed conflicts had occurred years earlier. In one of the corridors, Gen. Cartwright told the general



Gen. James E. Cartwright, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, talks to Viola Thorn at the Tri-County Korean War Memorial dedication ceremony at Loves Park, Ill., July 27. Air Force Master Sgt. Adam M. Stump

that day had been a company commander under Puller. His entire company had been killed in one night during the battle. He then went back and got another company and every one of them was killed, as well. Gen. Cartwright said the experience was truly humbling.

"It is hard to explain the emotion of the people I was privileged to spend time with, to listen to their stories, to listen to their understanding of what occurred over there," Gen. Cartwright said.

But, the fight was well worth it, Gen. Cartwright said. Throughout his time in the military, he said, he's watched South Korea turn into a nation with a vibrant

economy, massive industry and numerous highways. He said when someone looks across the demilitarized zone into North Korea, "you don't see much," noting the country's struggling economy, limited industry and lack of highways.

"Today, we are turning over control of most of the combat forces and most of the combat responsibilities to the South Koreans," the vice chairman said. "We are moving from the DMZ as a nation to south of the Han River. It's the right thing to do. (South Korea) is ready to stand up."

Editor's note: Air Force Master Sgt. Adam M. Stump is assigned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff Public Affairs Office.

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The delegation appreciated those soldiers who walked their post against the Mongol army. It was actually along the footsteps of hundreds of years before us is awe inspiring," Navy Master Chief Officer Tom Howard, fleet master chief, said for the group was to Nanjing, China, at both cultural sites and military facilities.

Their first stop was at the Nanjing Military Region headquarters to brief about NCOs in the People's Liberation Army. There, the group learned from leaders the PLA

NCO system started during 1978.

"The established system works well for China and the PLA," Bai said.

The PLA NCO system is similar to the U.S. NCO corps in that it has more members at the lower ranks and fewer at the higher enlisted ranks. However, the PLA NCO grades only go to level six for soldiers who serve between seven and 30 years.

Another big difference the delegation noted was PLA NCOs serve their entire military career with the same unit, and to become NCOs they have to volunteer for further service after their two-year conscript is complete.

After visiting the tomb of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, who most Chinese consider the father of modern China,

they traveled to the home of the 179th Brigade of the PLA. The artillery brigade is home to 4,600 soldiers, 1,500 of which are NCOs.

The delegation spoke with a few level one through four NCOs from the brigade with jobs in infantry, reconnaissance, artillery and communications. Most serve in the capacity of a squad leader.

They learned most PLA NCOs volunteer to stay beyond their conscript for the opportunity for advanced training and the benefits of serving in the military.

"The military is like a big school," said one NCO through an interpreter. "If I stay in the PLA, I can learn more and improve myself."

After touring the base, the delegation attended a dinner hosted by the Nanjing Deputy Political com-

missar, PLA Navy Rear Adm. Jianzong Xu. The admiral thanked the delegation for their visit and commented on the professionalism of the American NCOs.

"This delegation has left a deep impression, because it was the first for enlisted," Rear Adm. Xu said. "Although you had a short visit in Nanjing, you left a very deep impression. The NCOs you brought are outstanding."

"Many people would ask why we would do this, and you can feel it in the room -- it is called camaraderie," said Roy. "This is my second time in Nanjing, and I look forward to coming again, as do the other delegates."

Following their full day in Nanjing, the delegates woke early the next morning for their trip to the city of Wuhan.

The question most del-

egation members wanted to know the answer to was why PLA conscripts would want to be an NCO. The answer came enthusiastically from a young NCO candidate attending the school.

"I admire the military life," said Jisong Peng, a fourth-year soldier. "After I finish my assignment here, I can go to a new assignment to use my skills."

"NCOs mainly help us in our daily life," he said. "They help develop our skills."

"Our candor and friendliness hopefully dispelled thoughts and beliefs," said Howard.

Chief Master Sgt. John T. Salzman, command chief master sergeant, 13th Air Force, Pacific Air Force, pointed out the basic similarities and made it easy to relate to them.

"Even when I began get-

ting to know them, I realized they (NCOs) are just like us -- just doing their jobs," he said. "They were perfect hosts. I wanted to have the opportunity to show that we are not that different in what we do. We are all driven to accomplish the mission."

"The highlight of my trip was the dialogue between the PLA and us," he said. "That is priceless. I can't overstate how important that was."

Howard agreed and said greater communication could help each military understand the other.

"The most important aspect of this trip was to begin bridging the gap of understanding," Howard said. "I think militaries throughout the world are similar in many things. The challenge is to fully understand the culture that defines the military."

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According to Clemmey, the station served to improve the Marines' abilities to rapidly respond to enemy personnel while differentiating them from innocent civilians.

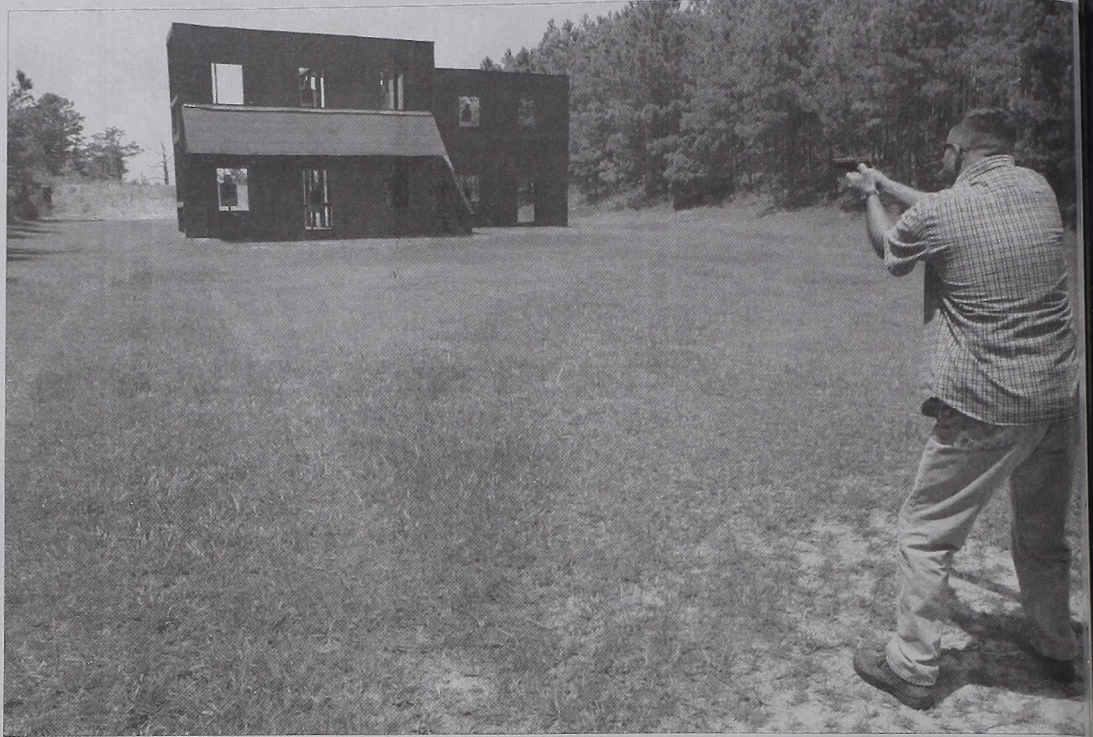
It also gave Marines a chance to practice their pistol concealment skills and better understand how to move around without revealing their weapon, Clemmey said.

The Marines also practiced different pistol-drawing techniques to build muscle memory, as well as handling weapon malfunctions to improve weapons-handling capabilities, said an MISOAG course instructor.

"If you practice constantly under high stress, it's just going to come natural," the instructor said.

For a few of the younger Marines who experienced the Defensive Pistol Course for the first time, the training instilled confidence.

Lance Cpl. Leonid Mernenko, a student in the course said, "If I was ever in a situation where I needed to draw a concealed weapon, I know I could do it with no problem now."



A Marine with Marine Special Operations Advisor Group, Marine Forces Special Operations Command, practices drawing a pistol from a concealed position. Lance Cpl. Richard Blumenstein

SENATORS, from 1A

The area where the meeting took place is not far from where Osama bin Laden escaped U.S. troops during 2001 after his al-Qaida network led the Sept. 11, terrorist attacks in the U.S.

Obama's first overseas tour since securing the Democratic nomination — he is scheduled to travel to Europe through next week — could be key to honing his foreign policy strategy with less than four months before the election. His rival for the presidency, Sen. John McCain, has criticized Obama for not spending more time in the region.

At the start of their Afghan trip Saturday, the delegation met with top military leaders and troops at Bagram Air Field, the main U.S. military base north of the capital, before going to Jalalabad Air Field in Nangarhar province.

Obama advocates ending the U.S. combat role in Iraq by withdrawing troops at the rate of one to two combat brigades a month while increasing the military commitment to Afghanistan. Obama has proposed sending two more combat brigades — about 7,000 troops — to Afghanistan. McCain is also advocating sending more forces

to the war-battered country.

U.S. military officials said the number of attacks in eastern Afghanistan, where most of the U.S. forces in the country operate, has increased by 40 percent so far in 2008 compared to the same period in 2007.

Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, told The Associated Press on Saturday that after intense U.S. assaults there, al-Qaida may be considering shifting focus to its original home base in Afghanistan, where American casualties are recently running higher than in Iraq.

IRAQ, from 4A

"I didn't want to come back just to get stationed for a year," explained Crowley. "Our orders guarantee I'd rather be doing something over there than stuck here for a year."

Along with Crowley, nearly 200 other IRR Marines activated and reported to Camp Lejeune. The Marines assigned to various units preparing to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Crowley met Cpl. Corey Bloss, another chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear specialist who was activated with Crowley.

"He's making the most of the opportunities available to him right now," said Bloss, a Demascus, Ohio, native who gave him an opportunity to pay off his school loans.

Crowley and Bloss recently received orders to report to the States Central Command in Tampa, Fla. Their immediate destination is still unknown, but Crowley has a future deployment with a spirit of optimism.

"I made my commitment a long time ago and I'm going to honor that commitment to the best of my ability," he said.

COMMAND, from 1A

absolutely amazing job around the world and in combat, he said. The results from their work are paying off. Lt. Gen. Stalder closed by thanking them for everything they had done.

Then Lt. Gen. Hejlik spoke briefly about Lt. Gen. Stalder, thanking him and his wife for their contribution to II MEF.

"(Lt. Gen. Stalder) and Susan have been a terrific team here," Lt. Gen. Hejlik said. "I don't think you could ask for a better team to command II MEF. The logo says come to fight, come to win, and that's exactly what they've done."

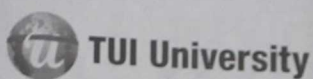
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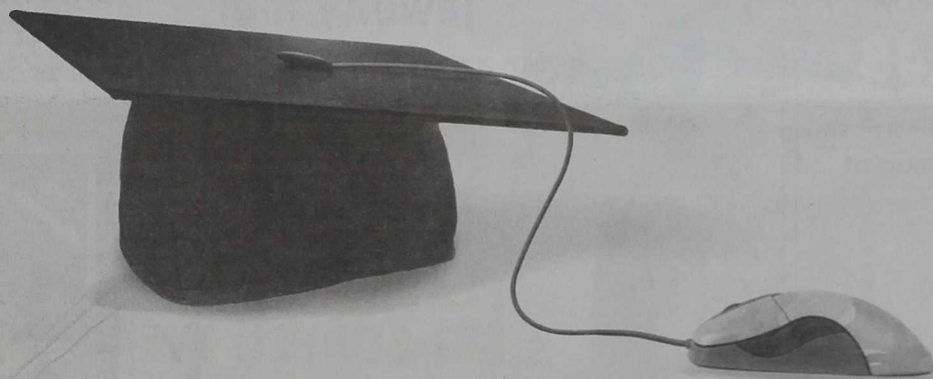
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The human ankle and foot is comprised of numerous small bones and muscles — all of which endure extreme stress during everyday activities. Kelli Huffman

Jamie Cameron
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Brandon Shepard specializes in pain — not dishing it out, he makes it go away. As an athletic trainer with School of Infantry for the last five years, Shepard has seen more than his fair share of sprained ankles, tweaked knees and balky hamstrings. He also knows the affect those seemingly innocuous, but nagging injuries can have on service members and their abilities to maintain tip-top fitness levels.

“If we can treat that ankle sprain at the beginning — within hours or even minutes of it happening — we can minimize the effect the injury will have on the individual’s ability to train,” said Shepard.

To that end, Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune has opened its first outlying sports medicine clinic at Courthouse Bay.

Dr. Leslie Rassner, department head of Sports Medicine at NHCL, said the need for a dedicated muscular-skeletal care center for Courthouse Bay Marines, sailors and Coast Guardsmen was first recognized in 2005.

“Because of its geographic isolation, we knew we wanted to get services out to Courthouse Bay,” said Rassner. “Capt. Mark Olesen (departing commanding officer, NHCL) has been a great champion of the idea of in-garrison care out there. He approved our request for two physical training technicians immediately.”

Shepard’s office, located within the Wayne M. Caron Clinic, is open from 7 a.m. — 4 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It hasn’t taken long for Courthouse Bay Marines to find him. On just the third day of operation last week, Shepard examined six injured service members before 10 a.m., counting only those who had made appointments.

Among them, Erin Bartsch came in to seek treatment for localized pain in her left shin that has been bothering her for the last eight years. The former colle-

giate tennis player said the constant pounding her shins have suffered is causing chronic swelling in her lower leg and a level of pain she puts at an eight out of 10. After a short, but thorough examination, Shepard surmised the problem was possibly a stress fracture, but more likely shin splints. With a follow-up meeting scheduled to incorpo-

rate X-ray results into his diagnosis, Shepard put the Marine on a scaled-back exercise regimen to reduce the stress on her leg bones.

“I think this is a really bad

case of shin splints and I want to introduce a no-load, no-stress exercise regimen that includes a lot of work in the pool. After the swelling goes down, we can slowly re-introduce running back into the routine,” advised Shepard.

Relieved that, at least for the time being, her condition would not keep her from physical training, Bartsch said she sees merit in the new clinic.

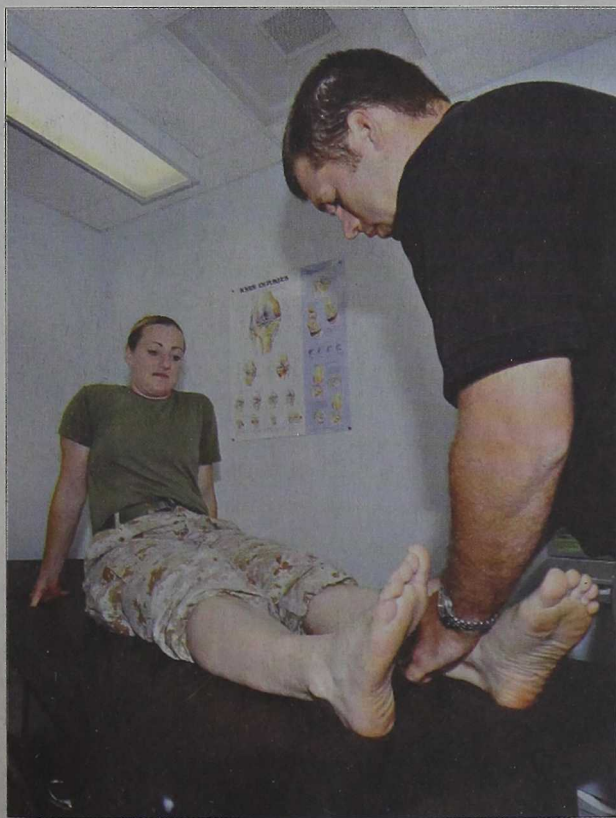
“I think (Shepard) is more of the subject expert for the type of injury I have,” she said. “I think he was more thorough than a general medical examiner would have been.”

Shepard, who will be joined by a second technician, Wendy Lawson, at the clinic starting Friday, said the idea behind muscular-skeletal care for service members is to keep them on their feet.

“My job, is to give the commanders the best Marines they can possibly have,” he said. “When someone is injured, you can often pull back on the reigns a little bit, but still continue training. They can have access to this care within minutes of sustaining an injury ... We can keep them training in a safe environment.”

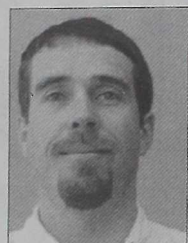
For his part, physician’s assistant Kenneth Nanney, primary care manager at the Caron Clinic, is thrilled to have the sports medicine service under his roof.

“We see so much of the muscular-skeletal stuff that we (previously) had to refer halfway across the base. I’m just delighted to have (Shepard) here. He’s going to be a great help,” said Nanney.



Erin Bartsch grimaces as Brandon Shepard prods the swollen shin that has caused her pain for the last eight years. Heather Owens

Summer's Dog Days make for fishing challenge



Lejeune Outdoors
By Jamie Cameron

I suppose it was inevitable when we would reach the summer slowdown, but that doesn't make reporting it any easier. Yes, my friends, these are

According to my best source, Richard Ehrenkauf, a.k.a. Dr. Bogus, the Spanish mackerel and bluefish runs have been decent around Bogue Banks whenever the water clarity allows it. Both of these fish are primarily sight predators, meaning they need to see their prey to chase it down. Cloudy water limits their ability to feed on the small baitfish they prefer. Typically, when the nearshore waters are churned up following high winds and offshore storms (like we have now), the Spanish and blues move further out where the water clarity is better. Let things settle down a little and the action for these pier-favorites should heat right back up again.

indeed the Dog Days of Summer when it comes to fishing. With recent midday temperatures in the mid-90s and heat indexes well into the 100s, it's become less about catching fish and more about survival out there.

When trying to angle under extreme conditions like these, it is best to think of one's own comfort, because that is exactly what the fish are doing.

High water temperature along the beaches and sounds equate to low oxygen levels — the fish are having a harder time breathing. For many species, the solution is to shift feeding patterns to take advantage of the cooler temperatures in the early morning, late evening and, especially, at night.

If you want to catch fish during the Dog Days, you need to shift your effort to mirror that of your quarry. Bait up in the predawn hours and again as the sun goes down. If you schedule allows, some of the best fishing of the season takes place at the dead of night. Bottomfish like sea mullet, spot and black drum are notorious for making strong runs when the moon is up.

Ocean fishing piers on Topsail Island and Bogue Banks stay open all night to allow fishermen to take advantage of the graveyard shift. Having spent an entire night, from sundown to sunrise of the Bogue Inlet Fishing Pier a few years ago, I can recommend that every fisherman worth his or her salt should try it at least once. It's quite an experience.

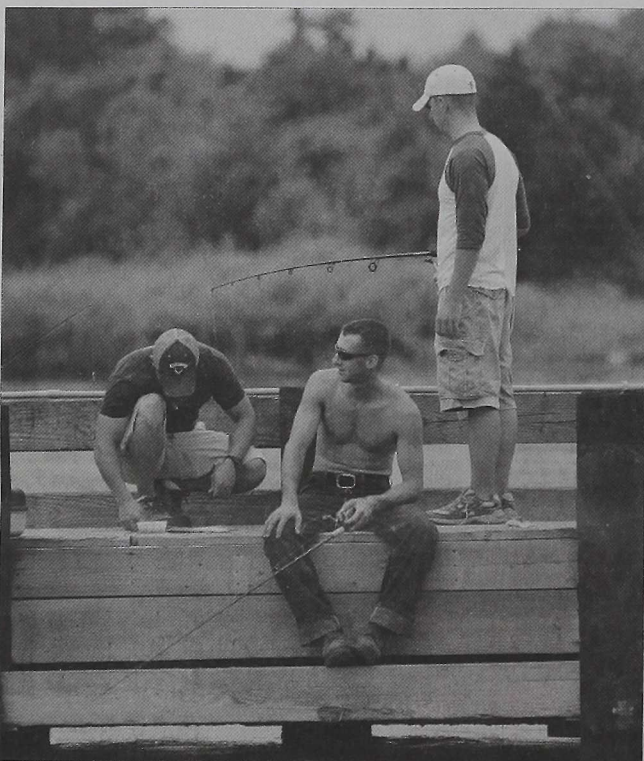
Enough gloom and doom. How about the fish that are biting?

In the calmer waters behind the barrier islands, the story is one of flounder, red drum and speckled trout. With an abundance of natural bait swimming around the marsh grasses, there's really no excuse for not catching your own. Nothing beats the attention you'll get from using a lively shrimp, finger mullet or mud minnow. Buy a small cast net and learn how to throw it in the backyard. Within 20 minutes you'll have mastered the art that will keep you flush with the finest baits throughout the season.

Summertime is also a great time to go after those underappreciated sheephead, which live the good life next to just about every submerged dock piling and bridge buttress in coastal North Carolina. These fish love to pick small crabs, barnacles and sea urchins off the hard structures they inhabit. Bait up accordingly with hand-caught fiddler crabs, sand fleas and whole shrimp.

When the weather allows it, fishing offshore in the Gulf Stream has been excellent of late for big dolphin (mahi-mahi).

Try to stay cool and don't forget to send in your digital photographs of your latest catches and the details to me for possible publication in next week's column. Send them to jamie.cameron@militarynews.com.



Service members take a advantage of the fishing pier adjacent to the Onslow Beach Bridge. Jamie Cameron

Titans, Johnson agree to terms

Teresa M. Walker
AP sports writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans wrapped up their last draft pick, agreeing with first-round selection Chris Johnson on a \$12 million deal.

The team announced Saturday morning had reached agreement on a deal with the back out of East Carolina who was the 24th overall in the draft.

Considered the fastest player available in Johnson was timed at 4.24 seconds in the 40-yard dash. "We've been working on this deal during the process takes time," agent Joel Segal said. "It's important for Chris not to miss any more pay told me, 'Let's get the deal done so I can get t

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THE WILD WORLD OF LEJEUNE SPORTS

Group swimming lessons

Aug. 4-8
Group swimming lessons are scheduled to run Aug. 4-8 at Tarawa Terrace Outdoor Pool. Registration is open through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the pool. For more information, call 450-1610.

Summer basketball tournament

Aug. 4-8
A mandatory coaches meeting has been scheduled for Aug. 6 for teams registered in the third annual summer basketball tournament aboard Camp Lejeune. Coaches will meet at 6 p.m. at Goettge Memorial Field House with completed letters of intent and official team rosters. The tournament is open to all military ID cardholders, authorized Department of Defense civilian employees and family dependents. For more information, call 451-2061.

Bicycle rodeo

Aug. 23
Several Onslow County clubs and government agencies have planned a bicycle rodeo for kids ages 4-14, Aug. 23 beside the Jacksonville Mall. The event will include minor bike repairs, helmet fitting, a skills course and bicycle registration. Free helmets will be given out while supplies last. The rodeo will take place between 8:30 and 10 a.m. For more information, call 347-5332 or visit www.onslowcountync.gov/parks.

Marine Corps Boxing Invitational

Aug. 28-30
Be there when amateur boxing returns to Camp Lejeune for three late summer nights. The action, sanctioned by North Carolina USA Boxing, will take place inside two rings at Goettge Memorial Field House, starting at 7 p.m. In addition to top amateurs from across the country, several Canadian fighters from Nova Scotia are expected to attend. This event is open to the public. For more information, call 451-2710.

Team Bass Tournament

Sept. 6
The Gottschalk Marina 19th annual Team Bass September Starter tournament is on tap. Two-person teams fish for largemouth bass on the New River and its tributaries. The average prize amount is \$2,500 based on a 50-boat entry, with a guaranteed \$1,000 per event. Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded for the first three places. Active duty teams may participate through usage of unit funds with permission from their unit's special services officer. Entry forms are available at the marina and online at mcslejeune.com/marinas.html. The tournament is open to the public. For more information, call 451-8307.

Running Club

Ongoing
The Camp Lejeune Running Club is free to anyone who wishes to earn a little extra

credit for their exercise program. Record your training miles at any area fitness center and receive a free performance T-shirt after 500 miles. Track workouts will be held every Tuesday, from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Goettge Memorial Field House. To learn more, call 451-7002 or e-mail craisno@usmc-mccs.org.

Semper Fit Challenge Passport

Ongoing
Pick up your Semper Fit Challenge Passport and win up to \$300 in Marine Corps Exchange gift cards and other prizes. Pick up your passport at any Semper Fit Fitness Center. For more information, call 451-7002.

Mixed martial arts, combat fitness classes

Ongoing
Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit presents Lee Stuckey, a Marine and mixed martial arts professional cage fighter and Andrea Lucie as the new program instructors. Classes take place in the Area 3 boxing gym Fridays starting at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 451-0826.

Yoga, pilates classes

Ongoing
Emerald Isle Parks and Recreation Department sponsors weekly yoga and pilates classes, taught by certified instructors. The classes focus on basic yoga postures and exercises for students who wish to strengthen their foundational skills. Call 252-354-3424 for information.

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu classes

Ongoing
Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit Sports presents Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu instruction, scheduled for Tuesday and

Thursday nights, from 7:30-9 p.m. Classes are provided by Club Jiu-Jitsu of Sonville. Sessions take place in Building 1742, adjacent to the Protestant Chapel on McHugh Boulevard. For more information, call 581-0077 or visit www.clubjiujitsu.com.

Roller-hockey league

Ongoing
Hockey players and hockey player wannabes from Camp Lejeune are being sought to form an inline roller-hockey team to play in the Marine Corps Station New River spring league. Experience is not required. The season is ongoing. For more information and practice schedule, call Brandon Kantansson at 910-545-8070.

Go-kart racing

Ongoing
Active-duty service members and their family members get free admission to watch the best go-kart racing in the East every weekend. Saturday races are held at the Highway Raceway in Richlands, N.C. A special "Freedom Race" will take place Saturday. For more information, call 919-324-5918.

Base karate team

Ongoing
Camp Lejeune is starting a base karate team to compete in Amateur Athletic Union and National Karate Federation competition. All styles and karate skill levels, from white to black belt, are welcome to participate. The team will consist of a minimum of 10 female and six male competitors. Practices take place Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Green room at Goettge Memorial Field House, starting at 6 p.m. For more information, call Chris James Stolarczyk at 450-9127.

Wrightsville Beach to host East Coast Wahine Championship

Nelson
Cape Fear Coast Convention & Visitor's

or's note: Wahine: Pronounced
e: Hawaiian word for 'woman';
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ors are in for an exciting week-
Wrightsville Beach, Aug. 16 to
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Outside" magazine (May 2006),
sville Beach is among the "Best
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Above, one of last year's Billabong East Coast Wahine Championship competitors catches a wave and makes the most of it. Cape Fear Coast CVB Right, Women of all ages are expected to compete this year. NC Division of Tourism, Film, & Sports Development



According to the magazine, "Wrightsville's soft, sandy beaches are the perfect venue for beginners and perfectly warm in the summer." And earlier this year, "Surfer" magazine named the University of North Carolina — Wilmington as one of the East Coast's top surf schools (the campus is located just minutes from Cape Fear Coast beaches).

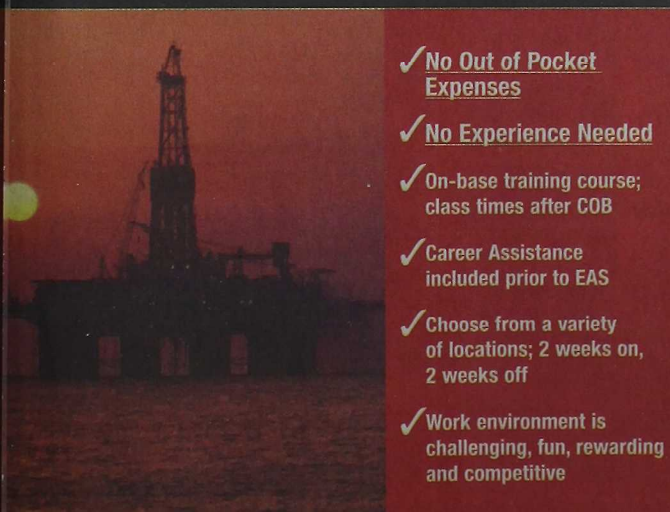
Visitors can learn to surf by signing up for lessons and camps offered by local eco-friendly surfing schools. Surf Camp, Inc., Crystal South Surfing Camp, Carolina Surf Adventures and

Indo Jax Surf School are among the local surf schools that offer programs for children, adults, families and corporate retreats. The North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher and Wrightsville Beach Parks & Recreation also offer summer surf programs.

For a free Visitors Guide for Wilmington and North Carolina's Cape Fear Coast, call 866-266-9690 or e-mail info@capefearcoast.com. For information on accommodations and a complete calendar of events, visit the Web site at www.gocapefearcoast.com.

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Take me out to the ball game: Kinston Indians invite service members

Lance Cpl. Randy Little
Marine Corps Base

For the sports-craved Marines and sailors who feel deprived of rooting on their hometown heroes, baseball salvation lies just 45 minutes away in the small town of Kinston, N.C. The Kinston Indians are a Class "A" minor league team affiliated with their Major League parent club, the Cleveland Indians. As of Monday, the Indians stood in second place in the Carolina League - South, 12 games behind the Myrtle Beach Pelicans.

And, for anyone who considers minor league baseball a second-rate game, consider a short who's-who list of players who have made it on the big stage, but got their start in Kinston: Ron Guidry, Carl Long, Eric Wedge, Mike Hargrove, and Grady Little.

The organization has done its best to make sure the military community has ample opportunity to appreciate the highly talented players who perform less than an hour from Camp Lejeune. For the past several years, the "Tribe" has dedicated every Wednesday home game as Military Appreciation Night — inviting

service members and their families to enjoy "America's Pastime," free of charge.

"We have a lot of military members around here. We want them to come out to the games, so we can show them how much we appreciate their service," said Janell Bullock, the team's assistant general manager.

The summer months are when Grainger Stadium sees its highest attendance of service members, said Bullock. The stadium, as recently featured on ABC's Good Morning America, seats 4,100 fans and is the Carolina League's second-oldest ballpark, opening during 1949.

"On average, the Tribe receives about 200 military members, including families, each Military Appreciation Night," said Bullock. "However, we will accommodate as many service members who show up."

Whether it's for the love of the game, the ball park franks or the hard-to-beat prices, the Indians have something for just about every attendee.

"The baseball atmosphere is fun and there is always something entertaining going on," said Bullock. "It's also a great way to spend time with the family."



Kinston Indian Beau Mills watches a long drive go foul during a recent game at Grainger Stadium. Courtesy photo



Jared Cumberbaton goes into second base with slide to break up a doubleplay. Courtesy photo

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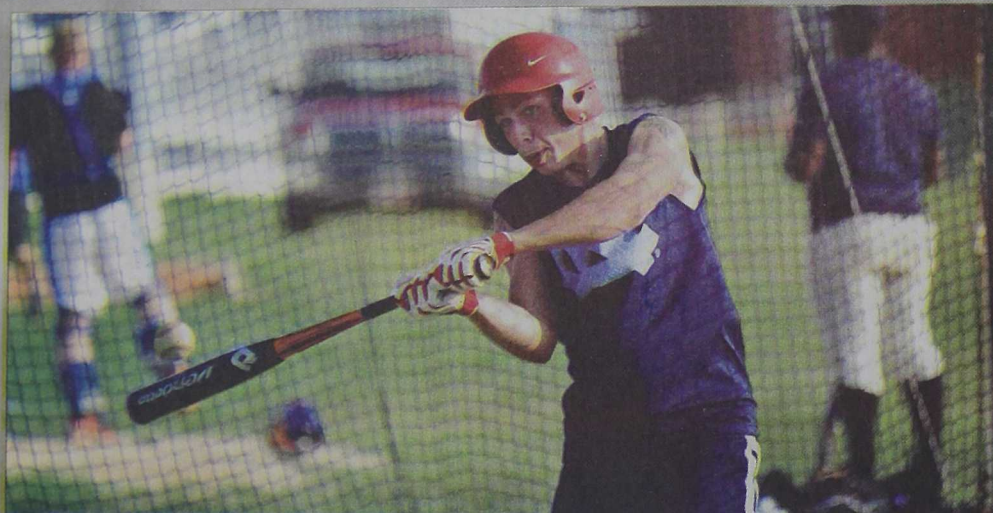
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Marines field summer baseball clubs



At top, Mike Dunn loosens up his throwing arm at the start of practice. Camp Lejeune Marines and sailors have formed two amateur baseball teams to compete this summer in the Crystal Coast League of the National Amateur Baseball Association. Above, Matt Waddell puts in some time in the batting cage. At right, Dunn throws batting practice to head coach Angel Lopez. Jamie Cameron photos



Above, Angel Lopez warms up at the start of practice. Marines and sailors interested in joining one of the two Crystal Coast league baseball teams made primarily of service members can call Lopez at 381-1111. The season's opening game is Aug. 16. Jamie Cameron photos

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2008 Tour de France sparks hope for future



the batter's box
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I hope some of you took my advice and tuned in to watch some of this year's Tour de France. The world's greatest bicycle race ended Sunday with Spain's Carlos Sastre standing at the top of the podium in Paris.

As a long-time television spectator, I know Sastre as a deserving champion, a guy who for many years put his own ambitions aside to assist marquee teammates through the grueling,

week road race across France.

It's nice to see him finally make the leap into sport's elite status — no one will ever take the fact he wore the leader's yellow jersey on a day that mattered most.

There is one of a group of contenders in this Tour who hope to turn around public perception. Gosh knows the race has had its ups and downs. The last two tours have been marred by the top riders in the world testing positive for banned substances like synthetic testosterone (Landis), the blood booster EPO (Ivan Basso, Alexander Vinkourov) and guys who just didn't show up for random testing (Michael Rasmussen). The latest version of the Tour de France wasn't any cleaner either. Four riders were kicked out of the race for positive tests, but there is hope for the fans.

It's true contenders to be the overall race champion are an exciting and international group. Sastre represents the success of the Tour's old guard, a foot soldier who has made it big. He is followed by American Christian Vande Velde, who finished a remarkable fifth overall. Then there is the Australian Cadel Evans, who, for the first time in a row, faltered in the leg of the race he was supposed to be his greatest strength, the dual time trial, and subsequently finished second to a lesser known rider. We also have a group of exciting young riders to watch in the future, including the Austrian mountain climber Bernard Kohl and others from Belgium, Michael and Frank Schleck.

It might be hard for American sports fans to get excited about the Tour now that Lance Armstrong is out of the sport, but I for one think it's still one of the greatest sporting events in the world.

The Tour de France is a zephyr of history, strategy, and culture, pedaling their way across the beautiful French countryside.

Make yourself a favor next year and watch it from start to finish. I'm counting on you not being disappointed.

Camp Lejeune brings 'Hope' to Washington D.C.

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Marine Corps Base

A.J. Tong and Matt Bradford met while in rehabilitation at the Center for Intrepid in San Antonio. Tong served with an Army Stryker unit in Iraq and sustained injuries from an improvised explosive device resulting in a traumatic brain injury and single lower limb amputation. Bradford was serving in Iraq with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, when an IED claimed both of his legs and his sight.

Although their injuries were severe, they did not stifle the competitive ambition or extinguish the passion of the warriors to help their fellow injured service members.

"Regardless of their injuries, they will conquer the hills of Washington, D.C., together as they participate in the Marine Corps Marathon on hand cycles," said Tina Atherall, Hope for the Warriors vice president.

Tong and Bradford are just two of more than 30 inspiring members of Team Hope for the Warriors who are gearing up for the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., Oct. 26.

"We organized the team to raise funds for Hope for the Warriors," said Toni Aurilio, Hope for the Warriors team coordinator. "The Marine Corps Marathon is a great fundraiser because it is typically sold out within a few days. At Hope for the Warriors, we have those coveted spots already gone to the general public."

Every penny raised by the participants will go to Hope for the Warriors. Last year, more than 90 percent of donated funds went directly to programs supporting wounded warriors and their families, said Aurilio.

These range from the Immediate Needs program, which includes support services for rental cars, lodging, child care and more, to a War-



Chadd Jackson, a wounded warrior who competed in last year's Marine Corps Marathon, poses with his hand cycle. Courtesy photo

rior's Wish, which grants wishes to severely injured service members in an effort to restore hope in the eye of the hero.

Each team member is expected to raise \$1,000 or more in donations for Hope for the Warriors.

"Which is very doable," said Aurilio. "They can do it online through www.active.com or face-to-face with a pledge sheet. They get the information they need to start their online fundraising campaign and educate potential

donors in their team kit when they sign up."

Also included in the team kits are a team race shirt and bag, training advice, and information on how to access the team blog and group runs for members in the same area, she said.

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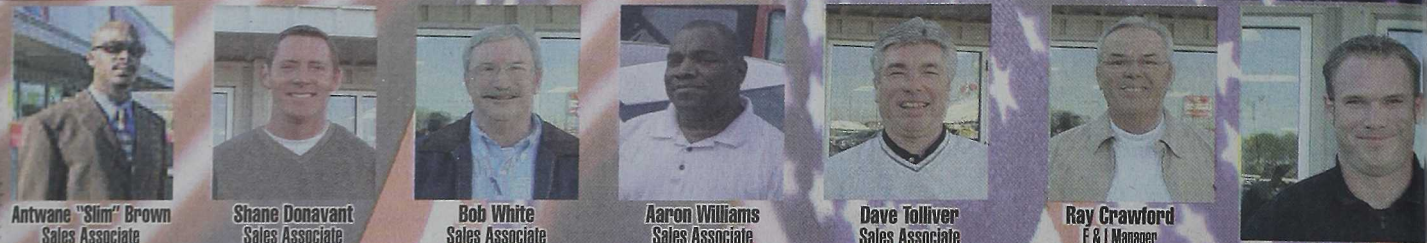
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g scheduled
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Seaman Apprentice Dennis Lown, a corpsman from 2nd Medical Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, provides security for his squad after finding a simulated improvised explosive device at the Battle Skills Training School July 22. Cpl. Aaron Rooks

Adapt, overcome

WARFARE:

Training for changing battlefield

Lance Cpl. Nation Allen, a combat engineer with 2nd Medical Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, leads a Marine patrol through the Battle Skills Training School compound here July 22. BSTS instructors said the tactics, fundamental skills and basic details of warfare have changed therefore the school is constantly updating its training. Cpl. Aaron Rooks



Cpl. Aaron Rooks
2nd Marine Logistics Group

The art of warfare is always changing in ways they are planned for, fought and won. Looking back through centuries of battles fought from the Revolutionary War to the current Global War on Terrorism, planning, tactics and execution have continuously evolved.

Compare current battles being fought on the sands of Iraq and through hills of Afghanistan, to past conflicts of World War I and II. None of these battles were ever the same, as conflicts consisted of organized militaries fighting organized militaries. The idea of combat engagement was simple; if you saw someone wearing an enemy uniform, shoot them.

Things are vastly different now because military forces face combatants who are far from organized and uniform. Today's insurgents don't believe in set tactics and procedures

See WARFARE, 3C

MarSOC corpsman saves day

Sgt. Steven King
MarSOC

Many times when people use the word hero, images of comic book protagonists such as Superman and Batman immediately enter thoughts and ignite imaginations. In reality, true heroes within a society are the men and women who step up and take action to help others in need or during emergency situations.

This was the case for Petty Officer 3rd Class John L. Nelson, Marine Special Operations Support Group, Corps Forces, Special Operations Command, when he recently administered first aid to a Marine having a seizure during a physical

See CORPSMAN, 2C

Trusting civilian police

1st Lt. Gabriela T. Swanson
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Recently civilian police contractors from Homeland Security Solutions, Inc have augmented Camp Lejeune's Provost Marshal's Office, and play a major role in relieving Marines of extra duties, thus freeing them for patrol operations.

Taking over jobs, such as issuing temporary passes at the Visitor's Center, running PMO's Motor transportation section, providing new PMO personnel with gear in the supply section and conducting surveys for the physical security section, makes these civilian police a valuable asset for PMO.

Marines are known for their focus on ensuring security of their equipment and, most importantly, themselves. This focus has led to some misunderstandings between HSSI Physical Security personnel and some units.

When HSSI personnel arrive to conduct a survey, they are running into identification and trust issues. Of course, units should want positive identification of personnel who are analyzing sensitive items and information, but HSSI personnel wear uniforms, carry identification badges and have documentation from the provost marshal.

The Provost Marshal's Office would like to encourage units to continue requiring positive identification for personnel coming into sensitive areas and provides the following guidelines for

See POLICE, 2C

MarSOC's first commander hands over reins

'Father of MarSOC' credited for unit's ethos of excellence

Sgt. Steven King
MarSOC

Throughout the history of armed conflict, warrior leaders have understood change is one of the many constants of command. The Marines and sailors of Marine Forces Special Operations Command, confronted this truth as they witnessed the reins of leadership being passed from then Maj. Gen. Dennis J. Hejlik to Maj. Gen. Mastin M. Robeson during a change of command ceremony, July 24. Lt. Gen. Hejlik was promoted to lieutenant general and took command of II Marine Expeditionary Force, Friday.

The chaplain led the prayer, the music was orchestrated and the unit colors were passed in keeping with the tradition of Marine Corps change of commands. The warriors of MarSOC kept their military bearing while standing in formation. They could not respond to the warm words of gratitude Lt. Gen. Hejlik spoke as he thanked them for all their hard work and sacrifice throughout the last two and a half years, however their faces could not help but reflect the admiration



Then Maj. Gen. Dennis J. Hejlik (right) relinquishes the U.S. Marine Corps Colors to Maj. Gen. Mastin M. Robeson during a change of command ceremony July 24. Lt. Gen. Hejlik was promoted to lieutenant general and assumed command of II Marine Expeditionary Force, July 25. Lance Cpl. Richard S. Blumenstein

they felt for the "Father of MarSOC."

"This great nation has asked an awful lot of Gen. Dennis Hejlik and his wife Sandy over the last few years," said Adm. Eric T. Olson, commander, U.S. Special Operations Command. "When the decision was made by the Secretary of Defense to establish MarSOC, Gen. Hejlik was identified clearly as the most qualified of-

ficer in the Marine Corps to command it."

During his remarks, Adm. Olson elaborated on the challenges that Lt. Gen. Hejlik had to face to get the new unit up and running.

MarSOC stood up on Feb. 24, 2006, dug in and prepared for the fight. Under the leadership of Lt. Gen. Hejlik, MarSOC's warrior ethos and outstanding courage on the battlefield quickly earned

the new unit the respect of their brothers in special operations command.

"Since the first deployment in 2006, MarSOC personnel have been awarded a Bronze Star with Combat "V" for valor, 34 Purple Hearts with several more pending, three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals with "V" for valor, 137 Combat

See MARSOC, 3C

Stranded no more. Marines hone skills as mechanics



Privates First Class Angel Rivera (right) and Joshua Grubb, both motor transport mechanics with General Support Motor Transport Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 2, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, check a seven-ton truck for any mechanical problems during a training exercise July 10. GSMT Company, which recently upgraded maintenance capabilities to second echelon level, feared that without changes, Marines would be sent to Iraq or other combat areas without full knowledge of their jobs as mechanics.

Story and photos
Cpl. Aaron Rooks
2nd Marine Logistics Group

Here's a fact that's not easily disputed: nobody enjoys it when their vehicle breaks down on the side of the road. Whether it's when you're on your way to work, going to pick up your child from school, or even halfway during your cross-country trip, it's never fun. As bad as it seems when your vehicle finally decides to give out on you, it's never as bad as you think. Instead, try putting yourself in the boots of the General Support Motor Transport Marines of Combat Logistics Regiment 2, 2nd Marine Logistics Group. For as long as GSMT Company has existed, these Marines have only had first echelon vehicle maintenance capabilities. To the average person, this doesn't mean much. But to those Marines who only know how to drive their vehicle, this means if they break down in a combat zone in Iraq or Afghanistan, they're stranded. But, things are changing now. After two months

of discussions and decisions made, these Marines are getting an upgrade to second echelon capabilities. This means from now on, these Marines can fix their own vehicles when they have problems. Now there is a much smaller chance of the Marines becoming stranded somewhere in the middle of a war zone. "If you're cruising down the road when all of a sudden your truck breaks down and there is no one around to fix it, plus you're in the middle of Iraq, you've got a problem," said Staff Sgt. Ivan Feliciano, the maintenance chief for GSMT Company. "The truck's not moving, so they're waiting. They're sitting ducks." The thought of the Marines becoming sitting ducks was one of the primary reasons the echelon upgrades came into play, Feliciano said. One of the company's biggest fears was sending the Marines to Iraq without knowing how to do their jobs entirely. He said that fear is quickly becoming an afterthought. "Mechanics who can't do their own maintenance on

vehicles themselves was the origin of the issue," Feliciano said. "But, now they're getting trained. Now, they will be able to overcome the different tasks that will face them and they're excited about it." Feliciano said these Marines, primarily the mechanics, left their military occupational schools and came to the unit with training and knowledge about the vehicles, only to become drivers and never do their jobs as mechanics. This, he said, is the reason why the Marines are taking these changes with such enthusiasm. Take PFCs. Angel Rivera and Joshua Grubb for example. Both are motor transport mechanics who recently arrived to GSMT Company, yet they know little when it comes to mechanics. But with the new additions, they are quickly learning and becoming more proficient in their job fields. "We, as mechanics, have to be able to hurry up and find out what's wrong with a vehicle and fix it," Rivera said. "If my Marines need me to fix a truck, I know



I will be able to do so and get that truck back out on the road so the job can get done." Grubb agrees with Rivera, stating that he has worked on cars his entire life, but never learned as much as he has during the past few weeks. He said his fellow Marines are taking the knowledge in with ease as well. These comments pose a positive outlook when considering the vast realm of responsibilities that face GSMT Company. Feliciano said the unit provides maintenance and operational support to all three combat logistics battalions in CLR-2, plus additional support requirements to the II Marine Expedition-

ary Force, both deployed and in the rear. He said when supporting other commands in the past, the unit always had to resort to time consuming methods. He said if a truck broke down in years past, the Marines would have to send it up the maintenance chain to a larger unit for repairs, such as 2nd Maintenance Battalion, because they only had the abilities to drive the vehicles, not repair them. "Speed and efficiency is key," Feliciano said in reference to inducting a vehicle, repairing it and returning it to the unit. "The maintenance turnaround time has to be quick. The longer it takes us to repair

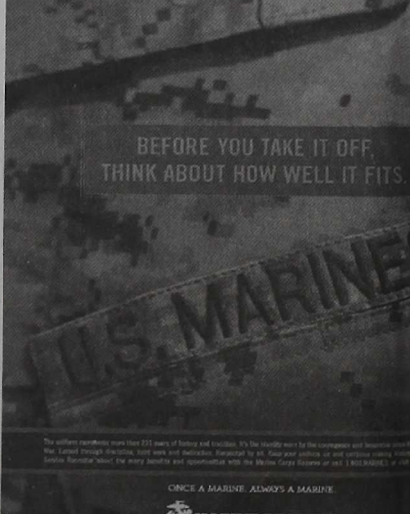
the vehicle, the mission gets put off. Feliciano said the echelon upgrade is nearly completed but is still needed by the Marines reach point. Although, he is confident they won't experience problems with the training adjustment period. He said through combat adjustment never had problems with weapon training or accomplishing even the most difficult tasks. "It will be a few days before the Marine Division. Once all the problems could occur and what they're job is about," he said. "The line, at the end of they're Marines. to the challenge."

CORPSMAN, from 1C

training session here. Nelson was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal as a result of his actions. The morning of May 21 started out as a typical Wednesday morning for Nelson as he drove to work listening to music and thinking about tasks that lay ahead of him at the office. Little did he know his morning plans would soon experience a serious adjustment when he would be called upon to help a fellow service member in serious need of medical assistance. "I was just driving along minding my own business, when suddenly as I pulled into the parking lot of my workplace, (Chief Petty Officer Harry Haug, MSOSG Battalion Aid Station leading chief petty officer) stopped me and told me that he had noticed two Marines across the street carrying another Ma-

rine," said Nelson. "Chief told me to run over there and assist while he parked his vehicle to join me in a few moments." Nelson ran across the street and quickly assessed the situation. His rapid appraisal of the Marine's condition lead him to the conclusion the Marine was having a seizure. "The Marine was completely unresponsive," said Nelson. "He stopped breathing, and he had no pulse." Nelson asked the friends of the incapacitated Marine to find a telephone and dial 9-1-1. He then executed a pinch of the brachial artery, followed by a sternum rub with the hopes of reviving the fallen warrior, but his efforts were to no avail. Time was of the essence as the Marine lay unconscious and without oxygen. "After all my other attempts to revive the Marine didn't work, I decided to administer CPR," said Nelson.

Initially, the CPR was successful, but the Marine wasn't in the clear yet. "I revived him about three or four times, but he kept passing out again and again," said Nelson. "The last time he regained consciousness, the ambulance showed up and their team took over." The Marine was rushed to the hospital and, after a few days, made a full recovery. "I'm just glad that Chief Haug was able to spot the Marine in trouble," said Nelson. "If the chief didn't spot the Marine and let me know that something was wrong, I wouldn't have known anything about the situation and who knows what would have happened." Nelson may not wear a cape or fly around the base fighting against forces of evil, but he is a hero by all means. He faced an urgent situation without hesitation, took action and made a difference, and that's what heroes do.



POLICE, from 1C

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Marines from the 2nd Marine Logistics Group come under simulated fire during training at the group's Battle Skills Training School here July 22. In addition to the school's current combined predeployment training package, BSTS will be adding a Convoy Leadership Course, a Marine Corps Martial Arts Program training package and a Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Course. Cpl. Aaron Rooks

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 Division.
 school is also adding
 y leadership course,

a scheduled Marine Corps
 Martial Arts Program training
 package and a noncom-
 missioned officer leadership
 course, Calfee said. These
 training packages give Mar-
 ines a different touch of
 leadership adding to what
 they already have.
 Staff Sgt. Robert Smith,
 the chief instructor at the
 school, said changes like
 these must be made to
 training programs for Mar-
 ines to be successful on the
 battlefield. He said what
 goes on in a combat zone
 determines how Marines
 train at home.
 "You have to keep up
 with what's going on
 in a deployed area, as
 what's happening there
 can change everything,"
 Smith said. "Rules of en-
 gagement, operating pro-

cedures, they are ever-
 evolving. Because of this,
 what we teach today may
 change tomorrow."
 Instructors feel the Con-
 voy Leadership Course has
 most to offer Marines in the
 logistics group, as convoys
 are the primary mode of
 supply transportation. Sgt.
 Joshua Faidley, an instruc-
 tor at the school, said the
 course focuses on the plan-
 ning stages of a convoy op-
 eration that happen before
 trucks ever leave the wire.
 The course places stu-
 dents, who are sergeants
 and above, as convoy com-
 manders, he added. By
 doing this, students are
 placed in a position where
 their decisions have an ef-
 fect on the entire group. He
 noted if a convoy operation
 has poor planning, every-

one's life is put in danger
 as well as supplies in tow.
 "Convoys are the num-
 ber one means of travel,"
 Faidley said. "If Marines
 don't have a set plan before
 they leave friendly lines
 and something goes wrong,
 everyone's in trouble."
 Calfee said MCMAP
 training and NCO leader-
 ship courses compound on
 the values set forth in the
 Convoy Leadership Course.
 He said these courses focus
 on combat mindset, which
 is the concept of knowing
 how to deal with situations
 that pop up while in com-
 bat situations.
 "Combat is all about fight
 or flight," Calfee said. "We
 fight or we turn and run,
 these are the options. We,
 as Marines, have to train
 ourselves to ignore that re-

sponse, as so often we have
 to run toward the machine
 gun fire instead of running
 away from it."
 Calfee said the MCMAP
 training course will of-
 fer belt instructor courses
 for all belts green and up,
 as well as a five-day belt
 advancement course for
 belts up to green. He said
 the school will be able to
 conduct belt advancement
 courses higher than green
 upon request.
 As for the NCO Leader-
 ship Course, he said it's not
 the usual Corporals' Leader-
 ship Course. He said this
 course, unlike Corporals'
 Course, will focus almost
 entirely on combat leadership.
 "The (NCO Leader-
 ship Course) covers proper
 knowledge that will place
 NCOs in the right orienta-

tion for combat and going
 overseas," Calfee said.
 These new courses only
 add to the value of MLG's
 combat school, Calfee said.
 He explained the school's
 importance best by saying
 infantry Marines aren't the
 ones who are running con-
 voy operations, it's logistics
 Marines. It's the lance cor-
 poral from supply who will
 be on the 50-caliber Brown-
 ing machine gun protecting
 the convoy and its Marines.
 Calfee said BSTS will
 continue to adapt to new
 training requirements
 as warfare continues to
 change. The entire BSTS
 staff has a minimum of
 three years in an infantry
 unit, and with that experi-
 ence, they will continue to
 prepare logistics Marines
 for combat.



Panel of experts from the Marine Corps, Navy and Tricare listen to the concerns of citizens of the installation during a town hall meeting July 24. The night was led by Lt. Gen. Ronald Coleman, deputy commandant of Manpower and Reserve Affairs. Lt. Gen. Coleman said his biggest concern was for the health and well-being of Marines, sailors and their families. Lance Cpl. Joseph D. Day

Healthcare, EFMP: Getting back on track

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 ... Corps Base
 Lt. Gen. Ronald Coleman, the deputy
 commandant of Manpower and Reserve
 Affairs, hosted a town hall meeting at
 Russell Marine and Family Service
 Center here to discuss the concerns
 of the Exceptional Family Member
 Program and health care July 24.
 An eight-member board answered
 questions from Marines and their fam-
 ilies regarding concerns with medical
 treatment.
 There are things wrong and we're
 here to help identify what we don't know
 and fix them," said Lt. Gen. Coleman.
 "Changes to policy don't happen over-
 night, but the process has been started."
 The meeting addressed a wide range
 of concerns. Family members' ques-
 tions included concerns with duty sta-
 tion assignments to facilitate medical
 care for their conditions, problems that
 occurred in the emergency room and
 reimbursement of funds for traveling
 long distances for medical care.

MARSOC, from IC
 Action Ribbons as a direct result of combat
 operations facing the enemy at close range,
 along with 41 official combat action ribbons
 pending," said Adm. Olson. "And it is said
 that MarSOC is not yet fully operations ca-
 pable. Well, they sound quite operational to
 me."
 Lt. Gen. Hejlik, a former enlisted Marine
 who was discharged as a sergeant during
 1972 and commissioned through the Platoon
 Leaders Class Program, spoke briefly on
 what he felt was the reason for MarSOC's
 growing reputation as warriors.
 "I had, hands down, the best bunch of
 colonels, sergeants major, master gunnery
 sergeants and first sergeants in the Marine
 Corps," said Lt. Gen. Hejlik. "They have done
 this, I haven't. I gave them a little bit of ad-
 vice and they have run with it."
 Command of MarSOC is now in the hands
 of Maj. Gen. Mastin M. Robeson. Maj. Gen.
 Robeson, a graduate of Amphibious Warfare
 School and Command and Staff College,
 comes to MarSOC with extensive experience
 as a commander.
 "Maj. Gen. Mastin and I have known each
 other since 1976," said Lt. Gen. Hejlik. "Since
 I've been an officer, I've known him longer
 than any other officer in the Corps. We were
 second lieutenants together. He was in Fox

Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, and
 I was in Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th
 Marines, and we've been great friends ever
 since. Sandy and I were talking about how I
 hate to give up command, but not this time.
 I am thrilled to give him this command.
 They're going to do a great job."
 During the ceremony, Maj. Gen. Robeson
 was brief, but to the point, when expressing
 the pride he felt at being the new commander
 of MarSOC.
 "We are blessed to be here. There is not a
 job in the Marine Corps that I would rather
 have today than this right here. Nancy and
 I are privileged to follow in your footsteps,"
 Maj. Gen. Robeson said to Lt. Gen. Hejlik.
 "I've watched you with great admiration
 while you've done what you've done here for
 the last two and a half years. You have set
 that standard, and I look forward to the op-
 portunity to be able to enjoy what you have
 set and accomplished."
 The Marines and sailors of MarSOC stand
 at a significant crossroad in their history, as
 the officer who took a handful of Marines and
 turned them into a force of more than 2,000
 "Silent Warriors" moves onward and upward.
 The MarSOC commander has changed, but
 the mission has not. MarSOC's personnel
 stand poised and ready as they now follow
 the leadership of Maj. Gen. Robeson and
 write the next chapter of the MarSOC story.

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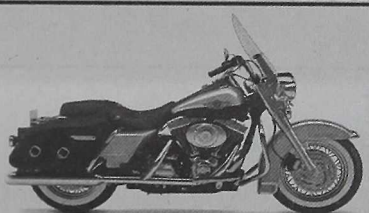
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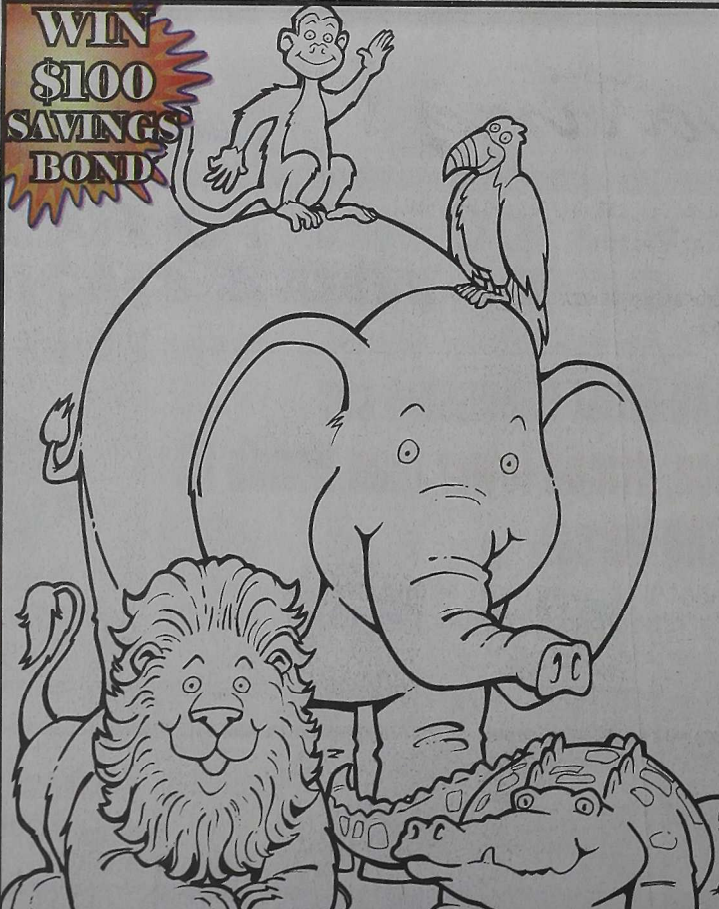
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National NIGHT OUT

CRIME'S 'GOING AWAY' PARTY



Story and photos by
Heather Owens
Carolina Living editor

Local law enforcement officers, hailing from the Jacksonville Police Department and the area's Marine Corps installations, are planning a huge party aimed at taking a bite out of crime.

National Night Out, held annually the second Tuesday of August, is scheduled for Aug. 5 at Jacksonville's Riverwalk Park.

"The purpose of the event is to build community partnerships with law enforcement, so community members can make contact with law enforcement," said Sgt. Staci Leyble, detective sergeant for the Jacksonville Police Department.

This year's event will be the 10th anniversary for Jacksonville and the national program's 25th anniversary. Leyble founded Jacksonville's participation in National Night Out with Capt. Leonard Pulcinio. When he retired two years ago, she took over the reins.

A large part of the celebration is the local organizations, which set up booths with a safety, crime prevention and general community information. Additionally, local charity organizations will be on hand selling food items with profits going to support the charities.

"Each year, it gets bigger and bigger. We started out with about 60 vendors on New Bridge Street. Now we have more than 200 (vendors), which is the reason we moved it to Riverwalk Park last year," said Leyble.

Marines from Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point are scheduled to provide a search and rescue demonstration over the waterfront. Additionally, static displays of MV-22 Osprey's and other military equipment are planned. "PEDRO, the search and rescue helicopter, is going to be there, and we are expecting a possible visit by Spider Man," said Leyble.

Eddie Eagle, the mascot of the National Rifle Association gun safety program, is also set to be on hand. "There will be a lot of crime-fighting super heroes out there," said Leyble.

As a special attraction, the United Way is sponsoring a screening of the Dr. Seuss movie "Horton Hears a Who" on a 30 by 30 foot screen in the children's area. Leyble estimates the movie will start at about 8 p.m. so that it will be completed in time for the fireworks display, which is set to cap off the evening's festivities at approximately 9:15 p.m.

The seasoned Mardi Gras with Sammy O'Banion band is scheduled to perform on the main stage while local entertainers will rock out from the second stage, located near the waterfront.

Yet the biggest attraction of National Night Out, especially for area children and the parents who love them, is the bicycle give-away.

"We had started the bicycle give-away to show that you can register your bike with the police so it can be possibly recovered if it

were lost or stolen," said Leyble.

Local businesses donate the bikes, and it estimated that nearly 100 bikes may be available for distribution. The lucky children will also win a helmet to keep themselves safe when trying out their new ride. Registration for the bicycle give-away will begin at 6 p.m. at a police booth. In addition to signing up children for the bike give-away, police officers will also be registering local bikes at the booth and offering bike safety tips. Registrants must be present during the final distribution of the bicycles to win.

Children, and their parents especially, may also find the planned school supply give away appealing. Eight "fully loaded" backpacks, stuffed with school supplies, will be raffled off and other packages of supplies will be distributed as well. The school supplies are donated by local businesses and the availability does depend on the amount of donations received. However, Leyble estimated that approximately 250 units of school supplies were given away at last year's celebration. The school supply distribution area should be near the corner of 2nd Street and Willingham Parkway, said Leyble.

An artistic student from Jacksonville Middle School, whom Leyble declined to

As seen above, last year's National Night Out celebration offered plenty of exciting opportunities for adults and children. Now in its 10th year in Jacksonville, the National Night Out is a community event focused on raising communication between law enforcement officers and the community, relaying safety information and crime reduction efforts. Courtesy photos

mention by name as she is a minor, will be presented with an iPod Nano for her efforts in creating the winning T-shirt design for this year's National Night Out. The T-shirts, featuring the theme "Giving crime a going away party," will be sold for \$2 each. Proceeds will go into next year's National Night Out fund.

Leyble said that the National Night Out event has been a huge success for the Jacksonville community through the years. In addition to being a fun party, Leyble noted the number of active community watch groups has grown to 45.

Leyble has advice for local families. "Make sure you stop by the booths. Also, come support your community and make contact with law enforcement officers from all over the community and the military base and ask them any questions you may have. Most importantly, have a great time," he said.

(Editor's note: Plenty of public parking will be available for the event. Suggested parking locations are along Court Street and up to New Bridge Street. Additionally, the Sturgeon City parking lot, located at 4 Court Street, will be available for public parking, said Leyble.)

'Wall-E:' Animated imaginative comedy, cosmic adventure



Playing at the Camp Lejeune Theater

"WALL-E" (G) "WALL-E" is another computer-animated feature from the Pixar Studios. This time, it is a futuristic animated film that centers on a lonely robot.

From the front row

With Reinhold Milderhauer Huneycutt

This film transports the viewer to a galaxy not so very far away and tells the story of a young playful, janitorial robot who is working for centuries because no one thought of turning him off after humans trashed and abandoned Earth. Now he is looking for a home in outer space.

It poses the question: What if mankind had to leave Earth and somebody figured out to turn the last robot off? What a lonely prospect.

Wall-E, which stands for Waste Allocation Load Lifter Earth-Class, spends every day doing what he was built for.

However, he discovers a new purpose in life when he meets a sleek flying search robot that looks like the Hope Diamond and is named EVE, which stands for Extraterrestrial Vegetation Evaluator.

Wall-E soon will discover what he was meant for, as he adventures across the galaxy chasing his dream.

Joining WALL-E on his fantastic journey across a universe of never-before-imagined visions of the future is a hilarious cast of characters, including a pet cockroach and a heroic team of malfunctioning misfit robots.

The voices you hear belong to Benjamin Burtt, Sigourney Weaver, John Ratzenberger, Kathy Najimy, Kim Kopf, Fred Willard and Jeff Garlin.

Written and directed by Andrew Stanton ("Finding Nemo," "A Bug's Life"), who is the driving force behind the powerhouse of Pixar Studios, the highly successful animated studios that has never produced a bad film. To mention a few of their huge successes are "Ratatouille," "Finding Nemo," "Toy Story," "Cars," "Monsters, Inc." and "The Incredibles."

According to Stanton, WALL-E's look was inspired by a pair of binoculars.

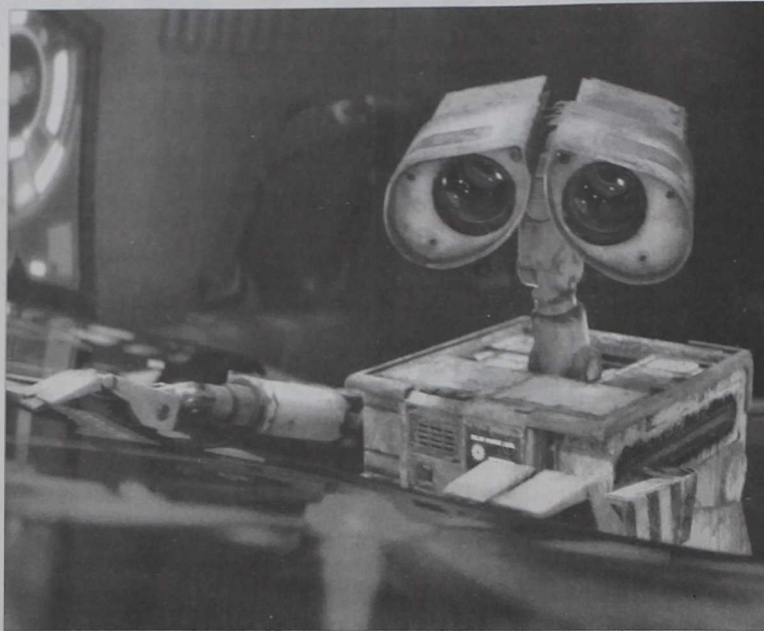
"WALL-E" is filled with surprises, action, humor and heart and maybe even an environmental message.

"WALL-E" is an exciting and imaginative comedy, a true love story and a cosmic adventure. The cute and determined robot and hero of the story will certainly find a permanent place in everyone's heart.

Playing at the Midway Park Theater

"INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL" (PG-13)

"Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" is the fourth installment of the highly popular adventure series.



'Wall-E' is a futuristic animated film that centers on a cute and determined robot. movies.com

When last seen, Indy had sacrificed the Holy Grail and finally earned the respect of his father, which ended the trilogy on a highly emotional note.

The newest adventure of Indiana Jones begins in 1957 in the Southwest desert at the height of the Cold War. Indy is in search of another mystical talisman. He and his sidekick have barely escaped a close scrape with Soviet agents on a remote airfield.

Now, Indiana Jones is venturing into the jungles of South America in a race against Soviet agents to uncover the secret behind the mysterious artifact, known as the Crystal Skull, reported to have supernatural powers.

Harrison Ford ("Firewall," "Air Force One") reprises his role of the famous whip-cracking and snake-fearing archeologist and adventurer, Dr. Henry "Indiana" Jones.

Shia LaBeouf ("Disturbia," "Transformers") plays the newest member of the series. He is Indy's latest sidekick, the young, rebellious and motorcycle-riding Mutt Williams, who carries both a grudge and a proposition for the adventurous archeologist.

Ray Winstone ("Beowulf," "The Departed") costars as Mac, an unethical rival archeologist.

Cate Blanchett ("Babel," "Elizabeth") costars as the beautiful Irina Spalko, leader of a group of Soviet agents, whose

elite military unit is scouring the globe for the Crystal Skull, believing it can help the Soviets dominate the world.

Jim Broadbent ("Gangs of New York") plays Dean Stanforth, Indy's close friend who is the dean of Marshall College; and John Hurt ("V for Vendetta") can be seen as Professor Oxley.

Karen Allen ("Raiders of the Lost Ark") reappears as Marion Ravenwood, the former sparring partner and love of Jones.

Super-talented and successful filmmakers, director Steven Spielberg ("War of the World," "Saving Private Ryan") and writer George Lucas ("Star Wars"), combined their highly motivating imagination and again bring us another movie in the most popular adventure series that began in 1981 with "Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark," followed by "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" in 1984, and "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" in 1989.

The adventures of Indiana Jones have a worldwide appeal for young and old audiences who demanded another tale and had to wait 19 years.

"Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" is pure entertainment and fun, spinning a good old-fashioned yarn and the stunts and special effects are spectacular.

With its soaring John Williams musical theme, the old fans cannot help but let the nostalgia carry them. And the new viewers, some of whom missed the previous films because they were not

even born yet, might discover an adventurer and a whole new world of tales to rent.

Playing at the Jacksonvil

"THE DARK KNIGHT" (PG-13) "The Dark Knight" is the 2005 "Batman Begins" and is the highly popular comic book.

Batman is a super hero with human abilities. He combines physical strength and mental prowess with lots of nifty gadgets to fight in Gotham City.

This tale is set within a year of events of "Batman Begins."

Christian Bale ("3:10 to Yuma," "Prestige") reprises his role as Bruce Wayne, the playboy millionaire tormented by his inner demons, in his alter-ego, the soul-crushing crime fighter Batman, the Caped Crusader.

With the help of Lt. Jim Gordon (played by Gary Oldman (Harrison Ford series) and newly appointed attorney Harvey Dent/Two-Face (played by Aaron Eckhart ("Erin Brockovich")) man sets out to destroy organized crime in Gotham City for good.

But soon, Batman must fight his most famous foe, the sadistic and brilliant criminal mastermind known as the Joker, who is creating a new wave of chaos in Gotham City.

Heath Ledger ("Brokeback Mountain") portrays the arch-villain, The Joker, the evil macabre character, his last completed film before his untimely death, with remarkable intensity and menace and total fearlessness.

Costarring are Maggie Gyllenhaal ("World Trade Center") as Rachel Watson, the ambitious prosecutor; Morgan Freeman ("The Bucketlist") as inventor Marcus Fox; and Michael Caine (costarring as Bruce Wayne's wise old butler Alfred Pennyworth).

Also appearing are Eric Roberts ("National Security") as Salvatore, and Cillian Murphy as Dr. Jonathan Crane, The Scarecrow; and Nestor Cerda as Mayor Robert Garcia.

Director Christopher Nolan ("The Prestige," "Insomnia," "Memento") is outdo his first attempt, "Batman Begins," with this sequel in telling the story of the Batman.

"The Dark Knight" is a bold and thrilling ride that has fulfilled all expectations. The intense and menacing story with its haunting images is executed and beautifully executed.

However, parents should be advised to leave their young tots at home. This movie is very violent and a visual assault and certainly not suitable for very young.

Ms. Huneycutt is the Public Affairs Assistant at the Base Public Affairs Office.

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Enter stage right, the dog. A brown, generic, Kansas dog. Not a mean dog. Not a mad dog. Just a curious dog. He passes between the double basses and makes his way through the second violins and into the cellos. His tail wags in beat with the music. As the dog passes between the players, they look at him, look at each other and continue with the next measure.

The dog takes a liking to a cello. Perhaps it was the lateral view of the bow. Maybe it was the eye view of the strings. Whatever it is, it caught the dog's attention and stopped and watched. The cellist sure what to do. He'd never play to a canine audience. Music school teach you what dog slobber might the lacquer of a 16th-century cello the dog did nothing but watch for ment and then move on.

The musicians laughed. The conductor laughed. The dog looked up and conductor and panted. And the conductor lowered his baton.

The chuckles ceased as the conductor turned. What fury might erupt. The audience grew quiet as the maestro faced them. What fuse had lit? The polished, German director looked at the crowd, looked down at the dog, then looked back at the people, raised his hands in a gesture and ... shrugged.

Everyone roared!

He stepped off the podium and scratched the dog behind the ear. The dog wagged again. The maestro to the dog. He spoke in German, the dog seemed to understand. Two seconds before the maestro took his new friend collar and led him off the stage. You have thought the dog was Pavarotti, the way the people applauded. The conductor returned and the music began and Beethoven seemed no worse for the whole experience.

Can you find you and me in the picture?

I can. Just call us Fido. And consider God the maestro. Envision a moment when we will walk with you onto his stage. God, too, will walk with us. He too, will speak. But he will lead us away. He will invite us to remain, forever his guests on his stage.

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Single Marine Program announces August events

Single Marine Program has announced its August events. The highlight of the month is the Sand 18 celebration, to be held aboard Beach Saturday. All are welcome to this annual event, which usually is out to be the party of the summer. Bands are on tap to perform, the country duet, the Karg and rock/alt bands, Vayden and this year is a bike show featuring a first-come, first-served basis, and sailors may register for the beginning at 10 a.m. There will be a tug-of-war, tug-of-war and volleyball tournaments in which prizes are awarded. This event is recommended for adults only.

Two trips are scheduled for August. They include a House of Blues outing to Myrtle Beach Saturday and an Aug. 9 jaunt to Kings Dominion.

Seating is limited for the House of Blues event, so it is recommended single Marines and sailors sign up early. The trip is \$35 per person and is limited to the first 18 paid registrants. The Kings Dominion event is \$35 per person and includes a meal package. The bus will leave the Marine Corps Exchange parking lot at 5 a.m. for this trip. Single Marines and sailors may sign up for the trips at their local recreation center.

The base theater will once again show free movies on Friday evenings at 9:15

p.m. Check out the movie listings on page 2D for the titles.

The Bonnyman Bowling Center on Mainside near the I.D. Card Center has planned free bowling from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday.

Area recreation centers have also schedules for the month. The Camp Johnson Recreation Center has a beach volleyball event planned for Aug. 9 starting at 10 a.m. and a cookout scheduled for Aug. 23 at 11 a.m.

The Central Area Recreation Center has scheduled a public screening of the pay-per-view UFC 87: Seek and Destroy fight out of the Target Center in Minneapolis. Champ Georges St. Pierre and Jon Fitch will be battling it out for the welter-

weight title. The action is set to kick off at 10 p.m. Then, the CARC has planned a World Wrestling Entertainment Summer Slam viewing at 8 p.m.

The Courthouse Bay Recreation Center has Luau, including a disc jockey and other entertainment, on the schedule for Aug. 9 starting at 4 p.m.

The ever-popular French Creek Recreation Center's Mid-day Jam sessions are scheduled for Aug. 6 and Aug. 20, from 11 a.m. through 1 p.m. Also, After Field Bashes are scheduled for Aug. 14 and Aug. 28 starting at 8:30 p.m.

Area recreation centers always feature free computer usage, wireless Internet availability, pool tables, movies and video games.

For more information regarding the SMP and its events, call 451-0084/4642 or visit the Marine Corps Community Services Web site at (mccslejeune.com/SMP.html.)



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'Guitar Hero: Aerosmith' is available in many platforms, including Nintendo Wii, Xbox 360, PlayStation 3 and PlayStation 2. Courtesy photo

Games: Walk this way for more music

Brian Bowers
Stars and Stripes

I think I've fallen into the "Guitar Hero" generation gap. I found a game, "Guitar Hero: Aerosmith," that I thoroughly enjoy, but my junior high sons could easily live without. The Teen-rated game, basically an expansion of by Red Octane and Activision's "Guitar Hero 3," is packed with songs I loved when I was a kid. Of course, there's plenty from Aerosmith, including "Toys in the Attic," "Back in the Saddle," and "Beyond Beautiful." The only big gap seems to be "Same Old Song and Dance," which appears on the standard "Guitar Hero 3" song list. In addition, there's "Dream Police" from Cheap Trick, "Cat Scratch Fever" from Ted Nugent and "King of Rock" from Run DMC, a special guest who also performs "Walk This Way" with Aerosmith in one set.

However, there are few songs I didn't listen to on vinyl records at one point — an indication they might not connect with the iPod generation. In addition, the tight focus on Aerosmith isn't likely to endear the game to non-fans. The dozen tracks from other artists don't really add up to much diversity. The game's career mode is a combination of traditional "Guitar Hero" and a rockumentary. Each level features interviews with the guys from Aerosmith and is set at a venue significant in the band's career. Steven Tyler, Joe Perry and the rest tell you about their gig at Nipmuc High School, the Super Bowl or the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame, and then you head there to play. Each level features two songs by "opening acts." After beating them, you play several Aerosmith songs while the band's avatars perform on screen. Red Octane did a lot of mo-

tion capture with the band members, including some sessions focusing on Tyler's impressive lips. However, it seems some of the edge was lost in the Wii version, which I tested. Game play is the same as in other "Guitar Hero" titles. You press the colored buttons on the guitar neck and hit the strum bar to match the notes running down the TV screen. It also features the regular modes of play — career, Quickplay, face-off, battle and co-op. The game is a bit shorter than "Guitar Hero 3," with fewer levels and few tracks that don't appear in career mode. However, there was certainly enough music to generate a full dose of fun. (Platforms: Wii, Xbox 360, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 2. On the Web: www.guitarhero.com/ghaerosmith/us/) Editor's note: This story is used with permission from Stars and Stripes. Copyright 2008 Stars and Stripes. Please do not reprint.

Local Marine wife wins state pageant

Press release
Mrs. North Carolina Sweetheart Pageant

The wife of Sgt. Rick Shaw, Tonya Shaw of Jacksonville, walked away with the title of Mrs. North Carolina Sweetheart 2008 June 14. This was Shaw's first pageant and, after competing onstage with other North Carolina married women, she was crowned. As a busy wife and mother of a 6-year-old daughter, Kaitlyn, who also won a title of Sweetheart of Miss Jacksonville 2008, leaves little time to herself, but she enjoys taking care of her family and spending quality time with them. Shaw is a local North Carolina girl who spent most of her life in Bladen County, N.C. She was raised by her parents, Truman and Debbie Harrelson of Clarkton, N.C., with high values and standards, and they rubbed off on her. Shaw volunteers her time whenever she can to any cause for her community. She agrees with the Miss North Carolina Sweetheart Policy of "Giving back to our community" and is thrilled to start working with the scholarship pageant program. "My goal this year is to focus on the wonderful young women of this beautiful state. By encouraging and empowering North Carolina's young women and girls to truly believe in their full potential and true beauty inside and out. I have learned through doing this

pageant how truly strong I really am and the amount of power, strength and influence a woman can have in society today. It is my wish that I be the best role model, mentor and good example to North Carolina young women and girls of how successful and strong the modern woman can truly be," said Shaw. According to Shaw, being a good mentor is more important now than ever to young women and girls. She emphasizes the importance of being involved in positive and constructive activities, rather than imitating many negative, attention-seeking behaviors that our society displays. She plans to use her title this year to encourage and support young women in North Carolina in all areas of reaching their full potential and help them achieve and accomplish anything they desire. "It is so important to encourage girls to realize how truly special and every one of them is," said Shaw. Shaw also plans on organizing several local charity events, supporting one of her favorite causes "Call a Closet," organizing a drive to send packages to our troops and much more. Shaw is excited to be able to represent her home state in the upcoming Nationals of America's Mrs. in September 2009. For details, go to www.missnorthcarolinaweb.com or call Lee, director, at 455-5952.



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'One Bullet Away' makes grade



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I picked up an abridged book-on-compact disc version of "One Bullet Away: The Making of a Marine Officer" on the discount rack of a local bookseller.

The book is not that old, having been published by Mariner Books Sept. 30, 2006.

For a five and some change, I

I had made a wise selection. HBO's new miniseries "Generation Kill" may do a double-take, per getting into this book. Some of the same names, both a deployment of the 1st Marine Battalion Aha! It's nit, only told from a slightly different perspective.

"One Bullet Away" is the story of Na-

thaniel Fick, formerly a Marine officer, and his recon Marines' journey through their Iraq deployment.

"Generation Kill" is the story of the same group of Marines, as told mostly from the perspective of the junior Marines and their embedded reporter.

The former is presented as a fairly accurate account of the details of the deployment, the latter is passed off more as a fictionalization, though some of the names have remained the same.

The common link is *Rolling Stone* reporter Evan Wright. In real life, Wright was embedded with Fick and his guys during the genesis of the Iraq War.

That's pretty much where the similarity ends. "One Bullet Away," penned by Dartmouth graduate Fick, has its gritty moments. However, I would say it has a more respectful tone and appreciation for the Marines' professionalism. I specifically remember a passage in which Fick said he enjoyed and found comfort in "talking with the guys" during down time.

My take from the first episodes of

"Generation Kill" is that, though this officer stands up for his men, he's not as tapped into the real brain trust of the unit as he may like to think.

As they say, perhaps the real truth is found somewhere in the middle.

At some point while listening to the first CD, it struck me that Fick's accounting is far different than any war story I have read before. It just dawned on me that the narrative was simple, straight forward and absent of much real profanity.

Later in the book, when the action gets heavy, there is some realistic language sprinkled in, but not in a way that hits you over the head.

A few years ago, I gave a copy of Anthony Swofford's book "Jarhead" to my dad as a gift. I was an early adopter of the book, even before the movie came out. As a writer, I appreciated that Swofford, after leaving the Corps, went on to receive a master's of fine arts degree in creative writing from, arguably, the best writing school in the country, the Uni-

versity of Iowa's writing workshop.

Dad, an experienced infantryman and multi-tour war veteran, was not onboard with Swofford's treatise. He felt the vulgarity of the book truly hit him over the head and not in an enjoyable way. Where I was able to enjoy the author's unique turn of a phrase, while ignoring the language, Dad was no longer willing to do so. (Whether I believe the veracity of all of the accounts of the book is another story.) But I do understand Dad's point.

So, for guys and gals like my Dad, who enjoy a good war story without all of the colorful language, "One Bullet Away" is your book. Not only is it entertaining, it could be used as a case study on war-zone decision making. For those of you who may be interested in the read for that reason, I suggest you pay special attention during the amusement park vignette.

As a war read, I give Fick's "One Bullet Away" four "boots on the ground," or thumbs up, if you prefer.

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Southern Illinois University fall registration

Through Aug. 28
Southern Illinois University announces its registration for Fall 2008 classes aboard Camp Lejeune is set to take place through Aug. 28. Bachelor of Science degrees are available in aviation management, electronic systems technologies and health care management. For more information, call 451-5575 or 449-6250. For information regarding educational opportunities aboard base, visit the Marine Corps Community Services Web page at www.mccslejeune.com/LLL/index.html.



Webb University registration

High Friday
Webb University is continuing its fall registration through Friday. The university's local office currently offers a Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting, business administration and information technology security; a Bachelor of Science Social Science with a concentration in government and a Bachelor of Science in psychology and a Bachelor of Applied Science. For information, call 451-3097 or 449-6600.

Market day

7 a.m. - 11 a.m.
A market is planned for Saturday at the Terrace Community Center. The entrance fee is \$5. All authorized vendors are welcome. For more information, call 451-1687.

Jam 2008

day, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Jam 2008 is scheduled to kick off aboard Camp Lejeune Saturday. Event registration is at 10 a.m., with the actual celebration beginning at 11 a.m. Events include beach volleyball, tug-of-war contest, flex-on-the-beach and a motorcycle show. Military members, their guests and members of the community are invited. No glass containers will be permitted on the beach. An event is recommended for adults only. For more information, call 451-3535.

Bi-cultural story time

day, 11 a.m., 2 p.m.
Children and their families are invited to an afternoon of family fun with theme-based stories, songs and books in Spanish and English. Bi-cultural storytime meets at 2 p.m. at the Main Library in Jacksonville. Call 455-7350, ext. 231 for more information.

Dining Etiquette Jeopardy

day, 2 p.m.
Meet at the Main Library in Jacksonville at 2 p.m. to freshen up on American

table manners and etiquette in a fun and friendly, yet competitive way. This program is part of Metamorphosis @ Your Library, which runs through Aug. 15 and features programs, events and prize giveaways for teens. Registration for Metamorphosis is open and ongoing throughout the summer. Call 455-7350 for more information.

Kids' back-to-school bingo

Monday, 6 - 8 p.m.
Join Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department for an evening of bingo Monday. Kids 5 to 12 are invited to test their game skills at the Blue Creek Elementary School Cafeteria. Play bingo and win back-to-school supplies. Kids 12 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult. The program is free. For more information, visit www.onslowcountync.gov/parks.

Music and dance through the decades

Tuesday, 2 p.m.
Teens meet at the Richlands Branch Library at 2 p.m. to challenge themselves to see if they can identify music and dance through the decades. This program is part of Metamorphosis @ Your Library, which runs through Aug. 15 and features programs, events and prize giveaways for teens. Call 324-5321 for more information.

Back-to-School Concert Series

Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
The Onslow County Parks and Recreation Department and Onslow County Public Library are sponsoring a "Back To School" music series. Concerts are scheduled outdoors at the Onslow County Public Library Thursday evenings. The library is located at 58 Doris Ave. Performers are:
Aug. 7: Arise Awake - Blues
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Breast feeding awareness day

Aug. 9, 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.
Together with community partners, we'll discuss the latest information on breast feeding and related services. The event is scheduled to take place at the Babies R Us/Toys R Us store on Western Boulevard. For more information, call 347-9839.

Yard sale

Aug. 16, 7 - 11 a.m.
A yard sale is planned for Aug. 16 at the Midway Park Community Center. Each table costs \$5. Call now to reserve a table. The event is open to all authorized patrons. For more information, call 451-1807.

Pool party

Aug. 16, 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.
The Tarawa Terrace Community Center is hosting a pool party at the Tarawa Terrace Outdoor pool for Aug. 16. A \$1 entry fee includes refreshments. Children under 2 years old are free. For more information, call 450-1687.

Soothing your baby seminar

Aug. 19, 7 p.m.
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Free Mark Kent concert

Aug. 23, 6:30 p.m.
Mark Kent is scheduled to perform a concert of sacred music at the Jacksonville Seventh-day Adventist Church on 453 College St. He has been sharing the talents God has given him for more than 25 years and has been nicknamed "the boy with the golden voice." Invite your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers and those you know that use sign language to this free concert. A love offering will be collected. Refreshments will be provided immediately after the concert and everyone is welcome.

Children's Museum plans Castles & Scoops fundraiser

at the Inn SunSpree Resort in Wrights Beach
Children's Museum of Wilmington announced it will be holding the 10th anniversary edition of Castles & Scoops, an annual sandcastle-building competition, Aug. 9. Pairing again with the Inn SunSpree Resort in Wrights Beach as a venue, the museum plans to host several hundred competitors and spectators at the day's events. The fundraising tradition began as a family focused activity and has grown to involve businesses, civic organizations, families and spectators. For years, Castles & Scoops has been used by organizations as company outings, and families for quality time occasions. Architects return year after year in an attempt to capture the coveted top prize — a trophy which is showcased by the winner year and handed to their successor at the following year's festivities. Prizes are awarded in numerous categories and food is available. New excitement this year includes a commemorative T-shirt designed by a local artist, added prize categories, a castle-building theme and related day-of activities and a 10th anniversary celebration display at the Wrightsville Beach Museum, where people park and take complimentary shuttles to the event. Sponsorship of the event is available at various levels and 100 percent of the proceeds go to The Children's Museum of Wilmington. The museum is consistently trying to make itself a true community resource, providing quality, hands-on experiences for children and families in the greater Wilmington area. Proceeds are put toward programming and outreach efforts, as well as lowering costs for the community. To register your family or business for competition, or to learn more about sponsorship, call 910-254-3534 or visit www.playwilmington.org. The Children's Museum of Wilmington offers engaging, hands-on exhibits in a self-directed environment that builds confidence and self-esteem while instilling a love of learning. To find out more about the museum and its exciting exhibits, events and programming, check out their new Web site at www.playwilmington.org.

DoD Schools announce change in eligibility birthdate for preschool and kindergarten

Effective school year 2009-10, the Department of Defense Schools will change the eligibility birth date for all preschool and kindergarten children enrolling in DoD schools to Sept. 1. Per House Bill 1473, all North Carolina Public Schools will change their eligibility birthdate for all preschool and kindergarten children to August 1 effective School Year 2009-10. Onslow County schools are making the change in the prekindergarten eligibility birth date beginning school year 2008-09 to ensure that all children served in the state at Four Program will be eligible to enter kindergarten the following year. The change at Four Program will also make their change in the preschool eligibility date beginning SY 2008-09 to mirror Onslow County Schools. Beginning school year 2008-09, children must be 4 years old by Sept. 1 to be eligible to enroll in the Camp Lejeune Dependents Schools' preschool program. This will mean that, beginning August 2008, children will only be able to enroll in preschool if they are four years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current school year. Effective SY 2009-10, children entering kindergarten must be 5 years old by Sept. 1. This will mean that, beginning August 2009, children will only be able to enroll in kindergarten if they are 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current school year. Children with disabilities who have a Camp Lejeune Individualized Education Plan which indicates the child should receive preschool services may enter the program any time after his or her third birthday, regardless of their birthdate.

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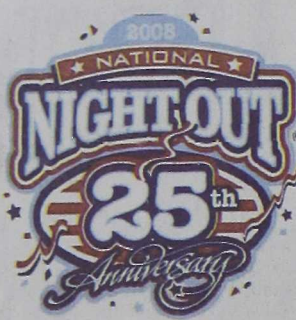
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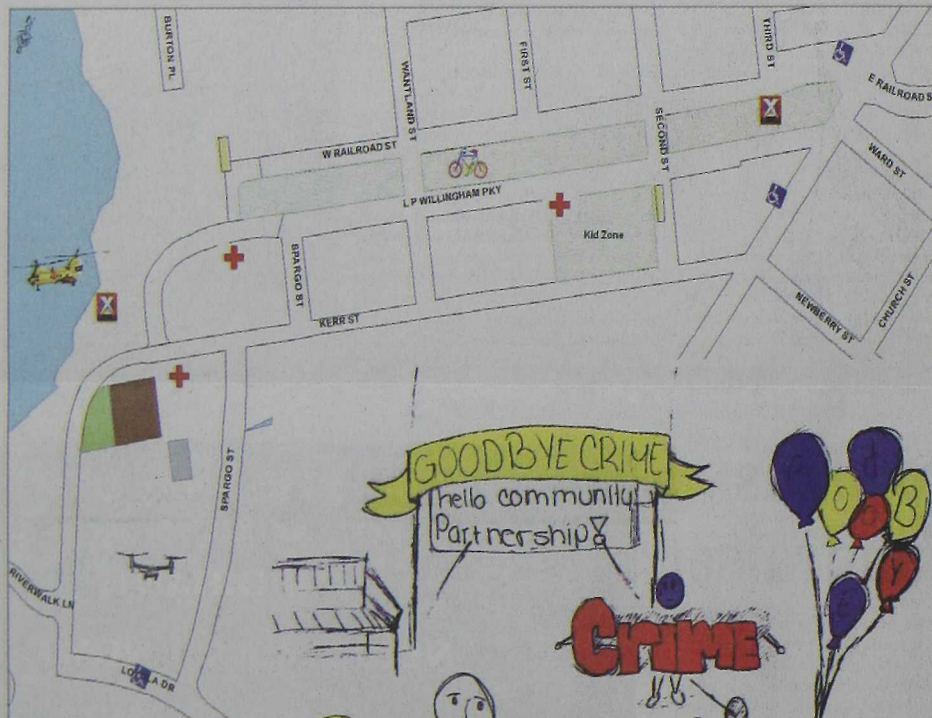


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Mardi Gras with Sammy O'Banion (Main Stage)

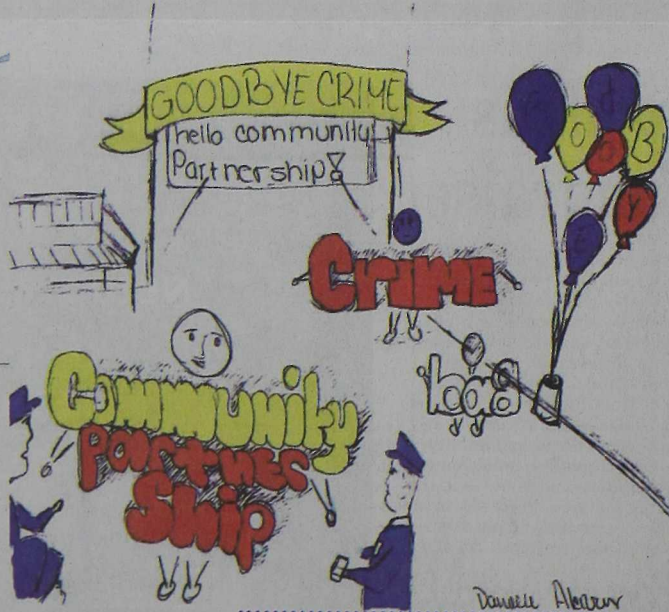
Bicycle Give-away (must be present to win)
Fireworks Extravaganza



Pedro display

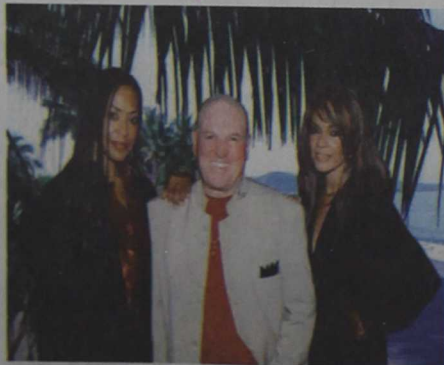


MV-22 Osprey static display



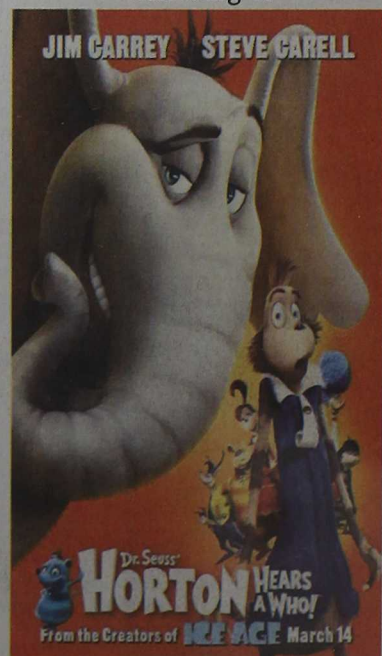
WIN Free School Supplies

Mardi Gras with Sammy O'Banion



Join us for the 10th Annual Crime and Drug Prevention Event. The event will be held at the Riverwalk Park located in downtown Jacksonville. From 6 pm till 9:30 pm enjoy family fun, balloons, clowns, face painting, games and prizes. Over 190 vendors will be on display, dancing, fireworks and the annual bicycle give-away will also be available.

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