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MEF warriors hit Georgia pines to solve 'friendly fire' challenge

Other services, British seek fratricide solutions with technology, tactics

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CAMP OLIVER, Ga. — In what the on-scene Marine commander calls "a moral imperative," a robust coalition of II MEF-led forces is tackling the challenge of fratricide at this remote outpost near Fort Stewart.

"This mission is solely dedicated to saving lives," said Marine Reserve **Col Robert Donaghue**, commanding officer of the II MEF Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force operating here.

"Our goal is to make the possibility of fratricide ('friendly fire') minimal. We owe it our best shot."

One of our key interests is identifying non-combatants to ensure their safety."

Donaghue, a Lowell, Mass. Native and Boston hospital executive in civilian life, has charge of 1,145 Marines, part of an ambitious scenario which employs nearly 4,000 troops from all services plus a British light infantry company and a bevy of civilian technical contractors.

The special maneuvers are being conducted under the umbrella of "ASCIET" — the All-Service Combat Identification Evaluation Team.

"We need to find ways to identify our people and equipment in all kinds of terrain and weather," stressed the cigar-chomping Donaghue.

He noted that the ambient light from "moonless nights in the thick Georgia pines" would present "an excellent opportunity to test tactics, technologies and procedures."

"There are really three pieces of the puzzle," the former 10th Marines warrior said.

"The enemy ... us ... and the local farmer on his tractor. One of our key interests is identifying non-combatants to ensure their

safety."

Reporting up the chain to Joint Task Force Phoenix and Combined Task Force Phoenix, the combatants have added realism by including a number of aircraft and tactical vehicles from countries within the former Soviet Union.

The 2d Marine Division's presence in the field is headed by 1st Bn, 2d Marines and includes units from 2d Tank Bn, 2d Amphibian Assault Bn, 2d Light Armored Reconnaissance Bn and 2d Combat Engineer Bn.

Other Camp Lejeune-based units and detachments fighting in the exercise include those from 8th Communication Bn and 8th Motor Transport Bn.

The MAGTF element commanders are **LtCol Joel G. Schwankl** (ground combat), **LtCol Carl J. Fosnaugh III** (aviation) and **LtCol William F. Crenshaw** (combat service support).

ASCIET 2000 officially began Monday and will conclude March 10.



Col Donaghue

1 Bn, 2d Marines trains hard in Japan

McSweeney
Line Correspondent

of the Marine Corps' ongoing Unit Program, 3d Bn, 2d Marine Regiment is involved in exercises centered on Okinawa, Japan. **LtCol James** the battalion's commanding officer, scussed his unit's role in UDP.

provides U.S. and Hawaii-based

3d Marine Division," he said.

only forward-deployed division,

potential role in several contingencies.

national crises."

ation from the 2d Marine Division

is always deployed to Okinawa as part of the UDP, he added.

Welsh is an infantry officer with 21 years of commissioned service in the Corps.

He graduated from Villanova University, where he participated in Naval ROTC, with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. Welsh is married and has three children.

"We are successful if we accomplish our



LtCol Welsh

training goals, stay within budget and return safely with all our Marines, Sailors, and equipment," he said.

Some of the evolutions the battalion has been involved in include a four-week deployment to the Jungle Warfare Training Center and the 4th Marine Regiment's Operational Readiness Evaluation, both in Okinawa; Exercise Forest Light (a bilateral, cold-weather exercise in Hokkaido); a home visitation program with local citizens in Hokkaido; and local liberty opportunities in Honshu and Hokkaido.

"So far, things have gone very well," said Welsh.

"We deployed 865 Marines and Sailors half a world away, turning over and receiving an \$18 million account in the process. Our people have done well on liberty and we're closely integrated with the 3d Marine Division and prepared to accomplish any missions we could be given."

When asked how the program might be improved, Welsh said that UDP work-ups don't get as much attention as Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable)

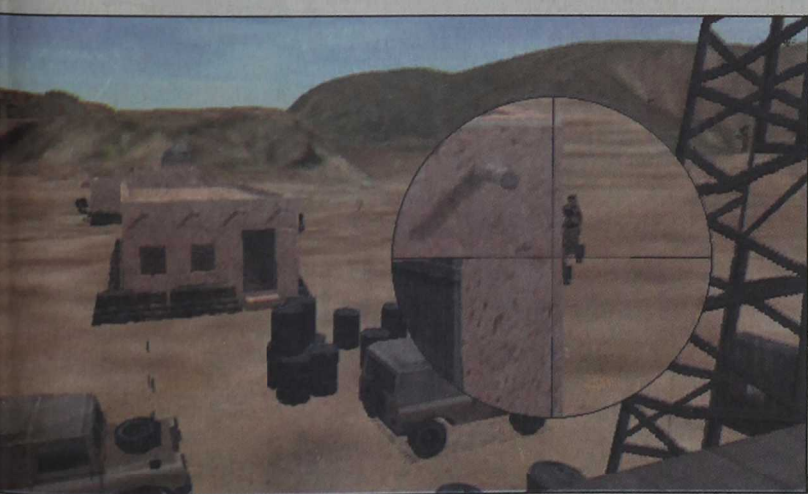
deployment preparations.

He added that there's not much information for Marines on how to prepare for the UDP or what contingencies and likely missions exist in the Western Pacific region.

"I think we should develop a standard training plan for a UDP battalion," he says.

Welsh is clearly leading his Marines and Sailors along the path to operational readiness and tactical proficiency—half a world away.

From Jungle Warfare Training to Cold Weather Ops, 3/2 is doing it all.



Courtesy Image

HOT, ONE KILL — This screen shot of a 3D interactive software program called "Delta Force 2." an enemy caught in the crosshairs. The program is currently scheduled for evaluation by the Corps to determine training value, and possible future use by infantry and reconnaissance units ment existing training. Marines stationed aboard Camp Lejeune who are familiar with the DF2 ment, and are interested in participating in the evaluation can contact **MSgt George Caldwell** at 06, or at caldwellg@lejeune.usmc.mil. Read more about "Delta Force 2" in next week's edition.

Brothers-in-arms deploy with 24th MEU's force in readiness

Sgt Kevin Dolloson
24th MEU Correspondent

ROTA, Spain — **Mr. and Mrs. Ellis** of Davison, Mich. never expected two of their four sons to complete their final stages of maturity in the United States Marine Corps. Brandon nor Joshua thought so either when they enlisted in the Marine Corps under the "buddy program" in June 1997.

Cpl Joshua Ellis and **LCpl Brandon Ellis** had already completed high school and experienced civilian life a little before taking the oath of enlistment. Brandon, 24, and Joshua, 22, joined the Marine Corps because they felt they needed to do something more with their lives and the Marine Corps offered the challenge they were both looking for. Additionally, a cousin who is also a Marine convinced them to join.

"I was wearing myself out in the job I was doing," said Joshua. "My life was going nowhere," said Brandon. "I figured the Marine Corps could give me the direction in my life that I needed."

According to Joshua, their parents weren't too happy about the decision they made.

"The whole family was pretty surprised and [our] mom and dad didn't like it at all," said Joshua. "Our grandparents and two other brothers were also shocked, but now the whole family accepts it a lot more than the day we joined, and my dad and brothers respect us a lot."

Brandon remembers how recruit

training was sometimes difficult to handle and how grateful he was that his brother was in the bunk right next to him to console him when he needed it.

"One day our senior drill instructor really laid into me during drill practice," said Brandon. "I felt like just throwing in the towel, but Josh and I had our bunks right next to each other and I remember that night how he talked me out of giving up. It gave me the strength to finish."

"It was nice to have a part of home with us in boot camp," said Joshua. "'Cause whenever we felt like we were homesick, we were always there

LCpl Brandon Ellis
Heavy Equipment Operator
24th MEU

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MCCS Web site

Visit www.mccslejeune.com and stay informed.
The MCCS, Camp Lejeune, web site has been in existence for almost two years and has recently expanded. The mission of the site is to provide enhanced information with e-mail links to all MCCS facility managers. Look for updates frequently at our web site.

A Busy Winter!



LCpl Jermaine Livingston of 2d Intelligence Bn was part of the largest MEF field presence since Desert Storm during last month's Exercise Swift Hammer. Throughout

all over the world. It's business as usual for the Marines and Sailors of II Marine Expeditionary Force.

Youth Conference

The Onslow Rotary Student Leadership Conference will be held Saturday at Paradise Point Officers Club. Over 100 local high school juniors will attend the conference. Speakers will include **MajGen Ronald Richard**; **LtCol Anthony Fazio**, Deputy Director of

Manpower Services; and **Cynthia Rose**, Director for Webster University aboard Camp Lejeune.

Happy 129th Birthday, Naval Medical Corps!

Since 1871, the Naval Medical Corps has skillfully and courageously supported Marines around the globe. In every clime and place, the Naval Medical Corps has gone into harm's way confident in its abilities.

Sergeant major checks into 'eternal barracks'

The tall, skinny kid from Philly made good. He survived World War II, was a proud member of the 1st Marine Division's "Chosin Few" in Korea and further paid his dues in the rice paddies of South Vietnam. In

Guest Commentary Mac McGee

his 32 years of honest and faithful service to god, country and Corps, he eventually went on to become the third Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps—an accomplishment envied by every other sergeant major of Marines.

The crowning glory of his 80 years on this Earth was his deep faith in God and the love and loyalty of his lifetime companion and bride of 54 years and the beautiful family they raised together. On Feb. 21 in the year of Our Lord 2000, SgtMaj Thomas J. McHugh executed his final permanent change-of-station orders and reported directly to our great commandant. Checking

in with St. Peter, who tried fervently to convince Tom that He, Himself, had been a Marine, he was escorted to his eternal barracks.

Walking slowly down the squad bay, he gently unshouldered his sea bag for the very last time. He turned and looked into the familiar faces of so many of his comrades-in-arms, the "Band of Brothers."

With the precision of the Silent Drill Team, they, with one voice, said simply, "Welcome aboard." The "Quiet One" smiled gently, as it called to mind a very familiar refrain—"If the Army and the Navy ever look on Heaven's scenes, they will find the streets are guarded by United States Marines."

"By God, they were right," he thought, "No scuttlebutt, straight scoop. Now I know it first hand." God



SgtMaj McHugh

Bless and Sempert, sergeant major.

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Sempertoons

by SSgt Wolf



"THESE OUR MY PRIDE 'N' JOY..... AS SOON AS THIS SQUID RAN TO THE END OF THE PIER...HE KNEW AND I KNEW HIS PANTS WOULD END UP ON MY "I LOVE ME" WALL!" HA HA!!

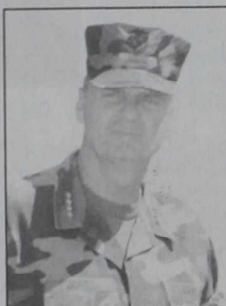
Key Volunteers Recognized throughout Marine Corps

For the last two years, The Marine Corps has designated the last week of February to be Key Volunteer Recognition Week.

I am pleased to announce this year's observation will be during the week of Feb. 23 through March 3.

Key Volunteers, welcome, nurture and support spouses, families and one another. They provide information and referral resources. Key Volunteers

are the continuous credible communication link between the Commanding Officer and the unit's families. Our support and encouragement of volunteer spouses are vital to the accomplishment of unit readiness.



Commandant of the Marine Corps

Gen James L. Jones, Jr.

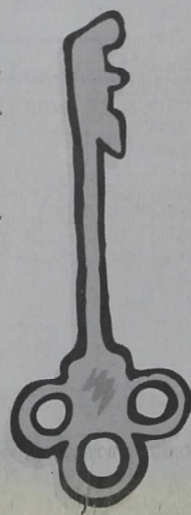
Accordingly, Feb. 28 through March 3 is designated as Key Volunteer Recognition Week.

Our Marines and Sailors are deployed in every "Climate and Place," and regardless of location, they directly benefit from Key Volunteer dedication to family and unit readiness.

I want to personally thank all Key Volunteers for the significant contribution they make daily to our

Volunteers. I ask every commander to plan appropriate activities to celebrate and honor their Key Volunteers during this week of recognition.

KEY



VOLUNTEERS

Our Commandant has designated Feb. 28 through March 3 to honor and observe the accomplishments of the Marine Corps' Key Volunteers and the network they support. The service our key volunteer network provides to our Marines, Sailors and their families is far reaching and crucial to the numerous successes we enjoy while deployed around the globe.

Without this great team who unselfishly dedicate their time and experience to assist and guide families who are frequently alone, Marines and Sailors would not be able to focus on the missions our country demands of us.

Their devotion to assist family members by directing them to the agencies and professionals who can help is admirable, as

is their willingness to

With the hectic pace of exercise tempo in Expeditionary Force, Volunteers have never more important and valuable.

With over 45 percent married and over 40 members in the MEF, they have their work cut out for them. MEF benefits from their efforts and they deserve sincere thanks and appreciation for their sacrifice and dedication.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Key Volunteers for their

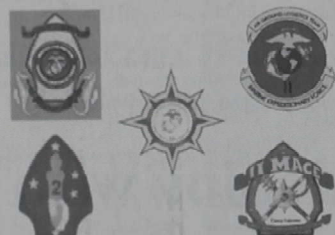


Commanding General, II MEF MajGen Emil R. "Buck" Bedard

members of II MEF show their appreciation this week and every week. Volunteers for a job well done.

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"...for the strength of the Pack is the Wolf,
and the strength of the Wolf is the Pack."

Rudyard Kipling, as cited in the
32nd Commandant's Guidance

Mustanger recalls recruiter's tactics

Two tours of recruiting duty—New York in the early 1950s and Kentucky in the 1960s—substantively proved to me the "Magic" of the dress blue uniform and contributed tremendously to my recruiting successes.

When I attended high school "career days," I always let the other Services talk about their wonderful opportunities and guarantees.

I then stood up in my dress blues, put a small bag I carried on the desk or restrum (the bag matched my blues), and said...

"The Marine Corps has the same programs my fellow recruiters just talked about, but we don't guarantee you anything."

Then I slowly assembled the M-1 rifle stowed in my

bag, fastened on a bayonet, and walked out into the audience, where I literally tossed it to the biggest guy in the class with the challenge.

"If you think you're man enough to handle this, come see me after the program."

My line in the back of the room during those times was twice as long as any of the others. The uniform attracted them, and the rifle challenged them.

Put on those full uniforms, Marines

—all of you. You have the best one going and the history and tradition to go with it.

When you step smartly out that front gate, for "heaven's scenes" sake, look like a Marine.

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Dress Blues Magic

1stLt Gerald F. Merna

The joy of renewal: A good place to start

When you walk into the chapel at Midway Park Housing area, you can still smell the new paint on the walls even though it has been a month since they were painted.

The carpet still springs back when you walk on it (like new fibers do until they have been worn under foot awhile). The tile is in perfect condition, the new heater warms the air, the lighting is bright and inviting, and the new furnishings give the whole building a comfortable feeling.

If you saw the building before the expensive renovation project just completed, you can now easily appreciate the improvements in the creature comforts that have been included in the finished product.

If you did not see the building before its update, you can still enjoy its functionality.

However, with all its newly refurbished splendor, Midway Park Chapel never feels really warm and inviting until the people of the community enter its doors.

No matter how lovely the building, it's not until Sunday morning, when people laugh and sing, worship and fellowship, talk and pray, that this beautifully painted pile of concrete becomes truly splendid.

It's only when the patter of little feet play games with Mom or Dad during the weekday activities, and their laughter is heard filling the hallways that the building comes to life.

It's only when families gather together in her rooms to learn about life and love and friendship that this long standing edifice becomes anything of value.

For, you see, it's not the outside of things in life that matters. It's what's inside that counts.

Perhaps you recall the old story (once made into a song) about an old fiddle placed on the auction block. It did not look very nice. Its finish was dulled from years of use and then more years of neglect.

The strings were in place, but they had darkened with age and one could not tell if they would make any music. Dirt and dust filled its every crevice and its overall appearance was unimpressive.

The auctioneer began "I have here an old fiddle. It doesn't look like much. Who'll start the bidding at five? Do I hear five dollars, now ten? Ten dollars for this old fiddle?"

A few hands bid on the old instrument, now well past its prime. Perhaps they could see its ornamental usefulness or its sentimental value.

In one last attempt to raise the price, the auctioneer pulled the bow across the strings, but the poor old fiddle just groaned and screeched at the effort. Once more the auctioneer lamented,

"Moving on then, can I get fifteen. One last time, going once, going twice..."

Just then, from the back of the hall, an old disheveled man rose from his seat and walked to the front.

Before the word sold was declared and the gavel rang out the final verdict, the old man gently took the fiddle. He made a few adjustments, prepared the bow, and placed the tired fiddle under his chin.

Silence!

And then, beginning softly, melodious sounds began to come from the instrument. Over and over, phrase after phrase of glorious music filled the auction hall as the old man's fingers wandered deftly over the board and his hand precisely pulled the bow across the aging strings.

Then, when all was complete, silence returned once more.

The auctioneer reclaimed the item and began again. "Who'll give me five, now ten, who'll give me fifteen thousand for this fine violin? A masterpiece of workmanship and quality. Who will buy this prize?"

Chaplain's Corner

LT Frank W. Shearin



The joy of renewal: A good place to start

The old tired fiddle, turned priceless violin, lay day for more than anyone had expected, and the tale, the storyteller asks, "Why did this happen? Did such an old fiddle sell for so much? It was old wood, and the same old strings."

It had the same deep cracks filled with the dust. What brought about the change? "The touch of the master's hand," says, "Was the touch of the master's hand."

Our lives are much like this old fiddle, much like Midway Park Chapel for that matter, doesn't matter what we look like on the outside.

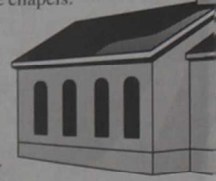
It matters only that God has made us new on the inside.

When it comes to violins, this newness is its music. When it comes to chapel buildings, this newness is its people, and when it comes to you and me, this newness is our relationship with the master.

I pray that we may all know the joy of a close relationship with God that transforms our existence. A good place to start the search for a closer walk with God is with his people in one of our base chapels.

Join us this weekend at the chapel of your choice, and experience the renewing power of God's love.

Chaplain
Corps Base Chaplain.



Shearin

LAR Bn fires away at requal

Story and photos by
Sgt Micheal D. Rogers
Camp Lejeune Correspondent

Alpha Company, Light Armored Reconnaissance Bn, 2d Marine Division began its live-fire stages of qualifications Feb. 9 and initiated its first gunnery qualifications of the new year at SR7 multipurpose range.

The battalion recently began the last five of 12 stages, or tables, that included live-fire of the 25mm M242 Bushmaster chaingun, 7.62mm coaxial pintle mount gun, and the 7.62mm medium machine gun.

Firing about 150 rounds from the 25mm and 50 to 100 rounds of 7.62mm per table, this training is designed to keep Marines sharp in targeting, firing, and maneuvering within a live-fire range.

"A continuous training schedule keeps us proficient in the event we find ourselves in a combat situation," said Cpl Harry H. Frederick, a LAV 25 gunner and a Saginaw, Mich., native.

While the Marines of LAR Bn gave their best shot at the range, the range also gave its best shot at them prompted by recent renovations which included thermal blankets for targets, improved facilities, multiple targets and engagement scenarios.

"The thermal blankets heat up the targets giving them a heat signature we can read through our thermal sights," said Frederick.

"It helps most during night firing, foggy or smoky environments or if the target is concealed."

While the LAV 25 crewmembers engaged their target scenarios, civilians and Marines



Sgt Micheal D. Rogers

During annual qualification, LAR Bn fires thousands of 7.62mm and 25mm ammunition. The qualification ensures the Marines' skills are where they need to be.

from within the battalion operated the computers that actually ran the range.

A simple push of a button by computer operators set the scene which ranged from moving multiple, or stationary targets to ground troops or a combination of the three. The operators, who sat in the range tower overlooking the range, had a "birds eye view" of the movements being conducted.

It was the job of the Marines who manned the LAVs to decide which threat to eliminate first and how to maneuver the course as the scenario unfolded. The Marines in the LAVs

decided how to negotiate the miles of range with unknown targets appearing in a moments notice.

Although a live-fire portion of qualification takes about nine days, the entire battalion will complete the range by the end of March.

"Although qualification goes twice yearly, this range gives us the perfect opportunity to enhance gunnery training of each LAV 25 crew in the LAV 25 vehicle," said SSgt Jonathan Webber, Master Gunner and a Mount Holly N.J., native.



Sgt Micheal D. Rogers

Six Light Armored Vehicles stand at the ready on SR 7 multi-purpose gunnery range during a "check-fire."



Sgt Micheal D. Rogers

ht at home inside the LAV 25, Cpl Harry N. Frederick, gunner, checks a ar viewing through the sights. Frederick is one of many LAR Bn team-members work together during the annual firing qualifications. Qualifications, which y and night firing, take up to nine days, but LAR is not scheduled to leave the the end of March.

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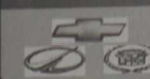
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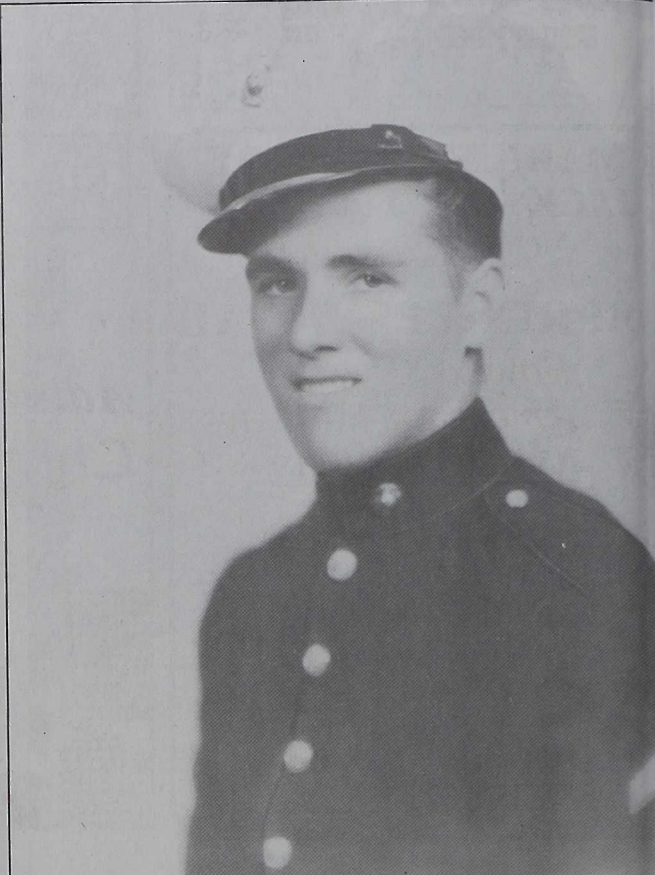
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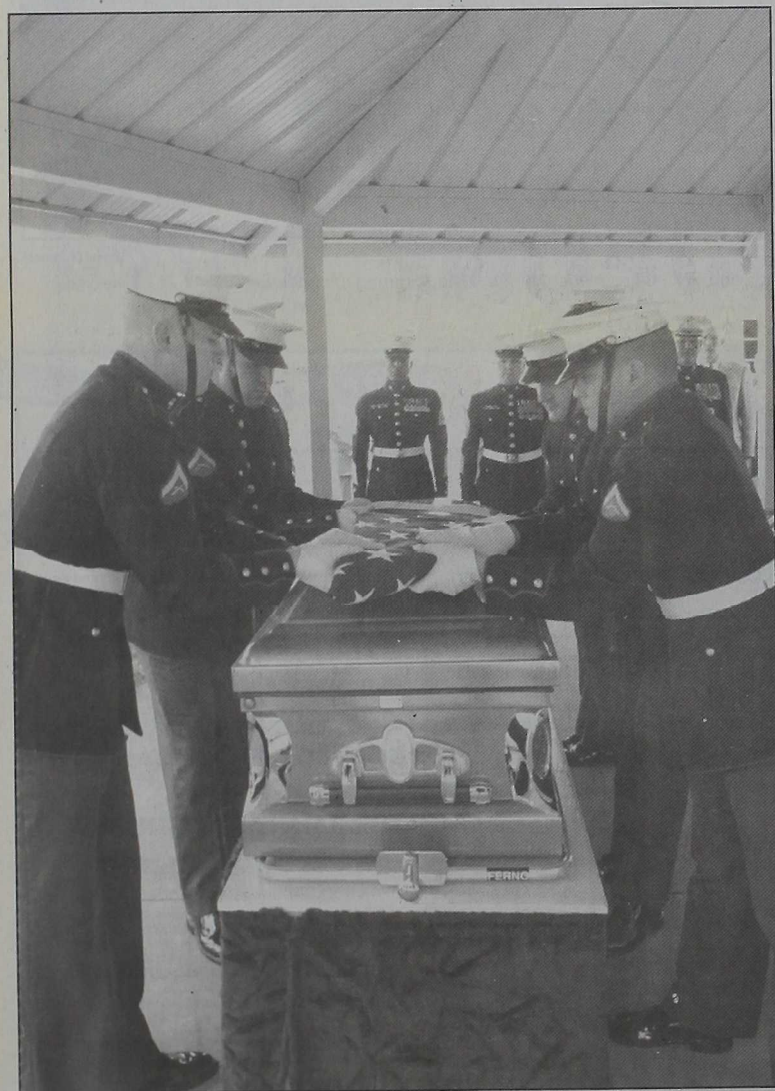


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Casket Bearers from Marine Corps Barracks, Washington, fold the Colors with poise and precision during SgtMaj McHugh's funeral Feb. 24 at Infant of Prague Catholic Church.



SgtMaj Thomas A. McHugh



Sgt Micheal D. Rogers

The team of Casket Bearers finish the folding of the Colors in front of hundreds of SgtMaj McHugh's family, friends and loved ones.



Sgt Micheal D. Rogers

Presenting Doris McHugh with the 21 expended cartridges from the 21-gun salute, SgtMaj Virgil G. Dwyer Sr., Marine Corps Support Schools Sergeant Major, takes a knee as a sign of respect.

Sgt Micheal D. Rogers
Camp Lejeune Correspondent

The third Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, **SgtMaj Thomas J. McHugh**, died Feb. 21 at Onslow Memorial Hospital.

Survived by his wife **Doris**, daughters **Patricia**, **Margaret**, and **Kathleen**; and son **Thomas**, McHugh will be remembered by many.

Hundreds of family, friends and loved ones came and paid their respects Feb. 24 at the Infant of Prague Catholic Church in Jacksonville, reinforcing the Marine Corps ethos "Once a Marine. Always a Marine."



ways a Marine."

Some of those in attendance included the current Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps **SgtMaj Alford L. McMichael**; retired **SgtMaj Harold G. Overstreet**, 12th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps; and **MajGen Ronald G. Richard**, Commanding General, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

Thirteen honorary Casket Bearers, comprised of former and active duty Marines, also complimented the detail.

With members of various veterans orga-

nizations represented at the service, it was clearly evident that McHugh's legacy will not only be felt in the military community, but in the civilian community as well.

After all had been said, McMichael concluded, "He was a Marine's Marine, a gentleman who served in uniform with respect and dignity."

"I came to say goodbye to a Marine and let his family know that he was a part of this great Marine Corps."



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Casket Bearers prepare to place SgtMaj McHugh's casket into the hearse after the funeral service. SgtMaj McHugh was the third Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps.



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members who always seem to find themselves in a field or busy with work, making time to get a dental clinic isn't always easy.

Until the dental clinic got wheels.

Wheels, 2d Dental Bn's three Mobile Dental Units are able to bring dental care directly to Marines' workspaces and field exercises. According to CDR Phil Crockett, Officer-In-Charge of Mobile Dental Unit Three, that service becomes especially useful for the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

The van idled next to the 26th MEU's Command, the Auburn, Ala., native said. Marines and Sailors like the 26th MEU, particularly during deployment training, scarcely have time in their day that might be a two-hour wait.

In a primary clinic, a doctor might see 20 to 30 patients a day, said Petty Officer 1st Class Jeff S. Wynn, a unit technician. "Here it is not uncommon to see 60 patients in a day."

Wynn, to the St. Louis, Mo., native, the Mobile Dental Unit usually stay in one location for two to three days to see so many patients due to a predetermined schedule.

Living at a command, the Mobile Dental Unit is a representative from that command to deliver dental care to many patients will be seen, and what they do.

Mobile Dental Unit arrives, all the dental care for Marines and Sailors are delivered. The first patients seen will be those who are in the field. Since this exam process takes only 15 minutes, the Dental Sailors are able to see seven patients in the first day.

On the second day, they concentrate more on follow-up dental work, like filling cavities. Another Mobile Dental Unit is able to see so many patients, according to Crockett, is their focus on

standard dental needs.

"We can just about do it all here," he said, "from cleaning to root canals. But it's not very time efficient to have someone come in for a root canal, which can take a few hours. So we stick to the fillings and cleanings."

Crockett said the Mobile Dental Units are so

practical, other bases have

employed their use. One

Mobile Dental Unit is currently

at Marine Corps Air

Station Cherry Point, N.C.,

where it is scheduled to

return sometime next week.

"The commanders love

it," he said. "And the troop

response has been quite

positive."

"I showed up for an

exam, and less than half an

hour later I was on my way back to my shop," said Cpl

Melvin J. Mabaquiao, Russian cryptologic linguist with

the 26th MEU's Radio Bn Detachment and Chicago native.

"I think this fits in perfect with the flexibility and

mobility of the Marine Corps. You can take it anywhere

you go. You just put it in drive and turn the wheel."

Crockett is quick to add that the Mobile Dental Units

do not replace the expeditionary medical and dental facilities

that often deploy with Marine units.

Instead, they work in garrison to provide the same

type of mobile care a Marine would often receive when

deployed.

"We were at a field exercise with 8th Marines Commu-

nication Battalion," said Crockett. "It was pretty nifty.

You had all these tents and right in the middle was our

van."

Crockett said he thinks the use of the Mobile Dental

Units will only increase with time. "We're only limited to

the road. Maybe we should get some tank tracks and we

could go anywhere," he laughed.



2d Dental Bn's three Mobile Dental Units idles outside of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit's Command



CDR Phil Crockett, Officer-In-Charge of Mobile Dental Unit Three, one of 2d Dental Bn's Mobile Dental Units here, performs an annual check-up on Chicago native Cpl Melvin J. Mabaquiao, Russian cryptologic linguist with the 26th MEU's Radio Bn Det.

26th MEU fights virtual war

Cpl Jimmie Perkins
26th MEU Correspondent

Computer hacker attacks on major internet sites have created doubts about the stability and security of the electronic medium. Marine Corps leaders are facing the reality that along with the benefits of the internet, they make their systems vulnerable to groups whose goals are mischief or worse. The responsibility for defending the network within 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (26th MEU), falls to the Marines of the Information Systems Management Office (ISMO) of the Command Element (CE).

According to Sgt Gary D. Gresham, the ISMO Chief, the Marine Corps puts several layers of protection up to secure its systems from attack.

"We use a series of firewalls, computer

software that acts as gatekeepers to the networks," said the Springfield, Ill. native. "For a hacker to get through to our network, they need to penetrate at least three layers of security."

But even the best security can't stop a determined threat. Gresham stated that the best hackers don't even leave traces of their violations.

"Usually we can tell when someone has been on the system because the servers log all entries into and out of the network, but when the hacker is good we don't notice until later when a virus surfaces," said Gresham.

However, according to Cpl Anthony M. Fifield, a small computer systems specialist with the ISMO office, 85 to 90 percent of attacks come from inside the network.

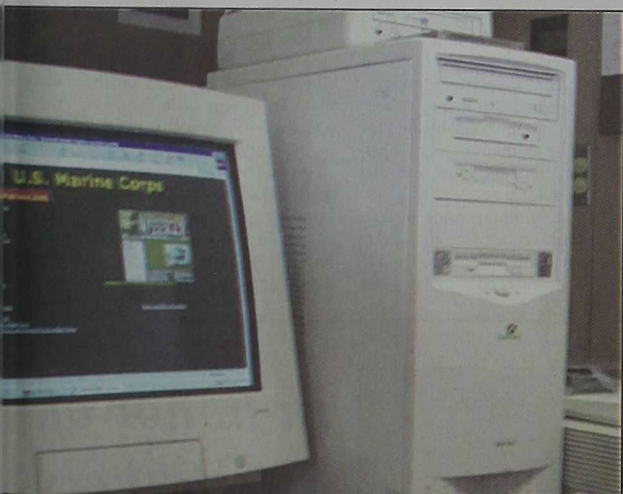
"Most of the time it is unintentional. Either a Marine is receiving them through email

attachments or software, or they are loading personal software onto their work computers without taking proper precautions to scan for viruses," said Fifield, a native of International Falls, Minn.

Marines and Sailors are allowed to use computers at their workstations to send and receive personal e-mail both in garrison and aboard ship. Most ships also have a room set aside with a bank of computers for off-duty crewmembers. Anyone with a computer can send e-mail to service personnel anywhere, as long as the Marine has an e-mail address and access to a computer.

DoD Directive 5500.7-R 2-301 says brief communications made by DoD employees while they are traveling on government business to notify family members of official trans-

See HACK/8A



Cpl Jimmie Perkins

Sailors from the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit practice information security the internet or using their email accounts.

Team Leaders Course helps build skills of 22d MEU warriors

N. Alexander
Respondent

WY, CRETE, Greece — In order for Marines to remain as America's "Readiness," Marines both old and new must perform their jobs professionally and tactically.

To maintain this readiness, the 22d Marine Expeditionary Unit (22d MEU) conducted a Fire Team Leaders Course to teach junior Marines essential leadership skills to build them into leaders of the future.

The Fire Team Leaders Course is a three-day course designed to build stamina and endurance in the knowledge needed by Fire Team leaders.

"The knowledge I learned at the course was outstanding and it'll better help me in the future," said L.Cpl Clinton Ticer, a machine gunner from Girardeau, Missouri who attended the course.

Roughly 40 private first classes and lance corporals with Military Occupational Specialties ranging from Infantry Rifleman to Anti-tank Assaultman attended the course. "The course was outstanding and we need to do more to school our Marines while we are deployed and we have the time back at Camp Lejeune. It's difficult due to the rigorous training regime that takes place," said Sgt Maj Royce Restivo, the 22d MEU(SOC) Sergeant Major and guest speaker at the graduation of the Fire Team Leaders Course students.

The course was held at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and was a joint effort between the 22d MEU and the 2d Marine Division.

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L.Cpl Jerad W. Alexander

Cpl Gerry Dalida shows the Fire Team Leaders Course students methods of rope-handling associated with assault climbing.



SSgt. Jason Webb

ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY ... Retired Warrant Officer **Terrence McGuire**, former president of the 1st Marine Division Association, presents 1st Bn, 2d Marine Regiment Commanding Officer **LtCol Joel G. Schwankl** with a plaque commemorating a 1/2 Korean war hero. **Cpl Joseph Vittori** received the Medal of Honor for "action against enemy forces in Korea at the cost of his life" Sept. 16, 1951. Vittori belonged to 1st Bn, 2d Marines, and was transferred to 2d Bn, 1st Marines during the war. The plaque will be displayed in the 2d Marines Chow Hall for all Marines to see.

Reporting fraud helps control healthcare costs

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News stories frequently highlight people trying to get extra money out of their insurance companies with claims that aren't true. Maybe you've noticed the line you have to sign on many forms that say, "The information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge." It's even in some of the TRICARE literature you might have received. But what is fraud and how do people abuse health care benefits? Can you help if you notice fraud?

Yes, you can help control health care costs by reporting it when you're suspicious of fraud involving the TRICARE program.

Fraud occurs when a person know-

ingly presents false information about claims and beneficiary status information.

These statements can be written or spoken. Examples of fraud include (but are not limited to): billing for services which were not performed, misrepresenting services in order to gain a higher payment (such as changing the date of service), and filing claims for someone who's not eligible for TRICARE benefits.

Abuse is a habit of poor medical or business practices which result in unnecessary cost to the TRICARE program. Some examples include overutilization of medical services, and failing to charge (or pay) deductibles or coinsurance.

How to File a Complaint:

If you know or hear of anyone trying to defraud the TRICARE program

(provider, sponsor, beneficiary, or even a TRICARE contractor), contact your local TRICARE Service Center or Regional Operations Center at 1-800-931-9501 to file a complaint.

Be sure to describe all events in the order they occurred, and provide the name, address, and ID number (if known) of the person(s) involved. Include any documents that support the complaint. Also, please include your name and a daytime phone number in case an investigator has additional questions.

If the complaint involves a sensitive matter (e.g. physical abuse), you should contact local law enforcement agencies immediately. Then, be sure to follow up by filing a complaint with the TRICARE Service Center.

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Fighting adult sugar dependency

Compiled by
2d Dental Battalion

Dental habits start forming at about four months, or at about the time when the baby switches from breast milk or infant formula to other foods, reports the Academy of General Dentistry, an organization of general dentists dedicated to continuing education.

This is also the age that a baby's first tooth may erupt, and the types of foods that are introduced to the baby at this time can affect a lifetime of dental health. In fact, a strong correlation has been found between the use of sweetened drinks in infancy and the consumption of sugar-containing snacks in later years.

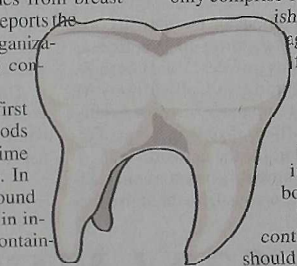
"The eating habits of adults are formed at weaning, so it's important for the baby to develop good eating habits that will affect the dental health," says **Heidi Hausauer, DDS, FAGD**, a spokesperson for the Academy of General Dentistry. "Sugar is known to cause cavi-

ties throughout a lifetime, and the earlier an infant gets used to sugar, the easier it is to get hooked on high-sugar snacks as an adult."

Fruit juices, for example, are high in sugar and should only comprise 10 percent of the baby's diet, yet one British study shows that 19 percent of the average child's diet in England is comprised of fruit juice. Fruit drinks can cause enamel erosion, and a baby should never be allowed to fall asleep with a bottle of fruit juice because the sugary liquid bathes the newly erupted teeth in a cavity-causing substance which can cause baby bottle tooth decay.

"Drinks other than water should not be continually sipped throughout the day and should be served at mealtimes—never at bedtime," says Dr. Hausauer. "Children given high-sugar medicines regularly at bedtime are also at risk of forming cavities."

This message was brought to you by the Academy of General Dentistry and 2d Dental Bn, Camp Lejeune.



24 weeks ... and growing ...

I wasn't feeling so great the last time that we spoke. This last couple of weeks has been as normal as it could get for a pregnant woman—if there is any such thing.

I have been a bit busy though. I have spent the greater half of my last two weeks moving into a new apartment.

But before I could physically move anything from one location to another I was on a mission like 007.

One of the most important objectives for me was gathering as many trucks as I could.

I also had to convince a few people that the best way to spend their recent Presidents Day weekend was by helping me move.

Did I mention they had to lug my things up a flight of stairs? One of my friends was hauling a couch and almost went into a backbend until another ran to her rescue.

I must say they all did a wonderful job. I am sure they are individually planning ways I can repay them for their efforts.

At times I felt pretty guilty for just pointing and watch-

ing. I tried to say encouraging things to them as they passed by me with fully loaded arms.

I think I carried a pillow or two. As much as I wanted to help, I knew the best thing for me and the baby was to stay out of the way and not lift anything heavy or strain myself.

I did make myself useful though. Some of my friends had children that I could play with and keep an eye on. I also packed most of the things myself only leaving the heavier items to those who had a better chance of staying out of the hospital from premature labor.

I have heard that there will come a time in the pregnancy where you nest.

You just go crazy with cleaning, baking and putting the nursery together.

The important thing to remember is not to get carried away. It is okay to ask for help when you need it.

Use caution when lifting or reach-

ing for things.

Sgt Bryant is an Associate Editor of The Globe.



BROTHERS from 1A

for each other."

"And of course when the drill instructors found out we were brothers, the games began," added Brandon. "Every time one of us went up for 'incentive physical training' the other one was sure to follow."

After recruit training, they both went to Marine Combat Training School at Camp Geiger, N.C., Joshua, a radio operator and battery noncommissioned officer for the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit's Forward Command Element, went to Communications Electronics School and Brandon, a heavy equipment operator for the MEU Service Support Group-24 (MSSG-24), went to Heavy Equipment Operators School, in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

After their military occupational specialty schools, they were separated. Brandon was attached to Camp Lejeune's Landing Support Battalion before joining MSSG-24 in May 1999. Joshua served with Eighth Communications Battalion, before joining the 24th MEU in May 1998. Joshua credits the MEU with affording him the opportunity to grow up personally as well as professionally.

"The MEU is the hardest unit to be with because even with 'workups' you're still deploying every two weeks or so," said Joshua. "Being here has really helped me differentiate between work and home. The time I spend here makes me appreciate my wife and family more."

"I hear a lot of stories about guys that deploy and get e-mails and letters from wives and girlfriends with sour news," said Joshua. "I'm grateful that my wife is a strong woman."

Additionally, Joshua appreciates the lead-

ership at the MEU.

"I learned my [military occupational specialty] in the MEU," said Joshua. "Being here, there were two corporals who taught me everything they knew and helped me be more proficient with the Marine Corps in general. Brandon echoes his brother's sentiment. The Marine Corps has a life."

"The Marine Corps has become wiser, smarter, more mature," said Brandon. "I have a bad temper, but I've calmed down a lot."

"Field time is more important here, especially for [communications] operators," added Joshua.

"We're up long hours, but this is a lot faster here and that's why I like it."

They have an additional benefit while they're deployed to the MEU: they can keep each other company. They live less than a mile apart.

Additionally, they are both fathers. Joshua's wife, **Heath**, has twins, and is expecting around the time he returns from the MEU.

Brandon's wife, **Tiffany**, is also due to deliver some time in the near future.

The Ellis brothers joined the MEU as bachelors not knowing what to expect. Today they are fathers, who have developed personally and professionally at levels and in ways they could not have dreamed of.

Follow the 24th MEU (SOC) on their website at www.usmc.mil.



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portation or schedule changes are legal. Also legal are personal communications from the DoD employee's usual work place that are most reasonably made while at the work place such as: checking in with their spouse or children, scheduling doctor and auto or home repair appointments, brief internet searches and e-mailing directions to visiting relatives when such communications:

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(E) Do not overburden the communication system (such as may be the case with broadcasts and group mailings), create no significant additional cost to DoD.... Electronic messages can be sent and read in privacy, but

they are also checked randomly to ensure security.

When faced with the potential of hostile forces, the slightest bits of information become critical. An accidental slip of location or email address can give the enemy the time in which a unit will go ashore can be used by the enemy.

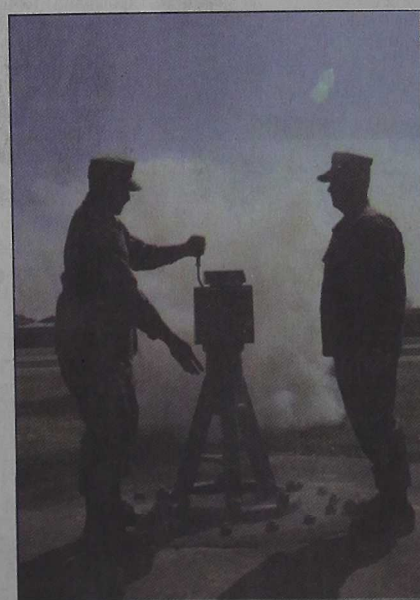
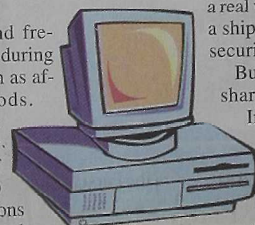
"People have been disciplined for sending sensitive information in their e-mail," said a real world mission, the phone line to a ship will be shut down to maintain security."

But perhaps the most common mistake is sharing chain mail and photos. Internet with friends. According to **ward L. Abraham**, even though there have been cautions about chain emails, there is no system to monitor the content coming into the network.

"We must count on the Marines to police themselves," said Abraham. "If they get these email chains, nothing wrong, as long as they delete them and are quick to notify us when they receive suspicious mail."

Much of the success of the ISMO training is educating the Marines on these dangers. They are up to date with the latest virus updates for virus software are installed on the network.

Also, each Marine receiving an email must read and sign a statement of responsibility standing about information security. It comes down to the individual Marine to defend the security of the network, but there is someone there to guide them in the right direction.



In honor of Forefathers

Firing a volley of 21 rounds on Patriot Day, Fayetteville, N.C., native **LCpl Terrence** and **Acme, Penn.**, native **LCpl Lonn** both from Alpha Co, Marine Corps, fired the next shot from the cannon in bldg. 1.

Sgt Micheal D. Rogers



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2d FSSG swaps tricks of trade with foreign army

Sgt Sharon G. Angell
Camp Lejeune Correspondent

Marines from 2d Combat Engineer Bn (CEB), 2d Marine Division and Marines from 8th Engineer Support Battalion (ESB), 2d Force Service Support Group spent a few days escorting a group of soldiers from the Trinidad and Tobago Army Feb. 7-9.

The Trinidad and Tobago Army recently redesignated a portion of their army as an engineer section, according to Maj Michael B. Hobbs, operations officer, 2d CEB.

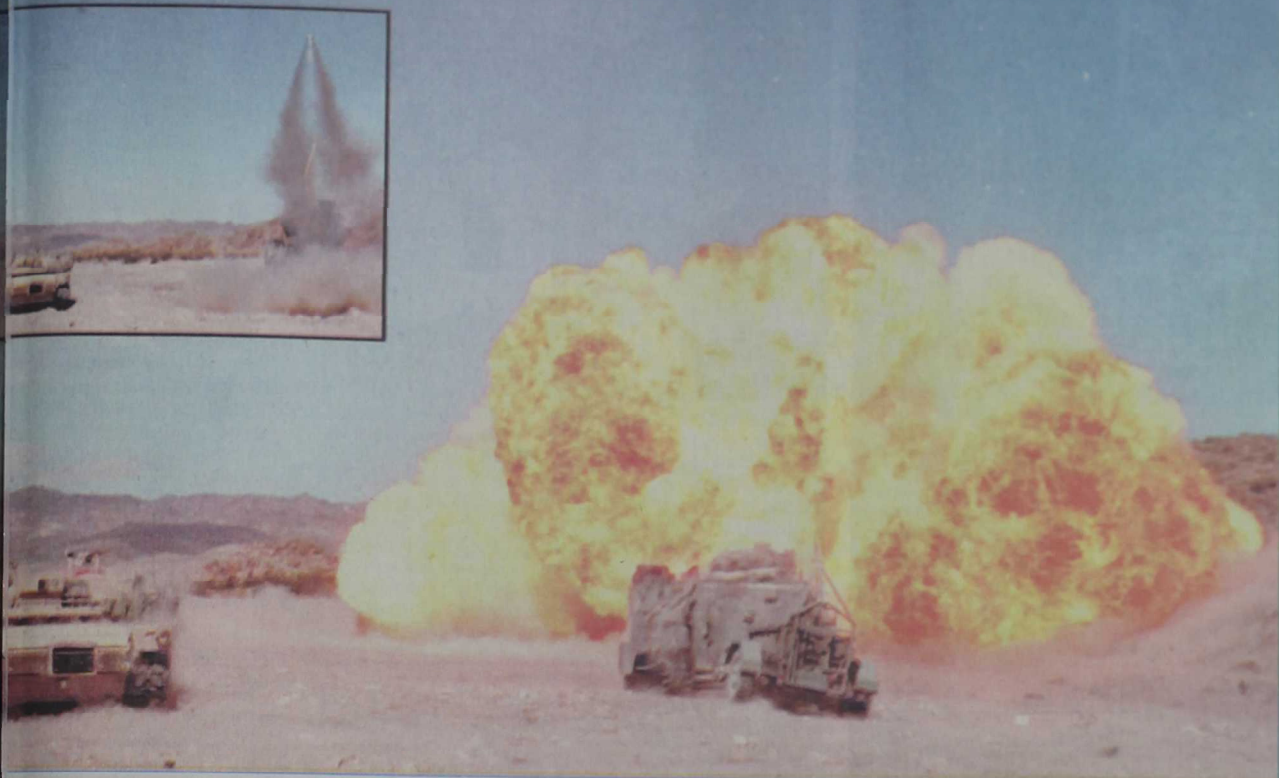
"I have been able to see some gear that I am not familiar with. The levers may be different but it operates the same."

Cpl Stevenson John
Trinidad and Tobago
Regiment

The soldiers visited different sections of 8th ESB and 2d CEB during their stay. They were able to see a demonstration at Engineer Point on boat operations, a tour of the construction shop at 8th ESB, a static display of various vehicles from the heavy equipment shop, and a tour of the Ammunition Supply Point, according to Capt Alan F. Crouch, S-3, 8th ESB.

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LCpl Thomas M. Corcoran

DOM ... 2d Assault Amphibious Bn detonates a M-154 line charge at Twentynine Palms, Calif., Camp Wilson's range 114 during a CAX exercise.

News Watch

alled top threat to U.S. in Gulf area: According to the *Wall Street Journal*, the leader of U.S. military forces in the Persian Gulf says that despite impressive political gains by centrists, Iran's remain in control and are moving ahead with ballistic-missile weapons programs.

Anthony Zinni, commander of the Central Command, said Iran, poses the greatest long-term threat to the United States. "The concern is the fact that the hard-liners still control the weapons of mass destruction program, the ballistic missile and the intelligence services which still support terrorism," he told the Senate Armed Services Committee. He also urged "a more aggressive approach before any new U.S. overtures to Iran, reformists gained control of Iran's parliament in elections a month was encouraging."

House has communication breakdown: Communications has prevented the White House from being notified in advance of military commanders operating in Kosovo were sending troops its way, according to *Washington Whispers*. The first time it was Feb. 15. A total of 21 troops joined a Greek company in Mitrovica. Four days later, 350 paratroopers mounted a tense house search for weapons in Mitrovica. Clinton National Advisor Sandy Berger learned via TV, prompting angry calls to the Potomac.

y lacks data to fight effectively in many world cities: The *Sun* reported Tuesday that the U.S. military lacks the information needed to fight and function effectively in many of the world, especially in developing countries most likely to be the theater of future conflicts, warned congressional investigators. "We currently do not have adequate information due to the city intelligence community has afforded urban warfare in on efforts," said investigators from the General Accounting Office. To identify the information the Defense Department is completing a study.

ill send 2,000 troops on Balkan exercise: NATO is to send 2,000 troops to the Balkans next month for an exercise to underline the alliance's continued determination to end the violence in the troubled province of Kosovo, according to the *Daily Telegraph*.

Further evidence of Kosovo's worsening ethnic problems was announced. A spokesman in Pristina explained that the 2,000 fresh troops would join the 37,200 peacekeepers already serving in Kosovo. Lt. Gen. Philipp said that it was purely "coincidental" that the troops arriving is the same as the number asked for by Gen. Clark last week.

A mine exploded under a Serb bus in Mitrovica after it had a party of schoolchildren in the divided town of Mitrovica, a Serb district. The driver and conductor of the school bus were killed. The incident took place on a road frequently used by vehicles from the nearby French contingent.

Patrick Chantiau, the French spokesman in Mitrovica, said the mine was a deliberate attempt at terrorism. "It is clear to us that it was not there yesterday," he said. "It is a road that is used so we would have to say that it was deliberate."

British jets bomb Iraqi targets: Baghdad, Iraq—U.S. and British jets bombed civilian targets while patrolling the northern "no-fly" zone, but reported no damage or casualties, a spokesman for the U.S. defense force told the *Washington Post*.

The defense force told the *Washington Post* that the planes and service installations were targeted by planes in the north, but without specifying the sites.

The planes opened fire on the planes, which entered northern Iraqi airspace, he said in a statement carried by the official Iraqi news agency. He also said the planes penetrated Iraqi airspace in the north, but without specifying the sites.

The planes fired only on Iraqi air defense sites and only on the ground, said a spokesman for Operation Northern Watch at the Pentagon.

Hero awarded for leadership under pressure

Sgt Arthur Stone
Camp Lejeune Correspondent

Not every Marine leads a highly distinguished career, but one gunny from 2d Marine Division has made his mark on the history of the Marine Corps.

Whitefield, N.H., native, GySgt Gary B. Cross Jr., Headquarters and Service Co, 2d Reconnaissance Bn, 2d Marine Division, Cross was awarded the Department of State's Medal of Heroism Feb. 4, for his actions in Kenya during and after the terrorist bombing of the U.S. Embassy in 1998, when he directed his Marine Security Guard Detachment to secure the embassy and assist victims of the bombing. Burton, Ohio, native LtCol Michael Dean, commanding officer, 2d Recon. Bn, presented the medal to Cross during a ceremony at the battalion, where he has worked since transferring to the MEF in October 1999.

Though there have been many events throughout Cross' career, it was probably his third week of duty as a Marine Security Guard in Kenya that was most astonishing.

It was 10:30 a.m. local Kenya time, Aug. 7, 1998, when the embassy in Nairobi was struck by a terrorist attack.

As the MSG detachment commander,

Cross was at work early that day and went about his normal routine, beginning with a trip to the vault to read the morning's classified message traffic. However, being new to the job, he forgot the combination to the classified vault. Rather than return downstairs to Post One, at the front of the embassy to get the combination, he decided to read the unclassified message traffic at the other end of the building.

Cross credits that change of habit for saving his life.

Minutes later an explosion sounded at the back of the building. Cross charged from the office at the first explosion and headed to check out the disturbance. He rushed into the stairwell on his way to Post One, where Cpl Sam Gonite of West Palm Beach, Fla., was on duty. Suddenly, a second devastating explosion rocked the building, hurling Cross to the landing on the floor below. He regained consciousness moments later in total darkness. Despite minor injuries, he was unhurt, but another man was standing over him in the stairwell, bleeding all over him, Cross recalled.

"I helped him outside so someone could render him assistance," said Cross. "Then I

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Air Force Tech Sgt Joe Bela

Workers continue to clear debris and rubble following the bombing of the U.S. Embassy in downtown Nairobi, Kenya on Aug. 7, 1998.

2d FSSG Marine sends message over wire

2ndLt Dan McSweeney
Community Relations Officer

LCpl Byron Glenn has no problem communicating his aspirations.

"I want to be a famous actor some day," he said.

Communication is an overarching theme in Glenn's life. As a basic wireman with Communications Co, Headquarters and Service Battalion, 2d Force Service Support Group, Glenn is all about getting the word out—and receiving it.

"We support II MEF by setting up and maintaining radio, wire, and data systems," he said. "This supports troops and commanders, in their need to coordinate maneuver and logistics operations."

The company is commanded by Capt Richard Bordonaro. It has a unit strength of 365 Marines. Glenn is from Houston, where his parents, two sisters, and brother still live. He has twin daughters, Navia and Navion.

"I joined the Marines to gain discipline and get my life on track," he says. "I've been in for just over two years and love it. It has its ups and downs, like everything, but the Group always helps you out with anything you need."

When asked why he thinks people join the Marines, Glenn says a lot of them do it to prove that they are the best.

He adds that being positive is the best way



2ndLt Dan McSweeney

Houston native LCpl Byron Glenn, a basic wireman with Communications Co, Headquarters and Support Bn., 2d FSSG, works on a field telephone.

to succeed in the Corps.

As for communicating, Glenn said that it is one of his biggest interests. He enjoys talking and interacting with people from all walks of life. In addition to volunteering at the Naval Hospital

aboard base, he attends social functions at base recreation centers.

"I know when I leave the Corps, I'll be more clear and focused," he says. "When I have to do something, I won't stop until it's done."



Sgt Bobbie J. Bryant

Jazzbo the clown performs a magic show for the children of deployed Marines and Sailors from II MEF at a St. Valentine's Day party Feb. 5.

Valentines Day party hits big

Children of deployed Marines celebrate holiday in style with a clown, singing, dancing, food and more...

Sgt Sharon G. Angell
Camp Lejeune Correspondent

Uninterrupted sounds of laughter echoed throughout the Jacksonville Commons Recreation Center gymnasium Feb. 5 as a party fashioned for children of all ages was unveiled. Complete with a disc jockey, catered food, games, karaoke, and even Jazzbo the Clown, the stage was set for the children of deployed Marines and Sailors of II Marine Expeditionary Force as they celebrated St. Valentine's Day early.

"It was kinda fun. I got my face painted," said **Branden T. Geldart**, 7, son of **SSgt Chris T. Geldart**, Battalion Landing Team 3rd Bn, 6th Marines, 2d Marine Division.

"We had fun dancing. The food was pretty good too," said **Raquel Morris**, 4, son of **Maj Robert C.**

Morris, executive officer of 3rd Bn, 2d Marines.

There were also drawings for door prizes throughout the party. Some of the gifts included gift certificates to local restaurants and compact disc players.

"I think it is wonderful I won a CD player. My roommate has a 2-year-old son who I gave my ticket to. His daddy is deployed now and going on deployment again in April. He is going to hide it in his seabag and surprise him with it," said **Sgt Bobbie J. Bryant**, a Cocoa Beach, Fla., native.

Other people who did not win were still excited about the possibility of winning.

"The door prizes were great. A lot of people came for the door prizes and stayed the entire party just to see if they won something," said **Rhoda Morris**, wife

of **Morris**.

In addition to all the activities, a daycare center was set up for children three and under who would not be able to enjoy some of the activities set up for the bigger children.

"I think it was great that someone did this for us (families) and cared enough about us to think of it. Some people need it to be explained, though, that this party was because of a donation, not because the Division threw it for us," said **Keri Geldart**, wife of **Geldart**, both who are Annapolis, Md., natives.

"Some people may now expect it each time there is a deployment and it is not going to be like that," she explained.

The party was made possible by a

former Marine, **Steve Wallace** of Beverly Hills, Calif., for the children of the deployed Marines and Sailors of II MEF.

"I think it was great that someone did this for us and cared enough about us to think of it."

Keri Geldart
wife of **SSgt Chris T. Geldart**
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Children cheer **Jazzbo the Clown** during his magic show filled with comics, bright colors, loud music and plenty of laughter at the Jacksonville Commons Recreation.



Andrea Delossantoscoy, **Autumn Valdov**, and **Mindy Lynes** sing karaoke at the St. Valentine's Day party honoring the children of deployed Marines and Sailors from II MEF.

TRINIDAD from 1B

(USSOUTHCOM) became the subject matter expert on how to help the Trinidad and Tobago Army learn more about engineering, according to **Hobbs**. The situation was taken to Marine Forces Atlantic where USSOUTHCOM was asked for support. Second CEB was the first command to stand up so it was chosen as one of the commands to help.

Three Marines from 2d CEB visited Trinidad and explained how the Marines operate here, according to **Hobbs**. They were not allowed to perform training with them but were allowed to explain things and exchange information about the differences in the two services. One of the main purposes behind the visit was to answer questions for the soldiers about engineering, said **Hobbs**.

The visit to Camp Lejeune was to give the soldiers background information about the gear the Marines use, and how they conduct business when it comes to constructing buildings and supporting everyday tasks, according to **Hobbs**.

"I have been able to see some gear that I am not familiar with. The levers may be different but it operates the same," said **Cpl Stevenson John**, plant operation, field squadron, Trinidad and

Tobago Regiment.

The soldiers hope to adopt some of the gear the Marines use when they return to their country in order to do this, the soldiers asked a lot of information the Marines had. "What we are actually trying to do is we get back," said **Cpl Joachim Hernandez**, demand section. "We are asking about a lot of things I have not gotten a lot for my own section but in logistics, like your S-3, but I know the other guys have gotten a lot of good information for their country."

The soldiers returned home Feb. 11 with a lot of information and phone numbers should they have questions about the Corps.



Sgt Arthur Stone

SERGEANTS MAJOR GIVE TO A GREAT CAUSE ... **SgtMaj Robert McHenry**, 2d Force Service Support Group, **SgtMaj Henry C. Wallace**, 2d Marine Division, **SgtMaj Joseph D. Gentelia**, II Marine Expeditionary Force, **SgtMaj Otis Kokensparger**, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C., and **SgtMaj Keith Jones**, Marine Corps Air Station, New River, N.C., kicked off the annual fund drive for the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Monday at the Camp Lejeune Main Exchange by signing their allotment forms and making their pledges for the year 2000. The sergeants major wanted to show their support and set an example to their Marines by being the first to sign their pledges for the NMCRS fund drive in the new millennium.

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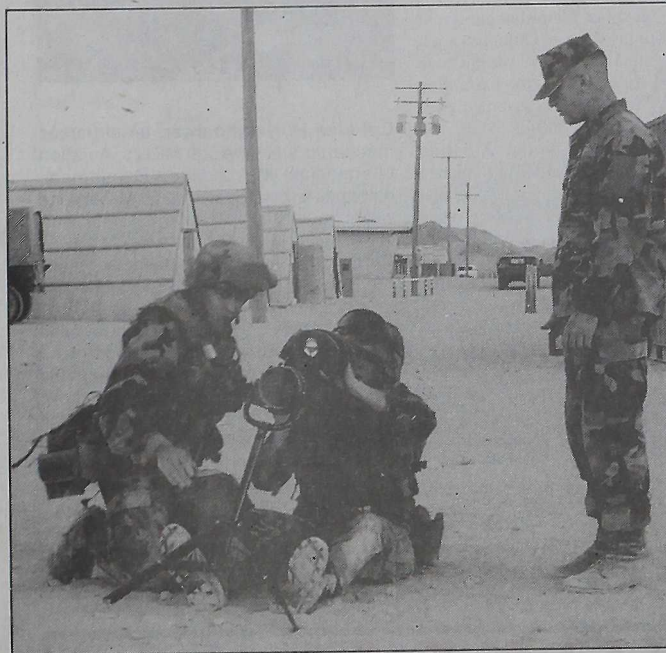
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Sgt Houston F. White, Jr.

HERO from 1B

knocked on the hatch at Post One. Gonite wouldn't open the hatch because he couldn't see out."

"All hell broke loose after the bombing," said Cross. "Within minutes we had looters in the embassy and a crowd outside of an estimated 5,000 people. We had to provide security for the State Department personnel, search for classified material, search for injured and dead, and also keep the people out."

None of the electrical systems and alarms worked in the guard post after the explosion, and Cross was surprised to find that the phone, buried under rubble in the guard post, was still functional. Marines who had been driving to work at the embassy came running up after the explosion, once the shower of falling rubble and debris had ended.

Cross told them to suit up in their react gear and grab their weapons. He had them set up a perimeter at the back and front of the building and at the blast site, where a large section of wall had collapsed, allowing looters into the embassy.

The Marines secured the building under Cross' leadership and began bringing out wounded. Tallahassee, Fla., native Sgt Jesse Nathan Aliganga was killed in the blast that destroyed the embassy. Cross and his Marines worked feverishly, searching the rubble, providing security at the site, and providing aid to the wounded. Finally, 27 hours after the blast, Aliganga's body was found. Cross and his Marines gently wrapped Aliganga in the U.S. flag that had been ripped down by the blast, and carried his body out of the compound. Cross and his Marines kept the lid on a very volatile situation, setting up a perimeter around the building with the help of a group of U.S. Special Forces team members that had been working at the embassy. They kept looters out and kept further hostilities from developing.

"Just keeping the Marines' heads in the game and everyone cool under pressure was the hardest task," said Cross. "It would have been very easy to lash out at the crowd for what had happened but that would have only started a full scale rumble. From my perspective, I felt scared, but I couldn't let them see that."

After the bombing of the embassy, Cross was given the opportunity to return to the Fleet Marine Force or go on to another MSG duty station. He chose to transfer to 2d Marine Division in October 1999. He was actively pursued by Dean to take the role as the personnel officer at 2d Recon. Bn. In the short time he has been at 2d Recon. Bn, he has turned the unit's



Air Force Tech

Workers continue to clear debris and rubble following the bombing of the U.S. in downtown Nairobi, Kenya in August, 1998.

administrative section around, according to Dean, and made a definite impact on those around him. He now spends his free time with his wife, Andrea, and daughters, Aleisha and Brooke.

He received a Navy Commendation Medal from the Marine Corps for his actions at the embassy on that horrifying day in 1998.

However, during the recent ceremony, his commanding officer presented him with the State Department medal, plus two certificates of appreciation

from the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, 5th Special Forces Group. He was only a hero, he's one of the most proficient staff noncommissioned officers.

"We knew he could be a leader in a battalion," said Dean. "If he were a sergeant, we want to make him a first sergeant in this organization. He's only a hero, he's one of the most proficient staff noncommissioned officers. Marines like Cross have given the Corps a hallowed legacy, pure sacrifice, courage, and valor. His courage and commitment will forever be those who earn the title of United States

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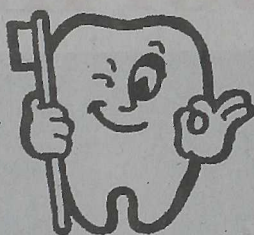
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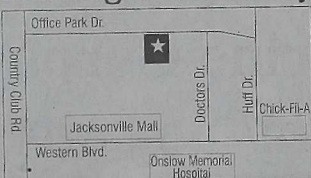
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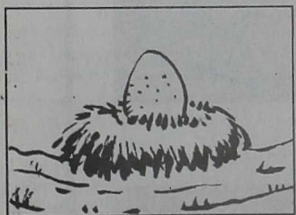
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Feb. 2
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Feb. 3
Dominique Jannette born to Petty Officer 3rd Class Amelia and Paul, II, Jones
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Marine Corps' stock of chem/bio suits not affected

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Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, Ga.

According to Jack Hart, Marine Corps Logistics Bases Program Manager for Nuclear Biological Chemical Defense Equipment Assessment Program and Marine/NBC/Assessment, there are no impacts to the Marine Corps stock of chemical protective suits.

The Marine Corps recently fielded the SARATOGA chemical protective suit, and has not used the Battle Dress Overgarment (BDO) chemical protective suit, manufactured by Isralex, for several years.

Marine Corps units have been issued the USMC Saratoga for about two years.

The Marine Corps purchased approximately 600,000 Saratoga suits and the manufacturers of the Saratoga chemical protective suit were Tex Shield, Golden Manufacturing, and Creative Apparel.

Currently, (since April 1997) the Services are acquiring the Joint Service Lightweight Integrated Suit Technology (JSLIST) chemical protective suit. All of the Marine Corps stock of BDO chemical protective suits, which still had a

shelf-life left to them, were given to the Army and Air Force.

The Manufacturers of the Joint Service Lightweight Integrated Suit Technology (JSLIST) are Creative Apparel, Group Home Foundation, Tradewinds, and the National Center for the Employment of the Disabled (NCED).

The USMC Saratoga and the JSLIST suits are equivalent. They both have the same wear duration and provide the same amount of protection.

Bottom line is that there should be no impact to the Marine Corps as far as the defective suits are concerned.

Background

There may be some impact to the JSLIST Program (Marine Corps is the lead service) as far as quantities available to replace the Army and Air Force inventory.

We are currently buying approximately 330,000 suits per year for all the services.

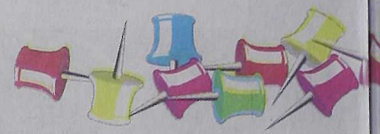
The quantity breakout for this number is 50 percent to the Army, 20 percent to the Navy and Air Force, and 10 percent to the Marine Corps.

Doing the math, it appears that we may have to adjust our strategy for who owns the suits to better accommodate all the warfighters.





Bulletin Board



To submit your units' events (changes of command, volunteers, openings/closings, training sessions, family days, etc.) contact your Unit Information Officer.



II MEF

The 24th MEU Bowling Blast will be held Saturday from 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the Bonnyman Bowling Center. The event is open to all families of the 24th MEU. Enjoy free bowling, pizza, drinks and red pin bowling. Get a strike when the red pin is in the #1 position and win a prize. For more information call your Key Volunteer.

Break for breakfast

Do you live in the barracks? Check this out. You could win a \$100 commissary gift certificate, small refrigerator, or a microwave and all you have to do is eat breakfast! For more information, call **Natalie Neumann** 451-0821, or **Robin Lujan** 451-0825.

Renaissance Faire

The Society for Creative Anachronism Stronghold of Raven's Cove presents Raiders of the Lost Cove Tournament. Medieval Fighters and Swordsmen Battle for honor and glory. Enjoy food, merchants, entertainment. The event is free and open to the public March 11 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Marston Pavilion.

Key Volunteers

Celebrate Key volunteer week by registering to become a key volunteer. Openings are available now for monthly sessions. For information on becoming a Key Volunteer call 451-1759.



MCB

An Instructor of the Year Luncheon to honor outstanding formal instructors within MCB is being held Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is a buffet luncheon. Tickets are \$5.80, and the uniform is cammies. For information call **SSgt R. Smith** at 451-2603.



2d FSSG

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would like to welcome back CAX 3-4. Congratulations for a job well done!

TROA Scholarship 200

The Retired Officer's Association (TROA) will award 200 grants of \$1,000 each for the 2000-2001 school year. Selections are made based on merit: Scholarship, citizenship and leadership. Applicants do not have to be a

member of TROA. Applications will only be taken on line (there are no paper applications). To find out more go to <http://www.troa.org>. Then go to Member Services and find Scholarship and Educational Assistance.

Camp Lejeune High School

The Winter Sports Award Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday in the LHS auditorium beginning at 7 p.m. The basketball teams (JV, girls, boys), wrestlers and cheerleaders will be honored. Individual and teams will be announced. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony in the commons Area.

Armed Services YMCA

Volunteers are needed for weekly Family-tYme activities; special events-upcoming "Healthy Kids Day," April 8; promotions; advertising and more. If you have talents you want to put to use for a few hours a week, we can use your help. Active duty, family members, and retired, are welcome. If you have ideas and are willing to do what's necessary to make those a reality, call 451-9569.



2d Marine Division

2d Assault Amphibion Bn

The celebration is scheduled for 10 a.m. March 17, at the boat basin, Court House. For more information on the event contact **Cpl Sharb Vickers** at 450-7509.

Camp Johnson

Camp Johnson Woman's History Month Luncheon - A luncheon celebrating the contributions women have made through history will be held in the Field Medical Auditorium (bldg. M104) All Marines and base employees are invited to attend. The luncheon is scheduled for March 31, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

New Camp Johnson Web Site - The

Marine Corps Combat Service Support School's web site has recently undergone a major renovation which has opened a wealth of information to web browsers. The new site includes information about: Montford Point History, Beirut Memorial, staff sections, schools reporting instructions and much more. The point of contact for the Camp Johnson web site is **Jim Coker** at 450-0747. The site address is www.lejeune.usmc.mil/mccsss/.

Base Library

Today's movie "Buddy," is free to public in the conference room from 4-6 p.m. grades K-8. **Monday's movie** "Mulan," is free to public in the conference room from 9:30-11 a.m. It is animated and suitable for preschool children. **A weekly**

storytime for preschool children is scheduled. This weeks theme is "Upside Down and Backwards" at the following locations: Tuesdays at Midway Park Community Center from 9:30-10 a.m.; Wednesdays at Tarawa Terrace

Community Center from 9-10 a.m. Thursdays at the Base Library Conference Room for 2-3 year olds from 9:30-10 a.m. and for 4-6 year-olds from 10:30-11 a.m. Wednesday, learn **Pet Ties** from 11:30-12:30 and 4-6 p.m. at the library.

Upcoming Events

455-3411



Saturday, March 15 and 29 the USO will host **Bob Ross** Art Classes from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. Pay \$25 for all four classes. The Military Advisory Committee will meet Thursday, at noon at the USO. Cammies are authorized. All comands are encouraged to send a representative. The Free to patrons Computer Questions and Answers Class will be Tuesday at 1030 a.m.

Seatbelt awareness



A campaign plan has recently been rendered to encourage the use of seatbelts. After a period of sensitizing, it will enforce the use of seatbelts and provide for substantial penalty for those found driving/riding without seatbelts (such as loss of liberty). The fact is that the Military Police on base are on the lookout for patrons not wearing their seatbelt and will start issuing warnings to patrons who are in violation. This program will also be enforced among all commands at Camp Lejeune. It is imperative that each Marine, Sailor and family member wear their seatbelt, not only on base, but off as well. Be safe and think about safety first.



Fire Department

Rescue units seek Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the community volunteer fire departments and rescue units. There are 7 departments and units all that are 100 percent volunteers.

For Your Information

Support Groups

Marine Corps Family Team Building/ L.I.N.K.S. (Life-style, Insights, Networking, Knowledge, and Skills) "links" spouses with real-life tips, positive attitudes, Marine Corps culture, benefits associated with the ID Card, and available resources that they can use to help themselves become more self-sufficient members of the Marine Corps Family whether their Marine/Sailor is in for three years or 30. Sessions offered monthly. Make new friends and enjoy being part of the Marine Corps Family at Camp Lejeune. For more information, call the L.I.N.K.S. office at 451-1299.

Transition Support Services (TSS) presents welcome aboard/newcomer's orientation brief every Tuesday from 8 a.m.-noon at the Camp Lejeune Base Theater. Representatives from the following agencies participate: Human Services, Transportation Management Office, Provost Marshal Office, Family Housing, Naval Hospital, Financial Management, Base Education, Legal Assistance and MCCS. This brief is mandatory and in accordance with MCO 1320.11E. Spouses are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 451-3212 ext. 135.

Self-Improvement

Armed Services YMCA and Vision Services Plan have teamed together to provide eye exams and if needed, glasses at no cost to the families of the children in need. If your health insurance doesn't cover the cost of eye exams and glasses for your child; your school nurse has informed you of your child possibly having vision problems; your child is under 18, a

student, a U. S. citizen or registered alien; and your family size/income levels are within the program scope, your child will be taken care of. For more information, call 451-9569.

"Triumph Over Tobacco" Support Group continues for those who have successfully quit tobacco use, those currently trying to quit and for those who are "thinking" about quitting. Meetings fall on the last Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at bldg. 65 classroom. For more information, contact **Kim Hugeback** at the Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune, Health Promotion Program at 451-3712.

Well Baby Clinic sponsored by the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Visiting Nurses will be held the first Tuesday of each month at the Tarawa Terrace Community Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and the second Tuesday of each month at the Midway Park Family Service Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Get your child weighed and measured. Learn more about your child's nutritional needs, growth and development, medication, immunization requirements and childhood diseases. Meet and talk with other mothers. Get free items at the clothing exchange (we accept donations of children's clothing). For more information, call 451-5644/5584.

Budget for Baby Class will be held the first and second Monday of each month from 12:15-3 p.m. at Camp Lejeune and the second Tuesday of each month from 9-11:30 a.m. at New River. This class is offered by the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. You will learn budgeting techniques and the impact a baby has on a family's finances. A free layette is available to all Marine/Navy families who at-

tend the class. For more information, call 451-5346/5584 or 450-6642/44.

Tap Classes are held each week from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at bldg. 8 across from Area 2 Gym bldg. 201, Camp Lejeune. For more information or to register call 451-3212/3219 ext. 100/101.

Upcoming Events

See NASCAR at Darlington, S.C. March 19 with ITT! \$100 includes transportation and great seats! For more information call 451-3535.

Safety first Program: The first meeting for all participants in the Safety First Program has been scheduled for March 16, at the Tarawa Terrace Community Center bldg. T.T. 44 at 2 p.m. At this time, participants will get the opportunity to meet everyone and have a better understanding of participation. If you are unable to attend please call 451-2253 and leave a message with any of the staff.

The Retired Officers Association is scheduled to have a dinner meeting March 16 at 6:15 p.m. at the Officers Club on Camp Lejeune. The meeting is open to all active duty and retired officers who are also members of the TROA. For more information call **Don Wood** at 455-7906.

Scholarships

Officers' Wives' Club Scholarships are offered to graduating seniors who are currently attending either Lejeune High School or one of the six Onslow County high schools and to spouses. Scholarships will be awarded for academic excellence and merit. For infor-

mation call 451-2658.

Volunteers

Camp Lejeune Performing Arts Company is currently seeking persons with directing and other theater experience. Anyone interested in being a part of the CLPAC and volunteering in community theatre, is asked to call the Base Theater at 451-2785 for more details and submit a resume of experience by April 15.

Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society has terrific training opportunities to enhance your professional skills. Individuals are needed to help in reception, administration, casework, layettes, bookkeeping, public relations and loan management. Childcare and car mileage are reimbursed. This is a great opportunity to work with a fun filled team and oriented environment. For more information, contact **Rhonda Hancock** at 451-5346 ext. 200.

Transition Support Services (TSS) is looking for volunteers. If you are interested in learning new skills or enhancing your present skills, volunteering may be for you. Volunteering is also an excellent way to get experience in a new field that may lead to future career opportunities. We recruit and train volunteers in numerous areas such as assisting with computers, public speaking, clerical duties, working with seniors and children.

American Girls Mother/Daughter Tea Party will be scheduled for March 18 from 1-3 p.m. in the Huff Room of the SNCO Club for young ladies in the 2nd and 6th grades. The Tea Party is limited to 100 pairs of mothers/daughters and there is a \$5 fee per person to

register to be paid at the base March 10.

Youth

Girl Scouts are looking for new members. Camp Lejeune now has a Daisy Cadette Troop opening. Daisy Kindergarten girls. Cadettes ages 12-15 or grades 7-9. All interested girls should call **Amy Robert** at 353-3799.

Armed Services YMCA presents American Red Cross Baby-sitting course. The course is available for children 11 and older. The course is held at Midway Park, bldg. 4014, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday. The course fee will be paid in advance for registration. Call 451-9569 for more information.

Time to vote for the children's Book Award for 1999. The deadline to list your choice for the book is Monday. To vote, both book-mobiles on base and the community centers at Tarawa Terrace and Midway Park. For more information call **Jean Sybrant** at 451-5724.

Kids and Play Support Group meets Thursday morning from 9:30-11 a.m. at Tarawa Terrace Youth Pavilion. This is a great opportunity for parents and children to socialize while providing a supportive network to exchange ideas and information. For more information, call **Ryan Lawton** at 451-2865 or 451-5751.



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Camp Lejeune celebrates Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month. This theme is, "an extraordinary century for women — now, imagine the future." Women's history month is an ideal occasion to reflect on the 20th century women have made, and continue to make, to our country's military history. The story tells us that 33,000 women served in World War I and more than 100,000 took part in World War II. During the Korean era, 120,000 women were in uniform and more than 10,000 were in theater during Vietnam. During Desert Storm, more than 100,000 of the total U.S. Forces deployed.



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Air Force female participates in ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of D-Day.

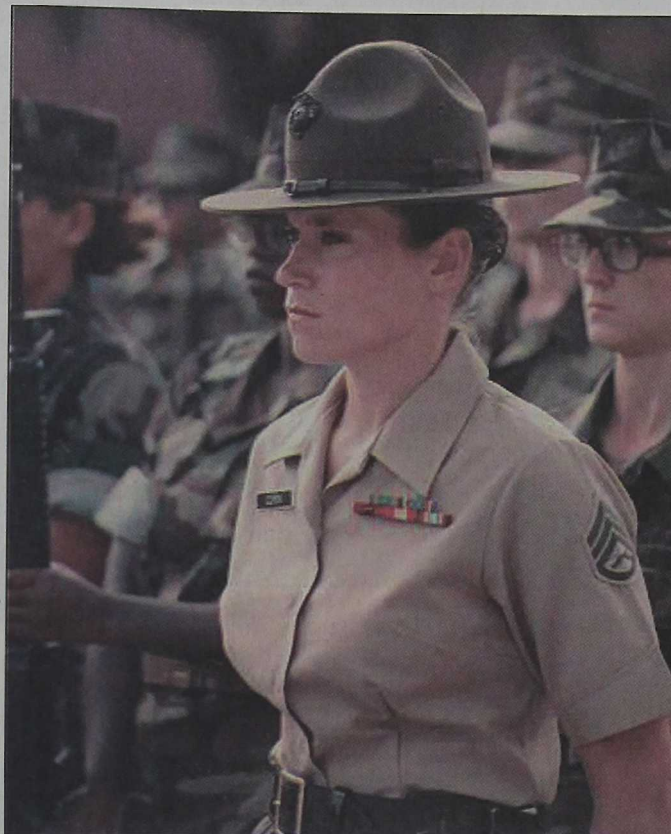
Women. Their dedicated service continues today in the numerous operations place around the world.

Today's Marine Corps, women serve at bases and stations around the world.

Women's history in the Marine Corps with Pvt Opha Mae Johnson, who died in August, 1918 for service during World War I. She was a trailblazer, and many women have since followed her lead of selfless devotion to country.

— General James L. Jones, Jr., Commandant, Marine Corps

President Clinton declared March as Women's History Month in 1996. It is during this month, we should take time to celebrate the women, that throughout history, have made vast contributions and sacrifices which have helped our modern society.



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A Female Drill Instructor stands at attention.

The number of women enlisting in all branches of the Armed Forces is growing daily. The percentage of occupational fields open to women has grown to 93 percent in just a few short years. Women are stepping up to the challenge of fulfilling jobs that were formerly considered "male-only" positions. They are now deploying on ships, attending "special skills" schools, filling billets in units once restricted to women and participating in combat training.

Seriously though... Gretchen Wiles

They considered "male-only" positions. They are now deploying on ships, attending "special skills" schools, filling billets in units once restricted to women and participating in combat training.

In 1997, Camp Lejeune was witness to the first women to engage in Marine Combat Training along with their male peers. Evelyn Johnson and Kelly Jona threw live grenades and fired guns as part of their training. Women Marines only received limited combat training in boot camp before this.

Servicewomen have become an essential part of the Armed Forces by sheer

perseverance, fortitude and dedication in serving and protecting our country.

Women's history month is not limited to recognition of servicewomen alone. It is a means to provide acknowledgment to all women and their achievements, such as women who have dedicated a whole lifetime to volunteering with the Red Cross, an organization dedicated to assisting military servicemembers or

Beulah Mae Huff, the wife of the Marine Corps' first black Sergeant Major.

SgtMaj Huff was well known as a pioneer in the Marine Corps.

Although, SgtMaj Huff passed away six years ago, Beulah Mae still embraces the Marine Corps as a part of her family. She speaks at Marine Corps functions passing on her husband's legacy, memories of the Corps, and life lessons.

In a 1999 proclamation, President Clinton stated, "During Women's History Month, we honor the generations of women who have served our Nation as doctors and scientists, teachers and factory workers, soldiers and secretaries, athletes and mothers. We honor the women who have worked the land, cared for children and the elderly, nurtured families and businesses, served in charitable organizations and public office. And we remember the good friends we have so recently lost..."

Too often, women have been forgotten in history books. It is important that the contributions of women throughout history be taught to our children, so that they not only have strong male role models, but female icons too.

The President finished his proclamation by saying, "Women who have gone before us accomplished so much, often in the face of hardship and discrimination; we can only imagine what women will accomplish in the future if we break down the remaining barriers that prevent them from reaching their full potential."



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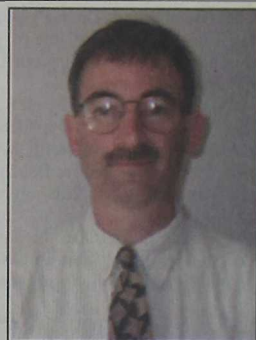
A Navy Petty Officer performs routine ship duties.

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Phenomenal economic evolution in Onslow County

Considering the phenomenal economic growth in Jacksonville and Onslow County happened seemingly overnight, or at least during much of the previous decade, the evolutionary process is much more enduring. Onslow County was the best kept secret until the Marine Corps came to town. That single incident, a half century ago, began the economic evolution in Onslow County that culminated in the explosive growth of the 1990's and continues today. The economic and social impact of Camp Lejeune is staggering. It supports a population of more than 143,000. It contributes \$1.3 billion annually to the local economy in salary and wages. Other contributions to the local economy include materials, construction and maintenance contracts and other services that approximate \$2.1 billion in economic impact.

Marines Mean Business Fred Charles



A closer look at the Marine Corps in Onslow County, sees it also as the foundation of a civilian workforce. Demographically, Marines and their family members, as well as retirees, are well traveled and well educated. They provide a tempting offer for companies looking to relocate.

Unarguably, the Marine Corps is the foundation of economic growth in Onslow County. However, economic growth of the county is not its primary mission. Economic Development in Onslow County is left to a civic government and educational partnership. The Onslow Economic Development Commission, a committee of 100, the Jacksonville Onslow Chamber of Commerce, Onslow County Tourism, Employment Security Commission, Bettering our Local Downtown and Coastal Carolina's Center for Business and Industry Development.

This partnership is the driving force behind the economic expansion today. The current expansion can be traced back to the mid 1990s. Reports in "Inc." and "Money Magazine," and trade publication "Shopping Center World," caught national attention.

Early in 1995, the National Research Bureau, Chicago, released a survey on growth cities around the country that would be prime candidates for development. In the study, population growth was compared to total square footage of shopping centers built. Jacksonville placed in the "top 10" growth markets as potential opportunities for retail development, reported "Shopping Center World". Jacksonville was, at the time, according to the publication, one of the most under-retailed high growth markets in the country.

Thus, the reason why Western Boulevard expansion is home to national retail chains today.

The retail growth has also spawned an increase in a more diverse population. In recent years, an increase of doctors, medical professionals and other professional services have relocated here because of that population growth. Once here, all have discovered the quality of life in a coastal county. However, people realize the economic

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Carolina happenings

PTO Fundraising

Camp Lejeune High School's Parent Organization, in combined with McDonalds located on the base of Western and Lejeune (Hwy 24), will hold a fundraising event March 13 between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Part of the proceeds from this event will be donated to the PTO to support student activities.

Kids Play

Play and Support Group meets Thursday morning from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Tarawa Terrace Youth Pavilion. Parents and their children (up to 18 years old) are invited to attend this program. This is a great opportunity for parents and children to play and socialize while providing parents a supportive network to exchange information. In addition, a brief parenting class will be facilitated by the Semper Parvulus group. For more information, call Ryan at 451-2865 or 451-5751.

Experience the magic of DMV

One of the many difficulties associated with being a single parent is the fact that, for better or worse, you often end up having to take the kids with you on your various errands and appointments. Coordinating day care on a space available basis for multiple children isn't easy and in those occasional moments of psychological derangement that strike us all, you sometimes make the fatal decision to "just take them with you." I recently went through this valuable learning experience once again, when I brought the two toddlers to that stimulating, child-friendly, fairy-tale-like environment where dreams really do come true: the DMV. I know, I know: what was I thinking?

The fact is, I needed to renew my driver's license and I couldn't get daycare. Usually I am able to plan these things and call the day care center a week in advance to reserve spaces. I personally think all the women who work in the Camp Lejeune base daycare system should be given the keys to the city. Incidentally, what does that mean? What good does it do anybody to be given the key to a city if there's no door? Far better, I think, to give them the keys to a brand new silver Camaro. Or at least give them substantial pay raises every other day. When I arrive to pick up my one-and-a-half-

year-old and the lights are dimmed and every child in the room is curled up safely on a cot, sound asleep, all at the same time, I always think the same thing: "You can't pay these women enough."

Unfortunately, daycare was unavailable and I loaded up the toddlers on that fateful day, little knowing the chaos and emotional storm and drang that would result. Truth be told, the kids were great. They were quiet, moving around and breathing, yes, but not really doing anything out of the ordinary. Apparently, though, just the sight of anyone under the age of fifteen (the age at which you may apply for a learner's permit — see, I have been studying) generated a detectable uneasiness amongst the DMV cops as they sat there in their specially designed DMV recliners, ready to respond to a full-scale riot. As I stood waiting, monitoring my tod-

dlers, I noticed one of the cops brought in a crate of tear gas canisters. Another rather corpulent officer handed out assault rifles. When David, the one-and-a-half-year-old, reached into the pocket of his HealthTex T-shirt to get a Cheerio, all seven of the officers present understandably drew their weapons and literally scared the you-know-what out of my son...

Needless to say, in this hostile environment, I failed my test spectacularly, much to the delight of the cop who corrected it. All my answers seem to reflect the tense atmosphere. When asked what should you do when you encounter a curve while traveling downhill, I responded, "Sit down and be quiet!" On the question which asked, "How should you safely pass another ve-

hicle on a highway with multiple lanes," I answered, "Take the lego out of your mouth and stop running around." "What should you do if you are pulled over by a member of law enforcement?" My answer: "Sit there and don't move!" Well, I did get that one right.

When the charming officer had finished slashing my test with his red marker, he snapped, "Next time, get a babysitter!" Always one to gladly accept correction from a person in authority, I smacked my forehead as the wisdom of his words dawned on me: "My God, what a good idea!" I then proceeded to explain how, as I was lying in bed that very morning, painting my toenails and eating bon-bons in front of the TV, I thought it might be jolly good fun to bring the pre-schoolers for a "long explore" at the DMV. The officer then handed me a study booklet with an expression that let me know that I should take the booklet and leave... quickly. So I gathered up my helions and left, only to plan and dream about my next wondrous visit to the magical DMV.

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Chapel Schedule



ROMAN CATHOLIC

Masses	
Bay Chapel	8 a.m.
River Chapel	9 a.m.
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Xavier Chapel	8:45 a.m.
	8:30 and 11:30 a.m.
Masses (Monday-Friday)	
pital Chapel (Thursday only)	10:30 a.m.
River Chapel	11:45 a.m.
Xavier Chapel	11:45 a.m.
Masses	
Xavier Chapel	5 p.m.
Masses	
Christmas/ New Years)	11:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.
ns	
St. Francis Chapel	4 p.m.
unit chaplain	

JEWISH

Service bldg. 67	(Fridays)	7:30 p.m.
School	(Sundays)	10 a.m.

LATTER DAY SAINTS

Study Tuesdays	7 p.m.
Services	
ain Vance	451-3210
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PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship/Religious Education	
Base Chapel, Holy Communion	7:30 a.m.
Base Chapel, Contemporary Service	9 a.m.
(Sunday School Protestant Chapel Annex)	9 a.m.
Base Chapel, Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Camp Geiger Chapel: Holy Communion	
(Episcopal/Lutheran Liturgy)	8 a.m.
Brig	9 a.m.
Camp Geiger Chapel: Praise and Worship	9:30 a.m.
Camp Johnson Chapel	9 a.m.
Courthouse Bay Chapel	9 a.m.
French Creek Chapel, Holy Communion	9 a.m.
Midway Park Chapel	11 a.m.
Naval Hospital Chapel	9 a.m.
Tarawa Terrace Chapel	10:30 a.m.
(Sunday School, Religious Ed. bldg.)	9:15 a.m.
New River Chapel	11 a.m.

ISLAM (MUSLIM JUMAH)

Base Chapel Annex bldg. 16	(Friday)	11:45 a.m.
Brig Chapel		1 p.m.
French Creek Chapel		1 p.m.

EASTERN ORTHODOX

Camp Johnson Chapel, Divine Liturgy	10:30 a.m.
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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

If interested call Everett Sharp	252-636-8744
Tarawa Terrace Chapel 1st and 3rd Mondays	7 p.m.

Spring marks new beginning

It's about that time again to pack away those sweaters, pull out the shorts, tank tops and pin up the hair. Spring is around the corner. That's the beauty of living in a seasonal atmosphere. You can enjoy four seasons and pick out the one you like best. My favorite is spring because it's like a new beginning, everything is renewed, flowers begin to bloom as the grass starts to turn green. Not only is mother nature renewing herself, you can renew your spirits as well.

Mark your calendar for flower festivals, classical concerts, quilt shows and more. Enjoy a Spring Historic Homes and Garden Tour in New Bern March 31 or if you like to fish, take a trip to the mountain region of North Carolina and enjoy a beautiful day of fishing in the rushing mountain streams.

If you have children, get ready to spend money on kites. There is nothing like a fun filled family day at the beach where you can kick back, read a book and watch the kids have a blast flying around their kites. When I was growing up we made our own. I guess my mom got tired of us losing our kites in the trees.

If you feel like an adventure, but want to save your energy at the same time, spend a night or two camping at



Candy McDonald

Holland's Shelter Creek located just off Hwy 53 in Jacksonville. All you will need is your own camping gear, food and 20 bucks for the canoe rental.

It's a great way to spend quality time with that special someone or make it a family affair. Just to give you a heads up, be on the lookout for bears, snakes and alligators.

There are so many great opportunities for you in the surrounding areas. Keep an eye out for The GLOBE every week to find out what's going on next. Several events are soon to take place, so don't miss out!

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Another day

Candy McDonald

Community Briefs

Marine Program

Marine Program Council Meetings are 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Meetings will take place at the Recreation Center at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 451-0499.

NCO Wives' Club

NCO Wives' Club, Camp Lejeune, is publishing a cookbook to raise their 50th birthday in April. Looking for your favorite recipes, contact Mary Pratt at 353-4824 or pratt@gbalter.net. You may also find recipes to pratt@gbalter.net.

Onslow Art Society

The Onslow Art Society invites all local and area visual artists to participate in the 40th Annual Spring Art Show March 24-26. Artists must be 18 years or older and not a high school student. Only two-dimensional work on canvas or paper is eligible. Copies, photography, crafts, and nudes are excluded.

Artwork must have been executed after December, 1997 and not previously used in an OAS show. No work may exceed 38 inches on any side including frame, and plexiglass must replace glass on work larger than 30 inches on any side, including frame. Entries will be accepted

March 23 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Center Court in the Jacksonville Mall. This show is awarded locally through the Council for Art, Jacksonville/Onslow. For a complete list of rules, call 455-1441 or 455-3108.

Performing Arts Company

The Camp Lejeune Performing Arts Company (CLPAC) of Marine Corps Base, is currently seeking persons with directing and other theater experience.

Anyone interested in becoming a part of the CLPAC and volunteering in community theater, call the Base Theater at 451-2785.

Please submit a resume of experience by April 15.

Young Marines

The Jacksonville Young Marines and the Jacksonville Young Marine Band will be holding a registration for boot camp Saturday from 10 a.m. - noon at bldg. M202 Camp Johnson. All boys and girls ages eight to 18 are invited to join. Registration is a one-time fee of \$17. For more information, call Capt Appleton at 577-1545.

Spring Craft Show

Crafters are wanted for the Officer Wives'

Club Spring Craft Fair held March 25-26. For more information, contact Hidden Talents at 451-2658.

Onslow Senior Games Mini-Clinic & Breakfast

The Onslow Senior Games Mini-Clinic & Breakfast will be held March 10 at 9 a.m. at the Onslow County Council on Aging. This breakfast is open to anyone who will be 55 years or older by Aug. 1. Rules of the Onslow Senior Games Athletic events will be discussed during the mini-clinic. For more information, call 347-5332.

Gathering of the Eagle

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Jacksonville WalkAmerica 2000 Fact Sheet as of February 1, 2000

Jacksonville WalkAmerica 2000, which raises vitally needed funds that support the March of Dimes fight to save babies.

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THE BOILER ROOM (R)

This "Wall Street" thriller, tells the story of the rise and fall of a college drop-out who joins a small stock brokerage firm where he masters the art of the "cold call," he is also quickly drawn into a world of corruption and greed.

Giovanni Ribisi ("Saving Private Ryan," "The Other Sister") stars as Seth Davis, an enterprising college drop-out who joins the inner sanctum of J. T. Marlin, a fly-by-night brokerage house. Mastering the art of the company's "boiler room," he rises quickly through the ranks, only to realize the firm is shady and corrupt. He also enters into a relationship with his co-worker, Debbie Hilliard, the firm's receptionist, played by **Nia Long**. The rest of the cast is made up of **Ben**

Affleck ("Armageddon") as the recruiter who brought Seth into the firm; **Tom Everett Scott** as the head of J. T. Marlin; **Vin Diesel** ("Saving Private Ryan") as Chris Varick, the young broker who teaches Seth the ways of the "chop shop" (selling bad stocks to suckers); **Nicky Katt** as Greg Feinstein, Seth's arrogant and envious mentor; and **Ron Rifkin** as Seth's father, a respected New York judge.

Written and directed by newcomer **Ben Younger**, the "Boiler Room" is about money and the ruthless pursuit of it. It is also a dramatic look at a generation obsessed with the speed of wealth and success.

"Boiler Room" combines the pace of an action movie with the psychological complexity of a good character study.



Ben Affleck plays the role of Jim Young in "The Boiler Room."

HANGING UP (PG 13)

This bittersweet comedy-drama of a dysfunctional family is starring **Meg Ryan**, **Diane Keaton** and **Lisa Kudrow** as three sisters dealing with their aging father, **Walter Matthau**.

"Hanging Up," the story about three wildly different siblings who are struggling to stay connected to one another and to their elderly father is sad, funny, quirky and at times not very amusing.

The three sisters were best friends during childhood but were separated in adolescence and adulthood; now they come together again when their ailing father's death becomes imminent. They deal with love, death and the telephone!

Diane Keaton ("The First Wives Club," "Father of the Bride") as Georgia, the oldest, who started her very own woman's magazine; and **Lisa Kudrow**, ("The Opposite Sex," TV's "Friends") as Maddie, the baby and self-absorbed soap-opera actress.

Walter Matthau ("Odd Couple," "Grumpy Old Men") plays Lou, the "uproar man," who has lived a wild life. His performance is absolutely wonderful and hilarious.

Adam Arkin (TV's "Chicago Hope," co-stars as Eve's husband, and **Cloris Leachman** appears as the cool and distant mother who walked out on the family.

Keaton, who also directed, gives us, through flashbacks, an insight into the characters, each different and complex. This wonderful story, written by sisters **Delia and Nora Ephron**, who also wrote the very successful "Sleepless in Seattle," could have been, how-

ever, much better presented. With the exceptional help of **Walter Matthau**, **Meg Ryan** carried this movie alone, and she was definitely out of control.

THE CIDER HOUSE RULES (PG-13)

"The Cider House Rules" is the coming-of-age story in World War II America of a young man who has spent his entire youth in an orphanage. Hungry for experience, he sets out to explore the world outside. This lyrical interpretation tells the story about "how far we must travel to find the place we belong."

The movie was adapted from the acclaimed 1985 novel by **John Irving** and directed by **Lasse Hallstrom** ("My Life as a Dog," "What's Eating Gilbert Grape"). **John Irving** also wrote the screenplay, his first attempt at screenwriting; although many of his books have been made into successful movies, such as "Simon Birch," "The Hotel New Hampshire," and the unforgettable, "The World According to Garp."

The very capable and excellent cast features **Tobey Maguire**, ("Wonder Boys,") as **Homer Wells**, the orphan who as a young man abandons the tutelage of Dr. Wilbur Larch. Dr. Larch, the mellow and

world-weary director of the orphanage and sometime abortionist is played by **Michael Cane**, ("Little Voice,") **Charlize Theron**, ("The Devil's Advocate") appears as **Homer's** love interest.



Lisa Kudrow, Meg Ryan and Diane Keaton play sisters in "Hanging Up."

In my opinion . . .

For two years now, the Marine Corps has dedicated the last week of February as Key Volunteer Recognition Week. This year Key Volunteer Recognition Week was observed February 28-March 3.

Key Volunteers provide so many services for the community and the servicemen and women stationed aboard Camp Lejeune and the surrounding bases.

Organizations such as the Red Cross, have provided support for the Armed Forces for decades.

Key Volunteers are visible in every aspect of military life. They offer services to family members of

active duty personnel through support and counseling programs; and provide information and referral resources which directly supports the command's mission and unit readiness.

Key Volunteers work in our community also. They assist in keeping our neighborhoods clean and safe, and are involved with local children's programs.

The dedication of key Volunteers make a significant difference in our lives. **THE GLOBE** would like to extend Thanks to all volunteers that provide services that make our community a better place to live.

The Key Volunteers Program is always looking for individuals to help support them. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact **Glenn Mayberry** at 451-8982; **Capt Casey Barnes** at 451-8919; **Capt Erin Pobre** at 451-5304 or **LtCol Michael Chengeri** at 451-7550.

Would you like to personally give recognition to an individual who has provided volunteer support to a program or service that helps others in the community or at Camp Lejeune? You may e-mail your volunteer stories or any other stories of interest to romperroom@mail.com or encjp@jdnews.com



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New programming to hit LCTV-10

Cpl Matthew Bates
GLOBE Contributor

Lejeune Cable Television (LCTV-10) is always looking for ways to improve the quality of programming it offers to Marines, Sailors and family members on base. Because of this, a variety of new and exciting shows will be airing soon on channels 10, 77 and 78.

First, if you are interested in learning how to prepare new and delicious food dishes, then be sure to watch "Mange Lejeune." Hosted by Lejeune's resident chef, **LtCol Tony Fazio**, this show follows his antics and actions as he whips up a variety of meals that range from parmesan chicken to spaghetti with meatballs.

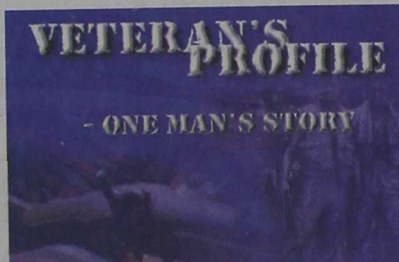
Another show that will be airing soon is called

"Health Watch." Just as its title alludes, this show focuses on health issues that relate to you and your family. Personnel from the Naval Hospital and area unit Basic Aid Stations will give advice about medical matters and give helpful hints designed to keep you healthy.

Also, be sure to keep an eye out for "Veteran's Profile: One Man's Perspective." This show will allow you to meet Marine Corps veterans, both male and female, as they share their messages about serving during a different time and in a different era. From accounts of World War II, to stories from Vietnam, you will find yourself face-to-face with men and women who wore our uniform and made it the mark

of pride it represents today. One more show to look out for is titled "Jobs Around the Corps." This program takes an in-depth

Health Watch



look at the different Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) that make up the Corps and the men and women who work in them. From administration clerk to combat engineer, catch this show to learn what these jobs are all about.

These are just a few of the new programs that will be showing up on LCTV-10 this month. Check the entertainment section of your **GLOBE** regularly for the dates and times of these shows, as well as new programming updates.

Camp Lejeune Base Theater

Camp Lejeune

Friday	Stuart Little	G
	Any Given Sunday	R
Saturday	Stuart Little	G
	Any Given Sunday	R
	The Green Mile	R
Sunday	Stuart Little	G
	Any Given Sunday	R
Monday	Any Given Sunday	R
Tuesday	The Green Mile	R
Wednesday	Any Given Sunday	R
Thursday	The Green Mile	R

New River*

Friday	Toy Story 2	G
	The Green Mile	R
Saturday	Toy Story 2	G
	The Green Mile	R
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Monday	Stuart Little	G
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Friday	Music Videos	The Crucible	Semper Fit	Camp Lejeune Today	Camp Lejeune After Hours	Interviews	Music Videos	Profiles of Leadership	Navy/Marine Corps News	Camp Lejeune
Monday	Music Videos	Fierce Pride	Semper Fit	Camp Lejeune Today	Navy/Marine Corps News	Interviews	Music Videos	Profiles of Leadership	Camp Lejeune After Hours	Camp Lejeune
Tuesday	Razor Sharp	The Crucible	Semper Fit	Mange' Lejeune	Camp Lejeune After Hours	Razor Sharp	Profiles of Leadership		Navy/Marine Corps News	Camp Lejeune
Wednesday	Forged with Spirit & Pride	Fierce Pride	Semper Fit	Camp Lejeune Today	Navy/Marine Corps News	Interviews	Music Videos	Profiles of Leadership	Camp Lejeune After Hours	Camp Lejeune
Thursday	Consumer HealthCare	The Crucible	Semper Fit	Pendleton Journal	Camp Lejeune After Hours	Razor Sharp	Profiles of Leadership		Navy/Marine Corps News	Camp Lejeune

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Korey Curry
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Championship draws closer

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Editor

He knew it had to happen. "The game" had come to Memorial Field House as Headquarters Support Company A handed 2d Supply Battalion C its second season, by destroying 48 in the semifinals. A entered as the number one in the tournament and an undefeated season to our Division regular season. The intense Come into the game as the of the Knicks Division. the tip-off, Co. C Coach of Petty Officer Stephen D. "This should be a good will play our 3-2 defense some changes in the per- ing in key positions and Co. A) a different look." came opened. Co. A con- and began pushing the tempo but was unable to first two and a half min-

up Bn was also unable to on its end of the court to the outstanding de- Co. A team.



Headquarters Support Battalion A and the 2d Supply Battalion C tip off one the most anticipated contests of the tournament.

While the Co. A team patiently setup its offense and beat Co. C for the rebounds beneath the boards it could not produce points.

On the other hand, the Co. C im- patience on offense was evident as they rushed shots and didn't wait for the open man.

Another problem facing them was the outstanding pressure defense that the HqSpt Bn was playing. This was a reversal of roles for 2d Sup Bn, for it has been the team's outstanding defensive play that brought it through the regular season and thus far into the playoffs.

At the nine-minute mark Co. C called a time-out to regroup on the offense trailing 9-0. Lilley talked to the team and tried to get them to settle down and execute the game plan he had earlier discussed. After the time-out, 2d Sup Bn seemed to move the ball more efficiently and settled down enough to answer with their first two points of the game at 14:38, but HqSpt was leading 12-2.

The problems seemed to mount for Co. C, as it could not break the defensive pressure that HqSpt Bn A was applying on every possession. The outstanding play of 2d Sup Bn L Cpl Chris Rice was not enough as HqSpt ran the ball at both ends of the floor.

Another time-out by the 2d Sup Bn at 10:39 seemed to work as they began to find an offensive touch and started producing points. Now with the offense beginning to work, 2d Sup Bn was able to step up the defense and counter the HqSpt attack.

Company A was in control of this game until five minutes were left in the first half. This is when the 2d Sup Bn C team began to push the ball and take the game back to the HqSpt Bn squad.

As the game neared the half, 2d Supply Bn answered with an offensive stand and closed to within two of the Co. A at 27-25. This would be as close as the Supply team would get for the rest of the game.

Both teams traded possessions and neither could take charge before the half. So as the teams left the floor at halftime, HqSpt Bn A held on to a six-point lead over Co. C.

The second half began slowly as both teams could not find their offenses. The HqSpt Bn team waited for the shots to come while the 2d Sup Bn team rushed almost every shot. The problems of the first half were haunting the 2d Sup Bn team again as they appeared tight and unable to answer the outstanding defense offered up by the HqSpt Bn A squad.

At the 16:28 mark, 2d SupBn C called a time-out to settle down and regroup with the HqSpt A team leading 36-28. The play of Sgt Keith Curry became the difference. He was beating the Supply team to the offensive rebounds while also leading HqSpt Bn in scoring with 23 points.

The game had been decided by the quickness of HqSpt Bn in their execution of a 2-3 defensive scheme that



Sgt Keith Curry, 00, Headquarters Support Battalion waits for the inbound pass.

effectively shut down the normally consistent shooters of Supply. The 2d Sup Bn offense was placed in check by the impressive defensive quickness of HqSpt Bn.

The offensive production for Supply was led by L Cpl Rodriguez Ladson with 14 points.

This outstanding defensive pressure allowed the HqSpt team to build an 11-point lead 46-35 with less than 10 minutes to play.

As the game wound down to its end, 2d Sup Bn could not close the lead.

The Co. A squad outthrust 2d Sup Bn and took the game away with effective ball handling and clock management thus securing victory for the Co. A team 67-48.

After the game HqSpt Bn Assistant Coach 1st Sgt Jimmie Blair stated, "I feel good about our chances in the championship game. We've done the same thing we've done all year, playing good strong defense and making smart offensive plays."

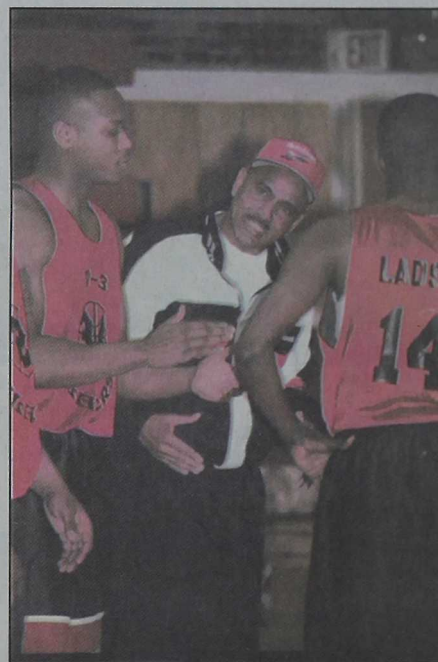
"It just takes simple basketball: the fundamentals to win," said Blair. "That's what my team has been doing all year and we're going to continue that in the championship game."

"I feel we're the best team in the league and until someone beats us

or knocks off, we are going to continue to be the best until the end!" said Blair.

With the win, Co. A advanced to the championship game March 1 at the Goettge Memorial Field House to face the winner of the last semifinal game played Feb 29.

This victory gives HqSpt Bn the inside track of claiming this year's title in the double elimination tournament. Check out next week's GLOBE for the exciting conclusion to this year's championship quest.



Senior Chief Petty Officer Stephen Lilley, center, 2d Supply Bn tries to calm down his players in a timeout during Monday night's contest with Hq Spt Bn.

L Cpl Wayne S. Loving

Our New Addition!

Feb. 12, at 3:50 a.m., Camp Base Stables welcomed its newest addition to their family name is LSA Annastacia, and she is a beautiful, out of Princess Baskimka.

pride owners, Ken and Annastacia, are very excited

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er arrival after spending long and sleepless nights

the commanding officer Company, BLT 2/2, quotes on an air mattress in the my truck while waiting for the foal was a welcome change to the usual bivy the ground. Besides, I had perks of home with my right next to me."

Lisa, who has been training Arabian horses for more than twenty years, the

experience of camping out, although not a new adventure, was quite exhilarating, even though she was able to coax me into 'standing duty' throughout the night while she slept," said Ken.

We, at the Base Stables are very happy about the arrival of Annastacia, wait, there's more, towards the end of March of 2000, Ken and Lisa's other horse Sonoma is also due to give birth. We hope

for a healthy delivery, so keep reading, to find out if it's a filly or a colt.

Become a part of the Base Stables Family, feel free to stop by and take advantage of the beautiful weather and enjoy a trail ride or pony ride, because when you're here, you're family.

Kirstyn Sink serves on the staff of the MCCS Base Stables at Camp Lejeune. She can be reached at 451-2238.



Princess Baskimka, right, and her new foal LSA Annastacia, left.

Courtesy Photo

Saints sign ex-Lejeune gridder

A former Camp Lejeune football player has been named Offensive Assistant/Quality Control by the NFL New Orleans Saints.

He is Phil Pettey, who starred on a 13-1 Supply Bn team on the base in 1981 besides being a VIP driver.

He'd eat 12 eggs sunnyside up with 10 links of sausage for breakfast. "I just got a deal going with them (the mess hall)," he told a reporter. "I could get just about anything I wanted."

Pettey, 38, put in four years as a Marine, attaining the rank of sergeant and also serving on Okinawa and mainland Japan.

But his long term goal had been to play major-college football. "Out of high school, I guess I didn't have a good attitude, and for that reason my (high school) coach in Kenosha, Wisc., and I didn't get along," Pettey told a spokesman at the University of

Missouri, where he would play three years before an NFL stint.

"I told myself that I'd go into the Marine Corps and get bigger, stronger and faster, and work my way up to a scholarship."

He entered the Corps at 6-4, 225, and added 50 pounds. With about 90 days to



Once a Marine,
Always a Marine
Col John Gunn

serve, he caught the eye of a Marine lieutenant who steered him toward the Tigers. The officer was Shep Cooper, son of the Missouri recruiting coordinator.

Two weeks later, Pettey looked over the Columbia, Mo., school and liked it. The coaching staff signed him to a scholarship without seeing him play.

He also had been recruited by East Carolina, North Carolina and Florida

State.

Pettey sat out his freshman season but started as a 23-year-old offensive guard in 1984 and lettered also in 1985 and '86.

It took acclimating to the complex formations of college football.

"Most of the dudes on my Marine team weren't so smart," Pettey told a reporter, "so we had to keep the offense simple."

He was the Tigers' co-captain in 1985 and '86, was named his team's MVP, made the All-Big Eight second team, played in the Blue-Gray Classic and was a Big Eight All-Academic first-team selection in 1986.

Pettey gave up his senior season to try out with the Falcons in 1987 and was signed by the Redskins, with whom he got into three games.

He earned his bachelor's degree in education from Missouri in 1987 and a master's degree in education from Louisiana State in 1993.

Pettey joins the Saints after serving as Offensive Assistant for the University of Southern California. With the Trojans, Pettey worked

closely with the offensive line.

With the Saints, Pettey will be responsible for a multitude of functions dealing with the entire offense, the club said.

Specifically, he will oversee quality control, breaking down game tapes, opponent scouting, self-scouting and on-field duties.

PRO FOOTBALL

Former Marine Les Steckel moves as offensive coordinator from the Titans to the Buccaneers.

During the Super Bowl, analyst John Madden complimented Steckel's play-calling as the Tennessee team came within a yard of tying the score.

A retired Marine Reserve colonel who saw combat in Vietnam, Steckel often was photographed in the press box, calling plays. "We know how to throw the football," said Steckel, the Vikings' head coach in 1984. "But I believe also that we're confident in knowing the common denominator of football is it's a tough, physical game. We're going to make sure we continue to do just that."

On TV, Steckel and Bucs coach Tony Dungy show the same disci-

plined determination.

BASEBALL

Devil Rays owner and former Marine Vince Naimoli "is discovering a new marketing idea: Build a team that competes in the American League

East and forget about off-the-wall promotions," USA Today reports. The Tampa Bay team, in its third season, could pull out of the cellar in 2000 with the signing of free agents such as Gerald Williams, Greg Vaughn, Juan Guzman and Steve Trachsel plus the acquisition of Vinny Castilla in a trade.

"Nothing creates enthusiasm more than good players on the field," said Naimoli.

Country singer Faith Hill shows up everywhere these days, including the Super Bowl.

The 32-year old superstar is married to country singer Tim McGraw, son of former Marine and ace relief pitcher Jug McGraw.

John Gunn is an independent journalist and a retired Marine Reserve intelligence officer. He has written two books on former Marines in football.

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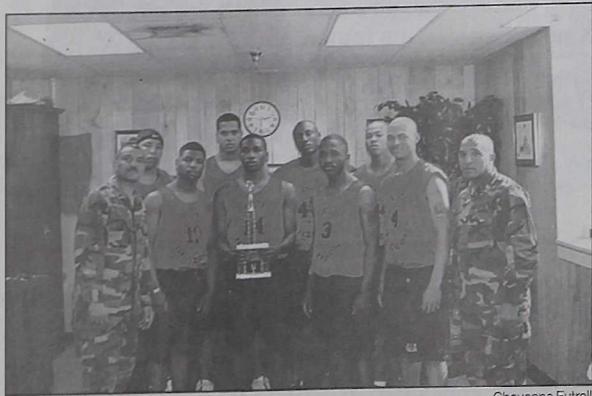
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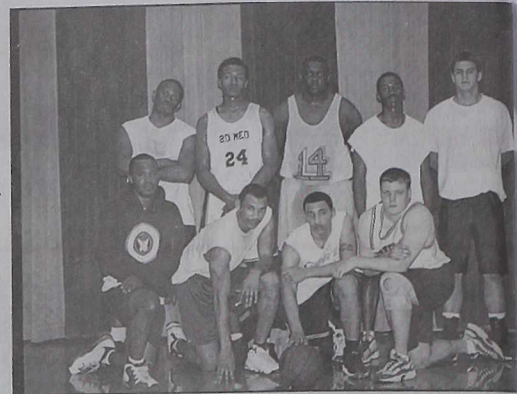
**2d Supply Battalion Company C
Knicks Division Champions**

Front Row: (left to right) Coach HMCS Stephen Lilley, LCpl Darrell Livings, LCpl Rodriguez Ladson, Pfc Jerick Ford, LCpl Michael D. Parrish, Col Ronald Coleman
Back Row: (left to right) LCpl Chris Rice, LCpl Lucas Perry, PFC Jerod Roberts, LCpl Nicholas Stewart



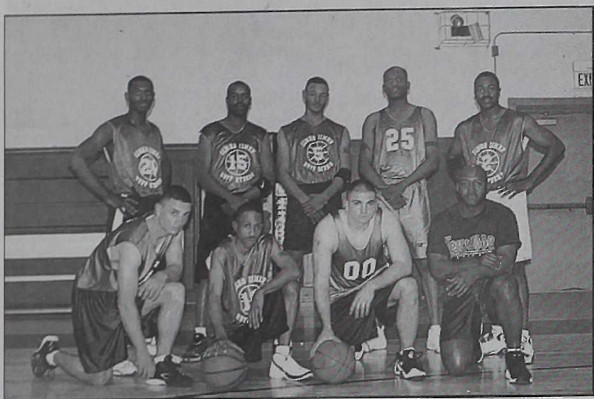
**Headquarters Support Battalion Company A
Spurs Division Champions**

Kneeling: (left to right) LCpl Christopher Martinson, Cpl Michael Thornton, Cpl Derrick Cooper, Cpl Charles Ereaux, Cpl Anthony Chillers, Sgt Damien Goodman
Standing: (left to right) Cpl Eric Haywood, Sgt Davon Binns, Cpl Eric Haywood, Sgt Keith Curry, Cpl Kedric Beachem, Asst. Coach 1stSgt J.M. Blair



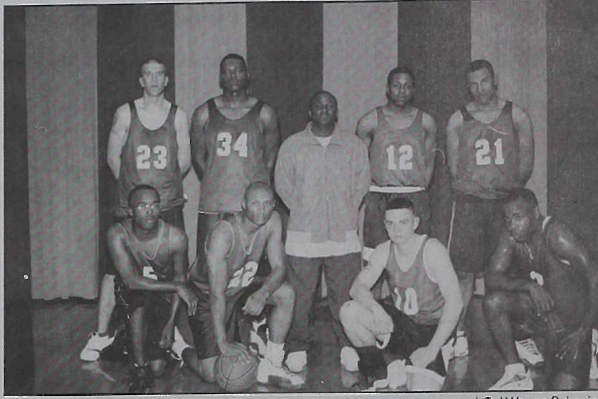
2d Medical Battalion Company B

Kneeling: (left to right) HM3 Juan Patterson, HN Daemon Daniel Brooks, HN Jeffery Cassdy
Standing: (left to right) HN Levon Hansford, HM3 Alasi Al Clarence Hood, HN Sidney Law, HN Eddy Kessler, Coach HN Calhoun



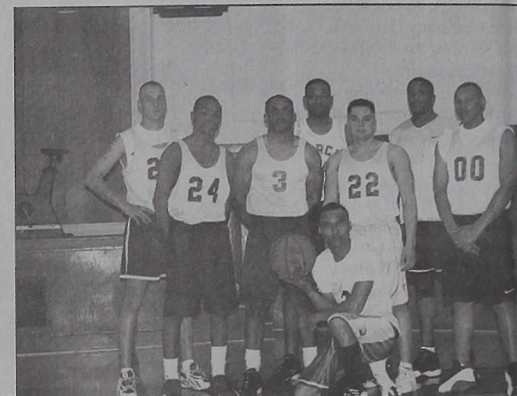
II Marine Expeditionary Force Company B

Kneeling: (left to right) Cpl Jose Ayala, LCpl Carl Wright, Cpl Allan Rush, Coach GySgt Eric Gaylord
Standing: (left to right) Cpl Lee Hinton, PFC Archie Felston, LCpl Johnnie Graves, Sgt Byron Biggins



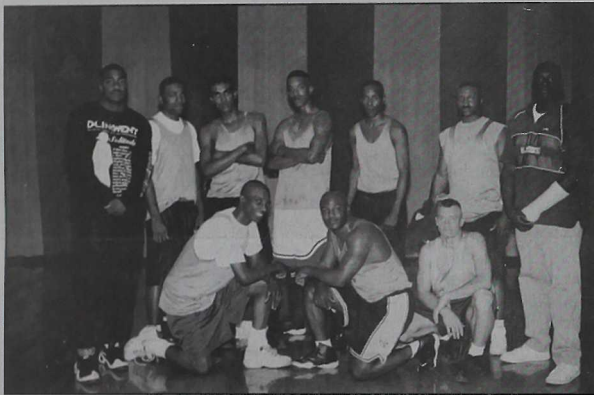
8th Motor Transport Battalion

Front row: (left to right) Cpl Richard Sykes, LCpl Scott Ramsey, Sgt Frankie Stowers, LCpl Corey Butler
Back Row: (left to right) Cpl Brian McKinnon, PFC Jarrin Moore, LCpl James Williams, LCpl Irving Lucas. **Center:** Coach Sgt Tony Murchison



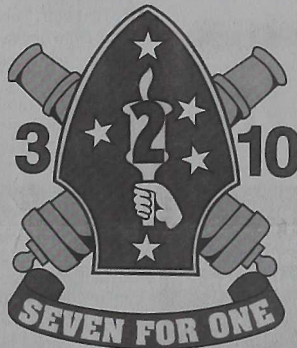
Headquarters Battalion, 2d Marine Division

Kneeling: Cpl Calvin Banks
Front Row: (left to right) LCpl Antonio Harrell, SSgt James William Mejia, LCpl Garvey Adkins
Back Row: (left to right) Cpl Ryan Finnegan, 1stLt Erick Timothy Short
Not Pictured: Coach SSgt Alfonso Tyson, Asst. Coach Cpl



2d Battalion, 10th Marines

Kneeling: (left to right) Cpl Rory Holmes, Cpl Danny Hamilton, LCpl Benjamin Sekelsky. **Standing:** (left to right) Coach Cpl Miguel Clark, LCpl Calvin Burns, LCpl Stanley Hassankhan, LCpl Troy Billings, SSgt Gregory Wheeler, Cpl Robert Coleman, Coach LCpl Gary Shephard



3rd Battalion, 10th Marines (photo unavailable)

Team members: SSgt William Parmer, Coach, Cpl Tianta Williams, LCpl Nicholas Benton, LCpl Sylvester Liggins, LCpl Charles Poole, LCpl Glynn Cooper, LCpl Sean Robinson, LCpl Robert Montgomery, PFC Mark Curry, PFC Dallas Hagans, Pvt Jed Weaber

Cheyenne Futrell

GLOBE Sports Editor

The 1999-2000 Intramural Basketball season has ended and all there is left to do now is crown this year's champion.

This year's league started with 31 highly competitive teams with each one desiring to be champion. Through deployments, holidays, work schedules these young players and coaches put it all on the line for our entertain-

ment as well as the gold.

Unfortunately, only one team was able to claim this year's title.

This is a look at the winning teams of the 1999-2000 Intramural Basketball Tournament.

On March 1 at Goett Field House, a basketball was crowned, but we thank all the teams for the entertainment provided by your hard work on the court.

So until next season...

ANSWER to Marine-Land from 1D

"Big Jim McLain" (1952), seen periodically on cable, the final scene, symbolically, Marines board real transports on the way to fight in Korea.

Collegiate hoops help mold Lejeune officer

Sgt Houston F. White Jr.

GLOBE Contributor

Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif.— Upon first laying eyes on the six foot, seven inch, 1stLt Mark C. Smydra, Scout Sniper Platoon Commander, Headquarters and Service Co, 1st Bn, 6th Marines, it is likely you would mistake him for a professional football player.

After all, he does tower over and outweigh most of the Marines he comes into daily contact with. Looks can be deceiving however, especially when you consider that basketball was his first love, according to the Detroit native. In fact, the hardwood taught Smydra many lessons during his formative years, which helped him become the Marine he is today.

Because of a growth spurt in high school between his sophomore and junior years, which saw him sprout six inches, Smydra didn't initially have the abilities his newfound size required.

"I played basketball my whole life and my junior year I got cut from the team when I tried out for the varsity," said Smydra of his first valuable hoops lesson at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

"When I grew, I had been a guard my whole life and because of my height, the coach wanted me to play center, but I really didn't have the skills to play it," he said.

More determined than ever, Smydra worked hard on his all-around game, and in his senior season, made the varsity squad.

Competing for most of his hoops life, as well as his senior year, against the likes of such Detroit-area luminar-

ies as current National Basketball Association stars **Chris Webber** (Sacramento Kings), **Jalen Rose** (Indiana Pacers), and **Vashon Leonard** (Miami Heat) helped Smydra develop both his talent and self-confidence.

He would need those tangibles as he pursued his hoop dreams at the next level. After being convinced by a visiting high school alum (who was playing basketball for Xavier University at the time) to consider enrolling at the college, Smydra eventually decided to make his move to the Cincinnati school.

"I visited a couple of other schools and liked Xavier when I went there," he said.

"I thought I had a chance to make the team as a walk-on because I wasn't offered an athletic scholarship out of high school."

Once on campus, Smydra would again have to persevere through a personal setback during his first year.

"My freshman year I had to have surgery performed on both of my knees," explained Smydra, concerning the procedure he underwent to repair cartilage and ligaments he damaged playing basketball.

The rehabilitation period after his operation, combined with a Xavier roster already deep in low-post talent, cost him a spot on the team his first year. Unbeknownst to the future Marine however, what appeared to be a hindrance was actually a blessing in disguise.

"One of my first life's lessons was that you have to be in the right place at the right time," said Smydra.

"My freshman year the team needed guards as walk-ons because they already had a lot of post players. The next year, they graduated a lot of

post players, so I felt this was the chance for me to be the right guy at the right time."

Jumping at the opportunity, Smydra made the team his sophomore year, where he earned playing time as a small forward. Not concerned with the spotlight of big-time college athletics, the 235-pound collegiate instead concentrated on providing whatever services his team required of him.

"I tailored my skills to suit what my university needed me to do at the time," he said.

"Xavier needed a defensive player and I liked Xavier when I went there, and I was fairly quick, with the ability to run the floor well, so I was able to fill that role."

During team practices, Smydra received many opportunities to test his physical and mental endurance when he was assigned to guard current NBA standout, **Bryant Grant** of the Portland Trailblazers.

"Having to go against Bryant everyday was really a hard pill to swallow, because no matter how I tried, or how good I thought I was getting, even on his bad days he could do whatever he wanted," laughed Smydra.

"It's an experience I wouldn't trade for anything, though. He definitely made me better."

The lessons learned against Grant in practice served him well in 1995 when Xavier battled Georgetown in the NCAA Tournament.

"The way our teams matched up, I ended up defending (current NBA Scoring Leader) **Allen Iverson** towards the end of the first half," he said.

According to Smydra, the experi-

ence left a lasting impression on him.

"Playing against a lottery pick in the NCAA Tournament is something I'll always remember."

After earning his master's degree in education in 1995, the college graduate had to make a life-altering decision. Though he contemplated playing professional hoops in Europe, he eventually decided that it was time for him to move in another direction.

"After 20-plus years of basketball, I wanted to take a different path," said Smydra.

"I started working downtown at City Hall in Cincinnati as a human relations consultant, but I couldn't see myself sitting inside an office for the next 30 years of my life. I figured there was more out there to do."

That's when the Marine within Smydra began to emerge. Remembering Marine Corps commercials from his youth, he contacted a Marine recruiter and expressed his interest to join.

"As soon I met the recruiters and talked with them, I was pretty much sold on this branch of the service," he said.

Currently as commander of Scout Sniper Platoon, 1/6, Smydra faces new missions that require the same grit and determination he showed on the basketball floor. Working in cooperation with his battalion's intelligence officer, he must determine how to best employ his Marines in support of the unit's operations.

"I've gone to different schools to prepare me for my job," stated Smydra.

"One of the schools was a commander's course in Quantico, Va., where I actually had to do a lot of the things that our scout snipers have to do."

Admittedly, because of his hulking physical stature, making himself invisible to both sight and sound was a daunting task.

"It was definitely harder for me to do the different stalking exercises, concealments, and training where you need to keep a low profile and blend into the terrain," he said.

"Obviously, the more size you have, the harder it's going to be to blend in."

According to Smydra, during Combined Arms Exercise 3-4 at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif., his platoon accomplished its training goals and contributed to the mission of Marine Air Ground Task Force 6 as a whole.

Long-range precision rifle fire, surveillance and reconnaissance, and high-payoff target detection were all obstacles that his platoon was able to hurdle. Though he gave up the sport to pursue other adventures, occasionally Smydra still gets that familiar itch to display his basketball prowess.

"The Marines I have in the platoon are all much more skilled at being a sniper than I'll

ever be, so every now and then I'll have platoon basketball. That's the only thing I'll go back at them," he added.

It would seem that that persistence, combined with a say-die attitude, has become ingredients for his success. He is eager to share with the pursuit of their dreams.

"Growing up, I had a lot of people telling me I would never make it to school or college basketball. I used their words as motivation to really fuel on my fire," he said.

"My advice for anyone reaching a goal, whether it's basketball, or anything else, is to always believe in yourself."



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Semper Teen Program launches Saturday

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Are you a teen between the ages of 14 and 16? Do you know a teen who is interested in fitness and working out? MCCS' Health & Fitness Division is starting a new program, Semper Teen, tomorrow!

Classes will continue to be held on the first Saturday of each month. Any military family member between the ages of 14 and 16 can attend. After attending the one-day class, teens will be certified to use the Health & Fitness Division's Fitness Centers on their own without the supervision of a parent or guardian.

This program is designed to enhance teens' overall fitness knowledge physically, socially, and psychosocially. Topics covered in the program include general fitness center policies and standard operating procedures, safety in the fitness centers, components of physical fitness, and the nine elements of Semper Fit. The nine elements are: Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation, Physical Fitness, Injury Prevention, Nutrition, Stress Management, Suicide Awareness, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention, Hypertension Education and Control, and STD/HIV Transmis-

sion Prevention. According to Dr. Ginger Gold, Fitness Director, "It's our desire to appeal to people at a young age so they will develop life-long healthy habits. This program is a means to that goal."

Participants will be expected to engage in physical activity (the 3-minute Queens College step test, sit-ups, sit and reach). In addition, their blood pressure and heart rates will be taken.

In order to independently utilize the fitness centers, students must successfully pass a written exam as well as follow up with a personal trainer at the facility of their choice.

Classes will begin promptly at 10 a.m., a 30-minute lunch break will be taken, and class will end at 4 p.m.

Athletic attire will be necessary for participation. If you would like more information about the Semper Teen Program, please call Terri Hort at 451-0823. Completed application forms should be returned to Terri Hort in bldg. 400 (on the Main Service Road) at least three days prior to the class date.



Courtesy Photo

A MCCS staff member overlooks a workout

Business of the Month

Bonnyman Bowling Center

Camp Lejeune's own Bonnyman Bowling Center received its second "Business of the Month" award on Feb. 8 from the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce. Vern Swain, right, bowling center manager, accepted the award along with Gary Frye, left, deputy director of the Services Division. Jacksonville Mayor, George Jones, made the presentation during a city council meeting. The bowling center won the award for having gone above and beyond the call of duty to provide quality services to disabled customers.



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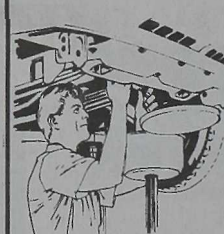


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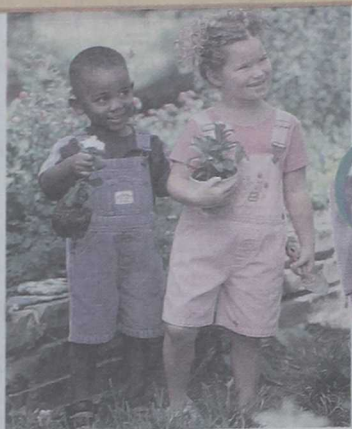
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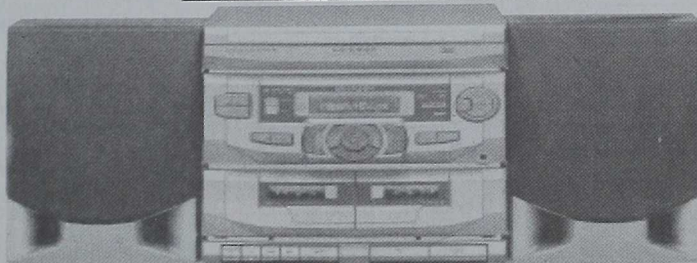


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The Carolina Dynamos semi-pro soccer team will host a soccer skills clinic for the Cherry Point youth community Saturday from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., aboard MCAS Cherry Point.

The Dynamos are in Eastern Carolina to promote its "Carolina Dynamos Spring Red and White Game" being held at New Bern High School at 7:30 p.m., Saturday. This is the final exhibition game for talk-on players who are trying to join the team.

Information on the exhibition game at New Bern High School can be obtained by calling the New Bern Area Soccer Association at (252) 635-6700 or Debbie Grislow at 252-637-3438.



2d MarDiv advances to Semifinals

Cheyenne Futrell
Globe Sports Editor

The second game Monday night at Goettge Memorial Field House, featured Headquarters Bn, 2d Marine Division defeating a stubborn 2d Medical Bn Company B by the score of 72-60.

Both teams entered the quarterfinal game with a loss in the first round of the playoffs. A second loss tonight would end one team's season.

The 2d MarDiv squad was led by the overall play of 1st Lt. Erick Smith, and his effort was aided by teammates Cpl Calvin Banks with 18 points and Cpl William Mejia also poured in 17 points.

The first half of this contest was a touch and go battle of two teams that did not want to face elimination in this year's tournament. Both teams took the floor fired up and ready to play.

As the game began, the 2d MarDiv team seemed to have the right stuff to answer 2d Med Bn and that "stuff" came in the play of Smith.

The 2d MarDiv center was always around the ball and in position to claim key offensive rebounds. Smith made his presence known on the defensive

end of the court as well and made several key blocks.

The determined 2d Med Bn team was not going to give up this game without a fight as they clawed into this matchup with heads up defense and making good decisions with the ball.

LCpl Patterson was the key in keeping the game close in the first half as he led all 2d Med Bn shooters with 15 points.

The game was a touch and go affair for much of the first half but all that changed at the nine-minute mark.

This is when the 2d MarDiv began to find the outside open and started consistently hitting from downtown.

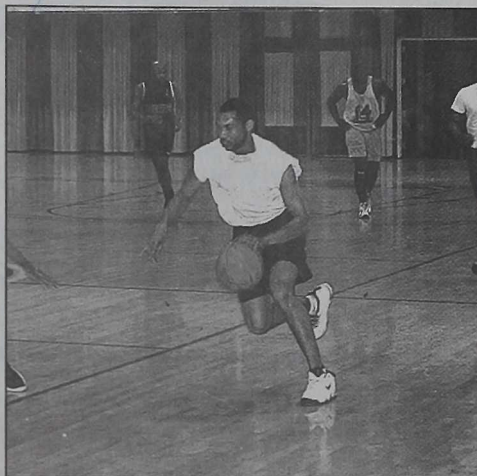
At 6:56 remaining in the first half, the 2d Med Bn Coach Sgt Tony Murchison wisely called a time-out.

This was done in an attempt to slow down the offensive tempo that 2d MarDiv was beginning to generate.

It seemed the 2d Med Bn team responded by creating a turnover and producing some points.

All this was for nothing as 2d MarDiv began hitting the three-pointers to cushion their lead.

The 2d MarDiv team settled for a



HN Daemon Odom, 2d Med Bn, brings the ball down court looking to close the lead over 2d MarDiv.

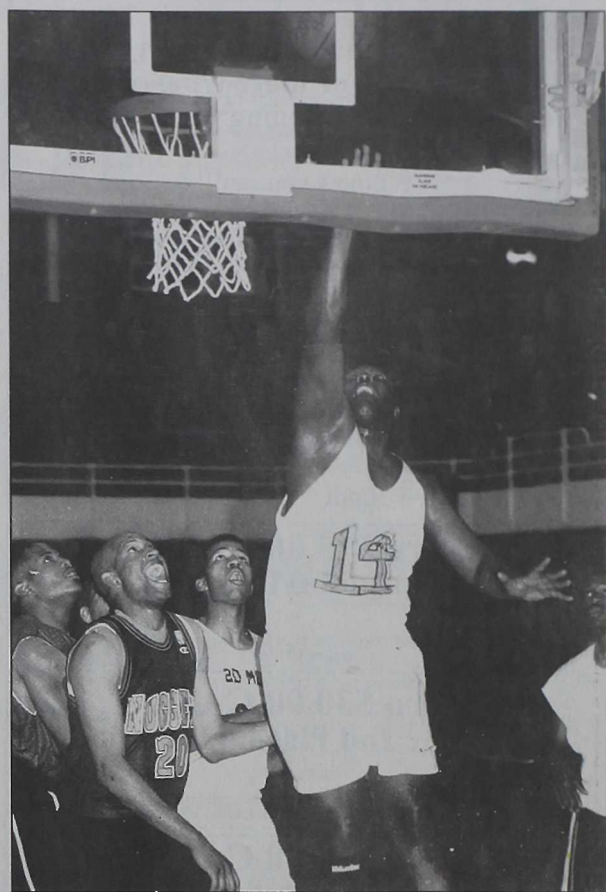
Cheyenne Futrell

35-28 lead at the half from the red-hot shooting of guard Mejia.

As the first half ended so the second half began, with Mejia lighting it up from three-point land.

The offense was alive as 2d MarDiv jumped out to a 15-point lead at the 17:45 mark; its biggest of the game.

The 2d Med Bn team came to play



LCpl Wayne S. Loving

HN Clarence Hood, 14, 2d Med Bn works hard beneath the basketball as 1st Lt Erick Smith, 20, positions himself for a defensive rebound.

but just could not contain Smith under the boards and had no answer for the dead aim of the 2d MarDiv sharpshooters.

Occasionally the 2d Med Bn guards would break the defensive pressure but failed to make good decisions with the ball.

Concerned that his team would sit back and allow 2d Med Bn to get back into this contest, 2d MarDiv Coach

SSgt Alfonso Tyson kept telling his team "It's not over 'til it's over."

The 2d Med Bn offered an offensive push at the end of the game but it was too little, too late as 2d MarDiv advanced to the semifinals defeating the 2d Med Bn B 72-60.

In winning this contest, the 2d MarDiv team advanced to the semifinal game to face the 2d Supply Battalion Co. C team Feb. 29.



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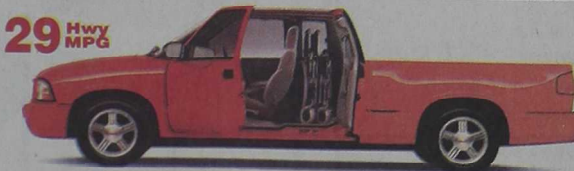
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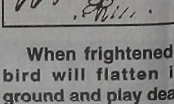
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