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NREA: Excels through the years

LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Natural Resource and Environmental Affairs is an organization that helps protect human health and the environment.

In 1981, NREA was established under the Installation and Logistics Directorate and staffed with one ecologist and two Marines.

"The purpose of the environmental offices is to help the Marines become aware of the environmental requirements associated with day-to-day activities," said former NREA employee Leon Bowling, now a facility planner at the Facility Management Division Planning. "It also informs Marines of the long-term and short-term impacts to the environment and what their personal liabilities might be if they do not follow laws and regulations."

The first project NREA focused on was from 1981 to 1985, when they started the relocation of desert tortoise from construction sites. The desert tortoise was in the process of being added to a list of threatened species. The other project at the time was the protection of the Surprise Springs cultural resource area.

In 1986, NREA began monitoring and managing all hazardous waste and clean-up of spills on the base.

Two years later, NREA completed a ground-water investigation of Sandhill, Emerson Lake and Gypsum Ridge Training Areas to determine if the water was suitable for drinking.

Throughout all of NREA's work, their organization was getting acknowledged for their time and effort.

According to Dr. Marie Cottrell, the Natural and Cultural Resources officer, starting in 1962 the Secretary of Defense and later the Secretary



California State University, Los Angeles, students assist NREA in an excavation here at Surprise Springs in 2005 to increase understanding of Native Americans who once lived in this area. COURTESY PHOTO

of the Navy have recognized military installations and Department of Defense employees for outstanding accomplishments in the conservation of natural resources on the approximate 25 million acres of land and water under DoD control.

"The Combat Center was the first Marine Corps installation to win the Secretary of Navy's Environmental Award in recognition of outstanding achievement in Cultural Resources

Management in 1996," said Cottrell. "The award was given for excellence in achieving multiple goals and objectives cited in the award selection categories."

In 1997, the Combat Center was recognized by the Secretary of the Navy in both categories of conservation. The installation also won the Secretary of the Navy's Environmental Award in recognition of outstanding achievement in

Natural Resources Management for a large installation.

Also in 1997, personnel working for NREA received individual recognition for their achievements. Cottrell received the Secretary of the Navy's award for individual recognition in the field of cultural resources management.

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2/7 Marine earns Bronze Star, Purple Heart



Lt. Col. Joseph L'Etoile, commanding officer, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, congratulates Sgt. Nicholas J. Galante, squad leader, Mobile Assault Platoon 1, Mobile Assault Company, 2/7, Aug. 30 after awarding him the Bronze Star Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device and Purple Heart Medal for actions taken and wounds received in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

PFC. JARED J. BUTLER
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The Marines of 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, conducted a ceremony to award and recognize one of their Marines with a Bronze Star Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device and a Purple Heart Medal Aug. 30.

Sgt. Nicholas J. Galante, squad leader, Mobile Assault Platoon 1, Mobile Assault Company, 2/7, earned his awards for the actions taken and wounds received while he was in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Bronze Star Medal was awarded to Galante for his achievement in connection with 2/7 combat operations from March 7 to March 13.

March 7, MAP 1 was conducting counter insurgency operations from an observation post in Al Anbar province, Iraq, when Galante and his squad identified a vehicle fleeing from an engagement in a nearby market with Echo Company, according to the award citation.

"It made us all pretty mad that they were taking shots at our guys in Echo Company," said Galante.

He and Lance Cpl. Josh Hayter, MAP 1, Mobile Assault Company, 2/7, left their position on a building top to

stop the vehicle. As they approached the truck, Cpl. Joe Ramirez, MAP 1, Mobile Assault Company, 2/7, observing from his position on the building, made it clear the insurgents were armed.

"Those guys turned down the wrong alley that day," said Ramirez. "If they had taken a different turn, they might have gotten away. We got to them before they could cause any more damage."

When Galante and Hayter ordered the occupants of the truck to get out, one of them attempted to aim his AK-47 at them.

At this time, Galante delivered two fatal shots to the armed insurgent's chest before he had the chance to fire.

The remaining two insurgents fled from their vehicle, and Galante and Hayter pursued them on foot. Galante took down both insurgents from distances of 150 and 300 meters.

"We're all pretty good shots," said Ramirez, "and we had two of our best guys down there."

After successfully eliminating the threat of the insurgents in the truck, Galante and his squad proceeded to search the vehicle and found several weapons.

March 13, Galante was part of a dismounted patrol that received small

arms fire from multiple positions on a small bridge in a desolate area of Iraq.

"We were taking fire from everywhere," said Galante. "We had to hold them off until more of our guys could come support us."

Galante exposed himself to the enemy multiple times to maximize effective suppression for his squad. His efforts resulted in the safety of his fellow Marines and three dead enemy insurgents before reinforcing units came to their aid.

"My squad and my staff sergeant had my back the entire time we were over there," said Galante. "All of those guys are great."

The Purple Heart Medal was awarded to Galante for the wounds he received June 19 at a patrol base in Iraq.

After a recent patrol, Galante and his fellow Marines had stopped to get some rest when a suicide bomber in a dump truck crashed into their patrol base, injuring him and several other Marines.

He received shrapnel to his head, back and shoulder, keeping him out of action for only four days before he insisted on returning to his platoon.

Galante's example is one that deserves respect and can be used to motivate and inspire Marines for many years to come.

Weekend Weather

Friday  97/70
Sunny

Saturday  98/75
Sunny

Sunday  100/74
Mostly Sunny

Inside this issue

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Observations



CG's Intramural Football League season starts

This Day in Marine Corps History

— 1990 —

The 13th MEU embarked and arrived in the Gulf of Oman, joining U.N. forces.

Misfire!



In last week's edition of the Observation Post, the article "SMP donations appreciated by deployed 3/7 Marines," was ran with a photo of a corpsman handing out soccer balls in Iraq. The corpsman was misidentified. The actual name of the "Doc" is Seaman Justin Harris, a 3/7 corpsman, who is pictured above with Iraqi locales.

Sempertoons

By Gunnery Sgt. Charles Wolf



C.O.P. Corner



Community Oriented Policing



The proactive voice of crime prevention

Presented by the Provost Marshal's Office Crime Prevention Section

Recognize the Signs Of Depression and Possible Suicide Risk

Numerous deployments, rough relationships, or even no relationships can lead a person into depression or even into the possible risk of depression.

Here are some ways to tell if a person is at risk.

Talking About Dying:

any mention of dying, disappearing, jumping, shooting oneself, or other types of self harm.

Recent Loss:

- through death, divorce, separation, broken relationship, loss of job, money, status, self-confidence, self-esteem, loss of religious faith, loss of interest in friends, sex, hobbies, activities previously enjoyed.

Change in personality:

- sad, withdrawn, irritable, anxious, tired, indecisive, apathetic.

Change in Behavior:

- can't concentrate on school, work, routine tasks.

Change in Sleep Patterns:

- insomnia, often with early waking or oversleeping, nightmares.

Change in Eating Habits:

- loss of appetite and weight, or overeating.

Diminished Sexual Interest:

- impotence, menstrual abnormalities (often missed periods).

Fear of losing control:

- going crazy, harming self or others.

Low self esteem:

- feeling worthless, shame, overwhelming guilt, self-hatred, "everyone would be better off without me".

No hope for the future:

- believing things will never get better; that nothing will ever change.

Other things to watch for:

- Suicidal impulses, statements, plans; giving away favorite things; previous suicide attempts, substance abuse, making out wills, arranging for the care of pets, extravagant spending, agitation, hyperactivity, restlessness or lethargy.

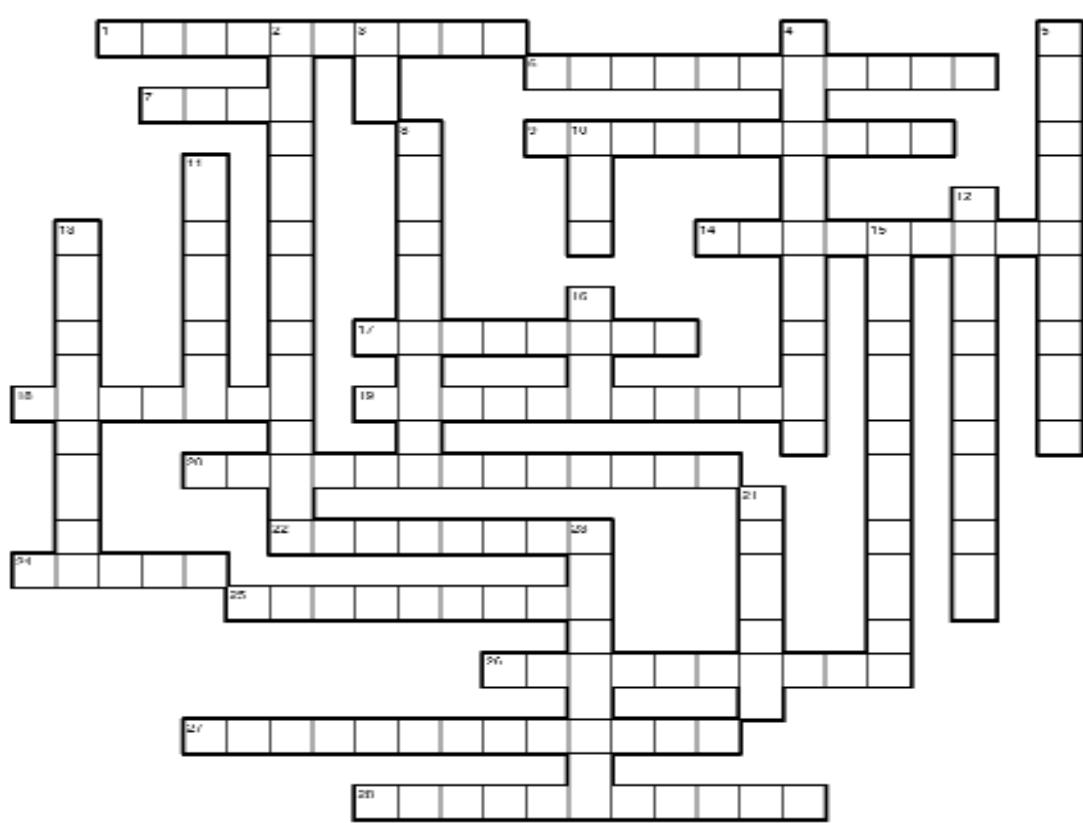
REMEMBER: The risk of suicide may be greatest as the depression lifts.

For more information go to website <http://www.sfsuicide.org/html/warning.html>.

The following services are available to on-base personnel and residents through Crime Prevention: literature, briefs, education, crime assessments, safety tips, the Stranger Danger program, McGruff the Crime Dog, the Officer Friendly program, the Property Marking program, and the Child Identification and Fingerprinting program. For more information call Crime Prevention, 830-6094/5457.

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ONE HIT WONDERS



ACROSS

1. Played some funky music
6. Dialed up Jenny
7. A whole lot of red balloons
9. Ice Ice Baby
14. They felt the noise
17. Always felt watched
18. There it was
19. They did a lot of jumping around
20. They didn't take it
22. Unclean affection
24. Rocked Amadeus
25. Became Asian
26. Didn't know how to talk to an angel
27. Never worried, always happy
28. Martial Arts Warriors

DOWN

2. Mmmmmmmmmmm
3. Unbelievable
4. Hip to the Hop
5. In the Garden of Eden
8. Their song was an epic
10. Barbie fans
11. Not the most flavorful symphony
12. His heart was aching and breaking
13. A whiskey drink, then a vodka drink
15. Walked 500 miles
16. Bearers of funny, red hats
21. One of the Mambos
23. Macarena

[Solutions on A6]

Centerspeak

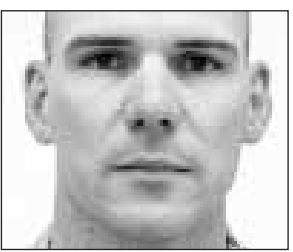
Do you think America is prepared for another Hurricane Katrina?

Opinions expressed in Centerspeak

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LT. COL. JAMES C. LEWIS
3RD BATTALION, 11TH MARINE REGIMENT



STAFF SGT. JOE EZI
2ND BATTALION, 7TH MARINE REGIMENT



PFC. JAMES MASON
7TH MARINE REGIMENT

“Yes, they need to be prepared, families need to be prepared also on a local level.”

“Yes, I think we are because of Katrina we have prepared better facilities. We have learned from that disaster.”

“No, because we are still having a hard time with the last hurricane.”

Attention writers

The OP is looking for newspaper stringers. Once you get the "scoop" on a story inform the post newspaper editor. Either the OP can send a reporter, or you can write it yourself. The submission deadline is Friday the week prior to the next publication. For more information, call (760) 830-5472.

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SMP EVENTS

September 7 - 13



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SATURDAY	SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p>SMP Trip to Medieval Times Dinner Theater Depart The Zone @ 11 a.m. Cost: \$35</p>	<p>SMP Trip to Universal Studios Depart The Zone @ 8 a.m. Cost: \$35</p>	<p>Free Pizza @ Sandy Hill Lanes 7 p.m.</p>



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Movies and recreation for the upcoming week at the Sunset Cinema

<p>Friday Hot Rod 6 p.m. (PG-13) Rescue Dawn 9 p.m. (PG-13) I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry Midnight (PG-13)</p> <p>Saturday Free Matinee Wallace & Gromit 11 a.m. (G) Underdog 2 p.m. (PG)</p>	<p>Bourne Ultimatum 6 p.m. (PG-13) I Know Who Killed Me 9 p.m. (PG-13) Bourne Ultimatum Midnight (PG-13)</p> <p>Sunday Harry Potter Order of the Phoenix 2 p.m. (PG-13) I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry 6 p.m. (PG-13) Sunshine 9 p.m. (R)</p>	<p>Monday Hot Rod 7 p.m. (PG)</p> <p>Tuesday Rescue Dawn 7 p.m. (PG-13)</p> <p>Wednesday Bourne Ultimatum 7 p.m. (PG-13)</p> <p>Thursday No Reservations 7 p.m. (PG-13)</p>
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NEW HOURS

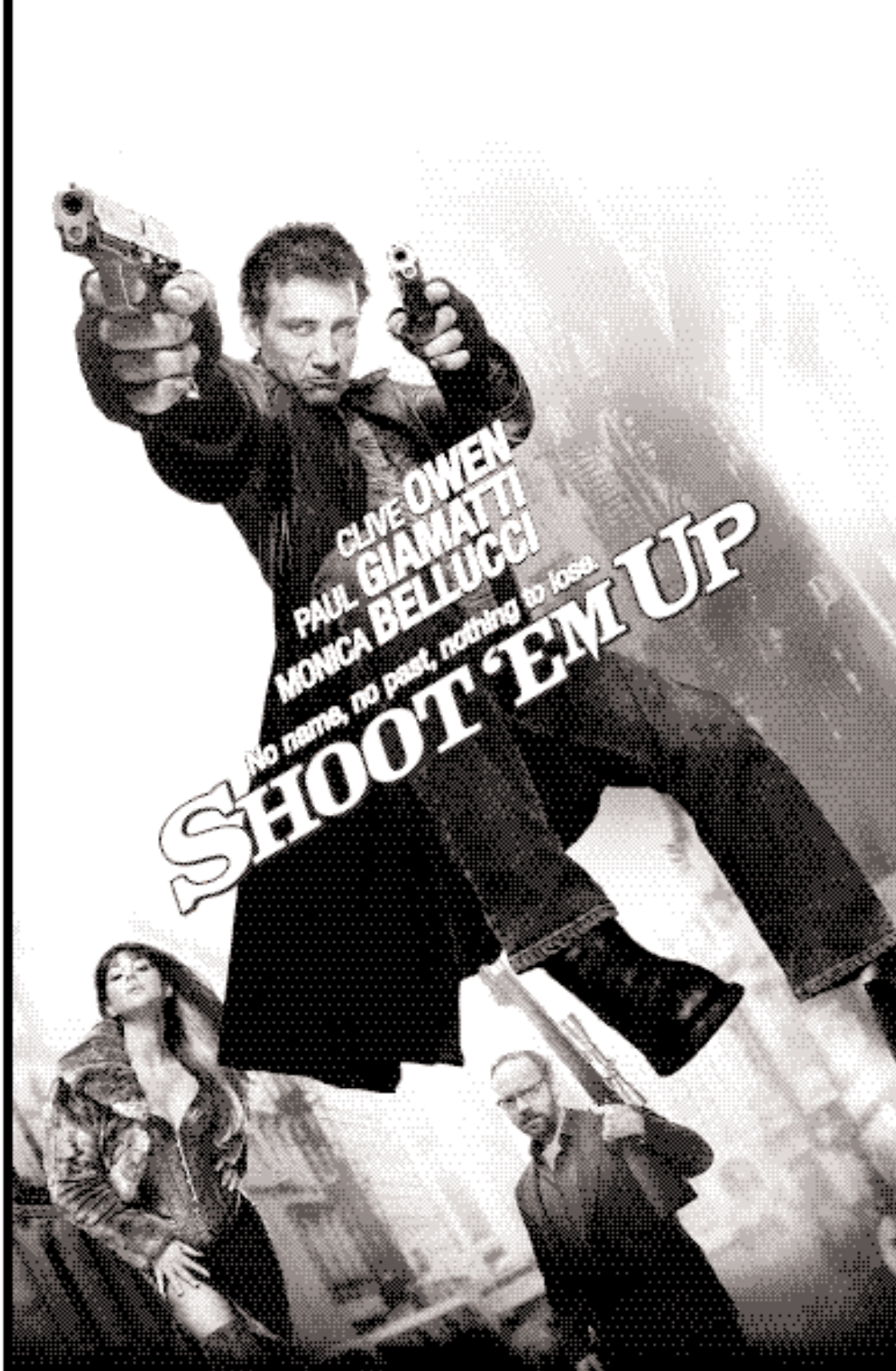
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It's open to all active duty, reserve, retired military members and their spouses. Did you know that there are teaching positions available in California that do not require a college degree? Call 830-7225 for more information.

A Career Fair will be held September 26th at the Community Center bldg 1004 from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. More than 50 local and national employers will be in attendance at this semi-annual event so bring copies of your resume and be prepared to interview. Business dress or uniform of the day is highly recommended. This is a closed gate event.



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FAIR

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RETIREE POLL

Attention All Military Retirees:

SUSIE STEVENS

EDITOR

The Observation Post is asking military retirees to contact the base Public Affairs Office during September if you would like the OP to offer a Retiree's Guide to services on the base at a future date. The results of the poll will determine the outcome of this project.

The OP is available online at: <http://www.op29online.com> or at many local businesses in the Twentynine Palms area.

Retirees can also contact the Retired Activities Office in Building 1417, which is open 5-days a week from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. or call 830-5472.

The RAO's mission is to help military retirees with information referral services. Therefore if a retiree has a question regarding Social Security or other federal, state or local agencies often our retiree staff can direct the retiree to a person who can answer their question. To contact the RAO call 830-7550.

HOT TOPICS

COMMISSARY CASE LOT SALE!

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 14-16. Hours are Friday and Saturday - 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Sunday 12-5 p.m.

MILITARY SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT STUDY

The RAND Corporation is

conducting research for the Department of Defense to study the occupational choices of military spouses and recommend actions to support military spouse employment. RAND is conducting interviews with military spouses who are female, at least 18 years old, married to an Active Duty Enlisted Service Member, currently residing in the U.S., and currently employed in one of the following career fields: Nursing (e.g. RNs, LPNs, home health aides, nursing aides) Education (e.g. teachers, teacher aides, professors, lecturers) Financial/Accounting (e.g. accountants,

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The Marine Corps College of Continuing Education <http://www.tecom.usmc.mil/cc/> is the center for advancing Expeditionary Warfare School and Command and Staff College Distance Education Programs DEP. In addition to conducting seminars for EWS and CSC, the regional coordinators provide support to students who are completing these courses independently. CCE seminar program academic year runs October through May and consists of a two-hour seminar that meets once a week. Seminars for all courses will be available again this year at Camp Pendleton beginning in October. Enrollments are being accepted now. If you have questions about officer professional military education requirements, or if you need more information about enrollment or seminar schedules, contact the Camp Pendleton Regional Coordinator, Jeffrey Willis at (760) 725-8400 or by email at jwillis@cot.com.

man. Duties will include traffic enforcement, DUI detection, criminal incident response and investigations. Volunteers are required to attend a one-week pre-service course to study basic law enforcement techniques and tactics. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Kristopher J. Knobel at 830-5456.

CHILDCARE EXPENSES ASSISTANCE

Below is the Web site to the National Network of Child Care Resources and Referral which helps military members defray the costs of child care. The link contains information about NACCRA, the assistance provided and applications for assistance. It may be an additional resource for your Marines and sailors. As an active duty military member who deploys, you rate financial assistance and several military families currently receive this assistance. Many people have never heard of this organization. Their Web site address is: <http://www.naccra.org/>. The DoD emblem and link halfway down the page on the right takes you to the page which has information and paperwork application links for assistance to military programs.

AUXILIARY MILITARY POLICE OPPORTUNITY FOR ACTIVE DUTY

The Provost Marshal's Office is looking for outstanding Marines and sailors to become part of the Auxiliary Military Police. Volunteers will receive on-the-job training as a Military Police patrol-

LEISURE ITEMS

TODAY: BLOOD DRIVE ON VICTORY FIELD

The Community Blood Bank will be on Victory Field TODAY from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Please come by and donate blood, there is a shortage of blood here in the lower and high desert. You may be able to save a life and that life could be your buddy on your left and right hand side.

TODAY: CHILI RECIPE AND DEATH BY CHOCOLATE CONTEST

Time to see which Directorate has what it takes... G-3's 2nd Annual Best Chili Recipe and Death by Chocolate Contest. We're talking bragging rights. Today from 12 to 1 p.m. at the BCC, building 1559. Cost is \$5 per pot/dessert to enter the contest. Three categories for chili: hot, mild, exotic. One category for chocolate. \$2 per bowl once winner is announced. Judging commences at 11:30 a.m. All proceeds will be donated to the Combined Federal Campaign. POC is Terry Vetsch at 830-4156

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL KICK OFF PARTY

The Combat Centers' Officers Club is hosting a Monday Night Football Kick Off party with 2 games, steak and the Bud Girls, Monday. Steaks will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. with the first game Baltimore versus Cincinnati, starting at 4 p.m. and Arizona versus San Francisco at 7 p.m. For more information, call 830-6610.

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Iris Shepherd Graveside Service Thurs., Sept. 6, 11 a.m. at Joshua Tree Memorial Park.

Alfred Poitras Services are Private

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NREA from A1

"In 2001, our installation was recognized as part of a team effort in receiving the 2001 Annual Governor's Historic Preservation Award," she said.

Cottrell later received another award, this time from the Society for California Archaeology Presidential Commendation for her efforts on the DoD Statewide Historic Military Buildings and Structures Inventory in 2002.

In 2003, NREA aboard the Combat Center again submitted award packages for cultural resources management installation and natural resources management team. They won both the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards for Cultural Resources Management and the Secretary of Navy Team Award for Natural Resources Management.

NREA is still working on the relocation of the desert tortois-es and conducting thorough surveys of all natural resources aboard the Combat Center.

The organization consists of many highly trained professionals who have provided the environment, installation and Marine Corps with the best in conservation management.

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Sun 9:15 a.m. Confessions+
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Sun 10:30 a.m. Catholic Mass
Sun 10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word

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Sun 5 p.m. Catholic Mass
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Mon-Fri 11:45 a.m. Catholic Mass

TUESDAY
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6 p.m. Baptism Class 1st Tuesday each Month
C&E Mess Hall Bldg 1660
11:30 a.m. Bible Study
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WEDNESDAY
Village Center
11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting in the Prayer Room contact Chaplain Flint 830-6187
6 p.m. RCIA (Bldg. 1551, Christ Chapel)
5:30 p.m. Catholic Choir Rehearsal
6 p.m. Praise & Worship Rehearsal
6 p.m. Pre-Service Food/Fellowship
7 p.m. Lay-Led Gospel Bible Study
7 p.m. Praise & Worship Service
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3/11, 5/11 make thunder in the desert

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The Marines and sailors of Lima Battery and Mike Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment; and Sierra and Tango Batteries, 5th Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment; conducted their annual regimental desert fire exercise Aug. 29 through Sept. 5th.

The two batteries from 3/11 operated in the Combat Center's Blacktop training area, while 5/11 operated in the Lavic Lake area during the eight-day exercise.

"This artillery exercise is supposed to encompass all of 11th Marines," said 1st Lt. Matthew H. Bates, fire direction officer for Lima Battery. "Our plan is to fire approximately 2,000 rounds of various types and to get the regiment to work on large-scale operations. This also allows the regiment to move, shoot and communicate."

Bates explained that, even though the exercise is designed for all of 11th Marines, many of the battalions could not make it. Romeo Battery, 5/11, and Kilo Battery, 3/11, are currently deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. All of 1st Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, is also deployed. The Marines and sailors of 2nd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, and India Battery, 3/11, are preparing for their upcoming deployments.

The participating batteries spent the first few days of the exercise operating independently. Lima Battery moved positions daily, conducting fire missions from numerous locations. The battery's three gun crews worked quickly and fired rounds with pinpoint accuracy.

"We aren't just Lima, 3/12, we're the Lima, 3/12," said 1st Lt. Ryan C. Collins, battery commander for Lima Battery. "I consider this battery to be very efficient. We just completed a successful tour in Iraq with three separate firing detachments. That means that leadership was given to Marines who never normally see it, which en-

hances our skills.

"Since we've come back, we've worked hard to transition to the M777A2 howitzer, making the Marines even more knowledgeable and proficient," he added. "This should prove to be a successful field operation."

Since Lima Battery's return from Iraq earlier this year, they have not trained on the new Digital Fire Control System. For this FIREX, Lima Battery used the aiming circles method.

"This is sort of an old method," said Collins. "We use geometry and angles to align the guns on their proper azimuth of fire. The whole process usually takes approximately 10-20 minutes."

Monday brought a different concept to modern artillery. The batteries began operating on a regimental scale, moving, shooting and communicating as a single unit. The Marines of Lima Battery seemed to think the FIREX provided valuable experience.

"This is a good chance to get the regiment together," said Cpl. Justin A. Bromley, artilleryman with Lima Battery. "We only get to do this once a year at best."

Others feel that the training is beneficial in more ways than just an opportunity to fire artillery as a regiment.

"I think it's a good thing for the regiment to shoot in the desert," said Sgt. Gabriel



Marines from Lima Battery, 3/12, of 3rd Bn., 11th Marines conduct a fire mission during the annual regimental fire exercise at the Combat Center's Blacktop training area Aug. 29 - Sept. 5th.

H. Torres, battery ammunition chief for Lima Battery. "We used to go down to Camp Pendleton to train, so this is a nice change of pace. Our combat environment is very similar to Twentynine Palms these days, so it's good conditioning for the Marines from other bases."

Lima Battery will continue to train in the field and in the classroom. The battery will

be taught how to use the DFCS and will go to Yuma Proving Grounds, Ariz. to

train later this year. Lima Battery is going to be attached to Battalion Landing Team 2/4 as part of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit in January.

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Mattel Recalls 800,000 Toys

ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
 AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK -- The third major recall by Mattel Inc. of lead-tainted Chinese toys has left the world's largest toymaker fighting to maintain its reputation with the crucial holiday season fast approaching.

Mattel announced late Tuesday it was recalling 800,000 toys, including 675,000 accessories for one of the company's biggest sellers, the Barbie doll. Also part of the recall, the third in just over a month, were 90,000 units of Mattel's GeoTrax locomotive line and about 8,900 Big Big World 6-in-1 Bongo Band toys, both from the company's Fisher-Price brand. The Big Big World products were sold nationwide from July through August of this year, while the GeoTrax toys were sold from September 2006 through August of this year.

Mattel shares dropped more than 3 percent, or 68 cents, to \$21.29 at the open of trading Wednesday.

Mattel's last recall, announced on Aug. 14, covered about 19 million toys worldwide. They included Chinese-made toys that either had excessive amounts of lead paint or had small magnets that could easily be swallowed by children.

On Aug. 1, Mattel's Fisher-Price division said it was recalling 1.5 million preschool toys featuring characters such as Dora the Explorer, Big Bird and Elmo because of lead paint. That action included 967,000 toys sold in the United States between May and August.

Robert Eckert, chairman and chief executive of El Segundo, Calif.-based Mattel, warned at a press conference last month that there may be more recalls as the company stepped up investigations into Chinese factories and intensified production checks.

In a statement issued late Tuesday, Eckert said: "As a result

of our ongoing investigation, we discovered additional affected products. Consequently, several subcontractors are no longer manufacturing Mattel toys. We apologize again to everyone affected and promise that we will continue to focus on ensuring the safety and quality of our toys."

Mattel added that it has completed its testing program for the majority of its toys and spent more than 50,000 hours investigating vendors and testing toys over the past four-week period.

Mattel, which has cultivated an image of tightly controlled production in China, may have trouble convincing consumers that its products are safe this holiday season. The Consumer Product Safety Commission may investigate how quickly Mattel notified authorities of problems before the Aug. 14 recall.

With more than 80 percent of toys sold worldwide made in China, the problems go well beyond Mattel's image.

In June, toy maker RC2 Corp. voluntarily recalled 1.5 million wooden railroad toys and set parts from its Thomas & Friends Wooden Railway product line. The company said the surface paint on certain toys and parts made in China between January 2005 and April 2006 contained lead, affecting 23 retailers.

In July, Hasbro Inc. recalled Chinese-made Easy Bake ovens on reports of second- and third-degree burns to children. It was the second time the iconic toy has been recalled this year.

A Chinese quality official said Wednesday that the country is investigating the latest recall.

Wang Xin, an official with the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection, and Quarantine, said the agency, which oversees all products made in China, is trying to get details on when the toys were made and the manufacturers involved.

Mattel vowed as recently as last month it would tighten its con-

trols in China. About 65 percent of the company's toys are made in there, and about 50 percent of Mattel's production is in China at company-owned plants.

The recalled toys in the Barbie accessory line included a Barbie Dream Puppy House, which had lead paint on the dog; a Barbie Dream Kitty Condo playset, which had lead paint on the cat; and a Barbie table and chairs kitchen playset, which had lead paint on the dog and dinner plates.

Mattel said in a statement that the Barbie products affected by the recall were produced by Holder Plastic Company, a Mattel contract vendor, which subcontracted the painting of miniature toy pets and small furniture pieces to Dong Lian Fa and Yip Sing.

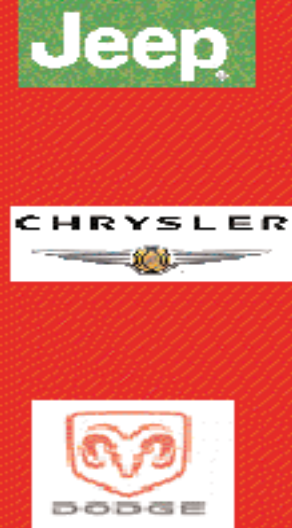
The two GeoTrax toys were made by Apex Manufacturing Company Ltd., one of Mattel's contract vendors, which outsourced paint work to a subcontractor, Boyi Plastic Products Factory. Apex supplied Boyi with certified paint; however, the toys were made with uncertified paint. Boyi is no longer in business, Mattel said.

The GeoTrax toys were manufactured between July 31, 2006, and September 4, 2006; however, the painted parts were stored and incorporated into toy production throughout the year. Mattel said it is recalling toys shipped between August 3, 2006, and July 31 of this year.

Fisher-Price's Big Big World toy was manufactured by Shun On Factory, one of Mattel's contract vendors, which outsourced the molding and painting of one plastic piece. A subcontractor, Jingying Tampo Printing Processing Factory, used uncertified paint on the recalled piece.

For information about Tuesday's recalls, consumers should call Mattel at 888-496-8330 or visit the company's Web site at <http://www.service.mattel.com>.

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Wednesday night lights: Tanks and HQBN take home first wins of season

PFC. JARED J. BUTLER

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The Commanding General's Intramural Football League season kicked off at the Combat Center's Felix Field Wednesday night.

The season-opener featured a double-header that matched 1st Tank Battalion against Combat Logistics Battalion 7 and Headquarters Battalion against the Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School.

The first teams on deck to play were 1st Tanks and CLB-7, two teams who hadn't had much practice the previous few weeks due to other battalion functions.

The first quarter exemplified the quality of the defenses as both teams finished the quarter scoreless.

To start the second quarter, 1st Tanks' running game kicked it in high gear as they made their way up the field to give their quarterback a chance at the end zone.

Chris Ashinhurst, 1st Tanks starting quarterback, kept the ball on a draw and was taken down at the four yard line. From there he scanned the end zone and found Perry King, 1st Tanks wide receiver, for the touchdown.

Then Ashinhurst rifled a pass to one of his receivers to make the two-point conversion successful and give 1st Tanks an 8-0 lead.

The CLB-7 offense remained quiet for the remainder of the half especially after sorting through an array of quarterbacks and giving up multiple turnovers.

After a few punts on both sides of the ball in the third quarter, 1st Tanks began another promising drive, led by Rafael Estrada, 1st Tanks running back.

Estrada carried 1st Tanks close enough to the end zone for Ashinhurst to run it in himself for the touchdown.

Despite having their extra point attempt blocked after the touchdown,

1st Tanks carried their 14-0 lead into the fourth quarter.

With nine minutes remaining in the game, CLB-7 started to find some rhythm with Greyson Escareno, CLB-7 athlete, at the quarterback position.

Escareno began to charge his team down the field and give them hope of a fourth quarter rally with a few big passes until Tyler Johnson, 1st Tanks free safety, intercepted his second pass of the game on a fourth down and goal situation for CLB-7.

As the game clock neared the halfway point of the fourth quarter and 1st Tanks used Estrada and their running game to gain yardage and run down the clock, CLB-7's hopes began to fade.

With six minutes left in regulation play, CLB-7's defense forced a fumble and recovered the ball on their own 37 yard line.

Escareno had another chance to lead his team down the field, and he did just that, achieving five consecutive first downs with the help of Markevin Wilson, CLB-7 tight end and outside linebacker.

Wilson was called upon again for the pass that would give CLB-7 not only a touchdown, but a chance to come back against 1st Tanks.

Joshua Pettine, CLB-7 running back and cornerback, entered the game at the quarterback position and ran a sweep to the right to make the score 14-8, 1st Tanks.

CLB-7's attempted onside kick with less than two minutes to play in the game was unsuccessful and allowed 1st Tanks to run down the game clock and take the win, 14-8.

"We proved that we have a lot of depth in every position, and we look forward to see what we can do against the other teams in the future," said William Cowger, 1st tanks coach.

The next match up of the night proved to be more exciting, but not nearly as competitive, as Headquarters Bn. took on MCCES.

The first big drive of the game



PFC. JARED J. BUTLER

Ron Hampton, Headquarters Battalion running back, breaks past two Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School defenders to give his team a first down. Hampton finished the game with two touchdowns and was the leading rusher for Headquarters Bn. 28 - 6 victory.

belonged to Headquarters Bn. as they rode on the back of Ron Hampton, Headquarters Bn. running back.

Hampton ignited his team after a 40 yard run on a fourth down situation for Headquarters Bn. Once his team was within the ten yard line, the MCCES defense could do nothing to stop him from crossing the plane of the end zone and scoring six points.

Headquarters Bn. completed the two-point conversion, which gave them 8-0 lead over MCCES.

After a few turnovers by both teams, Charles Jefferson, Headquarters Bn. starting quarterback, led his team down the field and used precise passing to put the ball in the end zone for another touchdown. Headquarters Bn. once again made the two point conversion and gave them a 16-0 lead heading into the second quarter.

The second quarter consisted of many possession changes and a missed field goal by MCCES that left Headquarters Bn. lead intact going into halftime.

The second half started out slow as both teams didn't score in the third quarter to change the outlook of the game.

Headquarters Bn. 16-point lead would only increase in the fourth quarter as Jefferson ran the ball for a touchdown deep in MCCES territory. Although the conversion failed,

Headquarters Bn. managed to get the ball back and score again. This time it was Hampton, who rushed for more than 150 yards on the day.

As the two-point conversion failed again, the spirit of the Headquarters Bn. players was not shaken, as they were about to deliver a shutout in their season opener. But MCCES would not go quietly into the night as the clock

winded down.

Daniel Pannell, MCCES back-up quarterback, led a loose set of plays that gave MCCES a touchdown with 19 seconds remaining on the clock.

Although the touchdown was too little, too late, it allowed MCCES to be proud they had given it a shot.

The players of Headquarters Bn. started their season off in a great way by taking a commanding victory over MCCES, 28-6.

The success of Headquarters Bn. this season appears promising after a dominating performance and their hardworking coaches and players.

"We have a lot of areas we can improve at, and we will," said Johnny Sanders, Headquarters Bn. defensive coach.

The CG's Intramural Football League will continue to hold games every Wednesday night for the remainder of the season.

LINKS helps Marine spouses transition into new life

LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The Lifestyle, Insight, Networking, Knowledge and Skills program is a team vol-

unteer organization Marine spouses have designed for spouses new to the military.

According to the Marine Administrative Message 472/07, L.I.N.K.S. was founded in 1995 by a group of Marine

wives who met in Leesburg, Va., to develop an educational program for spouses. The program helps motivate spouses to meet the hardships and challenges of Marine Corps life.

The MARADMIN also states that one of the program's main goals was to stay independent and an all-volunteer organization that would not hinder commands for help with fundraising and participation.

According to the L.I.N.K.S. Web site, the program offers services to spouses in need of an orientation to the Marine Corps lifestyle. It presents a great way to make new friends and enjoy the perks of being a military spouse here or at any other installation.

The organization is run by volunteer spouses, Marine Corps Family Team Building staff, Marine Corps career retention specialists and chaplains.

L.I.N.K.S. is a mentoring organization, giving tips, recommendations and information on the benefits available to all military families.

"We have learned from units that have sponsored sessions for their spouses, prior to deployment, have

fewer issues or problems that develop during the deployment that require the return of a service member or the immediate intervention of the Marine Corps," said Monica McBroom, L.I.N.K.S. director.

The program ensures spouses are aware of their financial standings and how to deal with separations and deployments. They recommend effective ways to communicate. L.I.N.K.S. also offers advice on moving between duty stations.

"This program has proven that educated spouses truly enable the service member to concentrate on their duty and mission while on deployment," said McBroom.

The L.I.N.K.S. program is in nearly every Marine Corps installation from South Carolina to Japan.

"The number of volunteers is continuously changing," said McBroom. "When PCS season is upon us we

lose a couple but we also gain a couple. At this time we have ten volunteers on the L.I.N.K.S. Mentor Team."

With the help of the volunteers, the L.I.N.K.S. program aboard the Combat Center can offer a learning session to spouses no other L.I.N.K.S. organization in the Marine Corps can offer.

"In learning the history, traditions, color guard, uniforms and ranks, we have Marines in uniform, we have a color guard explain the colors and the banners on the Marine flag for this base or their unit," said McBroom. "Instead of just showing the families the services available aboard the base on a map or a flyer, we place them in a personnel transport carrier with flak jackets and Kevlar's and show them where the services are located in person."

For more information about the L.I.N.K.S. program, contact Monica McBroom at 830-4163.



CAPT. CHRISTY L. KERCHEVAL

Jasmine Lawson, Kim Hubbard and Michelle Correa participate in a communications exercise at the L.I.N.K.S. session Aug. 31, 2005. The free, two-day course deems itself, "A road map for Marine Corps living," and helps to teach spouses more about the Marine Corps and the vast support network offered on the base.

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MIKAEL ALLEN OLAH
Son of LCpl. and Mrs. Lepl Olah
Born Aug. 15, 2007, weighing 7 lbs, 6 oz and measuring 20.3 inches

ISAIAH ANTHONY HOYTE

Son of Cpl. and Mrs. Hoyte
Born Aug 16, 2007, weighing 7 lbs, 7 oz and measuring 19.2 inches

AYCLEN COLE GRAFF

Son of Lance Cpl. and Mrs. Zachariah Graff
Born Aug 16, 2007, weighing 6 lbs, 11.2 oz and measuring 19 inches

JACOB DEAN MISCHKE
Son of Sgt. and Mrs. Donald Mischke
Born Aug 17, 2007, weighing 7 lbs, 10 oz and measuring 20.3 inches

AMAYA JANAY BAKER

Daughter of Pvt. And Mrs. Israel Montaez
Born Aug 17, 2007, weighing 6 lbs, 5 oz and measuring 19 inches

TALITHA CUMI CAROLYN MYERS

Daughter of Lance Cpl. and Mrs. Geoffrey Myers

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MARTI NICOLE LEWIS

Daughter of Capt. And Mrs. Martin Lewis
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JAYCE ALEXANDER HICKS

Son of Sgt. and Mrs. Christopher Hicks
Born on Aug 17, 2007, weighing 8 lbs, 3.7 oz and measuring 20.1 inches

MICAH NOLAN MALENDOSKI

Son of Cpl. and Mrs. Malendoski
Born on Aug 18, 2007, weighing 6 lbs 15 oz and measuring 19.1 inches

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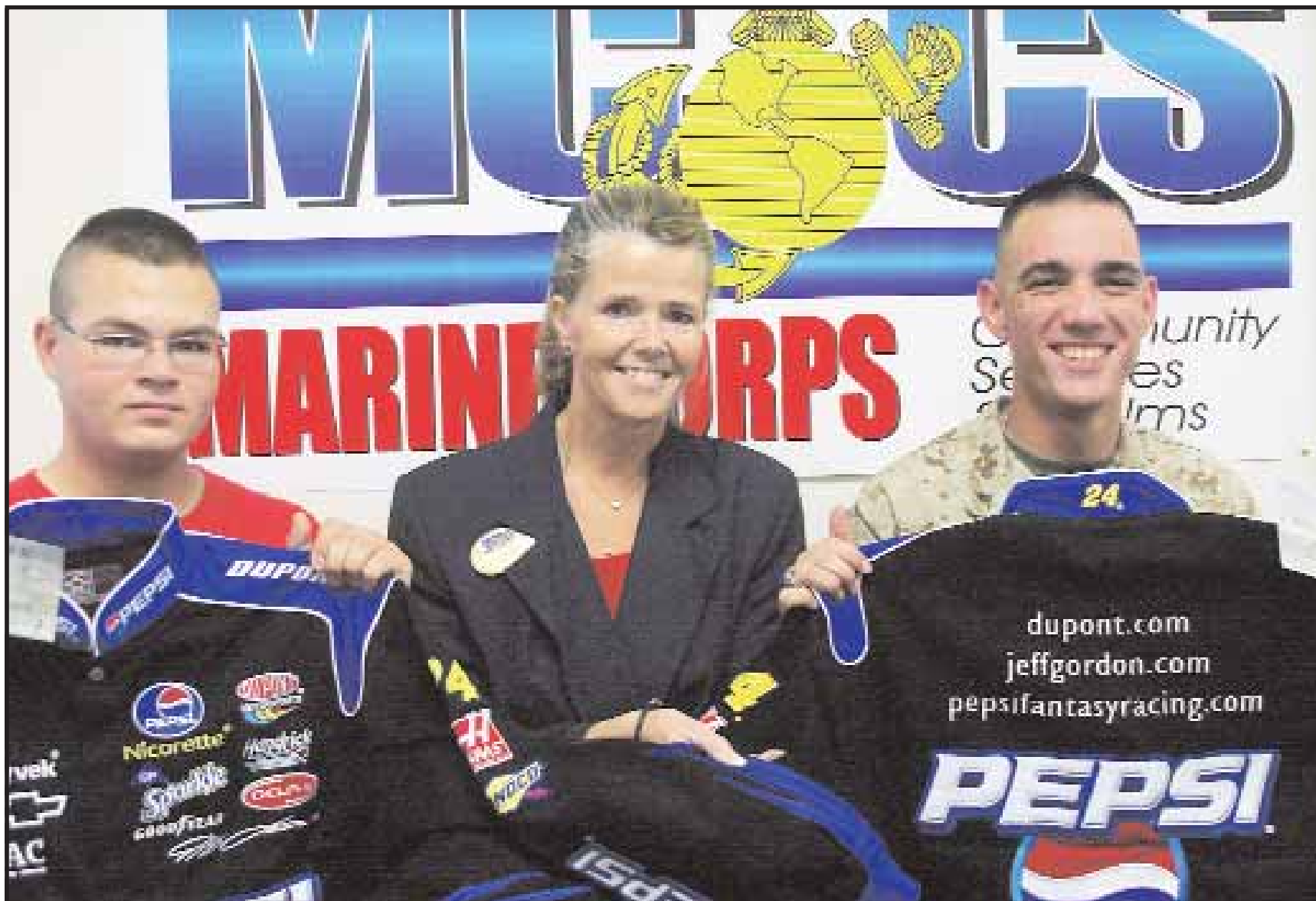
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MAGDELINE GRACE HARMON

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Born on Aug 19, 2007 weighing 6 lbs, 9 oz and measuring 19 inches

GEOFFREY SCOTT DRYER

Son of Cpl and Mrs. Nathaniel Dryer
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MCCES students win NASCAR tickets

Pfc. Craig M. Petty and Lance Cpl. Andrew C. Stevens, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School students, stand beside Janet New, services operations manager, Marine Corps Community Services, and show off their prizes from the Pepsi Bottling Group's recent NASCAR giveaway. Both participants became instant winners of the contest by opening winning bottles of Pepsi products. Each of them received a Jeff Gordon jacket, a Pepsi hat, a Frisbee and two tickets to the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series 500 at the California Speedway Sept. 2.

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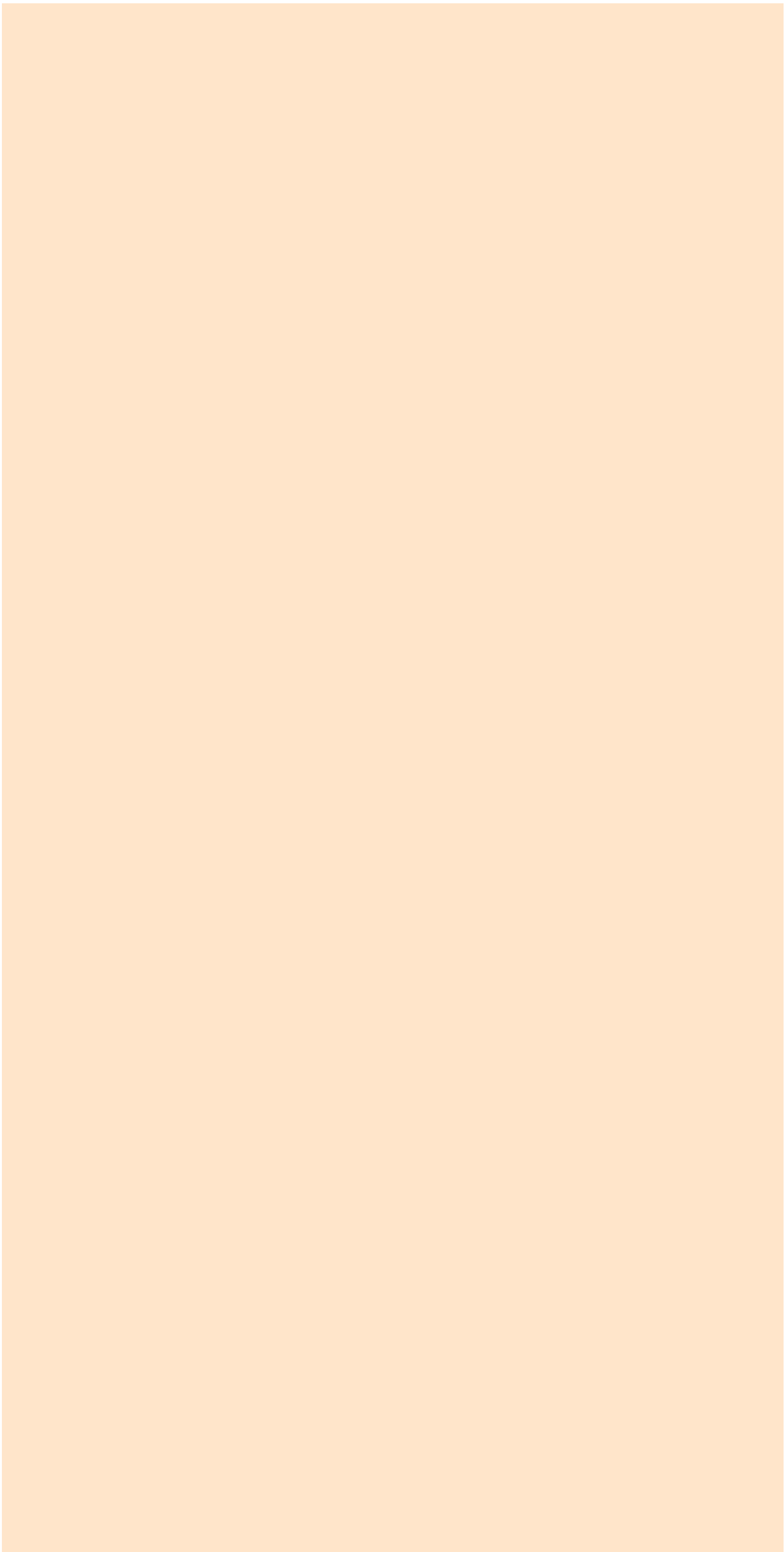
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