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HOT TOPICS

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE RENAMING CEREMONY

The Marine Corps League, Detachment 1156, will be having a Name Changing Ceremony Oct. 27 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Riverside County Fairgrounds, Fullenwilder Auditorium, 82503 Highway 111, Indio, Calif. The detachment will be renamed Cpl. Jason L. Dunham, MOH Detachment 1156. The event will feature the Combat Center Band and the 7th Marine Regiment Color Guard. For more information, contact John Mitchell by e-mailing mitchj@dc.rr.com.

SHOW OFF YOUR RIDE! CAR SHOW!

FREE car, truck and motorcycle show will be held at the Wal-Mart in Yucca Valley by the Vehicle Club from 12 to 8 p.m. There will be music and refreshments and ice cream for sale. For more information, call (760) 362-3549.

SCOUTS COLLECT DONATIONS AT COMMISSARY

Oct. 27, a Cub Scout Pack will be stationed at the Commissary to collect donated canned and dry foods. Nov. 3, Boy Scout Troop 78 will collect canned and dry foods at the Commissary. These goods will be transported to local food banks in preparation of the upcoming holidays. Your donations mean a great deal to so many during this time of year. This is an annual food drive conducted by Boy Scouts of America nationwide. For more information on the Food Drive and scouting aboard MAGTFTC, contact Scoutmaster Clint Blaul at (760) 660-3091 or at clinton.blaul@usmc.mil

TOYS FOR TOTS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Installation and Logistics is sponsoring the 5th Annual Toys for Tots Golf Tournament Nov. 16 for \$45 per player. Format this year is 4-person scramble with a shotgun start. All participants are requested to bring a toy valued \$10 or more. For further information, contact the following: Fred Bryant or Laurinda Stewart, 830-5151, Rose Silvas, 830-6100, or Connie Larson, 830-4596.

Combat Center personnel aids in fighting fires

LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The Combat Center Fire Department has sent a four-man engine crew to assist other fire crews near Lake Arrowhead, Calif., a community northwest of San Bernardino, Calif., Monday

Fire Captain Ray Pierce, Firefighter Paramedic Brent Gregory and Firefighters Michael O'Donnell and Shad Murphy were activated at 10:49 a.m. after receiving a dispatch call at the CCFD firehouse.

The crew was assigned to Grass Valley Fire as part of a county task force to combat fires in the area. They spent their first day fighting house-to-house fires to save structures and quell the fire's devastating spread to other buildings.

"They've saved at least one structure so far and were involved in numerous house-to-house battles throughout the day," said Assistant Fire Chief Kevin P. Mathieu, CCFD chief of operations. "So far, the fire has burned more than 1,000 acres of land and destroyed more than 100 structures. Approximately 1,500 other structures have been threatened by the fire and mandatory evacuations are being conducted in that area."

The CCFD crew was reassigned to Crestline the following day to continue combating the fires.

"There is a total of 523 firefighters operating in that area and the fires are still raging," said Mathieu.

The smoke from that fire, as well as an adjacent fire can be seen from the Combat Center.

In addition to the crew sent by the CCFD, the Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital has sent eight nurses and eight corpsmen to assist in medical treatment of displaced patients from Naval Medical Center San Diego.

Several NMCS staff members have been evacuated from their homes as the fires continue to blaze a trail of destruction throughout southern California, leaving the hospital short-staffed.

Approximately 260 NMCS patients have also been displaced by the devastating fires.

The medical personnel from the Combat Center left Palm Springs Airport early Tuesday morning.

For more information about the fire in the Lake Arrowhead, Calif. area, please call (909) 383-5688.

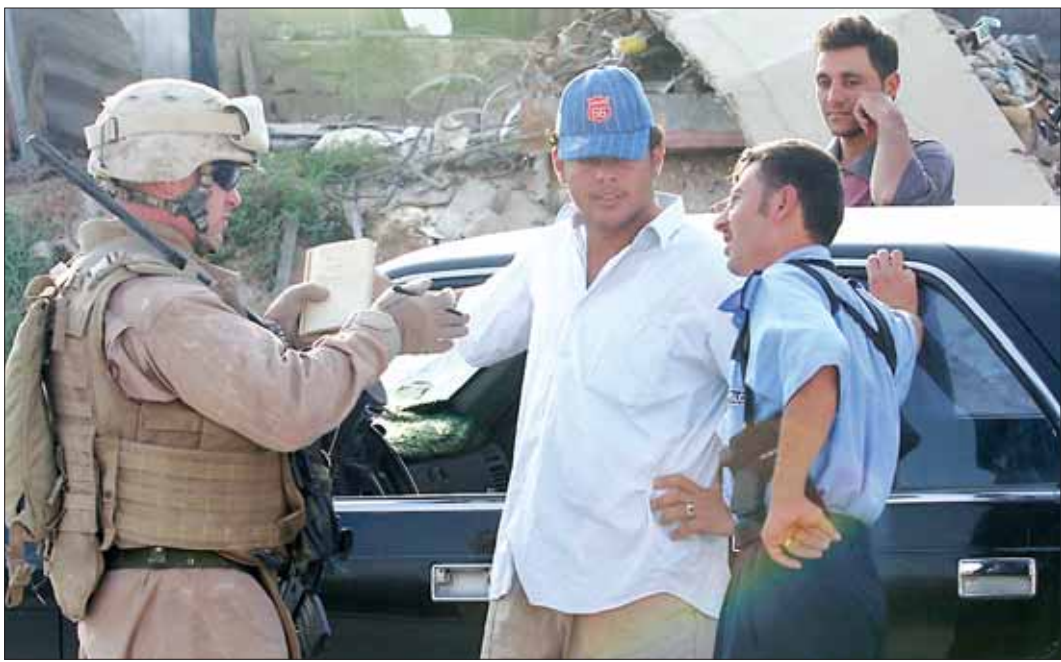
For more information about the Combat Center's medical personnel sent to aid NMCS, please call Dan Barber at (760) 830-2362.



Combat Center firefighters, as part of a multi-crew strike team, wait for the signal to move closer as the Sawtooth Complex Fire speeds down the mountainside toward them along Highway 247 in July 2006.

CPL. BRIAN A. TUTHILL

Wolfpack returns to hunt in Rawah, keeps area safe



CPL. RYAN C. HEISER

COMBAT OUTPOST RAWAH, Iraq - Cpl. Matthew R. Boeck, a patrol leader with Company A, 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, Regimental Combat Team 2, and an Iraqi police officer speak with a local citizen on a rolling snap vehicle check point. Third LAR, on their fourth deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, recently took control of the area in the northern Anbar Province for the second time.

CPL. RYAN C. HEISER
2ND MARINE DIVISION

COMBAT OUTPOST RAWAH, Iraq, -- Third Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion recently accepted control of the western Euphrates River valley surrounding Rawah and Anah, and relieved 1st LAR in support of Regimental Combat Team 2.

This year marks the Wolfpack's fourth deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and their second trip to the Rawah area in the western Al Anbar Province.

Company A, known as Apache, has assumed responsibility for patrols and the security of the city, and continues to share a

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HQBN bids farewell to sergeant major, welcomes new leader

CPL. REGINA ORTIZ
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The Marines and sailors of Headquarters Battalion bid farewell to Sgt. Maj. Nicholas J. Bourikas and welcomed a new battalion sergeant major, Sgt. Maj. Mark M. Geletko, in a relief, appointment and retirement ceremony at the Combat Center's Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field Oct. 19.

The ceremony marked the end of Bourikas' 26-year-long

career in the Corps as he retired from active duty.

Bourikas, an Orlando, Fla., native, joined the Marine Corps in 1982 as a non-Morse intercept operator. He has served at 16 commands and has been on six deployments throughout his career. Some of the billets he has held during his career include classic wizard operator, electronic warfare chief and infantry

See SGT. MAJOR, A9



CPL. REGINA ORTIZ

Sgt. Maj. Nicholas J. Bourikas stands at attention in front of Lt. Col. Michael S. Bodkin, Headquarters Battalion commanding officer, and Sgt. Maj. Mark M. Geletko, new Headquarters Battalion sergeant major, as they prepare to retire Bourikas from the Marine Corps after 26 years of service at a relief, appointment and retirement ceremony Oct. 19.

Observations



The Combat Center Band warms up before beginning the parade.

This Day in Marine Corps History

— Oct. 26, 1898 —
Marine Barracks was established at Naval Station, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Friday		83/55 Sunny
Saturday		81/56 Mostly Sunny
Sunday		83/56 Sunny

A4: Camp Pendleton Marines aid in wildfire relief

A5: NMCRS Quick Assist Loan Program expands to SoCal

A7: Semper Fi Fund helps injured Marines

C.O.P. Corner

Community Oriented Policing

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Larcenies aboard MCAGCC

Larcenies have always been a big problem across the U.S. There has been an increasing problem of thefts aboard the base and especially in the barracks, which is an issue we have to strongly look at and find a way to address.

Here are the stats on how many larcenies we have had broken down by individual units in the barracks aboard MCAGCC:

Unit	Larcenies	Unit	Larcenies
1/7	9	MWSS-374	5
2/7	2	CLB-7	2
3/7	3	VMU-1	2
3/4	10	MCCES	11
3/11	7	HQBN	4
3rd LAR	8	NAV HOSP	0
1st Tank Bn	4	23rd Dental	0
3rd AABN	5	Staff Housing	1
Grand Total	72		

Out of the 72 larcenies, almost all of them could have been prevented or been a lot easier to solve if the person who had their property stolen would have secured the items properly, kept receipts of the merchandise or marked or engraved their property with a property marking for identification purposes. Also ensure that you write down and keep a record of all serial numbers and other identifiers of high dollar or sentimental merchandise and keep that list in a secure location. Most pawn shops will not take property that has property engraving markings on them.

DUI/DWI Update

Here is a total number of Marine related DUI's broken down by month.

Jan/10, Feb/14, Mar/12, Apr/17, May/21, Jun/15, Jul/17, Aug/15, Sept/28, Oct/ 7 (thru the 16th)

Here are the stats on how many DUI's/DWIs that we have had aboard MCAGCC and off the installation:

MONTHLY TOTALS

Unit	Totals	On Base/Off Base	Ranks
7th Mar	8	1/7	6Cpls/1PO3/2nd Lt
1/7	13	8/5	1PVT/2PFC/7LCpl/1Cpl/1Sgt
2/7	6	5/1	1Pvt/1PFC/2Cpl/1Sgt/1SSgt
3/7	5	1/4	1PFC/1LCpl/2Cpl/1HN
3/4	25	6/19	1Pvt/2PFC/12LCpl/3Cpl/1Sgt/1HN
3/11	9	4/5	1Pvt/1PFC/1LCpl/3Cpl/1Sgt/1HM3
3rd LAR	13	10/3	1Pvt/1PFC/4LCpl/5Cpl/2Sgt
1st Tank Bn	7	5/2	4LCpl/2Cpl/1SSgt
3rd AABN	4	2/2	1Pvt/2LCpl
MWSS-374	9	4/5	3PFC/2LCpl/2Cpl/2Sgt/1SSgt
CLB-7	15	4/11	1Pvt/3PFC/4LCpl/4Cpl/1Sgt/1PO3
VMU-1	1	0/1	1LCpl
MCCES	14	1/13	1PVT/2PFC/2LCpl/2Cpl/1Sgt/3SSgt/1MSgt
HQBN	23	9/14	1Pvt/13LCpl/6Cpl/1GySgt/1Capt
NAV HOSP	0	0/0	
23rd Dental	0	0/0	
Other Mil	7	1/6	3Cpl/3Sgt/1GySgt
Mil Dep	7	7/0	6Wives/1Husband
DOD Civ	0	0/0	
Other	1	1/0	1Civilian-NMA
Grand Total	161		

Out of the 161 DUI's/DWIs, all of them have lost or will lose their driving privileges for a minimum of one year.

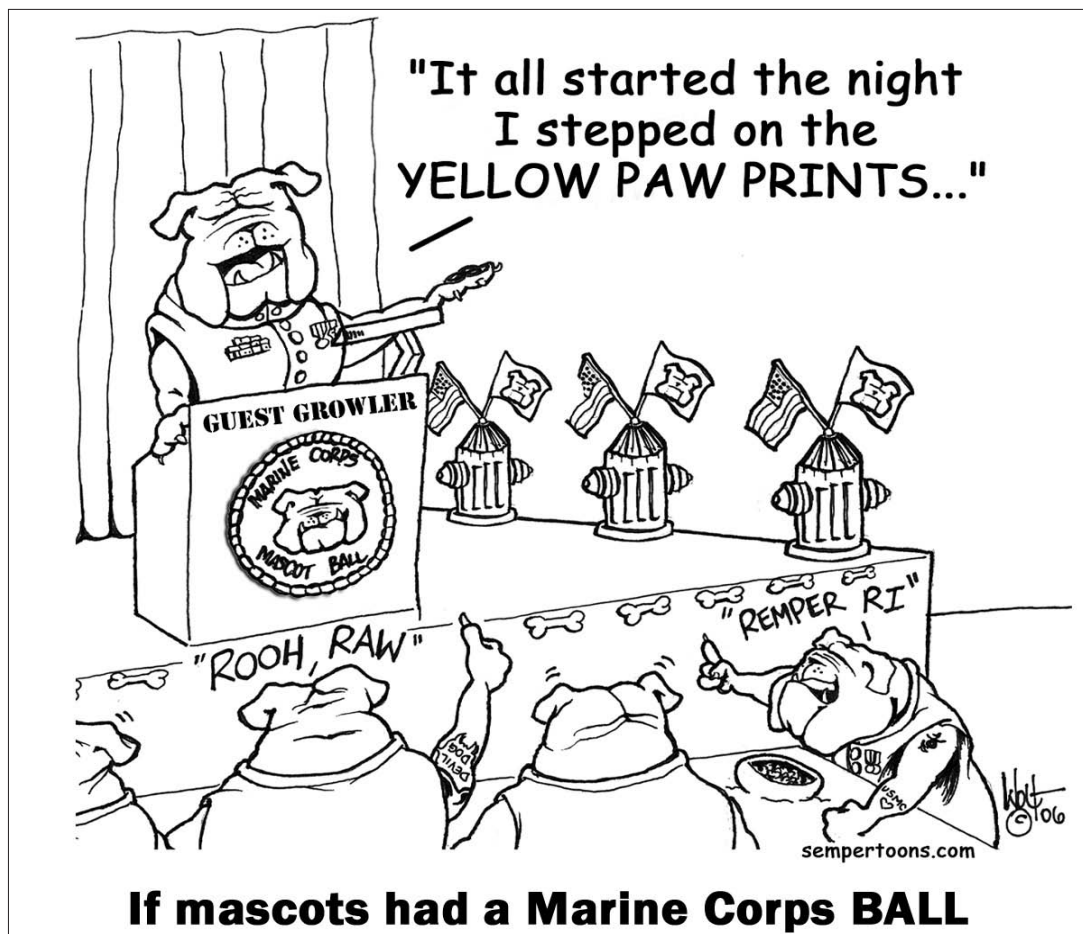
The following services are available to on-base personnel and residents through the Crime Prevention Section:

Literature, Briefings, Education, Crime Assessments, Safety Tips, Stranger Danger Program, McGruff the Crime Dog, Officer Friendly Program, Operation Identification (Property Identification), Child Identification and Fingerprinting.

For more information about the above services, contact the PMO Crime Prevention Section at 830-4561/6094.

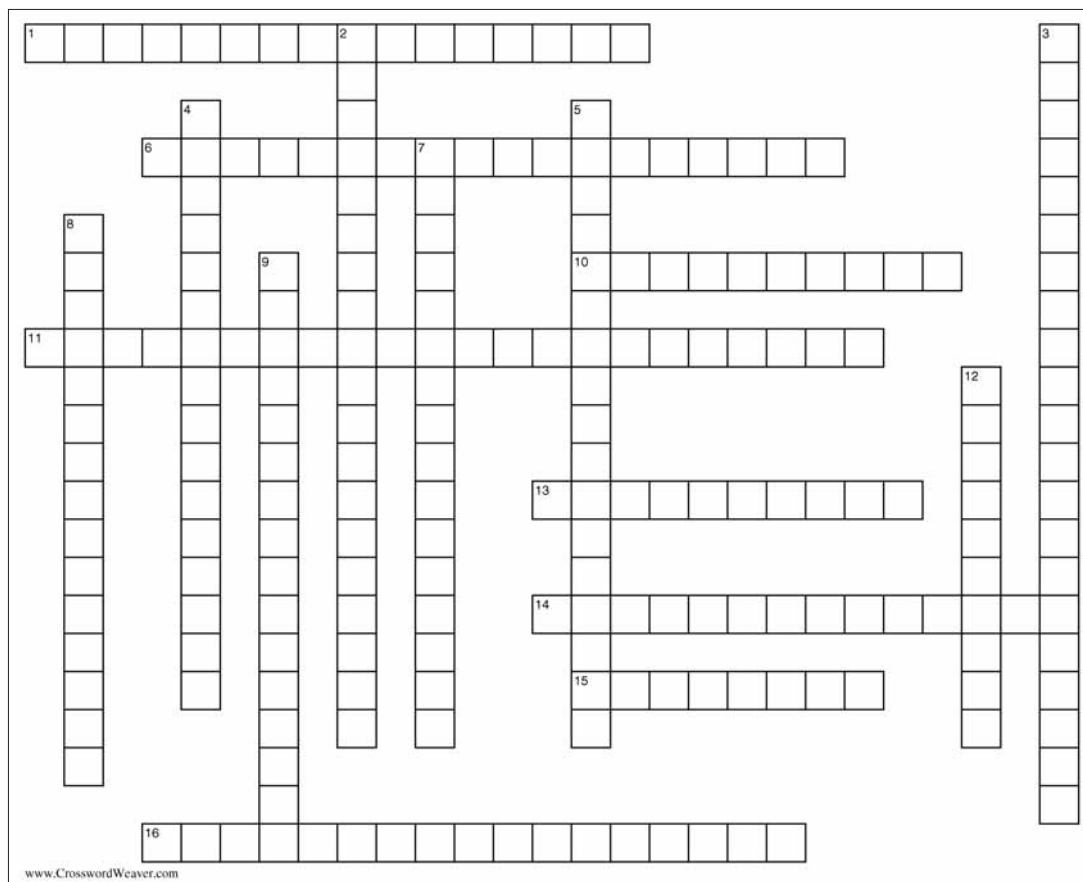
Sempertoons

By Gunnery Sgt. Charles Wolf



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NATURAL DISASTERS



ACROSS

- Devastated Chicago in 1871
- 1816 volcanic winter
- Obliterated Pompeii, Italy
- Destroyed San Fran in 1906
- 1980, killed 57 people in Washington
- Caused destruction throughout Central America in 1998
- 1883 volcanic eruption in Indonesia
- Affected 26 Eastern states in 1993

DOWN

- Currently tearing up SoCal
- Killed over 230,000 in India, Indonesia and SE Asia in 2004
- 1931 China flood, deadliest natural disaster ever
- Took over 75,000 lives in Pakistan in 2005
- Leveled New Orleans in 2005
- Caused agricultural damage to Mozambique in 2000
- Caused 151 dead in train crash in New Zealand
- 1991 eruption contributed to ozone hole over Antarctica

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Centerspeak

What Marine Corps base would you like to be stationed at and why?

Opinions expressed in Centerspeak

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PFC. DANIEL BROWN
MCCES

"I'd like to go to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, and I think Hawaii pretty much speaks for itself."



PVT. MICHAEL MCKEIVITT
MCCES

"I like it here because it's the closest base to my home."



PVT. RUSSELL ENGELMAN
MCCES

"I'd like to go to Camp Lejeune, because my fiancé lives four hours from there. I'd like to see the east coast, too."

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Halloween 9:00 p.m., R	Halloween 12 midnight, R	TUESDAY Death Sentence 7 p.m., R
The Brave One Midnight, R	SUNDAY Mr. Woodcock 2 p.m., PG-13	WEDNESDAY Halloween 7 p.m., R
SATURDAY FREE 11 a.m. Happily Never After, PG	Sydney White 6 p.m., PG-13	THURSDAY Shoot 'Em Up 7 p.m., R
Sydney White 2 p.m., PG-13	3:10 to Yuma 9 p.m., R	
Shoot 'Em Up 6 p.m., R		

Cinema 6

MOVIE TIMES 365-9633

Saw IV (R) Fri-Sun: 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00 Mon-Thur: 2:00, 4:30, 7:00	30 Days Of Nights (R) Fri-Sun: 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00 Mon-Thur: 2:00, 4:30, 7:00	We Own The Night (R) Fri-Sun: 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00 Mon-Thur: 2:00, 4:30, 7:00
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Camp Pendleton Marines aid in wildfire relief

LANCE CPL. JEFFREY BELOVARAC
M/CB CAMP PENDLETON

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - Marines here joined disaster-relief efforts for California wildfires Monday night by supplying food, water and hundreds of cots to residents on the base and in surrounding communities.

Wildfires have destroyed much of Southern California, forcing mass evacuations and burning hundreds of homes.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declared a state of emergency for seven counties including San Diego County Monday.

Camp Pendleton has allowed 20,000-23,000 civilian vehicles to travel through to the greater San Diego area, said Col. J.B. Seaton III, commanding officer of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

"We feared what we would have to face," said Abby Deloach, a Fallbrook resident who sought refuge with her husband. "We guessed there would be something here. Even if we had to sleep in our



Vegetation burns in East Miramar during 2006 prescribed burns to rid the area of wildfire fuel. For 2007, the MCAS Miramar Fire Department has scheduled four prescribed burns for May and June.

car we would feel safer (on base) anyway."

Within two hours of notification, Marines stocked the field house with food, water

and beds. Camp Pendleton's Paige Field House was utilized to house the refugees looking for shelter. The field house will shelter

and supply people in need for as long as the resources are needed, said Kerri Latimore, manager of Paige Field House.

The Paige Field House was on standby, waiting for the call telling them their facility would soon become an evacuation center. "We need to take a bigger

part in the community," said Sgt. Fernando J. Urena, 27, from Los Angeles. "It makes me glad that Marines rose to the occasion."

Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton has also offered its resources for refueling civilian and government aircraft. Marine Corps Air Station Miramar remains on standby to assist with firefighting efforts.

The Marine Corps is not only looking after displaced civilians, but also service members who need assistance.

"The Navy Marine Corps Relief Society is offering financial assistance for any military service member who has been evacuated and might need money for food or gas," said Roxanne Clouse, the Deputy Director of the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society here. The NMCRS can be reached at (760) 725-5337.

For further aid, the American Red Cross can be contacted at (760) 725-6877.

Camp Pendleton's fire hotline can be contact at (866) 430-2764.

Fire Chief retires after 35 years of federal service

LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Assistant Fire Chief William J. Baumann retired from the Combat Center's Fire Department today, having given 35 years of federal service toward his profession as a firefighter.

The past 29 years of Baumann's service have been dedicated to the Combat Center Fire Department.

Baumann was born and raised in Trenton, N.J., Nov. 1, 1953. At the age of 16, he entered the fire service with the Willingboro Volunteer Fire Department in Willingboro, N.J. One year later, he graduated from the Burlington County Fire Academy in Burlington County, N.J.

Oct. 29, 1971, Baumann enlisted in the Marine Corps as a firefighter. He graduated at the top of his class from the Marine Corps Aircraft Crash

Fire and Rescue School in Millington, Tenn., Aug. 25, 1972.

During his enlistment in the Marine Corps, Baumann served at many Marine Corps bases, including the Combat Center.

Baumann was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps March 12, 1976. Three months later, he began working for the Federal Fire Service at Naval Base Port Hueneme, Calif. Two years later, Baumann accepted a position as a fire inspector and was transferred to the Combat Center.

Since his arrival to the Combat Center in 1978, he has been promoted to driver/engineer in 1979 and Fire Captain in 1981. In 1982, he earned his Associate of Science Degree from College of the Desert in Palm Desert, Calif. He was promoted to his current rank of Assistant Fire Chief of operations in February 1991.

Today, Baumann is retiring

from federal service. A retirement ceremony is being held at 11:30 a.m. at the Combat Center Fire Department to commemorate Baumann and the three-and-a-half decades he has devoted to firefighting.

"I've worked with Bill for

two-and-a-half years and it's been really enjoyable," said Assistant Fire Chief Kevin P. Mathieu. "He's been doing this job for a long time. It's been great to be able to pick his brain and learn from him. He has a wealth of knowledge and

love for this job.

"His career has spanned my lifetime and he's been on this base longer than half the buildings here," he added. "He's been fighting fires since he was

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LANCE CPL. NICHOLAS M. DUNN

Assistant Fire Chief William J. Baumann outside his duty vehicle in the Combat Center Fire Department firehouse shortly after his final shift working for the Federal Fire Service Wednesday.

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NMCRS Quick Assist Loan Program expands to SoCal

CPL. MEGAN ANGEL
MCAS YUMA

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, Ariz. -- The Navy Marine Corps Relief Society's trial run of the new Quick Assist Loan program that began at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., and Naval Submarine Base New London, Groton, Conn., April 23, has been highly successful with Marines and sailors.

Because of the program's success, it has expanded to the Southern California NMCRS offices at Naval Air Station North Island, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, San Diego Naval Station, MCAS Miramar, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton and MCB Camp Pendleton's San Onofre

office.

The Quick Assist Loan program is aimed at fighting back against high-interest, payday loans available out in town. It offers active duty Marines and sailors interest-free loans, up to \$500, in as little as 15 minutes.

The QAL is paid back by an allotment set up when applying for the loan, and service members have up to 12 months to repay the amount.

The QALs are specifically intended to be used for basic living expenses, vehicle repairs or family emergencies, said Lora O'Hara, NMCRS Yuma director.

To be eligible for a QAL, individuals must be active duty Marines or sailors, have repaid any previous loans with the NMCRS and not received a

financial assistance grant (money which does not have to be repaid) from the NMCRS in the past 12 months.

Service members may have two QALs in a 12-month period, but the prior one must already be paid in full.

If eligible, all individuals need to do is bring a copy of their most recent Leave and Earnings Statement and active duty ID card.

There is a short application that can be filled out online and brought in. This helps to speed up the process. The form is also available at the NMCRS office.

Since the program began in Yuma, there have been more than 325 QALs, totaling more than \$125,000.

"The program has been a

hit," said O'Hara. "The great thing about the QAL is a service member can receive necessary financial assistance just as fast as they could at a payday lender -- and not pay any interest on the money."

Margy Pracchia, Marine and Family Services Yuma command financial counselor, provides several reasons for the decrease in payday loans for Yuma area service members.

First, since Congress and the military have discussed regulations regarding payday loans to service members, local establishments have been alerting service members' chain of command when they took out a loan.

On Oct. 1, Congress mandated that any service member or family member who takes

out a payday loan cannot be charged more than an annual percentage rate of 36 percent and have very limited fees; but that fee is still comparatively high.

"Quick assist loans are a great opportunity for any service member needing to boost their income without going into debt," said Pracchia. "An individual can borrow \$500 instantly, at no interest, with a reasonable repayment plan -- no questions asked and no lengthy paperwork preparation."

But what do service members do if not eligible for the Quick Assist Loan?

Don't worry, says O'Hara, the NMCRS can still help. There are other alternatives to payday lenders.

Service members who don't qualify for the QAL still have other options through the NMCRS for financial assistance.

With almost every request for financial assistance comes a monthly budget -- with the exception of the QAL, said O'Hara.

NMCRS interviewers sit down with clients and work out a monthly budget according to the information provided by the client.

Budgets are simple, no-nonsense financial plans that are intended to help service members and their families achieve financial stability and security. For financial well-being, budgets are an essential

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Birth announcements



HAVEN ARIANNA TRITT

Daughter of Lance Cpl. and Mrs. Andrew Tritt
Born on Sep. 15, 2007, weighing 6 lbs, 15 oz and measuring 19.3 inches

AJA LYN ALLEN

Daughter of Seaman and Mrs. Benjamin Garrett Allen
Born on Sep. 25, 2007, weighing 6 lbs, 15.5 oz and measuring 19.3 inches

ISAIAH LEE MORRIS

Son of Lance Cpl. and Mrs. Aaron Morris
Born on Sep. 26, 2007, weighing 7 lbs, 13 oz and measuring 20.2 inches

MICHAEL FREDERICK SCHOTT

Son of Cpl. and Mrs. Glen Schott Jr.
Born on Sep. 17, 2007, weighing 7 lbs 6 oz and measuring 19 inches

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Born Sep. 21, 2007, weighing 6 lbs, 13 oz and measuring 19.6 inches

KEIRA LYNN FITZPATRICK

Daughter of Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Brendan Fitzpatrick
Born Sep 23, 2007, weighing 7 lbs, 4 oz and measuring 20.4 inches

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Born Sep 25, 2007, weighing 7 lbs, 15.7 oz and measuring 20.3 inches

KAWAI RENEE DANSEREAU

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Born Sep. 29, 2007, weighing 5 lbs, 15.2 oz and measuring 18.7 inches

ISABELLE MACY ORTEGA

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Born Oct. 3, 2007, weighing 8 lbs, 1 oz and measuring 20.3 inches

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Born Oct. 6, 2007, weighing 7 lbs, 12 oz and measuring 20 inches

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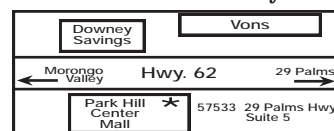
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CHIEF from A4

in high school and you can tell he's going to miss it."

Baumann said he harbors mixed feelings about retiring after being a firefighter for so long.

"I've been doing this job forever," he said. "I love this job. It's really going to be hard to leave."

"Last night, I ate dinner and slept in the firehouse for the last time," he added, recalling his final shift Tuesday. "It was sort of depressing to wake up this morning knowing I wasn't going to sleep here anymore. I've been sleeping in firehouses since I was 16."

Baumann also commented on leaving his fellow firefighters after his retirement today.

"It's one more thing I have

to deal with," he said. "It's like losing your family. It really is a family here."

Now that Baumann is retired, he said he plans to stay in the area and focus his time with Penny, his wife of 32 years. He also has two children living in the area, Timothy and Gail, who also have their own children.

"I'm going to enjoy being able to spend time with my family," he said. "With this scheduling, you miss a lot of things over the years; holidays, birthdays, graduations and other stuff. I'm going to love having more time with them now."

While the Fire Department continues to serve the Combat Center, Baumann's dedicated service will not be forgotten. It will be missed.

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QAL from A5

tool.
The QAL program is still considered a trial, said O'Hara. Depending on the NMCRS's Board of Managers meeting in December, QALs may be available in 2008 in even more areas.
The continuation of the program is yet to be determined, as the amount of money expected to be disbursed in the initial months is quite considerable, added O'Hara.
"It is gratifying to help others," O'Hara said. "We are very pleased that this program has been well received by both

service members and their command leadership."
The QAL began at NMCRS offices in Southern California Sept. 17, and feedback from the first official month is expected to be promising.
"We have had nothing but positive feedback on this program," said Vena Fredericks, NMCRS director MCB Camp Pendleton San Onofre. "Everyone is pleasantly surprised at how easy and fast the process is."
"I believe that as long as the Marines and sailors use the money received for true needs, and they only take the Quick Assist Loan if they can afford our reasonable repay, it will be

successful," added Fredericks. "For those who know they cannot afford to take on even an interest-free loan, we would encourage them to come in and sit down with one of our counselors for assistance using our regular casework process."
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For more information about QALs now available at the Southern California offices:
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Sun 11 a.m. Worship

WOLFPACK from A1

joint living area and working relationship with the city's police force.
"We are continuing the idea of; by, with, and through the Iraqis," said Lt. Col. James R. Parrington, the Wolfpack's commanding officer. "We work very closely with the Iraqi forces because it puts a visible face on the security effort in town. We are here not only to coach and mentor in patrolling techniques, but to also show the public their own forces are doing the work."
The Minneapolis native went on to say the policemen in the area have come a long way in their training and they understand their duties to 'pro-

tect and serve' the community.
"By and large, what we have is a good corps of policemen here. Policemen as you would think of them in the U.S.," he said.
Many of Apache's Marines are surprised by how well the Iraqi police force does its job, in contrast to horror stories they have heard in the past.
"It's truly a safe environment, considering where we are," said Cpl. Michael J. Conto, a fire team leader with the company. "The IPs are doing great and the relationship we have is going well for everyone. Some of these guys have only been here for six or seven months and they're already helping out the junior guys in the company."

One of the new techniques the Wolfpack brought with them from Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command 29 Palms, Calif., was the rolling snap vehicle checkpoint.
"Its kind of like a quickie VCP with a hug afterward," laughs Cpl. Matthew R. Boeck, a patrol leader, after checking a vehicle. "While on patrol, we will randomly snatch up vehicles, thoroughly search them, document the passengers, check IDs, and afterward, we apologize for the inconvenience and explain it's for their safety. Most of the civilians really don't mind it, and we've even made some friends."
Almost as if on cue, an Iraqi teenager runs up to the patrol and shakes everyone's hand, using nearly perfect English to ask the Marines how they are

doing, and thanking them for their work.
"See," explained Boeck, a Milwaukee native, "This happens all the time. We meet with store owners, parents, kids, and know people on a first-name basis. We can walk down the road and a local will run up, yell my name, and shake my hand. This never would have happened in OIF I, and that's progress. There are people back home who live on my block, even in my building, that I don't know by name."
The Wolfpack and Apache, which has set an initial goal of 600 patrols a month, plan to continue the close relationship with local citizens in hopes of completely eliminating the threat of insurgency and firmly establishing a safe environment for provincial Iraqi control.

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Semper Fi Fund helps injured Marines, family members

LANCE CPL. MONICA C. ERICKSON
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Family members of Marines and sailors gathered in 2004 at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., and began the now widely known Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund.

When a Marine or service member assigned to Marine forces is injured, the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund can assist family members at a moments notice with travel and other costly expenses such as child care or lodging.

"It is so rewarding to be here for the families so they can remain at the bedside of their injured Marine," said

Susan Rocco, Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund director of East Coast cases. "It's thanks to the generosity of the American people that we can do what we do."

According to the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund pamphlet, their goal is to alleviate the financial burden placed on the family so that their focus can be on their loved one's recovery.

The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund stays true to their motto, "Serving Those Who Preserve Our Freedom," by helping Marines and sailors with the purchase of specialized equipment, adapted vans and home modification for those who need more accessibility to their homes or vehicles.

"We just gave out a Rollz Van to a paraplegic," said Angie McCrary, the community events coordinator for Camp Pendleton. "We also were able to modify his house for him."

Since 2004, when the fund began, through April, it has provided more than \$15 million in assistance to injured Marines, sailors and their families.

Marines and sailors, through the help of the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, have been given the opportunity to live normal lives after life-altering injuries.

One of these Marines wrote to the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund to inform them of the success he had in his life due to

the funds efforts.

Matt Cole, former Marine reservist, was hit with shrapnel during combat operations in Iraq that left him paralyzed from the chest down. During his rehabilitation, Cole was informed of the iBot® wheelchair. The chair uses multiple computers to help the user climb stairs and be elevated to eye-to-eye height that is functional on multiple types of terrain.

Cole told representatives from the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund about the iBot® wheelchair, and the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund immediately agreed to get him the chair.

The iBot® wheelchair Cole received from the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund enabled Cole to follow his dream in

becoming a chef in a restaurant in New Orleans due to the help he received from the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund.

Another project the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund initiated is the Medical Assistance Pilot Project. If a Marine or sailor is diagnosed with a life-threatening illness or is recovering from severe non-combat or training related injuries, the project will help bring the family members to the bedside of the recovering military member.

The newest program, Team Semper Fi, provides injured Marines and sailors the opportunity to train for and compete in sporting events, including running, swimming and biking.

According to their Web site, those who participated in sports recovered faster and

developed strong coping skills to adapt to their new life.

Marines and sailors participating in the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund are also encouraged to learn how to play an instrument if their arms or hands were injured or wounded. The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund will remain in contact with the family and Marine years after care has been provided.

"We help them for the duration," said Rocco. "We follow cases for years, even if they are out of the Marine Corps."

The Semper Fi Fund is participating in the Combined Federal Campaign and their donation number is 11459.

For more information regarding the Semper Fi Fund, visit their Web site at <http://www.semperfund.org>.



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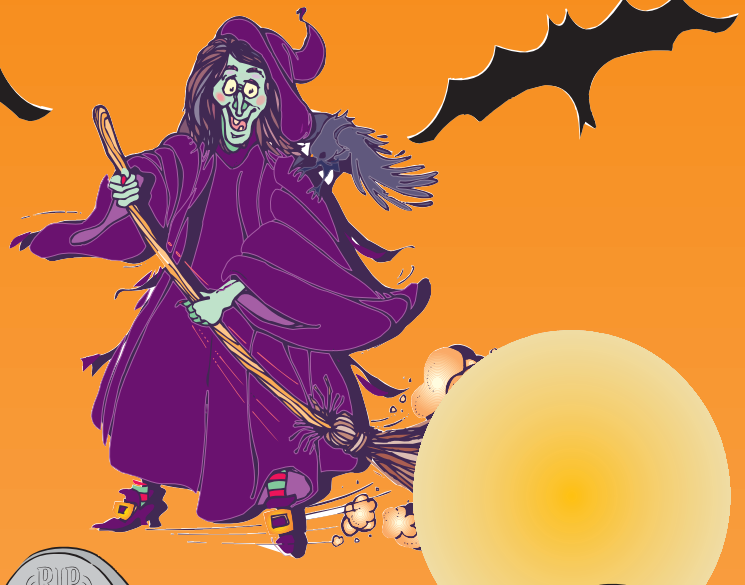
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Halloween Safety Page



On Halloween, drivers share the road with miniature ghouls, goblins and ghosts. Unfortunately, the combination can be scary but, by playing it safe, everyone can have an enjoyable time. Parents, children, homeowners and drivers all need to use extra caution on Halloween. Drivers need to be particularly aware of the season's shortened daylight and excited kids frantically going from neighbor to neighbor --- it can be a perilous combination. Here are some tips to help ensure a safe night for all.

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SGT. MAJOR from A1

controller.

His awards and decorations include four Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Earning the rank of sergeant major was Bourikas' greatest accomplishment in the Marine Corps, he said.

"I never thought I'd make it to sergeant major," he said.

As a young Marine, Bourikas said he's made mistakes and overcame the consequences. He explained this has helped him become a better leader.

"All the trouble young Marines get into; I've been there, done that or at least thought about it.

"There's so much talent out there," he continued, in regards to young Marines throughout the Corps. "Never doubt yourself. You're more capable of accomplishing more than you think."

Bourikas looks forward to continue to train Marines in the curriculum development section of the Tactical Training Exercise Control Group here.

He also looks forward to spending more time with his wife, Kathleen, and 3-year-old son, George Nicholas.

He leaves his final command in the hands of a good friend, he said.

"Sgt. Maj. Geletko is a great leader," said Bourikas. "He just needs to keep doing what he's doing."

Bourikas and Geletko served as first sergeants together with 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment. Geletko, as a new first sergeant, looked to Bourikas as a senior first sergeant for mentorship, he said.

Both agreed they share similar leadership styles; Taking care of the Marines first.

"The Marines are going to be the top priority," said Geletko. "It's going to be a change from leading infantry battalions. In the infantry, you have your Marines right under your nose. In this battalion, I'll be spending a lot of time going to the Marines in their sections to see them."

Geletko, a Pittsburg native, returned in May from his latest deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom,



CPL. REGINA ORTIZ

George Nicholas Bourikas, 3-year-old son of retired Sgt. Maj. Nicholas J. Bourikas, holds the flag presented to him at the ceremony while sitting with his mother, Kathleen.

serving as the battalion sergeant major for 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment.

He joined the Marine Corps in 1984 as a military policeman and has been stationed at eight different bases and deployed six times during his career.

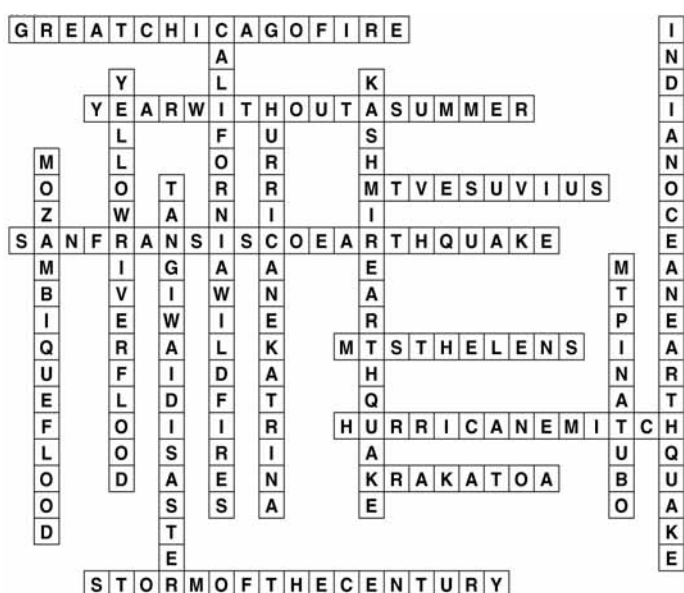
He has received two Navy Commendation Medals, two Navy Achievement Medals and the Combat Action

Ribbon.

Geletko and his wife, Anita, along with their two sons, Joseph, 17, and Daniel, 13, consider the Combat Center home. They have been living here since 2001 when Geletko was first assigned to 2/7.

"I'm not an office-sitter," said Geletko. "You can't lead from the office. I'll be out, talking to the Marines, getting to know them."

SOLUTIONS



Employee Spotlight



Name: Randy Husted

Organization: MCCS Sports

Billet/Job Title: Sports Specialist

Job Duties: A member of the sports department who assist our Athletic Director with several Intramural Sport Programs upon the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center which includes: volleyball, bowling, softball, Men's CO-ED, & Women teams) racquetball, and tennis.

Hometown: Torrance, Calif.

Hobbies: I enjoy fresh water fishing, catching trout, bass, & crappies in lakes and streams.

What do you like most about your job?: I enjoy coaching the best, providing young Marines and sailors, men and women, basic fundamentals and game strategies to reach a higher level of competition.

One of the most significant achievements since you have been here?: A significant achievement has been the growth in women sports upon the base over the past 5 years. Operation Enduring Freedom allowed family members to participate in several sporting events or leagues just as Volleyball, Softball & Bowling.

Have you ever served in the military?: Yes, 24 years in the U. S. Navy as a hospital corpsman at the Naval Hospital 29 Palms 1995 - 2000.

Time employed at the Combat Center: 6 years, 2001-present.

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FUN THINGS TO DO ARE DEEPLY CAMOUFLAGED BY DESERT LANDSCAPE

Arriving to Twentynine Palms with their spouses for the first time, Marines and sailors often enter with the cover of darkness. This long held strategy was to delay the experience of seeing so much "nothing". The panoramic view of nothingness is quite ominous. There are few areas in civilized society with so much run-around-space. Actually, there are many exciting things to see and do in the Twentynine Palms area. They are just camouflaged.

Take an evening walk along the Nature Trail that starts behind baseball fields by Felix Field on base. There's a pond, wildlife viewing stations and lots of waterfowl. The Nature Trail is easy to miss because from the outside it looks like part of the desert. Within the trail it becomes obvious that we live among an ecosystem unique to the world. The Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

(NREA) offices located aboard the base offer free brochures and educational material about desert wildlife.

Picnics at the park are an easy way to enjoy relaxing in the hi-desert. Victory Field and Felix Field on base are each close and convenient. Luckie Park and Knott's Sky Park in Twentynine Palms are well-kept, perfect family destinations. The park behind the Library in Yucca Valley provides a nice opportunity to see the Nature Museum. In Morongo Valley there is a wild park with play sets just off the highway. Making a picnic the destination can create a beautiful afternoon.

Hit the trails on horseback. Riding on horseback through the Wild West is a unique experience for riders both young and old. There are three stables in the valley including Coyote Ridge Stables.

Set aside one night to go stargazing. The night

sky in the hi-desert can be amazing. From the National Park, there are unobstructed views of stars. Star maps are available online, and from our very own Lifelong Learning Library. Bring some snacks for an evening picnic and enjoy the peace and quiet. The Andromeda Society brings high-powered telescopes and lots of astronomical knowledge to their Star Parties in the national park one night each month. (www.andromedasociety.org)

See a movie at the Imax Theater in Cathedral City. Once you are "down the hill", you can window shop along the main drag in Palm Springs. The Palm Desert Westfield Mall is like an amusement park for many shoppers.

Maps of the lower desert are available online or at MCCS' Information and Referral in the Village Center. Day trips can loop from Costco at I-10 and Magnolia, to the Mall, Toys

R Us and Trader Joes (on the same block), Circuit City and Best Buy (same vicinity), to the Imax, and into Palm Springs by evening for dinner and a show. Sometimes it's hard to make it past the Outback Restaurant so a day trip begins and ends by the fountains in Palm Desert. A nice cup of Starbucks Coffee makes the drive back to base a joy rather than a chore.

It might still be a good idea for Marines and sailors to enter the area for the first time with the cover of darkness. By the sunrise it will be comforting to know that there is more to do in Twentynine Palms, than meets the eye. We will feature five great reasons to live in our desert community each week right here. If you have discovered things that you would like to share in this article, please email mccs29palmsinfo@usmc-mccs.org.

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Twentynine Palms Pioneer Days 2007



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The Combat Center color guard marches through Twentynine Palms in the Pioneer Days Parade, Oct. 20.



SGT. ROBERT L. FISHER III

Riders soar around the Ring of Fire, an amusement ride at the Pioneer Days Carnival.



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Military vehicles from the Combat Center, led by the Provost Marshal's Office command vehicle, roll through town in the Pioneer Days Parade.

Spiderman entertains the crowd during the parade.



SGT. ROBERT L. FISHER III

A Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement cruises down Adobe Road in the Pioneer Days Parade.



SGT. ROBERT L. FISHER III

Brig. Gen. M. G. Spiese, Combat Center commanding general, waves to the crowd in the Pioneer Days Parade.



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Kathryn Villalobos, 3, rides the carousel at the Pioneer Days Carnival. Patrons enjoyed the Ferris Wheel, rollercoasters and other rides offered at the Pioneer Days festivities.



SGT. ROBERT L. FISHER III

The Combat Center Band marches through Twentynine Palms in the Pioneer Days Parade.



SGT. ROBERT L. FISHER III

McGruff, the drug awareness dog, and Staff Sgt. Scott M. Barnes, Provost Marshal's Office Physical Security, wave to children along the streets in the Pioneer Days Parade.

4th MCCES Fun Run attracts variety of Combat Center runners

PFC. JARED J. BUTLER
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Marines, sailors, dependents and civilian personnel woke up early and gathered in front of Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School building 1831 for the 4th MCCES Fun Run Oct. 19.

For the past two years, the Fun Run has given long distance runners aboard the

three simultaneous events, including an individual half-marathon, a five-person team half-marathon and a 10-kilometer race.

"We wanted to give runners a choice by offering more than just one type of race," said Tolbert.

Tolbert kicked off the event by explaining the rules and showing the participants the paths of the half-marathon

the return of the participants.

Amy Fauls, owner of Tropical Massage in Yucca Valley, and her staff volunteered to help by offering free massages to each runner as they finished the race.

The first runner to finish the 10K race was Heroides Aguirre with a time of 0:46:25. Following behind him were Bret Bolding at 0:49:14 and Raymond Attaway at 0:49:41.

The top three females in the 10K race were Juana Hamlett at 0:56:19, Jessica Mullen at 1:01:58, and Vilmory Hunck at 1:02:52.

Medals were not only handed out to the fastest three females and males of each race, but to the best in each age group as well.

As the last of the 10K participants made their way to the finish line, anticipation grew among the crowd to reveal the winner of the individual half-marathon.

Kenneth Parisi turned the final corner in the lead and finished with the half-marathon best time of 1:31:58.

"I'm practicing for my first marathon and this was a great opportunity to improve myself and have some fun," said Parisi. "I hope to qualify for the Boston Marathon, and if I keep running like this, I think I will."

Parisi was part of the Advisor Training Group team that won the 2007 Commanding General's Intramural 10K Cross Country Race Oct. 3.

"I just wish my running partner, Master Sgt. Klemmer, was here to help us out," said Parisi.

Master Sgt. Jeff Klemmer was also part of the ATG



PFC. JARED J. BUTLER

The 4th Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School Fun Run participants stretch it out and sprint to the finish line of the half-marathon in front of Combat Center building 1831 Oct. 19.



PFC. JARED J. BUTLER

Don Tolbert, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School Fun Run coordinator, comes to a stop as he crosses the finish line in front of Combat Center building 1831 and places second in the 4th MCCES Fun Run half-marathon Oct. 19.

Combat Center two chances each year to run competitively and stay in shape.

"The Fun Run provides Marines, sailors, dependents and civilians aboard the Combat Center with an opportunity to take part in long-distance runs without having to leave the base," said Don Tolbert, MCCES Fun Run coordinator.

This fall's run consisted of

and the 10K race.

Following his initial brief, Tolbert lined up with the rest of the runners as Capt. Jason Roberts, MCCES Fun Run officer-in-charge, counted down and marked the beginning of the race.

As the runners embarked on their path, the Marines hosting the Fun Run stayed behind and set up food, water and sports drinks for

team, but he chose not to participate in the Fun Run.

Tolbert finished second after Parisi with a time of 1:36:20, and Jeff Daniels took third place at 1:37:47.

The top three females in the half-marathon were Faviola Pamaatz at 1:39:18, Melissa

Dowd at 1:53:43, and Kristy Runyan at 2:05:49.

In the end it was Taylor Ivory, David Oneil, Knathan Lefever, John Wheeler and Nicholas Bushing of the Ground Communication Maintenance Section team that took home the trophy

with the fastest average half-marathon run time of 1:46:32.

MCCES is scheduled to host another Fun Run in the spring and plans to host a Halloween costume "Ghost Run" next fall as an event of the 6th MCCES Fun Run.



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Chad Craven and Raymond Attaway sprint for third place of the 4th Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School Fun Run 10 kilometer race in front of Combat Center building 1831 Oct. 19.

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Hashmarks hosts 2007 Oktoberfest celebration



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Petty Officer 3rd Class Maggie Kwok, a hospital corpsman with Combat Logistics Battalion 7, and Petty Officers 3rd Class Erica Alliano and Dorian Rodriguez, hospital corpsman at the Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital, enjoy traditional German food and drink at the Hashmarks' Oktoberfest Oct. 19.

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

The Combat Center's Staff Noncommissioned Officer's Club, Hashmarks, held their 17th annual Oktoberfest celebration Oct. 19.

The event featured a variety of traditional German foods and discount imported beer from Germany.

Germany has celebrated Oktoberfest for nearly 200 years, but Hashmarks has only celebrated it for 17 years. However, the club plans to have an Oktoberfest celebration each year, which falls during late September and early October.

Oktoberfest was established Oct. 12, 1810 to celebrate the marriage of Crown Prince Ludwig and Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen. A horserace was held five days later, marking the first Oktoberfest.

Throughout history, Oktoberfest has evolved to become what it is known as today. Booths selling bratwurst opened for the first time in 1881. Glass mugs filled with beer were first served in 1892. By the end of the 19th century, the demand for more musicians and guests was met by expanding the booths to beer halls.

Oktoberfest celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1910. More than 120,000 liters of beer were poured that year in celebration.

The festival was cancelled entirely for both World Wars. In 1919 to 1920, and 1946 to 1948, a much smaller Autumn Fest was held. Since its creation, Oktoberfest has been cancelled 24 times due to war, disease and other emergencies.

Since 1950, Oktoberfest has followed a traditional festival opening. The festival begins at 12 p.m. with a twelve-gun salute and the tapping of the first keg by the mayor of Munich, Germany. Oktoberfest had become a world-famous festival by 1960.

The club's patrons appreciated the celebration of Oktoberfest at Hashmarks'.

"We're having a good time," said Staff Sgt. Dwane Johnson, a student at the Marine Corps Communications-Electronics School here and a radio chief with 8th Communications Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force based at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C. "We'd been

seeing the signs for the past few days so we decided to head on over, shoot some pool and see what Oktoberfest has to offer."

Other patrons who attended the celebration that night agreed with Johnson.

"This is my first year at Oktoberfest and I like it," said Master Sgt. Kenneth D. Harmon, maintenance management chief with 1st

Marine Logistics Group G-4. "It's good to be a Marine and share the camaraderie with all these staff NCOs at the club. Plus, it gave me a chance to reminisce with the first sergeant I ever worked with."

Robinson said Hashmarks plans to hold another Oktoberfest celebration next year, stating "Oktoberfest will always be recognized here."

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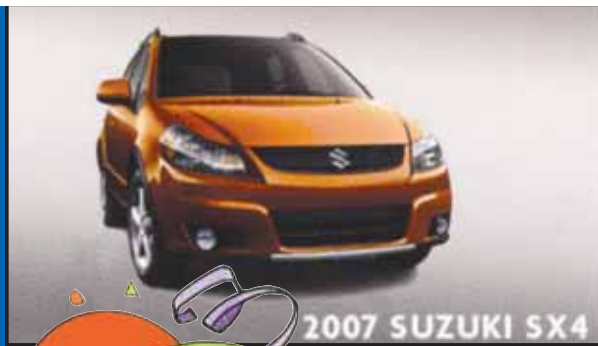
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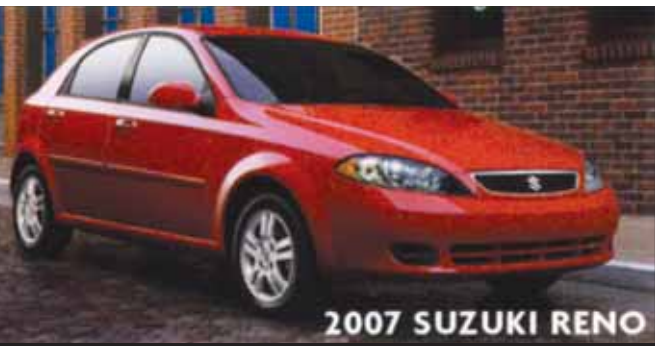
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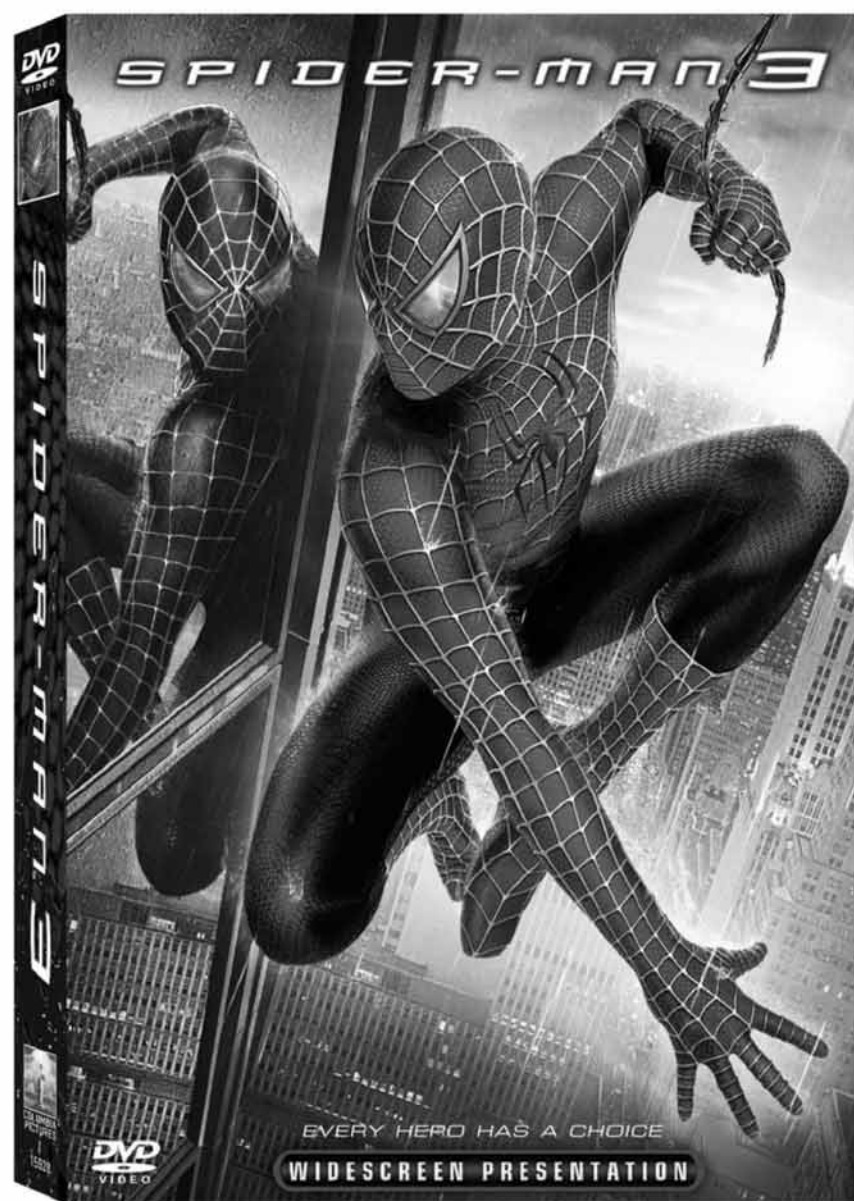
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OBSERVATION POST

220 UNFURNISHED HOUSES

2 bd/ 1 ba fully fenced \$700. Valley View, Joshua Tree. Inspire Property Mgmt. 760-792-2090

2bd 1ba new, paint & tile, noleum, gar, fncd yd, \$700/mo No Pets! Ref Req 951-658-2661

3BD 2BA & Gar NEW, \$1,000/mo Rent or LEASE/PURCHASE OPTION Bob at Thacher Realty, 760-365-1100

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2bd/1 1/4ba, w/d hook-up, no pets, \$900/mo. + \$900 dep. 760-363-6444

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\$750 Mo. 2bd/1ba, family room, attached gar. Newly refurbished. 1.25 ac. 365-6429

2bd, clean, patio, lg fncd yard, w/d hkups, swamp, gas heat, no gar. \$600/mo 369-5072

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3bd 2.5 ba w/view overlooking city, oversized gar, frpic fenced back yard, central air/heat, hardwood floors. pets ok. 1975 sqft \$1300/mo + dep. 760-401-6162 or 760-333-7666

3bd 2ba condo new cen air/heat, 1 car gar, indry rm, sm fncd yd, very nice, \$835/mo 490-2417 Pets ok, no dogs

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Roomate Wanted New 3bd / 2 ba home to share w/ non-smoking persons. Monthly rent is \$400. + util. Near Yucca Tr. & Bonita Ave. Lg. yd. for RV parking. Please Call 408-489-2149

ROOMMATE wanted, 2 bdrm., 1 ba home, lg fncd yd, child/pet ok. \$450 + util. Call 408-9558

ROOMMATE Wanted. Near Walmart, food included. \$125/week. 760-910-2565

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235 WANTED SHARE

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The City of Twentynine Palms is accepting applications for Construction Specialist/Recreation Supervisor. This position performs a variety of skilled trades' tasks in the construction, modification, repairs & maintenance of City facilities; designs construction & improvement projects, drafts specifications, develops bid proposals, evaluates bids, participates in the selection of contractors and may act as contract administrator. Knowledge of the theories, principles & practices common to the field of recreation; methods for identifying community recreation needs; first aid methods & safety practices; statistical analysis & report preparation. Ability to follow oral & written instructions; work independently; administer CPR and/or first aid; ability to communicate clearly & concisely, both orally & in writing. Any combination of education and/or experience that has provided the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary for acceptable job performance. Example of combinations include two years performing a variety of work in building construction, maintenance & repairs, along with work in recreation, sociology, social sciences or related field. Full time position, starting salary \$17,160/hr. Applications are being accepted until 5:00 p.m. Monday, November 5, 2007. Please inquire at City Hall, 6136 Adobe Rd, Twentynine Palms 760-367-6799.

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Dependable, hardworking 15 yr old looking for babysitting or house cleaning, in Morongo Basin Contact me at 365-7637.

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Services 400-499

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400 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Position has paid sick leave & vacation

KNOWLEDGE, abilities and skills: Typing, filing; standard office practices, correct English usage, spelling, grammar and basic arithmetic; excellent computer skills; High School graduate or equivalent; min one year clerical experience with increasing levels of responsibility.

PASSING score must be achieved on a written exam.

APPLICATIONS may be downloaded from www.morongo.k12.ca.us or obtained by calling 367-9191 ext 225, and must be returned to Human Resources, Morongo Unified School District, PO Box 1209, 29 Palms, CA 92277 on or before:

OCTOBER 30, 2007 EOE/AA

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Class C driver's license is required. Non-Exempt. Pre-employment medical tests, background check, and drug-screening required. Job description and District application are available at Joshua Basin Water District, 61750 Chollita Road, Joshua Tree. Qualified applicants submit a District application by deadline, 2pm Wednesday October 31st. EOE.

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522 CEMETERY

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533 GARAGE SALE

29 PALMS

TERRIFIC A-Z yard sale, you name it, we're probably selling it! Fri/Sat 10/26 & 27, 8am-4pm, 6346 Athol 29Palms

JOSHUA TREE

4 Ole Ladies' annual yard sale. Saturday only, Oct. 27th 8am-3pm. 6607 San Angelo. 1 block south of Hwy 62 between Torres & Sunny Vista. Bring Cash.

533 GARAGE SALE

ESTATE SALE
Thur/Fri. 10/25 & 26 8am-2pm 60400 Alta Mura Dr. JT collectables, furniture, militaria. info. 363-1340

Yard Sale bldg. supplies, doors & frames, kitch. & ba. sinks, coolers, carpet, & misc. 7am-6pm 10/25-11/02, 61737 Alta Vista Dr.

YARD sale Sat/Sun. 7am-1pm. Auto parts, electronics, more. 60850 Latham Trail, Joshua Tree

LANDERS

Moving Sale. All goes, oak tbl w/ 6 chairs, curio cabinet, china cabinet, south west couch, dresser, & chest TV's, tools: hand & pwr., 364-2202

PIONEERTOWN

ESTATE sale & silent auction. Across from post office for Cindy Ribera/Sawtooth fire victim. Fri (10/26) 8am-5pm. ends Sat 2pm.

YUCCA VALLEY

Estate sale. Antiques & other items - Sat. 8am. 6375 Imperial Dr. (Western Hills).

GARAGE sale Sat. 11/3. 8am-2pm. Jewelry, clothing, and variety of household & decorative items. 56814 Ivanhoe Drive.

Moving Sale Sat. 10/27 7am. Furniture, misc. & free stuff! 54784 El Prado Trail off Camino Del Cielo & Martinez, next to Yucca Inn 369-0285

540 LIVESTOCK

Yucca Valley Equestrian Center
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•Lessons •Training
365-4433

545 LOST & FOUND

\$200. \$\$ Reward for return of speaker cabinets & horns! Seeburg model DWS-2. Scott 760-285-6121

FOUND one female Cavalier King Charles spaniel in the Friendly Hills area, Mon. Oct. 15th. 366-7624

Found small brown male pup, (5 mos.) found on Hwy. 247 & Yucca Mesa. Free to good home. xint. pet 364-2407 or 668-3177

LOST - very pregnant German Shepard mix. Answers to Bogie. 366-1862 or 844-2640

Lost 10-13 Dachshund, Merle, w/ one blue eye, female, please call with any info. 364-3484

LOST 2 American Boxers, 1 male & 1 female, tan & white, no collar, marking on back of neck. Lost from Monument Manor JT. Call 799-4632 or 366-9127

LOST Digital camera vicinity of Napa Auto Parts 29 Palms, Sat 10/20. \$100/reward! 367-2482

Lost Male, brown Chihuahua. Last seen Sat the 13th at Desert Willow & Breeze Way, MV. Answers to Chevie. 831-1671

Lost on 10-19 acoma/onaga Y.V. white 2yr. old male chihuahua. 369-2421 ask for Tanisha

545 LOST & FOUND

Lost PDA/cellphone Trio. Lost in Yucca Valley. Please call 365-9423, Very Important!

550 MISC. 4 SALE

Empty Patron Tequila Bottles. Beautiful bottles perfect for decorating or craft room. Label removed. \$5 a piece. 367-4093

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PAYING CASH

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565 PETS & SUPPLIES

AKC Yellow Labrador puppies, 8 weeks old & ready for a good home. Please call 367-6087

CHIUAHUA pups for sale \$300/ea, has 1st shots 7 wks old, call (760)367-4813

Chinese Pug, pure bred, friendly & adorable, blk/tan 1yr. male \$400. 228-1376

Dachshund AKC registered mini puppies adorable. born 08-09-07, serious only 760-831-4240.

English bulldog puppies for sale, AKC reg., healthy and lovely, 11 weeks old, \$400 each, email: jorgehalls@yahoo.com

Labs AKC, Yellow, rare white, fox red, chocolate, \$350-\$400. 760-364-2202 / 364-2632

Quality AKC Chocolate Lab, \$500-\$600. Up-to-date shots & worming. Avail 11/2. 366-3465

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600 ATV'S

4/ 2005 150 adult Quads excellent condition, reg., & green tag \$600 each 574-5583

Suzuki Quadrunner ATV, Yamaha MOT04 ATV, both run good, good shape, tags good 2009. Incl. helmet & strap downs for cargo racks, \$1250/ea. 760-219-5304 or 365-4151

620 CARS

1997 Chevy Lumina 84K quality miles! Asking \$4000/obo. (951)522-6431

1999 Maxima SE very clean, new tires, breaks, & struts, 134K mi. \$5500. call to see in Y.V. 760-774-9293

2003 Nissa Maxima SE, good cond. inside & out, V6, auto, white, well maintained, 17" alloy wheels, AM/FM/CD/Cassette. 84k mi, \$9000 obo. Ken, 760-835-0052

2007 PT Cruiser, 2,700 mi, silver, auto, CD player, owned 2 mo \$16,000 obo 366-0457

HONDAS from \$500! Police Impounds! For listings. 800-495-0660 X 4243

625 CLASSIC AUTOS

1970 Dodge Charger, \$4500 xint cond., 61000 mi., clear title, orange, int. black, automatic. contact me at chargers-girl@msn.com or 985-746-4476

1970 PLYMOUTH Roadrunner Coupe V8 engine. \$4000, Excellent condition.

5358 miles, clear title, Exterior: brown, Interior: Brown, 2 door, Automatic. roadrunner@maccoy.com or (214) 556-6479

630 CYCLES

1978 Shovel Head Harley Davidson, brand new basket case, frame & motor, stretched 2" in rear and front legs. Bike is complete. Too much to list. Call Don (714) 791-3965

640 TRAILERS

2003 Aljo travel trailer, 27ft, sleeps 7-8 but weighs only 4,400 lbs. Queen bedroom, triple bunks, full bath, sofa bed, dinette, oak-trimmed cabinets, ducted A/C, furnace, fridge / freezer, range, micro, 2 TV's, am/fm/cd, awning, new batteries, many extras, excellent condition. \$9,950. obo. 760-861-9434

2005 Attitude 30 ft. toy hauler, excellent condition, 18 ft. of cargo sp. \$25,000. 574-5583

645 TRUCKS

1972 3/4 ton custom camper long bed Chevy truck. New 454 motor and rebuilt trainee w/less than 20,000 miles. New tires, battery, & starter. Solid towing bumper, tow package. Original interior, & owners manual. Dependable transportation. Great work truck or restoration project. \$5000 or best offer 760-364-4437

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