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Joe Matoush, native of Twentynine Palms, and his grandson Jacob, 4, decorate a pumpkin during the Jack-O-Lantern Jubilee hosted by Marine Corps Community Services at Del Valle Field, Oct. 28.

Jack-O-Lantern Jubilee lights up Combat Center

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. LEVI SCHULTZ

Superheroes, princesses and creatures of the night took to Del Valle Field during the Jack-O-Lantern Jubilee, Oct. 28.

Marine Corps Community Services hosted the event in conjunction with the installation's Family Advocacy Program to provide Combat Center families an opportunity to celebrate Halloween while learning about services offered on base.

"This is our annual fall festival. We partnered with FAP because we wanted to highlight all their amazing services while in a fun environment," said Eileen Mc-Callum, special events pro-



Fitness course shapes new perspective on training STORY BY SGT. TERENCE BRADY

MARINE CORPS BASE also how to administer, QUANTICO, Va. — The Marine Corps' first Prowett. "We test lower Force Fitness Instructor (FFI) Course began Oct. 3 at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia. Marine Administration 460/16 was released in September outlining the guidance and end state

record and score it," said body strength, lower body power, agility and anaerobic conditioning to see where they're at and give insight on how fit or athletic a Marine is."

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The students learn about the seven foundation-



SGT. MELISSA MARNELI

Force Fitness Instructor (FFI) Trainers demonstrate proper ammo can lift technique for the class of FFI students before executing practical application as part of their course requirement at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia, Oct. 4.

of the FFI program, which was implemented to improve overall unit fitness and health. Fifty students from across the Marine Corps were selected to participate in the initial five-week course.

"The FFI course is the Commandant's answer to fitness for the Marine Corps," said Gunnery Sgt. Dimyas Perdue, the chief instructor of the FFI Course. "It is designed to help Marines understand fitness in a better way."

Daily operations during the course include physical training in the morning, followed by classes and practical application for the rest of the day. Students study and avidly practice various fitness practices that test strength, endurance and agility, according to Arron Prowett, the strength and conditioning specialist for the course.

al movements of fitness, which are pull, push, hinge, plank, lunge, squat and rotate. These movements are practiced throughout the course to improve the students' capabilities and show how it can be practiced, according to Gregg. The course is also designed to augment other existing training programs in the Marine Corps.

"The program is very scalable and inclusive," said Gregg. "We are not trying to get in the way of what the Marine Corps has already done. We wanted something that can lever-

gram manager, MCCS Marketing. "This is one location where a parent can come with their kids and feel safe while still having fun."

Crowds of costumed parents and children filled the field as they trick-or-treated at different stands where they learned about different programs or played carnival games. Other activities included face-painting, a hay ride organized by Desert



Jake McDonald, 8, son of Marisa McDonald, Combat Center resident, tests his strength on a carnival game at the Jack-O-Lantern Jubilee hosted by Marine Corps Community See Jubilee A6 Services at Del Valle Field, Oct. 28.

"They will do performance tests, and then we'll briefly give them a class on not only the framework, but

age all of the resources that we have and apply them for the maximum potential they have for each Marine."

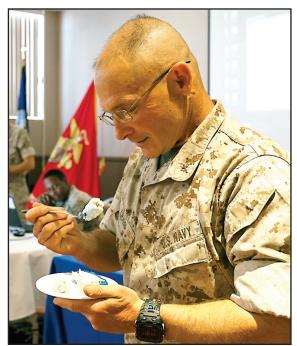
An FFI is educated on different elements of overall health and fitness for Marines, and that includes nutrition. The course is working to break that mentality that any

See Fitness A6

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Marine Corps' Top Shot

Every week, thousands of fans cast their votes for the best photograph posted on the Corps' Facebook page. This week's top shot comes from Staff Sgt. T.T. Parish.



An MV-22B Osprey tiltrotor aircraft with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 262, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, flies west above the Pacific Ocean during scheduled flight operations after departing the amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6), Sept. 26. VMM-262 is the Aviation Combat Element for the 31st MEU, and features a variety of fixed-wing, rotary-wing and tiltrotor aircraft.



Reprinted from the Observation Post Nov. 4, 1966

Vietnam hero becomes new **Provost Marshal**

WRITTEN BY PFC. STEVE LEONARD

"I want to go back to Vietnam. There's a job to be done... a fight for freedom!" So says LtCol John E. Watson, professional infantry officer, a new arrival to Marine Corps Base, Twentynine Palms.

As the leader of a bloodied combat patrol, LtCol Watson displayed outstanding leadership and courage which won him the Navy Cross. This personal decoration, the second-highest award a Marine can receive, is a "well done" from the American people to the Colonel for his bravery. "I don't talk about medals," says LtCol Watson, "it

was just a job to be done."

In addition to the Navy Cross, the Colonel was awarded two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart for his courage in action in Vietnam. While "just doing his job" he went to Vietnam as the Executive Officer of First Battalion, First Marines in January, 1966, after a short stop in the Headquarters Battalion of the Third Marine Division... he returned to the States in August, 1966.

The Colonel was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received during Operation Cherokee... he won a Bronze Star as a Platoon leader of Third Battalion, First Marines. Another Bronze Star was awarded to him

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for the entire Vietnamese tour. All of these personal decorations stand for the Colonel's professionalism and patriotism; they are symbols of his bravery and clear thinking in battle.

Long, Honorable Career

Six rows of ribbons on Lt-Col Watson's chest proclaim a proud, long and honorable career as a Marine. In addition to the personal decorations from the Vietnamese Conflict, the Colonel wears campaign ribbons symbolizing his participation in many other battles fought as a Marine.

He joined the Marine Corps

in July, 1944, as an enlisted man. He fought in the battle of the Pacific War, Okinawa, with Seventh Marines, First Marine Division - he saw China duty after the war. Again with the famed First Marine Division in Korea, LtCol Watson fought as an infantryman against Communist aggression ... as he would do again in Vietnam fifteen years later. From 1956 through 1958 the Colonel pulled sea duty on the "Essex"— during this tour he had been ready to fight in troubled spots: Lebanon, Quemoy and Matsu.

The Colonel was in the first class to be commissioned from the Marine Corps' OCSC; a

year later he went to Communications School. After a tour as a communications officer, he returned to the infantry, his one, true love as a Marine.

New Provost Marshal

On Oct. 24, 1966, LtCol Watson became the Provost Marshal of MCB, Twentynine Palms. In this position he is the officer in charge of the Military Police and all their functions.

LtCol Watson and his wife, Mary Alice, are now living on base with their son and two daughters. Hobbys? "Ever since I was eight-years old, I've loved Indian relics," says the Colonel. "You should see my collection!"

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WHAT I'VE LEARNED

Nicholas Fresno, Ca. Corporal, crew chief, Company D, 3rd Amphibious Assault Battalion VALLES

VALLES SPENDS HIS TIME IN THE GYM WHEN HE IS NOT WORKING, PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY PUSHING HIMSELF TO GET BETTER EVERY DAY.

>I was born in Fresno, Calif., and I moved all over Fresno with my mother and brother, but that's the place that I call home.

>I kept to myself and stayed inside because I didn't want to get in trouble. I had to learn to grow up pretty quickly because of the environment I was raised in.

>I try to be a cool, calm and collected person. I like to sit back and listen to people more than I like to speak; it keeps me humble and down to earth. > grew up with Wolf Parkinson's White Syndrome; it means that I had an extra heartbeat that I shouldn't have. It limited the things I could do; I couldn't even get a driver's license because I ran the risk of going into cardiac arrest.

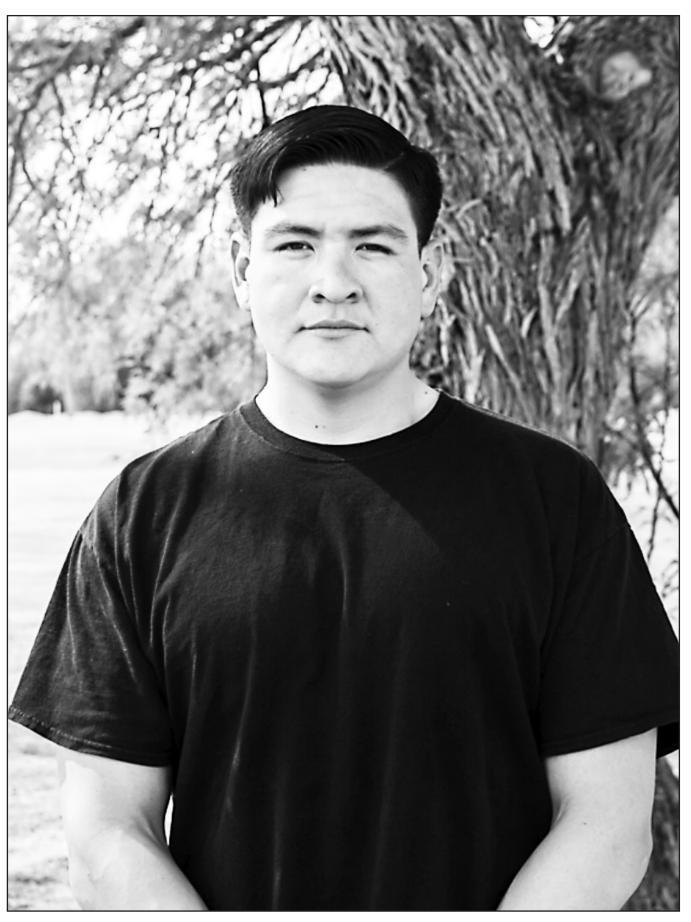
>I remember being a child and I would go outside and play with my brother. When we would come back inside, sometimes my heart would just keep beating faster. One of the times we had to call the paramedics and when they arrived on scene and put a needle in my arm, everything went back to normal.

>I underwent surgery my junior year of high school and the next week I was at spring training for football, ready to do the things the disease had held me back from.

>Throughout my surgery pro**cess**, my mother and brother were there for me more than anyone. They would sit with me when my heart rate would pick up out of nowhere, to calm me down.

>During my senior year I knew that I wanted to be in the military, since the surgery had opened up so many doors for me.

>I didn't know what the Marine Corps had in store for me when I first even went to a recruiter. He told me that I was over my weight limit and so for the next year after that all I did was work on dropping that weight and putting on muscle.



>My recruiter called me up a few months before my shipping date and told me that there was an opening for combat support which meant I was going to be a tanker, low altitude air defense gunner, or an amphibious assault crewman. I wanted to be on the ground with the grunts, helping them where I could.

>As an amphibious assault crewman, it's something that I'm good at and I love to do it. I want to stay in the Marine Corps and my job field for as long as I can.

>I went on a unit deployment program to Okinawa in 2015. My favorite part was when we did house clearing exercises in South Korea. Seeing myself and other Marines work as a cohesive unit helped me realize that the training we do is important and

keeps us strong as our nation's force in readiness.

>The best part about the field is firing the gunnery of the amphibious assault vehicles we have. Sending the rounds down range from a .50 Cal is like a lullaby for me.

>Being a satellite company here at the Combat Center really creates a sense of family. Since the rest of our battalion is based in Marine Corps Base] Camp Pendleton and there's a small group of us here, we bond more than I feel bigger battalions would. I have made so many brothers here.

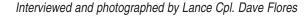
>There is no other organiza-

tion like the Marine Corps. It has blessed me with seeing a world that I never thought was possible; it's given me the chance to meet new people in even newer places. The Marine Corps saved my life, coming where I came from. The rough neighborhoods that I moved around in when I was a kid could have potentially kept me if I did not get out and join the Corps.

>When I'm not in uniform, I hit the gym as much as I can. Coming from a place of being overweight and making myself meet the standard to join the Corps, it has become my "magnificent obsession." I feel like C.T. Fletcher saying something like that.

>When my career as a Marine comes to an end, I want to study audio engineering and become a producer for music. When I'm not at the gym, I'm listening to music. I make beats on my MacBook right now and when I can, I want to have my own studio.

>One thing that I will always do is give 100 percent and never give up. If you give up on yourself, you're giving up on your family and your country. The spirit that we as people have is what makes America what it is.







Xxyliana, military working dog, Provost Marshal's Office, attempts to subdue Cpl. Bradley Antkowiak, MWD handler, PMO, during a K-9 demonstration at Condor Elementary School, Oct. 27.



Students applaud following a K-9 demonstration at Condor Elementary School, Oct. 27.

K-9 leaves positive impact during Red Ribbon Week

Photos by CPL. Medina Ayala-Lo

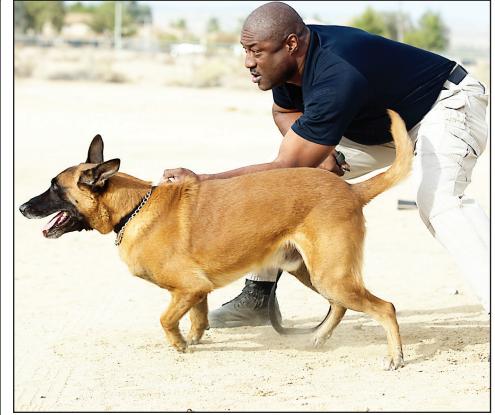


Baby, military working dog, Provost Marshal's Office, attempts to subdue Staff Sgt. Charles Hardesty, kennel master, PMO, during a K-9 demonstration at Condor Elementary School, Oct. 27. The demo was conducted as part of Red Ribbon Week, a week of drug prevention education and advocacy to help the youth stay drug free.

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Xxyliana, military working dog, Provost Marshal's Office, prepares to attack during a K-9 demonstration at Condor Elementary School, Oct. 27.



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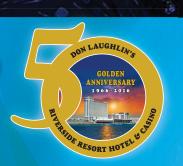
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Combat Center tees off annual CFC

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Col. James F. Harp, Combat Center Chief of Staff, tees off during the Combined Federal Campaign Golf Tournament at Desert Winds Golf Course, Oct. 28.



Capt. John Offerman, company commander, Company A, Headquarters Battalion, tees off during the Combined Federal Campaign Golf Tournament at Desert Winds Golf Course, Oct. 28.





Golfers participate in the Combined Federal Campaign Golf Tournament at Desert Winds Golf Course, Oct. 28.

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The Combat Center hosted the annual Combined Federal Campaign Golf Tournament at Desert Winds Golf Course, Oct. 28.





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Fitness From A1

mix of diet and exercise is beneficial, according to Perdue. The instructors emphasize heavily that "nutrition is key". They teach how nutrients work in the body, and how it can help Marines better train.

The students also learn the fundamentals of injury prevention measures.

"The course prepares them to take a group of Marines and make them as healthy and injury free as possible while increasing performance," said Sgt. Adam Gregg, a FFI trainer. "There are a lot of preventive steps that can be done that are not being done."

The ultimate goal of the program is to send these future FFIs back to the small-unit level to have the most impact.

"It doesn't matter what [military occupational specialty] you are," said Perdue. "Your unit is going to have a standardized approach to fitness and an FFI will be able to tailor the unit's training program. This will change the overall perception of



A Force Fitness Instructor (FFI) Trainer briefs the class of FFI students before executing practical application at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia, Oct. 3.

how we conduct fitness." Marines who are interested in the program should check to see if they meet the prerequisites accord-

ing to MARADMIN 460/16 and conduct adequate research before applying to attend the course, Perdue added.

"Students should come with an open mind and soak up the information so they can bring it back

"Prepare as if you were more importantly, live it." going to give your first class for fitness. Start looking at the information to their unit," said Perdue. for physical fitness, but

The first class of FFI students is scheduled to graduate Nov. 3 to return back to their home units.

Jubilee From A1



Combat Center children trick-or-treat and enjoy carnival games at the Jack-O-Lantern Jubilee hosted by Marine Corps Community Services at Del Valle Field, Oct. 28.

Winds Golf Course, performances by EM Cirque, and 1st Battalion, 7th Marine more than 19 different in- Regiment. "The important flatable attractions. ily to be out here," said Cpl.

Jesus Perez, radio operator, thing is that my son is hav-



"It's just fun for my fam- ing a good time and we can enjoy Halloween together."

TOUGH MINDED **OPTIMISM** by Lou Gerhardt



We are delighted to report the public announcement of the engagement of Jananne Turner and David Brown. They are a marvelous couple and we love them both. Details about when the marriage will take place will be announced soon.

I officiated in my first wedding in 1947 and have conducted better than 3,500 ceremonies since then. I still officiate in several weddings each year in the High Desert and I enjoy each one.

I have learned a few things over the years as I have prepared people for weddings and counseled literally hundreds of families with special problems.

The primary thing I have learned is that all great require patience, forgiveness and relationships commitment.

I like an anonymous writer's description of commitment:

"Commitment means we take the worst of each other, the best of each other and the in-between of each other. Stirring it all together we say with loyalty and gentle understanding, 'I love and totally accept the mixture of us.'

Eric Fromm in his masterpiece "The Art of Loving" said it best:

"To love somebody is not just a strong feeling—it is a decision, it is a judgment, it is a promise. If love were only a feeling, there would be no basis for the promise to love forever. Feelings come and go, but love, which is a judgment and a decision, should go on forever.'



Aaron Espinoza, 3, son of Logan Espinoza, shows off his muscles while trick-or-treating at the Jack-O-Lantern Jubilee hosted by Marine Corps Community Services at Del Valle Field, Oct. 28.



OBSERVATION POST



Chaplains, religious program specialists and their spouses celebrate the 241st Navy Chaplain Corps and 38th Religious Program Specialist birthdays at the Frontline Restaurant, Oct. 28.

CHAPLAINS, RELIGIOUS PROGRAM SPECIALISTS CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Photos by Cpl. Levi Schultz



Navy Capt. Stephen M. Lee, Combat Center Chaplain, introduces the oldest chaplain present, Navy Lt. Robert L. Crabb, and the youngest religious program specialist present, Seaman Nickolas J. Falk, during the 241st Navy Chaplain Corps and 38th Religious Program Specialist birthdays at the Frontline Restaurant, Oct. 28.

Navy Lt. Richard P. Shaffer, chaplain, Headquarters Battalion, speaks during the 241st Navy Chaplain Corps and 38th





The oldest chaplain present, Navy Lt. Robert L. Crabb, chaplain, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, takes the first bite of birthday cake during the 241st Navy Chaplain Corps and 38th Religious Program Specialist birthdays at the Frontline Restaurant, Oct. 28.

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- The competitors will be:
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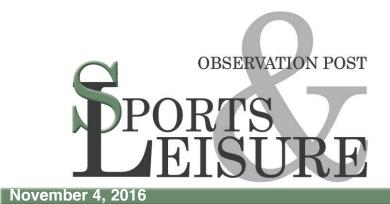
Jeff Cummings, president and superintendent of Copper Mountain College, will be the referee.

Yucca Valley High School Principal Carl Phillips will administer oxygen, if needed.

The winner of the obstacle course will be crowned Top Boss. The most generous donor will receive an Athletic Booster Club Charter membership, a \$500 value.

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41st Marine Corps Marathon: Marines go the distance



A group of runners pass the 10-mile marker as part of the 41st Marine Corps Marathon, Sunday. The MCM is a 26.2-mile course that runs through Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia. The Marine Corps Marathon is also known as "The People's Marathon."

STORY AND PHOTOS BY SGT. CUONG LE

ARLINGTON, Va. -More than 30,000 runners the course, runners will see took their places at the starting line for the 41st Marine Corps Marathon in Arlington, Va., Sunday. Established in 1976, the MCM is the sixth largest marathon in the United States and the twelfth largest in the world. "I would say this is a great first marathon for anyone to run," said Capt. Danielle Pozun, runner, Marine Corps Running Team. "You will never have this many people cheering you on." Throughout the course, small checkpoints were filled with Marine and civilian volunteers who would hand out cups of water, oranges and other food items, while motivating and cheering on the runners. "I know the importance of receiving support when you're out on an endurance event like the marathon," said Jack Delaney, volunteer, MCM. "I like giving back and that is why I volunteered, this is definitely something I would do again next year.

the D.C. area. Throughout pictures of fallen service members.

"When I got to the 12 mile point I was able to see the faces of all the recent fallen service members and it was very inspiring



The 26.2 mile event takes place every year in

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~ Capt. Danielle Pozun Marine Corps Running Team

for me," said Pozun. "Being able to finish at the Marine Corps War Memorial and to see all the names etched into the statues, made me very emotional. I will be back next year and the year after that; I will always come back."

Volunteers for the

A hand cyclist peddles past the 9-mile marker as part of the 41st Marine Corps Marathon, Sunday. The MCM is a 26.2mile course that runs through Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia. The Marine Corps Marathon is also known as "The People's Marathon.'

Marine Corps Marathon showed up between 3:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. to set up tables, water stands and checkpoints before the runners started.

Although the volunteers do the work for the event early in the morning, many volunteers still look

forward to supporting the runners.

"It is grueling work," said Delaney. "I have already walked six miles today and I have another two miles to get back to my car, but I can rest later. There are people who cannot rest right now."



A runner carries the American flag past the 10-mile marker as part of the 41st Marine Corps Marathon, Sunday. The MCM is a 26.2-mile course that runs through Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia. The Marine Corps Marathon is also known as "The People's Marathon."



Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Robert B. Neller, talks with Cpl. Warren Smith about the upcoming Marine Corps Marathon in Arlington, Virginia, Sunday. This is Neller's second Marathon as Commandant of the Marine Corps.



Combat Center Events

Come and build your own scarecrow craft at the Fall Scarecrow Craft Night, 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center, Nov. 4 and 5. Register now at the Community Center; cost is \$2 per kit. For more information, call (760) 830-3910.

Come and build your own turkey craft while watching the movie Free Birds at the Fall Turkey Craft Night, 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center, Nov. 18. Register now at the Community Center; cost is \$2 per kit. For more information, call (760) 830-3910.

Head to Mameluke's Pub Monday Nights from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for Monday Night Football! Food and drink specials are available. See if your team will make it all the way to the championships. For more information, call (760) 830-6610.

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UNIVERSAL PICTURES PHOTO

From left, Alice Reaser is set upon by Lulu Wilson as her daughter Doris in "Ouija: Origin of Evil." Inviting audiences again into the lore of the spirit board, the supernatural thriller tells a terrifying new tale as the follow-up to 2014's sleeper hit that opened at No. 1. In 1965 Los Angeles, a widowed mother and her two daughters add a new stunt to bolster their séance scam business and unwittingly invite authentic evil into their home. When the youngest daughter is overtaken by the merciless spirit, this small family confronts unthinkable fears to save her and send her possessor back to the other side.

'Ouija: Origin of Evil' a dark portal to spirit world

NEIL POND

"Ouija: Origin of Evil"

Starring Elizabeth Reaser, Annalise Basso, Lulu Wilson and Henry Thomas Directed by Mike Flanagan PG-13

When I was a kid, my

she and Slick didn't last very long.

In this movie, set in 1967, we first see the Ouija board game nested, innocently enough, within a stack of other popular games of the era, including Candyland, Sorry! and Monopoly. But in a movie subtitled "Origin of Evil," how long do you think it takes before that ol' black magic begins to stir? Ouija: Origin of Evil is actually a prequel to Ouija, the 2014 movie about a group of teens who noodle around with a Ouija board and unlock the portal to a dark, dangerous spirit world. In the new Ouija, a widowed mom working as a fake spiritualist (Elizabeth Reaser) adds a new stunt-the Ouija board—to pep up her fake séance business. In doing so, she makes the same mistake, rolling out the welcome mat for a host of malevolent spirits to take over her home. And they're particularly interested in her youngest daughter, Doris (Lulu Wilson), who begins speaking in strange voices, seeing things invisible to everyone else and writing in a foreign language. And all that's before things start getting really weird, creepy and calamitous.

Mom thinks Doris is good for business, but her oldest daughter (Annalise Basso) is freaked. The headmaster priest at the girls' Catholic school (Henry Thomas, all grown up from E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial) is concerned. When he pulls up in front of the house to check things out, the background music mimics the iconic theme from The Exorcist. stay on their toes.

Red-eyed, hissing demons — check. Adorable tyke who undergoes terrifying body transformations and crawls on the walls and walks on the ceiling — yep. Slingshots and stitching needles, comin' right at your nightmares — got 'em. If you're looking for some straight-up, mainline Halloween haunted-house "gotchas," this date-night ride has a slow start, but builds to a wild, crazy, screaming finish. The performers are all good, especially the youngsters. Watch out for Lulu Wilson, who played Mikayla on TV's The Millers; she reminds me of a young Reese Witherspoon. And Annalise Basso — terrific earlier this year as one of the kids in Captain Fantastic—shoulders more and more of the movie as it goes on, shifting her teen-sister role into a stronger, more significant lead as the plot progresses. Can playing with a Ouija board open up the door to hell? It certainly does in the movies — and my cousin's ex-boyfriend Slick might have thought so. And maybe that that's why I've always been more of a Monopoly, Operation and Mousetrap guy myself.





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Check the Observation Post Classified section older teenage cousin had a Ouija board. She mostly used it, at least it seemed to me — moving the plastic, teardrop-shaped "planchette," the thing with three little legs and a see-through hole — over the letters to answer questions about her boyfriend, Slick.

There was nothing very otherworldly about it, and nothing very ominous; when Ouija didn't give her the answers, she turned to another oracle, the Magic 8 Ball. I think there may have been some Tarot cards and incense in there somewhere, too. Anyway,

Co-writer and director Mike Flanagan does a very nice job with the late '60s vibe - the movie genuinely feels like something happening in the era of moon missions, late-night TV test patterns, macramé sweaters and big Americanmade cars. It also feels like something of the era, from the golden retro glow of its colors to the clever reelchange cues "burnt" into the corners of scenes, an homage to a time when its kind of fright-night scares were something you'd see at drive-ins and double-features-a pre-digital era when projectionists would need visual cues to

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