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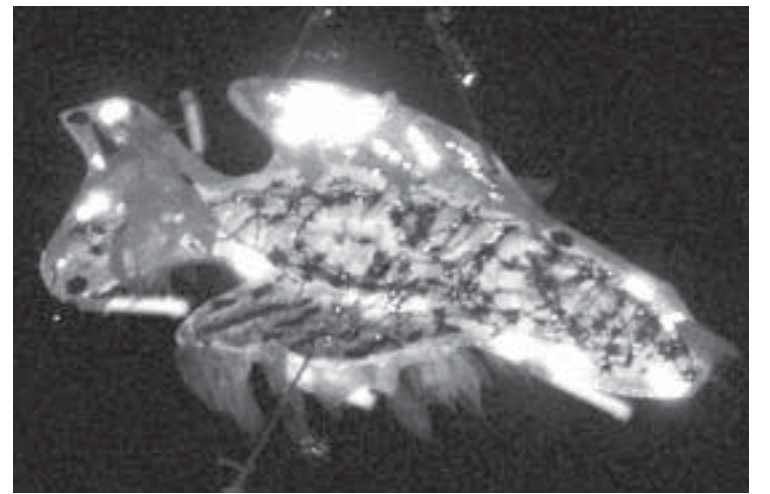
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New Year's on the Newse



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The famed Oriental dragon makes its way through the downtown streets shortly after 8 p.m. Dec. 31.



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After the 11 p.m. dragon run concluded, crowds circulated around Oriental's Town Dock, where a lighted croaker was dropped from the mast of a sailboat at the stroke of midnight. The croaker is a staple of the Pamlico County commercial fishing industry.

Rocking in the new year

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Downtown New Bern was alive with the sound of music New Year's Eve as Todd and the Termites blasted '80s favorites at Theo's and the Earplugz rocked the night away at the Harvey Mansion.



Lead singer Todd Gerard takes to the keyboard as he and the Termites perform the Devo classic 'Whip It.'



Above: Ted Gerard rocks out on his Gibson Firebird.

Below: Jodi Bettis, drummer of the Earplugz, belts out 'Me and Bobby McGee.'



Bassist Geoff Boccia stares down guitarist Ted Gerard while Thom Gerard pounds out the tempo.



Bass player Mark Wood lays down the low notes with the Earplugz.



Butch Miller picks along at the Harvey Mansion on his Hamer hollow body.

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Images and Words

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Right: Congressman Walter B. Jones Jr. chats with Col. J. Mark Reed and Col. David A. Smith in the hangar of the Institute of Aeronautical Technology at Craven Community College's Havelock Campus. A reception was held for Reed, NAVAIR Depot Commanding Officer, and Smith, Executive Officer, by CCC and Allies for Cherry Point's Tomorrow.



Note: The pictures to the right and below appeared in the *Campus Communicator*, the student newspaper of Craven Community College.



Fifteen-year-old Dianna Carter embraces waves from the Neuse River as early rain bands from Hurricane Ophelia sweep across New Bern.



Bears wide receiver Darryl Reynolds makes a catch from a 27-yard pass from quarterback David Towarnicky for New Bern High School's first of three touchdowns in the state championship game against Charlotte Independence at Carter-Finley Stadium in Raleigh.



Eddie Money headlined 2005's Crystal Coast Bike Fest held Sept. 24 at the Craven County Fairgrounds.



Jonathan Carte from Seventy-First High School in Fayetteville spins an M-1 rifle in the individual exhibition armed event at West Craven's Coastal Classic Drill Meet Oct. 22.



Above: Jim Land learns how to navigate the World Wide Web at a class provided by the New Bern-Craven County Public Library.

Below: Children crawl over a deflated 'moonwalk' during Duffest held in late September at Stanley White Recreation Center.



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| <p>Jan. 6
<i>Reliquaie</i>
Salty Dawg, New Bern
9 p.m.
<i>Narallis</i>
Mickey Milligan's, New Bern
8 p.m.
<i>Barbara Martin & Mac Walter</i>
Trent River Coffee Company,
New Bern
8 p.m.
\$8-Students w/ID
\$13-General Admission</p> <p>Jan. 7
<i>Jake Johanson</i>
Theo's, New Bern
10 p.m.
<i>the Arrival</i>
Salty Dawg, New Bern</p> <p>Jan. 8
<i>1 Lane Bridge</i>
Theo's, New Bern
9 p.m.</p> <p>Jan. 10
<i>As Seasons Fall</i>
Salty Dawg, New Bern</p> <p>Jan. 12
<i>Princess of Las Vegas</i>
Salty Dawg, New Bern</p> <p>Jan. 13
<i>Aisle 5</i>
Theo's, New Bern
10 p.m.
<i>AllornuthiN</i>
<i>the Vigilantiez</i>
<i>Shiloh</i>
Salty Dawg, New Bern</p> <p>Jan. 14
<i>Work in Progress</i>
Theo's, New Bern
10 p.m.</p> | <p>Jan. 14 cont.
<i>End of Days</i>
<i>Shadows of the Mind</i>
<i>H.O.W.</i>
Salty Dawg, New Bern
<i>Simon Spalding</i>
Bear Town Bistro, New Bern
6-8 p.m.
\$5</p> <p>Jan. 15
<i>The Arrival</i>
Mickey Milligan's, New Bern</p> <p>Tuesday Nights
<i>Eddie Kwasnick</i>
Open-mic Night
Harvey Mansion,
New Bern
10 p.m.
Free</p> <p>Second Tuesday Nights
Irish/Celtic Sessions
Gallery Cafe, New Bern
7 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday Nights
<i>Stretch</i>
Island Grille,
Bridgpointe Inn
New Bern
Free</p> <p>Thursday Nights
Open-mic Night
Theo's, New Bern
9 p.m.</p> <p>Friday Nights
Bluegrass/Country
Jam Sessions
Twin Rivers Mall,
New Bern
Free</p> |
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All shows at Theo's are free
All shows at the Salty Dawg are for all ages with a \$5 cover

Bands: Send your gig announcements to
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Local band seeks new vocalist

BY WILLIAM R. TOLER
THE INDEPENDENT REGISTER

Popular local band Black Sky Radius issued a notice for a new singer Tuesday, Jan. 3.

In the band's blog on the international social networking Web site Myspace.com, departing vocalist Joe Stewart released a statement to fans.

"First off, know that there is no ill will amongst any of the band members and myself," he wrote.

Stewart added, "The band has simply grown stronger and began moving in a direction that both my job and personal life were unable to keep up with. In order for the band and myself to continue to grow and prosper in a timely positive manner I can no longer be in the picture."

The band's Web site is currently under construction. Interested parties can reach the band at <http://www.myspace.com/bsrmusic>.

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