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TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

This year's Navy Birthday Ball will be held Oct. 13 from 5:30 p.m. to midnight at the Marriott Riverside. Tickets are now on sale: E1-3 - \$20 E4-6/GS1-5 - \$25 E7-03/GS6-9 - \$30

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#### HEALTHY SHOPPING AT THE COMMISSARY NUTRITION TOURS

The Robert E. Bush Naval Hospital's registered dietitian has partnered with the Commissary to provide nutrition education focusing on assisting active duty service members, their families, and retirees in choosing healthier foods. Nutrition Tours will be offered on the second Friday each month from 2 to 4 p.m. The first tour will be held Oct. 13. It's your choice, make it healthy. For more information or to schedule a group or individual tour, call Lt. Michael Mero at 830-2274.

## HOMC VISIT

HQMC will visit the Combat Center Oct. 26 and. 27 to provide informational briefings, conduct personal interviews, and provide career counseling briefs targeting officers and enlisted Marines at every level. Military occupational specialty monitors will also be on hand to offer duty stations and career opportunities. For more information, contact the base career retention specialist at 830-6171 or your unit CRS.

## COMING NEXT ISSUE

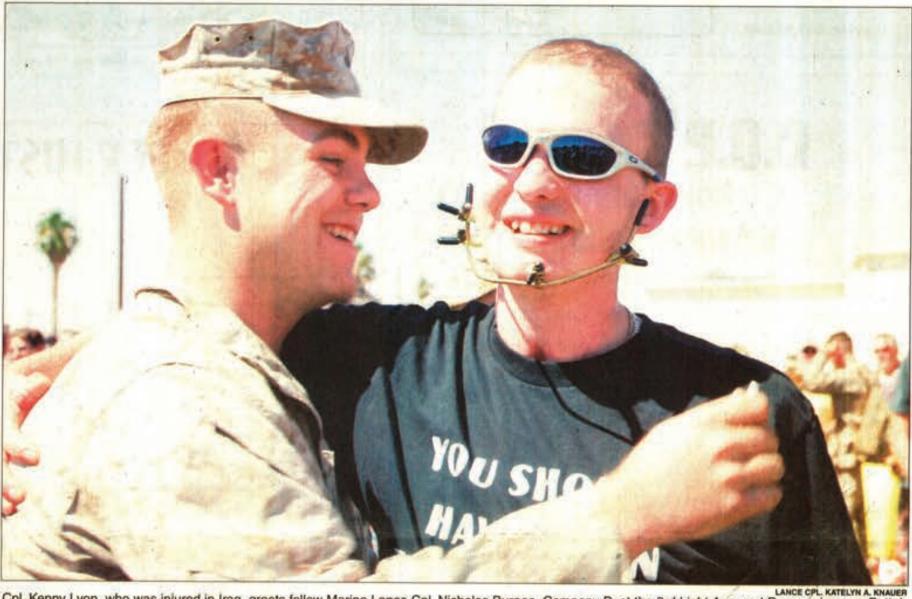
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THIS DAY IN MARINE CORPS HISTORY

## October 6, 1945

Japanese forces in North China surrendered to III Amphibious Corps.

# HOT TOPICS 3rd LAR returns to MCAGCC, greeted by wounded buddy



Cpl. Kenny Lyon, who was injured in Iraq, greets fellow Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Burpee, Company D, at the 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion homecoming Sept. 27.

NCE CPL. KATELYN A. KNAUER

It's a brotherhood not many can understand. They fight side by side putting their lives in each others hands. They spend months together in the roughest places many will never endure. They count down the days together, eat together and live together. They suffer the loss of fellow Marines, and they carry on when others are injured.

The countdown finally hit zero, as 557 Marines and sailors of 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion arrived home Sept. 27 and 29 after a seven month deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Mothers and fathers, brother and sisters, friends and fellow Marines lined up at Victory Field awaiting the white buses that would bring home their loved ones, Music played and anticipation grew as the radio station announced the buses were on their way to the field.

"We're going out to eat first thing," said Dottie Presmyk, mother of Sgt. Levi Presmyk. "Levi said he wants to get out of Twentynine Palms and get some good food."

This deployment was the third for 3rd LAR, and the unit supported and conducted humanitarian efforts for the Iraqi people.

'We went to Arupa," said Sgt. David L. Walter, Company A. "It's on the Iraq-Syrian border and is a smuggling town. While we were there we provided highway security, making sure that the main supply routes were clear of IEDs [improvised explosive devices.] We also did stability and support operations."

Along with operations in Arupa, Company D conducted operations in several places, and is said to have seen

the most combat of the battalion's two infantry companies.

"We started off in Al Oa'im and Fallujah-Garma area," said Cpl. Christopher Patrick, D Co. "From there we went to Habbaniya, then to Korean Village with the rest of the Battalion. After that we went to Rawah."

While Delta Company moved through the Fullajah-Garma area, they did a lot of IED clearing, working closely with combat engineers and explosive ordnance disposal technicians. They also conducted many foot

See 3RD LAR, A6

## Iraq vet returns to family miracle

LANCE CPL. NICOLE A. LAVINE

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

If any parent is asked about one of their favorite memories of their child, they may mention their child's first steps. To many people, first steps are a physical and symbolic indication of growth and a time to remember. For 4-year-old Samantha Vargyas, this time came later than usual.

Samantha walked to her father for the first time Sept. 23, during his homecoming, after returning from his sec-

ond deployment. "I don't know how to put it into words," said her father, Staff Sgt. Brian Vargyas with 1st Marine Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment. "I was so excited and overjoyed to see her walking. It's incredible to see her doing things the doctors said she may never do."

Samantha Vargyas has what is called Charge Syndrome. Charge Syndrome is diagnosed in only 1,200 children per year and no two ill people suffer the same symptoms. It affects victims in six major areas: eyesight, heart, nasal, mental, repiral, and



4-year-old Samantha Vargyas takes her first steps to her father Staff Sgt. Brian Vargyas

hearing. Samantha has five of the six disorders. She has very poor eyesight and cannot blink her right eye. She was born with several holes in her heart, no open nasal passage, a mental an icap and r ofound

hearing loss.

When Dana Vargyas was 35 weeks pregnant with Samantha, her second child, she discovered that she had occasional leaks from her uterus. Vargyas went to her

doctor to get it checked out. The doctor told her that because there were no visible ruptures or tears in her uterus, she was fine.

Not a week later, the doctor called her back and told her she

had a condition called Polyhydramnios, which is defined as an "excess of amniotic fluid, usually exceeding 2,000 mL."

The doctors couldn't deliver Samantha with all the water pressure because it could have strangled her with her own umbilical cord.

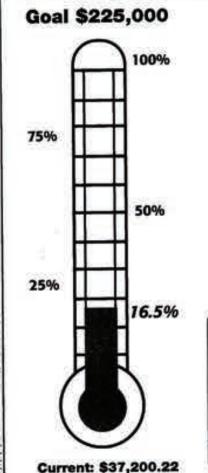
To fix the problem, the doctors made tiny pin holes in Dana's uterus so the water would leak out slowly. After the water pressure was at a safe level, Dana proceeded with natural child delivery.

The doctors told me that, because there was so much water pressure, Sam probably swallowed some water or may have breathing problems, said Dana. "When she came out, she was just completely blue and purple."

The doctor's suspicions of Sam's potential breathing problems had been confirmed.

"After Sam came out, the doctors said I was hemmoraging so they rushed me to the ER [emergency room] and took Sam somewhere else," she said. "Brian was left standing in the hallway, watching us go in opposite

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## 2006 Combined Federal Campaign week 3 results



## C.O.P. Corner



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## Illegal Drug Abuse Signs

Identifying illegal drug use may help prevent further abuse. Possible signs include:

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Changing friends or changing lifestyles - new interests, unexplained cash, new clothes and items not purchased by parent.

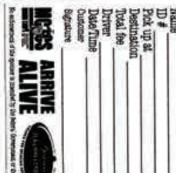
Physical deterioration - difficulty in concentration, loss of coordination, loss of weight, unhealthy appearance, or negligence in hygiene.

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

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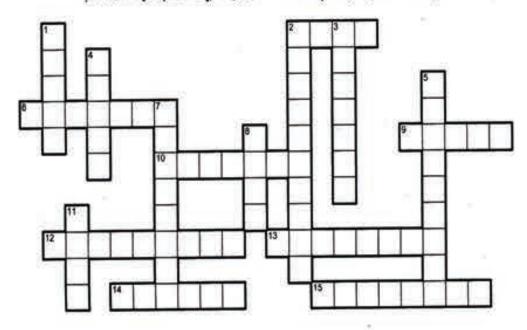


## Sempertoons

By Gunnery Sgt. Charles Wolf



## OCTOBER HISTORY



## ACROSS

- 2. The Berlin \_ was completely destroyed Oct. 3, 1990.
- Columbus arrived with his expedition in Oct. 12, 1492. the present-day \_
- 9. Queen \_\_\_\_ Antoinette was beheaded 2. Oct. 16, 1793.
- declared the last Abraham Thursday in November, Thanksgiving Day, Oct. 3, 1863.
- 12. Theodore was shot from a distance of six feet and wounded, while leaving a hotel in Milwaukee during his campaign tour Oct. 14, 1912.
- Day 13 The first celebration of in America was held in New York City Oct. 12, 1792.
- was assassinated by 14. Indira two Sikh security guards Oct. 31, 1984.
- Marshall was sworn in as an Associate Justice of U.S. Supreme Court, the first black person to this position Oct. 2, 1967.

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## DOWN

- force was established by 1. U.S. the Continental Congress when it authorized construction of two warships, increasing the number to four on Oct. 30, 1775.
- proclaimed the George first National Thanksgiving Oct. 3,
- 3. The Statue of was dedicated in New York Harbor by President Grover Cleveland Oct. 28, 1886.
- declared war on Germany Oct. 13, 1943.
- 5. The San Bay earthquake occurred Oct. 17, 1989.
- was the first woman Kathy to walk in space this day Oct. 11, 1984.
- 25,000 women marched in New York City demanding the right to \_\_\_\_ Oct. 23, 1915.
- 11. Henry introduced the Model T automobile Oct. 2, 1908.

[Solutions on A5]

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"Do you think Terrell Owens tried to commit suicide?"

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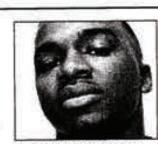
PFC. SEAN KALSETA 3/7, COMPANY I

66 To I don't think so. He'd be pretty stupid if he did."



LANCE CPL. KELSEY SMITH 3/7, COMPANY I

No. If he did, he wouldn't been back on the playing field so quickly."



SGT. GIEDAH ROBBINS 3RD LAR, MOTOR T DRIVER

No way, he's rich and he's a role model."

## What's on your mind?

Centerspeak welcomes questions or submissions from service members, Department of Defense civilians and family members.

Address submissions to:

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# New concrete floors at Camp Wilson keep Marines out of dirt

## Combat Center Marines save Marine Corps \$50,000

CPL. BRIAN A. TUTHILL

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Of the thousands of Marines who have taken part in Mojave Viper training, most would admit the living conditions at Camp Wilson are not the coziest.

But thanks to two Combat Center Marines who have dedicated their time and efforts, the unit living quarters are getting a facelift which will make life a little less rough on the Marines who spend weeks at a time training here.

Staff Sgt. Kevin M. Ferree. staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge, Exercise Support Base, Exercise Support Division, and Cpl. Philip Schreffler, a former infantryman with 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, have laid more than 100 truck loads of concrete onto the floors of the K-spans, half-dome structures where Marines reside at Camp Wilson. They began the 10-day project Sept. 18, laid two concrete slabs per day and finished Monday.

1.000 cubic yards of concrete here, which is easily over 100 truckloads," said Ferree, whose father owns a concrete business, "Every slab we pour each day is 60by 12-feet and four inches thick. But we pour two halves each day so we essentially complete one total Kspan per day.

"This is the biggest project by far I've undertaken, and it's just the two of us," he added. "This would usually be a 10 to 15 man job, so it's pretty big."

Ferree said he volunteered to take on the project and with the help of Schreffler, who had no concreting knowledge. the two have saved the Marine Corps tens of thousands of dollars.

"By doing this, he has saved the Marine Corps close to \$50,000," said Navy Lt. j.g. Earl Chow, assistant public works officer. Facilities Maintenance Division. "For a contractor to come do one of these units, it would cost about \$4,000 each. Usually we try to get volunteer labor. "We've poured over Sea Bees or Marine engineer-



Making sure the cement surface is smooth, Staff Sgt. Kevin Ferree and Cpl. Philip Schreffler work over a freshly poured concrete slab inside of a unit living area at Camp Wilson. Over 10 days, the pair have poured more than 1,000 cubic yards of concrete into 10 buildings where Marines live while going through Mojave Viper training.

ing units out here for work like this.

"Staff Sgt. Ferree has the means and the capability to get the job done," continned Chow. "He's done a

great job out here."

Ferree, a combat engineer by trade, said he knows how much this will mean to the Marines to have concrete floors instead of the dusty sand floors, because of his experience with the former Combined Arms Exercise, now Mojave Viper.

"I came out here as a lance corporal for CAX and we stayed in A-frames with no doors," said Ferree, a 30-yearold York, Penn., native, who has worked at Camp Wilson for two years. "This will real-

ly help Marines training because it will keep them out of the dust. A lot of them tell us the living standards in Iraq are better than what they have here. That hit us hard and we saw more money coming into upgrading the camp."

Living off of energy drinks and sheer determination. Ferree said his and Schreffler's days during the project have begun around 3 a.m. as they poured concrete the rest of the morning. Schreffler said neither of them has changed their concrete-stained clothes or shoes in more than 10 days.

These 10 buildings, when finished, are only a portion of the total number of renovations planned for Camp Wilson over a two- to three-year project, said Chow.

Chow also said some ideas FMD are considering is the installation of air conditioners and more insulation against the summer heat and winter chills.

"We still have a ways to go with the camp, but it's a good start," said Ferree.



The unit living quarters at Camp Wilson are being upgraded to have concrete floors so Marines are no longer sleeping in the sand while attending Mojave Viper training.

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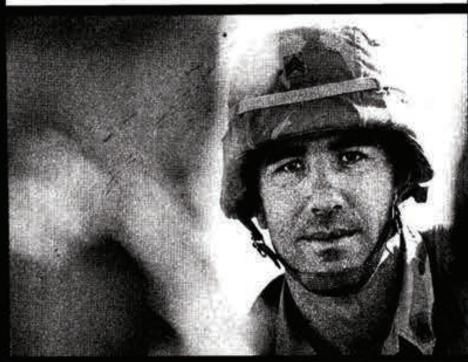


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## PMO cracks down on base access

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"Say a vehicle with five passengers comes to the Main Gate and only the driver has an identification card or a green decal sticker to get on the base, the other passengers will be asked for their LD.s as well," said Staff Sgt. James L. Daly, traffic chief with the Provost Marshal's Office. "If they don't have proper identification to get on base, they will not come on. The only way to have access to the base is with proper identification."

The Provost Marshal's Office is reiterating the enforcement of a Combat Center Order that was reestablished July 26, 2005.

The subject of the order is issuing Department of Defense identification cards and installation access cards to those who have a working contract pertaining to jobs aboard the Combat Center and denying access to those who don't.

The reason PMO is strictly enforcing this order is because of the amount of personnel approaching the base through the Main Gate without proper identification, said Daly, a Penrose. Colo., native.

According to the order, the Combat Center's commanding general is responsible for



Cpl. David J. Nelson, a sentry with the Provost Marshal's Office and a South Jordan, Utah, native, checks identification and vehicle information at the Combat Center Main Gate Wednesday morning.

controlling access aboard the installation. Thus, access is only allowed after personnel submit their DoD identification card to the military sentry. The process of issuing DoD

identification cards for military members and their families remain the same, but the previously issued activity pass that was made for civilian workers was changed last year to the installation access card, or IAC.

The activity pass was simply upgraded from a laminated card to a plastic card similar to a DoD issued identification card, just without a chip, said Gunnery Sgt. Sal M. Castilleja, operations chief with PMO.

All military personnel and their family members, civilian employees and contractors living or working aboard the Combat Center are required to possess DoD issued identification on them at all times while aboard the base and to present them when

requested by authorities. such as PMO sentries.

Temporary employees or day laborers who are sponsored by an authorized unit or directorate and work aboard the Combat Center for a limited duration still require an IAC, or an escort at all times.

"The order covers anyone who comes aboard the base," said Daly. "There are college courses that are held here, and students from the city attend these courses. But without obtaining an access card, they are not permitted aboard. Some personnel have been using one card, or their green vehicle decal, to permit themselves as well as others on the base with them

"If vehicles don't have a green, red or blue decal on their windshield, all personnel in the vehicle will be checked for proper identification or access cards, even if it is not a period of 100 percent identification check. If they do not have either, then they are not permitted aboard the base unless escorted by an authorized sponsor."

The intent of this enforcement is to safeguard the Combat Center through controlled access.

We will be enforcing this really hard now because it is for the safety of the individuals aboard the Combat Center," said Castilleja, a Sonora, Texas, native. "It [the order] is in conjunction with world events. The ones who deploy need to know that their family will be safe and secure at home, while their out fighting for their freedom."

PMO is simply enforcing something that enhances the safety and security of everyone aboard the Com-



LANCE CPL. KATELYN A. KNAUER

Your leave is awaiting approval, your bags are packed, your tickets are bought and you're out the door on your way overseas for a little getaway. The only problem is you didn't get all the necessary requirements done on time and you forgot to take into consideration the training and briefs you have to go through before you can even have your

leave papers signed. Many Marines, sailors and civilian contractors are overlooking the fact that they must complete level one of the Anti-Terrorism, Force Protection Course and attend a foreign travel brief before their leave can be approved.

"The brief discusses terrorist threats and crime situations," said Bruce DeWald, security manager. "Part of the brief is also on counter intelligence."

With terrorism a growing threat, both here in the United States and overseas, Marines must know what to look for when traveling and what to avoid.

The purpose of the AT/FP course, is to increase your awareness of terrorism and to improve your ability to apply personal protective measures. Completion of this training meets the annual requirement for Level 1 antiterrorism training, according to the Web site https:// www.beaufort.usmc.mil/atfp /MCAS\_ATFP.htm.

Along with the brief and the AT/FP course there may other requirements depending on where you are traveling to and your transportation to get there.

"The first thing is to check on passports," said DeWald. "There may be a passport requirement. The next is area entry approval, which means major military commands may have travel restrictions within their area of responsibility."

To check on area entry approval a Marine can check with their battalion adjutant to make sure it is an approved safe travel destination. For example, Pacific Command has travel restrictions within the Philippines.

Another thing travelers should start planning and taking care of now is passports for the coming year. Passports can take up to six weeks to process and in the next year are going to be required for re-entry back

into the United States.

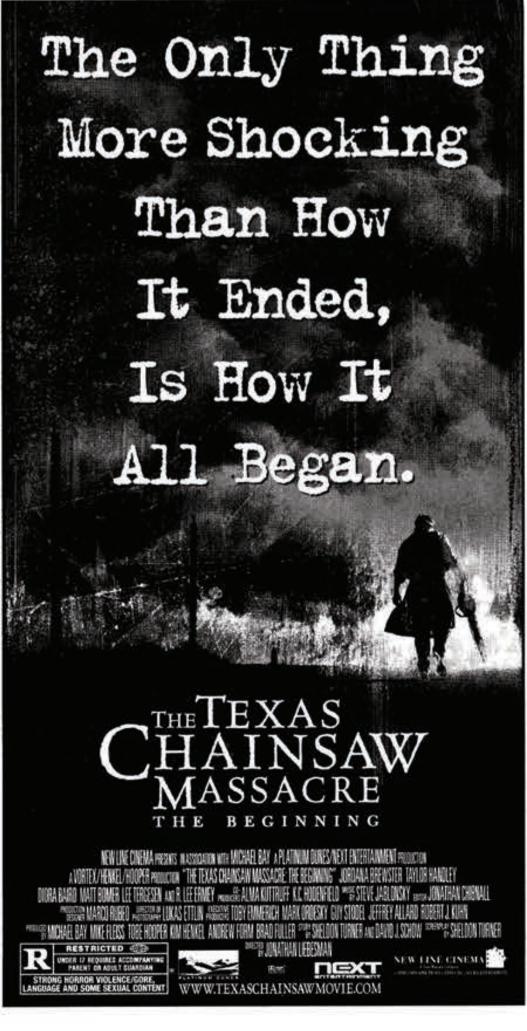
"Mexico, the Caribbean, Bermuda and Panama, starting January 8, 2007, are going to require U.S. citizens to have a valid passport to get back into the U.S. if they are traveling by air or sea," said DeWald. "On January 1, 2008, just one year later, citizens are going to be required to have a valid passport to get back in by ground travel."

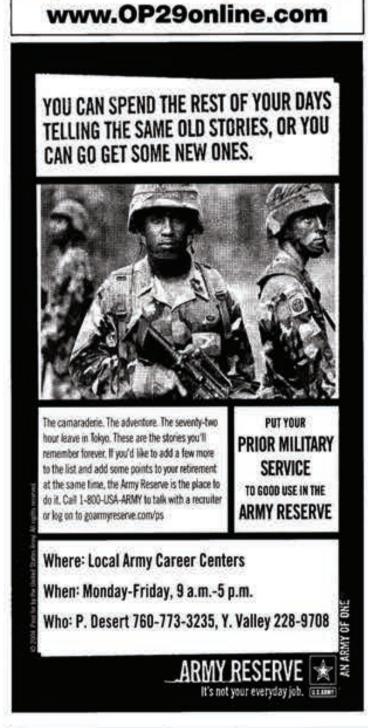
Before traveling, Marines should research all aspects of the country they are going to. Meaning research the language, currency, attractions, hotel reservations and travel arrangements. To avoid becoming a target Marines should learn customs and courtesies and wear appropriate clothing.

"Plan ahead, that's the big thing," said DeWald. "Check and see what you must complete before you spend the money for tickets."

For more information or to set up a time to receive a foreign travel brief, contact Bruce DeWald, 830-7181 or aassistant security manager Rebecca Pinkstaff 830-8690.







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## Iraq's Army assumes control of forces near Fallujah

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ENTAL COMBAT TEAM 5

NASSER WA SALAAM, Iraq - Iraq's army took a leap forward for greater independent responsibility today when the 1st Iraqi Army Division assumed operational control of another brigade.

Marines and soldiers of Regimental Combat Team 5. based in Fallujah, turned over operational control of Iraqi soldiers assigned to 4th Brigade to the 1st Iraqi Army Division in a ceremony marking the transfer of authority. Iraqi soldiers serving in the brigade operate in joint and independent battlespaces ranging from this small city west of Abu Ghraib to regions north of Fallujah.

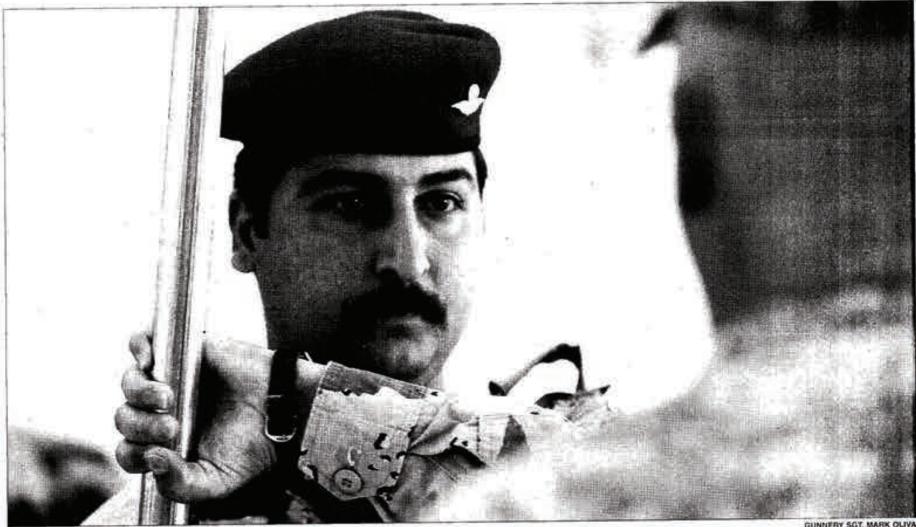
"On behalf of the 5,000 Marines, sailors and soldiers of Regimental Combat Team 5. I want to say how special and important today is," said Col. Larry D. Nicholson, commanding officer of RCT-5.

This was the second such ceremony in as many months. In September, Iraq's 1st Division assumed authority over 3rd Brigade, based in Habbaniyah;

The transfer is part of a planned turnover of forces and independent battlespace to Iraqi Security Forces, who will assume increasing responsibility for fighting terrorism in Al Anhar Province, Iraqi soldiers of 4th Brigade have been fighting alongside Marines in the region battling terrorists. Now, they will continue to work with Marines, but on a more independent basis.

"In July 2004, I walked this ground and imagined what might occur here one day," Nicholson told the gathering of Iraqi commanders and soldiers. That dream today has been fully realized. It's a dream realized through the hard work of the men of 4th Brigade; men on duty and

on the job." Nicholson said Iraqi soldiers proved their mettle in the past months by fighting insurgents alongside Marines, sharing in the risks and the victories over terrorism. Both Marines and Iraqi soldiers, he said, learned to trust and rely upon one another because of the fortitude displayed by Iraqi soldiers - or jundi - on the battlefield.



An Iraqi soldier receives the colors for the 4th Brigade, 1st Iraqi Army Division in a ceremony at Nasser Wa Salaam, Iraq, Oct. 1. The ceremony marked the brigade's tranfer to Iraqi authority, the second such transfer in as many months.

"Last week, jundi, Marines and police patrolled the streets of Gharmah," he explained. "That couldn't have been imagined two years ago. Marine and jundi have fought together, died together and bled together."

Nicholson said Iraqi soldiers' courage was displayed in April when insurgents attacked U.S. and Iraqi Security Forces in Gharmah, a small city north of Fallujah.

"Jundi were down to their last magazine," he said. "They kept fighting and did not stop. That brav-

ery has affected me tremendously."

Iraqi Army Brig. Gen. Abdullah Abdul Satter Abdul Karem, commander of 4th Brigade, said the transfer from U.S. to Iraqi command was a historic occasion for the brigade, stating his traqi soldiers "honor the men of our country."

"This is an indicator of the level of training of the jundi of 4th Brigade," Abdullah said. "We are dedicated to building a free Iraq to defeat terrorism."

Abdulah lauded the sol-

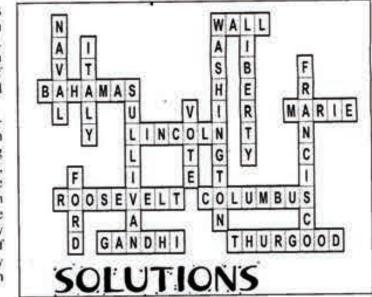
diers of his brigade, reminding them of the security they have already brought to the region. Iraqi soldiers from 4th Brigade fought battles in Fallujah, Gharmah and Karbala, he said. They also distributed medical assistance to local residences and assisted in rebuilding Fallujah following the battle in 2004. Additionally, they protected electoral candidates from assassination attempts prior to Iraq's first free elections last year.

Iraqi soldiers and Marines will continue to fight alongside each other, despite the command relations changing. They will share battlespace and coordinate joint and bilateral operations in the coming months, even as Iraqi Security Forces take charge of greater swaths of territory from Marines in the region.

has changed." Nicholson said, "we'll continue to look forward to working together ... "Although the relationship to defeat the enemy."

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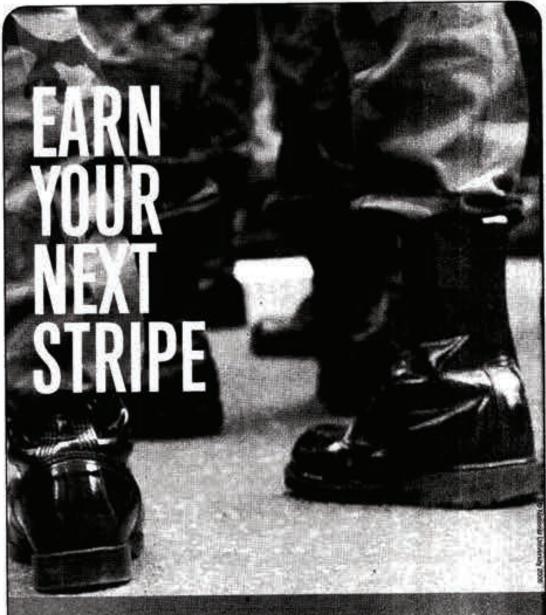
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#### 3RD LAR, from A1

patrols. In Rawah, they set up vehicle checkpoints and worked closely with the Iraqi army. While in Habbaniya, they conducted security operations and dealt closely with the Iraqi people.

On Sept. 27 the battalion received a nice surprise when they walked down the steps of the bus and into a swarm of people. Hidden in the middle of the mass of people were two Marines who were far from ordinary, and held a bond within the battalion not even a rocketpropelled grenade or sniper fire could

Lance Cpl. Isaac Cardenas still wore the title U.S. Marines across his left breast pocket, whereas Cpl. Kenny Lyon took on a whole new appearance, but still carried the presence and morale of a

Cardenas and Lyon were two Marines among others from 3rd LAR that were severely injured, but survived. Both Marines injured in Iraq were sent home early because of injuries they sustained.

"I got hit by an RPG and got shot in the head by sniper fire," said Cardenas. "I can't wait to see everyone, I'm sure they are going to love to see Lyon and

the rest of the injured guys, and know that we are doing fine.

Lyon, who traveled all the way from Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., made his way across the field to greet his fel-

Lyon, who received injuries ranging from an amputated left leg, a broken jaw bone, nerve damage in his arms, a dislocated thumb and shrapnel, which entered two inches into his brain, could have fooled anyone with his charm and excitement that couldn't be matched.

"It's good to be here," said Lyon, "We lost a lot of guys, and I knew I had to be here when the rest of the Marines came

As Marines exited off the bus and walked by Lyon many stopped in their tracks and did a complete double take.

"It's good to see him," said Cpl. Andrew Henry. T've known him for four years.

As time passed, Marines began to leave the field with their loved ones and fellow Marines. Some headed for a home cooked meal, others for a living room filled with family. All had the same thought on their mind, "It's good



Family members and friends cheer as 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion Marines and sailors arrived home Sept. 27 after serving a seven month deployment in support of Operation Iraqii

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directions. He looked over at me and I said to go with her." she said.

Brian Vargyas said he recalls that very incident.

"Talk about feeling totally helpless. I lost it at that point because I didn't know if I needed to be the husband or the father," he said.

Doctors told Dana she couldn't touch her daughter until she was stable.

"Imagine not being able to hold or touch or talk to your child because if you get her excited, her heart rate would get too high and she could go into cardiac arrest." said Dana.

When Dana finally got to hold Samantha six hours later, there were numerous wires and tubes coming out

"I pumped, 585 boules of breast milk for her because it was the only thing I could do for her that the doctors couldn't do," said Dana.

Aside from Samantha's breathing difficulty, she also had major heart and intestinal problems. It was not mail after Samantha was 14 months old that she had surgery to seal the holes in her heart. It was a 50-50 chance of survival, and Samantha

pulled through. Brian said the doctors told the Vargyas family that Samantha was going to die on four separate occasions through her first year. truly is a miracle," said Brian.

Samantha's high tolerance for pain and her smarts have carned her mother's respect. "Your child really can teach you just as much as you teach them," said Dana.

Samantha shares her thoughts and feelings with her family by use of signlanguage. She also knows where all her medication tubes belong on her body. said Dana.

We treat her like a normal kid," she said, "Even though she can't eat through her mouth, she sits at the table with us at dinner time and mocks how we cat. We make her who she is."

For Dana, the everyday task of round-the-clock care required for her daughter has become routine.

'All the things we need to do as parents is added on to all the medical care she needs.

You just do what you have to do." said Dana.

Although Samantha's progress is apparent, her condition still differs from day to day.

"Some nights she'll go to bed fine and wake up the next morning really sick," said Dana.

Brian agreed. "With [Sam], it is not a hit or miss; it's steady progression and constant work.

Dana said it was tough at first. "I was mad at God for the longest time, but then I realized that God had his way of slowing me down. I was living to work, not working to live."

Now, Brian said he is looking forward to some quality time with his family and being there for them. "Samantha really is accomplishing the impossible."



Staff Sgt. Vargyas gives his daughter Samantha a big kiss after seeing her walk for the first time.

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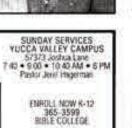
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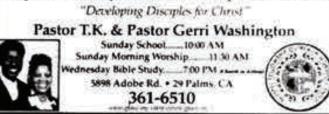
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## The Stories of Cesar Chavez enlightens Combat Center



Federico Blanco, a free lance stage actor from Los Angeles, portrays an old hipster from the 1940's during his one-man presentation of The Stories of Cesar Chavez at the Protestant Chapel Tuesday afternoon. The old hipster represents a man who came in contact with Cesar Chavez, a Mexican-American labor activist, during his journey for justice.

CPL. MICHAEL S. CIFUENTES

"I am convinced that the truest act of courage, the strongest act of manliness is to sacrifice ourselves for others in a totally non-violent struggle for justice." - Cesar Chavez

Federico Blanco, a free lance stage actor from Los Angeles, presented The Stories of Cesar Chavez, a oneman performance, at the Protestant Chapel Tuesday afternoon.

Through a one-of-a-kind presentation, Blanco took with him the minds of all attendees and brought them to the late 1940's, where the story of Cesar Chavez, an inspirational civil rights leader, began.

Chavez was a Mexican-American labor activist and leader of the United Farm Workers. During the 20th century he was a leading voice for migrant farm workers, people who move from place to place in order to find work. His tireless leadership focused national attention on these laborers' terrible working conditions, which eventually led to improvements.

Blanco portrayed Chavez' story from the day he met his wife, Helen, to the day he began an uprising, nonviolent means of speaking for people like himself. He ran into many people who affected his life and his visions of better living. Through a change of characters, Blanco shared with the attendees how those people interacted with Chavez, and likewise, how Chavez's life was moved by them, whether negatively or positively.

"I thought it was a great performance," said Pfc. Christina Mena, an administration clerk with the Installation Personnel Administration Center. "He did a great job portraying all the personalities. Through his act, he showed a point that most races have tried to get across that there are no outsiders.

Blanco's mission was to subject attendees to history, education and heritage through his unique form of art. Chavez's story in particular is a story most inspirational to Californians, civil rights followers and Hispanics all over the world, said Blanco.

"It doesn't matter who you are or what background you come from, this story is about accomplishing what you desire to accomplish the most life," said Blanco.

"Chavez had to drop out of Hispanic leader. school after finishing 8th grade. Ever since, he was self taught and worked in fields. Everything he did since he was a kid, he did on his own.

"It is important to see that someone like Chavez, a man without much, who relates to many people back then and now, achieve excellent goals, because we all can do just as much as he did if we have his same passion." he continued. "He was really about being the spokesperson of not just the migrant workers, but every man who demanded a better life for him, his family or his people. Chavez had the tools to speak to anyone, and at the same time, was humble to know why and for whom he is doing what he did.

"Chavez did not consider himself a leader; he considered himself as an organizer," added Blanco. "But people followed him."

Hispanic Heritage Month began Sept. 15 and ends Oct. 15. It celebrates the independence of many Latin-American countries. It is for this reason, that Gunnery Sgt. Herrick Ross, the Combat Center's equal opportunity advisor, invited Blanco aboard the base to perform his show about a distinguished

convinced that the truest act of courage, the strongest act of manliness is to sacrifice ourselves for others in a totally non-violent struggle for justice."

—Cesar Chavez

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Sun 7:30 a.m. Rosary Sun 8 a.m. Catholic Mass\* Sun 9 a.m. Faith Formation/CCD (Bldg1551) Sun 9 a.m. Military Council of Catholic Women (Bldg, 1551) Sun 9:15 a.m. Confessions+ Sun 10 a.m. Rosary

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Sun 8 a.m. Worship\* Tue 7 p.m. Praise and Worship\*

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Sun 3 p.m. Worship Christ Chapel 2 p.m. Study of Book of Acts

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#### MONDAY Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel Mon-Fri 11:45 a.m Catholic Mass

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Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel 5 - 7:30 p.m. Catechist Meeting (Second Tuesday of the month) 4 - 5:30 p.m. Children's RCIA 6 p.m. Baptism Class 1st Tuesday each Month

Christ Chapel

9 a.m. Christian Women Fellowship\* 7 p.m. Praise and Worship C&E Mess Hall Bldg. 1660 11:30 a.m. Bible Study Chaplain Flint 830-6187 **Base Housing** 6 p.m. All Hands Bible Study

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#### WEDNESDAY Village Center

11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting in the Prayer Room

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#### THURSDAY Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel 7 p.m. Knights of Columbus

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Christ Chapel 7 p.m. Lay-Led Apostolic Bible Study

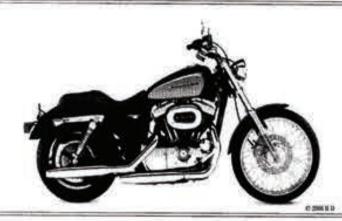
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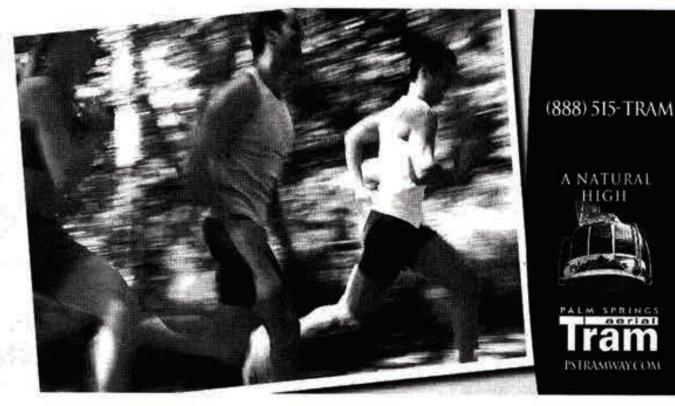
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Sgt. Kurtis Bellmont, platoon sergeant for 3rd Platoon, L Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, looks over his Marines while in the field in Bridgeport, Calif. Bellmont, a threetime Iraq veteran, draws from his experiences as pointman, fire team leader, squad leader, platoon sergeant and platoon commander to lead his Marines on and off the battlefield.

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## 3/7 platoon sergeant draws from three combat tours to lead Devil Dogs

CPL. BRIAN A. TUTHILL

After spending nearly half of his Marine Corps career in Iraq during three combat tours, a 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment platoon sergeant draws from his leadership roles at each level to take charge and lead his Marines.

Sgt. Kurtis R. Bellmont, platoon sergeant for 3rd Platoon, Lima Company, 3/7, is one of only three Marines to remain with 3/7 since the initial push to Baghdad in 2003. He began his time with 3rd Platoon as a pointman and moved up to fire team leader, squad leader and now as platoon sergeant, has also served as platoon commander. Only recently promoted to the rank of sergeant, Bellmont accomplished all of this as a corpo-

After enlisting in the Marine Corps in February 2002. Bellmont attended the School of Infantry and was selected for and passed the grueling Marine Corps reconnaissance indoctrination test. But while training at the Amphibious Reconnaissance School in Norfolk, Va., he broke his leg and was sent as a rifleman to 3/7.

Soon after, Bellmont found himself in Iraq. He was promoted to lance corporal en route to Baghdad in April 2003. As a pointman, he was kicking down doors and thriving on the adrenaline that comes with it.

"I was a little nervous about being pointman, until I experienced the rush of entering a building and not knowing what was going to be on the other side and knowing there is a Marine coming right behind you," said Bellmont, a 24-year-old Cold Spring, Minn., native,

"We were going through an Iraqi Army brigade compound and we're thinking there were going to be 6,000 fraqis against a battalion of Marines," he continued. "Basically, none of us knew what we were going in to. We started kicking in doors and another Marine and I would argue over who was going to be pointman because we both loved it so much."

After he returned in September 2003 from deployment, the battalion was just coming off their 30 days of combat leave when they were told they would be deploying again in four months.

He moved on to become a fire team leader for his second tour. His team was ordered to provide ground security for a sniper team during a mission. That morning, five planned attacks were carried out against 3/7 Marines and one of the snipers Bellmont was with took four bullet wounds to his leg.

Bellmont immediately took charge and made arrangements for a medical evacuation of the Marines while applying life-saving first aid. His actions that day earned him a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with a combat "V." His story was also detailed in the bestselling book, The Gift of Valor.

"When the snipers were hit, I didn't understand what was going on and when that was going on, it looked like he didn't know what he was doing," said Staff Sgt. Peter "Link" Milinkovic, platoon commander, 1st Platoon. Lima Company, 3/7. "But in reality, he was running the show on the ground and really took charge. He saved that Marine's life and read the situation. He called for a medical evacuation and was in control.

"In Iraq you can be thrown with any number of different scenarios and you just have to

learn how to react to each one properly," said Milinkovic, who was a private first class when Bellmont arrived as a private to 3rd Platoon. "He is the kind of leader you want out there in Iraq." During his 20 collective

months in Iraq, Bellmont has not been without close calls.

"The very first IED [improvised explosive device] that went off against the battalion in March, I was standing about 15 feet from, but the explosion went more upward than outward," said Bellmont, who faced another IED less than one month later. "It was one of those days where we knew something bad was going to happen. Our mission was to walk right down Main Street and we all kind of said our goodbyes to one another.

"We're walking out and I had this gut feeling to walk on the right side of the formation, but I usually walk on the left. I have no idea why," said Bellmont. "When the IED went off, the Marine who swapped places with me took shrapnel in his face. I was behind a Humvee when it detonated so I was safe."

April 8, 2004, proved to be especially perilous for 3/7 when six IEDs were detonated against them. Bellmont said one Marine died, and only 33 of 42 Marines returned unscathed after going out that morning.

Bellmont also earned a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with combat "V" after coming to the aid of his fellow Marines and sailors when IEDs destroyed two Humvees driving in front of him.

But through these incidents and his time overseas, Bellmont said he really began to see the bigger picture of . how to take care of his Marines as a fire team leader. To him, leading and managing Marines was a simple for-

"As a fire team leader, you have three guys who you take care of," he said. "As a squad leader, you have three fire team leaders to take care of. Yes, you have 12 guys, but your three squad leaders you trust to take care of their three. As a platoon sergeant, I have three squad leaders I put in that position who I see have those characteristics : they need to take care of their ! guys."

Milinkovic, who saw Bellmont grow as a leader over their four years together with 3/7, said Bellmont was hungry for leadership roles and more responsibility where others may have buckled or shied away.

"As a squad leader, I saw his experience really kick in," said Milinkovic. "Having the pride inside to do that job backed with all that experience. You can't teach experience in any school and people's lives depend on that. He's seen the mistakes first hand when things go wrong."

Although the battalion is still receiving Marines in preparation for their fourth deployment to Iraq next year, Milinkovic said Bellmont's appointment to platoon sergeant and platoon commander as a corporal was because of his passion and effectiveness as a leader of Marines.

"A Marine could follow you because you have a rocker on your chevron or because he sees a passion in you and you motivate him," he said. "You could do that in your first year in the Marine Corps or it may take you until your

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"Being able to touch a
Marine and make him want
to follow you is the sign of a
good leader," added
Milinkovic. "This guy has
proven he cares about them
and can lead them."

Bellmont said he loves being at the Combat Center because he goes rock climbing and enjoys summer motor sports year round. But he said he will submit a package to move on to Marine Security Guard duty as 3/7 prepares to go to Iraq again. One of his reasons for staying so long was to ensure his Marines were handed off to a strong leader.

"My company does not want me to stick around much because I'll just stagnate here," said Bellmont, who has not taken leave to see his family since January. "Now that we have a good staff NCO [noncommissioned officer], I can take some leave and put in my package and I can start my transition."

One of the things Bellmont said he loves most about leading Marines is seeing them come into their own and find their inner strengths.

"I love watching Marines grow," he said. "Every single Marine in the platoon I've seen since their arrival to the fleet. They were all scared and they have the new PFC look. Then look at them now."

For those Marines up and coming in leadership roles in the Corps, Bellmont has advice: Trust your Marines and let them make their mis-

"We've all got the same building blocks, they just need help putting them into position," he said. "Learning to pull back is one of the hardest things to do. All you have to do is help them guide those blocks, but don't place them for them. Give them enough rope to hang themselves, but have the chair ready when they do."



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## Navy chaplain makes waves with coffee shop in Iraq

LANCE CPL. RAY LEWIS

CAMP HABBANIYAH, Iraq

Navy Lt. John G. Anderson is giving the fancy big-hame coffee chains a run for their money.

Anderson, the battalion chaplain for 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, opened a free coffee shop for Marines and sailors deployed here.

I wanted a place where they can come for a good cup of coffee and relax," said Anderson, 38, of Anoka, Minn.

He called the place "He-Brews Coffee," after the book of Hebrews in the New Testament of the Holy Bible, Anderson explained.

The idea for the java joint first brewed during a deployment to Iraq in 2005.

When I got my coffee roaster, I thought, 'Why not have fresh roasted coffee on deployment too?'" he explained, "It worked out great. People loved the coffee."

 Still, Anderson had faith he could do better. This time he wanted to provide a spot for Marines and sailors to sit down and relax. He's diversified his drink offerings to give them a taste of home out here.

I thought I can do shots of espresso, froth milk, get flavored syrups ...," he said. "I thought I'd kick it up a notch baby!"

That's what he did.

With some coffee planning, donations and collecting, He-Brews Coffee was open for coffee connoisseurs after a month in country. The place has a handmade stone patio, coffee tables and plas-



Navy Lt. John G. Anderson, chaplain for 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, started a coffee shop called He-Brews Coffee that provides coffee for deployed Marines and sailors.

tic chairs all under desert camouflage netting.

When coffee drinkers walk in to Anderson's shop they can find him in a He-Brews Coffee apron below a menu board and behind a wood counter he made himself.

Marines and sailors can order everything from espresso to lattes, which are rarities here.

When something's rare it becomes more valuable," Anderson said. "When it's been a couple months since you've had a couple shots of espresso with frothed milk and some flavored syrup, you realize how you really appreciate the simple things like that."

Anderson said this wouldn't be possible without the generous donations he received. He gave credit for He-Brews Coffee to all who provided materials to make a coffee shop in Iraq possible.

For some, it's a coffee drinker's oasis in the desert, but others on camp are skeptical.

I had some guys from 2nd Recon stop over here, and they thought the sign was a joke," Anderson said. "One of the guys came in and said, 'What do you got going on here,' and I said, 'What do you want? You want a latte?' He said, 'You make lattes?' I said, 'Absolutely."

Anderson made the Marine a latte and then he knew the joke was over and hollered at all his buddies that were staged here in their gun trucks. They all swarmed into the shop.

I made them all coffees," said Anderson. "They sat on the patio and were relaxing here for a couple of hours listening to their iPods, reading and drinking coffee. Just about all of them told me this is the coolest thing since we've been in Iraq. That really made my day because I was able to provide them with something that made a difference for them in a tangible way."

With more than 1,000 coffee drinkers coming to the shop, it's not uncommon for a spiritual conversation to arise with the chaplain.

That happens every day,"

Anderson said. "We'll be talking, laughing about something and they'll say, 'Chaplain I've always wondered about ...,' and it'll lead into a spiritual conversation."

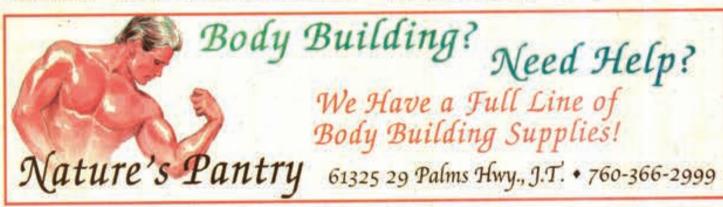
Although he welcomes conversation, he didn't open up the coffee shop for the

I just wanted to do something to serve these Marines and sailors," Anderson said. "But I knew that that was going to happen, so why not? It works out well."

Even with the recent success, Anderson has no plans of slowing down his grind. He's looking ahead to the colder months and is eyeing an indoor shop.

Anderson said he wants to 
"take my office area and put it 
where my bedroom is and 
open it up and put some tables 
and chairs on the inside. 
Especially when it starts getting a little colder too, guys 
don't want to sit outside ... but 
we'll see."

Anderson also wants to make He-Brews Coffee mobile so Marines and sailors who are stationed at off-base outposts can enjoy a hot cup of coffee.





## New kid on the block

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Fifteen-year-old Jamie Spradley, the daughter of deployed Gunnery Sgt. John Bass of 7th Marine Regiment, was recently crowned the 2006 Ms. Philippines Universe. The pageant was held in Los Angeles Saturday, where she competed against contestants aged 16 through 29.

Spradley is also a member of an upand-coming all-girl group called Willow, who was recently signed by Univer-sal/Blackground Records. The group is currently working under the direction of Grammy nominated producer/songwriter Alex Cantrall.

The group's first single is scheduled to be released February 2007. Check out their Web site at http://willowgirls.com.



Jamie Spradley pictured above won the 2006 Ms. Phillipines Universe pageant.

## Birth announcements

TOMMY MAXWELL WARD

Son of 1st Sgt. and Mrs. Will Ward III Born Aug. 15, 2006 weighing 9 lbs. 3 oz. and measuring 21.5 inches.

PEYTON TAVIS SUTTON

Son of Master Sgt. and Mrs. David E. Sutton Born Aug. 18, 2006 weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz. and measuring 20.6 inches.

MASON BRADLEY MYOTT

Son of Seaman Apprentice and Mrs. Brandon

Born Aug. 19, 2006 weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz. and measuring 21 inches.

GAVIN RAY BAKER

Son of Sgt. and Mrs. Isaiah E. Baker Born Aug. 19, 2006 weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz. and measuring 20.5 inches.

LOGAN TAYLOR COURVILLE

Son of 1st Sgt. and Mrs. Jean-Paul Courville Born Aug. 23, 2006 weighing 7 lbs. 4 oz. and measuring 20.4 inches.

JAMES DYLAN JOWELL

Son of Lance Cpl. and Mrs. James Jowell Born Aug. 26, 2006 weighing 7 lbs. 10 oz. and measuring 20.9 inches.

MICHAEL NOEL STEPHENS

Son of Sgt. and Mr. Karen Stephens Born Aug. 27, 2006 weighing 6 lbs. 5 oz. and measuring 20.4 inches.

SAVANNAH LEANNE MAGNUSON

Daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. Allan Magnuson Born Aug. 30, 2006 weighing 9 lbs, and measuring 21 inches.

NOAH ALEXANDER SOLANA

Son of Cpl. and Mrs. Nikolas A. Solana Born Aug. 30, 2006 weighing 9 lbs. and measuring 22.1 inches.

TRINITY LEEANN HAMMACK

Daughter of Cpl. and Mrs. Jeremy Hammack Born Aug. 31, 2006 weighing 10 lbs. 8 oz. and measuring 23.2 inches.

KAILEE NOEL JAAKKOLA

Daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. Travis W. Jaakkola Born Aug. 31, 2006 weighing 6 lbs. 8 oz. and measuring 19.4 inches.

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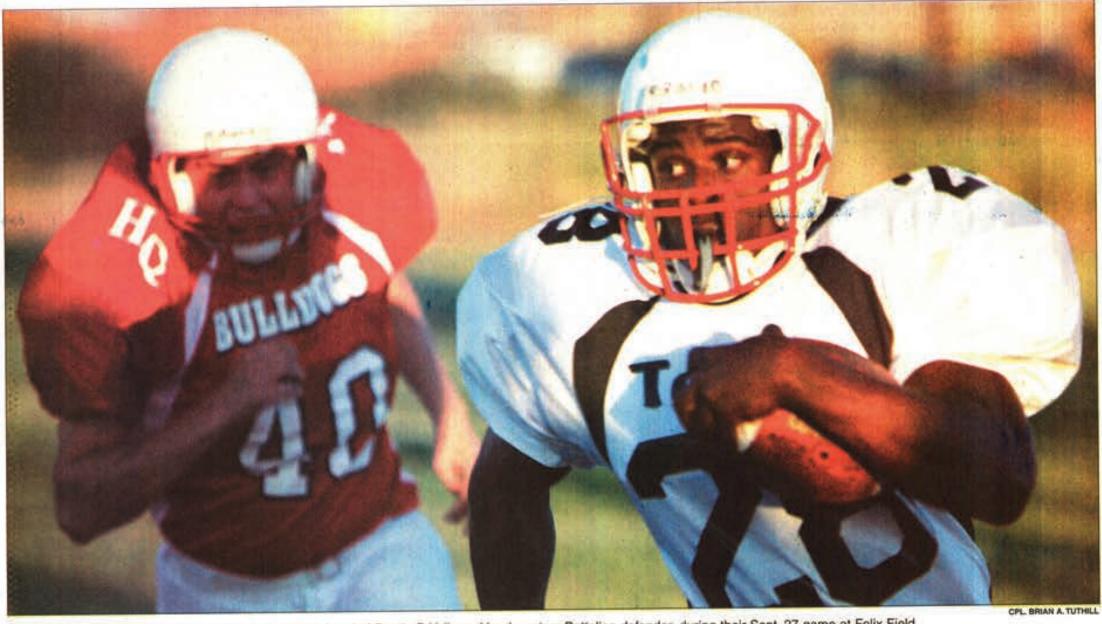
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# SPORTS & LEISURE

# **HQBN knocks Tanks off track, 41-0**



Alfred G. Russell, 1st Tank Battalion, stays one step ahead of Dustin P. Vollmer, Headquarters Battalion defender, during their Sept. 27 game at Felix Field.

CPL. BRIAN A. TUTHILL

Cheers, jeers and the thud of hard tackles came again to Felix Field as Headquarters Battalion

shut out 1st Tank Battalion in the Commanding General's Intramural Football League Sept. 27.

Players from HQBN said Tanks is their biggest rival after they snatched both league title and the regional championships away from them last year. About 50 spectators turned out on each side of the field to cheer on

When the game began, HQBN quickly set the pace for what would become a 41-0 shutout when they scored a touchdown within minutes of their first possession.

"Our hard work and dedication showed out there tonight," said Leonard Crawford, HQBN head coach. "They were the returning champs from last year, and we had to prove we could knock them off of the throne. They knocked us off last year, and we're going to knock them off this year.

Although HOBN had intercepted a Tanks pass, their field goal attempt was no good, leaving the score at 7-0. Tanks was suppressed and forced to punt on fourth down as the first quarter ended.

Electronics School Fun Run Sept. 29.

Headquarters took full advantage of their

return, converting on fourth down and picking up the first. Their next run play moved them dozens of yards, eventually landing a touchdown and successful point after, bringing the score to 14-0 with six minutes remaining before the half.

Tanks received the ball and held their ground, but were unable to move the ball the full 10 yards and punted it away on their fourth down inside the two minute warning.

It was HQBN's running back Antonio Posey's 54-yard run and touchdown which had the HQBN crowd screaming and on their feet as the score became 21-0.

But that was not the only rough time Tanks suffered before the half.

With only 46 seconds on the clock, HQBN intercepted an errant pass and again charged across the goal line. Although HQBN missed the field goal, the score was solidified at 27-0 when the buzzer sounded.

"We need to go out there like it's a whole new ball game," Crawford told his players during the break. He said they should treat the score as if it were 0-0.

When both teams emerged back on the field, Tanks was back on the offense and pushed far up the field, but they were again forced to punt the ball on fourth down.

Back on the offensive, HQBN pushed back

harder and a 46-yard run by Philip Schreffler brought their score to 34-0 with a successful field goal.

After a handful of possessions and punts went back and fourth into the fourth quarter, HQBN eventually managed to edge their way to the goal line. As the pass was thrown to an open receiver, Tanks defenders intercepted the ball in flight in the end zone.

With less than 10 minutes remaining, more than 90 yards in front of them and 34 points to catch up to, it was no wonder Tanks fans weren't expecting a comeback.

When Tanks fumbled the ball on their advance and Headquarters recovered, the game must have seemed decided to those on the sidelines. But when Tanks intercepted the next HQBN pass, HQBN answered right back with an interception of their own.

With less than 40 yards to the end zone again, HOBN ran and passed their way into the end zone for another seven points after the field goal.

Although a win at this points was unlikely for Tanks with only six minutes left in the ball

game, they did not count themselves out. "We're going for it! Crazier things have

happened," said one Tanks player on the field. And go for it they did. Tanks managed to shrug off a sack deep in the backfield and then

successfully convert a fourth down play. Tanks managed to move the ball to the eight yard line as the clock continued to wind down with less than a minute left.

The final blow for Tanks was a goal line fumble which HQBN recovered in the final seconds of the game.

"We beat them tonight because we have a lot of dedication on the team and we have great athletes," said Schreffler. "What made this happen was our conditioning, first off, which let us play the whole game. Second we have a fantastic line."

Tanks players held a different outlook of the game, not because of a lack of will or sheer strength, but because of a lack of teamwork

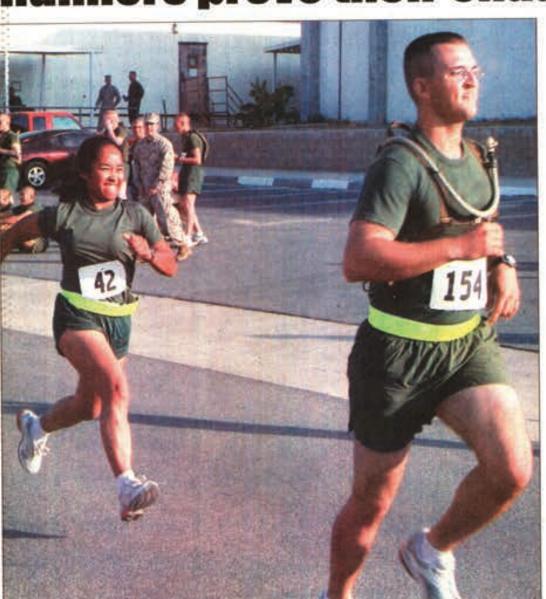
"I feel we didn't get beat by a better team, we beat ourselves and made mistakes," said Jonathan Griffith, Tanks wide receiver. The team wasn't matching up very well out there. They are big, but we can execute and move around them.

Griffith said he's sure the team will be ready for their rematch next week.

"Our next game is against Tanks again on the 11th and we're going to come out and play the same kind of football," said Crawford.

The next Tanks versus HQBN game will be Wednesday at Felix Field. Games begin

## Runners prove their endurance in MCCES Fun Run



Amporn Pelegrino, a Mather, Calif., native, sprints toward the finish line in an effort to pass Jonathan, Dyson, an Olathe, Kan., native, during the 2nd Marine Corps Communication-

CIFUENTES

More than 150 Combat Center Marines, sailors and civilians gathered on Sturgis Road and 10th Street, on the morning of Sept. 29 with their running shoes tied tight and leg muscles stretched and warm. They were on their mark and set - ready to run a half marathon or 10 kilometers at the call of "go."

These service members participated in the 2nd Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School Fun Run. The purpose of the run was to help the school raise money for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball, said Maj. Jay Parker, the officer-in-charge of the marathon.

The run consisted of twoevents, which began at the same time; a half marathon individual and team run, which was 13.1 miles, and a 10k individual run.

Fifteen dollars was collected from each individual who ran the 10k run, \$20 was collected from those who ran the half marathon and \$80 was collected from the 5-person team who ran the half marathon.

After 40 minutes and 5 seconds of hustling through the race's route, Christopher

Silva was the first male to cross the finish line, placing first in the 10k run. David Kimberly came in second, trailing one minute and 10 seconds behind Silva, and Jonathan LeClair placed third finishing the race 44:17

Silva the personnel chief with the Installation Personnel Administration Center, had recently returned from a deployment to Iraq, His combat stamina followed him back to the Combat Center, he said.

"It was a very good run on a very familiar course," said Silva, a San Antonio native. "The down-hills made it very easy, and it made me stay relaxed. I PT'ed [physically trained] a lot in Iraq, so I had the endurance.

"I'm glad I participated in this event because it was for a great cause," he added. "I'm very happy to support the school and help them raise money for their ball. It's a good way to test us Marines and at the same time, make some money."

Rhesa Ashbacher . ran through the finish line first for the females in the 10kilometer run at a time of 46:20. Amporn Pellegrino placed second finishing in Andrea Molinar 63:18. paced behind Pellegrino, finishing 10 minutes after her.

All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners were awarded a medal, gold, silver and bronze, respectively, by Parker. All 10k runners were given a certificate for participating in the race.

"This was a great turnout better than last run," said Parker, an Oskaloosa, Kan., native, referring to the 30-person turnout at the first Fun Run in April. "The purpose of the run, other than raising money for our ball, was to get the Marines out here in the morning for some good conditioning, friendly competition and fun. I saw a lot of Marines get really motivated, especially when crossing the finish line."

Matt Michaels was the first male to cross the finish line after running for 1:32.32 in the half marathon. A minute and 13 seconds later, Edgar Escobar placed second and Keith Caselton finished the race in 3rd place, a minute

and a half after Escobar. "This was definitely an exciting run," said first place half marathoner Michaels, a Marinette, Wis., native. "I've been training for a full marathon, so I was disappointed when they shortened it. But it was very competitive."

See FUN RUN, B8

# Marines seek thrills at Six Flags

LANCE CPL. NICOLE A. LAVINE

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

VALENCIA, Calif.—Fortythree Marines partook in an all-day trip to Magic Mountain Six Flags Amusement Park in Velencia, Calif., Saturday. The Marines left the Zone at 8:30 a.m. and arrived back at the Combat

Center around 11:45 p.m.

The Single Marine Program serves several purposes. It offers cheap prices and reliable transportation to numerous events and local hotspots, it puts the command's mind at ease to know that Marines are in a safe environment, and it is an assurance of an interactive pastime for those who join in the events.

"This is a win-win situation for the battalion," said Doug Dougwillo, the SMP Coordinator. "It's one less Marine the command has to worry about, and it gives Marines a chance to mingle in their own age groups."

At Six Flags, Marines rode thrill rides like the Goliath, the Dejavu, Tatsu and X. The park also features a free-flying drop, called the Dive Devil, and the Thrill Shot, a highspeed vertical climb that can

flip the rider onto his stomach.
For first-time Marines like
Pfc. Benjamin Factor with
Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School,
Company A, the SMP trip had

a good first impression.

"This gave me a chance to see more of California and meet other Marines I wouldn't have met otherwise. I would definitely recommend this to anyone who has not been on one of the trips," said Factor. It was also a first for Cpl.

It was also a first for Cpl. Michael Steen with 2nd Marine Logistics Group and a Portland, Ore., native. "I had never messed with this idea [SMP] before, but I like how it gives [Marines] a chance to be in a good crowd. Plus, it's about half as cheap than if you tried doing this on your own," he said.

Dougwillo said if a Marine saved the amount of cash required to drive a privately owned vehicle to a local amusement park, park the car and pay for gas, he could use that money to buy a few CD's at the PX. "Everyone likes to save some money," he said.

Pfc. Jeremy Sipes, Company B, MCCES, agrees. "It's great to get prices that are cheap. The SMP gives you a lot to do instead of sitting at the barracks or getting into trouble."

Not all SMP trips are to amusement parks. The trips also include sporting events, seasonal festivities, and it hosts various events at the Zone, as well. "We work for them [the Marines]. If they have things they'd like to do, all they've got to do is put it in the suggestion box and wait for it to get approved in the SMP council meetings," said Dougwillo.





## Information, Tickets and Tours: The name says it all

LANCE CPL. REGINA N. ORTIZ

COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Most military installations provide movie theaters, dining facilities, gyms and recreation facilities, but once in while people just need to get away.

Information, Tickets and Tours, located in the Main Exchange, is the place to go for weekend getaways and adventures.

In conjunction with various companies, ITT receives tickets to amusement parks and vouchers to hotels at a discounted price and sells the items for one dollar more than they paid. Depending on the facility, the discounts range anywhere from \$9 to \$40, said Laure Mosteller, ITT employee.

ITT has vouchers for more than 15 hotels near amusement parks and attractions in the Southern California area that saves a customer more than \$70.

Customers can save \$9 off the gate price at Disneyland or California Adventure. Annual passes are also available.

The Southern California
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day at the San Diego Zoo or
San Diego Zoo's Wild Animal Park.

Also available are tickets for Knott's Berry Farm, Medieval Times, Six Flags Magic Mountain, Aquarium of the Pacific, Pharaohs Lost Kingdom Adventure Park, Legoland, Sea World, Birch Aquarium and San Diego Harbor Excursions.

There is also a wide variety of museums and specialfy sites such as the Hollywood Wax Museum, the Guinness Book of World Records, the San Diego Aerospace Museum, the R.H. Fleet Science Museum, the National Comedy Theater, the San Diego Maritime Museum, the Pacific Southwest Railway Train and Museum, and the Richard Nixon Library and birthplace.

Ski lift tickets are also available for Big Bear Mountain Resorts with a \$7 savings off the gate price. Lift tickets are interchangeable between Snow Summit and Big Bear and there is a free shuttle service between the two resorts.

ITT also makes reservations for Lake Havasu vacation rentals. Marine Corps Community Services have nine vacation rentals at Lake Havasu's Crazy Horse Campgrounds, located on a small island, providing privacy and proximity to town. The rentals are equipped with full-size refrigerators, stoves, microwaves, coffee makers and cable television. There are water sport rentals throughout the city with a variety to choose from. The two-story Island Fashion Mall is also nearby. Kayak tours and golfing are available as well.

"We try to get the lowest prices we can," said Mosteller. "We know the Combat Center is pretty isolated, so we try our best to get service members away for a low, convenient price."

The ITT crew is available to sell tickets and book getaways Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call 830-6163, extension 252.

## **SPORT SHORTS**

2ND ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIONEER DAYS VOLKSLAUF MUD RUN

The Volkslauf, or "Peoples Run," is a cross-country run for all ages. The course is a challenging three-mile run over, under and through various obstacles, many of them water and mud filled. Everyone, men, women and children, are welcome to attempt to finish this course. Teams of five are highly encouraged. Teams must have both male and female runners, and can be representing military units, police and fire departments, businesses, schools, other organizations, families, or nobody in particular. The event will be held at Hilltoppers Grand Prix Course, also known as the 29 Palms Motor Sports Arena, 4 miles east of the Adobe Road and Route 62 intersection, on the right hand side. Look for the cellular antenna cleverly disguised as a palm tree. The event begins at 8 a.m., on Oct. 21. To enter, call (760) 367-1264 and select mailbox #3. The cost is \$10 for children 14 and under, \$75 for teams, which includes Tshirts, and \$20 for adults.

## LEISURE ....

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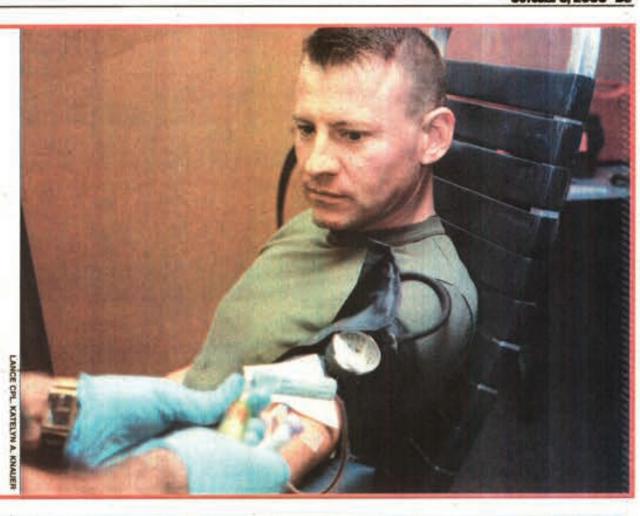
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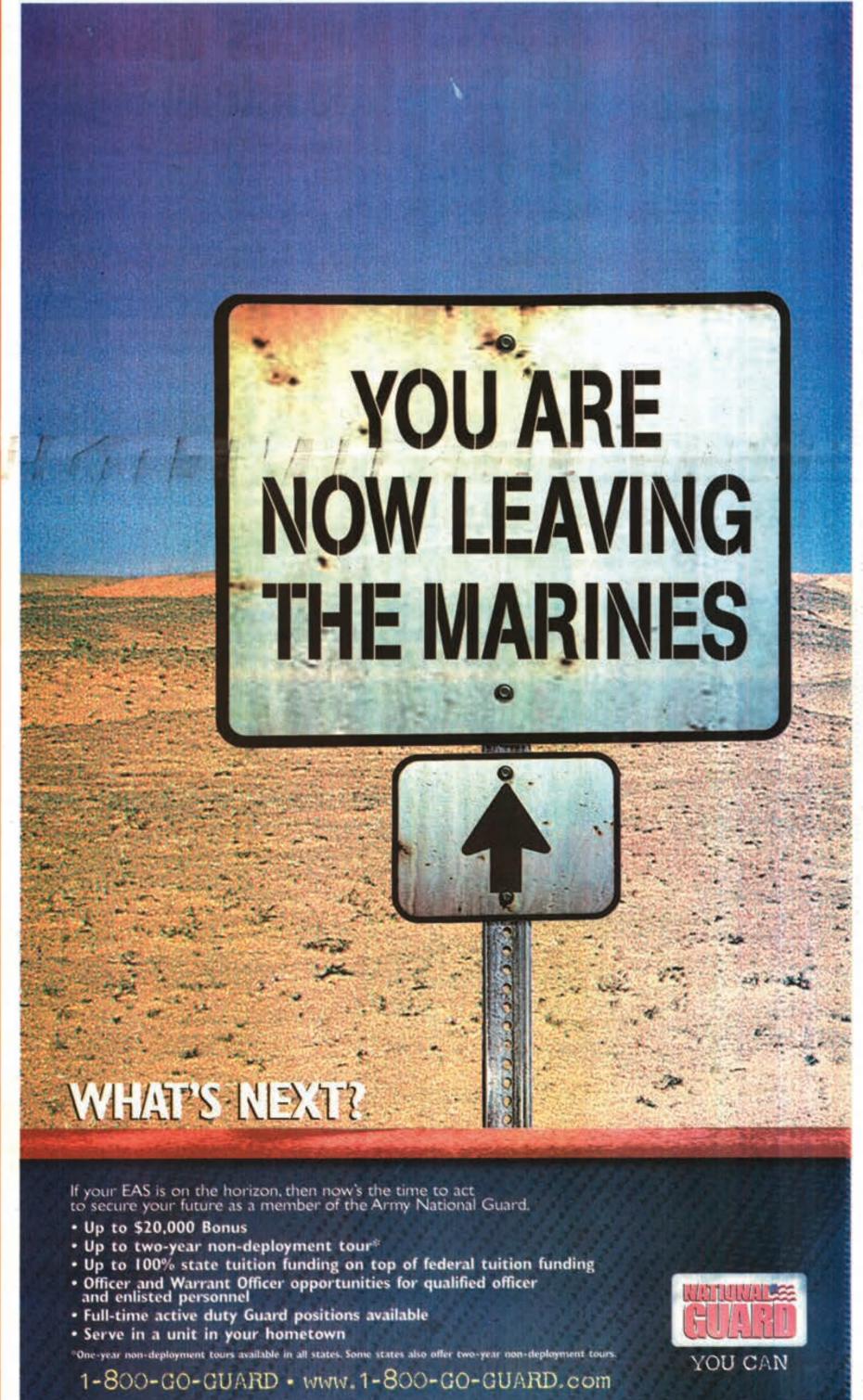
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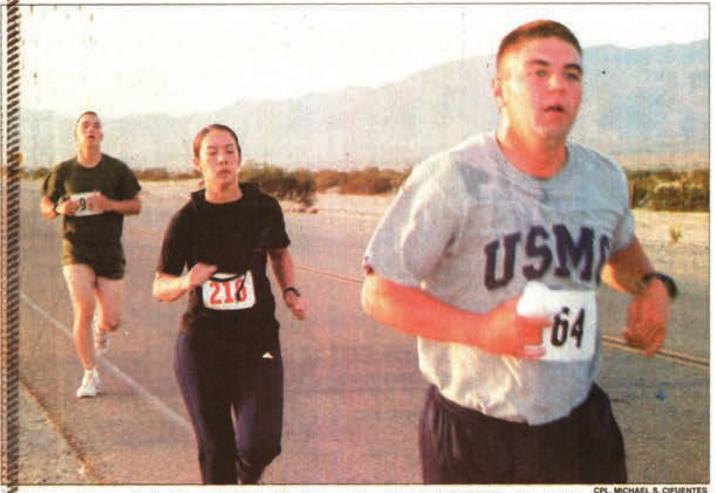
If you put all the streets in New York City in a straight line, they would stretch from New York City to Japan.

## Marines Make the Blood Flow

Staff Sgt. Tom Johnson. Bravo Company, Headquarters Battalion, donates blood Sept. 28, at a Blood Drive held at the Catholic Chapel.







CPL. MICHAEL S. CIFUENTES

Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School students run through the 2nd MCCES Fun Run 10-kilometer course Sept. 29.

## FUN RUN, from B1

Michaels was neck-and-neck with Escobar for most of the run until the very last mile of the half marathon.

"I didn't know if he was trying to bluff me and pass me right before the finish line, so I had to step it up when I knew there was a mile left," said Michaels. "It felt good to finish first. I was also glad to help out with the ball, even though I won't be here for it."

Mimi Cottrell was the first female to finish the half marathon with a time of 1:48.57. Tracy McCarthy placed second after 1:55.9 and trailing her was Emma Whitmore with a finish time of 1:56.44.

The six gold, silver and bronze medal winners were also awarded by Parker.

There was only one team in the half marathon. The first person on the team to finish the race crossed the finish line after 1:51.2 of the race. The last person of the team to cross the finish line came in after 2:01.32. The team, David O'Neil, Joe Fenenoz, Matthew Denny, Phuc Chung and Brian Scott, were awarded the first place trophy for the half marathon team run.

The event was very successful, said Staff Sgt. Carey Alderson, a coordinator of the event. All participants came to the starting line to show spirit and camaraderie, which lasted every step of the run until they reached the finish line.

"It was good to see different companies of MCCES get together, as well as other work sections of the base," said the Abilene, Texas, native. "Everyone cheered each other on from beginning to end. Even though the turnout was great, our next Fun Run should be even bigger. We're planning to have it sometime early next year."



## **MCCS Offers a Chance** to Attend Super Bowl XLI

MCB OUANTICO — This fall, Marine Corps Community Sevices clubs and restaurants across the Corps will be sponsoring the MCCS Football Bash in an effort to get Marines into MCCS facilities for a little fun, camaraderie, and football.

From Oct. 13 to Dec. 7, any time you patronize an MCCS club or restaurant, you will be eligible to enter a raffle for a chance to win the Grand Prize - a five day/four night, all expense paid trip for two to Miami, Fla., to attend Super Bowl XLI, valued at over \$7,000. The Grand Prize winner will also receive \$500 spending money. The Second Place Prize will be \$1,000 and merchandise, and the Third Place Prize will be \$500 and merchandise.

Each installation will consolidate entries and hold a drawing for installation first, second, and third place winners Dec. 8. These winners will receive MCCS gift certificates and merchandise. The installation first place winners will be entered in the drawing for the top three prizes, including the Grand Prize trip to Super Bowl XLI. The Grand Prize Drawing will he held Dec. 15, at Headquarters Marine Corps, Personal and Family Readiness Division, aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.

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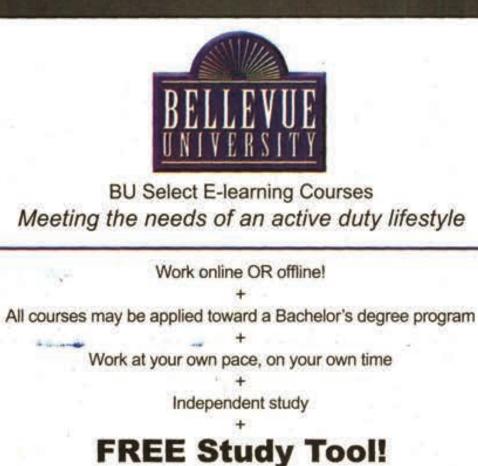
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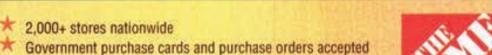
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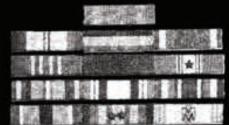
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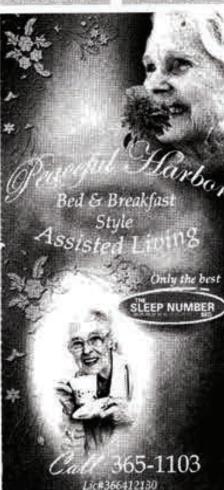
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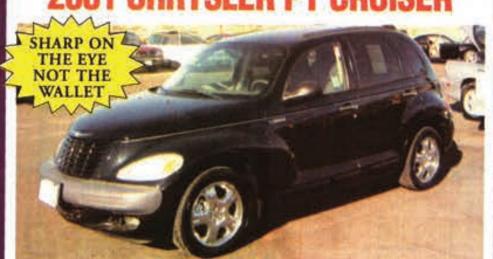
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