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Hazing not tradition

By Sgt. Joseph Lee
BARSTOW LOG staff

In the past, it may not have been uncommon to see a group of Marines engage in a ritual or rite of passage that could have been perceived as cruel, abusive or humiliating. But as today's Marines are learning, an uncorrected pattern of misconduct does not qualify as a tradition.

"Hazing has never been a tradition of the Marine Corps," said 1st Sgt Joseph E. Vanfonda, Headquarters Battalion first sergeant.

As these hazing rituals are becoming more commonly identified, Marines are being held accountable.

As recently as June 3, an infantry Marine with 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines, was sentenced to 120 days in the brig, reduction to E-1 and a bad-conduct discharge for taking part in a practical joke on a fellow Marine, which was apparently inspired by the MTV movie "Jackass."

"Marines coming up in the Corps all too often have the perception that going through rituals makes you hard," said Vanfonda. "Being a hard Marine is nothing more than being well rounded. You don't have to be the base high-shooter or the best at PT to be a Marine, but you should touch all bases. That's what makes a hard Marine."

Marine Corps Order 1700.28, which defines hazing and the Marine

Corps' intent on the issue, mentions that, "No Marine ... may engage in hazing or consent to acts of hazing being committed upon them."

According to Vanfonda, asking to have a hazing ritual performed on you "doesn't make you hard, it makes you stupid."

The order defines hazing as any conduct whereby one military member causes another military member to suffer or be exposed to an activity that is cruel, abusive, humiliating or oppressive. The order further explains some examples, in particular, "physically striking another to inflict pain" and "piercing another's skin in any manner."

"It may not be your perception of reality, but it's the perception of the people viewing you that really matters. Your intentions are one thing, the perception is reality," said Vanfonda.

One past ritual, known as "the gauntlet," may have been conducted amongst Marine noncommissioned officers as a Marine entered the NCO ranks. This painful process involved the newly promoted Marine getting kneed in the thigh by his fellow Marines, in an effort to leave a continuous bruise running up and down each leg to create a literal "blood stripe"

"There is only one gauntlet we as Marines go through, and it's called boot

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Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Dallas Bargas, son of Staff Sgt. David Bargas, fishes for toys at the Headquarters Battalion Family Fun Day Friday at the Oasis Club. See related story and photos on Page 8.

Security needed for prosperity to reign, Bush says

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The United States cannot enjoy prosperity without security, President Bush said in a New York City suburb Monday.

The president visited Orange, N.J., and then spoke to a group in nearby Elizabeth about the connection between security and the ability of corporations and small businesses to "grow" jobs.

"People want to have a secure environment in which to risk capital, and therefore our biggest challenge or one of the biggest challenges is to make sure that we continue to fight and win the war on terror," the president said.

Bush specifically talked about the need to do everything possible to protect the American homeland. "And that not only means making sure that we cooperate better at the federal, state and local level, and do a better job with our borders and our ports and to communicate better, but it also means

that we've got to stay on the offensive," he said.

Bush reiterated U.S. policy toward terrorists and terrorist states. "If you harbor a killer, if you feed a killer, if you hide a killer, you're just as guilty as the killer," he said.

"We acted, and the Taliban no longer is in power in Afghanistan, which is not only good for the security of the Free World; it is incredibly good for the people who suffered in Afghanistan under barbaric rule."

The United States acted to combat the threat of Saddam Hussein. "Now there are some who would like to rewrite history," he said. "Saddam Hussein was a threat to America and the Free World in '91, in '98, in 2003. He continually ignored the demands of the Free World, so the United States and friends and allies acted. ... And this is for certain: Saddam Hussein is no longer a threat to the United States and our friends and allies.

Many local residents perished in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center. Bush

said the attacks in New York and Washington shocked Americans with images of the country's vulnerabilities.

In the aftermath of the attacks, America acted, Bush said. "(The United States) acted because this nation will not be intimidated. This nation will not be blackmailed by terror. This nation will do what it takes to defend something we hold dear to our hearts, and that is our freedom."

Bush said the best way to defend America is to hunt down terrorists and bring them to justice. "We've got a lot of brave troops still on the move, still looking for terrorists," he said.

"We're cooperating with our friends and allies. We're sharing intelligence. We're running down their money trails. But one thing is certain for the American people to know: that this government will use whatever technologies and skill is necessary to secure America by hunting down those who would harm us, one person at a time. It is a charge we have been given, and it is a charge we will keep."

Orders: a better understanding of direction

By **Sgt. Joseph Lee**
BARSTOW LOG staff

"We follow orders; we follow orders or people die – it's that simple."

Though this quote from a popular movie stresses the inherent danger Marines could face when giving or receiving orders, is it really that simple in a Marine's day to day life?

Do we as Marines face death if we don't take out the trash like the sergeant asked us to?

Is there danger in refusing to

participate in a hazing ritual, even when ordered to?

The failure to obey an order could definitely put lives in danger in a certain environment, yet in other situations, not following the order could potentially save a life.

The difference lies in a true understanding of orders we as Marines may give or receive, as well as the Marine Corps' intent behind issuance of those orders.

Human beings naturally tend to ask "why?" if they don't have an understanding of what is going on. Marines of all ranks should educate

themselves daily on new policy, change to policy and the intent behind policies to remove the "why?" tendency or at least replace "cause I said so," as the most popular response.

Unfortunately, a problem arises when Marines don't understand an order they are told to follow. Another arises when a Marine issues an order, which he himself does not understand completely.

Marines who receive an order they do not understand can approach the situation in many different ways, but I'll break them

down to two extremes to gain a better understanding of two very different approaches.

Two lance corporals are issued an order by their sergeant to go get him an ID-10T form from the administrative department. The first lance corporal says, "Eye sergeant!" and takes off like a rocket for the administrative department. The second, not familiar with the form, asks the sergeant, "What's that for?" and in return, receives a quick snap of the sergeant's fingers accompanied by a restatement of his previous order in a significantly louder tone.

Was the first Marine correct in not questioning the order from his sergeant? Or the second, for seeking further guidance?

I would say that both of these Marines could have dealt with the situation better. They were put in a situation where it is very easy to blindly follow the order, and also easy for some to quickly second guess the sergeant by asking, "why?"

In this situation, neither of the two Marines knew that the sergeant had the intent of humiliating them.

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Desert View pest control

By **Lance Cpl. Andy J. Hurt**
BARSTOW LOG staff

Recent informal studies conclude that along with pleasantly warm high desert weather comes dangerous desert insects.

MCLB Barstow's Desert View housing is on ideal habitat to many pesky varmints as well as dangerous creepy crawlers.

Insects such as ants, cockroaches, termites and spiders all find their way into daily life here, and residents can take specific precautions to reduce insect population around their quarters.

One common problematic species here is the common cockroach, or *Periplaneta Americana*. Cockroach adults grow up to 1 1/2 inches long and generally dwell in warm weather under moist conditions, but can survive in dry weather.

Sewer areas, cracks and crevices are common hiding places for cockroaches, and should be inspected regularly.

Ant inhabitation is also commonplace in the home and can be easily avoided by keeping food, especially sweets, stored properly in airtight containers. If ants are a problem, baits and sprays may be effective weapons against the tiny armies.

Possibly the most dangerous of the common housing pests is the Black Widow spider. Male spiders generally don't bite; however, females can become aggressive if guarding an egg sac or

pressed. Black Widow bites are sharp and painful, and effects climax within three hours of the bite. Aching, nausea, profuse perspiration and muscle spasms are not uncommon reactions to bites.

Humans should take precaution when working around eaves, boxes and other unbothered places. Outdoor toilets are also common stomping grounds of the Black Widow and should be inspected prior to "utilization."

If pests have or are becoming a problem in Desert View housing, contact the housing pest control organization Ameritech at (661) 945-5634.



Photo courtesy of personalwebs.net

A Black Widow Spider can be a dangerous household pest.

Just doing my job ...



Photo by Lance Cpl. Andy J. Hurt

Sgt. Maj. Taulago Tautua, base sergeant major, gives Staff Sgt. Joseph Wynne of the S-3 shop a hot dog at the Headquarters Battalion Family Fun Day Friday at the Oasis Club. See related story and photos on Page 8.

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Protestant Sun. 8:30 a.m.
 Mass Sun. 10:30 a.m.

Confession services before Mass

Catholic Rosary

First Saturday of every month.
 3 p.m. at the **Base Chapel**.

For more info call 577-6849.

Nebo Bible Study

Wednesday Noon-1:30 p.m.

At the **Chapel Office**.

For more info call 577-6849.



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"News Briefs" is designed to disseminate information to the MCLB Barstow community. Submissions should include a point of contact and phone number, and be received by noon Thursdays for the next week's issue. Submit news briefs via e-mail to editor@barstow.usmc.mil.

Lunch Menu

Unless otherwise indicated lunch menus for the Family Restaurant and Cactus Cafe are the same. Lunch menus are subject to change.

Today – Soup and salad bar
Cactus Cafe: fried chicken

Friday – Tuna casserole

Monday – Honey-touched fried chicken

Tuesday – Barbecue beef

Wednesday – Sliced pork tenderloin

Active duty military \$3.25, all others, including civilians \$4.75. Lunch entrees include roll/butter, vegetable, coffee, tea or soft drink.

Lunch is served at the Family Restaurant from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. At the Cactus Cafe from 11 a.m. to noon. Cactus Cafe serves hamburgers, subs, salads and other line items available for walk in lunch – for other Family Restaurant lunch menu items, call in orders before 9:30 a.m. to the Family Restaurant at 577-6428.

Breakfast

Breakfast at the Family Restaurant is from 5:30 to 7:30 a.m. At the Cactus Cafe from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m. Prices: Active duty military \$1.60, all others \$3.25.

Family Night Dining

Tonight – Fajita night. Beef and chicken fajitas, refried beans, Mexican rice, churros for dessert and drink of choice.

Leave Donations

James Mintz, of the Maintenance Center, has been affected by a medical emergency. People desiring to donate leave under the leave sharing program may obtain a leave donor application through their division administrative officer. For more information, call Pat Snyder at 577-7138.

Marine Corps Ball Tournaments

The Marine Corps Ball Committee will be sponsoring a golf tournament and a basketball tournament Friday.

The golf tournament will start with a formation at 6 a.m. at the Tees and Trees Golf Course, and the basketball tournament will start at the Base Gym following the formation.

The basketball tournament will be a three-on-three, half court tournament. The price will be \$10 per person. The golf tournament's prices will

graduate with rank, starting at \$14.

Flag football tournament

The Single Marine Program will be holding a flag football tournament and barbecue Friday at Sorensen Field. This activity will be tied in with the "101 Days of Summer," and sponsored by Semper Fit, Substance Abuse Counseling Center and the Single Marine Program.

In coordination with club services, food and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.

Semper Fit and SACC will display pamphlets, drug identification kits, and substance abuse pathology exhibits to educate Marines, family members and retirees on the dangers of drug use and advocate responsible drinking.

The SACC and Semper Fit will set up the health promotions table at each event.

Relay For Life

The American Cancer Society's 5th Annual Relay for Life is Saturday and Sunday at the Barstow SPORTSPARK.

The MCLB Walking Color Guard headline the Opening Ceremonies, which will start at 8:30 a.m., and the walk will last for 24 hours.

Teams of 10 to 15 members will walk the entire time with music, activities and games to keep the walkers and runners motivated.

For more information, call Cindy Ulibarri at 256-0935.

Electrical Outage

The power will be cut off at the RV Park area Monday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. On June 28, the electricity will be cut off at Buildings 103 and 372, and the front gate area from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The electricity will be out in the area east of the golf course to the sewer plant from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 1 and 2. The golf course club house will not be affected.

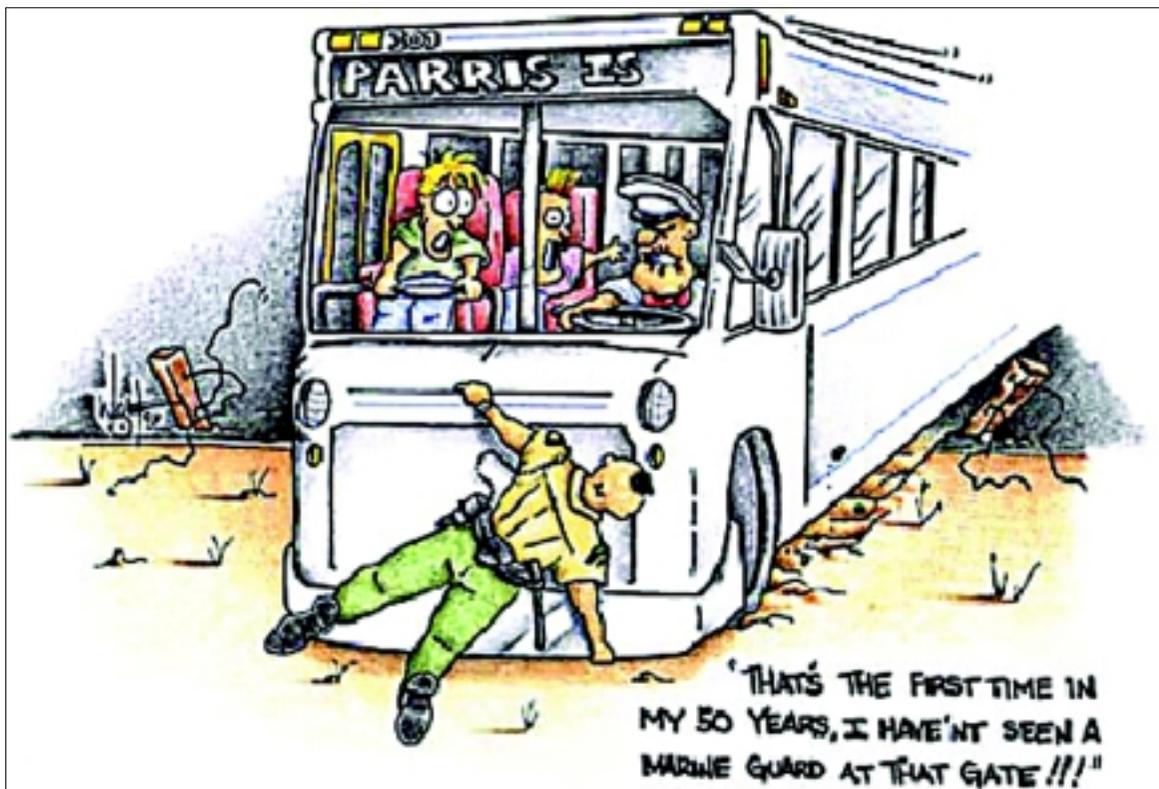
Motorcycle Safety Course

There will be a motorcycle safety course July 11 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the base safety classroom in Building 236.

This course is mandatory for those wishing to operate motorcycles aboard MCLB Barstow.

Participants will need to bring a California M1 or M2 license or permit, a helmet, full fingered gloves, a reflective vest, a long sleeve shirt or jacket and hard soled shoes.

People who have already taken this course or a similar safe riding course through the Motorcycle Safety Foundation or the California State Motorcycle Safety Association do not need to take this course to operate a motorcycle aboard the base.



To sign up, or for more information, call Steven Waugh at 577-6448 or reach him by e-mail at waughsf@barstow.usmc.mil.

Voting Slogan Contest

The Federal Voting Assistance Program is holding a voting slogan contest. There is no limit to the number of entries a participant may submit. The deadline is July 11.

The contest winner and runners-up will receive a certificate of recognition from the Secretary of Defense.

All submissions must include a full name, service, if military, mailing address, daytime telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. If submitting by mail or fax, type or print on regular 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper. Entries can be sent by one of the following methods.

E-mail: slogan@fvap.ncr.gov
Fax: (703) 588-0108 or DSN 425-0108.

Mail:
Federal Voting Assistance Program
Attn.: Voting Slogan Contest
Washington Headquarters Services
1155 Defense Pentagon
Washington D.C. 20301-1155

Tees and Trees specials

Breakfast Club Special - Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7 a.m. to noon, green fees: \$5 for 9 holes, \$8 for 18 holes.

Call 577-6431 for details.
Tees and Trees golf course is open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to dusk.

Summer YAC Programs

Summer fun at the Youth Activities Center for youth ages 6 through 15 has begun.

This program will run Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fireworks banned on base, in Barstow

By Gunnery Sgt. John Cordero
Public Affairs Chief

As the 4th of July approaches, many Americans celebrate their freedom and independence with barbecues, picnics and family gatherings. Some patriots may even have plans to purchase and play with personal fireworks.

But fireworks are not toys. They can cause deaths, blindness, and other severe injuries. On a typical Independence Day, fireworks cause more fires in the United States than all other causes combined, according to the National Fire Protection Association Web site.

Not only are fireworks risky, personal fireworks are also illegal to possess and use on base and in and near Barstow, said Fire Chief Robert Wyman, Fire and Emer-

gency Services Division here, and Cindy Kunkel, dispatch manager with the

Barstow Fire Protection District.

Possession of any type of fireworks, including "safe and sane," in any unincorporated area of San Bernardino County, is illegal, according to a San Bernardino County press release. Fireworks will be confiscated and citations may be issued. In the event a fire occurs due to the unsafe use of fireworks, the individual may be criminally charged and responsible for restitution.

Since the use of all personal fireworks is prohibited, the only fireworks show people may legally enjoy in the Barstow area is the public fireworks display at Barstow City's Independence Day celebration at the SPORTSPARK, 2800 Guadalupe Drive, at 9 p.m. July 4.

through August 22.

The program will not be in session July 4. Program space is limited to 60 children.

Each week will have a fun theme with activities such as field trips, arts and crafts, swimming and sports activities.

Meals will not be provided. However, the YAC snack bar will be open for children who wish to purchase food.

The cost of this program will be

\$20 per week for the first child and \$10 per week for each additional child.

There will be extra charges for some field trips, and children must provide their own snack lunch for the field trips.

Open recreation is scheduled from 3 to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays for children. For teens the schedule is 5 to 7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

'Uncle Sam Wants You' — to join the Operation Tribute to Freedom team

By Denise Brown
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — "Uncle Sam Wants You" is a familiar recruiting slogan to generations of Americans. But in this case, it's an invitation for all Americans to sign up for a different kind of military operation.

Operation Tribute to Freedom, a Defense Department initiative, is a way for Americans to show their continuing support for the nation's military men and women and share with the Defense Department the different ways in which individuals and communities are expressing this support.

"We receive calls and emails all the time asking, 'What can I do to support the troops?'" said Allison Barber, special assistant to the assistant secretary of defense for public affairs. "People want to know what they can do to help."

Americans across the country are already involved in activities showing support for the men and women in uniform, Barber said. "If you're flying the flag, going to a parade, writing an e-mail to the troops or visiting the DefendAmerica.mil Web site to send a thank you to the troops, all of these activities are part

of Operation Tribute to Freedom."

Many individual groups have started their own grassroots campaigns or outreach campaigns for the troops, she said. Operation Tribute to Freedom is a way to bring these individuals, groups and companies together as part of one team.

"You're already doing the activities, so join the team and keep supporting the troops," Barber said, adding that joining the team is an ideal way for Americans to stay connected with men and women in uniform.

"To join the team, just go to our Operation Tribute to Freedom Web site on www.DefendAmerica.mil, select 'Join the Team,' fill in your name, and tell us what you're doing to pay tribute to the men and women of the military. Once you submit your registration to the team, you'll be able to download an Operation Tribute to Freedom certificate, making you an official member of the team."

The program includes a variety of suggestions on how communities and individuals can support the troops. "We have activities and ideas that are geared for both children and adults,"

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The first Marine got humiliated, while the second Marine was first verbally berated, then humiliated.

How could the situation have been any different?

Tact. If the Marine would have asked the sergeant with tact what the form was for, the sergeant could have and should have further informed the Marine.

"What's that for?" is not a tactful question for a lance corporal to ask a sergeant directly after receiving an order, even though the sergeant was not issuing a lawful order. A better approach would have begun with "Excuse me sergeant," or "With all due respect," letting the sergeant know that it is not the Marine's intent to disobey his order.

To win in combat, and to be an effective fighting force, Marines should follow orders without hesitation, but they should also understand why they are doing what they are doing. Of course, in times of combat, these details may not be available or may not be communicated to the subordinate because of security issues or time restraints, but all Marines should have an understanding of when questions are best not asked.

The senior Marine issuing an order or direction to a subordinate, in reference to a published order, should also be well educated on the specifics of that order and

the intent behind it from the Marine Corps' perspective.

One popular Marine Corps order that is often referenced in the correction of junior Marines is the uniform regulations P1020.34F.

Though some specific details can be interpreted in different ways, most guidelines state clearly what is and is not acceptable. Reading these popular orders to the point of understanding can greatly improve the relationship between the correcting Marine as well the Marine that is being corrected.

Many times, instead of reading the order for themselves to understand the directive as a whole, Marines only see and correct deficiencies that they were perhaps corrected on as a junior Marine.

Therein lies another problem. Perhaps they were unlawfully corrected in the past, or maybe the order has been amended or revised.

To reference the uniform regulation order specifically, Marines are often confronted about what types of sunglasses are authorized in the utility uniform out of formation. Some Marines will tell their subordinates that the lenses must be green or brown in color, while others will reference the order to point out that mirrored sunglasses are unauthorized.

Unfortunately, the only direction the

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Marines volunteer to restore Babylon treasure

By Army Sgt. Mike Sweet
367th Mobile Public Affairs

AL HILLAH, Iraq - Pitching in with brooms and good old Yankee know-how Marines and sailors are working to rehabilitate the Nebuchadnezzar Museum on the grounds of the ruins of Babylon.

Volunteers spent the afternoon June 7 cleaning the museum. Technical experts now plan to help make the museum better than it was be-

fore the war.

"I have always been interested in history and what had happened here," said a sweating Lance Cpl. Jason R. Speeg, a ground support equipment specialist with the Marine Aviation Logistic Squadron 39 based out of Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Accompanying a group of Marines and naval construction engineers who are known as Seabees who were working in 110-degree heat,

Speeg hauled out trash and shattered glass from inside of the museum.

"I guess this makes me part of that history," he said.

Looters tried to ravage the grounds of the ancient ruins before the Marines arrived in Babylon and secured the international treasure.

Whether they were taking out vengeance on Saddam Hussein or were just opportunists wanting to steal whatever they could get their hands on, looters demolished the

museum located inside the ancient walled city, said Mohammed Taher, the museum's director.

"Fortunately we did not have any original artifacts on display," Taher said. "I do not understand how they could have done this to their own heritage."

Inside the darkened and dusty museum, Seabees and Marines begin to remove debris littering the building. Glass from display cases was strewn about, mixed in with posters and items left behind by looters.

Scale models representing the ancient city, were flipped over and smashed when looters used them as stepladders to pillage light fixtures from the ceiling. Almost everything that could be taken was, Taher said.

"It looks like if they could not take it they tried to destroy it," said Senior Chief Petty Officer Don N. Greene, a Navy reservist from Bevard, N.C., who is consulting on the rehabilitation project.

Greene, who is a project chief with the Seabees, was sent to assist the museum in designing its heating and air-conditioning system. As director of facilities management for the state of North Carolina, Green has vast experience in designing heating and air-conditioning systems for museums back in the United States.

Aside from the Nebuchadnezzar Museum project, Greene has worked on projects for the Mint Museum and the Science Museum in Charlotte, N.C. He has had to develop heating and air-conditioning systems that are sensitive enough

to protect famous works of art from humidity caused by patrons' breathing.

"Its important that they protect the artifacts," Greene said, "This is why it is so important for me to work with them."

Most of the original artifacts from the museum were kept in Baghdad during the war, said Marine Capt. Gavino Rivas, a reservist who is working as an archeological and antiquities specialist with the 3rd Civil Affairs Group based in San Diego. "They would bring down special exhibits from Baghdad of items uncovered from Babylon such as cuneiform tablets or pottery but sometime before the war they stopped bringing them down."

The Mesopotamian empire of Babylon dates back thousands of years and is recognized by experts as one of the most important cities of ancient times. It is the second most noted city in the Bible after Jerusalem, according to Army Capt. Avroham Horovitz, a Jewish chaplain supporting troops serving with the First Marine Expeditionary Force.

It was the city where King Hammurabi established the famous code of laws during the first Dynasty of Babylon (1792-150 B.C.). They were written down on clay tablets and were used to manage the empire.

"Babylon was the important center for literature and religion in the ancient world," Taher said.

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Photo by Army Sgt. Michael Sweet

Using a fire hose, Petty Officer 3rd Class Timmothy P. Furr, a mechanic from Springfield, Mo., cleans up the entrance of the ruins of the ancient walled city of Babylon, Iraq. His reserve Seabee unit, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 15, based out of Kansas City, Mo., is working along side Marines, soldiers and Iraqis to rehabilitate some of the museum grounds that were damaged by looters shortly after the fall of Saddam Hussein.

Barstow Rodeo Queens have barrel of fun at race

Submitted by Mal Wessel
Barstow Rodeo President

The Barstow Rodeo Queens held the first Queens' Barrel Race at the MCLB Barstow rodeo grounds May 31.

A barrel race is a timed event around three barrels and consists of four regular and one youth division.

Cheryl Parris, National Barrel Horse Association, District 18, produced the event in conjunction with the Barstow Rodeo Queens: Melissa Green (queen), Melissa Seaman (teen queen), Amanda Garland (little miss) and Miranda Wessel-Allmon (rodeo ambassador).

The 41 barrel racers, who came from all over the high desert, were extremely pleased with the rodeo facility, especially the riding conditions of the ground, said Parris.

Parris said a successful barrel racer needs two things to win, a good horse and good grounds for the horse to run on.

"These grounds are not only good, but the rodeo queens manicured the running surface

after every five riders, which really impressed the racers," said Parris.

In a four-division barrel race, the fastest time of the day sets the standard and wins Division 1. The winning time for Division 2 is 1/2 second off the first division time. Division 3 is one second off the Division 1 time, and Division 4 is one second behind Division 3.

Parris said using this format is fair to everyone and gives each barrel racer an equal chance, no matter what the rider's age or experience.

Karen Layman, a local business owner and a barrel racer, presented buckles to the division winners on behalf of all of the local businesses who sponsored the buckles.

Layman said she was pleased with the efforts of the Barstow Rodeo Queens in bringing their first barrel race to Barstow. She also said she hopes the event will lead to more activities geared toward young people and their horses, because western style events are wholesome and great for families and the community.

Winners of the event are as follows:
Division 1 – Macayla Foster

Division 2 – Terri Sweet
Division 3 – Kathy Asby
Division 4 – Chery Parris
Youth Division – Ashton Wilcox, who was also the 2002 Teen Queen of the Barstow Ro-

deo.
The Barstow Rodeo Stampede, which has been held in September for the past 10 years, is the next event scheduled to be held at the base rodeo grounds.



Photo courtesy of Steve Saenz

The winners (from left to right) Cheryl Parris, Kathy Ashby, Teri Sweet and Macayla Foster, show off their buckles.

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According to the museum's director, records have been found that the people of Babylon had a highly developed culture and pioneered the study of math, astrology, medicine, and science. They also developed an abstract form of picture writing based on cuneiform symbols. These symbols were written on wet clay tablets and baked in the sun.

The ruins of Babylon are not only an Iraqi treasure but are a world treasure, said Rivas, who graduated from the Naval Academy in 1992 and is working toward a master's degree in public relations at the University of

California in San Diego. His job is to make sure that these treasures are protected and documented for all to enjoy.

"Since 1978 the average Iraqi was not allowed to come here," said Rivas. "I was talking to one of our translators who lives only six kilometers from here and has never seen this site."

Manual labor is not the only help that is being offered to the museum. Those with artistic knowledge and creative flair are also pitching in.

Aside from cleaning up the museum, Rivas is coordinating volunteers who will help with some

artistic rehabilitation. He has already drawn up a list of volunteers to touch up murals that were damaged. He has also found some Seabees who are willing to try and repair the models of Babylon that were damaged during the looting spree.

According to Greene, some of his Seabees are model railroad enthusiast and cannot wait to get to work.

"The big problem I have now is getting them the right tools," said Rivas. "They need exacto knives and glue guns. It is just something we cannot find in stores around here."

Greene is working with local contractors and engineers who will install and maintain the electrical and cooling systems.

"This is a way to get local people back to work and earning money," said Greene. "We are here to help but it will be up to them to make this project a success."

The Museum rehabilitation project is important to the Marines. They are investing more than \$35,000 to protect the artifacts said Rivas.

"I am pleased with the people who we are working with," said Rivas. "They are professional and have a lot of pride in protecting the artifacts. His goal is to have the rehabilitation project completed in time for the annual Babylonian festival that is scheduled for Sept. 22.

"This is a cooperative effort," said Rivas who before becoming a civil affairs officer flew CH-46 helicopters. "Marines, Seabees, soldiers, Iraqis; everyone is working together to make this work."



Photo by Army Sgt. Michael Sweet

Marine Sgt. Charles B. Newman, a CH-46 helicopter crew chief and Cpl. Jonathan M. Allen, a flight equipment mechanic, both with the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, look over some papers that looters left behind after they ravaged the Hammurabi Museum in the ancient walled city of Babylon.



Photo by Army Sgt. Michael Sweet

Volunteering his free time and strong back, Lance Cpl. Jason R. Speeg, a ground support equipment specialist with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 39, based at Camp Pendleton, Calif., cleans up debris left over from looters inside the Nebuchadnezzar museum located inside the ancient walled city of Babylon.

Headquarters Battalion Family Fun Day

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
Editor

Headquarters Battalion sponsored a Family Fun Day for all the Marines aboard MCLB Barstow Friday.

The event was held at the Oasis Club, where Marines and their families were treated to food and games throughout the afternoon.

The children were entertained by an apple-bobbing event, a fishing game where kids hooked prizes behind a wall, a bean bag throw and a water balloon fight.

For those who were older, ping-pong, foosball and volleyball were the games of choice.

The main attraction though seemed to be hanging out at the pool. Most people decided to get wet, while some decided to stay dry and catch some rays.

The event helped Marines and their families socialize with each other and become more of a community.

"I thought Family Fun Day was great because I got to eat some home cooking for the first time in a while," said Lance Cpl. Gregory Horn, a single Marine.

The families had a good time, too. "I enjoyed being able to spend time with my daughter on a work day and to take her swimming," said Lance Cpl. James Hainer, one of the many Marines with a family. "She also got to make some new friends."



Photo by Lance Cpl. Andy J. Hurt

Lance Cpl. Gregory Horn propels himself off the diving board at the Oasis Pool. Many Marines and family members decided to test the waters Friday.

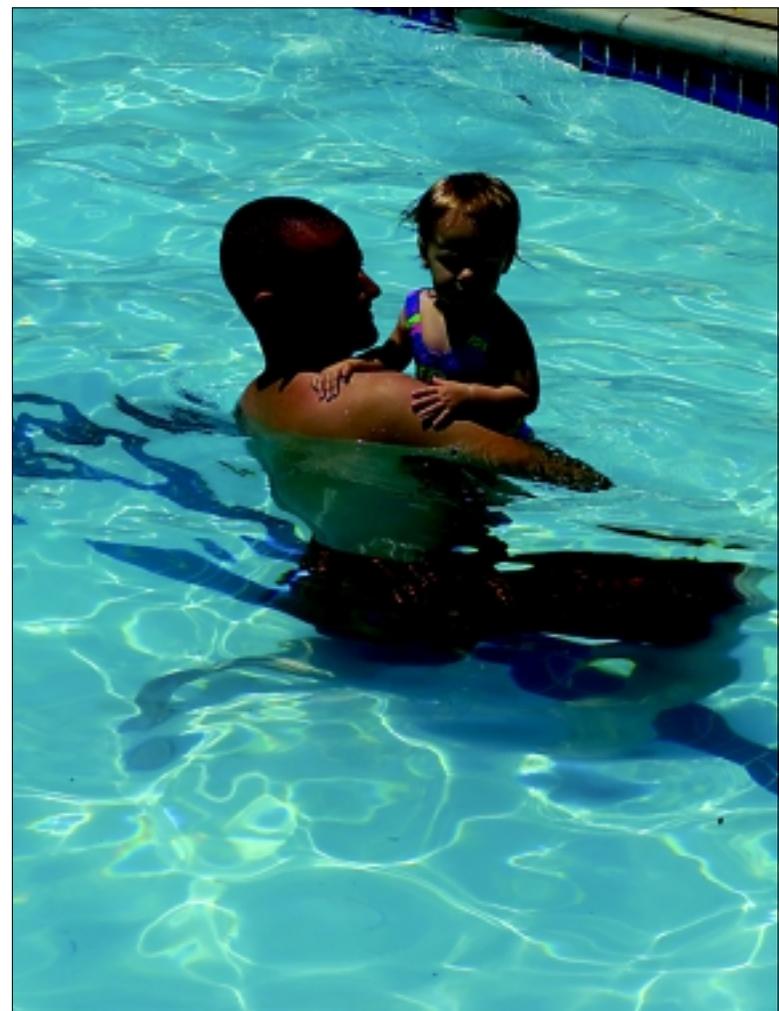
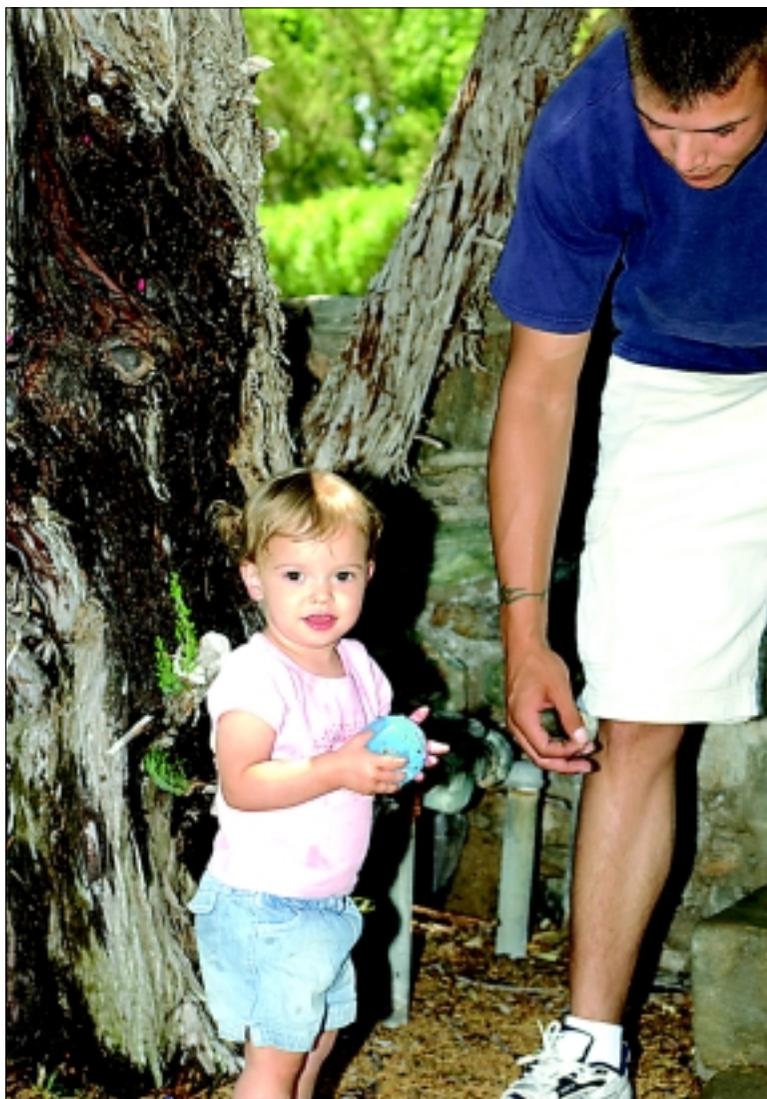


Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Lance Cpl. James Hainer takes his daughter, Kieley, for a swim Friday. Numerous children decided to splash it up at Family Fun Day.



Cpl. Steven Colbird arms his daughter, Chloe, with a water balloon. Family Fun Day was the site for a major water balloon battle.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Andy J. Hurt

MCLB Marines place at Mud Run

By Lance Cpl. Andy J. Hurt
BARSTOW LOG staff

The hills of Camp Pendleton were stomped Saturday and Sunday as runners climbed, swam, crawled and trudged their way through the World Famous 10K (6.2 mi.) Mud Run course at Camp Pendleton's Lake O'Neill.

The race was part of Camp Pendleton's Hard Corps Competition 2003 race series, hosting a total of 7,000 participants over the weekend.

Racers were given the option of running four different categories, including individual, team, individual boots and "utes" or team boots and "utes."

Thirteen Marines from MCLB Barstow came down from the high desert for Sunday's race, entering two teams and three individuals.

Placing second overall in the military team boots and "utes" category was MCLB's "The Highway," made up of

Sgt. Cory Kelly, Lance Cpl. Andy J. Hurt, Lance Cpl. Daniel Humble, Lance Cpl. Joshua Pascua and Pfc. Jeffery Raymond, with a time of 1:14:02.

Fleet Support Division secured fourth place in the same category, crossing the line at 1:18:19.

1st Lt. Jason Kut, operations officer at FSD, placed fifth in the men's 25-29 class, while Headquarters Battalion Commanding Officer Maj. Clarence T. Guthrie III finished the course in 1:26:11, followed by Cmdr. Jeff Johnston, director of MCLB Installation and Logistics, at 1:26:15.

The course included waist-deep mud pits, river crossings, two different wall obstacles, a hay bale course, a lake crossing and countless hills.

Pascua said he liked the river crossing the best, while Humble simply said, "There was a whole lot of mud going on."



Photo by Junko Kut

The start of the race Sunday saw 3,500 people participating. The same amount of people ran the race the day before.



Photo by Junko Kut

1st Lt. Jason Kut competed in the event by himself. He finished fifth in his division.



Photo by Junko Kut

Lance Cpl. Andy J. Hurt pulls himself out of the mud pit at the end of the run to finish the race.



Photo by 1st Lt. Jason Kut

(Back row from left to right) Lance Cpl. Daniel Humble, Lance Cpl. Joshua Pascua, Lance Cpl. Andy J. Hurt, (front row from left to right) Pfc. Jeffery Raymond and Sgt. Cory Kelly made up the team that finished second in the run.

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order gives pertaining to sunglasses worn by Marines out of formation in the utility uniform is that they must not be eccentric, and they must present a conservative appearance. When an order such as this is left so vague, it leaves the interpretation up to the individual who chooses to correct the specific Marine. Today's style of sunglasses may appear to an older generation as eccentric, while that past generation's popular style of sunglasses may appear to younger Marines as eccentric.

Again, this is where tact and knowledge of the intent of the Marine Corps come into play. Obviously, the Marine Corps' goal is for Marines to present a professional appearance to fellow Marines and to

the public.

Without pointing out made-up details that do not exist in the actual directive, it is possible to point out to a Marine that his or her sunglasses do or do not present that professional appearance. I'm sure there will still be disagreements out there, but at least the Marine providing the guidance is passing on the truth to the junior Marine, and not just what they've heard.

But how can we be expected to know and understand all the orders in the Marine Corps?

When I picked up the rank of NCO, there was a staff sergeant in my platoon that always seemed to know everything about everything. I couldn't figure out how he knew so much, and in such detail until I pinned on the rank of corporal and he let me in on his secret.

With so many orders out there, it is not expected that we know and understand them all; it is possible, however, to do the research something specific before making the correction. When confronted with a new issue or a question of regulation by a junior Marine that he was not familiar with, he would tell that Marine to meet with him shortly thereafter to talk the issue over. This gave him a chance to do his research. When the time came to talk the issue over with him, he seemed to be the duty expert on the matter, making specific references to orders I had never dreamed of knowing off the top of my head.

After witnessing his knowledge of Marine Corps directives for so long, I almost stopped looking things up to verify them until he reminded me, by handing me a copy of an order we

were discussing, he let me know that I must keep verifying the information for myself, so that I can gain my own understanding of the order. He also let me know that if I disagreed with his interpretation of the directive, that we would discuss it further.

Possibly the best advice I have ever been given, I would like to pass on.

Educate yourselves and your Marines during counseling. Make it a point to show or tell that Marine where it is written so that the Marine can gain for himself, a complete understanding of the directive to pass onto his subordinates some day.

If in doubt, use a tactful approach to gain a better understanding of a verbal direction from your superiors instead of asking "why?" or demanding to see it in writing.

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camp," said Vanfonda.

Not all rituals of hazing are so blatant and obvious. According to Vanfonda, patting a newly promoted Marine's collar chevrons may be a congratulatory gesture, but the perception could be that there are no backings on the chevron and the intent is to pierce the Marine's skin.

"I recommend a handshake," said Vanfonda.

According to the order, hazing need not involve physical contact and anyone in a supervisory position may be held accountable if he or she, by act, word or omission knows or reasonably should have known hazing was going to take place.

"I would like to see all of our leaders educate their Marines on what hazing is and let them know that it will not be tolerated by them or their Marines," said Vanfonda. According to the hazing order, any violation, attempted violation, or solicitation of another to violate this order, subjects involved members to disciplinary action under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

"Don't do it, don't talk about doing it, and don't even think about it," said Vanfonda.

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The YAC is also open to all ages from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays. Open recreation dues are \$5 per month for one child, \$3 for each additional child in the family.

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New ATM locations

There are now three Pacific Marine Credit Union ATMs aboard MCLB Barstow. The one at Nebo is located on the side of the Super Seven Day Store.

The other two are at the Yermo Annex. One is located in Building 573, and the other is at the Railhead Exchange.

Bulldogs split doubleheader

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
Editor

The MCLB Bulldogs split a doubleheader June 12 at the Barstow SPORTSPARK. They won the first game 18-14 and lost the nightcap 16-12.

In the first game, the Bulldogs sealed the game with a first inning rally, batting around and scoring nine runs. The rally was highlighted by an inside-the-park home run by Peter Vegliante. After the first inning, the Bulldogs steadily added to their lead to keep Jimco at a comfortable distance.

The second game started very slow for the Bulldogs. They were held scoreless through the first three innings, while their opponents, Nu-way Car Wash, built a 9-0 lead. The Bulldogs made a late run at the lead by scoring nine runs in two innings, but Nu-way Car Wash extended their lead to 12-9.

In the bottom of the sixth, Vegliante hit another inside-the-parker and the Bulldogs tied the game at 12-12, but in the top of the seventh, Nu-way Car Wash scored four to make it 16-12. The Bulldogs were a victim to a double play in the bottom of the seventh and were held scoreless.



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Peter Vegliante rounds third and heads for home in the 18-14 win in the first game of the doubleheader.

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Barber explained. "Younger children can color a patriotic picture or send an e-mail to the troops."

"Older teens and adults can volunteer at their local Red Cross or local veterans organization, visit injured veterans in a veterans hospital or donate money to Operation Uplink for the purchase of a phone card for a service member. There are activities for all ages," Barber added.

The Web site also contains a selection of downloadable Operation Tribute to Freedom graphics. The graphics can be used as posters, on T-shirts or as banners, "in whatever way people want to use their imaginations," Barber added. "And that's the strength of Operation Tribute to Freedom."

Although the Web site includes specific ideas for activities to support the troops, people are prob-

ably going to come up with more ideas, Barber said. She asks people to "share with us what you're doing and join the team."

Barber is also working with the Weekly Reader, a publication for elementary and secondary school children. "Weekly Reader goes out to over 7 million children in classrooms throughout America," Barber said. Operation Tribute to Freedom will be featured on the Weekly Reader Web site and also in the Weekly Reader distribution during the school year.

"Corporate America has been great in supporting the troops and we're reaching out to them as well, inviting them as a corporation to join the team," Barber said. "Operation Tribute to Freedom is a multifaceted campaign that reaches individuals of every age, non-profit organizations, corporate America and schools. It's a very far reaching campaign."

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By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity

Inside MCCS back next week

The Inside MCCS column will be back next week. Inside MCCS will alternate each week with this column. Next week's column will feature the hobby shops.

Sight and Sound sale at Super Seven Day Store

This bargain packed sale is in progress now and will continue through June 30. Check out some of these bargains:

TVs: JVC 32" stereo color TV, for \$399.99, JVC 20" stereo color TV, at \$149.99.

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Other: Pioneer AM/FM car stereo

with cassette, priced to go at \$85.99, V-Tech 2.4 ghz cordless telephone with caller ID, yours for \$26.99

And there's more - drop by the Super Seven Day Store and look over the sale bargains.

For more information call the Super Seven Day Store at 256-8974. The Super Seven Day Store is open Mondays through Fridays from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and Sundays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Super Seven Day Store Gas Station is open the same hours as the store, and additionally available 24 hours, 7 days a week for credit card purchases.

The Railhead Exchange is open Mondays through Fridays 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., closed Saturdays and Sundays. During troop rotation, the hours are Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

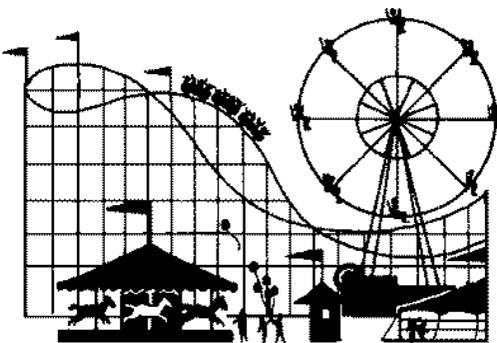
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DISNEYLAND & CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE offers active duty military members a free 3-day Disney's Armed Forces Salute ticket valid for both Disneyland and California Adventure through Dec. 19. Each service member may purchase a companion ticket for up to five family members and friends for \$39 each.



Water Park Tickets

SOAK CITY - adults \$16.50, children (3-11 yrs.) \$11.00. Individual season pass \$52.00. Family season pass (up to 4 people) \$175.00.

WILD RIVERS - adults \$15.00, children (3-9 yrs.) \$12.00.

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BOATS: 1980 pleasure boat, 14' with trailer, 75 HP motor, boat cover, bimini top, seats four, also fish finder, plus extras, \$3,600. Call 252-4089.

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MISCELLANEOUS: 55-59 Chevy truck gas tank, \$50; new 6 gallon plastic gas tank for outboard engine, \$10; 4x4 roof rack, #25; leaf springs with hangers (3 Sets) ¾ & ½ ton; Reese adjustable hitch 8" drop max for 2" receiver. Call Jim 255-2115.

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