

Infantrymen instruct Iraqi SWAT course

By Sgt. Mark Miranda
4th BCT, 1st Armd. Div.



COS GARRYOWEN - Iraqi Police of the 4th Battalion Emergency Response Unit recently completed Special Weapons and Tactics training conducted by "Comanche" Company C, 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment.

The SWAT training was a three-week course consisting of rifle marksmanship, reflexive fire, close quarters battle, cordon and search procedures, sensitive site exploitation and first aid.

"We are busy here. I will be moving into the city to get embedded with the Iraqi Police," said Sgt. 1st Class Jose M. Sanchez. "At Contingency Operating Site Garryowen we are setting up an Iraqi Police Academy and our sister platoon is assisting in the training that is conducted there."

Sanchez, an infantryman from El Paso, Texas, was a reflexive fire instructor for the course.

"That involved scenarios where they would engage targets to their front, left, right and rear," explained Sanchez. "Some of the iterations were stationary and some were moving."

The instructors conducted three days of basic dry-fire instruction and culminated with a live-fire range at COS Garryowen.

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— Sgt. 1st Class Jose M. Sanchez
Company C, 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment

"I, myself, enjoy training Soldiers and being able to train the Iraqi Police is no different, except that we use an interpreter to get the point across," said San-



Photos by 1st Lt. James E. Milner

Sgt. 1st Class Jose Sanchez, an infantryman from El Paso, Texas, runs through reflexive dry-fire exercises with a group of Iraqi Police SWAT course participants at Contingency Operating Site Garryowen.

chez. "I found the Iraqi Police to be very attentive and motivated in learning our (tactics, techniques and procedures). At the same time, we also learned a few of their TTPs they use when they conduct Iraqi-led operations."

Several of Company C's leaders were selected to serve as trainers for the Iraqi Police. Those chosen were of different military occupational specialties: artillery, armor and infantry. Prior to deployment, some of the U.S. Soldiers participated in training conducted in Texas by the El Paso and Austin police departments that prepared them to train Iraqis.

"All of the NCOs selected had several years of hands-on experience running multi-weapon ranges," said Sanchez.

The Iraqi Police send hand-picked individuals from each of their respective battalions.

Comanche company commander Capt. Allen Trujillo, from Chimayo, N.M., coordinates with Staff Maj. Gen. Sa'ad Al-Harbanyi or Col. Muhammad to send select individuals to receive training who will then serve as trainers for their own battalions once they complete the SWAT training course.

"The classes are constantly going on. The only thing that changes is the respective U.S. platoon that will execute the training for them," said Trujillo.

"In Comanche Company, we have missions that take us to Joint Security Station Gasper to support (the unit) embedded with the 3rd Bn. ERU, the Iraqi Police Academy and to the Provincial Department of Police," said Sanchez.

The Iraqi Police receive a few days of

Bravo Battery Bulldogs sniff out IDF hotspots

By Spc. Maurice A. Galloway
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COB BASRA – Patrolling for potential indirect-fire sites around Contingency Operating Base Basra is one of Spc. Jeremy Dye’s primary missions. It’s perhaps sometimes a thankless role – an often unheralded job entailing scouting out sites in the dead of night to ensure the safety of the base’s inhabitants.

But for Dye and other members of the 1st Battalion, 377th Field Artillery, 17th Fires Brigade, it’s not a medal or even thanks they seek, but satisfaction that their efforts do make a difference.

Dye recalls one experience.

“We were out doing our regular indirect fire patrol when the call came in that the COB was taking incoming fire,” the Bravo Battery “Bulldogs” Soldier said. “After making immediate communication with the Iraqi Security Forces and linking up with their troops in the area, we headed for the scene.”

Dye said once they arrived, the Iraqi Security Force took control in assessing the situation as his unit provided security.

“They then called in an explosive ordnance disposal team



Photo by Spc. Maurice A. Galloway

1st Lt. Aaron Sulak, platoon leader for 3rd Platoon, Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 377th Field Artillery Regiment, 17th Fires Brigade, from Boyce City, Mich., scans his coverage area as the convoy stops at a checkpoint to coordinate with Iraqi Security Forces. Sulak said the nightly patrols can often be filled with long periods of inactivity, but boredom never sets in. “There’s always something to do,” he said. “We’re always alert and watching. We have to be; it’s our job.”

to completely clear the scene,” he said. “After the scene had been declared clear by the EOD, we proceeded with the ISF into the towns to conduct site exploitation and tactical questioning. The citizens of the town were extremely cooperative and eager to assist us in capturing the people behind these attacks.”

By exchanging valuable information with the ISF, Dye said they’re ensuring both sides are fully aware of the possibility of any upcoming attacks.

“The primary reason for these patrols is to stop the enemy from shooting rockets at the COB,” said Staff Sgt. Keith W. Kurth, 3rd platoon sergeant and native of **Corpus Christi, Texas.**

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HOMETOWN HIGHLIGHT

The city has one of the highest average wind speeds of coastal cities in North America. Combined with the Bay Front area along Ocean Drive, this makes Corpus Christi one of the premiere destinations for wind sports, as well as having one of the best bays in the country for sailing.

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IMPROVING OUR FOXHOLE: SANDSTORM AND VIKING LIVING AREAS

By Sgt. Joe Roos
MND-S



COB BASRA – Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and civilians on COB Basra have noticed when improvements to the COB seem to lurch forward and they've also noticed when those same improvements seem to hang in a state of proverbial limbo. As of recent weeks, the speed at which the Rapid Engineer Deployment, Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineering Airmen have erected the buildings for the Sandstorm and Viking living areas has been something to marvel at.

But even though the buildings will be completed in a matter of days, service members on the COB may find themselves waiting in a familiar position with their arms folded, anxiously tapping their toes. That's because the buildings themselves won't be the issue, but rather the electrical power in those buildings.

The LSAs opening dates have been pushed back because of a shortage of available electrical parts, said Col. Ronald Albrecht, deputy chief of staff, Multi-National Division - South. According to Albrecht, the Camp Ad-der Class 4 yard, where the building and electrical materials come from, has been stripped because of all the different projects going on in MND-S. "We have the lumber," he said, "but we're short on electrical parts."

The complete, honest-to-goodness, no baloney completion date of the Sandstorm and Viking living areas, assured Albrecht, is Nov. 1. "And that's giving being safe," said Albrecht. "They will be done no later than

one November."

After the living areas are built, the Division Special Troops Battalion will be in charge of getting people moved in there.

"I build 'em; they fill 'em," said Albrecht.

It's no secret to Albrecht that service members on base are a little antsy when it comes to being able to move into a living area. Whenever he gets questions from the troops, it's always the first thing they want to know. It's also no mystery to him how these building projects have fallen behind.

In the civilian world, Albrecht spent many years with Peterson Contractors, a heavy equipment construction company based in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

"It's like building a house," said Albrecht. "We found out a little while back that we couldn't get the right loan from the banker we went to the first time. Now we found out that the

electrical company in town is short on supplies."

Nonetheless, Albrecht assured that the shortcomings we've run into in the past are no reason to stop us from focusing on the priorities for the future.

"Key is to get people out of tents here. Key is to get people out of three-man (Containerized Housing Units)."

For the most part, Albrecht's concern is improving the living conditions for everyone on the COB. But also, there are improvements for the COB itself to look forward to. The new Army and Air Force Exchange Service is expected to have a soft opening Sept. 20, with its grand opening slated for Sept. 26.

The focus ever remains on the living conditions – where we lay our heads when we rest – for the men and women on this COB.

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Photo by by Sgt. Joe Roos

Buildings in Sandstorm living area near completion Sept. 8. "Key is to get people out of tents here," said MND-S Deputy Chief of Staff Col. Ronald Albrecht. "Key is to get people out of three-man CHUs."



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"By maintaining a presence in the area, this hinders insurgents from having the time and opportunity to set up potential attacks."

Bravo Battery 1st Sgt. Johnny L. Anthony said his command recognizes the Soldiers' dedication to their job, and personally feels fortunate to be able to lead such a highly motivated group.

"I couldn't ask for a better bunch of Soldiers," he said. "They work long hours and their job is not without its stress. However, they never balk at any task or anything asked of them in their duties. What they care about is the mission first and foremost."

According to 1st Lt. Aaron Sulak, 3rd platoon leader and Boyce

City, Mich. native, the Soldiers also care about the long-term effect of their job: to pave the way for the ISF to gain complete sovereignty in the Iraq security mission.

"We're here to assist the Iraqi Security Forces and to help them define their skills and develop strategic tactics to better protect the citizens of Iraq," he said. "We're pulling security during these types of attacks, but it's the ISF that are leading the way, questioning the citizens for helpful information, pinpointing the location of the attacks and gathering the intelligence from the site to prevent future attacks."

For more of Spc. Galloway's stories, visit:
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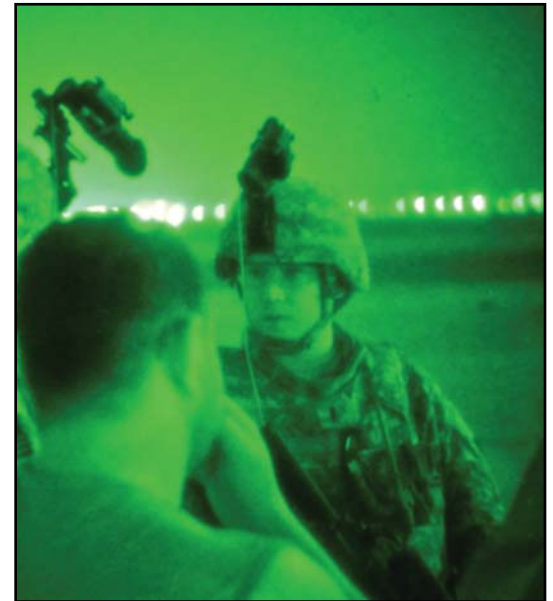


Photo by Spc. Maurice A. Galloway

A Soldier with 14th Iraqi Army Division provides detailed information to 1st Lt. Aaron Sulak, platoon leader for 3rd Platoon, Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 377th Field Artillery Regiment, 17th Fires Brigade, and a Boyce City, Mich. native, during one of their routine patrols.



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classroom instruction followed by several days of practical application before proceeding to live-fire day.

Comanche company trains the ISF at two different locations, COS Garryowen, where they have both classroom and a local training area, and the Iraqi Police Academy.

"At the IP Academy we recently completed two personal security detachment training classes and just finished our first tactical site exploitation class in which we actually were able to get Iraqi judges to show up and sit down with the students to talk about the importance of TSE," said Sgt. 1st Class Sean M. O'Connor, an M-1 tank crewman from Scranton, Pa.

"These are my Soldiers training these classes, not specific forensic or PSD specialists or experts," O'Connor added. "The quality of training so far has been excellent."

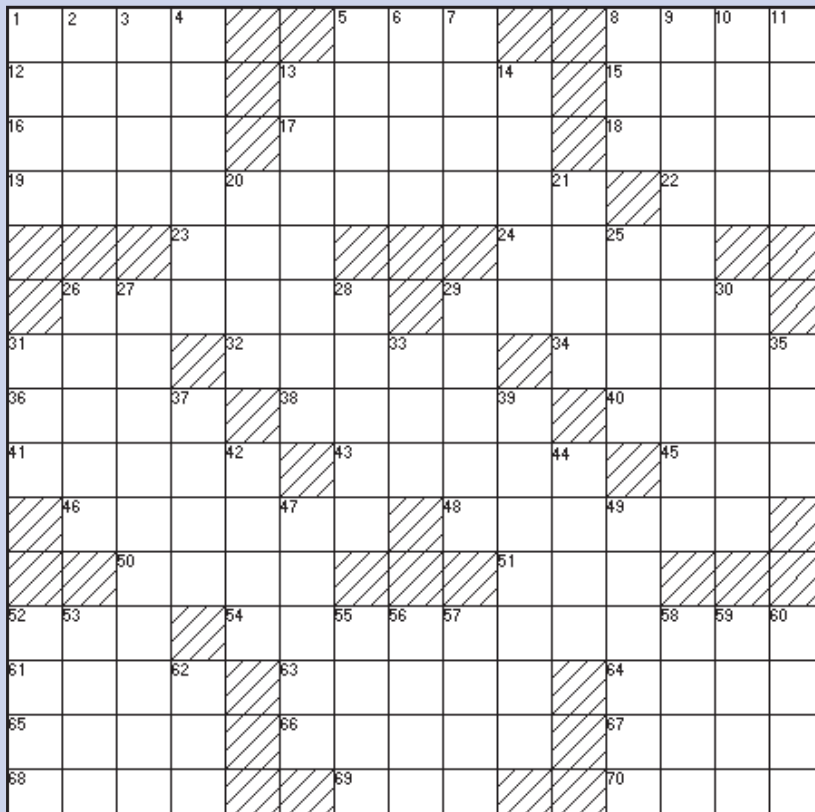
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Across

- 1. Have the nerve
- 5. Pale
- 8. Sediment
- 12. "Smallest particle"
- 13. Serf
- 15. Leg joint
- 16. Grave
- 17. Avoid
- 18. Inspiration
- 19. A meeting arranged in advance
- 22. Perturb
- 23. Standard operating procedure
- 24. Hearing organs
- 26. Squandered
- 29. Assault
- 31. Cap or beret
- 32. Pungent
- 34. Tiny parallel grooves
- 36. Picnic insects
- 38. Fate
- 40. Transmit
- 41. Sharpen
- 43. Pretend
- 45. Scrape by
- 46. Tormentor
- 48. Accord
- 50. Live in a tent
- 51. Wise bird
- 52. Choose
- 54. Bulges
- 61. Duo
- 63. Unearthly
- 64. Joy
- 65. Dwarf buffalo
- 66. Covered with linoleum squares
- 67. Not there
- 68. Gave temporarily
- 69. Not young
- 70. Grabbed

Down

- 1. Information
- 2. At the peak of
- 3. Frolic
- 4. Raise in a relief
- 5. Whip mark
- 6. Astringent
- 7. Connecting point
- 8. Schuss
- 9. Imprudent
- 10. Lascivious look
- 11. Furniture wood
- 13. Nag
- 14. Article of faith
- 20. Bit
- 21. Makes lace
- 25. Rodents
- 26. Desires
- 27. The quality of arousing interest
- 28. A preliminary version of a written work
- 29. Acknowledge
- 30. Perverted
- 31. Possesses
- 33. Anger
- 35. Summer refresher
- 37. Fizzy drink
- 39. No longer afloat
- 42. Panderer
- 44. Current event information
- 47. Small herring processed like a sardine
- 49. Come to rest
- 52. October birthstone
- 53. Sheet of glass
- 55. Mélange
- 56. Cash drawer
- 57. Marsh plant
- 58. Margarine
- 59. A Roman emperor
- 60. Search
- 62. Rodent



RED BULL CHAPEL

UNIFYING THE DIVIDE

By Chap. (Lt. Col.) John Morris
MND-S Chaplain



“How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity.” Psalm 133:1

Unity of effort is one of the most difficult things for a military unit of any kind to achieve. There are a million reasons most units never maximize their potential as a team: personal agendas, differing perspectives on the mission, poor leadership, poor followership, lack of talent, etc...

The bottom line is that without unity, the unit is weaker, more vulnerable and less capable. Military history is full of examples of units that were seemingly facing overwhelming obstacles but overcame their enemies by working as a unified team.

How unified is your unit? Are you bound together in purpose and synchronized in effort?

Are you part of the problem or part of the solution to the unity of your unit?

In my faith tradition we worship a God who models unity, promotes unity and reflects unity in all of his cre-

ation. I look to God to seek ways to be a ‘unifier’, not a ‘divider’.

When I look to God as revealed I see that unity begins with committing myself to the welfare and success of my team members. Are you committed to every member of your organization being successful? Do you show that commitment with you actions? If you do, then you are promoting unity, and pleasing God.

When I look to God I see that unity means the welfare of the unit is as important as my own. That means I often have to put the mission of the unit before my personal agenda. We call that selfless service in the Army Values.

When I look to God I see that the closer I am to God, the more alive I am through his spirit and the less likely I am to destroy the unity of those I serve with. Why? Because unity means I am committed to their welfare and working for their success, as well as the unit’s overall success.

I pray you are a unifier, not a divider. Our Army at war and our Nation at war . . . cannot survive . . . without unity . . . and it begins with you.

God bless,
Chap. Morris

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THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY

Throughout our history, certain images become ingrained in our minds – the flag raising at Iwo Jima, the day President Kennedy was killed, Neil Armstrong stepping on the moon, President Reagan telling the Soviets to “tear down this wall.”

For all of us, the events of September 11, 2001 will forever live in our memories.

We shall never forget the images of planes flying into the World Trade Center or the smoke rising from the Pentagon. We shall never forget the courage and compassion of men and women racing into burning buildings to save the innocent or those heroes who died in a Pennsylvania field.

The days following the attack brought even more memories.

We shall never forget the image of a boy leaving flowers outside of the American embassy in Moscow. We shall never forget the candlelight vigils held in India and Bangladesh.

Thousands of Germans marched at Brandenburg Gate. One hundred thousand Canadians gathered in Ottawa. Jordanian women gathered to pray – all sharing in our sorrow.

There is no doubt that the horrific acts of a few were surpassed by the heroic acts of many. All Sailors, Marines, Soldiers, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen continue to perform daily acts of heroism in response

to the attacks. But the legacy of that September day lies in the worldwide embrace of freedom that followed.

Today, millions of people from nations around the world stand united behind one ideal – that the destructive agendas of radicals shall never eclipse the light of liberty.

Though enemies of freedom hide throughout the world, every day we and our allies remove more of them from the innocent populations they infest.

We stand on the front lines of our defense, but we do not stand alone. All freedom loving people stand with us.

Individual roles continue to change to meet the challenges of the Global War on Terrorism. But together our purpose remains the same – to champion the cause of freedom.

Former President Bush summed up our commitment when he said, shortly after that tragic day, “We will not waiver. We will not tire. We will not falter. We will not fail.”

We must never forget the legacy of that September day – a world drawn together in the common cause of freedom and our renewed devotion to it.

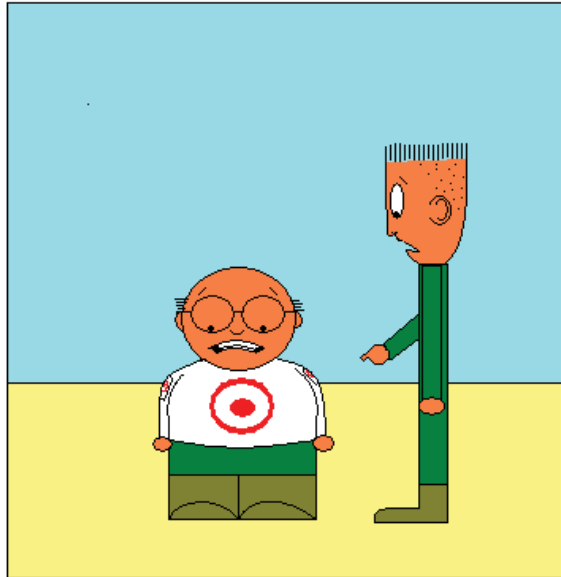
God Bless each of you and your families for your service, your sacrifice and your commitment to freedom. May God Continue to Bless the United States of America.



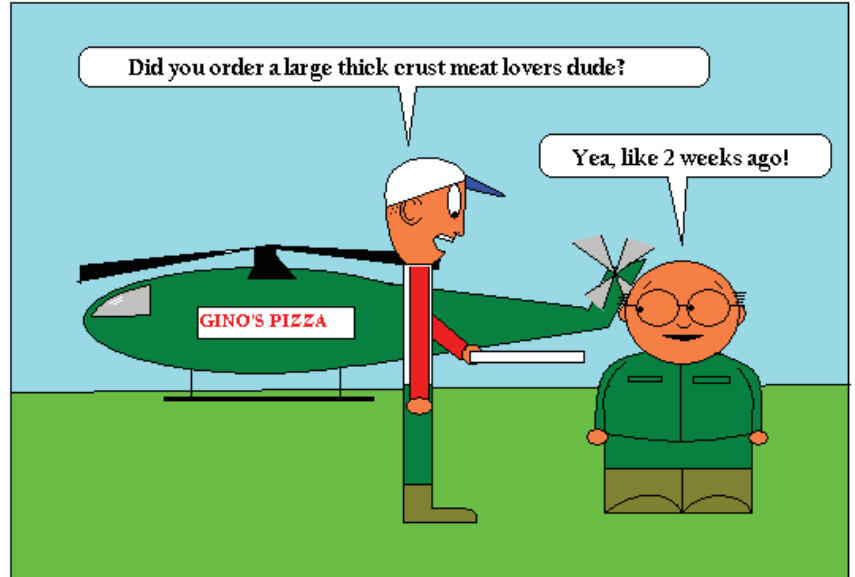
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By Capt. Daniel Cape

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Kruse control

By Sgt. Frank Vaughn
MND-S 

Lt. Col. Lowell Kruse, currently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as the deputy effects coordinator for 34th Red Bull Infantry Division, knows all about hard work.

The 1985 graduate of Grant Deul High School in Reville, S.D., grew up on a dairy farm of 50 to 70 dairy cows.

"We stayed very busy on the farm," Kruse said. Kruse also stayed busy at school, where he was a member of National Honor Society, 4-H and the school basketball team.

After graduating high school, Kruse went to South Dakota State University in Brookings on a Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship, where he studied dairy science. He graduated with his Bachelor of Science degree in 1989. Kruse was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army National Guard upon graduation.

Kruse said he completed his officer basic course, then returned to the dairy farm to partner with his father, Lloyd, in running it. He became the lone owner and operator of the farm when his father retired in 1995. Kruse said the work was manageable, but it had to be managed.

"Our dairy farm was fairly automat-

ed," Kruse said. "The only issue we had was to be there twice a day, every day, to make things happen."

Kruse said this became problematic when he had to attend training with his National Guard unit.

"When I went to drill I had to have my wife work or hire labor to do the job for us," Kruse recalled.

Kruse continued to juggle his duties with the farm and the National Guard until he sold his cows prior to deploying to Iraq in 2004, where he served in the Camp Taji Mayor's Cell until his redeployment in December 2005.

Kruse is currently a full-time member of the Minnesota National Guard. He has been the deputy effects coordinator for 34th Inf. Div. since 2006. He has a lot to do in this job, too.

"Our job is to synchronize the elements of information operations," Kruse said. "This includes public affairs, psychological operations and civil military affairs operations. We support civil capacity here in Iraq."

Kruse said civil capacity in Iraq consists of public infrastructure elements such as water, sewage, garbage disposal, schools and medical support. A current project is underway to encourage Iraqis to think more about things like recycling



Photo by by Sgt. Frank Vaughn

and proper trash disposal. "We are promoting messages on the advantages of having clean cities," Kruse added.

Kruse and his wife Amy – who is celebrating her birthday on Sept. 12 – live with their two sons in Pierz, Minn. Jacob, 16, is a junior at Pierz High School and Connor is four. His mother, Leila, still lives on the old family farm in Reville, S.D. He also has a brother, Lyle, who lives in Marysville, Ohio and a sister, LuAnn, who lives in Gary, S.D.

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Around the world in 34 seconds



MEXICO CITY - A Bolivian religious fanatic hijacked a jetliner from the beach resort of Cancun as it landed in Mexico City Sept. 9, police said. All passengers and crew were released unharmed. The Bible-carrying hijacker used a juice can he said was a bomb to hold the 103 passengers and crew on the tarmac for more than an hour. Police stormed the aircraft and escorted several handcuffed men away without firing a shot. Police later said there was only one hijacker. The other men were detained because the suspect told a flight attendant he had three accomplices. The others were quickly released. Jose Flores, 44, later said his three companions were "the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost." Flores hijacked Aeromexico Flight 576 after a divine revelation, according to Public Safety Secretary Genaro Garcia Luna. Flores said the date — 9-9-09 — is the satanic number 666 upside down. Flores said he took control of the aircraft with "a juice can ... with some little lights I attached." Smiling, he added, "Christ is coming soon."



WASHINGTON - It was a day of thank yous and thoughts of what could have been, as family members of the passengers and crew of United Flight 93 visited Capitol Hill Sept 9 to honor those who perished aboard that plane eight years ago. Two days before the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the families were on hand for the unveiling of a large bronze plaque at the Capitol that pays tribute to those who died when their plane crashed in a Pennsylvania field in the midst of the attacks. Their sacrifice "not only saved countless lives, but may have saved the U.S. Capitol from destruction," the plaque says. Family members listened solemnly as the ill-fated passengers' names were called out. "I hope that you will visit frequently and that it will be a comfort to you," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said. Flight 93 was traveling from Newark, N.J., to San Francisco when hijackers took it over with the likely goal of crashing it into the White House or Capitol. The official 9/11 Commission report said the hijackers crashed the plane as passengers tried to wrest control of the cockpit. The plane crashed near Shanksville in rural southwestern Pennsylvania.



NEW YORK - Derek Jeter stood at first base and waved his batting helmet, cheers resonating from the upper reaches of a packed Yankee Stadium. After tying Lou Gehrig atop the Yankees hit list, the ever-confident captain suddenly wasn't so sure of himself. "I really didn't know what to do because we were losing at the time and I didn't want to disrespect Tampa," Jeter said. "I never dreamt about all of this." Jeter broke out of his slump in a big way Sept. 9, getting three hits to match Gehrig's franchise mark, and New York rallied for a 4-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays. Jeter tied Gehrig with 2,721 hits in a Yankees uniform, a mark the Hall of Famer had held by himself for more than 70 years. "He's one of the classiest people to ever play this game," Jeter said during an on-field, postgame television interview pumped over the stadium public address system. "It's just kind of mind-boggling to have my name next to his."



MADEIRA BEACH, Fla. - A 41-year-old man faces charges after witness said he pretended to drown and then allegedly began to throw jellyfish at beachgoers. According to a sheriff's office report, Keith Edward Marriott caused "concern for his safety" when he repeatedly submerged himself and floated back to the top of the water and was also "loud and disruptive." He then started throwing the sea creatures. Marriott was arrested Sept. 7 and charged with disorderly intoxication and carrying a concealed weapon. According to the St. Petersburg Times, Marriott was carrying a pocketknife in his shorts. Jail records indicate Marriott was being held on \$250 bond.