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Molly Opens 'Miss Dog Beauty Pageant' on FOX



By MCRD San Diego PAO, HOLLYWOOD

▲ Pfc. Molly, stationed at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, opens the first Miss Dog Beauty Pageant held in Hollywood, which aired May 8 on FOX. Molly, the official mascot for the depot, is better known as the first female recruit to attend the San Diego depot for training. She graduated Oct. 11, 2002, with Company G. *Photo by Carin Baer/FOX*

Pfc. Molly, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego's mascot and the first female to train at the depot, extended her celebrity status even further as she appears on Fox's first ever "Miss Dog Beauty Pageant" May 8. The pageant's producers bestowed on Molly the honor of opening the show after discovering the young English Bulldog's natural charisma during a visit to the depot.

"The producers of the show called me to invite Molly to open the show and represent the Marine Corps because of their relationship with us and respect for the Marines," said Capt. Shawn Haney, deputy director, Los Angeles Public Affairs Office. "They met Molly during a location scout at MCRD for 'Celebrity Boot Camp' and she obviously left them with a good impression."

In addition to the pageant, Molly has appeared on The History Channel's popular

show, "Mail Call," with fellow devil dog retired Gunnery Sgt. R. Lee Ermey, now an actor. She has also been featured in *Leatherneck* magazine, *DogFancy's* special breed issue, *Bulldogs*, and several military newspapers. Because the show's producers were so familiar with Molly, she was not a competitor, according to Haney. But each canine competitor and her handler faced a grueling casting process, according to pageant producers.

Despite not actually competing with the other canines and their handlers, Molly still enjoyed four days living it up, celebrity-style in Hollywood, during rehearsals and filming of the pageant at KTLA studios. One perk of the job was staying in the luxurious Sofitel Hotel directly across from the Beverly Center in Los Angeles.

The filming of the pageant, with the obvious exception of species, followed much the same format as that of the

"Miss America Beauty Pageant," according to pageant producers. Fifty-one female dogs, each representing one of the 50 states and the District of Columbia, were judged on beauty, talent, poise and evening wear. Each canine wore the famous sash of the state she represented. The titles of "Miss Dog," "Miss Congeniality," and "Most Photogenic" were awarded to the most qualified canines.

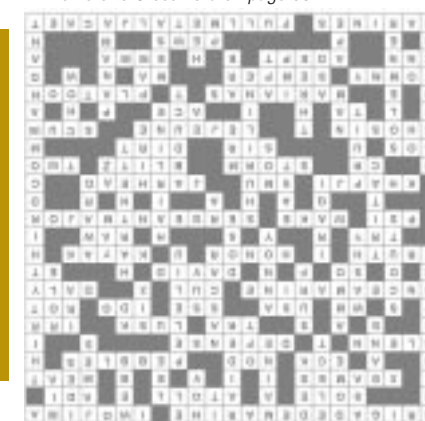
Each contestant was escorted by her handler throughout the competition but was judged exclusively on her own performance and appearance. The handlers did not impact the judging process.

Jillian Barbarie, a host for "Extreme Dating" and weather person for "Good Day L.A." and John O'Hurley, best known for his role on *Seinfeld* as Elaine's boss, J. Peterman, hosted the show. **M**



▲ Even though Molly couldn't be a participant in the beauty competition, she never missed an opportunity to sneak in some beauty sleep. Since the May 8 airing of the show, Molly has been promoted to lance corporal. *Photo by Staff Sgt. Sergio Jimenez*

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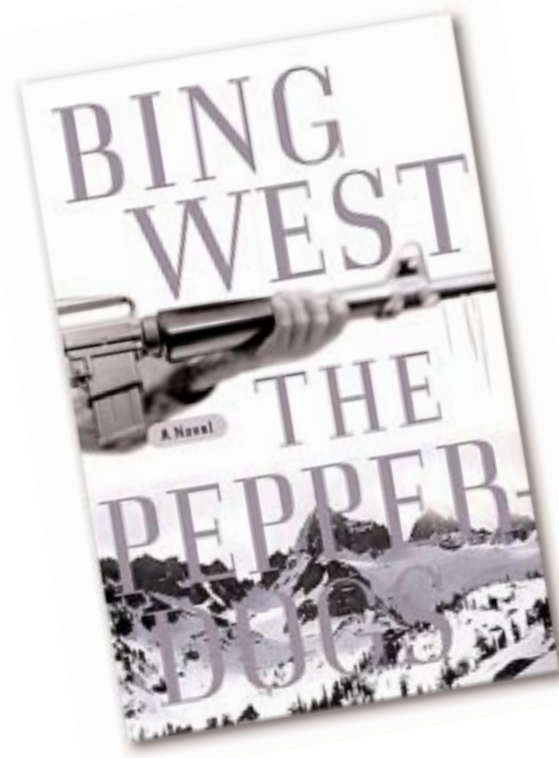


LOUD & CLEAR

"It was a I (Marine Expeditionary Force) war. We came out to support and the Marines stepped up to the challenge.

Everyone across the board did an amazing job."

— Maj. Mark Tobin,
operations officer for Marine Air Support
Squadron 1, said of his unit in Operation Iraqi Freedom



By Staff Sgt. Cindy Fisher
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It's not a Tom Clancy novel, but if you enjoy military fiction, these dogs are barking for you. Bing West's novel, "The Pepperdogs," is a fictional account, set in present-day Kosovo, of Marines pushed to the limit and beyond to ensure they don't leave a buddy behind. The novel explores the ease with which information can be distributed through modern technology and how it could impact political decisions regarding military situations. The novel combines this with the fast-paced action of a reconnaissance unit in hostile

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Gates of Fire
By Steven Pressfield

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By E.B. Sledge

Black Hawk Down
By Mark Bowden

THE PEPPERDOGS

Author: Bing West
Simon & Schuster, New York

situations on a mission to bring back a fellow Marine.

Reserve Capt. Tyler Cosgrove is the scout on his last patrol in Kosovo before he is due to fly back the States to be with his dying mother when he is kidnapped by a group of psychopathic Serbs who have just raped and killed a woman. The Pepperdogs, a reserve Marine recon team from New York, led by Cosgrove's close friend Capt. Mark Lang, are determined to rescue him.

For these Marines—a futures trader, a toy salesman, a firefighter, an auto mechanic and a computer nerd, in their civilian life—reserve duty provides the chance to be warriors, they have their day jobs for financial security. Despite the possibly negative consequences, they disobey orders. The team crosses into Serbia and begins a grueling trek through snow-crueted mountainous terrain while cutting a swathe through opposing forces.

One of the team sends e-mails of the Pepperdogs' exploits back to the States, catapulting the team to the front-page news. Their mission, unsanctioned by the military, sparks a standoff between the White House and NATO Europe.

West uses his firsthand knowledge of combat and experience in a high-level government position to combine a gritty, down in the trenches, military clash with the behind-the-scenes intrigues of politics at home and abroad.

A Marine veteran who

joined in 1962, West left reserve duty as a captain in 1968. He served in Vietnam as a rifle platoon commander with 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, and 2nd Bn., 9th Marines and as a mortar platoon commander in 2/9. Like the characters of his novel, West served as a member of a five-man recon patrol. He was a member of the force recon team, Primrose, which ambushed a North Vietnam battalion, initiating Operation Sting Ray. While assigned to G-3 Operations, III Marine Amphibious Force, in 1966-67, he was sent to units in combat to write descriptions of the fighting. This work was published in 1967 by Headquarters Marine Corps under the title Small Unit Action in Vietnam and used as a text at The Basic School for many years.

His has served as Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security during the Reagan administration, Dean of Research at the Naval War College and Vice President of the Hudson Institute. During Desert Storm, he was a CNN military analyst and during March and April of Operation Iraqi Freedom, he accompanied 1st Marine Division units from Kuwait to Baghdad.

West also wrote the nonfiction book, "The Village," which is on the U.S. Marine Corps Reading list, and has another nonfiction work, written with retired Maj. Gen. Ray Smith, "The March Up, Taking Baghdad with the 1st Marine Division," due to be released in September. **M**

Marine Extremes

ACROSS

- 1. French called them this at Belleau Wood
- 11. Site of historic WWII flag raising
- 16. "___ Survivor"
- 17. Midway is one
- 19. Alzheimer's Disease International
- 20. Intense sport fest
- 22. T-bone, pot roast, spare ribs
- 24. German hit
- 25. Positive head motion
- 27. Bam Bam's babe
- 28. First Marine astronaut in space
- 29. Department of ___
- 33. ___-La-La
- 34. Marine gal who placed 1st in Stars and Stripes bike classic
- 37. Individual Ready Reserve
- 40. Past term for woman Marine
- 41. United States of America
- 44. South South East
- 46. Marriage vow
- 47. Decay
- 48. ____, Always a Marine
- 49. ___ de Sac
- 50. Enlisted recipient of two Medals of Honor
- 51. ___ what?
- 52. Goliath conqueror
- 54. "Phone home" star
- 55. "You can't handle the ___"
- 58. ____, Courage, Commitment
- 59. Needs a paddle
- 62. If at first you don't succeed, ___ again
- 64. Uncooked
- 65. Psychic power
- 66. Shore-line boarding sport
- 68. McMichael is one
- 70. Saudi battle city during Desert Storm
- 72. SASSY Management Unit
- 74. Marine nickname
- 79. Chromium symbol
- 80. Desert ___
- 82. Kernel ___
- 83. Number of active-duty female generals in the Corps
- 84. Sailor's cry for help
- 87. Term of respect for officers
- 88. Old as ___
- 89. Frozen battle where Marines defeated overwhelming forces

- 92. 13th Commandant
- 94. Pond Algae
- 96. Tuition Assistance
- 97. Aviation Combat Element
- 99. Islands where Marines conducted a 1944 battle
- 104. Charlie Sheen war movie
- 105. Gen. Franks' friends call him
- 107. ___ Fi
- 108. Short for Mom
- 109. News network
- 110. Capable
- 112. 1956 Okinawa typhoon
- 113. Church seats
- 115. Sea soldiers
- 116. Hard CORPS 80s movie

DOWN

- 1. Site of Marine winter training
- 2. 22nd Marines attacked at this Okinawa river estuary in WWII
- 3. Covered football field
- 4. Action taken in November every four years
- 5. Office furniture
- 6. "Remember the ___!"
- 7. Edson's ___ Battalion
- 8. Steven King's thriller
- 9. Month of USMC birthday
- 10. ___ Mariachi
- 12. "The D.I." star
- 13. Col. ___ Mead commanded 1983 peacekeeping force in Beirut

- 14. March 15
- 15. Missing In Action
- 18. Protected side of an island
- 21. Group of street punks
- 23. Gen. Michael W. Hagee
- 26. Again and again
- 27. WWII amphibious invasion
- 30. Marines sponsor a team here
- 31. What every Marine needs in battle
- 32. "Charlie don't ___" - Apocalypse Now
- 35. Iwo Jima flag raising number
- 36. Known Distance Course
- 37. Irish military faction
- 38. Actors play one
- 39. LAR's eyes
- 40. Wishy-___
- 42. They have a swimsuit edition
- 43. To pester
- 45. Soccer mom wheels
- 52. Medicine measurement
- 53. "Black Hawk Down" star
- 56. Tri-service Tactical Communications
- 57. Operation ___ Freedom
- 60. Orange Thanksgiving favorite
- 61. Given for excellence
- 63. Often recedes for the elderly
- 67. Gen. MacArthur commanded in the Far ___
- 68. Marines broached here May 18, 1945, in Okinawa

- 69. Cheerleader's call
- 71. You should have 2-4 servings a day
- 73. Military Occupational Specialty
- 75. Kidnap
- 76. Employ
- 77. Arizona
- 78. U.S. Central Command
- 81. Meals Ready to Eat
- 85. "___ what a wonderful feeling!"
- 86. More solemn
- 90. Navy Achievement Medal
- 91. Desert Storm movie "___ Kings"
- 93. Each
- 95. Dinner Marine style
- 98. Site of Operation Just Cause
- 100. American School Directory
- 101. Little devil
- 102. Able
- 103. "Scooby Doo, where ___ you?"
- 104. Possible nickname for Pamela Anderson
- 106. Not off
- 108. Stuart ___ housing at Camp Pendleton
- 110. Mimic
- 111. "Hi Hi ___ in the fields artillery..."
- 113. Post-Meridien
- 114. Weight

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