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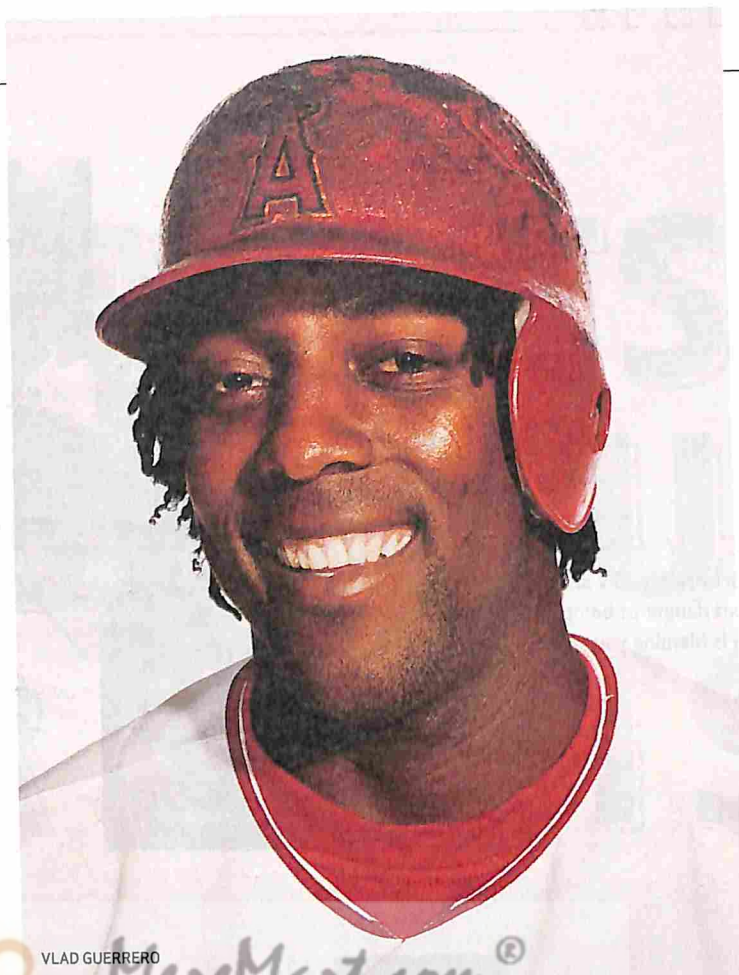
The Angels to make a return trip to the World Series, they need Vladimir Guerrero to be as good in fall as he was in the spring and summer. Has he required a tweak or two. **BY GEORGE ARANGURÉ JR.**

## BIENVENIDO A LA NARANJA!\*

A USC expert comes to terms with his inner Latino. The times they are *combiando*, and the Latinos are changing along with them. Welcome to The Orange (what Latinos call the OC). **BY JUAN PABLO ARELLANO**

## HEY, WE'RE STILL PLAYING HERE

Falcons star's stupidity and recklessness almost cost him his career. (No, it's not who you think.) But defensive end John Abraham believes in second chances, and he's hoping his team does too. **BY SETH WICKERSHAM**



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Nose tackle Kelley Gregg doesn't think he's anything special. Try convincing the Ravens of that. **BY SETH WICKERSHAM**

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As fans bid adieu to the summer from hell (the home run chase, dogfighting, refs gone wild), here are 21 reasons to get as excited as the USC Song Girls.

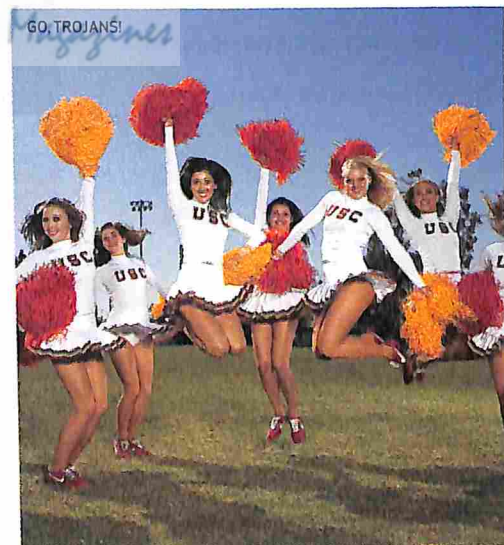
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Forget the race track. Jeff Gordon's whole life travels at 200 mph. Fortunately, he has a whole army to keep his wheels turning. **BY RYAN MCGEE**

## 96 DOUBLE TAKES

Twin Gamecocks linebackers Jasper and Casper Brinkley are scary good. But the way they know each other's minds is just plain scary. **BY MIKE KUCHAR**

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Blazers ROY Brandon Roy and three other supersophs went to summer school ... to avoid getting schooled this season. **BY LZ GRANDERSON**

## 108 AL FONG'S IRON FIST

The legendary gymnastic coach's over-the-top behavior almost destroyed his career once. Which makes you wonder why he'd risk it all again. **BY WRIGHT THOMPSON**



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