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## News

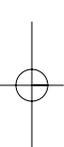
Fort Carson  
Criminal  
Investigation  
Division announces  
reward for Fort  
Carson fugitive



## Community

More than 200 Cub Scouts attend day camp at Fort Carson's Camp Falcon. The Cubs took part in several events, including BB-gun marksmanship and a confidence course.

## Military



# Commanders



Riggs

**“...our forefathers ... charged into a seemingly impossible war ...”**

I must study politics and war that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy.

John Adams

Signer of the Declaration of Independence

To citizens of many countries in the world, words like liberty and freedom have only hollow meanings. They couldn't imagine a nation ruled by its people. Nearly two-and-a-half centuries ago, a small group of colonists not only realized the meaning of these ideals, but decided they would die, if need be, to earn them.

The unflinching spirit of these American colonists compelled them to fight for liberty for freedom for our inalienable rights before an Army was even created.

That spirit led untrained men and women to pick up arms and fight against then the most powerful force in the world Great Britain. Putting aside their fears, our forefathers boldly declared independence and charged into a seemingly impossible war.

Often shoeless, in tattered clothing and going days without food, these first American soldiers paid the price for the independence they sought. But, five years after the Declaration of Independence was signed, the United States of America had won its independence.

Because of their sacrifices, we the people decide who will be our president. We the people decide which laws to pass. We the people have choices in which religion to practice.

We owe our forefathers a great deal for building a nation that the world looks to as a model for democracy a nation run by its peo-

ple. Mostly, we owe the continued defense of what soldiers do e

The Army has ... downs and post clo more. There will a we do. But, we can pels us to be ready for our nation fr

Sometimes we : uniform. We get t in training, and v the United States.

Friday, at Iron opportunity to ce with, among other set to patriotic mus and the fireworks, enjoy freedom b patriotism and blo and remember that dom to this day.

Proud to serve

# Sound Off!

## What are your plans this Fourth of July?



Jennifer Espinosa  
Family member  
Barbecuing and hanging out with the kids.



David Wintemut  
K Co.  
Going to Wyoming to have some fun.



Sgt. Phillip Johnson  
52nd Eng. Bn.  
Have a get together at home to cele-

## Army leaders issue joint Independence Day message

Editor's note: the following is an Independence Day message issued by Robert M. Walker, acting secretary of the Army, and Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, Army chief of staff.

remain free, the young nation would need to maintain a trained, disciplined army. Not long after his retirement from public life, war loomed on the horizon again, this time with France. In

## Readers re

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# County sets fire restrictions for Fourth of July weekend

El Paso County Sheriff's Office

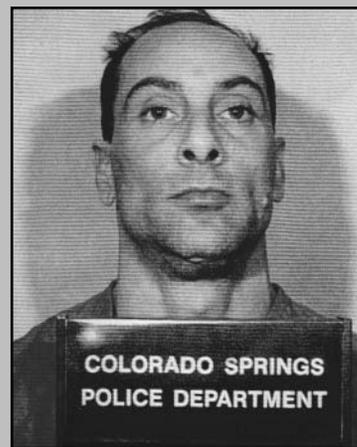
The Vice Chair of the El Paso County Board of Commissioners has imposed fire restrictions for unincorporated El Paso County effective June 26th until further notice. The restriction comes as a result of extreme wildland fire danger.

It is unlawful for any person to build, maintain, attend or use an open fire or conduct an open burn in the unincorporated areas of El Paso County including public, private, state and applicable federal lands. For purposes of this Ordinance, open fires or burning shall be defined as any outdoor fire, including, but not limited to, campfires, fires in wood-burning stoves, fused explosives, fireworks of all kinds or brands and the prescribed burning of fence lines or rows,

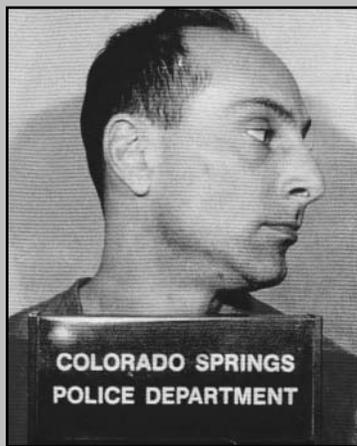
fields, farmlands, rangelands, wildlands, trash and debris.

Exceptions to this restriction are fires contained within liquid fueled stoves, fireplaces within buildings, charcoal grill fires and fires in wood-burning stoves at private residences and fires contained within permanent fire pits or fire grates located on developed picnic grounds and campgrounds. Sale of fireworks and commercial or community fireworks displays properly permitted are also an exception to the restriction. An exemption to this ordinance shall be granted only by the Sheriff, through the Deputy Fire Marshal, or for exemptions upon or within state or federal lands located within El Paso County, by the administering state or federal agency, and only if proposed action is deemed by the El Paso County

# CID offers \$5,000 info on Fort Carson



Andreozzi



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contact Fort  
Vanessa Carr  
526-3995, or

# Mountain Post Team MVP



Kathy Green and Lenore Goolsby  
Civilian Personnel

This week's most valuable players are Kathy Green and Lenore Goolsby from Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. They have both been recognized for their helpfulness and excellent customer service. This is a particularly noteworthy commendation since the CPAC has been significantly downsized, while our customer traffic has maintained at the same level. Being able to deliver positive and friendly customer service doesn't just happen, they

This feature in the Mountain Post is a Department of the Army civilian volunteer each week for an outstanding need nominations to run the Mountain Post MVP will be selected from the Fort Carson community. Nominations should include full name, rank or title, nomination and a phone number. The deadline for nominations is the following week's Mountain Post. Nominations should be submitted to: 526-1021 or mailed to:

Mountain Post  
Public Affairs Office, Building 100  
Fort Carson, CO 80913-1000  
For more information, call 526-1021

# Community



Dan Villanuva of the University of Colorado, Denver, is lowered to the ground by a teammate.



Photos by Nel Lampe

Leticia Deleon, a Denver Metro student, lowers herself from the tower with the help of teammate on the ground.

## Alpine Tower

*Complex builds trust, cooperation, teamwork*

by Nel Lampe  
Mountaineer staff

Trust.  
Cooperation.  
Teamwork.  
Communication.

Those were the lessons learned by 50 members of INROADS/Colorado, Inc., at Fort Carson's Outdoor Recreation Alpine Tower Complex Friday.

According to Jason Davis, manager of the complex, the point of the tower experience is team building and leadership.

People learn to communicate, to solve problems and to trust each other (while climbing the tower), Davis said.

Tallie Bishop, a member of the INROADS/Colorado, Inc., said the group participating in the Alpine Tower climb is part of some 200 students/interns involved in a three-day leadership conference. Other people were participating in conflict management workshops, a high and low ropes course, orienteering and water rafting. Each group will take part in all facets of the conference.

INROADS/Colorado was started in 1984, and is open to minority college students who have a 3.0 grade point average and major in business, computer science, engineering or allied health. The students have jobs with Colorado companies during the summer. Nearly 250 college students/interns from Denver and Colorado Springs participate in the program.

We get the best and the brightest, Bishop said.

It was great, said Deidra Azuara, a student at Colorado University in Boulder. It was like being on top of the world, she said. You have to trust the person big time who is supporting you.

Torri Lopez was reluctant to climb the tower because of the height, but he did it. Looking down was the scariest part, he said. He said he felt good about it, once he was back on the ground.



Torri Lopez, a student at Colorado Tech, reaches the top of the tower.

# Cub Scouts participate in week of fun, games

by Pfc. Socorro A. Spooner

The Mountain Post hosted more than 215 Cub Scouts from June 22 to 26 for their annual day camp.

The scout camp was held downrange at Falcon Camp every day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The children participated in different events throughout the week like archery, arts and crafts, Basic BB marksmanship, and a confidence course.

The camp has been hosted by Fort Carson for close to 20 years, according to Chris Jensen, camp director.

We've had nothing but support from the Fort Carson community, Jensen said.

The camp offers a little something for all of its participants, according to Donna Strait, den leader.

There are lots of interactive activities for the cubs, said Strait.

Many of these cubs have never fired a BB-gun or a bow and arrow, she said. Strait said, it was great to see a cub who feared an activity to conquer it, said Strait.

A different type of obstacle camp leaders faced was the heat. They had a challenging time with keeping the cubs hydrated. There were water spots at every activity, said Dean Quaranta. With the exception of only a few cases of mild dehydration, the cubs were kept cool with water and kept in the shade by

their den leaders, said Quaranta.

Overall, there were approximately 71 cubs with minor injuries treated by medics from the 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. The injuries ranged from minor cuts to dehydration, said Sgt. Mike Millin, 1st Sqn., 3 ACR, Headquarters, Headquarters Troop.

We make rounds every half hour just to check on the cubs, said Millin.

For the most part the injuries are more psychological than physical, said Spc. Chris Church, 1st Sqn., 3 ACR.

This has helped us to practice our basic skills and have some fun work-



Photos by Pfc. Socorro A. Spooner  
Ian Gouker goes through the tunnel during the obstacle course.



Cub Scouts tackle the push log during the obstacle course.



Bruce Pitts attempts his skill in archery.



## Children, families learn about different cultures at VBS

by Pfc. Socorro A. Spooner  
Mountaineer staff

More than 200 Vacation Bible School students and families could be found at Soldiers Memorial Chapel's Heritage Day June 27.



"...a great place for families to grow"

The event, which hosted more than 11 countries including Puerto Rico, Italy, Japan and Israel, took place in the play area of the SMC education center. The event began at 10

a.m. with a performance by the VBS student choir, performing spiritual selections to kick off the close of VBS and the opening of heritage day.

Each country represented displayed authentic artifacts, food and books about its country. The crowd was also treated to special dances and music.

Since this year's theme was All of God's People Pray, the committee decided a culture day would stress the brotherhood of all people, said Miki Feldman, director of religious education.

This event gave children and their parents a chance to learn about different cultures and beliefs, she said.



Photos by Pfc. Socorro A. Spooner

Left: The VBS children's choir perform spiritual selections to close VBS. Above: June Herrera performs a dance with flaming baton as part of heritage day.

# Mountain Post residents recognized for taking pride in community, quarters

Pfc. Socorro A. Spooner  
Mountaineer staff

Yard of the Month winners for June were announced June 25 at a housing ceremony at the home of Cherokee Village winners Staff Sgt. William and Michelle Easley.

All of the recipients received a letter of appreciation and a yard of the month sign. They were also presented gift certificates from the Post Floral shop, Burger King, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Bowling Center, as well as a \$25 gift certificate from the Post Exchange and Fort Carson Commissary.

One winner, Michelle Easley, won



Photo by Pfc. Socorro A. Spooner

**Michelle Easley, center, plants the Yard of the Month sign in her yard.**

dingle-handedly. Her husband is currently stationed in Korea.

We've worked on the yard for two years and all we do is take care of it, said Easley.

It is also a form of relaxation for us, said Steven.

Not many residents know the process which is used in becoming a winner. The yard of the month judging process has many requirements, according to Master Sgt. Eric Rodwell, Housing Liaison, non commissioned officer in charge.

We try to see what they've done above and beyond when determining a winner, said Rodwell.

The first step is getting nominated by the village mayor. Then the quarters are visited by the housing officer, said Rodwell.

Finally, housing looks up the quarters records looking for any violations, he said. Once this is done, and no citations are found, the winner is determined for the village, said Rodwell.

Winners for the month of June  
Cheyenne Village: Chief Warrant Officer Phillip Krolkowski and wife, Joanne

Cherokee Village: Staff Sgt. William Easley and wife, Michelle

Apache Village: Sgt. First Class Phillip Langvardt and wife, Pamela

Arapahoe Village: Staff Sgt. Raymond Baum and wife, Martina

Souix Village: Sgt. William Huntington



## Bike Safety

Children learn the correct rules about bike safety at an Apache Village barbecue. The barbecue was held to award the residents of the village for being named best village during Spring Cleanup.

## Barracks upgrade

**Inset:** Contracting Officer Bill Armstrong signs the contract for the upgrade of 34 barracks. The nearly \$59 million contract is the largest project ever contracted at Fort Carson. Seated at left is Doug Pourier of Landmark Construction and Rudy Garcia, of the Small Business Administration. Standing are from left, Deborah Duncan, Director of Public Works, Phil Wolf, Staff Judge Advocate Office, Sara Smith, contract specialist and Stephen W. Bello Jr, architect, DPW. The contract calls for gutting the barracks (pictured at right) and upgrading. When completed, privates to sergeants will occupy private rooms measuring 120 square feet, and share a bath and service area. Rooms for staff sergeant will include 200 square feet, including a private bath and service areas. New roofs will also be added to the yellow brick barracks. The project is expected to be completed in five year.



# School of the Arts sets upcoming events

by Nel Lampe

Mountaineer staff

Fort Carson's School of the Arts is a new program at Fort Carson. It was started a few months ago, according to Jennifer Kelly, director of the School of the Arts.

There was a School of the Arts in Heidelberg, Germany, Kelly said.

The Department of the Army chose Fort Carson as one of four pilot sites in the United States.

The purpose of the School of the Arts is to ...bring the arts to our military community, Kelly said. It is such a growth developmental tool, she said.

One of the great things art does is to develop the emotional, physical and intelligence side of children, and stimulate self confidence, Kelly said.

School of the Arts sponsored Saturday's performances of *The Pied Piper*. Under the direction of Missoula Children's Theatre, some 50 children spent a week in rehearsals, before presenting the two performances to appreciative audiences.

Several School of the Arts events are upcoming. Utah's Granite Youth Symphony Orchestra is bringing 100 of its best students to conduct two workshops July 9, and a free concert at 7:30 p.m. that evening.

The Army Soldier Show on Friday and Saturday involves the School of the Arts, to ready the theater for the two shows.

Ongoing classes in Tae Kwon Do,

gymnastics, dance and drama meet weekly.

A Fine Arts Camp for children in grades 6 to 12 begins Monday at 9 a.m. Children enrolled in Youth Services may audition for the production *I Didn't Know That!* The performance will be July 10, at 2 p.m. at McMahon Theater.

A musical theater camp for children of all ages begins July 13, and runs through July 31. Auditions will be held July 13 for grades Kindergarten through 5th grade at the School Age Services from 9 to 11 a.m. Auditions for grades 6 through 12 will be held at the Youth Services from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. All children must be enrolled in SAS to audition. The production will be presented July 29, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Kelly said the musical has parts for children of all ages.

In September, Missoula's Children's Theater will return with *The Fisherman and His Wife*.

Auditions for children ages 6 to 18 will be held Sept. 21, at 5:30 p.m. After a week's rehearsals in the evening, the performances will be presented Sept. 26, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., in McMahon Auditorium.

Production workshops and visual arts classes begin in August and a symphonic keyboard band starts in September.

Kelly said she is excited about the future of Fort Carson's School of the Arts and the involvement of youth in upcoming programs. For more infor-



Photo by Nel Lampe

The cooks from "The Pied Piper" make a curtain call. Cameron Lampe is second from right, front row.

## The making of a thespian

Editor's note: the following article, written by Cameron Lampe, details a Missoula Children's Theater production, beginning to end, from a 10 year old's point of view.

Hi,

My name is Cameron Lampe. I'm going to be in a play, *The Pied Piper*. I went to audition for it Monday and I got the part of one of the cooks. I was pretty happy that I got a part in the play because a lot of people didn't get a part.

On Tuesday we started to learn songs and learned when to come on stage. We worked with the mayor (Mark Cowman of Missoula Children's Theatre).

We all practiced together. We also practiced with Sara (Melody Hesketh of Missoula Children's Theatre).

We also worked with (the person playing) the Pied Piper.

It was fun, but up on stage it was hot.

On show day I wasn't nervous. The make-up was uncomfortable.

Doing the show was exciting and fun. I had fun with the other kids.

I remembered all my lines (at the performance) but it took four or five days to get started (memorizing the lines).

I could see my family in the audience when the play started, and that got me excited.

I think I'd like to get on stage again.

The end

## Beware of prairie dogs, squirrels, plague on Fort Carson

Evans Army Community  
Hospital

Prairie dogs and squirrels appear to be innocent enough animals. Yet, they may also be the hosts of a potentially deadly disease known as plague. For several years now, there have been cases of plague carried by squirrels in El Paso County, confined mainly to a region along Fountain Creek from Manitou Springs to Colorado Springs, south of Garden of the Gods Park. Plague has sporadically been seen in prairie dogs on Fort Carson. Most recently it has been isolated in a prairie dog population on one of the ranges. This has been properly addressed, but it highlights the need for continued awareness about this disease.

Plague is caused by a bacteria and is transmitted from rodent to rodent by infected fleas. The rodents affected often have a high death rate. During these outbreaks, hungry infected fleas that have lost their normal hosts seek other sources of blood, thus increasing the risk to humans and other animals frequenting the area. Besides squirrels and prairie dogs, other animals (wood rats

and chipmunks) may become infected and transmit this disease. Less commonly, deer, mice, moles, wild rabbits and even antelope may acquire the infection. Domestic cats and sometimes dogs can become infected from fleas or eating the carcass of a diseased animal such as a prairie dog. They may also bring plague-infected fleas into the home.

Plague is transmitted from animal to animal and from human to human by the bites of infected fleas. Less frequently, the organism enters through a break in the skin by direct contact with tissue or body fluids of a plague-infected animal, for instance, in the process of skinning a rabbit or other animal. Plague is also transmitted by inhaling infected droplets expelled by coughing, by a person or animal, especially domestic cats, with pneumonic plague. Transmission of plague from person to person is uncommon and has not been observed in the United States since 1924 but does occur as an important factor in plague epidemics in some developing countries. Signs and symptoms of plague may occur one to seven days after

exposure. When introduced through a flea bite or a cut or break in the skin, the classic sign is very painful, usually swollen, and often hot-to-the-touch lymph node, called a bubo. This finding, accompanied with fever, extreme exhaustion, and a history of possible exposure to squirrels or prairie dogs should lead to a suspicion of plague.

Once a human is infected, a progressive illness generally results unless specific antibiotic therapy is given. Progression leads to blood infection and, finally, to lung infection. The infection of the lung is termed plague pneumonia, and it can be transmitted to others through the expulsion of droplets by coughing. Fortunately, this is extremely rare. As soon as a diagnosis of suspected plague is made, the patient should be isolated, and Preventative Medicine at Evans Army Community Hospital should be notified. Specific antibiotics are used in the treatment of plague. When properly recognized and appropriate antibiotics are begun early in the course of the infection, the patient usually does quite well.

Fortunately, there have been

no cases of human plague in Colorado in 1998. One case was reported in 1997 in Montezuma County. In the United States, during the 1980s, plague cases averaged about 18 per year. Most of the cases occurred in persons under 20 years of age. About one in seven persons with plague died. Prevention is key to the low human occurrence. Primary preventive measures are directed toward reducing the threat of infection in humans in high risk areas through various techniques. For individuals who work on Fort Carson or reside near one of the areas known to sporadically harbor the infection, it is important to follow some basic rules. Do not play or camp near prairie dog burrows. Likewise, do not play with squirrels, prairie dogs or other rodents.

If a dead squirrel or prairie dog is found on your property, possibly brought in by a dog or cat, do not pick it up or go near it. Contact the Fort Carson Pest Management Section at 526-5141 for proper disposal.

It is also important to not allow your cats or dogs to run astray,

## Chapel

An account has been established to receive donations toward the replacement of sanctuary furnishings destroyed during the January fire at Soldiers Memorial Chapel. Send checks or money orders to that chapel or the Installation Chaplains Office.

There is a new liturgical worship Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at Provider Chapel. Those who have traditions such as Lutheran, Episcopal, Presbyterian and Methodist may be interested in this new service. There will also be a potluck following the liturgical service Sunday. The liturgical service will begin Sunday School for children beginning July 5.

Call Chaplain Brock at 526-1473 for more information.

## Chapel Schedule

### ROMAN CATHOLIC

Chapel	Service	Day	Time	Location	Contact Person
Healer	Mass	Sunday	11 a.m.	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Gagliardo/526-7386
Healer	Mass	M-W-F	11:45 a.m.	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Gagliardo/526-7386
Provider	Mass	Sunday	12:15 p.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Cavanaugh/526-5769
Soldiers	CCD	Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Nelson & Martinez	Ms. Feldman/526-0478
McMahon	Mass	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Bldg. 1517	Chap. Cavanaugh/526-5769
Veterans	Mass	Sunday	8 a.m.	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Cavanaugh/526-5769

Changes in worship services due to the fire at Soldiers Memorial Chapel are denoted in bold type.

### LITURGICAL

Provider	Liturgical	Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Brock/526-1473
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### PROTESTANT

Healer	Protestant	Sunday	9 a.m.	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. Tarvin/526-7387
Prussman	Prot/Samoan	Sunday	8 a.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Rev. P.S. Taito/572-6879
Provider	Sun. School	Sunday	10:15 a.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Duvall/526-4416
Provider	Protestant	Sunday	9 a.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Stephen/526-4416
Prussman	Sun. School	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Giles/526-4206
Prussman	Prot/Gospel	Sunday	11 a.m.	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Giles/526-4206
Soldiers	Sun. School	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Nelson & Martinez	Dr. Scheck/526-5626
McMahon	Protestant	Sunday	11 a.m.	Bldg. 1517	Chap. Cooper/526-8011
Veterans	Protestant	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Magrath & Titus	Chap. J. Hartranft/524-1822
Veterans	Protestant	Sunday	11 a.m.	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Simo/526-8890

For additional information contact the Installation Chaplains Office, Bldg. 6227, at 526-5209. For information and a schedule of Jewish Sabbath services, call the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel at 333-2636. Normally, free child care is available for infants and preschool age children during on-post worship services. Some worship services offer a children's church for ages 6 to 12.

## Daily Bible Readings

In order to assist in regular scripture reading, the following scriptures are recommended. These are part of the common daily lectionary which is designed to present the entire Bible over a three-year cycle.

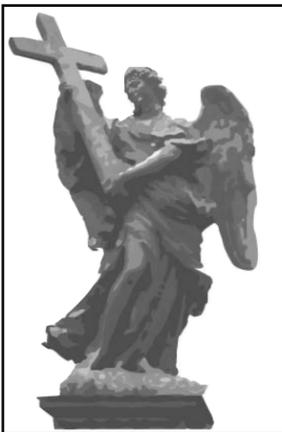
Saturday, Psalms 30 & 2 Samuel 7-9  
 Sunday, Psalms 31 & 2 Samuel 10-12  
 Monday, Psalms 32 & 2 Samuel 13-15  
 Tuesday, Psalms 33 & 2 Samuel 16-18  
 Wednesday, Psalms 34 & 2 Samuel 19-21  
 July 9, Psalms 35 & 2 Samuel 22-24

## Chaplain s

by Chap. (Capt.) Kevin P. Cavanaugh  
Installation Chaplain s Office

Give me liberty or give me death! These words were spoken by Patrick Henry over 200 years ago and express the commitment to freedom which Americans have honored from the birth of our nation. The colonists fought for independence from the English crown so they could form a representative government based on human rights, free to chart its own political and economic future. Throughout the last two centuries, countless men and women have defended our freedom by valiently opposing tyrants who opposed our nation s well-being and that of our allies. Many sacrificed their lives to defend our right to Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. There is no better time than Independence Day to remember the sacrifices that have allowed us to live in freedom.

We cannot forget the pursuit of liberty is not solely an American prerogative. Christians, believe the proper exercise of liberty is a basic human right and must be protected. Our ability to choose what is right reflects the divine freedom of God. It was God who freely chose to



create us in his image by giving us the ability to think, to live freely and to love. Recently, however, it seems to me that there is growing confusion over what human liberty means. It is becoming popular for people to condone their improper behavior by saying As long as you do not hurt anyone, who cares what you choose to do? In other words, does human liberty mean that anyone has the right to do whatever he or she may wish to do without regard for its consequences? If this is true, then is self-destructive behavior also acceptable? Given the fact that our society has begun to condone behavior that was once rejected, all in the name of human freedom, Christians must be ready to answer these questions clearly.

The Christian understanding of human freedom begins by making a key distinction

between liberty and license. License is the ability to choose whatever one may wish, without regard to the cost or harm that a decision may inflict on oneself or one s neighbors. For example, people who commit any form of sin practice license, because they choose to do what is harmful and destructive. License allows us to justify our sinfulness and destructive behavior because after all, no one else is getting hurt. People who practice license ask the question, Can I do something rather than should I do it?

Liberty stands in contrast to license. True liberty and freedom include the ability to choose between what is good and evil, but are realized only when a person chooses to do good. True human freedom does not consider good and evil to be equal options. True liberty recognizes that human life can be fully realized only by choosing to do what is good for oneself and those around us. In Christian terms, we can define freedom by saying that a person acts in a free manner only when he or she cooperates with God s plan for humanity revealed in Jesus Christ. This plan asks each of us to choose freely to live in faith, hope and

**Staff Sgt. Vincent Lewis, of 89th Chemical explains the N-93 Fox to retiree John Brown and his grandson, Christopher Medina.**

**A soldier talks with an agent from a**

# Post pays respect to

by Nel Lampe  
Mountaineer staff

About 250 retirees attended the opening ceremony at McMahon Auditorium Saturday for Retiree Appreciation Days.

It has been very successful, said 1st Lt. Doris Low, 4th Personnel Services Battalion, project officer for RAD. This is the 25th year Retiree Appreciation Days has been held at Fort Carson.

The first RAD event was a pancake breakfast held in the old Post Exchange parking lot, followed by the welcome and opening ceremony in the auditorium.

A golf tournament, followed by a barbecue lunch and award presentation had taken most of Friday for participating retirees. A Job Fair and the installation Monthly Retirement Ceremony was on Friday afternoon's agenda.

Saturday afternoon, static displays drew retirees and their families back to the old PX parking lot.

Retiree John Brown, a retired master sergeant, with his grandson, Christopher Medina, were learning about the 89th Chemical's N-93 Fox Nuclear Biological Chemical Recon System. This is amazing, based on the equipment we had in 1981, Brown said.

He was also impressed with the soldiers who accompanied the equipment. They are doing an out-

standing job, Brown said. His grandson summed it up in shorter words: Cool. Neat.

Saturday afternoon featured a county fair and workshops at the Youth Center. Business was steady for the 29 booths providing information for retirees and family members. Except for the Armed Forces Bank and Security Services Credit Union, who are sponsors for RAD, the other booths were non-profit services for military services.

Workshops included a session with the representative from the National Association of Uniformed Services, and an opportunity to meet with Congressman Joel Hefley, a member of Senator Wayne Allard's office, and State Representatives Bill Sinclair and Mary Ellen Epps.

Retired Lt. Col. Joseph Gmelch, who has been a member of the Fort Carson Retiree Council for 25 years, was delighted that the Colorado and United States representatives were present.

Other RAD activities were: a dedication of Ironhorse Physical Fitness Center to Lt. Gen. John Forrest, former post commanding general took place Saturday; the Army Ball was Saturday at the Broadmoor International Center; Memorial services were held at McMahon Theatre Sunday; and a breakfast brunch was held at the Post Exchange parking



Colonel Martin Dempsey, outgoing commander speaks to his troops for the last time.



Photos by Pfc. Socorro Spooner

From left to right, Col. Christopher Baggott, incoming commander, Lt. Col James Hickey, commander of troops and Col. Martin Dempsey review the troops in formation.

## Colonel takes over Stetsons, spurs

Fort Carson Public Affairs Office  
The 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment welcomed Col. Christopher Baggott as its new commander June 19, during a change of command ceremony at Butts Army Airfield.

Baggott, the 68th colonel in the regiment's 152 years, comes to the Mountain Post after serving as the commander of the 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry

Regiment. He replaces Col. Martin Dempsey, who commanded the regiment for the past two years.

Baggott is responsible for all five squadrons in the regiment: three mechanized squadrons, an aviation squadron and a support squadron.

He will lead the regiment in finding the enemy, shaping the battlefield and finishing

# Soldiers compete to fire Stinger missile

by Pvt. Zach Mott

14th Public Affairs Detachment  
It's a bird, it's a plane... correction, was a plane.

That was precisely the case as members of Charlie Battery, 1st Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery, went downrange here June 24 to fire one of the most precise missiles the U. S. Army arsenal has to offer, the Stinger missile.

I would hate to be an enemy pilot, said Cpl. Daniel Bader, team chief and trigger man for one of the firing teams from Stinger Platoon, 1st Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery.

These sentiments were echoed by nearly everyone witnessing the deadly results of a Stinger missile reducing a Remote Controlled Miniature Aerial Target to tiny pieces of fiberglass during this exercise.

Competing for the opportunity to fire the limited number of Stingers brought out the best of each soldier during the two-day military occupational specialty-specific testing. This testing consisted of five categories including aircraft recognition, vehicle recognition, general Stinger knowledge, critical safety checks for the Stinger and a computerized firing simulation of a Stinger missile, said 2nd Lt. Marcus Doyle, platoon leader for Stinger Platoon, Battery C, 1st Bn., 44th

ADA.

Even with all the preparation for these soldiers there is nothing like the real thing.

It's (firing a Stinger) an indescribable feeling, nothing (we fire) really compares to it, Bader said after firing his first Stinger missile in more than three-and-a-half years of service.

With a built-in tracking device, the Stinger is one of the easiest missiles for these soldiers to fire. Commonly known as a fire-and-forget missile, once the trigger has been squeezed on the pistol grip of the Stinger missile, all of the work to bring down the target is done by the weapon.

Of critical importance when firing a Stinger is listening for the lock-on tone before engaging the target.

Once you hear the tone, you just pull the trigger and watch the target go down, said Spc. Eric Barnett, a member of the Stinger Platoon, 1st Bn., 44th ADA who fired his fourth Stinger missile during this training.

As happy as they were to have this rare opportunity to fire Stinger missiles, it wasn't the only training members of Battery C, 1st Bn., 44th ADA were able to accomplish during this exercise. They also conducted platoon-level gunnery with two Bradley Fighting Vehicle pla-



Photos by Pvt. Zach Mott

Three Bradley Fighting Vehicles maneuver downrange.



A Bradley Fighting Vehicle sends a round downrange during platoon level gunnery.



Photo by Spc. Jon Parr

A soldier speaks with representatives of a civilian company at a job fair June 26.

## ACAP 1st step in transitioning

by Spc. Jon Parr  
Mountaineer staff

Whether a soldier is getting ready to retire, getting chaptered from the Army or is ETSing, he or she must go through the initial briefing conducted by the Army Career Alumni Program.

This briefing, which is mandatory for all soldiers, is given by ACAP career counselors. During the two-hour class, soldiers are walked through the DD Form 2648, which is an Army pre-separation checklist that covers all the services available to transitioning soldiers, said Rose Mary Smith, ACAP career counselor.

We go through the checklist step-by-step, Smith said. We give a complete overview of

every service available, their hours and phone numbers.

Although the briefing is mandatory, Laura Plaxton, ACAP career counselor said it is beneficial for every soldier.

This briefing gives transitioning soldiers an idea of what services are available to them. Prior to ACAP, soldiers had to track down all these services themselves, Plaxton said.

There are several services available through ACAP after the initial briefing, but they are not required.

ACAP is a roadmap for transitioning soldiers, but it is up to the individual soldier to take advantage of the services available to them, Plaxton said.

## Troops to teachers comes to Springs

Army Career and Alumni Program

A soldier becomes a student and a teacher after his first day in the Army. He is a student of all the soldiers who teach him tips on shining his boots and doing his job. He becomes a teacher when he passes along this information to his fellow soldiers.

Looking for troops to become teachers, the Colorado Department of Education, Office of Professional Services, has announced the establishment of the Colorado Troops to Teachers office.

The mission of the program is to provide military personnel and departments of Defense and Energy civilian employees the opportunity to pursue second careers in education.

The goal of the program is to add attributes military personnel gain into the nation's classrooms. The three main objectives are to assist soldiers and civilian employees to enter a new career in public education, provide positive role models for the nation's public school students and help relieve teacher shortages, especially in the subjects of math and science. Any school district may participate.

Referral and placement assistance is the primary function of the program. The program has been available to soldiers on a national basis, the state office provides counseling and assistance to help members identify employment opportunities and teacher licensure programs.

# Sports & Leisure

## Fitness Center named for soldier who lived physical conditioning

by Walt Johnson  
Mountaineer staff

A soldier who would have not wanted a fuss made over him and who lived the ideals of physical fitness in his daily life, was given the ultimate honor Saturday as the former Ironhorse Fitness Center was renamed in honor of the late Lt. Gen. John F. Forrest, former post commanding general.

Maj. Gen. John M. Riggs, current commanding general said the dedication to General Forrest was a good way for the post and the community to share with him what he gave to his community.

All of us here share a common bond and respect for General Jack Forrest, a great soldier and friend of the Mountain Post and Colorado Springs. He was a great friend of Colorado Springs, a community he loved so much he retired and raised his family here. Many of whom still call Colorado Springs home today.

General Forrest's career reads like a best seller. He was a superb leader, soldier, husband, and loving father.

We believe this facility is a fitting tribute to General Forrest as he felt fitness was a top priority of our young soldiers. The mountain post is honored to dedicate this facility to the memory of an extraordinary man, Lt. Gen. Jack Forrest, General Riggs said.

General Riggs then turned his thoughts to the family and expressed how the Fort Carson community and he felt about having a facility that will immortalize General Forrest.

It is a pleasure to have you (Forrest family and friends) here with us as we memorialize your loving husband, brother and father. We hope that you will be honored that thousands of soldiers will pass by this facility and hundreds will use it daily and see the likeness of (Lt. Gen.) Jack Forrest as they enter. I am also sure it would please General Forrest to know that so many soldiers and their family are using a facility that bears his name.

Former Colorado Springs Mayor Robert Isaac also took time to share some thoughts of General Forrest with the attendees.

I was a friend of Jack's for over 50 years. I arrived at the academy at West Point in 1947 which put me in the class of 51. Jack was in the class of 47. At that time I never thought I would be his friend of 51 years.



Photo by Walt Johnson  
From left to right, Diana (Forrest) Clark, Patricia Forrest, Michael Forrest, Maj. Michael Forrest and Nathan Forrest stand by the plaque honoring the late Lt. Gen. Jack Forrest, Saturday at Forrest Fitness Center.

## On the Bench

# I wish I could have known Lt. Gen. Forrest



by Walt Johnson  
Mountaineer staff

History can sometimes be very exciting and exhilarating. And history can sometimes be very cruel.

I didn't know Lt. Gen. John Franklin Jack Forrest when

he was a soldier or when he served on the city council. I didn't know the past post commanding general people came to honor on Saturday at the fitness facility which now bears his name.

After listening to the accomplishments of this extraordinary soldier, and the love the people who knew him had, I got the feeling it was my loss.

The former Ironhorse Fitness Center was renamed Saturday in honor of the late general and a standing room only crowd was on hand to witness the event. When I arrived at the fitness center just after 2 p.m., I got the feeling I wasn't going to be part of a normal celebration. This dedication did not have the feeling of a wake or a feeling of sadness. The atmosphere actually felt like one of celebrating a man's life, not mourning his passing, and did the day live up to its billing.

The first thing that hit you as you walked into the facility was the sound of

Harmony in Motion, the post choir. The choir (Cpl. Carl Barnes; Pfc. Tiffany Young; Pfc. Jeremiah Hartshorn; Spc. Gary Brooks; Staff Sgt. Marquis Williams; Sgt. Brenda Walker; Staff Sgt. Marina Rivera and Staff Sgt. Steve Carson), brought the gathering into the ceremony by performing a number of patriotic and spiritual songs.

As the ceremony began, the honor guard representing Bravo Company 1st Battalion 8th Infantry (Pvt. Charles Baker; Staff Sgt. Billy Cherry; Sgt. Fred Cochran; Sgt. James Jones; Spc. Steven Curtis and Pvt. Carlos Davis) posted the colors. After the national anthem, Maj. Gen. John M. Riggs Fort Carson commanding general, spoke about the man the center was being dedicated to.

At one point while clearly being overcome with emotion, the general spoke about the accomplishments of the late general, who fought in two wars and was wounded twice in one of them, Korea, earning two silver stars.

Then it was former Colorado Springs mayor Bob Isaac's turn to talk about his friend. He, too, spoke elegantly of what the general meant in his life and to the lives of the people of Colorado Springs.

I have always heard that you should judge a man by his deeds and not what is said about him. General Forrest made many significant improvements to the way of life for soldiers here, ideas that still

benefit soldiers today, according to Riggs.

Only a man of foresight and vision could implement so many positive changes that years later would be of such benefit. If the words of Maj. Gen. Riggs and Mayor Isaac didn't convince anyone what a special man the general was, listening to his family talk about him certainly turned the trick for this reporter.

A man is also judged by the way he raises his family, and I spoke to some of the finest people of my generation, raised by the general and his wife. None of the children seemed to be self-absorbed, instead they spoke to me with the ease and comfort of someone they had known for years, and I never met one of them before Saturday. Each of the general's children I spoke to had such a loving, caring spirit about them that you could feel it was a by-product of the way they were raised by two extraordinary people.

If you could have seen the general on Saturday I bet he was standing and saluting not only the people who made this day possible, but the legacy he left behind, his wife and his children. You can only feel a sense of pride when you know a man cared that much for his family, both his biological family and his military family.

If the general raised his soldiers the way he raised his family, it explains why so many people were at the Forrest Fitness Center on Saturday to share in the

# Baseball legend to visit Carson commissary

Former Baltimore Orioles third baseman Brooks Robinson, who was known to his generation of baseball fans, as the human vacuum cleaner for the way he played his position, will visit the Fort Carson Commissary Tuesday at 9 a.m.

The Pillsbury Company and Koeberle and Associates, Inc, announced June 10 that the baseball Hall of Famer will be visiting military base commissaries in the Colorado Springs area Tuesday and Wednesday as part of Pillsbury's Lifetime Legends promotion. Commissary patrons at Fort Carson, Peterson Air Force Base and the Air Force Academy will have an opportunity to receive a free Pillsbury Lifetime Legends poster personally autographed by Brooks Robinson.

Pillsbury's Lifetime Legends poster depicts an artist's rendition of Baseball Hall of Famers Brooks Robinson, Johnny Bench, Bob Gibson, Willie Stargell and Carl Yastrzemski. The baseball legends are each featured in a head

shot and action pose. The theme of the poster, Lifetime Legends pays tribute to these legendary players who spent their entire careers with one team.

Commissary patrons will also have the chance to win baseballs and bats autographed by Robinson, as well as a framed poster autographed by all five baseball legends, during an in-store trivia contest.

Robinson was one of the most popular players ever during his playing days. He was inducted into the baseball hall of fame in 1983.

He holds almost every lifetime record for third basemen to include: games, fielding percentage, putouts, assists chances and double plays.

He won the 1964 MVP award on the strength of a .317 batting average, 28 homers and 118 runs batted in.

Robinson was a 15 time all-star and was named the MVP of the 1966 all-star game, getting three hits and scoring the



American League's **Brooks Robinson** lone run. In the

## Ironhorse FC to be renamed for General Forrest Saturday

by Walt Johnson  
Mountaineer staff

Ironhorse Physical Fitness Center will be renamed Saturday in honor of the late Lt. Gen. (retired) John Franklin Forrest, a former commander of Fort Carson.

The ceremonies, held almost one year and one month from the day he passed away, will be held at 3 p.m. and will be officiated by. Scheduled to be the guest speaker for the ceremony is Maj. Gen John Riggs, commanding general of Fort Carson.

Also scheduled to be at the

ceremony are members of the Forrest family to include: his wife Patricia; Scott Forrest, John Forrest Jr.,; Robert Forrest, Diana Clark, Maj. Michael Forrest, William Forrest, Patrick Forrest, James Forrest, Thomas Forrest and Mary Kolasheski.

Music for the ceremony will be provided by Harmony in Motion, the post choir.

After remarks by Riggs, the general and the Forrest family will unveil the plaque dedicating the Ironhorse facility in the general's honor.

Ironhorse is the only fitness

facility on post (outside of post fieldhouse) that isn't dedicated in memory of a soldier who has served Fort Carson or the Army with valor. Fittingly, the fitness center that demonstrates the Army's leadership's continuing commitment to improving the quality of life of soldiers and their families will be dedicated to one of Fort Carson's truest friends.

With the idea of making the center similar to fitness centers in the civilian community, Ironhorse recently underwent a \$1.3 million dollar renovation which including adding an indoor running track; an

aerobics studio; state of the art cardio theater; a weight room featuring free weights and Sybex exercise machines, a large co-ed sauna; four racquetball courts and a general face lift of the facility.

Forrest was the commander at Fort Carson from 1976 to 1978, and was also a member of the Colorado Springs city council.

The general, who spent 38 years in the Army, was a big reason Fort Carson did not make the post closure list in 1995 when the Pentagon was considering post for closure or realignment. During his military career he earned 64 cita-

## Kit Carson Community Festival kicks off big sports week activities

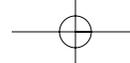
by Walt Johnson  
Mountaineer staff

Soldiers from every unit on Fort Carson will take part in the annual right of sports passage here, more commonly known as Kit Carson Community Festival week beginning today through July 3.

The competition will be fierce and stiff as soldiers from each unit battle for bragging rights for another year. One thing will be missing

from this year's competition and that is the Commander's Cup which was given to the unit that earned the most overall points. This year the emphasis is on team competition and having fun and not on winning the cup.

Competition will be held for Company and Battalion sized units: men's and women's softball; men's and women's volleyball; 3 on 3 sand volleyball; co-ed sand volleyball; soccer; women's and men's basket-



Swimming,  
 boating,  
 fireworks,  
 symphony,  
 good eats,  
 picnics  
 or just a day  
 of family fun  
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 Park is the  
 place this



Thousands view the park's fireworks each Fourth of July.



by Nel Lampe  
 Mountaineer staff  
 Independence Day in  
 Memorial Park is one of  
 the biggest events in  
 Colorado Springs. For  
 more than 20 years,  
 thousands of people have  
 gathered in the park for family  
 activities, a free symphony  
 concert and fireworks.

People begin gathering in  
 the park by noon some to  
 get a prime picnic spot, others  
 to enjoy some of the park's  
 many activities.

There's outdoor swimming  
 in Prospect Lake on the south

side of Memorial Park.  
 Prospect Lake Beach is open  
 until Aug. 30, daily from 10  
 a.m. until 5 p.m. The cost for a  
 dip in the water is \$2 for chil-  
 dren and \$3 for adults.  
 Lifeguards are on duty.

Both motorized and non-  
 motorized boats are allowed  
 on Prospect Lake.

If you don't have your own  
 boat, then paddle boats are for  
 rent at the Beach House, \$5  
 plus tax for a half hour. A full  
 hour is \$7 plus tax. The boats  
 seat up to four people.

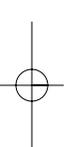
For fishing bring your  
 own pole and choose your

spot.

Prospect Lake and park  
 was referred to in a 1909  
 Parks Commission report as a  
 driveway around the lake with  
 trees on either side and a few  
 groups of shrubs at the lake  
 shore. The 34 acre lake was  
 in a 75 acre park.

In the early 1940s more  
 acreage was added, and in  
 1948 the park became known  
 as Memorial Park. Now the  
 park totals 196 acres of paths,  
 playgrounds, grass, large trees  
 and recreation and athletic  
 facilities. Softball fields, tennis

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# Park

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courts, soccer fields, football fields and volleyball courts, walking paths, horseshoe courts, the bicycle velodrome, picnic tables, and the usual playground equipment fill the park.

The Veteran's War Memorial was dedicated in 1969, near the south end of the park. It is surrounded by other memorials recognizing different branches of service, purple heart recipients, the Korean War, prisoners of war and the Canadian Armed Forces.

Fallen firefighters are honored with a memorial near the corner of Hancock and Pikes Peak.

Activities on Independence Day include standard activities for children: The Playfactory, rides, face painting and a large selection of food. One of the favorite children's souvenirs available in Memorial Park on the Fourth of July are the glow in the dark necklaces vendors will be hawking.

Music at the Showmobile (portable stage) includes The Old Crusty Minstrels at noon, True Spirit Baptist Church Choir at 1 p.m., Colorado Springs Youth Symphony Brass Quintet at 2:15 p.m., Brenda Miles and What's Right at 3:30 p.m., and the Sweet Adelines at 5 p.m.

Square dancing, mimes, high school musicians and baton twirling and pom-pom routines will take place in the afternoon in the park.

A variety of food will be available from pizza slices to funnel cakes, and nearly everything in between. Many families opt for bringing their own

from picnic lunches to grills.

It would be wise to bring folding chairs or blankets, as people start gathering for the annual Colorado Springs Symphony Concert well before the 8 p.m. start time. This year's guest conductor will dress as John Philip Sousa and the theme of the concert is patriotic music, with lots of marches. The highlight of the evening will be the 1812 Overture, with its grand finale of canon fire (provided by Fort Carson) and bells.

Then there's the fireworks, which start about 9 p.m., while the symphony is still playing.

Memorial Park is the place to be on Independence Day, in Colorado Springs. And the crowd of thousands is testimony to that.

Plan to park on the side streets near Memorial Park. There are ingenious people who offer to let you park in nearby lots for a fee, but if you're persistent, you'll be able to find parking fairly close to the festivities, particularly if you arrive by late afternoon. If you're planning to carry in a lot of food, kids or paraphernalia, you might want to bring strollers, wagons or a wheeled ice chest to make the long walk from your parking place through the park easier.

An ice-skating rink and an indoor aquatic and fitness center also serve Memorial Park visitors. However, on July 4th, because of the huge crowds expected in the park, both the aquatic center and ice-skating rink will be closed. On other days the Aquatics Center has open swim at 1 p.m., 3:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Saturdays, open swim



**The Veteran's War Memorial was d**

is at 1 and 4:30 p.m. It is closed Sundays. Children's admission is \$2.50 for the public swim sessions, and \$4 for adults

Arrangements may be made with the Aquatics Center for birthday or scout parties. Call

## Community Events ACS

The Family Member Employment Assistance Program is offering a Standard Form 171 and Optional Form 612 workshop July 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. These forms are the basic federal employment applications.

The workshop will provide insight in completing applications and general hints about the most effective ways to describe professional experience.

To register or for more information, call 526-0452.

The Family Advocacy Program is offering a Resume Workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. July 22. The workshop will include a variety of resume styles in which to showcase experience.

For more information, call 526-0452.

The Army Community Service building will be closed Friday through Monday in observance of Independence Day. Individuals with emergencies must contact the Staff Duty

## Youth

Office at 526-3400 for assistance.

For more information, call 526-4590.

The Child and Youth Services School of the Arts is sponsoring the Granite Youth Symphony Orchestra at McMahon auditorium July 9 at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call 526-1239.

Operation Summer Tracks is ongoing through Aug. 5. Sponsored by the Fort Carson Child and Youth Services for 6th to 12th grades, there will be a different theme and subject each week. Visit building 5510 or call 526-1100 for more information.

The Kindergarten Readiness Program will begin July 13 through 16 at Fort Carson-Mountainside Elementary and at Fountain-Mesa Elementary from 8 to 11 a.m.

The program is aimed at preparing children entering kindergarten in August. The cost is \$25 or free if parents attend the Parent's Guide to School Readiness at Mesa Elementary July

## Miscellaneous

9 at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 382-1300, extension 1313.

All clinics at Evans Army Community Hospital will be closed Friday through Monday. The Hospital Outpatient Pharmacy is closed Friday and Saturday. It will resume regular hours Monday. The Commissary Refill Pharmacy will also be closed Friday through Monday.

The G4/Directorate of Logistics will be closed Aug. 6 for organizational day activities. For emergencies, call 339-3856. Normal business will resume Aug. 7.

For more information, call 526-9058.

Legal Assistance is only open for notary services, power of attorney and emergency services Monday to Thursday.

The Fort Carson Veterinary Treatment Facility is reminding on-post pet owners about pet registration. Owners have until Aug. 1 to register all dogs and cats and have an electronic identification microchip implanted.

Pet owners who do not register by the deadline will be denied veterinary services until they are in compliance with the regulation. The FCVT is located in building 6001.

For more information, call 526-3803.

The staff of Smith Dental Clinic will conduct screening exams for retirees who are currently wearing both upper and lower complete dentures.

The staff will accept 24 new patients for treatment to make new dentures. The screenings are set for 7 a.m. July 21 and 28 at Smith Dental Clinic.

Community members are invited to attend a Restoration Advisory Board meeting July 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Downtown Police Operations Center, 705 S. Nevada. The meeting addresses current restoration projects at Fort Carson.

For more information, call 526-8001.

Fort Carson housing residents with questions regarding the sprinkler system should to contact the base operations contractor, Pacific Architects and Engineers.

If there are any problems, residents should contact, 526-5345 (24-hours a day)

The Fort Carson Red Cross is looking for youths over the age of 14 to volunteer at Evans Army Community Hospital.

If interested, call Bethany Tozer at 526-7589.

The Fort Carson Commissary hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. It will be closed Wednesdays.

The Fort Carson Housing office will operate with a reduced staff July 9 and 16 from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 526-7573.

Grant Library has books available to get a head start on things to do with your child in Colorado. The library offers books and videos on fishing, hiking, mountain biking, scenic drives and boating in Colorado.

For more information, call 526-2350.

The Fort Carson Wildlife Office will meet for a public forum July 13 at 7 p.m. in building 9300. Topics of discussion will be management concerns for hunting and fishing programs, upcoming changes in the proposed regulation 420-21, post access concerns due to increased military training, and other issues.

For more information, call 576-8074.

The Fort Carson Military Police Investigations Section is looking for the owner of a recovered bow case. If you have had a bow case stolen from your vehicle contact the office.

For more information, call 526-3855.

The Fort Carson's Outdoor Recreation is offering two rafting trips Wednesday through Sunday every week through August. Brown's Canyon is a 15.5-mile trip down the Arkansas River from Buena Vista to Hecla Junction.

Lunch and transportation are provided for \$35.50. The second trip is a 7-mile trip down the Parkdale section. This trip is \$23.50 or \$20.50 each for groups of 6 or more. Transportation is included.

Children of 50 pounds or more can raft but all participants must be able to swim for both trips. Every Saturday, a half day trip is offered and every Sunday a Brown's Canyon trip is available.

Rafting season is from June until August. Don't miss out on all the adventure.

You can sign up for rafting at the Outdoor Recreation Complex, building 2429 or call 526-2083.

Evans Army Community Hospital is looking for volunteers to knit or crochet newborn baby caps. For more information, call 748-3776.

The USO of the Pikes Peak region will be providing a week-long day camp July 13 through 17 for children ages 5 to 7.

The activities at the camp will include swimming, hiking, crafts, a day at Camp Shady Brook, archery, rifle, the zoo and more. The cost is \$18.

For more information, call 329-7222.

TRICARE will offer appointments for school physicals. The following dates and times are available: Aug. 19, 20, 26 and 27 from 12:30 to 4 p.m. and Aug. 22 and 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fountain-Fort Carson School District 8 is hosting a Summer Food Service Program. Breakfast and lunch are served through July 24 at Lorraine, Mesa, Abrams and Mountainside Elementary Schools.

Meals are free for those under 18, \$1.50 for an adult breakfast and \$2 for an adult lunch.

Fountain-Fort Carson High School sports physicals for school year 1998-1999 are given at the D.F.A.C, Aug. 6 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Cost for the physicals will be \$10. For more information, call 382-1649.

These new services are being offered by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service: Mimi's European Espresso Cart is now open in the food court at the Main Exchange. Hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Bakery items are available. Cruisin Cuisine, a mobile food truck AAFES concessionaire, is now serving Fort Carson.

If you would like to have your building serviced, call (800) 353-2305.

Head Start enrollment is under way for the 1998-99 school year. El Paso county residents with children who will be 3 or 4 by Sept. 15 may qualify for a free preschool program.

Classrooms are located at local elementary schools in districts 2, 3, 8, 11, 20, Ellicott and Peyton. Children attend school two days a week, either Monday or Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday, six hours a day.

## Military Briefs

The Fort Carson Criminal Investigation Command has begun full operation of its Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline. The hotline allows members of the community to report incidents of suspected fraud, waste and abuse.

To report suspected cases of fraud against the government, call the hotline at 524-1120. Callers can remain anonymous and all information is confidential. Callers must, however, leave enough information about the incident for a follow-up investigation.

The Hazardous Material Control Center administrative office has relocated to building 406. The warehouse is still in building 400. Both buildings are located on Tevis Street. The HMCC is supplying the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment with hazardous materials for its Pinon Canyon rotation.

For more information, call 526-6013 for the administrative office and 526-2979 for the warehouse.

The Cavalry Group Veterans Association is scheduled to hold its 51st annual reunion Sept. 4, 5 and 6. The event is held at the Best Western Midway Chicago/Elk Grove Hotel in Elk Grove Village, Ill.

For more information, call George Hansen (630) 983-6864 or Gene Andrews (773) 779-7786.

The open enrollment season for the thrift savings plan program runs through July 31. During this period, civilian employees may begin or change their contributions to the tax-deferred plan or may allocate or reallocate their

future contributions among the TSP's C, F and G funds. The next open season is Nov. 15 to Jan. 31, 1999.

Accident Avoidance Training runs Tuesday to July 10 at the Driver Testing Station in building 301. The training sessions are from 8 a.m. to noon. The class limit is 25 students for each session. Last day to reserve space is July 9. For more information, call 526-5534.

Soldiers magazine is looking for one female and one male soldier for a poster. The poster features soldiers in the proper wear of the Class A uniform. Selected soldiers are flown to Washington, D.C. in August for a three-day photo shoot.

Soldiers in the rank of private first class through staff sergeant are considered, as well as first and second lieutenants. Send the following information to: Soldiers Magazine, Uniform Poster, 9325 Gunston Rd. Suite S108, Fort Belvoir, Va 22060-5581.

To be considered, send, by July 17, a current DA photo, a one-page biography to include full name, rank, social security number; and a list of all assignments to include current unit address and phone number; and a letter of recommendation from your commander or first sergeant to include your last Army Physical Fitness Test score and a statement that you meet the height and weight requirements in accordance with AR 600-9.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Alan Moore DSN 656-4504 or (713) 806-4504.

Special Forces is looking for highly motivated soldiers -- specialist through sergeant first class and company grade officers -- to apply for a career in Special Operations. Briefings are held at Grant Library at 1 p.m. Wednesday and 3:30 p.m. Thursday weekly. For more information, call 524-1461.

The Commanding General's Newcomers Expo and Briefing is July 10, from 1 to 3:15

U.S. Army Recruiting Command is looking for soldiers to participate in the next series of Army commercials, scheduled to be filmed here between July 20 to Aug. 7. Anyone wishing consideration should fill out a Consent and Release Form at the Public Affairs Office, building 1430, room 142 prior to July 10

p.m. at the Elkhorn Conference Center. This briefing is mandatory for all newly assigned soldiers and officers at Fort Carson.

For more information, call 526-0428.

Third Brigade Combat Team is using smoke and CS gas at the Pinon Canyon Manuever Site from July 20 to Aug. 17.

Effective Jan. 1, 1999, all federal payments will be made via electronic funds transfer. This rule is a result of the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 and it will affect Army vendors and all soldiers and Department of the Army civilians.

Delta Force recruiters are scheduled to visit Fort Carson Tuesday to July 10 to solicit volunteers for assignment to their unit. These briefings are being conducted Tuesday to July 9 in the Army Career and Alumni Program classroom, located in building 1219, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. daily.

For more information, call 526-1900.

The Education Center and Pikes Peak Community College have developed a program that provides 100 percent tuition assistance to enlisted soldiers. To qualify, a soldier must take the PPCC placement test, have a minimum GT score of 100 or higher and receive a recommendation from their unit commander.

## Sports & Leisure Athletics

Don Eddy basketball camps will be conducting a camp for both boys and girls, July 13 to 17 at Liberty High School, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Don Eddy basketball camps are nationally recognized for their expertise in the instruction of shooting and one-on-one offensive skills.

Students from age 8 to 18 are eligible to attend. For more information call or fax (210) 492-9779. You can also visit their web site at [www.debb.com](http://www.debb.com).

The Fort Carson Youth Services office is accepting applications for volunteer tennis coaches. For more information, contact Lamont Spencer at 526-3368.

The 1998 Garrison Golf League has begun and will be conducted on Monday afternoons at the Cheyenne Shadows Golf Course on post. All members of the Fort Carson community are invited to participate in the league and are encouraged to bring along friends and co-workers.

Tee times for the league start at 3:30 p.m. and run until 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Russ Lee at 526-8346 or Capt. Jean Kobes at 526-9469.

The Cheyenne Shadows Golf Course office has announced the following fee changes effective immediately.

Category one: weekday \$8; weekend/holiday, \$10; Twilight, \$5; 10 play, \$60.

Category two: weekday \$12; weekend/holiday, \$14; Twilight, \$9; 10 play, \$100.

Category three: Department of Defense: weekday \$14; weekend/holiday, \$16; Twilight, \$11; 10 play, \$120.

Civilian: weekday \$20; weekend/holiday, \$22; Twilight, \$14; 10 play, \$180.

The twilight rate is only available after a designated time in the afternoon. Twenty-five-percent discount cards are available for 10 rounds of golf. The amount of the discount is based on rank. Currently it is 6:30 p.m. but that will change as sunset time changes.

The post soccer team is looking for anyone interested in trying out for the Colorado Springs Soccer Club 98 Invitational here July 17 to 19.

Soldiers interested in trying out for the team should contact Coach Ben Stancati at 574-1020 or 548-1970.

The Rocky Mountain Sports Officials Association is looking for anyone interested in officiating a variety of sports on post and in the Colorado Springs area. RMSO officiates the following youth and adult sports programs on a full-time basis: softball, football, volleyball, soccer and basketball. RMSO will train people who have never officiated in the past and will have refresher training for anyone desiring it.

For more information, contact Bob Lantzy at 390-9321 or Walt Johnson at 390-4637.

The outdoor swimming pool is currently providing swimming lessons for advanced, beginner and pre-school levels. The classes are held three times a day for each category, from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. for the first class; 9:30 to 10:15 for the second class; and 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. for the third class. Dates for the sessions are Monday through July 17; July 20 through July 31; Aug. 3 through Aug. 14 and Aug. 17 through Aug. 28. The cost for the class is \$20 per session.

The annual Independence Day Run will be held July 4 at the Post Physical Fitness Center beginning at 7 a.m. This year's run is being produced by the Fort Carson Sports Division and the Enlisted Spouses Charitable Organization and sponsored by the new professional hockey team, the Colorado Springs Gold Kings, General Mills and Gatorade.

Categories for the 5 km and 10 km run for males and females are: 16 and under; 17 to 24; 25 to 29; 30 to 34; 35 to 39; 40 to 44; 45 to 49; 50 to 54; 55 to 59; and 60 and up.

There will also be a children's fun run which will begin at 8:30 a.m. The children's run is free and will be limited to the first 200 children who sign up. For the children's run, parents are encouraged to run along with their child. Everyone who completes the children's half mile course will receive a rib-

## W orth Hearing

Ratings:

★★★★

5 = a must buy

4 = pitch in with a friend

3 = see if a friend bought it

2 = wait for radio release

Artist: The Why Store

Title: Two Beasts

Tracks: 13

Time: 48:01

Rating: Four-and-a-half stars

by Mark Simon

Mountaineer columnist

The Why Store has been playing and touring since 1989, when lead singer and guitarist Chris Shaffer met Greg Gardner and Michael David Smith while they were students at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. The playing together and touring has paid off with the release of their second major label disc, *Two Beasts*.

When you start listening to *Two Beasts*, the first thing you notice is a sound similar to that of Hootie And The Blowfish. Much of that comes from the voice of Shaffer, who sounds like Darius Rucker. But the similarity doesn't last long as you dig deeper into the tracks on *Two Beasts*. For one thing, The Why Store seems to have more soul than Hootie, and for another, their songs seem to have more depth, more meaning.

Take, for example, the title track. When Shaffer wrote it, he was thinking about relationships, and how two people can love and hate each other at the same time. But the lyrics could be about you or me. *Two dreams/One coffin/Let 'em out/Before they go*. This could be the story of almost everyone's life, where they want to go, but where they ended up.

Then there are the story songs. *Do Do Do* is about a world-worn woman who ...Keeps her armor shining...She has learned to carry on. *Montague* is a conversation between a dead Romeo and an equally dead Mercutio of the Montagues (hint: brush up on your Shakespeare to make full sense of the lyrics.)

The most important part of the songs, according to Shaffer, is the melody, and as you listen to *Two Beasts* you can hear the craftsmanship and effort spent on creating musical hooks, textures and rhythms. The melodies alone are worth the price of admission to the land of The Why Store.

The Why Store looks like they have a bright future ahead of them. If you would like to catch them on stage,

## Get Out!

### Pikes Peak Hill Climb

Pikes Peak International Hill Climb is the second oldest car race in the United States right after the Indianapolis 500. This year's race is the 76th annual Race to the Clouds on Pikes Peak, July 4. It's popular for race fans to spend the night along the Pikes Peak Highway in order to be where the action is when the race begins. If you're interested in camping, overnight parking is available from 4 to 10 p.m. on July 3. A special fare for overnight campers is \$25 for the vehicle, and \$25 for each person in the vehicle. The toll gate re-opens from 4 to 8:30 a.m. on July 4. The Pikes Peak highway closes at the starting line at 9 a.m., just prior to the running of the race which begins at 10 a.m. on Independence Day.

If you miss the race, it's covered on KRDO AM 1240, or you can stop by the Pikes Peak Auto Hill Climb Educational Museum, 135 Manitou Ave. It's open every day of the week, from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. during the summer. Admission is \$3 for military and \$2 for ages 6 to 12. The regular adult admission is \$5.

### Gem & Mineral show

The Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society is holding its 34th Annual Pikes Peak Gem & Mineral Show July 18 and 19, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The show will be held at the City Auditorium, 221 East Kiowa St. Admission is \$2 for adults and free for children under 12 years old when accompanied by an adult.

### Riders in the Sky

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Photo by Nel Lampe

One of Bobby Unser's race cars is on display in the Pikes Peak Auto Hill Climb Educational Museum